

Club members and interested citizens gathered in Caldwell lounge to hear Mayor Meeker speak. The event was moved inside because of inclement weather.

## Mayor speaks at · Political Science ·Club meeting

Members of the Political Science Club assembled in the Caldwell Lounge Monday for pizza and a speech by the Mayor of Raleigh, Charles Meeker.

## Kenneth Ball

Mayor Meeker commented on topics ranging from the image of the city of Raleigh to housing ordinances during the club's kickoff event for this year. the dub's kicknet even throw this year. Club president Ben Akroyd opened the meeting with a brief synopsis of his organization's plans for this year. He then turned the podium over to Mayor Meeker, who spoke on the upcoming elections elections

elections. The Mayor stressed the importance
of mobilizing voters to the polls on Oct.
7, especially in light of traditionally low voter turnouts in local elections. Mayor Meeker recognized that the student population of Raleigh, including N.C. State's student body, makes up an importent compared to the incomplement. portant segment of this constituency Zach Medford, a N.C. State student running for city council this year attended the meeting yesterday evening. Medford said Mayor Meeker's presence at the kickoff meeting "shows a sincere

respect for students." Mayor Meeker also discussed local issues that effect NCSU directly. The Mayor commented on the holdup of the Hillsborough Street construction plan, one of 34 items he had hoped to accomplish as mayor when he took office two years ago. Difficulties in get-

binder two years ago. Difficulties in get-ting funding from the state government hindered the proposed construction. When asked how he feels the city of Raleigh identifies itself in relation to other cities in the United States, Mayor Meeker said that there are no individual cultural centers in the city that the city that cultural centers in the city that are eas-ily recognizable nationwide. Rather, Raleigh's identity lies in a "high quality of [family] life," Meeker said. According

# Mayor Charles Meeker addresses the Political Science Club on Monday.

to Mayor Meeker, this high quality of life is not only a result of a clean environment and good public schools, but also of the many colleges and universi-

ties located in the Triangle area. Mayor Meeker says that during his past term, his most positive influence on NCSU was the creation of the U-Pass

success," the Mayor said. The service provides transportation to about 900 people every day. If elected to another term, Mayor

Meeker said he plans to resolve the Housing ordinance issues around NCSU. The Mayor also said that he hopes to mitigate a deal between the university and businesses on Hillsbor-ough Street and in Cameron Village, so that students can use their meal plans that students can use their meal plans at restaurants off-campus. Political Science Club members were impressed with Mayor Meeker's presence at the university

## **Students under** investigation

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Second summer session students speak out about an alleged cheating incident.

## **Diane** Cordova

A group of students could face stiff penalties if they are found guilty for allegedly cheating on an engineering exam during the second summer session. The 58-person ECE 492V class was di-vided into two different classrooms on

Robert Kolbas, professor of the Special Topics Laser Optics Communications class, and Brandon Stanton, the teaching assistant, served as proctors during the exam on Aug. 4.

The students who commented for this article all wish to remain anonymous. One student said the professor and T.A. saw nothing [as far as cheating]." What they possess is "circumstantial evidence," the student said.

Kolbas, who is limited in what he can discuss due to university rules, spoke in general terms. He said he followed procedures and talked to students individually. All he could say was, "I still

The Office of Student Conduct is in-

vestigating the case. According to Paul Cousins, director of the Office of Student Conduct, his office became involved with the case when Kol-

became involved with the case when Kol-bas forwarded a Report of an Academic Integrity Violation Form to him. "[Kolbas] has done everything that the university would expect a good faculty member to do," Cousins said. According to a student in the class, Kolbas suspected the students of cheat-ing because he allegedly found similar mistakes for one problem among the mistakes for one problem among the

students' exams. A student in the class said the professor had given a practice final that had this same exact problem. On the actual final exam, the students made the same mis-takes that they had made on the practice

final, according to the student. "Some of us did not cheat at all in the class, but now we're getting in trouble," one student said. "I think it's a twisted situation." Overall, Cousins said that there was a

variety of reasons for why the students were suspected of cheating. He said there were "a lot of internal inconsistencies" with the students' claims, and there was a mismatch between the students' work

and their answers. Cousins said at this point "nobody has signed the forms," meaning that nobody has signed the forms," meaning that nobody has admitted to cheating. In contrast, a student in the class said two students admitted to cheating to convince for the form

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Cousins on Sept. 3. Although the final exam, which count-

ed 40 percent of the students' final grade, is the issue at hand, "blatant" cheating occurred beforehand, during the mid-term exam, homework assignments and labs, said a student in the class.

labs, said a student in the class. According to one student, three-fourths of the class cheated during the midterm, such as passing papers and asking each other for answers during the exam. Several students said they complained to the professor and to their adviser about the cheating that occurred dur

about the cheating that occurred dur-ing the midterm exam. However, nothing was done about the situation, according to several students in the class. The students' adviser declined to com-

ment on the case. In an email to Technician, Kolbas said, "I do not believe that someone can justify violating the academic conduct rules of the university because they were not caught or punished for a prior

(above) Hurricane Isabel left 5 to 7 feet of water in some places on Hwy. 12 in Kitty Hawk; photo taken Friday morning on East Kitty Hawk Road. (left) As Kitty Hawk Fire Department Engine 131 responds to a call near Hwy. 12, deep waters and loose debris hamper response efforts during Hurricane Isabel Thursday

afternoon.

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## A Kitty Hawk firefighter's hurricane duty

As thousands fled the Outer Banks of North Carolina, one N.C. State student hurried east with a sense of duty. Anna Kroyer, senior fisheries and wildlife science student, recounts her experience during Hurricane Isabel as a resident of Southern Shores, a firefighter in Kitty Hawk and a Technician news staff reporter.

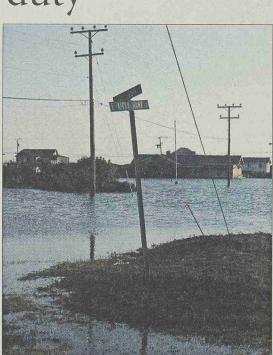
Story and photos by Anna Kroyer

## Wednesday, Sept. 17

As of Wednesday evening, the adminis-tration had canceled Thursday classes at N.C. State in preparation for the arrival of Hurricane Isabel. Knowing I could be home within several hours to assist for the storm, I checked the Dare County Emergency Management (D.C.E.M.) bulletins and headed home to the Outer Banks.

The latest bulletin said all bridges were open and there were no restrictions on entry to Dare County'despite Tuesday's

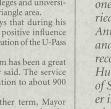
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Karate instructor Wayne Pollard demonstrates a series of blocks and attacks during a beginner karate class in Carmichael Gym.





bus program. "The U-Pass system has been a great

"Its nice that he cares enough about the student body to come out," said Shawn Marlowe, vice president of the club

## FROM THE BLOTTER **REPORTS ISSUED BY CAMPUS POLICE FOR SUNDAY.**

## 11:55AM

Traffic Stop A student was stopped for a stop sign violation at Yarborough Drive and Dan Allen Drive. She was issued a verbal warning for the stop sign violation and a seat belt violation

## 1:25AM

Fire Alarm Kappa Alpha Smoke Detector. Unknown cause of activation. Police, Fire Protection, and RFD responded

## 1:30AM

Trespass Warning A non-student was issued a trespass warning in Dan Allen Deck. He had removed his pants and underwear and sat on the hood of a vehicle not belonging to him and rubbed his buttocks on the hood of the vehicle.

## 1:38AM Medical Assist

A student was highly intoxicated in a room of Becton. She refused transport to the hospital. She will be referred to the University at a later date.

CHEATING

violation. Likewise, it is indeed

troubling to hear that miscon-duct that had occurred in the

past was the basis used by others to make decisions regarding their

One student also claimed that

a lot of cheating occurred with homework assignments and labs but the professor did not deal with the issue.

According to a student in the course, students would meet to

do homework assignments at the student lounge in Daniels Hall, and Kolbas would come in

an hour before class started. He

would have the solutions with

him and sometimes he would allow students to copy the solu-tions. Other times he would sit in

the lounge while other students

copied homework from each

other. On one occasion, a group

of students were sitting at a desk while eight to 10 students gath-

ered around them and copied their work. The professor sat two

feet away and simply watched, ac-cording to this student.

In an email to Technician, Kolbas said, "If there was cheat-

ing going on of which I was not aware the student or students

with this information should come forward with this first

hand knowledge to the Office of Student Conduct. If students feel

that I condoned cheating or acted inappropriately they should com-

municate their concerns to their

think race is playing a factor in the case; they said the majority of

everal students in the class

department head or dean.'

own ethical behavior.

## Medical Assist A student was highly intoxicated in a room in Owen Hall. He refused transport to the hospital. He was referred to the University for underage possession

## 3:53AM

3:30AM

Dispute-Students A student reported a subject in a White Ford Explorer driving on the lawn of Pi Kappa Alpha. When the driver was asked to leave by the student, he began to argue with the student. The driver left the area prior to Officer's arrival.

## 10:55PM

A student reported her bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack at Brooks Hall.

## 10:58PM

non-student reported a body wrapped in a sheet in the median between Western Blvd and Faucette Drive. Officers found a homeless person sleep-ing under a sheet. He complied to leave the area.

## 3:00PM

A non-student called to report that she heard a gun shot at Derr Track Field. Officers responding found the Cross Country Track Team personnel had fired a starter gun by accident.

## 4:29PM

Skateboarders A staff member reported a number of skateboarders at the EGRC Complex. Officers made contact and advised a group of high school students of the policy. They complied and left the area. 6:19PM

## Trespass Warning

Two non-students and a student were sitting on a brick fence on the south side of North Hall Lot drinking beer. Subjects were advised of NCSU and Raleigh City Ordinances. All three were issued trespass warnings from NCSU mersente chains NCSU property. Subjects complied to leave the area.

## 7:10PM Traffic Accident <\$1000

A student and a non-student

A non-student and another subject were involved in a traffic accident at the Carter Finley Stadium Lot. No injuries were

## 9:11PM

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Traffic Stop-Stop Sign Violation A student was issued a citation on Katherine Stinson Drive for a stop sign violation and failure to carry a driver's license. 9:40PM

A student injured his finger while playing football on Lower Miller Field. Subject refused transport by EMS. He was transported to Rex by a friend.

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in North Bragaw Lot. No injuries

Medical-Psychiatric A student was concerned for

were reported.

8:31PM

University.

8:38PM

Traffic Accident >\$1000

conjunction with the Student Chief Justice Sean Casey.

To be found guilty, three out of the four board members must vote that the person is guilty, Cousins said.

According to Cousins, both the students and the faculty member involved in this case will be as-signed a student assistant, who is a former board member, to teach them about the procedures. But, unlike a lawyer, the student as-sistant does not represent anyone in the case

The case has run its course and there's a lot of grape vine information that's out there,"

One student said, "Through the entire 50-day process, what we've gotten from the professor is half-truths and more stalling. [Kolbas] said he would treat everybody as individuals, but he's treating [the students] as a group, and drag-ging [the process] out. He's trying

to blow up the situation." Another student said, "What bothers me the most is the level that this situation has escalated due to outside accusations from students that are not even involved."

One student felt that "I'm considered 100 percent guilty before innocent.

Looking ahead, a few students in the class said that the time and the ripple effects of the situation concerned them. A student commented on the situation overall, citing the lack

cusations of cheating. "It bothers me that [Cousins, Kolbas, and the Office of Student Conduct] can bring themselves to possibly ruin so many lives on such little evidence."

## Bush may soften stance on U.N. involvement in Iraq

## **Ron Hutcheson**

WASHINGTON - President Bush goes to the United Nations on Tuesday to seek help in Iraq on his terms, but his no-compro-mise stance could soften in the face of growing domestic and international pressure for U.N. involvement.

In a television interview that aired on the eve of his 10:30 a.m. EDT U.N. speech, Bush said he would offer no concessions to countries that wanted him to share power in Iraq in return for international assistance. He also said he "made the right decision" by ordering Iraq's invasion without U.N. backing

But Bush's political standing has eroded considerably since his trip last year to the United Nations, when he challenged the organization to endorse the U.S. led war. At that time, 70 percent of Americans said they approved of the president's performance in office

A Gallup poll released Monday showed that Bush's approval rat-ing has tumbled to 50 percent, the lowest since he took office and far below his peak 90 percent rating shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks attacks.

The new poll, conducted for CNN and USA Today, also indicated that support for Bush's handling of Iraq continues to evaporate. Only 50 percent of the respondents said they thought Iraq was worth going to war for, down from 63 percent in August

"Iraq clearly was a factor behind the fall in Bush's job approval ratings," said Frank Newport, Gallup's editor in chief. "The economy was another factor.

Although the latest Gallup poll didn't ask about Bush's two-day U.N. visit, Newport said there was little doubt that most Americans favored a U.N. role in rebuilding the country.

"Before everything started in March, the public clearly wanted the U.N. involved. Now they're telling us the same thing,"

he said. "They wanted the U.N.

involved all along." Internationally, Bush faces some of the same resistance he encountered when he launched the war. Although some crit-ics of the war admittedly were awed by the swift U.S. military victory in Iraq, the nearly daily attacks on American troops and the continued chaos since then have given many foreign leaders the satisfaction of being able to say, "I told you so.

The situation that is developing in Iraq is the best confirma-tion that Russia was right," Rus-sian President Vladimir Putin told Western journalists in a weekend question-and-answer session, Russia opposed the war. France and Germany, the leading opponents of war last winter, are taking the lead in seeking con-cessions from Bush as the price for their postwar involvement. Both want the president to surrender control over Iraq's recon-struction to the United Nations followed by a quick turnover of political control to Iraqis.

Like Bush, French President Jacques Chirac staked out a hard-line position before the U.N. negotiations. He insisted that the United Nations endorse the "immediate" transfer of sovereignty from U.S. hands to the 25-member Iraqi Governing Council, which would be largely symbolic, followed by the gradual transfer of power to Iraqis over six to nine months. U.S. officials say a successful

transition from dictatorship to democracy would take much The French plan, which would

somehow transfer sovereignty to an unelected group of people, just isn't workable," Rice said Monday

at a White House briefing. Rice said Bush would issue a "call to action" for international involvement in Iraq without spelling out a specific role for the United Nations. She said those details would be worked out in negotiations with other

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"Some of us did not cheat at all in the class, but now we're getting in trouble,' one student said. 'I think it's a twisted situation."

## the students under investigation

are minorities. Furthermore, several students said that cheating took place dur-ing the midterm, when there were more white students involved but

nothing was done then Regarding the students under investigation, Cousins said he has no idea how many are mi-

norities "I don't think [race] has any-thing to do with this. I've seen a mix of students so far," Cousins saic

Also, a few students in the class said they felt Kolbas should have followed his syllabus, which stat-ed, "I reserve the right to assign a zero score to any homework or exam that reveals that blatant cheating is occurring." For academic misconduct cases

if students are found guilty, the minimum penalty is academic integrity probation. Other penalties could include a reduction in the letter grade, and on the second offense, suspension is required. If the case were serious enough, the penalty would be expulsion, according to Cousins.

"Students who had cheated all throughout the class received A's and B's, and those who didn't cheat [at all] could possibly get kicked out of school [because they are being investigated now], one student said Right now, Cousins said he is in the process of interviewing the students, and he is meeting with students to set dates for their hearings before the Judi-

cial Board. Afterwards Cousins will for-ward the cases to the board.

According to Cousins, the board is composed of two voting students and two voting faculty members for academic cases. The Student Chief Justice (SCJ) Sean Casey will become involved in the case of a tie. The SCI plays the role of facilitator, according

to Cousins. Cousins said the board is "trained, unbiased group." Ac-cording to Cousins, the board is trained by he and his staff including the associate directory. Susan Trageser, and the assistant director, Martha Pierce, of the Office of Student Conduct in

## HURRICANE

mandatory evacuation

Driving from Raleigh to Kitty Hawk on US Hwy 64, I passed very little traffic. Sheriff's deputies, state troopers and town police were the only other vehicles on the road. I hurried home realizing

that as the winds increased, D.C.E.M. could close the bridges at any time. Despite the radio reports of quickly deteriorating conditions, I crossed the Wright Memorial Bridge shortly after

midnight. The first thing I noticed upon crossing the bridge was that more people then ever had heeded the official warnings. As a firefighter with Kitty Hawk Fire Department for almost five years, I worked several large hurricanes, and yet never had I seen our 7-Eleven store closed.

Before reaching home, every
building I passed had been boarded up. Neighbors who had always been sitting on their porches watching the storm come in, were either buried deep within plywood and storm shutters or had evacuated. Kitty Hawk was a ghost town this

night. I did not see one vehicle on the road. Business owners pleaded with Isabel to have mercy on their structures with spray painted messages on ply-wood.

**Thursday, Sept. 18** At 7:30 a.m. Thursday morn-ing, I reported to the Kitty Hawk Fire Department. Command was set up in our office with town maps, a personnel accountability list, a chalk board detailing assignments and the fire chief pacing around strategizing and giving instruc-• tions.

Several calls had already been run as 30 to 40-mph winds be-gan knocking down trees and power lines. Immediately Chief

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Lowell Spivey assigned me to an

begun earlier in the week with firefighters securing the town's hydrants see and the towns hydrants gas tanks and other crucial devices. The supply clos-et was full, the generator ser-viced and the entire department had beaute and the entire department

had begun to pull together. The firefighters had checked on their families and gathered around the fire station with anticipation. Everyone was as signed an apparatus or a par-

ticular duty. Captain Mark Sabatini cooked breakfast for the crew as we rested, preparing ourselves for the day. After this, meals moved to the Kitty Hawk Police Department as we began to collaborate with them.

Sharon Davenport with the police department and Captain Sabatini continued to provide us with three square meals per day throughout the storm ef fort

Davenport was given a headcount before each meal rang-ing from 60 to 100 people. Throughout the storm and its aftermath, I watched the differ-ent departments of emergency workers combine efforts like a well-oiled machine. Wherever there was a gap, someone gladly jumped in to help despite fatigue and hunger. The crews soon left the sta-

The crews soon left the sta-tion heading for specific regions of the town. My crew patrolled the west end of Kitty Hawk Road and spent the morning cutting fallen trees out of the roadway. Other crews patrolled Hwy 12 and Hwy 158. As winds increased by midmorning to 50 and 60 mph the over wash of and 60 mph, the over wash of water on Hwy 12 in Kitty Hawk began to cross the road almost all the way to Highway 158.

The first call my engine re-sponded to was a power-line pole fire on Highway 158. Ar riving on location, I pulled a hose off the engine while my

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The Kitty Hawk Fire Department Engine 131 crew rests for a while.

"As our engine sat in the ocean over wash, I could feel the vehicle rock in the surf. I could also see debris including plywood, pilings and garbage cans floating beside the engine."

crew prepared the truck to pump water. Putting out a bush fire initiated by falling embers, we waited for the power company to cut off the power to the line. Dominion Power had to send a truck through the water that had begun to rise across Highway 158. After they cut off the power for us, I was able to extinguish the pole fire.

At 1 p.m., Hurricane Isabel passed over Hatteras Island with 100-mph winds. High tide at 2 p.m. brought increased complications for Kitty Hawk Winds of almost 70 mph began structural damage to homes and other buildings. Responding with two engines and a deuce and a half truck, a heavy-duty military vehicle, to an ocean-side rescue call, we plowed through three to five feet of water.

As our engine sat in the ocean over wash, I could feel the vehicle rock in the surf. I could also see debris including plywood, pilings and garbage cans float

ing alongside the engine. Back at the highway, we pulled into a parking lot where we had to secure attachments of the engine that were blowing loose in the wind. The crew found it almost impossible to walk in the direction of the wind. We could not understand

each other's shouts as we tried to protect our vehicle. The deuce and a half was designated as the only vehicle able to sustain these conditions. The fire chief and a lieutenant

responded to another rescue call on Highway 12 that after-noon and soon found them-selves with waves crashing high upon the truck. Throughout the day and increasing winds, power lines fell cutting power to the town and activating our generator. We were on genera-tor power for hours before we soon lost phone lines and cable

Later that afternoon, patrols reported that the sound side of the island was very low and

absolutely dry in some places. This placed the threat of tremendous flooding if Isabel were to send Southeast winds toward the island.

Chief Spivey made the decision to evacuate the fire station that had threatening floodwaters and winds that violently shook the metal roof. The crew spent the night at a local con-dominium complex that rests on the crest of an island in Kitty wk

Only one call was serious enough to bring the crew out into the night.

Isabel spared the northern beaches and failed to create the conditions for extreme sound side flooding. I had returned home that night driving on sidewalks and through yards to avoid fallen trees and continu-ously falling debris.

## Friday, Sept. 19

On Friday morning, I drove out to take some pictures and observed the Kitty Hawk Pier that had lost all but 300 feet connected to the pier house. Further down the road, I saw water levels between Highway 12 and Highway 158 that appeared to be six to seven feet deep. Highway 158 south of Kitty Hawk Road contained tremendous water that was impassable early in the morn-ing and slowly receded to allow traffic to pass through the center lane

I estimated that there were 10 to 20 houses destroyed. With a curfew in effect for the island beginning at 8 a.m., I reported back to the fire station for duty. We spent this first day post-Isabel cutting more fallen trees from the roads, blocking roads for the power company to repair lines, gathering supplies for the large number of town workers, manning the town gas pump and patrolling the beach es with the deuce and a half. The residents in the town

were warned against using the water and had to depend on previously collected supplies

At this point, many cell phone towers were down and radio communications became complicated. Friday night we set up tables to welcome workers that had come from western North Carolina to help clear the roads to Hatteras. The tired men shared their experiences with us and we graciously thanked one other for our efforts. I spent that night in the bunkroom with the rest of the

remaining crew.

## Saturday, Sept. 20

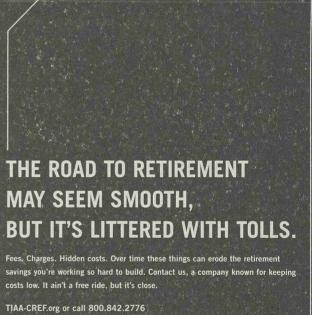
Saturday morning some lo-cal businesses began to open and offer available supplies. At noon, the bridge into Kitty Hawk opened to residents. A line of vehicles spanned almost a mile into Currituck County.

As residents came back onto the island, each town had several checkpoints to verify resi-dency identification.

dency identification. Our crews spent that day through Sunday night man-ning checkpoints to Highway 12 that continued to allow only residents and had a curfew from dawn till dusk. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, I was on duty. It was a peaceful night as I sat by the beach in a Chevrolet

Blazer with red lights flashing into the night, bouncing off down power lines and poles and various storm debris.

Sunday, Sept. 21 I turned in my gear on Sun-day morning and gathered my belongings to return to NCSU. It accurate the me that the It occurred to me that the ability of people from many occupations and areas of the state to work together for a common cause is amazing. These people work at all hours and in great extremes for others that they may never know. I had previously experienced the benefits of the brotherhood and community in firefighting, but Hurricane Isabel's destruction demonstrated to me the power of human nature to help one another during time of need.



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## Diversions The MUSIC Bin



Ween "quebec" \*\*\*

The boys from New Hope are back and browner than ever. Haven't got a clue what I'm talking about? It's time you checked out "quebec," the new album by Ween. Both hard and fast, like a one-two punch, and slow and psychedelic, "quebec" has something for any casual listener, and a little bit of everything for the hardcore Ween fan

"quebec" opens with the guitar-fueled, rock-heavy "It's Gonna Be A Long Night," which is very reminiscent of "Voodoo Lady" from their earlier master-piece "Chocolate and Cheese;" burgener if you thigh the root however, if you think the rest of the album is this fast-paced, think again. Much of the album has a mellow, relaxed feel to it, has a mellow, relaxed feel to it, favoring an acoustic guitar and a light peppering of dreamy, distant synth sounds over the hard-hitting songs reminiscent of their earlier works. One of many songs on the

album that gives it its relaxing, dreamlike quality is "Zoloft," a song about, naturally, popping a Zoloft pill and allowing happy, self-loving feelings to wash over



## **A Perfect Circle** "Thirteenth Step" \*\*\*\*

Long gone are the days when I would scour every music store within a 60-mile radius to find a midnight sale of an album. Truth be told, recent years have provided very few albums that have been released that have earned my time and energy. Since "Mer De Noms" by A Perfect Circle was released, it was Tool's "Salival" that I lusted after, and then it was "Latera-lus," now it is the long-awaited follow-up to "Mer De Noms," "Thirteenth Step."

Not much hope existed in the hearts of many A Perfect Circle fans for a sophomore album after "Mer De Noms" was released. The album just seemed too good to be true, the lineup seemed to be too perfect to exist and a follow-up was absolutely unfathomable. Three years later, the hypothesis seemed to hold true, until word was released from Billy Howerdel that, low and behold, the group was go-ing to realign to recreate the fantasy.

oneself. This song, like many songs on "quebec," is made up entirely of Gene Ween (Aaron Freeman) on vocals and bass guitar, and Dean Ween (Mickey Melchiondo) playing guitar. Andrew Weiss, who has had a hand in nearly every Ween album to date, performs on sev-eral of the tracks, as does Josh Freese, former drummer for A Perfect Circle.

Although "quebec" is largely a very melodic, tranquil album, perhaps best listened to while watching the sunset on some deserted beach, there are a few breaks in its soothing flow. In particular, the poppy, repeti-tive "Hey There Fancypants," which was written for Comedy Central's "Crank Yankers" and should have been mercifully left there to die throws a wrench there to die, throws a wrench into the otherwise well-oiled machine that is "quebec." "Fancypants," Ween fans will recognize, attempts to come off sounding like the brilliant "Mr. Richard Smoker" from the ear-lier country album, yet it falls far short of the mark with its bich witched coursel and corni high-pitched squeal and carni-val-like synth noises. The rest of the album, thank-fully, is a combination of wacky,

fully, is a combination of wacky, megaphone sung tunes like "Happy Colored Marbles" and "So Many People In The Neigh-borhood," and eerie, soothing ballads such as "Captain" and "The Argus," all of which are sure to become fan favorites and classic staples in Ween's repertoire. Overall, "quebec" brings to-

gether the best elements from all of Ween's albums, spanning from over a decade of unique, often amusing, and always en-joyable music. - *Chris Scull* 

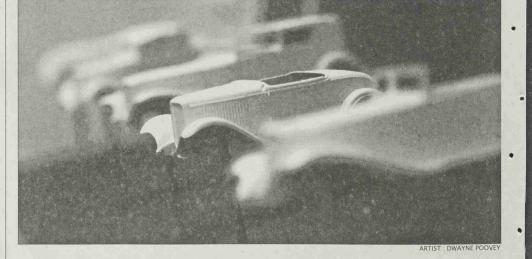
"Thirteenth Step" was the product of the composing ge-nius of Howerdel and the magnificent vocal and lyrical talents of Maynard James Keenan, which withheld all expectations that could possibly be held for an album that would follow in the footsteps of "Mer De

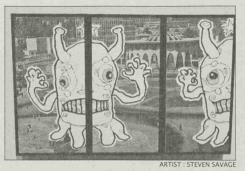
With a list of contributing musicians that could make Lester Bangs rise from his grave to give his seal of approval, "Step" exceeds on every level, from composition to mixing. Each subject matter that individual tracks cover leads to an amazingly similar and coherent subject in the next song; the instrumental elements are so perfectly layered that a sound is produced that can only be compared to that of a symphony album

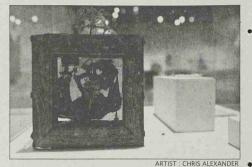
Few albums are intriguing from start to finish, much less repeatedly so, but "Step" has successfully fulfilled both of these voids. With standout tracks such as "The Noose," "Blue" and "The Nurse Who Loved Me" (actually a cover of a Failure song), "Step" bares the listener to a twisted, utopian

psyche Upon the tenth listening of this album, I have concluded that it is also too good. Music in no way can be perfect, but this comes damn close. The album is good, it's absolutely stupid good, it's absolutely stupid good, it's preposterous how good this album is. Hopefully, three more years won't lie be-tween this and the next release. - Jake Seaton









Marching on...

The Antfarm exhibit in Talley Student Center will close this weekend .

By Dana Ashley Dillehunt

fter graduation, most of us will immediately enter the work force. We are expected to, in order to make a living for ourselves and provide for our future families. This is the social norm, and most of us accept it.

Ten years ago, recent N.C. State design graduates opted to disregard such a norm, pursue their true dreams and begin work as artists. The eight artists discovered the Carolina Washboard Company building, a run-down warehouse complete with rusty needles, broken glass, exposed rafters and a few bums, what would be later referred to as the "brick tent."

> In other words, the perfect dwelling to begin their collective studio. In the beginning, the rent was \$800 (\$100 an artist) – it has nearly doubled since, but that hasn't changed the way the artists value the space. With perfect lighting, a great view and more than adequate space to truly create without feeling confined, Antfarm studio is still ideal.

Yet, the building alone is not Antfarm. Antfarm is an idea, a concept of almost communal living. Everything is shared from tools to supplies, from tools to supplies, and they even take turns with what music is playing. They are there for each other, the kind of support all artiste need yet rarely artists need yet rarely receive. Antfarm Studios was apparently too consumed by the pending tour of their exhibit to allow an interview, yet this quote appears in the exhibition catalogue: "We had been and should continue functioning as a colony of ants, with no single mem-

ber carrying more weight than any other as we worked towards a common goal." The studio holds required weekly meetings and functions without one individual presiding over the others. Today, there are still just eight members of Antfarm,

though over 40 artists have come and gone. Their mediums of choice range from paint, sculpture, metal, furniture and just about anything else you can think of, like the 120 pieces on display this month in the Talley Gallery of Art and Design. The free exhibit runs through Sept. 28, but it is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. When you first enter the gallery, you will at once be struck with all of the color; the exhibit is very vibrant, and stunning as a whole. However, as you begin to ex-mine the idividual user to a much our much one more out

amine the individual works, you may be overcome with the sensation that this work was created just a few streets over, by local people, many of who attended NCSU. Don't belittle the exhibit in your mind just because its local, or by young artists - it could rival exhibits in the Museum of Modern Art, the Guggenheim or other



The Gallery of Art and Design currently showcases works from Antfarm, a local art studio that is celebrating 10 years of creativity. The exhibit, which is located on the second floor of Talley Student Center, runs through Sept. 28.

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## professional displays.

You may have already seen some Antfarm work. The sculpture outside the children's wing of WakeMed hos-pital, menus at the Rockford Restaurant and the secu-rity bars and door handles at the Humble Pie were all

spewed forth from the creative minds of Antfarmers. Many copycat studios have opened in recent years, taking cues from Antfarm Studios but adding their own flair. Litmus, Blam! and Basement studios have all at-

flair. Litmus, Blaml and Basement studios have all at-tempted the Antfarm concept, and so far have done well in replicating the close-knit society. Many artists try to become integrated into such a society; Antfarm receives floods of applicants and keeps a waiting list. Applicants are consistently discussed at the weekly meetings, and interviewed; yet, admission is not based on talent alone. The studio wants to ensure the future success by limiting admission to those who uphold what the studio has come to stand for: support cooperation the studio has come to stand for: support, cooperation and, of course, talent.

The studio has braved ice storms and hurricanes, break-ins and a gas explosion, yet the members always try to make the best of every situation. When a tree fell on the building, they made furniture out of it. The lack of proper funding can cause frustrations, as any small business or non-profit organization has discovered.

The following statement appears in the exhibition magazine: "Antfarm (all rights reserved) is an unofficial, numeration in the second secon



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## lewpoint **TECHNICIAN'S**

## HERE IS SMOK OUR OPINION: CHEATING INVESTIGA-

TIONS SHOULD LOOK INTO EVERYTHING TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS.

During the second summer session, 15 students from the electrical and computer engineering department were accused of cheating on a final exam. The class was split into two sections with each half taking the exam in separate places. The professor and the teaching assistant gave the exam.

Cheating is a serious academic offense, one that should be, and is, punishable by expulsion from the university. This would be an open and shut case for Stu-

dent Conduct, but this incident was just one of many that apparently occurred throughout the summer. Students, both accused and non ac-

cused, claim that cheating had been going on during the entire semester and some even say the professor knew about it. According to students, some students cheated on homework assignments, labs and on the mid-term exam. A student

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Inside the confer-

ence halls, rich

says that three-fourths of the class cheated in some form or another on the midterm exam.

In addition to the midterm stories, student say that they would get together in a study lounge before class time and exchange answers and that the professor would come in and give them the answers to the homework problems. Several students claim that they complained to the professor and their advisors after the midterm, but nothing was done

Cheating is serious and any hint of an infraction should be investigated to the fullest. Every party involved, whether student, professor or T.A. should be questioned and investigated to make sure that an infraction did happen and that it was handled properly and in a timely manner.

With that, the students' stories about the professors' conduct should be given credence. There seems to be too many contradictory stories coming from the students and too much circumstantial bers of the Technician's editorial board except for news editors and are the responsibility of the editors in chief.

evidence from the professor for this to be a cut and dry case.

Some of the students swear they never cheated, but were suspected anyway. It seems that if prudence rules, the professor should also be investigated to ascertain if he did know about the rampant cheating beforehand or not. This is to protect him, the students accused, and the university as a whole.

No matter the outcome of this case, cheating is wrong in all circumstances. Even if the professor knew about cheating, creating an atmosphere where cheating was acceptable, the students still should not have cheated.

It is dishonest and unintelligent to cheat, even if one thinks the professor allows it. It falls to the individual student to make sure he or she is following the Code of Student Conduct when it comes to cheating. Under no circum-stance whatsoever is cheating acceptable. The academic reputation of the university is at stake.

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## familiar story

The script for World Trade Organi-zation meetings has become one that everyone knows. The world's economic negotiators gather at some exotic location while thousands of protestors tail them in their

Robert Jailall

countries ask poor countries to liberalize and open up, while poor countries ask rich countries to liberalize and open up. Though the machinations remain the same, reality shows that poor countries are falling increasingly behind their rich friends. It is a reality that poor countries are increasingly upset about, as demonstrated by their recent walkout during the Cancun WTO talks.

Most people even from ancient times have recognized that trade is beneficial to countries. However, we have learned that the distribution of the benefits of trade depends on the terms of trade When countries or companies from those countries decide on trade prices, they have decided the terms of trade. When most countries criticize United States economic policy, they are directly or indirectly referring to the terms of trade

On global terms, trade allows higher levels of consumption to be achieved than without it, but given terms of trade that are not balanced, one country in an exchange can claim most of the benefits of trade, leaving the other with very little (lower prices for exports equals poor terms of trade).

In trade negotiation, we as Americans would like to achieve the most favorable terms of trade -- that is, high prices for our exports and low prices for our imports. The United States could request favorable terms, but trading partners generally do not give gifts to foreigners because they themselves are trying to seek the most favorable terms. Indeed, other countries could even col-laborate to exploit the United States

laborate to exploit the United States demand for a resource by forming cartels to keep world prices high and terms favorable. In fact, the opposite of cartels, free production of a resource independent of other countries, would be the most favorable to the United States because

it would force prices of imports down. Thus, the United States (or any country) tries to seek this goal in all of its negotiations. If the United States can not achieve its goals within the realities of the negotiation scenario, then the only option other than accepting poor terms is to change the scenario.

To this end, we observe several strate gies that the United States and other rich countries employ in real life. First, sustained propaganda goes a long way in convincing countries not to cartel-ize or intervene to increase the prices of their goods. Membership to inter-national organizations like the WTO also works similarly, with the rules of the WTO becoming policy in target

To get individual countries to sub-mit to poor terms, debt has become an excellent tool to neutralize other countries of their bargaining power. Specifically, once a country becomes burdened in foreign debt (denominated in foreign currency), it has no choice but to accept any avenue it can to pay back debts. Most poor countries end up exporting their resources without too much quibbling about terms in order to deal with their significant debts. If countries default on their loans, the United States can control foreign trade policy where it could only massage it before. If countries pay back their loans, the United States position of leverage is diminished. Fortunately, the terms of trade for poor countries exporting commodities has been decreasing, meaning that poor countries are progressively less able to bay back foreign debts. This reinforcing nature of debt makes it a powerful tool in the

United States' negotiating arsenal. Ultimately, an American win in trade means foreign and specifically Third World loss. Moreover, when international economic governing bodies like the WTO (backed by the United States) act to mainly provide the United States with favorable trade terms, it is not surprising to see Third World countries speak up. In Cancun, these countries called out their rich neighbors on way in which they talk out of both sides of their mouth. For poor countries there are even still other issues they would like to address, issues that do not seem to have come about so accidentally.



## A world of dreams and struggles

"Excuse me, could you please tell me the way to Talley Student Center?' I turned to look at the baffled face.



Singh

Tiny drops of sweat covered her forehead and she was taking quick breaths. It was her first day at school and she was not the only one. As school starts

every fall, one comes across so many heads on campus lowered

in big campus maps, rising occasion-ally to avoid any collision. Waiting at the Wolfline bus stop or at the book-store, vacillating between uneasiness and apprehension, new students try to understand all that's around them. Caught in an internal fight between their minds and heart they try to catch hold of a thread that could lead to a trace of home. Gradually they move towards acclimatizing them-selves to the new place, a home away

from home. This is the story of international students, coming from across the world to realize their dreams to be come someone better, to achieve their desired academic goals and to experipletely system. Everything alters: the lifestyle, the behavior, the meaning of the simplest things in life. Gradually they find themselves to be on an entirely different thought track.

The memories of the teething troubles will certainly stay with me as a souvenir for my entire lifetime. It is an enormous struggle to kick start your life at N.C. State. The consistent rise in tuition doesn't help either. Every second I think of my parents who are spending their hard earned money just to get me through with my graduation at one of the better schools in the United States. It is very

difficult to get funding as a graduate student at NCSU and we are left with no other option but to spend our precious time working on part-time jobs that give us no academic learning experience except for a few dollars per hour to sustain our living at NCSU. Assistantships are hard to find, and there are just a few lucky Most of us would work on projects with professors for free, but with the already heavy workload, it's difficult to do that.

Sometimes I can't help thinking about my purpose of coming to NCSU, was it trying to grab the high paying part-time jobs or to make the two years of my life at NCSU a launch and for a rewarding professional career. Every year a large number of students come from all over the world to attend NCSU. After spending so much money, is it worthwhile to come that far away from home? During their initial stay, they face many problems -- both financial and personal.

Keeping all that in account, what makes the stay of these international students worthwhile? After completing their studies when they go back to their countries, they carr with themselves not only a significant ad-dition to their knowledge and skills but also an invaluable experience that all the years to come. Because of the financial problems we face here, future international students might get discouraged to come to NCSU. As I still try to fight with the huge

monster of homework, classes and part-time jobs, I experience a taste of real hardship. Skipping lunch nearly everyday and sitting in the library, and studying all night makes me im-patient for the coming weekends. But on the other side, despite the numer-ous student-life hassles, I am gradually becoming accustomed to the surroundings and adjusting to the workload. The most exhilarating feeling of

independence comes to my heart each time I think of the time I have spent in a totally different culture.

With each passing day, we find ourselves appreciating and embrac-ing a different world. After jelling in properly, we start contributing to the wholesome growth of school activi-ties. Working on collaborative activities here in graduate school makes us develop an attitude and knowledge for the industrial environs and our skills become blended with the pro fessional aspect of our course study as well. The professors here are supportive and more than ready to help. This has been a great experience for me, and I think that it creates an environ-ment that is conducive for an effective

learning process. Whatever we learn here in gradu-ate school will stay forever with us, inducing in us hope and enthusiasm for every challenge that we are likely to face. We not only become indepen-dent in our activities but are also able dent in our activities but are also able to view things with a broader per-spective. Also the diversity on campus provides us with a culturally enrich-ing experience, and without doubt will hold us when we would interact with them later in our professional with them later in our professional careers. It is just not on the academic front that we learn. Managing your home and expenses all contribute to one's personal development.

step out of graduate school with our hard-earned degrees, we would have lived a life of dreams. Dreams that some of us never knew we wanted to realize. Each accomplishment would be rewarding enough to bring joy to make us overcome our homesickness and fight our own little battles to settle down at NCSU and adjust to its lifestyle and work culture. With this thought in mind, we should start each day and endeavor to think more about things we want to learn and experience rather than what jobs will pay us more.

CAMPUS FORUM

Editor's note: This is in response to the letter by Tim Luckadoo about the mold situation. Jamie Pendergrass is the original complainant in the case.

While I may agree with Mr. Luckadoo that there may not be "evidence of systemic or on-going problems with mold" in University Housing, however I entered into this ordeal with the hopes that if there were any problem, big or small, that it would be addressed and students would be kept safe. If students had to wait for as long as I had to until you actually saw someone in your room or saw evidence that they had been there, then that is a big problem. I too am "very concerned" that the University Administration puts the needs of the students to the bottom of the list of priorities. Perhaps the soluis to begin mandatory workshops at freshman orientation where freshmen learn to identify possible mold growth about mold, what it looks like and how to stop it. There are multiple solutions that can be formulated, yet no proactive measures by the administration. It's about time that the administration begins to be proactive about students instead of reactive. I too ask the Technician to write a follow-up story and provide "accurate" and "balanced" information about University Housing. Wait. That was already done.

tion to the problem of mold in dorms

I saw a medley of multiple expres-sions combined.

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In fact, Amato might just



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be the Jim Murray of coaches. Murray, the late, great sports writer, filled pages with lines never written before, ones that will never be written again. Murray wrote things like, "He's as unstoppable as a woman's tears." He once began a story about the Indianapolis 500 with, "Gentlemen, start your

## coffins. Yep, the coach missed the

LSU

memo, indeed. He should have been a comedian. Or a sports writer.

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we might be." Amato said. "He might be as good as there is in the country."

Tulloch impresses At times during Saturday's game, the State defense was littered with freshman across its front seven during key parts of the game. Amato said up to four freshmen were playing up front at the same time, including Miami native Stephen Tulloch, who laid several big hits to the Red Raiders and finished with four tackles and

a quarterback pressure. "He's just caught my eye ever since he's got here," Amato said. "He reminds me of [Wolfpack all-time tackles leader] Levar [Fisher] because of the energy he brings out there."

Aughtry-Lindsay said he sees in practice all the time what everyone in Carter-Finely Stadium saw last weekend.

"In practice, he has this enthusiasm and never takes off a play," said Aughtry-Lindsay. "He's one of those guys that's just hungry

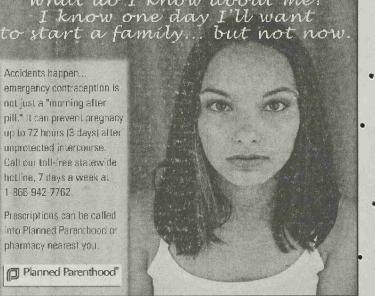
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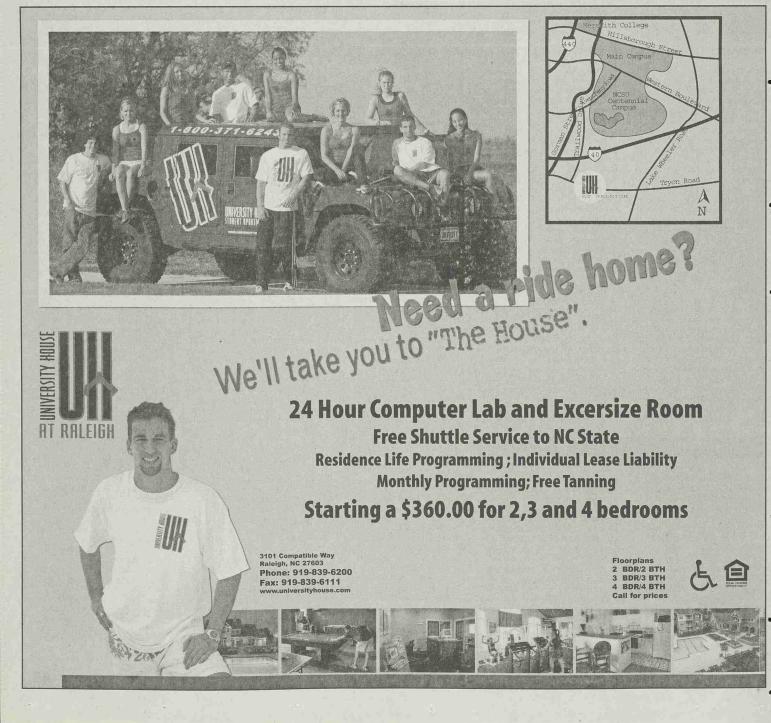
day's game with a broken toe. A former wide receiver, Graham caught a team-high four passes in Carolina's 17-9 win over the Wolfpack in 2001...Cornerback Greg Golden and offensive line-man Sean Locklear have been honored by the ACC as the offensive lineman and defensive back of the week. Locklear spearhead-ed a unit that paved the way for 217 yards rushing, while Golden returned an interception 71 yards for a touchdown...State's game at Georgia Tech on Oct. 4 will begin at noon and will be televised by Jefferson-Pilot Sports.

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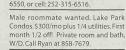
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traveling that they have done

- "I really like to travel. I saw Niagara Falls for the first time, it's cool," Reis said. "In addition, I have never played in games where 4,000 people show up to watch me play with my team. I've watched
- games with crowds of 22,000 though." • When it comes to her goals, Reis is concise and to the
- point. I want to get my major, play
- volleyball and have fun doing it," Reis said. With an exciting career ahead of her, achieving those
- goals is surely within reach. Reis and the Wolfpack vol-
- leyball team begin ACC play tonight at 7 p.m. against Georgia Tech at Reynolds Coliseum.





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of Colorado. The junior quarterback played only

three quarters, but was 30 for 39 with no inter-

ceptions and two touch-

**Charlie Whitehurst** 

for Whitehurstís pass-ing attack. The Clemson

quarterback burned the Yellow Jacket defense

rivals had been decided

by less than five points,

but the Tigers easily won this time, 39-3.

The Georgia Tech sec-ondary was no match

## Jackets' line

In a 39-3 thumping from Clemson, the Georgia Tech offensive line allowed the blitzing Tiger defense to sack quarterback Reggie Ball five times. With mini-mal blocking up front, the Tech rushed for a scant 45 yards.

## Duke

After winning two straight games, the Blue Devils were soundly beaten by lowly Northwestern at home, 28-10. The ACC's leading rusher Chris Douglas was held to 42 yards on the ground when he previ-ously averaged 102. North-western was able to get off to a quick start, rolling up 188 yards of total offense and two touchdowns in the first quarter.

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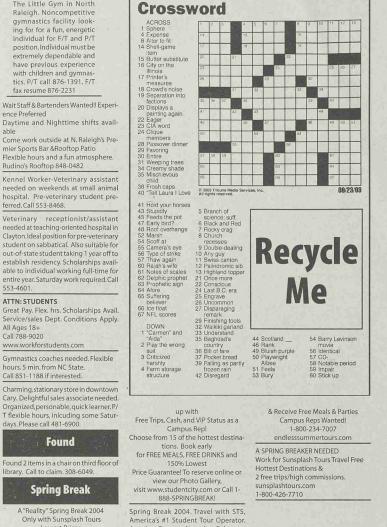
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## **Score Box**

Saturday September 20 Wisconsin 38, North Carolina 27 Northwestern 28, Duke 10 Florida State 47, Colorado 7 Maryland 34, West Virginia 7 Wake Forest 34, East Carolina 16 Clemson 39, Georgia Tech 3

## Saturday's Games

North Carolina at N.C. State, 2 p.m. Wake Forest at Virginia, 3:30 p.m. Maryland at Eastern Michigan, 6 p.m. Florida State at Duke, 7 p.m. Georgia Tech at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.

## Standings

**Florida State** Clemson Wake Forest Virginia Duke Maryland N.C. State Georgia Tech North Carolina

## Stat of the week

Conf. Overall

4-0 3-1 2-1 2-2 2-2 2-2 1-3 0-3

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586

Texas Tech quarterback B.J. Symons passed for 586 yards in a 49-21 loss to N.C. State on Sat-urday, breaking the record for most passing yards ever against State. His performance also broke the Texas Tech record for single game passing yards single game passing yards.

## **Quote of the week**

"I DON'T CARE IF HE HAD **1000 YARDS. WE HAD A HECK OF A LOT MORE POINTS ON THAT SCORE-**BOARD."

-N.C. State head coach Chuck Amato, referring to Symons' 586 passing yards.

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for 298 yards on 23 for 28 passing and threw for three touchdowns in the second quarter alone. Each of the previous eight meetings between these









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## Tuesday DOITES

## A stand-up coach

Chuck Amato missed the memo. Here he is, coach of a major sports program at a major university in-



volved with a serious game like football, and

Andrew Carter

he's getting more laughs than a bad toupee. Doesn't Amato know he's supposed to have

the personal-ity of a piece of washed-up drift-wood? Doesn't he know coaches' answers should be

as vague or wordy or repetitive or short or ridiculous or boring or smelly as possible? Why can't Amato be more ordinary?

Why can't he be more like an 80-year old calculus professor instead of a 25year old stand-up comic? Instead, he just has to be funny. Maybe it's because he's Italian. Maybe

Maybe it's because he's Italian. Maybe it's because, in his words, he enjoys drinking the "grape juice." Maybe it's because that grape juice really isn't grape juice at all, but (AHA!), wine. For once, I just want him to drop a cliche. Say something he's gotten out of the coachspeak manual that's dis-tributed at conventions and handed out at midfield at the end of each game and before each press confer-ence.

Something like, <i>"Well, we gave it 110 percent out there and left it all on the field. We'll have to make adjusments before our next game, but there's a lot we can capitalize on from

this game. We tried hard. Bob." </i>
Or, something like, <i><sup>2</sup> Well, reporter, I would answer your question, but you look like you have about as much football knowledge as a pet rock and your gut is probably bigger than your brain, so I'll just make some crap up and walk away quicker than you can run."</i>

But Amato won't do it. He's different

It's like he thinks football is a game. It's like he's thankful to be doing something he loves for a living. I wish, just for once, that Amato would rip one of his players in public, or stam

pede into the press no public, of stam-pede into the press room with the scowl of Bob Knight. And the one-word answers -- Amato gives these out as if he's saving them for the apocalypse. Little does he know how bad it is when he answers five questions in one Or when be tells five questions in one. Or when he tells a story that reveals he has an actual personality. Or when he makes guys laugh so hard, liquor spews out of their neetile. their nostrils

And then he has the nerve to smile all the time. As if the guy's "human" or

omething. Why can't Amato be like other coaches?

C'mon, Chuck. If I want to laugh, I'll watch "Old School" again. I'll look in the mirror. I'll try to play football. If I want to leave your press confer-ence with my side cramping from giggling so hard, I'll spend more time watching sportswriters cram brownies down their throats as if there's a pot of chicken wings for whomever can eat the most. I'll pay more attention to all the ridiculous questions asked.

I don't go to a Chuck Amato press conference expecting entertainment akin to a night at Charlie Goodnight's, but that's what I get. The only thing missing from Amato's weekly routine is a brick wall background, dim light-

ing, smoke, beer and an admission fee. Then again, what stand-up comic ever rode into his act on a motorcycle? Amato did just that at one press conference last season, complete with black leather threads and a helmet he ordered from the Hells Angels online sto

Throughout his tenure as State's head man, coachspeak has been about as common as disappointment. If Amato wants to say someone's fast, he'll say, "His motor is running near the red line all the time." If he wants

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Schedule

Football vs. North Carolina, 9/27, 2 Men's soccer vs. Campbell, 9/24, 4 Women's soccer vs. Virginia, 9/26, 4 Volleyball vs. Georgia Tech, 9/23, 7 Cross Country in Great American XC, 9/26

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## New country, same game

JULIA REIS BRINGS EXPERIENCE AND STEADINESS TO STATE VOLLEYBALL.

## Memie Ezike

Outside hitter Julia Reis is not your typical N.C. State volleyball player. She hails from Brazil, and has been in the United

States for only a month. She can speak English well, although her close friend and teammate Bruna Maraccini helps translate into Reis' native Portuguese when needed. Her first official visit to State came during last year's ice storm. "I had never seen something like that before,"

Reis said, referring to the storm. Nevertheless, she came to NCSU, where the freshman lives and breathes volleyball. In 13 games this season, she is third in the ACC in total kills with 127, and is on pace to break the single-season Wolfpack record in that category. But Reis isn't about the numbers; she's about

the game 'I love to play volleyball," she said. "I just want

to play well and help the team win." Coach Mary Byrne's face lights up when Reis

Coach Mary Byrne's face lights up when Reis' name is mentioned. Byrne is excited about the freshman's potential to become a great player and future leader of the team. "It's been really exciting to have her as part of our program," Byrne said. "She is really an amaz-ing volleyball player, yet she and her other team-mates pick up tendencies from each other." When Reis was preparing to play volleyball in the United States, she had many college options. After much deliberation, Reis chose State. "I looked at schools like Vircinia. Idaho. Okla-

"I looked at schools like Virginia, Idaho, Okla-homa and South Carolina," Reis said. "But I talked to some people from Brazil who studied in the United States and they said that N.C. State was

a good school." Reis grew up with athletics a large part of her life

Her father was a basketball player and her mother, who Reis credits as a role model, was a volleyball player.

volleyball player. "I originally played basketball, but my mom did not like me playing," Reis said. "She was the one who pushed me toward volleyball, and I have been playing since I was 9-years-old." Reis has had to acclimate herself to the Ameri-can style of play since arriving in the United States. She sees American players concentrate more on technical skill, whereas in Brazil she played with more freedom and concentrated played with more freedom and concentrated much less on technical ability

"Here in America, everything the coach says, the players do exactly," Reis said. "In Brazil, play is more free; coaches tell you to learn by watch ing the games

Anyone who has been in a foreign country for only a month knows that is not a lot of time to become adjusted to a new culture.

Reis has had, and still continues, to make ad-justments living here in the United States. That's where her friend Maraccini comes in. Maraccini in Apex for the last four years. Reis and Maraccini did not know each other

when they both lived in Brazil. When Maraccini committed to State, she was told that another Bra-zilian player would be joining the team -- Reis. Since they met, their relationship has blossomed

into a strong friendship. Maraccini's time in the United States has helped Reis adjust to life in a new country.

'Thank goodness I know Bruna," Reis said. "It's

like her family has adopted me once we met." "We help each other out, even though I have only known Julia for a month," Maraccini said. "She helps me re-learn my Portuguese, while I help teach her to understand English better. It feels like I've known her forever."

Both players, especially Reis, have enjoyed the

## Pack ready for rivalry week

Winless North Carolina travels to Carter-Finely this weekend to face State, who might be without leading rusher T.A. McLendon.

## Matt Middleton

John Ritcher doesn't need to be reminded who N.C. State is playing this week. The son of N.C. State All-America offensive lineman Jim Ritcher, John grew up agonizing over the State-North Carolina rivalry that his father and cheerleader mother experienced from

"You learn to dislike Carolina at a real young age growing up a State fan," the sophomore tight end said. "I remember going to school after State had won or lost and either getting on

Carolina fans or feeling like I was about to cry because they were getting on me so bad." True, North Carolina en-ters this week's game with a record of 0-3, and the contest won't be on network televi-sion. What's more, with 29 players from Florida on the

roster, isn't there a bit of doubt as to who the team's main rival is?

"No, lots of Florida guys understand the rivalry, I compare it to Florida-Florida State," said linebacker Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay. Coach Chuck Amato be-

lieves his team will have no problem getting up for the game "Even though we have a lot

of kids out-of-state, you can sense they know it," Amato said. "They all had a rival in high school and this is the rivalry...this is the one that's turned into a huge deal." McLendon still banged up

Even though he did have his first 100-yard rushing game

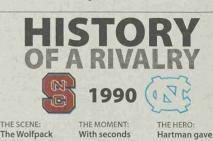
of the season, running back T.A. McLendon barely played half the game against Texas Tech. The sophomore power runner pulled up lame on a 67-yard run early in the third quarter and is listed as questionable for Saturday's game

with a hamstring strain. Amato likened his status to that of the week preced-ing the Ohio State game, in which McLendon had just 11 touches

"Two weeks ago, I said it would be a bonus if he played against Ohio State...again I'm going to go on record as say ing if he plays it's going to be a bonus this week," Amato said. "If you've ever had a bad hamstring, you can't even sit down.

Amato then pondered where the team would be if McLendon was healthy for the entirety of all its games. "If he had played four full games, Lord knows where

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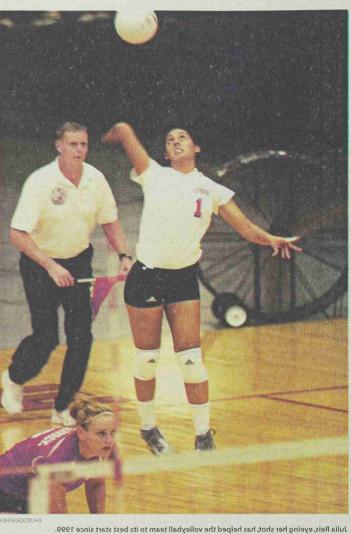
had beaten the Tar Heels two years in a row and rode into Kenan Stadium on Sept. 29 with a record of 2-2 to face what would he North Caroia coach Mack yard field goal. The kick barely Brown's first of eight teams to cleared the up finish with a winrights and the ning record. Pack had claimed a 3-point win.

State its only road win of the year with his school-record 56-yard boot, his fourth field goal of the day. Hart-man still holds many other school kicking records, including most points scored via kicks in a career.

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FINAL SCORE: N.C. STATE 12 NORTH CAROLINA 9





also lived most of her life in Brazil, but has lived

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remaining in the game and the score knotted at 9, a tie appeared inevitable. Still, State had one last chance to win when kicker **Damon Hartman** lined up for a 56