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# Student gathers personal stories

• Amanda Devore will compile a book of personal stories and news articles about tuition hikes to share with lawmakers.

Anna Edens

Wandering around the D.H. Hill Library bookstacks in April didn't win the student body president election for Amanda Devore, a senior in accounting. But it cer-tainly brought her closer to her goal of connecting students and lawmakers where issues like tuition are concerned.

As students shared their experiences concerning the effects of budget cuts and tuition hikes, Devore said she realized legislators needed to hear these stories

"There is no way to get all these students down there to be able to talk with legislators and meet them one-on-one, Devore said.

Devore decided to collect short, 100-500 word narratives from students, faculty and staff at all 16 UNC system schools, then present them in a book to legislators.

"This is a way I could deliver their stories to legislators," Devore said.

Devore plans to collect at least 100 stories from each school, and she has also made recent plans to add a second chapter

The second chapter will be "a compila-tion of news stories and articles about the negative effects of the budget cuts on education," Devore said.

The clippings, which are from various news outlets reporting on budget problems in North Carolina, have been saved for several months.

To collect the personal stories, Devore turned to the online message board Web site for N.C. State students,

www.brentroad.com. "After I first posted something on the Wolf Web, I got an influx of stories that I could give to student body presidents as examples," Devore said.

The incoming numbers waned though, until the News & Observer published a feature article concerning Devore's work. Although the news article received attention from students, no legislators have since contacted Devore about her ongo-

ing project.
"I was expecting some," Devore said.
"Sometimes legislators are tentative to

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Amanda Devore collects personal storeries as a way for students to express their feelings about issues to legislators.

# rm mold concerns students

Students allege mold caused health problems in dorms

Ben Akroyd

A number of students in Wood Hall have complained about excessive mold

have complained about excessive mold and mildew in their rooms. Some students have experienced health problems they believe to be due to mold.

One such student is Jamie Pendergrass, a senior in political science. Large amounts of mold were visible inside his dorm air conditioning unit. Pendergrass filed a work order requesting the mold be removed on Monday, Aug. 25.

After filing the report, Pendergrass had an allergic reaction to the mold. This reaction prompted Pendergrass to go the doctor as well as miss several days of classes

He immediately visited the doctor, but being allergic to penicillin, a medicine often used to treat similar ailments, the visit proved to be complicated, according to Pendergrass.

The doctor prescribed an alternative medicine, and gave him a memo outlining the importance of his AC unit being

this memo to his Resident Director on Thursday, who promptly contacted University Facilities.

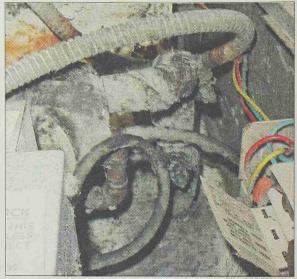
On Friday, as it became obvious that the AC unit was not going to be cleaned, Pendergrass took it upon himself to clean the AC unit. Four days later, the facilities personnel finally arrived. A coil cleaner was applied to Pendergrass' AC unit and sent through the system to kill

as much of the mold as possible.

Pendergrass paid \$50 for his medication, \$20 for the cleaning supplies and \$20 for a fan to help circulate air in the

Pendergrass is not the only student who has had problems with excessive mold in their dorm.

A student in Wood Hall, who asked that their named not be disclosed, complained of excessive amounts of mold not only in his AC unit, but on the walls and on some of his furniture as well. Technician investigated the room and verified his account. The room had a musty smell and had excessive amounts of mold growing on three of the room's



Inside a mold-infested AC unit in Wood Hall.

# Isabel eyes the coast Thirty and



Waves crash along the pilings of Kitty Hawk Pier Tuesday morning, days before Hurricane Isabel is expected to make landfall on the coast of North Carolina. Sections of Highway 12 just north of Rodanthe and in Kitty Hawk were already experiencing some ocean overwash at high tide. Some coastal residents have decided to stay while most vacationers have left.

Houses all along the beach were being boarded up in anticipation of the impending storm. Residents in Raleigh and the surrounding areas are preparing for the storm by purchasing generators from local home improvement stores, as well as batteries and bottled water. Full coverage on the approaching storm will appear in

# three targets sophomores

"The Order of Thirty and Three" begins early recruitment for interested sophomores.

Right now, 11 sophomores do not realize that they will soon become part of a long-standing tradition at N.C. State.

Thirty and Three is an established honor society

that is currently trying to generate new interest and participation from students and faculty alike.

In 1931, 11 of NCSU's brightest sophomores founded a new honor society to promote the success of the university.

Dubbing themselves "The Order of Thirty and Three," the organization reached full membership two years later in 1933, inducting 11 new sophomores each year to maintain a group of thirty-three

The Order has continued this tradition to the present day, despite a brief interruption of affairs during World War II, and another during the '80s. However, some aspects of the society's tradition are going to change this year.

"Thirty and Three is trying to come out of the shadows of secrecy and become an active part of the university," member Kerry Robinson said.

Thirty and Three "has never been very 'public,"

Daniel Pickett, the society's historian and technical

"It's not an honor society for the sake of recognition, per se...more of a union of the people who

# Take a number

After vouchers ran out for Saturday's game, distributors came up with a quick solution

Carie Windham

When the last stragglers made it to Reynolds Coliseum to pick up their vouchers for Saturday's football game, they were handed, instead, an embossed Student Government letterhead with a number scrawled in red ink across the middle.

It was the quickest solution ticket distributors could come up with when the vouchers ran out with a little over an hour left in distribu We've never had this happen be-

fore," said Scott Stephenson, a junior

distributing when the vouchers ran

business management, who was

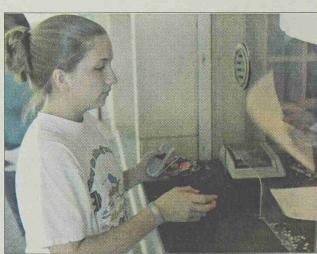
out. "This is our idea. It should be

fair to everybody."

Stephenson said the line stretched just past Reynolds when the last voucher was handed out at 4:40 p.m. Distributors merged the two ticket lines into one and handed out any additional vouchers. Before long, however, they realized they would have to give the remaining students

'A few people got mad but no one got unruly," Stephenson said. Dis-tributors immediately called ticket distribution officials who came with student government letterhead and seals. The remaining students were given the sheets, with numbers starting at 9,001 where the vouchers had ended. Officials say they will count just like a regular voucher.

On a regular distribution day,



Amber Musick, a freshman in biology, recieves a "fake voucher" on Tuesday after Student Government ran out of official vouchers for the Homecoming game against Texas Tech.

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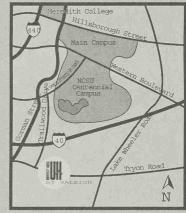


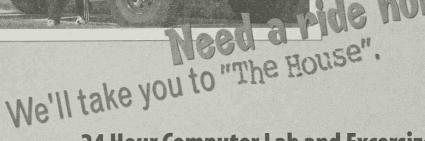














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vouchers are delivered to Reyn-

olds in the morning by the athletics department. The total

number depends on the game but it is usually around 6,000.

Midday, like on Tuesday, a stu-

dent government official will call

athletics to report on the status of the vouchers. Usually they make a

request for more to be delivered if the vouchers are running.

But on Tuesday, even delivering

around 3,000 extra vouchers was

By the time the situation was

taken care of, most students had

only been in line for ten or fifteen

in biological sciences, said she arrived just when the announce-

She assumed that the officials would be able to work something out, she said. It was only fifteen minutes before she had a make-

shift voucher in hand.

For students who received the "impromptu" vouchers, their chances of receiving a ticket will

be the same. If their numbers are selected, they will just show their embossed sheet in lieu of a normal voucher.

Trent Johnson, a sophomore in engineering, had only been in

line for ten minutes, hoping that the situation would work itself

out. He said that ticket distribu-

tion has just been a problem, in

general, this year.
"Tickets are way too hard to get

this year," he said. "I got tickets easier for Florida State last year

than I did for Western Carolina

[this year]."
Ticket officials put part of the blame on the increased demand for tickets but say that a lack of

volunteers has also made it im-possible to keep many windows open. And less windows mean longer lines and longer waits.

Plans are currently in progress for a distributor "training" that

ment was being made.

Amber Musick, a freshman

not enough.

minutes.

the vouchers are running low.

•In a few weeks, the senior class will converge in Atlanta for the third annual senior class trip.

With the Sept. 19 registration deadline quickly approaching, students can bear in mind that the trip which was from Oct. the trip, which runs from Oct. 3 to 5, is first come first serve.

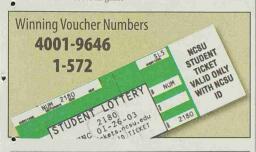
Seniors will watch N.C. State take on Georgia Tech on Oct. 4.

The trip costs \$80 and includes two nights stay in Atlanta, a student ticket to the football game and a pre-game event with NCSU alumni, according to Senior Class President Anup Shah.
Students will provide their own transportation to and from

"We hope that seniors will take

a weekend off and use the op-portunity to meet fellow seniors well as to have a great time, Shah said.

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walls; the mold could be seen from more than 10 feet away.

The student mentioned that when the shower was in use on the floor above, small amounts of water sometimes flowed down the walls of the suite's common hallway. He believes that structural flaws such as this one al-lowed enough moisture into the suite to allow mold and mildew

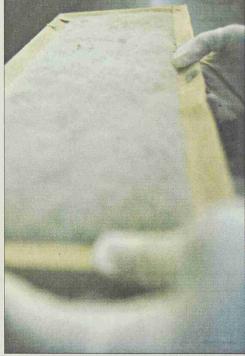
The student said that the room's condition was so bad, he no longer slept there. He noted that his recent experience with mold was not his first. Last year, he, as well as several other students in Wood Hall, experienced similar prob-Students brought several health problems they thought to be mold related to the attention of the administration. Problems ranged from chronic coughing, sore throat and migraines to infected tonsils that became inflamed and blocked airways.

Students have been given instructions on how to avoid excessive mold growth in their dorms. They included keeping the windows closed to keep out spores, and the AC on to maintain a cool climate. Several individuals claimed this to be unreasonable, because they have to keep their windows open since their AC

units barely work.

The student expressed his frustration with the university's response to the mold and mildew problems in Wood Hall, because he knows that an Resi-dent Advisor made them aware of all the problems. He saw the continued problem with fungus in the dorms as an example of the administration not doing enough to ensure the well being of students.

"The student services depart-ment has lost sight of its obvious goal: helping students," he said. Officials at the North Carolina Division of Public Health's (NCDPH) said mold "should not be growing in the indoor environment. If mold is found



been in use for at least a year.

growing indoors, it should be removed and the environmental conditions modified to prevent

Industrial Hygiene Consultant Romie L. Herring said that "typically what we look for [when searching for mold] is visual observation. Use your senses. If you can see it, you should get rid of it."

Herring did not believe that testing was the best way to de-termine the presence of mold, because "there is not a consensus on a quantitative standard to define what level of mold exposure is acceptable.i"

His statement was mirrored by information on the Center for Disease Control Web site. He indicated that the reason there is difficulty in agreeing on a quantitative standard is that different people react to mold differently. One person will react to a trace amount of mold, another will be fine when exposed to larger

amounts of the same mold.

Upon notification of this article's topic, Tim Blair, assistant director of University Housing for East Campus, said that "once situations [related to mold are] brought to our attention, we ad dress them."

He stressed that the rooms with mold were not indicative of a systematic problem, and if students found mold in their rooms it was important for them to contact their RD or Resident

When asked if excessive cases of mold and mildew in the dorms

This filter came from the moldy AC unit and was estimated to have

Life Coordinator so the situation could be taken care of quickly.

might cause him to consider a major overhaul like changing the AC units in the rooms, he said, "If we were in that situation, it would be something to look at."

Blair said that the filters in the

dorm rooms are changed four times a year, a claim contested by some Wood Hall residents.

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make any type of statement."

A Web site, personalstories.org, has also been created for students, faculty and staff members UNC system schools to submit stories. Devore said the Web site will soon be updated to include sample submissions, facts about tuition and budget cuts and a "frequently asked questions"

In addition, this weekend, there will be a meeting of all members of the UNC system Association of Student Governments (ASG) that all student body presidents will attend. Devore can direct their attention to the project, saying, "It will really take a lot of help from the student body presidents

of each school."

Devore's goal is to receive 100 stories from each school, but NCSU stories do not yet total 100. However, Devore anticipates more to come soon, and she said, "100 is a minimum. If we could have a thousand stories from NCSU, that would be great

Her completion date for the project is November, when the book will then either be taken to a discount publisher or produced using ASG materials and funding

by outside grants.

Other plans to link legislators and students involve the creation of "legislator report cards" by ASG.
"We sent our surveys to legisla-

tors about student issues, and it will be interesting to see when we got those back about how they feel about tuition increases, a student vote on the Board of Governors, lowering the age of eligibility to run for office from 21 to 18, same-day voter registrations and whether they agree or disagree with subsidies given to students attending private school," Devore said.

[Editors Note: Amanda Devore is a staff columnist]

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want to see State be the best it can be," Pickett said.

Some of the ways in which Thirty and Three plans to be-come a more active campus organization include specialized peer tutoring, as well as recognizing the accomplishments of successful undergraduates.
"At its roots, Thirty and Three

was founded to 'accomplish the greatest good' for the university, as well as the community," Rob-

"Currently, Thirty and Three seeks to facilitate this vision by recruiting active members, as well as scholars of the university, to come together in support of common goals -- academically and elsewhere -- for N.C. State."

For the first year in the organization's history, induction of

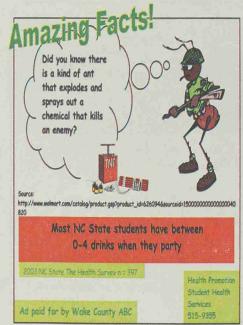
new members will take place in the fall rather than the spring. The application process requires two letters of recommendation, submission of a resume and four short essays.

Applicants must also meet five specific criteria: good moral character, a high sense of honor, leadership ability, satisfactory academic standing and a demonstrated interest in the welfare

Among the alumni of Thirty and Three are Art Padilla, an honored professor in the NCSU College of Business, and Laura Gail Lunsford, director of the Park Scholars Program. Applications for the 2003-2004

academic year are due by Monday, Oct. 13.

Sophomores interested in applying can find more information regarding the Order of Thirty and Three, its members and goals at http://www.ncsu.edu/stud\_orgs/30-and-3/.



# **OVERHEARD**

Are you looking forward to or dreading the approach of Hurricane Isabel and why?

PHOTOS AND QUESTIONS BY ROB BRADLEY

"Not really, I've been through hurricanes before, and I think I can handle it. If it does come, I hope it takes out Cox, Dabney and Bostian."

-Jackie Makham, senior, animal science





"Dreading it definitely because you see on TV how hurricanes destroy lots of property and take lives. And, besides, I have a beach house."

-Eric Billips, sophomore, political science

"I guess I'm looking forward to it. Hopefully, we won't have school." -Jodi Johnson, sophomore, business management





"I'm dreading it definitely because it is going to cause damage everywhere and possibly injure and kill people. And, all my fellow Navy sailors on the East Coast are going out to sea."

-Darren Cutler, junior, materials engineering

"Looking forward to it because I live on the coast and we've been through a lot of them. They can be kind of exciting, but the clean up really sucks."

-Natalie Taylor, sophomore, zoology



"It doesn't really matter to me. It's going to come regardless. I'm not really dreading it either."
-Kofi Ofori, sophomore,

electrical engineering

"I'm dreading the approach, I mean, who looks forward to a hurricane coming through?" Eric Puryear, junior, parks, rec & tourism







#### **Secondhand Lions**

Andrew Nicholas

Starring: Robert Duvall, Michael Caine, Haley Joel Osment Director: Tim McCanlie

There is still a place for aging stars in Hollywood. "Secondhand Lions" may not be wildly entertaining, but it does show that such stars have a little life left in them. It is not because of Robert Duvall or Michael Caine that "Lions" is slow and unfocused. Director Tim McCanlie is new to the game, his only notable contribution being the screenplay to "The Iron Giant" from 1999. to The Iron Giant from 1999. As seen in the trailer, "Lions" is a coming-of-age dramedy set in the late 1950s, with elaborate flashbacks to the 1920s.

Haley Joel Osment, the only youth in the film, unfortunately hasn't matured as an actor. He tries too hard with his perfor-mance, and makes the film feel overly sentimental and a wan-

nabe tearjerker. Osment plays a teenager named Walter, dropped off to live with two eccentric great uncles who function as surrogate parents, in the absence of a father. Hub (Duvall) and Garth (Caine) are rarely without their shotguns, and successfully remain impen-etrable the first half of the film. Having disappeared for 40 years, the brothers somehow acquired a fortune, drawing numerous traveling salesmen and greedy relatives, who they handle nicely with the aforementioned shot-guns. Predictably, as Walter has been with the men for a while, Garth begins to open up. In his communication with the boy, he begins to take on a comforting, motherly role, telling the tales of the "father," Hub, and his fierce past. The tales briefly take us away from the film's only setting (the farmhouse) to the Mediterranean

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in the 1920s.

McCanlie's use of animals (dogs, a pig and a lion) is over-the-top, often just fishing for an "Awww" from the audience. The animals are Walter's only playmates until he "grows up," but are as overly clichéd as they are

in other family-oriented films. McCanlie just tries too hard to validate his creation as a rite of passage story, with things like Uncle Hub's speech that he "gives to a boy that's turning into a

man," which becomes a repeated reference. If you'd like to take your 12-year-old over to one of the theaters showing the film, by all means, go right ahead.

#### The Fighting **Temptations**

Starring: Cuba Gooding Jr., Beyonce Director: Jonathan Lynn

"The Fighting Temptations" is a fun comedy packed full of gospel, soul and gospel-influenced R&B. Some have referred to the film as Some have referred to the initial as "Sister Act 3," and truthfully, "The Fighting Temptations" does re-semble the "building-the-choir" film, turning all shady characters into positive role models.

Cuba Gooding Jr. plays Dar-

rin, a dishonest businessman at a New York City advertising firm who soon realizes he must return to his hometown of Monte return to his hometown or monic Carlo, Ga. The funeral of his Aunt Sally (Ann Nesby) soon becomes worth his while, when \$150,000 is at stake for forming a choir to is at stake for forming a clion to compete in the Gospel Explosion. Beyonce Knowles plays Lilly, a chastised single mother who contributes her perfect voice to the growing choir and serves as the love interest for Darrin.

The Reverend's sister, Faye (La-Tonya Washington), is the main obstacle to Darrin's success. She jealously uses church rules and one supporting character, a local radio DJ, Miles Smoke (Steve Harvey), deserves mentioning.

Despite his limited on-screen time, Harvey is as funny as ever.

Starting with the opening sequence, you soon learn that the stellar musical performances are the real impetus of the film, eae ily overshadowing the narrative. The film is comprised of one song after another, and it is a pleasant spectacle with the rich cast of musicians, which includes Lil Zane, Faith Evans and others. Lynn's film is similar in spirit

Lynn's film is similar in spirit to Robert Altman's "Nashville," where musical performances bring together a demographic, using a large cast to show the interwoven culture of the participants. The comparisons don't end there. There is also the building up to the finale of the highly anticipated show, but in the end. anticipated show, but in the end, "The Fighting Temptations" is much happier and upbeat.

#### **NOTES FROM ABROAD**

# Everything but the Violin

It's the little things about France that make it so wonder-ful. Like the

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pink toilet paper that is used in the public restrooms. Or the cheerful little warn-ings on the back of the cigarette car tons that say

things like, from France "Smoking causes a slow and painful death." Or their ap-

parent preference for Colgate over Crest, with which I totally agree. And the way that coffee is always served after, not during,

So I missed my plane on the way to Paris. Upon hearing that in just a few short hours,

I would be dropped off all alone in a foreign country (I was supposed to be with a 23 was supposed to be with a 25 person group and two directors) with my bags and a basic understanding of the language, my mother started to cry and I quietly reached for my French-English dictionary. I had to make my was through the make my way through the city to my hotel after I landed, which I somehow managed to do without much difficulty, de spite the efforts of the humor-ridden powers that be.

Paris is a city of people trying to sell you crap. For some, it's those little umbrellas that you can wear on your head. For others, it's a story or a song, like the men who hop from metro to metro line, boombox in hand, chanting the pop songs of their native countries and passing around a cup after. I found myself feeling homesick for the

first time while watching a performer one night, when I was reminded of that violin-playing

guy on Hillsborough Street. Going abroad has made me realize just how American I am. There are excellent public transportation systems, but it still seems you have to walk every-where in between. I've learned that buying fresh groceries and eating at home is cheaper than eating out, but that I also can't buy more than I can carry comfortably.

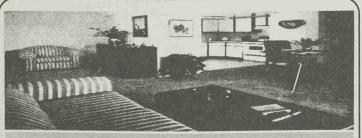
The French conserve energy to the point that I've seriously considered sending away for a generator or two. Or three. Every light in every hotel, school, you name it, is on a timer so that you can never really turn one on, just illuminate your space for a brief while.

My personal favorites are the showers in the dormitories that

I'm staying in for the month. You press a button and get almost a full minute of nearwarm water (I'm not kidding). My future roommate, Natalie, has mastered the technique of standing on one leg and propping her foot up on the shower button, Hindu-goddess style, allowing for one continuous, blissful, hair-washing session

I hope my next living quarters will be a better experience. "Les Deux Petites" and I move in next month to an apartment. It's just off La Place de la Comedie in Montpellier, and looks like the Promised Land right about now. Wish me luck, and someone tell the violinist I said

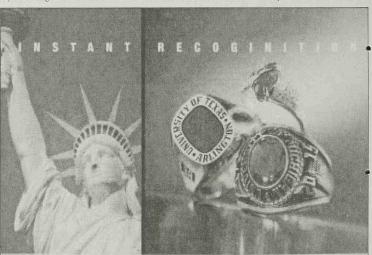
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OUR OPINION: CHALKING ON SIDES OF BUILDINGS IS UNSIGHTLY AND SHOULD BE STOPPED.

You see it everywhere you go on campus: messages written in chalk on sidewalks, stairwells and on sides of buildings, encouraging students to vote for some candidate running for office. Or some organization is convincing students to come to their meetings; otherwise, the student will not have a happy, full life. Other times, you see some random quotes taken out of a Bartlett's quotation book and written strategically in front of the tunnels.

Face it, chalking is a part of campus life and it has reached epidemic propor-

Just like graffiti, chalking on the side of buildings and in places not easily washed-off by rain and wind degrades the buildings and makes campus look tacky and undignified. Currently, there is not a rule about chalking on buildings, as there is with paint, flyers and

other forms of mass communication. But when every column in front of the bookstore has a message chalked on it, that makes no sense whatsoever; something has to be done.

Fortunately, the Student Senate is addressing this issue. There is a bill currently pending that asks the university to make a policy on the use of sidewalk chalk during election campaigns. There is a time and a place for everything and that even applies to chalk. The main reason for the resolution is to give candidates an equal chance at getting their message out.

Say Joe Blow and Jane Plain are running for Student Sanitation Director. Joe Blow chalks a huge campaign ad on the side of Dabney Hall where everyone coming out of the Free Expression Tunnel can see it. Jane Plain complains that is unfair because he is getting to advertise in a high traffic area and she is not. Of course, there are other high traffic places that Jane can advertise, but even so, Dabney Hall is notorious for having

messages chalked on. There have been messages from two years ago that are

There is a reason why it is called sidewalk chalk: it is to be used on the sidewalk. Anything that is drawn or written on the side of buildings, unless it is in the Free Expression Tunnel, is graffiti and should be treated as such. Violators should be fined and forced to wash it off with water and a toothbrush. Their chalk should be taken away from them.

It is an annoyance and an eyesore that makes this already unsightly campus uglier.

There are better, non-polluting ways of getting the word out about events or campaigns: sandwich boards, flyers, e-mail and Web sites to name a few. The Free Expression Tunnel was established for the very purpose of the free exchange of ideas through paint and pretty pictures. Chalking is cheap and dirty. That is not the messasge to be sending to the voting populace during an election.

still on the side of Dabney Hall.

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## Have you been saved? No thanks, I can swim

Religious fundamentalism is a major part of Southern culture, but some of it is very confusing. Greg Volk asks the tough questions.

Growing up Catholic in North Carolina, I've always been somewhat of a religious outsider.

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mer. Since the

South.

As a child, people would ask me if I had ever been



reply quizzically you're saved. Okay, what then? What if you kill someone? Some will argue that, no, I was an excellent swimthat, in this case, you never were truly saved in the first place. I argue that the flaw is in the notion of being "saved." days of humorous Only Christians get into heaven.

misunderstand-ing, I've thought a lot about the Christian funda-mentalism often proclaimed in the In some ways, I've come to respect it more, in others less. I am always excited to talk to some-one about Christian fundamentalism and religious fundamentalism in general; it doesn't occur just in Chris-

tianity. But I remain confused about several issues. I want to make it clear that I am talking about the way some people interpret the Bible and practice Christianity or Christianity as a whole or any group or denomination.

As a Christian, there are several isthat often occur in the practice

of Christian fundamentalism that concern me. I've outlined these issues in order of increasing significance. I think these topics are often puzzling to Christians and non-Christians alike.

**The rejection of alcohol.** I was confused about this before I had even an inkling of how much I would learn to like alcohol. In an Irish Catholic family, it is practically a sin not to drink. If fundamentalists rely so much on strict interpretation of the Bible, and the drinking of wine occurs throughout the New Testament, where is the basis for this argument? Drinking, in moderation, is no more harmful than anything else that can be a vice, like chocolate, eBay or reality TV, to name a few. It all boils down to using a superficial external substance or habit satisfy an internal emotional urge. I think the real story was the loaves and the fishes and the wine, only the wine part was slowly weeded out over time.

Praying for specific things for one's self. This is not unique to Christian fundamentalism or even to Christianity. If we ask God (or wl ever or whatever) for specific, trivial things, then we are operating on the assumption that God involves himself in everyday life. If God answers our prayers for good things, then isn't it possible the converse is true, that bad things are the result of God's intention as well? When I prayed to get my two front teeth out so I could get a dollar under my pillow, was that God? If so, I have some words for him. The least he could have done would have been to roll the pennies.

The notion of salvation. I've never been satisfied with anyone's definition

of being "saved," perhaps as few non-Catholics are ever satisfied with the definition of transubstantiation. To me, being "saved," is a form of haphazard predestination. If you stand in front of your congregation, and proclaim Jesus Christ as your Lord, God and Savior,

This one excites me because I get to incorporate my deep-seated hatred for UNC-Chapel Hill. My senior year in high school I was writing essays to apply for the Morehead Scholarship. For one essay, I wrote that "Les Miserables" by Victor Hugo was my favorite work of art because it suggested that any-one can be "redeemed" in the end. My guidance counselor, an alumnus of the hallowed ivory tower in Chapel Hill, insisted that I was wrong and forced me to change it. Quoting Matthew something (I'm not sure what it was; my parents didn't make me read the Bible growing up), she said that only those who accept Jesus Christ would be allowed into heaven. So, according to her, and many others, Gandhi is burning in the fires of eternal damnation. I'm not buying it. When people answer the question, "What does it mean to be Christian?" I've found one consistent theme among answers: to live life as Jesus taught people to. Then, is it not possible to live a "Christian" life without being Christian? If someone turns the other cheek, loves one's enemies, washes the metaphorical feet of inferiors but has never heard of Jesus, then isn't he or she living like Christ? To me, the danger occurs when those who have been exposed to Christianity in a positive manner reject Christ. What about little Joey in the heart of Indonesia? He thinks Jesus is no more than a myth because he has not been exposed to Christianity. In my book, little Joey, you're golden.
All that said, you simply can't intel-

lectualize faith. However, you can question faith. Unquestioned faith is one of the most severe detriments to all

To me, faith is the point at which you can no longer comprehend the powers that be and, as a result, must make a spiritual leap into believing something you cannot understand, I could just as easily have written this column about Catholicism. Lord only knows how many problems it has, what with the pedophilia and all.

Perhaps this column will prompt a campus discussion of Christianity and religion in general. We haven't gotten all worked up about something in a

Do you think Greg is preparing for a eap into the pits of hell? E-mail him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



# Here's your sign

Are our airports safe? One traveler proved that security doesn't always work. Heather Cutchin tells his story.

Just when you think you have done the stupidest thing ever, someone else tops you.



Heather

I was sure I was the dumbest person in the world when I forgot to unpack my very small pair of scissors from my carry-on while returning from

Ireland. Howeve Charles McKinley takes the cake

with his latest means of air travel...in a box on the cargo plane. It seems as if airport security has a few things

On my way home from Ireland this past summer, our plane was delayed leaving Dublin, and then once we got to Philadelphia, we had to go through customs and security and everything else again. The customs department was quick in stamping our passports and getting us through.

However, it took forever to get through security: the lines were backed up, the staff was short and it was annoying to wait there when our next plane was leaving soon. It was even more annoying that we waited forever, and then the flight crew that just brought us to Philadelphia was able to skip ahead so that they could go on home. Then we missed our plane. I was unhappy.

What makes me more unhappy is

reading the news and seeing that one man skipped all of that.

He had a co-worker nail him into a carate, and then he was put onto a cargo plane. Luckily enough, he was in a pressurized, heated area, but could have been stored in an unpressurized, cold area and died. All he wanted was to go home to see his folks, but was short on cash, and had warrants any-way for bad checks and traffic charges.

The cost of shipping the box, which he had charged to his employer,

would have covered the cost of him flying first class.

McKinley readily admits it was the dumbest thing he had ever done in his life. However, that does not get him

out of Jail.

In lieu of the commemoration of the Sept. 11 events, it seems like airport security would have tightened up in all areas, not just in checking people and their carry-on baggage Obviously, my 5-foot-2-inch body and 110 pounds would have not done much damage to anyone with those tiny scissors before someone would have wrestled me to the ground and

broken me into two peices.

However, airport security thought it was a big deal, and they should. They should treat everything like that though, Cargo boxes r checked. Any baggage that is being sent from one place to another needs

Yes, it will take up more time, cost

more money, and be more of a hassle, but it will be worth it. If nothing else it will give more people jobs, which is

always helpful.
Instead of a stupid McKinley traveling from New York to Texas, it could have been a terrorist flying from anywhere in the world to anywhere in the United States. Cargo packages require little to no screening.
While for most items there is a paper trail, items under 16 ounces do not require any screening at all. Most cargo goes through a program called "known-screener," which means the point where the cargo is shipped from has its own certified screener that approves the cargo for going on the plane. But what if the "certified screener" is really a terrorist in disguise, approving cargo that is danger

And the 16 ounce rule...do you re-member the convicted "shoe bomber" Richard Reid? He only had 10 ounces of explosive stuffed into his shoe when he tried to blow up the plane he was flying. Sounds like we really need to look into tightening security in our areas of cargo.

To Mr. McKinley, here's your sign.

Wear it proudly in prison so that all will know that there are people out there who have done things that are more stupid than what v

through security because of the metal on her overalls. E-mail her at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com

#### **CAMPUS FORUM**

wanted to express my appreciation Christin Liverance for her article in to Christin Liverance for he Monday's paper. After a puff piece on porn in Sunday's News & Observer, it is an enormous consolation that someone is writing about the superficial treatment of sexuality by media, and its influence on our culture. Ku-

dos to Christin, There's a great Calvin and Hobbes comic about media in fluence on viewers. Calvin explains to Hobbes: "Another thing to remember about popular culture is that today's TV-reared audience is hip and so-phisticated. This stuff doesn't affect us...We can separate fact from fiction.

We understand satire and irony. We're detached and jaded viewers who aren't influenced by what we watch." As Calvin kneels down to inflate his bas-ketball shoes, Hobbes replies, "I think I hear advertisers laughing.'

### WALL

The names of each climb vary from Snow Cone to Hang 10, but Migraine is the most difficult

climb with a 5.11 rating.
All the equipment for climbing the wall is free of charge and pro-vided by Rec Pack. This includes

anchors, belay devices, harnesses, helmets, ropes and shoes. Climbing isn't the only thing to do on the rock wall. Bouldering is also popular among the

"You don't tie-in when you boulder," Smith said. "You just go side to side on the wall, and don't go above head height. That way if someone falls it won't be

Despite being on campus and free of charge, the wall doesn't get too crowded because of the multiple climbing routes avail-able, according to Powell.

"We average about 20 people a

night, four nights a week," said

Freshman Matt McLaughlin has been climbing for a few years and is excited about having the opportunity to climb at the rock wall.

the rock wall.

"Right now I prefer the plastic holds because I'm belaying and it's easier to move side to side," McLaughlin said. "But when I start climbing with a belayer it will be a lot more realistic with this wall."

Supervisors stress the imporsupervisors stress the impor-tance of safety and maintaining the rock wall when climbing. Helmets are required at all times when climbing and bouldering the wall. Also, climbers aren't al-lowed to use chalk at the wall.

"We don't allow climbers to use chalk because it gets the wall dirty," Powell said. "Outside the climbers can use chalk on climbs and it will naturally wash away, but in here it will build up and get more difficult to maintain."

The available hours to climb the rock wall are more limited than the Carmichael Gym operating hours. The wall is open from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday and from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Sunday night. "The wall is staffed by students,

and it works out better to have it open at night because of the time schedules of classes," said Smith.



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### VOLLEYBALL

also be exciting, as many of the The more fans, the better -

even if they are taunting you at the service line," Althaus said. "It makes playing much more exciting, and you don't necessarily get that at every gym."

Amidst all the experiences

Amost all the experiences and enjoyment the players have while they travel, there is still the matter of schoolwork. Because of the traveling, many players have had to make up tests a few days before or a few days after the tournament. tournament.

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"For me, the toughest thing I have to worry are the WebAs-signs, because they are usually due the day before we leave for the tournaments," junior outside hitter Melanie Rowe said.

"It is sometimes difficult to balance the traveling and school. It's a lot tougher than anything I have ever done. But you start getting accustomed to it, especially after your third year.'

Both Althaus and Rowe agree with Byrne that the traveling helps to promote Pack volleyball in the areas where they play. Furthermore, playing teams in volleyball-heavy conferences such as the Big 10 sets a standard for other teams in the ACC to achieve.

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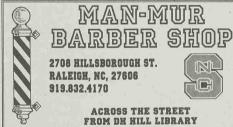
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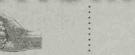




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senior field general helped orchestrate an incredible comeback at No. 3 Ohio State to send the game into triple overtime. Rivers also became the conference's leader in career pass comple-

After throwing two inter-ceptions and with his team down 13-0, the Florida State quarterback took control of the game, scoring on a 3-yard run and then connecting on a 5-yard pass to P.K. Sam to allow the Seminoles to edge Georgia Tech and remain

**Out of Fuel** Leading 13-0 over the Seminoles, Georgia Tech's defense collapsed in the fourth quarter. No longer able to stop FSU's offense, the Yellow Jackets quickly saw their hopes of an upset vanish, as the Noles scored twice in the final eight minutes to win 14-13.

**Wake Forest** After running for 202 yards on the ground to help pull off an upset over N.C. State, the Demon Deacons only managed 56 net rushing yards in their loss to Purdue

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**Score Box** Saturday, Sept. 13 Ohio State 44, N.C. State 38 (3 OT) Purdue 16, Wake Forest 10 Florida State 14. Georgia Tech 13 Maryland 61, The Citadel 0 Duke 27, Rice 24 Clemson 37, Middle Tennessee State 14

Virginia 59, Western Michigan 16

#### Saturday's Games

Texas Tech at N.C. State, noon North Carolina at Wisconsin, noon Northwestern at Duke, 2 p.m Colorado at Florida State, 3:30 p.m. West Virginia at Maryland, 6 p.m. East Carolina at Wake Forest, 6:30 p.m Clemson at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.

#### Stat of the week

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With 315 yards passing against No. 3 Ohio State Saturday, N.C. State's Philip Rivers became the ACC's all-time leading passer with 10,061 yards. Rivers connected on 36 of 52 passes against the Buckeyes, including completing 30 of his 20 last 41 pass attempts

#### Quote of the week

"Anytime you get that kind of effort and come up short, it hurts. There is no moral victory."

-Georgia Tech head coach Chan Gailey after his team fell short of an upset over conference powerhouse Florida State.



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## The blame game

That Philip Rivers. What a choke artist. He's nothing more than Ray Finkle under center.
So what if he's going to hold every



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ACC passing re-cord in the books and also has his name etched on pretty much all of the school passing record in N.C. State history he just couldn't make the play when it counted Saturday against Ohio State, and that is just driving

you insane. You could care less that, at 21, he has a wedding band on his finger, a healthy baby girl with his high school sweet-heart wife and has his own athletics

department-funded Web site.

He didn't score a touchdown in riple overtime against the defending national champs, who happen to have a defense that hits harder than Mike Tyson in his prime, so he just flat-out

True, he is the brightest interview in the ACC, has the down-to-earth men-tality of your small-town, country-boy suitemate and is easier to talk to than

suitemate and is easier to talk to than your overly garrulous uncle. But you believe those two quarterback sneaks had about as much chance of being successful as Larry Flynt in California politics, and that the notion of trying to sneak it in from inside the 5-yard line is about as confusing as rocket scientist's homework.

Listen to this explanation of why he called those two quarterback sneaks, as if it makes any sense.
"We were shifting out a funny for-

mation, and they were running every body out of there; there were no linebackers in there," Rivers explained.
"If it was stacked in there, I'm not

going to run it. But there was nobody there."

Wait. You mean he made the right

Are you telling me he correctly called the play since the Buckeyes spread out their defenders to counter the Wolfpack's funky formation that sent four tightly grouped eligible receivers out to one side?

No way!

OK, maybe you'll let Rivers off the hook, but what about this Chuck Amato guy.

Amato guy.

Who does he think he is trying to explain the confounding play calling? You could have drawn up a play with Def Leppard's drummer at quarterback that would have scored, so what the thinks and the second of the play in the second of the play is the second of the play in the play is the play in the play in the play is the play in the play in the play is the play in the play in the play is the play in is he thinking?

"The same people that called the plays on that drive did it for the last nine minutes [of regulation] and the first two overtimes and the third overtime," Amato said. "Did anybody question the play-calling then? I don't think so."

But you did. That 'ole offensive coordinator Noel Mazzone. Where's Norm Chow when we need him? This guy couldn't tell a flare pass from a fly

pattern.

Never mind that his quarterback threw for 315 yards, four touchdowns and one real interception Saturday and his passing offense is ranked No. 1 in the entire nation or that his troops are averaging over 40 points per game; what a fool you think he is for giving Rivers the discretion to run those two

Rivers, Amato and Mazzone, they're the biggest trio of losers since that ri-diculous boy band LFO, and it's really causing you to go nuts.

You don't even know who to blame for that comical series of plays. You can't believe those guys actually get paid to tell Rivers to run those plays.

But, please, let me add just one thing y. If the Wolfpack plays like it did at Columbus for the next nine

games, guess what? It's going to win the ACC title. When that happens, I'll be watching for some of you to throw on a replica No. 17 jersey and scream "Thatta boy Philip! Good call Noel! My man Chuck!

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Michael Annas, a junior in psychology, belays Dana Wellman, a sophomore in biomedical engineering on her first time climbing the rock wall.





Dana Wellman makes it to the top of the rock wall

# Scaling MALL

The Carmichael Gym rock wall has 30 different climbs for beginner and experienced climbers.

Ryan Reynolds

"Contestants ready! Gladiators ready!" That's right, the phrase that was popularized by the television show "American Gladiators" can now be applied to students.

American Gladiators hosted events like the joust, assault and the eliminator, but the wall seems to be an event that will always be associated with the show.

The tryouts to be a contestant on "American Gladiators," the show, were rigorous, but State students can skip the tryouts and climb on the Outdoor Adventures rock wall for free.The rock wall, located in Carmichael Gym, was built in 1986 and has a surface similar to natural rock rather than a wall with plastic or modular holds used for climbing.

"With the modular holds, you pretty much climb on flat

you pretty much climb on flat surfaces and you can adjust the holes and the angles, and they're plastic and don't feel like real rock," supervisor Andy Smith said. "Our wall can mimic real rock a lot better, and you can't do things like finding the rock

cracks on plastic holds."

Smith and junior Nate Powell are two of the supervisors at the rock wall when it is open for climbing.

"Supervising is like being a lifeguard, only more compli-cated," Powell said. The rock wall has 30 distinct

climbs and uses the decimal rating system to rate the diffi-

rating system to rate the diffi-culty of the climbs. The rating goes from 5.1-5.15, with 5.15 being the most difficult. "Anything below a 5.8 a be-ginner can do, and 5.10 and up are generally for serious climb-ers because it's very advanced and very hard," Powell said.

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# Changing places

The N.C. State volleyball team has played in many regions of the country during the early season.

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For head coach Mary Byrne and her N.C. State volleyball team, traveling in the early season is always a routine fixture in the schedule. In Byrne's two years as head coach of the Wolfpack, the team has scheduled many of its early-season games in tourna-

ments across the country. In that past, State has played in Indiana, Florida, New Hampshire and Missouri, all within the first 13 games of the season. In 2003, that trend continues, as the team has already played tournaments in New York and Wisconsin. This weekend, the team will travel south to Alabama to play the Birmingham Southern Challenge

So the question begs: Why all the traveling? Believe it or not, the early-season traveling is a norm

for many college teams around the country, for the purpose of exposing players to new environ-ments and new cultures that make the United States such a diverse

Scheduling non-conference tournaments requires collaboration between two schools. For example, State invites teams to play at its tournaments one year. and the next year the Pack travel to other teams' homes to play at their tournaments.

"Our non-conference schedule is done by the coaches and is typical of a volleyball schedule in that we play four tournaments before we begin the season," Byrne said.

planning a non-conference schedule, the coaches take many factors into account, such as strength of schedule and proximity of the locations of the tournaments to players' hometowns.

"We like to go to places where our players are from, so their family and friends can see them play," Byrne said. "We also look at our strength of schedule; play-ing some top-25 teams helps us understand where our program

needs to get to as well." Sophomore Kelly Althaus, who is from Durham, enjoyed her trip back to her parents' alma mater at Wisconsin

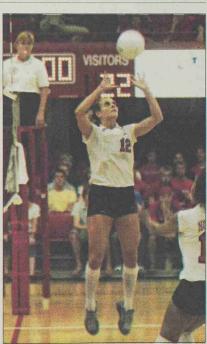
'My parents went there, and I have never been there before," Althaus said. "It was nice to see where my parents went to

Not only does the traveling pro-vide players with opportunities to see new places and new environ-ments, it also helps to expose the program to young and energetic high school players around the

"Traveling provides a great opportunity for our players to see different parts of the country," Byrne said. "In addition, those areas see how great a job our athletes do representing N.C. State."

For example, many of the Pack players have not played in crowds as large as the 4,000 people they encountered at Wisconsin. Although a crowd that large can be intimidating - especially if they are cheering against you - it can

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Crystal Shannon, No. 12, sets the ball for teammate Page Gilliam during a match in Reynolds Coliseum. The team has played only three matches at home all year