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E-Man on Campus

*Eric Davis is a sports addict with a passion for service.***Josianne Lauber**
Senior Staff Reporter

Eric Davis' first words were not at all serious. "Could you title my article 'E-Man on campus'?" That's big E, hyphen, big M," Davis said, laughing.

Although relaxed, Davis nervously rocked to and fro on his chair when I actually started recording him. "I don't really like talking about myself," Davis said.

Davis, a junior in accounting, is from "Cherryville."

Without the southern accent, pronounced Cherryville.

"Cherryville is the big baseball town. Everyone who lives there plays

**Eric Davis, a junior in accounting**

baseball."

Davis is a regular sports addict. "I started playing baseball when I was

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Sigma Chi Party causes controversy

*On Saturday, a Duke fraternity party upsets some students with their Mexican theme.***Nancy Zagbayou**
Staff Reporter

Sigma Chi fraternity's "Viva Mexico" party raises issues of racism in the form of derogatory stereotypes and intolerance.

The "Viva Mexico" party held Saturday night included things like student invitations in the form of expired green cards and students dressed as border control at the door. The fraternity also sanctioned and sold t-shirts with a dancing jalapeno holding a bottle.

Many students on Duke's campus spoke out against this social event, which they saw as belittling the Latino community.

"Even if [the party] was meant to be fun, they should have thought about the consequences," said Sandra Sanchez, president of Lambda Pi Chi sorority.

Others like Levi Karnehm did not find the social event offensive.

"Actual racism did not take place at this party and discrimination against Mexicans was neither intended nor implied by the party," Karnehm said. "Why can't people just laugh at each other?"

Sara Hudson, the co-president of

Mi Gente, addressed the importance of open discussion in creating a better understanding of the Latino community, the largest minority group in America.

"The ignorance is where people don't see [the party] as an issue, [while] many people do see this as an issue," she said.

Sigma Chi president, Marc Mattioli, admitted that the fraternity did not think about the repercussions of their actions.

"As a Latino and first generation American, I am even more disheartened by the ramifications of our party," he said. "I feel that I have let down members of both the Latino and Greek communities. Nonetheless, I think my own actions and the actions of Sigma Chi in general will show this to be a momentary lapse in judgment and not a true indication of the values of our chapter."

Some students were unhappy over Duke's decision not to take disciplinary action towards Sigma Chi.

According to Larry Moneta, the vice president for student affairs, "Being stupid is not necessarily a violation."

On N.C. State's campus, students who have heard of the incident are disappointed.

Ben Kirkley, a sophomore in biology and Spanish said, "I feel that the actions of the Duke fraternity were

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Senators introduce fee legislation

*Student Senate meeting addresses fee proposals Wednesday night.***Sam Stern**
Staff Reporter

The Tuition and Fees Committee recommended six fee resolutions to the Student Senate on Wednesday that support all fee bodies except for Student Center Operations and Carmichael Gym Expansion.

Approved fee proposals involved the athletics department (\$10), technology (\$30), physical education and recreation (\$7) and student center repairs (\$10). The requests occur during a budget crisis and a weakened economy.

The Tuition and Fees Committee viewed presentations last Tuesday at their meeting. Senator Ken Hoy,

chairman of the Tuition and Fees Committee was "impressed by the quality of the presentations." Some presentations lasted well over an hour in their effort to inform the committee where and how funds were spent.

Don Patty, director of business for Talley Student Center operations acknowledged rising costs of services as well as the higher costs of keeping employees. Since 1996, health insurance prices have increased by over 90 percent. The N.C. Legislature has ordered salary increases and benefit changes of up to 18 percent.

According to Hoy, one of the reasons for the Student Center Operations denial were due to increased funding that hired personnel.

"Of course we all know the last thing we want to hear right now is that we are hiring new personnel. Why do we

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Barker named associate vice chancellor of student affairs

*After 28 years of service to N.C. State, the current director of Student Health Services takes on new responsibilities.***Rachael Rogers**
Senior Staff Reporter

Jerry Barker, director of Student Health Services, has been promoted to associate vice chancellor of student affairs. Barker will maintain his previous duties with the health and counseling centers.

Barker's new responsibilities will include overseeing the University Career Center and the residency appeals committee. Barker will also have the opportunity this fall to act as the Division of Student Affairs unit coordinator for the State Employees' Combined Campaign.

"I am really looking forward to finding out more about these programs and working more closely with them. I think it's a good opportunity. I have spent most of my professional life in Student Affairs."

I've had success with keeping departments appropriately staffed, had success with seeking new resources for funding and these are things that will help those departments continue to develop," Barker said.

Keeping up with all of these new responsibilities plus maintaining his cur-

rent duties will have Barker performing a balancing act, but he is confident that his additional responsibilities will not hamper his work with Student Health Services.

"One of my overriding concerns I expressed to Dr. Stafford was that I wanted to be able to devote enough time to the health and counseling centers. I want to make sure that my taking on these new responsibilities will not jeopardize these programs," Barker said.

Barker has worked over the years to bring national recognition to the health services and the counseling center and does not want to let that slip.

"I am a strong believer in our division motto 'Students First' and I clearly want all of the programs I am working with to be student centered and provide quality student service," Barker said.

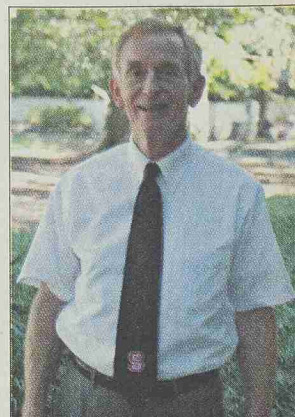
Barker has been on the N.C. State campus for 28 years, spending 18 of those years as the director of health services. For five years, he served as a physical education instructor and as assistant wrestling coach.

"I still like to watch the matches and think it's a great sport," Barker said.

Barker also spent seven years at NCSU working towards his Ph.D. in education.

Barker also stays involved with many of the students around NCSU.

"Each year I take a group of Caldwell Fellows out west to a major mountain for an outward bound type trip," Barker



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Jerry Barker was recently named Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

said.

Barker has also been on two alternative spring break trips to the Dominican Republic and Honduras. These events were organized by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, and Public Service.

"I really enjoy doing things with and working with students. We have a great student body here, a good bunch of young adults," Barker said.

Spray it - don't say it



TIM LYTIVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Crystal Johnson, a sophomore in accounting, promotes the color guard club in an attempt to bring color guard back into marching band.

Swanwick makes waves for reading series

*Science fiction writer Michael Swanwick draws a crowd Wednesday night.***Jode Willingham**
Staff Reporter

The award-winning science fiction author Michael Swanwick visited campus Wednesday night, as part of the Guy Owen-Walters Reading Series. The author, wearing a bone-piece earring, answered questions and read for an audience that included professors, students and science-fiction fans.

Swanwick, whose work has been described as "fiercely contemporary," read his short story "Radio Waves," which won the World Fantasy Award in 1996. John Kessel, director of the Creative Writing Program, introduced Swanwick. Kessel is an award-winning science-fiction author as well. Winner of the Nebula

Award in 1982 for his novella "Another Orphan," Kessel described Swanwick's work as "warm, cruel, contemplative and moral."

Swanwick grew up in New York and received a degree in English from The College of William and Mary. He gained notice in the literary world for his first novel "In the Drift," which received immediate acclaim among science-fiction readers. Swanwick received the Nebula Award in 1991 for his novel "Stations of Tide."

Recently, Swanwick was a Hugo Award winner for his novelette, "Slow Life." The Hugo awards are given each year by the World Science Fiction Society to honor the best writers within the genre of science fiction and fantasy. An unprecedented achievement, 2003 marked the fourth time in the last five years Swanwick has come home with a Hugo.

For his reading, Swanwick said he chose

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Fantasy author Michael Swanwick read a short story and fielded questions about his work during a forum Wednesday.**Sammy's**
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Anholt, Berenson research flies, odors

Robert Anholt and Sarah Berenson work on their own research projects.

Aniesha Felton
Senior Staff Reporter

While some students may be repelled by three-day old, sweaty gym socks and garbage, Robert Anholt's fruit flies are repelled by a cherry-smelling odorant called benzaldehyde.

Anholt, professor of genetics and zoology, is currently working on a project that will hopefully help people understand the genetic architecture of odor-guided behavior. This goal will be accomplished by determining what the mechanisms by which fruit flies sense odors are, how they discriminate odors and how and why they make decisions to move away from certain odors.

"Understanding the avoidance-response to repellent odors is an essential key to understanding survival and reproduction," Anholt said. "Studying olfactory systems in these fruit flies and understanding why they are repelled by certain odorants will have many positive effects on many other fields."

To understand and quantify this genetic architecture of odor-guided behavior, Anholt has a lab full of *Drosophila* (fruit flies), benzaldehyde (the odorant) and a stopwatch.

Five same-sexed fruit flies, all inbred so that there is no genetic variation, either controlled or with a mutation, are placed in vials, which are divided into two compartments.

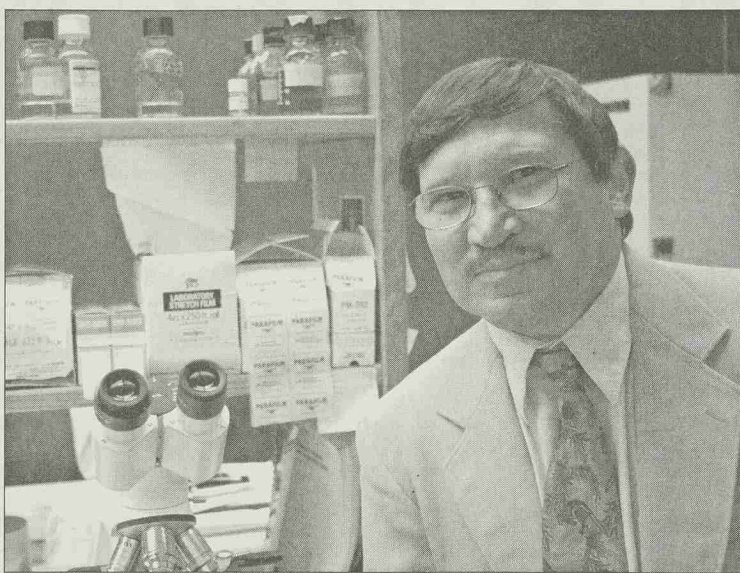
When exposed to the odor of benzaldehyde, the fruit flies migrate to the bottom of the vial. Anholt and others count how many flies stay in the compartment away from the odor source, in five-second intervals. The average score of fruit flies in the compartment farthest away from the smell in 10, five-second counts, is the "avoidance score."

What Anholt has found is that the mutations, which are purposely caused by inserting a genetically engineered piece of DNA in the fruit flies' genes, cause wide spread changes in gene expression, which he terms a ripple effect through the genome.

"What we found was that if one gene was mutated, it didn't only affect that gene, but it affected a network of genes associated with that genotype; it's like throwing a pebble in a pond and observing the ripples," Anholt said. "Using this model system we are actually beginning to understand the genetic basis for complex behaviors," Anholt said.

This \$1.3 million project, with ongoing support from the National Institutes of Health may ultimately have implications for human health, including diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease and schizophrenia because these diseases are associated with olfactory impairments. The research will also impact agricultural and urban pest control.

Overall, Anholt is pleased



Robert Anholt, professor of zoology and genetics, is researching fruit fly behavior.

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- Robert Anholt

with his research and findings thus far.

"I am very excited about our advances and great strides in this particular research," he said. "I am thrilled by work all the time," Anholt said. Work from Anholt's lab is published in the current journal issue of *Nature Genetics*.

Sarah Berenson, director of the Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Education, is encouraging girls to get on track -- the fast math track.

Berenson's Girls on Track project, which was implemented five years ago, encourages Wake County girls who were recommended by their math teachers to stay on the math track by taking math courses up until their senior year in high school.

"Because women were under-represented in the math field there was discussion that maybe boys have 'it' and girls don't," Berenson said.

Berenson found research that stated that girls were not encouraged to take math courses in high school. Guidance counselors would say, "Oh honey, you won't need math, you're going to be a journalist or a nurse," she said.

With this information, Berenson started a program for seventh and eighth grade girls in whom she and others would track girls and their math courses up to their

senior year in high school. Girls would be contacted and asked about their progress, feelings and attitudes towards math.

What Berenson found through the first set of girls in 1999 to the present cohort of girls was that there are four factors that she believes contribute to these girls continuing in math throughout high school.

"What I have found is that the girls who stay on track are very good at proportional reasoning. Understanding how variables relate and interact with each other come easily to them. Another thing I've found was that these girls had someone in their home that they could go to for immediate help in their math homework," she said. "But the factors that truly amaze me are the work ethic and confidence these seventh and eighth girls have."

"These girls place more expectations on themselves than their parents. They also are very confident in their math abilities. These girls are driven and assured that they have what it takes to succeed in math. It's wonderful," Berenson said.

Berenson also found that girls in this program end up loving math and can see how it can be useful in their future and their careers.

While Berenson found out that some girls who are encouraged to

take math, end up liking it considerably, she found out that they hate computer science.

"Now we have another target where we are like OK -- what's going on in computer science? Why don't girls like computers?" she said.

"We've changed the way women view mathematics, now we're trying to understand what we did so that we can do it again for computer science," she said.

Berenson and others hypothesized that because women cannot see computer science's immediate benefits and results, and women want to know how things will affect things in society right away, women will be less likely to take up computer science.

While the question of how would to go about teaching computer science so that it would be appealing to women is on Berenson's mind, two grants from the National Science Foundation totaling \$1,275 only fund three Girls on Track programs and its research.

"It's important for women to get involved in math and science," she said.

According to the National Academy of Science there will be a shortage of men working in high-tech and high-paying fields. What we want is for women to get involved in these fields, but first we need to know why they aren't interested so that we can create a program that will get them interested. This is our biggest concern," she said. Science Foundation totaling \$1,275 only fund three Girls on Track programs and its research. "It's important for women to get involved in math and science," she said. "According to the National Academy of Science there will be a shortage of men working in high-tech and high-paying fields. What we want is for women to get involved in these fields, but first we need to know why they aren't interested so that we can create a program that will get them interested. This is our biggest concern," she said.

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five and playing basketball when I was six or seven." He currently plays intramural softball, flag football and basketball.

He spoke highly of his team. "We're called 'those guys,' we're a dynasty, we've played, we've had our squad for four years now and all my friends are on the team," Davis said. "We're the best and all you other teams should watch out for our team," Davis said jokingly. "I am a competitive person and I like to win," Davis said.

Born in Michigan, Davis remains loyal to his teams.

"I love baseball, I love the Tigers, but they are going to have the worst season ever because they have the worst record...but I stick with my team because they'll turn the ground one day. I love all Detroit teams...In '84 the Patriots won the World Se-

ries, and I like the Pistons, they won the championships in '89 and '90," Davis said.

Laughing, Davis said he chose N.C. State because it was a big name school and because he did not have to write an essay for the NCSU application.

Davis participates in Service Raleigh and Habitat for Humanity. He also takes part in clubs on campus. "I was the secretary of the Accounting Society and I am on the College of Management Student Advisory Board," Davis said.

Davis explained why he likes it here.

"I like State because it's diverse and I like meeting and hanging with new people, different kinds of people, people from different cultures, because you learn a lot about yourself and who you are and when you grow up in a small town, a lot of people are closed minded and I wanted to get away from that," Davis said.

When Davis was asked to de-

scribe himself he said "stubborn, nice, forgetful and fun," and then added "cool."

When his friends described him, they had more to say about Eric James Davis.

Jeff Teague, a senior in business management and a close friend of Eric's, said, "Eric is an all around great guy. He's always outgoing and looking to make the best of situations. He's pretty much up for everything as long as he's having a good time," Teague said.

Rusty Haynes, a senior in math education, is Eric's best friend. "Me and Eric have been friends our whole lives -- we grew up together. Eric has always been the random guy, that guy in the group who makes everybody laugh. He could put a funny spin in any situation," Haynes said.

One on one with Eric Davis

Technician: What is one of your major goals?

Eric: I would like to move to New York and be a stock broker on Wall Street.

Technician: If you could do anything, what would it be?

Eric: I would travel all over the world: Asia, Europe, Africa, those three first. I would go to every major league baseball stadium. I would buy an airplane and learn how to fly it.

Technician: What do you do in your free time, if you have any?

Eric: I like to lift weights, run, eat, party with my friends, hang out with my girl and work at Paine Webber where I am the director of interns.

Technician: What do you hate?

Eric: That the Tigers built a new stadium. And I hate it when people make noise when I am trying to study because I think I have ADD (laughs).

Eric: It was Rusty Haynes' birthday on Tuesday and I forgot and I didn't get him anything. Good friend, right?

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entirely inappropriate. Their ignorance shows a complete lack of respect for another people and trivializes the situation of the group which they are mocking."

The events at Duke happened during NCSU's celebration of the Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month. During the months of September and October, a

series of events are being held across campus to foster and celebrate the Latino culture.

Events like the Soy Yo Oratorical contest will be held on Oct. 14 in the African American Cultural Center. The contest will be a unique opportunity for students to explore the Latino/Hispanic identity as they discuss the joys and the pains of blending culture into American society.

To learn more about the Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month, call 515-3835.

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need all these people? What are the current ones doing now?" Hoy said. The Student Center currently has 65 fulltime employees.

Carmichael Gym plans to expand much of the current facilities, adding weight rooms, basketball courts and a juice bar. They have asked for an initial increase of \$45 that will go in effect next fall. The fee will increase by \$29 the next year.

The program has been "in the works" since 1995 when students complained about availability and space. The issues have not changed much in the last eight years.

Dawn Sanders, who has been with the program since last year said, "If students were to compare this system with that of other local universities and institutions, I think they would be shocked at how inexpensive the university is. I encourage them to come to the Student

Fee Forum to let their opinions be heard."

Due to low interest rates and the rising costs of construction, the time seemed ripe to begin on the expansion, expected to cost \$12.1 million and last until 2006. Hoy explained one of the setbacks to approving such a fee increase.

"Of all the students sitting here today, none of you will see the benefits of the fee that you are about to pass," Hoy said.

The next two weeks will be a period of important deliberation as senators review fee increases, appropriations and tuition proposals. Fee increases can often be viewed as an unwelcome cost, similar to taxes.

Some senators expressed concern for students who work two or three jobs to cover the cost of tuition and fees. Students are welcome to participate in the debate by contacting their respective student senators.

The Student Fee Forum will be held in the Talley Ballroom at 7 p.m. on Oct. 7.

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"Radio Days" because it is "accessible to people who don't read science-fiction." For over an hour, the author captivated listeners with an intense, animated reading of a story, which he described as "life affirming in my own perverse way."

"Radio Waves," originally published in his critically acclaimed collection of science fiction and fantasy short stories called "Tales of Old-Earth," gives readers a small glimpse of Swanwick's hometown in New York. Science fiction and fantasy author and critic Nick Gevers commented on "Radio Waves." Gevers said this short story "paints the spirits of the dead as decaying signals, electrical remnants facing surreal predators and experiencing dispiriting epiphanies; they must ultimately fall into

the sky, joining the universal background radiation in a negation of the conventional ghost story."

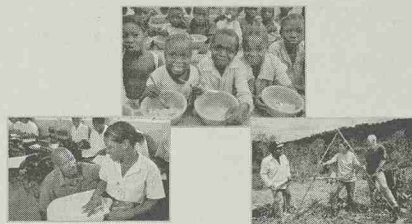
After the reading, Swanwick commented on trends in science fiction and fantasy.

Swanwick gave some insight on how he develops his own writing process. In order to keep ideas flowing, he often works on as many as 40 short stories at a time.

When asked about current trends in the world of science fiction and fantasy, Swanwick said he believes that fantasy can appear in any type of story. He said, "Fantasy is a universal school -- it's too pervasive and can be added anywhere." Swanwick also said that the future of cyber punk has a "crammed, hot future." The Guy Owen Walters Reading Series will next bring poet Betty Adcock on Oct. 23 and poet Bill Porter on Nov. 6.

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Rule of Thumb

**"Do-not-call" list too much**

A federal judge ruled that the Federal Trade Commission should not have created the national "do-not-call" list against telemarketers. The judge said, "If not for telemarketers, how would I have found out how much money I'd save by switching to MCI? What a deal!"

Germany on board for Iraq

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder agreed to set aside differences with President Bush and work together to form a strong and stable Iraq on Wednesday. Schroeder admitted his problem had stemmed from his anger at finding out there would be no Nazis in the next "Indiana Jones" movie.

**Clinton upset about Chinese biography**

Senator Hillary Clinton's publisher demanded the recall of the Chinese language printings of Clinton's autobiography because the version omits passages which are critical of the country's human rights record. After the news, the purchase of the book doubled in China, to four.

**Billy Crystal again to host Oscars**

Comedian Billy Crystal will once again host the Academy Awards after a three-year absence, Oscar organizers announced. Crystal's decision came after he watched "Analyze That" and realized this was the only way he'd ever be on the Oscar stage again.

**Olympic committee streamlined**

The Senate has decided to streamline the United States Olympic Committee, hoping to bring more accountability to the organization. This decision was made when a senator shouted sarcastically, "Yeah, well, if we want it to be less scandalous, we could always get the government involved!"

**Stone Age diet researched**

Researchers at Bradford University in England reported that Stone Age man swapped a diet of fish for one of meat and vegetables as soon as it became possible. Later research hopes to show how he then moved on to the invention of the deep fryer and chocolate chip pancakes.

**OPEC cuts oil output**

OPEC made a surprise decision to cut oil output, causing stocks to fall sharply due to concerns about higher energy costs which might dampen consumer spending. OPEC was unavailable for comments, as it was busy tying the American economy to railroad tracks, twirling its mustache and laughing maniacally.

**UNC workers protest**

The lowest-paid workers at UNC-Chapel Hill and other state university campuses showed up for what was deemed a "Teach-In on Getting Nickel and Dimed." The collective self-esteem of graduate students suffered greatly when they realized that they were paying to be at school.

**Pope thought ill**

Pope John Paul II's absence from a public appearance Wednesday increased concerns about the aging papal father's health. Thankfully, the holy father made an appearance in Vatican city later in the day, giving a speech, before tragedy struck, as some of the wires snapped and he collapsed on the stage in a heap.

**Rumsfeld pushes money for Iraq**

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld explained to Congress that President Bush's \$87 billion request to go to Iraq and Afghanistan was not only affordable, but a necessary investment in international security. We have a bridge we'd like to sell to Donald Rumsfeld.



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The Reel Review

**"Anything Else"**

★ ★ 1/2

Starring: Jason Biggs, Christina Ricci

Woody Allen, for as long as any of us can remember, has had a lot to say. It's not normally a bad thing, he's proven many times that dialogue is one of his strong points, and the things he has to say are very interesting. It's a shame that his movies some-

times aren't.

"Anything Else" is a rare film in which a single aspect - the dialogue, in this case - is both the strongest asset and the fatal flaw. Yes, it's wonderfully well written at times, and the strong cast finds the downbeat, sarcastic flow to fit the material and even squeak out a couple of very funny scenes.

But, Allen must know that his dialogue is good, and it frequently seems like his film is about the dialogue, instead of the dialogue being a part of his film. While no one goes into a Woody Allen movie without expecting at least a few scenes of excellent, but pointless, dialogue, no one expects the amount of pointless dialogue captured in "Anything Else." The sheer amount of slow, unnecessary (or repetitive) conversations force the film to

a snail's pace; for a movie with a running time of 108 minutes, it sure feels like 180.

Jason Biggs, who has nervous tendencies and ticks very similar to Allen's, stars as aspiring comic writer Jerry Falk. Jerry's got an incredibly optimistic disposition, which is odd considering that his agent (Danny DeVito) is an idiot who takes a ridiculous commission, his psychiatrist is an even bigger idiot and his live-in girlfriend (Christina Ricci) is a rambling psychopath who hasn't slept with him in six months.

About 30 minutes into the movie, with the help of Jerry's friend Dobel (Allen), it becomes very obvious what Jerry has to do to avoid the trail of insanity his life is currently paving. Maybe the 45 minutes of Jerry stumbling and procrastinating

the inevitable was an attempt to add realism to the film; honestly, procrastination of the inevitable is a fact of life for most people. But, few will argue that the dull, boring sensation that goes along with scene after scene of rambling, pointless dialogue was in any way intentional.

Maybe Allen's goal keeps getting in the way, for he prides himself in his ability to make a new film each year. It seems arguable, especially after his last few big-screen outings, that his focus on quantity is affecting the quality he puts forth. Instead of trying to make a film each year, would he be better off if he focused on making a really good movie every two or three years?

If "Anything Else" is the criteria being used, then all signs point to "yes." - Joel Isaac Frady

**"The Secret Lives of Dentists"**

★ ★ ★ ★

Starring: Campbell Scott, Hope Davis, Denis Leary
Director: Alan Rudolph

As a soothing, clinical voice-over joins blue hues of dental x-rays in the opening title sequence, you realize that "The Secret Lives of Dentists" may

have some depth. And, it does: it successfully fills the shoes of its boldly unique name.

"Teeth outlast everything. Death is nothing to teeth..." the voice explains.

David and Dana Hurst (Campbell Scott and Hope Davis) are dentists in the same practice, have three young girls at home and begin to notice that their parental dynamic is becoming increasingly unbalanced. The high stress situation becomes tenfold when, early on, David suspects his wife of being unfaithful.

While, yes, it is another drama about an upper-middle class white family going through marital problems, director Alan Rudolph approaches the cin-

ematic narrative with surprising freshness.

From the start, Rudolph's controlled color palette differentiates the sterile and professional dentist office of blues and whites from the toy-cluttered Hurst house of oranges and browns. This brilliant contrast of colors is akin to the gritty orange Mexico versus the clean blue courtroom of Steven Soderbergh's "Traffic." The boundary between the movie's two locations begins to blur as the potential danger of the surgical environment manifests in the home setting.

Another boundary Rudolph successfully establishes and then renders ambiguous is that of fantasy versus reality. The risk is

that ambiguity does not always equal cleverness; a vagueness of what is real and what is imagined can be frustrating. But, Rudolph acknowledges this, and gives us exactly what we need to maintain an understanding of the complexities.

Additionally, a crosscutting sequence between an opera to a flashback of a romantic bicycle-riding scene is just one of the many smart editing choices.

"Secret Lives" is very much in the spirit of "American Beauty"; each present captivating narrative that much of America can identify with, resulting in audiences being emotionally moved.

- Andrew Nicholas

**"The Rundown"**

★ ★ ★

Starring: The Rock, Seann William Scott**Director:** Peter Berg

"The Rundown" might earn a spot in the little movie dictionary,

for it is the definition of "what you see is what you get." It's the kind of action film that requires you to leave logic and reason at the door - if you just accept everything as it is, and question nothing, "The Rundown" is a loud, fun adventure of PG-13 proportions.

The Rock stands out as the type of action star that you have to tip your hat to, even if his talent lies far, far from acting. To say that he plays a bounty hunter named Beck would be a stretch, because he really just plays The Rock, while everyone calls him Beck.

Don't take that the wrong way - much like Jackie Chan or Arnold

Schwarzenegger, he has the kind of energy and charm that works wonders with viewers. Dramatic talent or not, he's as likeable as actor heroes come, a feat that many talented actors have failed to do.

It helps that the plot is gleefully ridiculous, involving an "Indiana Jones"-style treasure hunt, barfights that would make Stallone red in the face, and attacks from angry primates, poor rebels with machine guns and, scariest of all, Christopher Walken.

A lot more thought went into the production than many would have expected, and director Peter Berg ("Very Bad Things") adds life to his action sequences,

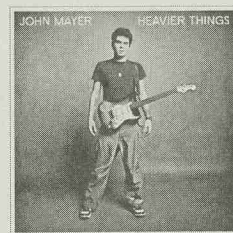
particularly with his super-fast firearm montages.

Besides the generic, predictable twists that are expected in action films like "The Rundown," the only real bother is how much is left out to get that almighty PG-13; something just seems wrong when a dozen men with shotguns *bloodlessly*, or the lack of profanity from a team of football players who Beck beats up in a bar.

Then again, these are the kind of details you're supposed to ignore while watching "The Rundown," for it is what it is, it knows what it is, and it's pretty damn good at being just that.

- Joel Isaac Frady

The Music Bin

**"Heavier Things"****John Mayer**

★ ★ ★ ★

After the 2001 release of "Room for Squares," John Mayer began melting the hearts of young women with incredibly honest lyrics, a modest disposition and boyish good looks. A savvy lyricist and talented guitar player,

Mayer's pseudo-blues pop tunes embody organic and unpretentious musical abilities.

His equally fresh follow-up, "Heavier Things," reveals a matured Mayer no longer worrying about girls searching a high in "Neon," or dreaming of worry-free younger years in "83." The 10 new songs are void of careful story telling, but hardly lack the vulnerability, originality and poise shown in "Squares." Mayer's soft vocals float over more meticulously crafted music to create a more sophisticated and perfected "Things."

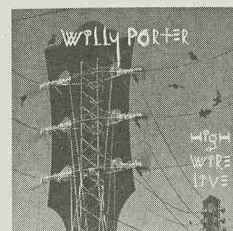
The new album presents an array of songs that mingle jazz, blues and pop, and have the power to be endlessly played on top-40 stations, meanwhile standing out above other mainstream contenders. "Bigger Than My Body" might just be the best

thing that will happen to radio since his first big hit, "No Such Thing." With lyrics like "Someday I'll fly / Someday I'll soar," the catchy tune is perfect for singing at the top of one's lungs with the windows down in moments of empowering inspiration. "Only Heart" is equally upbeat, comparable to sounds of the early 80s, as Mayer sings of commitment and promise over an impressive electric guitar.

The acoustic ballad "Daughters" is beautiful and undeniably sweet. Sounding like a sentimental family psychologist, he offers simple but ideal advice to parents on providing loving models of family life for their daughters. In "New Deep," Mayer proclaims abandonment of "heavier things" and confesses that he's "Trying not to find / Every little meaning in [his] life."

When not playing philosopher, he taps into his love for blues in "Come Back to Bed." The sexy song begins "Still is the life / Of your room when you're not inside," and continues with a desperate sounding Mayer pleading for forgiveness over a sultry electric guitar. The mellow and jazzy "Wheel" appropriately ends the album.

"Things" speaks for itself; the songs are mature and full of Mayer's light, youthful wisdom, without sacrificing the unique and personalized sound established in "Squares." The once unknown young man with humble musical beginnings has proven that his unconventional, although radio-friendly, style has more than staying power - it has substance. - Ashley Hink

**"High Wire Live"****Willy Porter**

★ ★ ★ 1/2

In a time where college kids have elevated Mayer and Matthews to God-like status, and

the world of MTV seems to have driven rock music from the spotlight, singer-songwriter Willy Porter could not be more on top of his game. Sporting a name that evokes the image of a 1930s delta blues man, Porter released "High Wire Live" earlier this month.

The album is completely free of crowded band arrangements, and allows Porter to show off his fleet-fingered guitar prowess and earnest vocals. His playing has long been compared to Leo Kottke, and can only be described as "killer." However, the intimate setting of this album allows for a true presentation of his songwriting.

Headlined by the 1990s breakout hit "Angry Words," the album

is full of fan favorites, like the funky blues-based "Tribe" and the somber anthem "Dishwater Blonde." The songs themselves are extremely well written, often founded lyrically in spiritual journey or life experience. Sometimes the blinding six & 12-string guitar playing, as is the case in the acoustic showcase "Breathe," mask the songs. Perhaps we should be thankful that his guitar is going about 80 in a 55, because the vocals on "Breathe" are quite awful. They are about five notes beyond his range that sound incredibly strained. I guess you can't have everything, all the time.

The heart stopping instrumental "Road Bone" closes the album with the trademark

acoustic guitar playing, which has placed Porter near the top of the new acoustic throne. The tune clocks in at a little less than eight minutes and numbs my mind to think that it was recorded in one take at a club somewhere.

Porter responds to the live recording process stating "Every mistake I make is out there; it's fantastic, and that pressure is the drug if you will... knowing that I will get only one shot at a song raises the level of the performance."

There are not many mistakes on this album; I think that is his way of saying, "Try as hard as you want, you will never play guitar better than me. Never. HA HA!" - Thomas Baucom

PAY MIND OR PAY UP

OUR OPINION: STUDENTS NEED TO START TAKING NOTE OF STUDENT FEE PROPOSALS OR THEY CAN'T COMPLAIN WHEN

When the General Assembly started tossing out figures like 5 percent for tuition increases, students paid attention.

They circled letters, demonstrated at the capitol and started lobbying to keep college costs low.

But, less attention is paid each year when student fee proposals start hitting the Student Senate floor. This year, however, apathy could start hitting N.C. State students where they need it the least: their pockets.

Increase requests this year already total \$118. To put it in perspective, in-state tuition increases for the year totaled \$141.

These increases come from campus departments that receive a portion of student fees each semester. Those monies support the services and programs offered by the Student Center, Health Services, Physical Education and athlet-

ics. There are also fees to support education and technology.

Whenever a program or department wants to fund a new venture or feels that their current portion of the fees is no longer sufficient, they make a detailed request and presentation for more money.

Ultimately, the fate of proposed increases lies in the hands of the Board of Trustees. First, the Student Senate debates and recommends the fees.

On Wednesday, the Senate held first readings of legislation for student fees and recommended resolutions to support all fee proposals except for Student Center Operations and Carmichael Gym expansion.

Before their next meeting, they will be holding a "fee forum" on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in Talley Student Center to hear student concerns.

While Technician may not have supported the forum -- if they are going to have it, students should make their voices heard.

This year's fee increases concern more than just paying more money. Within the package hangs the fate of a large expansion for Carmichael Gymnasium that will create more weight rooms, a juice bar and an expanded outdoor recreation program.

But the expansion will come with a price -- \$45 to begin with a possible \$29 the next year. And current students will pay for it without ever being able to use it while enrolled.

If students don't speak up and have their voices heard, they risk missing an opportunity to support or oppose important legislation that will directly impact every student on campus.

And if they sit idly by, they'll have no reason to complain when the increases are passed.

Students don't think twice about raising their voices against tuition increases by state lawmakers but they've often sat by while their peers debate increases to their fees. It all arrives on the same bill and it all demands students' attention.

Footing the bill for Iraqi freedom

If Americans thought that Operation Iraqi Freedom was going to be cheap and easy, it's time for a wake up call. Ben Kraudel's dialing.

If the conflict with Iraq can be called an open sore on the face of America, then it can also be said that we as a nation just noticed that it is bleeding again. At first we were contented to let it itch and burn, as the doctors told us it was healing, but now we realize that this infection is a little worse than originally believed.

With the politics of campaigning kicking into high gear, Iraq is second only to the economy on the list of topics most used in Democratic Party speeches.

And then out of Massachusetts came the thundering voice of extremism. Senator Edward M. Kennedy sat down with the Associated Press and claimed the current administration had perpetrated a "fraud."

No sooner had his slightly off-base comment been made when Republicans responded with their own: Ed Kennedy is no patriot! And with Tom Daschle quietly reminding the Senate of the First Amendment, open discussion on the Senate floor begins to remind one faintly of McCarthyism, with everyone struggling to hold up the banner of patriotism.

Running, unable to get to the microphones quickly enough, House majority leader Tom Delay begins aimlessly swinging the Louisville Slugger called Patriotism, saying that the Democratic leadership lacked "moral clarity" with their "blame America first" mentality. The best defense is a strong offense, and when you're sending the young men of a country to be blown up in a country that doesn't give a damn, it's best to call other people immoral.

Then Donald Rumsfeld looks to put out the fire with gasoline.

With an already heated debate over whether the war itself is a good use of American lives and resources, Rumsfeld politely asks for \$87 billion to fund the war. It's a request from the president, says the secretary of defense, and it'll be really swell if you'd just nod and take out your checkbook.

Both parties took pause for a moment to look at their constituency. America isn't starving to death. America isn't beaten and robbed by crime. America isn't looking the worst she's ever looked. But America isn't thriving either.

And then the people asked, "What are we going to get for our \$87 billion investment? What is it that we're struggling to put our kids through college for? What are we getting after we put out that extra effort to make it?"

The answer was depressing. A better Iraq. We're paying for a better Iraq, according to our representation in government. Is America good enough that

we can afford to make other countries better?

And then the fighting and spinning began anew. For those in the nice offices in Washington, it was only remotely about the people of America, and more about how to make the people of America want them to stick around.

Another faded sign on the long road to Iraqi Freedom. Which is just another name of a place, folks. Don't let it confuse you. Greenland isn't green. Iceland isn't ice. And Iraqi Freedom isn't free. Had the Korean War and the Vietnam War been named Operations Korean and Vietnam Freedom, we might have learned that by now.

Another news briefing. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz tells America that "significant forces" from the United States will most likely be in Iraq until near the end of 2004.

Something else happens at the end of 2004. What is it...don't tell me...Oh, right. We elect someone to take the reigns and lead us somewhere, anywhere away from the path to hell that seems to lie right in front of us. Is it a surprise that the war will be over when it comes time to stand in the miniature booth and connect arrows or punch dots so we can secretly find someone to lead?

Wolfowitz doesn't exactly reassure me. When asked if perhaps this was a political tactic, he replied, "These are national security decisions; they have to be made on that basis."

Thankfully, he added that it doesn't mean "that we're not trying to, in fact, get more Iraqis on the front lines, get them dying for their country so fewer Americans have to."

A new formula in military mathematics: The more of a country's citizens that you kill, the less of your own soldiers will die in the killing.

But this is where we are. A spokesman for the administration just told us that we as a country want men to die, screaming in front of their homes, because that saves American lives.

Surely this would never be some ill-conceiving campaign commercial gone wrong. But I can never be too sure.

I wouldn't be surprised to see a press conference at the end of October 2004 where President Bush stands some antiquated war machine in full uniform of the Marines Second Battalion, holding the severed heads of Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. With one in each hand, he simply looks skyward and screams "Forty-three and a half billion a piece!"

And we'll all sigh, a collective sigh of "At least that's over," and we'll go back to trying to find jobs, or trying to figure out how to pay for tuition and car payments. We'll go back to our way of life, as it is now, wondering which country's citizens we'll fix next.

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Benjamin Kraudel
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Woman for president? Not yet.

Abbie Byrom wants a woman in the White House. But in this election cycle - maybe they should wait.

Many of my friends accuse me of being a feminist. Maybe I am. I think women are just as capable as men in many careers, and that includes



Abbie Byrom
Staff Columnist

the presidency. However, I am not going to split hairs with someone if they call me a waiter, rather than a waitress, or a host, rather than a hostess. I really don't care if you go to great lengths to say server or greeter just to be politically correct.

I think in many ways, gender references, for no apparent reason, have turned into land mines for anyone who uses them, especially those in the public spotlight. All of a sudden, they have become weapons of discrimination in the workplace, politics and even on the home front.

There has been speculation for a while now that Hillary Clinton will run for president, yet not until Howard Dean is pushed aside by Wesley Clark, clearing the way for Hillary to enter and divert all attention to her campaign. On more than one occasion she has, in no uncertain terms, denied these rumors. Good.

Do I want a woman in the White House? Yes, eventually, but not now. I will argue with anyone who wants to that a woman can do the job just as well as a man can. Given our past two presidents, and those that are announcing their candidacy as we speak, I wouldn't bet that a woman could not do the job better right now. But then again, so could the right man. Despite the e-mails I will get for

this, I'll say it anyway. I like Hillary Clinton. I read her book and followed her career in the White House with Bill closely. Of course, there are things I don't like about her, but aren't there things we don't like about every politician?

I think that at some point in time, Hillary would do fine as president, as long as she had a strong male counterpart running for vice president with her. She is an extremely smart woman, who has already had the chance to be behind the scenes and in the forefront of many decisions at the White House for eight years.

If we were to have a woman president, wouldn't we want one that had already been as close as she could to being president? Not to mention one that has experience serving in another government body - the Senate. I myself would rather have someone who knew the ropes, versus a woman who has never been in the deepest folds of the White House, helping make decisions for our country. No matter what anyone says, we all know Hillary had a significant amount of input when it came to many decisions her husband made for our country.

Yet, as much as I would like to see Hillary or any other qualified woman in the presidency in the near future, now is not the time. Why? Because currently our nation can't get past simple issues like gender references.

Some may call them equality issues, and some may say they're asinine. Either way, they are issues that most people face in the professional world each day, and increasingly everywhere else.

If most people are not ready to put out the small effort of saying that a woman is a "chairwoman or chairperson" rather than a "chairman," and if

a woman is not ready to believe that it is not a personal insult when she is called "chairman," then how can our nation be ready to see a woman in charge?

Society has become too caught up in simple issues such as these, to the point that we can't function effectively. Women don't get the respect they deserve in many cases, because of the negative attention they get when they request a title change that relates to their gender.

In many cases men find these pronouns ridiculous, because they see no need for change - it's just a word. Who is wrong and who is right? Both are right, in my eyes. Yet, there still needs to be some sort of resolution on this issue and others when it comes to the male/female barrier. Granted, gender references are one problem of many that plague working relationships between women and men, which ultimately will affect how people vote and view a woman president. They will also determine many times how other government staff in the White House react to females, especially the first one in an all male lineage. But there are many more gender and non-gender related issues that will affect a woman's run for the presidency that I have not mentioned. Once issues like these are settled, then maybe it will be time to see a woman in the White House.

Until then, I think the effort is futile. So, yes, I am glad that Hillary has decided she will not run for president. I would support her if she did, but I think now is definitely the wrong time.

Would you vote for Hillary? Let Abbie know by e-mailing her at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com

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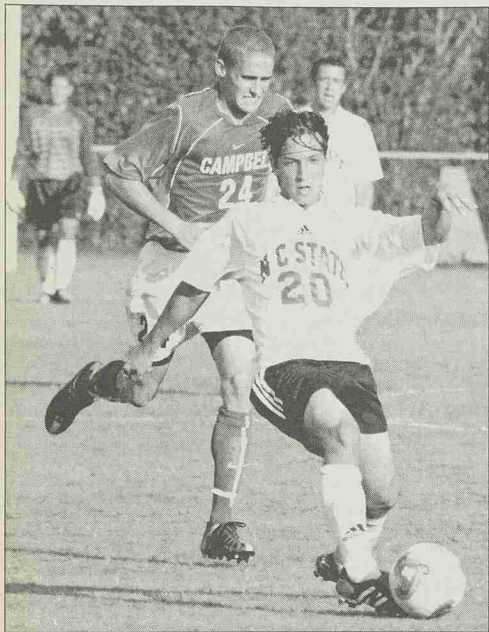
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Wolfpack Weekend



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Men's soccer

N.C. State (4-4, 1-1 ACC) will look to go over .500 in the league when Virginia travels to Raleigh on Sunday. The team turned some heads in the ACC last weekend when it defeated and outclassed No. 24 Clemson. Aaron King and Santiago Fusilier scored the goals in that contest.

The Cavaliers are a perennial ACC power and their past stars include former national team standouts Tony Meola, John Harkes and Claudio Reyna. This year's team is coming off a loss to William & Mary this week and is ranked No. 7 in the country.

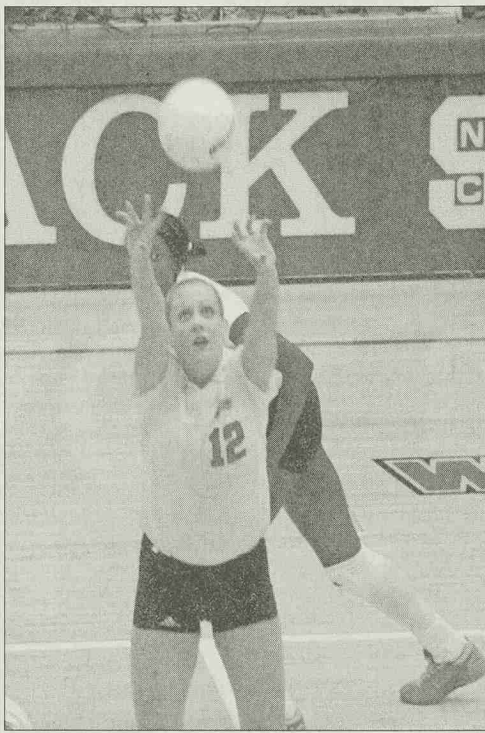
Sunday's game will begin at 2 p.m. at Method Road Stadium.

Volleyball

The volleyball team (6-8, 0-1 ACC) will continue its slate of league games when it hosts Florida State and Clemson this weekend.

The Pack will take on the Seminoles tonight at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum and will host the Tigers at the same time

on Saturday. State opened ACC play earlier this week and fell to No. 5 Georgia Tech in three games. The third game of that match showed a lot of promise, however, as the team battled evenly with the Yellow Jackets on virtually every point before falling 30-27.



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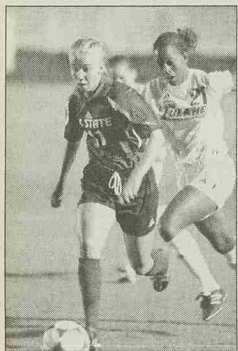
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Cross country

Both the women's and men's teams will run in the Great American Cross Country Festival tonight at SAS Stadium in Cary. The teams ranked No. 14 in the latest polls and are expected to run their front lines tonight, the same unit that won two weeks ago at the adidas/Tennessee Invitational.

Ricky Brookshire and Kristin Price were individual winners at that race and should run tonight.

Right college races begin this afternoon, with the featured race being the Nike Race of Champions, which will begin at 4:15 p.m. for the women and 4:40 p.m. for the men.



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Women's soccer

The Wolfpack (5-2-1) hosts No. 7 Virginia this afternoon at 4 p.m. at Method Road Stadium. The Pack hasn't played since last Sunday's 1-0 loss at South Carolina and has had all week to train for the Cavaliers (6-1-1). Virginia has outscored its last four opponents 11-1.

This will be the first regular-season game for the Pack at Method Road. Senior Lindsey Underwood leads the team in points with six goals and four assists.

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out-of-state schools. In the end, N.C. State just felt right.

"They made me feel like I'm at home even though I do live two hours away," Williams said.

Williams enrolled at State last January to help him better prepare for the 2003 season, a move he now says he's "thankful" he made.

"It would have been very difficult for me to come in [August] and [start right away]," Williams admitted.

Wolfpack coach Chuck Amato saw how much it helped Williams, boasting about his true freshman before August practice had even begun.

"I have a defensive end that could be the Philip Rivers of next season in Mario Williams," Amato said then, referring to his big-impact freshman quarterback that was the ACC rookie of the year in 2000.

While still learning on the job,

Williams has become a frequenter to the opponents' backfield during the young season. His six tackles for loss rank him tied for fifth in the ACC.

"I'm really impressed with how he has responded," Amato said. "It's a different level of speed that he's seeing."

Williams agrees with his coach in that assessment.

"It's a totally different sensation when you're coming off the ball," Williams said. "You have to realize everyone has their roles. In high school you just basically made plays."

His biggest play in the eyes of his teammate was his quarterback pressure against Texas Tech last week that forced quarterback B.J. Symons to throw an interception, which Golden returned 71 yards for a score.

"I gave him all the praise last week for my interception," Golden said. "He's picking up on the calls and adjusting. Coach always tells him 'Once you get down in your stance, have a plan' and he seems to have a plan by causing

confusion and making plays."

Amato insists there's even more to come from his young star.

"He's still just scratching the surface," he said. "He's still learning how to get lined up properly every time."

Williams, who said he feels more relaxed on the field now, returned to Richlands in early summer to have his No. 82 jersey retired, a number that belongs

to All-ACC receiver Jerricho Cotchery on his current team.

Asked if he was planning on switching numbers, Williams was undecided.

"I don't know, I kind of like No. 9, I might just keep that," he said with a laugh.

"They've never had a defensive end with a number retired, right?"

Indeed, not yet at least.



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on its shoulders.
"Even though the defense hasn't played to their potential, they're growing and we could have put up a few more points this week-end to help us win the game," said running back Jacque Lewis. "We're not going to point fingers at the defense just because we're losing games."

Heading into this weekend's contest against the Wolfpack, the focus falls once again squarely on the Heels' defense. Will this contest be a repeat of two years ago when State couldn't ever seem to get its offense in a groove, or will it more closely resemble last year when the Pack simply pounded UNC into submission?

The statistics suggest the latter. UNC ranks dead last in the ACC in rushing defense giving up an average of 225 yards per game. While State has relied more on its passing game than its rushing game early in the season, the Pack showed a definitive ability to run the ball against Texas Tech.

T.A. McLendon, who remains listed as questionable to play on Saturday, did most of that running. Amato has called any potential playing time from McLendon a "bonus," leading many to wonder what impact that will have on the players and the game plan. According to Amato, the answer is simple: none.

"It's not a distraction unless you guys keep writing about it. There's nothing he can do about it," Amato told the media. "It's not a distraction when [the other players] know he's going all out."

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That's going to put the majority of the pressure on backup running back Josh Brown – something that Amato doesn't seem too worried about.

"And let's not forget about Josh, now. He's got such good vision and he's so quick," Amato said. "He's such a darter until he gets out there, and he can make you miss too in the open field. And he's tough. He's not big, but he's tough."

Bunting is not taking a chance either way.

"I don't think their offense changes a great deal when he's in there," Bunting said. "We're going to prepare for T.A., believe me. They don't drop off much [without him]. But there ain't no doubt about it – he's special."

State hasn't beaten UNC in Raleigh since 1991. The Pack's ability to end this streak will hinge largely on the battle between its high-octane offense and the Heels' speculative defense.

"We got better at tackling last week. We had less missed tackles so now it gets to the other problem on defense – explosive plays," Bunting said. "We need to continue on making good, sure tackles and not give up gift-yardage by missed tackles. We want to reduce explosive plays."

Gone are the days when UNC could grind out a win behind a lock-down defense, but the Tar Heels still think they can play sufficient defense to win this rivalry match-up. That's a theory N.C. State hopes to run all over on Saturday.

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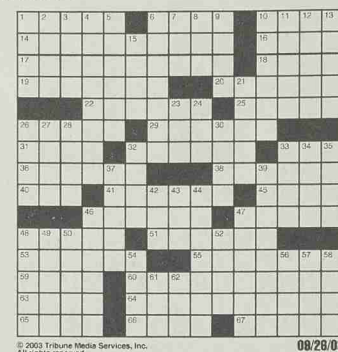
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Those nine points are the fewest put up in a single game in coach Chuck Amato's tenure (matched last year at Virginia).

Since then, the defense has stuck out like a sore thumb as the most glaring weakness on

Carolina's football team.

That became all too clear three weekends ago when Syracuse rallied from a 17-point fourth quarter deficit to win in triple overtime at Kenan Stadium.

"We just disappeared out there," UNC coach John Bunting said.

Despite the frailty of the defense, which ranks last in the ACC, the players are not placing the blame for their 0-3 start solely

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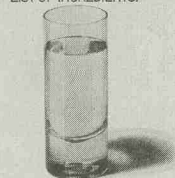
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Seven years and counting N.C. State had come up empty against North Carolina, but the arrival of Chuck Amato brought a fiery edge to the game, as he took his 4-1 Wolfpack team into Chapel Hill for the early October showdown. The Pack jumped out to a 24-7 lead, but the Heels cut it to just a seven-point deficit at the half.

THE MOMENT:
With the Heels trailing by only four and with possession of the ball in the fourth quarter, the Pack appeared to be on its heels. But little-used defensive lineman Shane Riggs came up with his first career sack that also caused quarterback Ronald Curry to fumble.

THE HERO:
Riggs's sack was certainly the play of the game, but when the Pack needed its running game to chew the second-half clock, Cotra Jackson was the difference, filling in for the injured Ray Robinson. Jackson ran for 94 yards and two touchdowns – all in the fourth quarter.

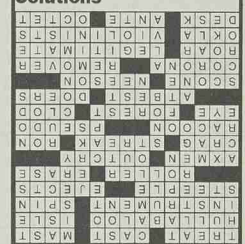
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TECHNICIAN

Mario learning to be SUPER

True freshman Mario Williams is making an immediate impact on the Wolfpack's young defensive line.

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

Greek mythology tells the story of Hercules as one of the most beloved heroes of ancient times. So famous in fact, that upon death he was invited up to Mt. Olympus to live with the gods.

They said Hercules was a man of extraordinary strength, so powerful that he completed 12 thought-to-be-impossible tasks that included slaying the most powerful of beasts with his bare hands.

Mario Williams was such a prominent football star in his hometown of Richlands, N.C. that he accepted an invitation from the largest university in his home state to come entertain the masses with his play. His reason for choosing State? He vowed to come to N.C. State to — ahem — take on the Her-

culean task of bringing a national championship to Raleigh.

Mario Williams is a man of remarkable strength, so much so that hardly anyone can believe he really is just 18-years-old.

"He lifts the whole weight room plus a couple of guys," defensive teammate Greg Golden joked.

His body and physique only further supports that notion. At a towering 6-foot-7, his arms look like they could rip trees out of the ground. His 254-pound frame so chiseled, he appears to be a walking statue with perfectly carved muscles. Even his pencil-thin mustache and goatee gives him a look of distinguish.

"I thought Mario was 24 when I first saw him," Golden said. "His size is just amazing. You don't see too many 18-year-old kids that big."

Richlands is known as the

"Town of Perfect Water" and from that town rose almost the perfect defensive end specimen. The son of a brick mason, Williams helped his father with his masonry work while growing up, something he attributes his great strength to.

"They are some strong people in my background," Williams said.

Today, Williams benches around 400 pounds, while still maintaining great speed (he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds).

In high school, he used that strength to become a man among boys in his hometown, which he described as a "soccer town."

Williams, however, had nothing to do with the other form of football, sticking to the pigskin and recording 13 sacks, 22 tackles for loss and five blocked kicks his senior year. He also may have broken the record for being the state's tallest running back, carrying 58 times for 590 yards.

Soon, everyone began to take notice. There were private jets from South Carolina and Tennessee being flown into the nearest airport. There were visits to other

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Greg Golden leaps into the arms of Mario Williams after Williams recorded his first career sack. Golden said of Williams "When I first saw him, I thought he was 24."

No "D" in Chapel Hill

A porous defensive unit lies at the heart of North Carolina's troubles.

Taylor Francis
Staff Writer

"Man, he ran all over my Tar Heels."

Stuart Scott, a North Carolina alumnus and notorious Tar Heel supporter, uttered those words on SportsCenter not too long after last year's 34-17 N.C. State victory over UNC. In that contest, T.A. McLendon erupted for 164 yards and two touchdowns and Josh Brown added 88 yards of his own to lead State to victory.

Two years ago, a stifling defense led by future first-round NFL picks Ryan Sims and Julius Peppers carried the Heels to an 8-5 record and Peach Bowl win. One of those eight wins was a 17-9 victory in Raleigh.



T.A. McLendon runs for several of his 164 yards against UNC last year. The Heels gave up 258 yards rushing in that game, a 34-17 Wolfpack win. The Heels' defense has been equally porous this season.

North Carolina at N.C. State

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Series record North Carolina leads the all-time series 60-26-6, but State has won two of the last three.

Last time out State gave up a school record in passing yards to Texas Tech, yet cruised to an easy 49-21 win to even its record at 2-2. The Tar Heels are searching for their first win of the year after coming up empty at Wisconsin last week, falling 38-27.

Match-up to watch UNC's corners were consistently burned last week against a traditionally non-passing team, and it caused coach John Bunting to shuffle the lineup a bit. If Rivers is able to easily find his

targets downfield, it's going to be a tough day for the Heels, especially if T.A. McLendon can play.

Did you know? Only one other State coach has beaten UNC in three of his first four tries (Dick Sheridan), a mark Amato hopes to match with a win tomorrow.

Worth noting State could give Carolina its worst start since 1988 with a victory...Safety Victor Stephens could see a lot of playing time this week with starting safety Troy Graham listed as questionable because of a broken toe...State has caused eight turnovers in the last two contests after not forcing a single one in its first two games...Since 1950, State has beaten UNC in Raleigh just five times.

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