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## MDS program will undergo major changes in 2004

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The Multi-Disciplinary Studies program (MDS) currently operates much like other academic departments, but within the coming months, CHASS administrators will be restructuring MDS. This reconfiguration is viewed by some as a chance to bring about positive change, while others harbor concerns that these changes will hamper the program's success.

CHASS Dean Linda Brady initiated the change and began taking steps towards altering MDS during the fall of 2002.

"Last fall, in conjunction with the university compact planning process, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences decided to make emphasis on interdisciplinary programs and the application of the liberal arts to real world problems," Brady said.

Not long after this decision, Brady formed the Task Force on Interdisciplinary Studies to review the status of current programs and make recommendations on how the administration could more effectively organize interdisciplinary studies for students and faculty. Professor Walt Wolfram, William Friday Professor in the English department, chaired this task force, which included faculty members from across the college, a student representative and a faculty member from another college with interests in the interdisciplinary program.

"The task force surveyed faculty in the college about their interdisciplinary work, and also examined ways in which other, peer universities, are organized to support interdisciplinary programs. The report of the task force, including their recommendations, was issued in May 2003, and is available on the CHASS Web site," Brady said. The Web site also includes minutes from the meetings and a minority report filed by two members of the group who voted against the changes.

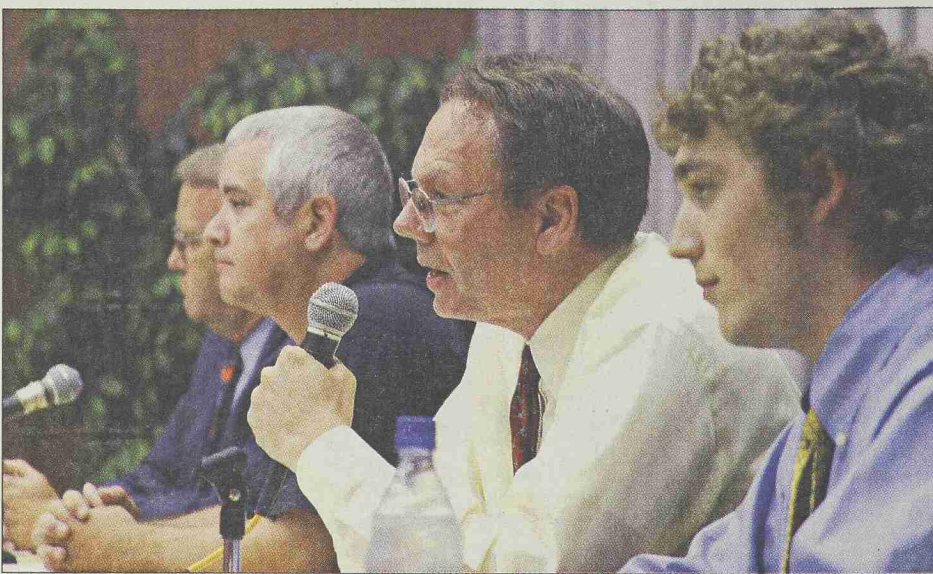
The task force recommended a shift from the departmental model, the relocation of administration and support for these programs to the CHASS dean's office, and the dispersal of interdisciplinary faculty to existing departments of the dean's office.

"Our goal is to enhance the visibility of interdisciplinary programs in the college, involve more faculty in interdisciplinary programs and become more efficient in the delivery of existing programs," Brady said.

For some faculty members, this is where many of their concerns arise.

"What the dean hopes is that this will stimulate interdisciplinary work in departments by making members in those departments closer with those working with and dedicated to interdisciplinary studies," David Greene, division head of multidisciplinary studies, said. "The scary thing for many people

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Jack Alphin, Thomas Crowder, Benson Kirkman and Zack Medford speak for the District D City Council seat at Wednesday evening's debates.

## Council candidates debate on campus

The four candidates faced off on Hillsborough Street, renters rights and the Nuisance Party Ordinance.

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N.C. State students scattered throughout the Campus Cinema on Wednesday afternoon for a debate between the four candidates for Raleigh City Council.

Jack Alphin, Thomas Crowder, Benson Kirkman and Zack Medford debated for one hour about their visions for the Raleigh City Council, largely in relation to NCSU and the student population of Raleigh.

"I am very impressed with how many students came today, and I think that is a fantastic sign," Medford said.

"Over 7,000 of us are registered to vote," Medford said during the debate. "If we all vote, or even half of us vote, we can elect a member to Raleigh City Council."

Elections will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Patrick Wade, a senior in civil engineering, attended the debate to learn more about the candidates on the ballot.

"I plan on voting on Tuesday," Wade said. "You plan on voting for someone who represents [students] well, and everyone hears the name Zack Medford. I wanted to make sure he was a serious candidate."

Crowder stated after the debate, "I felt the event was very informative, and it raised some very, very good questions. It showed that students need to be involved in this process."

Questions at the debate were presented by NCSU graduate Adedayo Banwo, and each candidate was given the opportunity to respond.

Questions centered on the nuisance, party ordinance, Hillsborough Street revitalization and affordable housing for students in Raleigh.

Two of the more outspoken candidates on this issue have been Medford, an NCSU junior majoring in business, and Kirkman, a current council member who is a former resident of Brent Road.

"I am opposed to the NPO," Medford said, "But I am not opposed to the idea of keeping people safe."

"The NPO is primarily a preventative ordinance," Kirkman said. "There is a lot of misperceptions about what it says."

Both candidates expressed concerns that parties disbanded early in the evening may lead to more intoxicated drivers on the road.

"The NPO encourages drinking and driving," Medford said.

In terms of Hillsborough Street, Medford stated the street should be opened more for student pedestrian traffic to help students interact with businesses. Kirkman said roundabouts should slow traffic down and eliminate dangerous left turns.

Medford calls for the creation of a Tennants Bill of Rights for the city, while Kirkman believes a Landlord-Tenant Handbook should be available both in print and online.

In his opening statements, Crowder said he joined the race because "this city seems to be very reactive rather than proactive when it comes to planning ... the city plays a crucial role in terms of smart growth."

Throughout the debate Crowder emphasized plans to create a pedestrian-friendly campus at NCSU, involve the university in finding affordable housing for students and combat urban sprawl across Raleigh.

Alphin stressed a consolidation of transportation systems across the city and future plans for a railway leading to the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

In reference to Hillsborough Street, "There are nine to 10 traffic circles planned there," Alphin said. "Some of them will be too small to work effectively."

He also noted that parking is a fundamental issue on Hillsborough Street that should be resolved through joint efforts with the university and city.

For housing, Alphin mentioned the creation of student housing on Centennial Campus. "I would much rather see that than to have the university build a golf course or hotel," Alphin said.

The two final questions came from the audience and Student Body President Tony Caravano.

Caravano asked candidates their views on the nuisance

party ordinance and asked how candidates plan to continue to serve Raleigh if not elected.

Alphin stated, "I don't see anything necessarily in [the ordinance] that directs it to students." Whereas Medford raised police statistics stating 80 percent of NPO complaints come from the district where 75 percent of students live.

Kirkman emphasized the need for partnerships in the community in order to fairly enforce the ordinance.

In terms of future plans, Alphin stated, "I haven't really considered that I won't be elected. I didn't enter this race with any hopes to lose."

"I'll still be a student," Medford said. "I'll definitely be up at the legislature, lobbying for students."

The debate was aired live on WKNC and will be broadcast at a later date on the on-campus television channel 85.



PETE ELLIS/TECHNICIAN

Inside Witherspoon Student Center, students scattered throughout the crowd to listen to candidates. Many came to narrow their choices for the Oct. 7 election.

## Mayoral candidates debate in student center

Current mayor, Charles Meeker, and his opponent, John Odom, answer questions about student related issues and attribute N.C. State as an influential part of Raleigh.

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"In terms of this election, I encourage you to vote. The more students get involved in elections, the more say they'll have," Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker said in the Campus Cinema on Wednesday. He and his opponent, Raleigh Deputy Mayor John Odom, answered questions about how their ideas could affect N.C. State students.

Each candidate responded to three questions from the

debate moderator, Adedayo Banwo, and NCSU graduate, and then the mayoral candidates answered questions from the audience. Each candidate also had the opportunity to make an opening and closing statement.

Both candidates fielded questions about the Nuisance Party Ordinance, the proposed Housing Ordinance that could limit non-family roommates from four people to two and local transportation systems.

Odom and Meeker have no plan to see the Housing Ordinance limit the number of non-family members that can live in a house.

"I do not want to change the four person rule," Odom said. Meeker agreed that it was unlikely for that part of the

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## \$5 million gift goes towards new alumni center

Dorothy Park donates money in memory of her late husband, Roy Park, both alumni of N.C. State.

Charles Duncan  
Staff Reporter

A friend of N.C. State since the early 1930s, Dorothy Dent Park has donated \$5 million in the memory of her late husband for a new alumni center.

The Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center will be owned by the NCSU Alumni Association and have offices and a meeting facility within the 56,000 square foot building. The alumni center is planned to be built on Main Campus Drive on Centennial Campus.

Dorothy Park, commenting on

her gift in a media release said, "My husband and I always believed that the college years are just the beginning of university involvement." She added, "Pride and active participation in N.C. State growth are vital commitments for all members of the university community."

When Chancellor Marye Anne Fox announced the gift from Dorothy Park, she said "as befits a building that bears the name Dorothy and Roy Park, the Park Alumni Center will be among the nation's finest alumni centers, offering elegance, warmth, accessibility and all the conveniences of modern technology."

Roy H. Park graduated from NCSU in 1931 and is originally from Surry County. After leaving

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## Rail station art aims to represent area

Jessica Horne  
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Students and Raleigh residents expressed their concerns about the decor of NCSU's future railway station not being inclusive of the surrounding community at a meeting hosted by the Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) on Wednesday night.

"The neighboring communities add to the NCSU community and should be represented in the station's art work," Thomas Hunter, a Raleigh resident, said in the cluster meeting at the McKimmon Center.

NCSU's railway station is one of

16 that will "connect" the Triangle area in an effort to reduce congestion, traffic and long commutes, according to TTA officials.

Besides connecting the various communities, TTA officials hope to "develop concepts that reflect the character of each particular station neighborhood," by hosting meetings that allow community members to help decide on art work that will be displayed in each station.

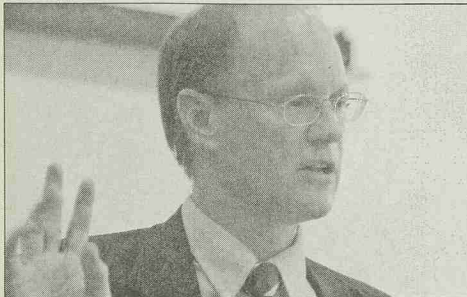
Meeting goers were asked to draw and write down their ideas and submit them in groups that would present the ideas to everyone. Each

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# One on one

## with the Raleigh mayoral candidates



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From his vantage point on the 14th floor of the tallest building in Raleigh, Mayor Charles Meeker fittingly has a god-like view of his city. Like a parent dotingly watching over his child, he points out the nuances of the city below; the various architectural highlights or the fact that most of the city is shrouded under the tree line.

With the occasional colored tree that marks the arrival of fall also comes another autumn rite - elections.

Meeker will face Raleigh Deputy Mayor, John Odom October 7 for a second term on his seat. Meeker, a former city council member before he decided to run in 2001 for the mayoral seat, is attempting to renew his lease on the two-year term position.

A lawyer by trade in a successful downtown firm, Meeker came to Raleigh in the '70s, attracted to the quality of life that the city afforded - and still does as he continually notes.

Students and the university over the past two years have grown to count on Meeker as a friend in city hall. Last year the UPass, an agreement that allows students to ride the CAT buses for free came into effect - an idea that Meeker pushed.

Technician sat down with the soft-spoken Meeker Monday to discuss such issues as the nuisance party ordinance, Brent Road, Hillsborough Street, urban sprawl and the campaign.

**TECHNICIAN:** At a debate you recently attended with Odom someone said "we need some controversy between the two..."

**MEEKER:** Laughs.

**TECHNICIAN:** ... it seems like a very quiet campaign.

**MEEKER:** It's quiet in the sense that people are not throwing mud back and forth, as it has occurred in the past three or four election cycles, and I think that's a good thing. The race has been a civil one, and that's the way it ought to be. The candidates have been talking about the issues and what the mayor and council ought to do. In the early '90s we had these campaigns with high volume expensive ads, attacking one side or calling another names - it just distracts people, we need to focus on the real issues. I'm glad it's been going this way, and that's the way I prefer to campaign.

**TECHNICIAN:** One issue concerning students is the housing ordinance - you're for it to some degree?

**MEEKER:** You know we had that very extended hearing, and normally we allow eight minutes for those in favor of an ordinance change and those against. But the room was full of folks, so I basically said "let's hear what everybody has to say," and most of it was that people didn't think it was a very good idea. Now there are two things going on.

One, we need additional zoning inspectors, and two, enforce the current ordinances - that is if there are six people or eight people instead of four - they're not a family, and that's a problem and it ought to be enforced. Secondly we're supposed to be getting a recommendation from the housing taskforce, which has one or two students on it. One idea out there is to have some kind of licensing for single family houses that are being rented out - so that if any of them become nuisances you can attempt to enforce them and revoke the license if the nuisance is not corrected.

**TECHNICIAN:** Now Odom is the deputy mayor...

**MEEKER:** He's one of two - Benson Kirkman is the other one.

**TECHNICIAN:** Obviously you interact with him a lot. How's that been - especially campaigning against him?

**MEEKER:** You know it's been fine. In the past 10 days there have been issues that people have tried to create - people complaining about the trash fee or something even though they

voted for him. But it's really been a cordial thing.

The city has really been doing well despite the economy. We were recently recognized as the best place to live in the United States - it's hard to top that. Unlike the state and federal governments that are really struggling with their budgets, ours is balanced and we've kept services in place.

**TECHNICIAN:** Southern cities tend to be more sprawled out than centralized and that leads to traffic problems - what are your ideas to curtail that?

**MEEKER:** Well that's a big issue for us. We've been trying to work on these mid-rise/mixed use projects such as the Progress Energy building. The main thing with the university there are two good things happening there. One is the Stanhope Village just west of University Towers and that has been rezoned for a six or eight story tower. It will be a student dorm with retail in the front.

Of course the university is also building a similar dormitory on the corner of Gorman and Western. Between those two that will add 1600 beds within walking distance of campus - so that's very positive. But that is what we've got to do, have these in-town things that are midrise, we'll have some sprawl but not as much.

**TECHNICIAN:** Along the same lines, Hillsborough Street is a big thing for us.

**MEEKER:** Well we haven't gotten the state funding on that. We almost had it but the secretary of transportation vetoed that. Our plan is to get the state to out fund the project for approval for 2008 or 2009 and what we would do is borrow the funds and then get repaid in four or five years.

**TECHNICIAN:** You have a daughter who recently graduated from college - you know what college students are doing these days. What do you think about the nuisance party ordinance and Brent Road?

**MEEKER:** The problem there is underage drinking - that party would be attended by high school kids not just university students. And secondly having a big party in a residential area where not everyone wants to have one. It's like having a Mardi Gras in a subdivision.

What would make sense to me is one - I don't know if the ordinance is really necessary, you know that party is probably over now. I don't feel strongly about that. But if there is the need for a back-to-college

party - it needs to be in an area that people are not going to be offended and where it is only for college students. I can't tell you what my kids did - but I'm sure they went.

**TECHNICIAN:** So where in Raleigh do you live?

**MEEKER:** Boylan Heights halfway between downtown and campus. In fact I jog most mornings and a couple routes I'll go up Hillsborough and down Dan Allen and through the university all the time.

You know, the other thing - Raleigh's primary identity is the state capital, but not far behind is being an education city. We have five colleges and universities and 35,000 students, and it's a huge thing to our economy - all the research grants and everything that's associated with the university. Centennial campus expanding is a big plus for our community. Much of our identity is N.C. State and being an education center, and so its very, very important to us.

**TECHNICIAN:** Now the mayor's office is not a full-time position, you're a lawyer by trade, how do you juggle everything?

**MEEKER:** Well, I practice half to two thirds of the time. Of course it's less this month with campaigning going on. It's worked out pretty well, I work 25-30 hours of being mayor, and some more at the law firm. A lot of the mayor's activities tend to be nights and weekends - such as the public hearing about the zoning ordinance that was at night.

I know John Odom has talked about the mayor's office becoming full time, but the problem with that is when the mayor is full time and then he'll want a staff. Then he'll need a car pretty soon, and then the city council says 'wait a minute the mayor's full time, I need to be to keep up with him.' Then you'll have a whole layer of government that you really don't need. So we're better off with the council being policy folks than administration.

**TECHNICIAN:** So do you have time for your family?

**MEEKER:** Well it's been difficult, but both of our kids are at school. My wife and I go to community events together. But yes, that's a factor. Certainly this past month I practice law a little bit, campaign a lot, a bit of work as mayor and not much family life.

But then again campaigns are what makes it hard. You have your personal life, your work, the council, but when you add that fourth thing - campaigning - everything falls apart.

**TECHNICIAN:** One thing we were surprised about in the office was that elections are every two years.

**MEEKER:** Well the advantage of that is that the candidates really stay in touch with the public. Because you're either running, just about to run or just have run.

**TECHNICIAN:** What spurred you on to public office?

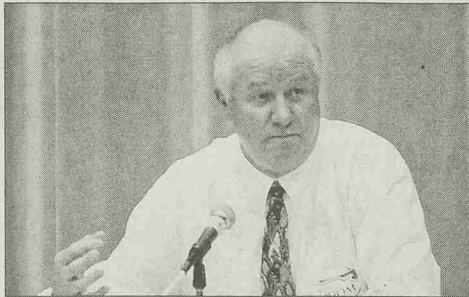
**MEEKER:** I guess there were some neighborhood issues that were going on in the early '80s. I ran in 1981 and didn't make it. Then in '85 I jumped in again. I guess I was 31 when I first ran and 35 when I got on.

**TECHNICIAN:** Zack Medford, one of our students is running. What do you think about that?

**MEEKER:** I think it's great to have young voters involved. Zack, I understand, had several hundred people register. I think that's very positive. Certainly in district D, if the university folks can vote together they can elect a representative. In terms of Zack's campaign - I'm not familiar with it, but I think it's very positive and I encourage more of that.

**TECHNICIAN:** What brought you to this position?

**MEEKER:** I guess it's just getting up in the morning and reading the paper and saying "Gosh I can do a lot better than that."



Ben McNeely  
Staff Reporter

John Odom has been on the Raleigh City Council for ten years, but only planned to be on it for four. But he was pushed to run again and run again he did. He has now been on the City Council for ten years and is running for mayor against incumbent Charles Meeker. Odom, a small business owner, is originally from Scotland County, but moved to Raleigh 30 years, where he raised his family and has cultivated a successful auto repair business. He has risen through the ranks of the City Council to become the Deputy Mayor, along with Benson Kirkman, District D representative. Now John Odom wants a crack at the center chair.

The mayor's job is a part-time job, but a full time responsibility and John Odom believes that he is up for the job. He has some definite plans for the city, but so far, he has run a civil campaign against his colleague, Mayor Charles Meeker. He likes to keep the campaign issue-oriented, but says that Raleigh needs a change from the policies set in the past two years. Odom promises better communication with the universities and a better way of life for Raleigh citizens. As small business owner and chair of the Merchant's Association, Odom feels that he has a finger on the pulse of the city and he wants to guide the Raleigh into a new era of growth.

Technician spoke with Odom after the mayoral debates Wednesday at the Campus Cinema.

**TECHNICIAN:** One of your campaign goals is to improve the communication between the university and the city and make the quality of life better in Raleigh. Could you comment on that?

**ODOM:** Well, let me talk about the quality of life. I think we have a great quality of life here; that is not to say we don't have some problems, we do. I think the rules and regulations we have in place and with adequate funding to our inspection departments and the police department, we can solve the majority of those, if not all of them. The other part is always communication. I think that people ought to sit down, even if they totally disagree, and get across the table and get their points out so that people have an opportunity to see where there is some medium ground. I think there is more medium ground than people think...Most of us are closer than we think. I am not an extremist. I think people sometimes get to the extreme. If you can get to the table, you can realize how close most of us are together. We all want the same thing.

**TECHNICIAN:** You work very closely with Mayor Meeker. You are on the city council. You are deputy mayor. How has this campaign gone between you two, because it has been fairly quiet up until the past two weeks?

**ODOM:** I'm John Odom, I've been on this council for 10 years. I hope to be the same John Odom that started the same 10 years when I'm off of this council. I am not one to throw stones; I'm one to get things done. I'm one to communicate, so I keep talking about that. I don't think we need to do that. I think we need to get issues on the table so we can get things done.

**TECHNICIAN:** So you want to keep it issue oriented?

**ODOM:** Keep it issue oriented, that way you get things done.

**TECHNICIAN:** What are some of the issues that you do disagree with Mayor Meeker on?

**ODOM:** I think the biggest issue is the highway finance things and to make sure we have money. I am a conservative guy. I am for freedom. I think the more money we can save, the more money we can spend on the right things. It's not about not spending dollars, it's about having the funds available to do the thing when the things are there to do. If you spend every penny that

you have in your budget every single year, you will never have anything if something new pops up. A great example of that is the Hillsborough Street Project. Everybody wants the Hillsborough Street Project, well, we certainly are not moving in the right direction to save money to get that to happen, and when the state comes up with their money, do we have ours? The answer to that is no. We need to be conservative and make sure we keep our money available and ready to go along with the state to make that happen.

**TECHNICIAN:** How do you propose that Raleigh can save for projects like the Hillsborough Street Project? Raise or lower taxes? Bond issues?

**ODOM:** We can do it through our financing a bond issue. The other thing is the state. We need to keep them from raiding the Highway Trust Fund, which is where the dollars for building roads comes from. If they keep raiding that fund, there won't be enough money available to do the projects we need to do in Raleigh.

**TECHNICIAN:** What would you do as mayor concerning environmental issues, such as saving parklands, planting trees around the city and improving the water system?

**ODOM:** I would actually continue the tree planting process, but I would get the trees planted. By his [Meeker] own admission he has planted only six...If trees were my number one issue, I would be in line to plant trees...I am a parks and recreation guy. Go look at my record. Go and look at where the park system is and how many acres we have bought since I have been on city council. I beat Meeker everyday on that issue. That is why he doesn't talk about that issue.

**TECHNICIAN:** Will you look to have Raleigh to buy more land to be set aside for parks?

**ODOM:** I will continue to do the same thing I've done for the last 10 years. Yes is the answer to your question.

**TECHNICIAN:** Are you from Raleigh?

**ODOM:** I'm actually from Scotland County. I've been here for 30 years. My children were raised here. They're still here today. They've gone to school and come back. All of my adult life I have been here in Raleigh.

**TECHNICIAN:** You are a small business owner. What sort of business are you in?

**ODOM:** I own Mineke Car Center, which I have three stores here in Raleigh. I started at a gas station down on Hills-

borough Street, there for many years, down near the Capital. I'm also the director of the Merchants Association, which is a small business owners association. We do the Raleigh Christmas Parade, which is one of my claims to fame, if you want. We are in our 53rd Christmas Parade and we do that right on Hillsborough Street. I've known a lot of people here for many years and the business community asked me to get involved, and that's why I ran for council. I wasn't going to be there but for four years, but they continued to say "we need you on there." I didn't think we did the right thing the last two years and that's why I'm running for mayor. When I become mayor, I can get back on the right track.

**TECHNICIAN:** How important do you think the students are to the City of Raleigh?

**ODOM:** Oh, they are huge. I don't even know the number at N.C. State, but look at how many dollars you spend in this community. It's economics. For a lot of people, it's about economics. As I said in my speech, a lot of people come here and stay here and make their living here. All our universities are huge, St. Augustine, Shaw. They are a large asset to the City of Raleigh, as we are to the universities.

**TECHNICIAN:** We have a student, Zack Medford, running for District D. How closely will you work with him on student issues?

**ODOM:** I will work with everybody that is a representative of the district and all other seven counselors that I get. I won't have any problem. I am a communicator, I don't mind asking you questions and you asking me a question. If you have a problem, we'll sit down, we'll find some solution.

**TECHNICIAN:** Where did you get your education?

**ODOM:** I went to Oak Ridge Military Academy then I drafted and went into the service. I came back and went to Richmond Technical Institute, got married, started making a living. So I've been in school for five years and still don't have a degree.

**TECHNICIAN:** And you are running for mayor.

**ODOM:** (laughs) I got married, had to make a living.

**TECHNICIAN:** The two biggest [student] issues are the housing issue and the nuisance party ordinance. Where are your stances on these issues?

**ODOM:** I was actually against the task force. I was for just leaving it alone and solving the problems that we had. When you form a task force to come up with new rules and regulations, we need to be careful what they implement. I don't know what they are thinking. But we have discussed the four people per house for many years. The whole country has said that is the set figure, and we need to keep it like that.

**TECHNICIAN:** What about the nuisance party ordinance? Many students feel it is unfair. Do you think it should be changed?

**ODOM:** I actually shut down two nightclubs because of noise ordinance. We did the decibel levels that we do with our little machine. Sometimes it can get too loud. That's the problem. And the biggest problem is that it is repetitive. If it is not every night, that is a different deal. I respect your right to do some things in your own castle.

**TECHNICIAN:** Do you agree with Mayor Meeker's licensing program for the housing?

**ODOM:** I do not agree with the licensing for housing. I think we need to take what we have and make it work...once you start regulating housing, you're going to get into big trouble when you start licensing.



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is that there is this necessary tension between those involved in interdisciplinary studies to pay attention to what happens in departmental disciplines and a department's concern for its methodological rigor."

Some of the people involved in this issue wonder if this tension will result in creative changes that will reinvigorate the interdisciplinary programs or will be a destructive tension - one which will result in the programs becoming less important and less supported.

One question that has yet to receive a unanimous answer is whether faculty should be in positions entirely dedicated to interdisciplinary studies or whether their attention should be divided between departmental and interdisciplinary programs.

Chuck Korte, a professor in

MDS and former head of the department, believes that the change will result in a negative one as a result of these faculty issues.

"The value of having a department allows having faculty who are dedicated to interdisciplinary programs, and I believe that with the configuration, that value will be lost," Korte said. Korte believes that MDS' dedicated faculty made the department work.

"When you have a faculty and department dedicated to the programs, you have better support for those programs. I do not believe we would have gotten all of those programs had it not been for having MDS, because this department was committed to such initiatives and made them happen because faculty were not having much success in getting them started in their own disciplines," Korte continued.

CHASS administrators hope that these faculty issues will be resolved by the beginning of

January 2004 and all other issues resolved by the beginning of July, so the new unit will be in place and running by July 1, 2004.

Another concern of MDS supporters is whether the change will increase or decrease the program's ability to serve the university as a whole. Currently the program emphasizes a university scope rather than having a mission solely embedded in CHASS.

"My concern is that by dispersing the faculty amongst the disciplines in CHASS, our university mission will be diluted and we'll have more of a CHASS mission," Korte said. "This new arrangement will diminish the university-wide focus of interdisciplinary studies."

Some MDS students share these concerns as well. Danielle Marcus, a junior in MDS, believes that making these changes will make interdisciplinary studies more CHASS-oriented.

"A lot of people in MDS do not fit into the CHASS pro-

gram," Marcus said. Others also believe that the programs will suffer more than they will be helped.

"My main concern in transferring responsibilities from MDS to the dean's office are that students will lose academic support such as advising, research opportunities and study abroad opportunities that MDS currently offers," said Lauren Welch, a senior in MDS and Chemistry.

Brady is sensitive to the fact that restructuring will have impact on the students but remains confident that this impact will be positive.

"Restructuring decisions are always difficult because they impact students, staff and faculty with long-term commitments to their programs. We continue to work closely with Professor David Greene to ensure that the interests of students, faculty and staff are protected through this transition," Brady said.

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ordinance to be passed by the city council.

The candidates also emphasized that downtown Raleigh and Hillsborough St. need attention.

"Downtown has been pretty inactive until the last 18 months," Meeker said, referring to his work to rebuild that part of Raleigh.

There was also a lot of discussion revolving around where the money for the Hillsborough revitalization was going to come from.

Both candidates agreed that funding the plan was important for Raleigh. They also agreed that the current UPass system that Meeker developed with the aid and support of Chancellor Fox has been a good move for

the community.

While their platforms focus on many of the same improvements for the community, the candidates have different focuses for NCSU.

"I think the biggest issue that involves N.C. State is to get Hillsborough St. funding," Meeker said.

Odum stressed that the university and the city government need to communicate more, but he felt that the debate itself was a move in the right direction.

"Communication starts with what we're doing right now," Odum said.

Odum gave a lot of credit to the university for Raleigh's development.

"You help make Raleigh what it is...N.C. State built Raleigh," Odum said.

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NCSU, he founded Park Communications, which eventually included 140 newspapers, 11 television stations and 22 radio stations. Park has been described by the university in a recent media release as one of their "most illustrious alumni."

Roy Park has been involved in alumni affairs since his graduation. In 1961, Park made the first \$1000 contribution to start the

Chancellor's Circle of donors. Between 1962 and 1966, Park served as chairman of the NCSU Development Council, helping raise more than \$18 million for the NCSU Foundation. Park was also a Board of Trustee member from 1977 to 1985.

Roy Park created the Park Foundation of Ithaca, NY in 1996. This foundation gives full scholarships to a number of universities, including 450 Park Scholarships to NCSU. Dorothy Park is now the chair of the Park Foundation.

**RAIL**

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group was asked to look into ideas for feature art work that would be appealing to all ages, as well as monetarily feasible.

When discussing themes for the decor, the NCSU colors and features were widely mentioned, but some participants wanted to reach out more towards the community by including Meredith College and historical aspects of the area.

"I think the students are ignorant of the community's his-

tory due to society changing at a fast pace," Seth Dilday, a NCSU alumnus, said. "It is important to reflect on where we have been and where we are going, so history should definitely play a part in the art work represented."

The TTA also asked that the groups consider riders' safety.

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# Diversions

A Day in the Life

## the utmost occupation

Microbiology student Steven West oversees R.A.'s in University Towers.

Story by Ashley Hink

After sarcastically yelling, "go away" from inside his apartment, rap music begins to blare from Steven West's computer speakers. Without a mere glance away from his computer screen filled with Instant Messenger text boxes, he doesn't bother to ask about personal music preference. He quickly clicks on "Closer" by Nine Inch Nails.

"Do you like this better? I don't, it makes me feel like a rapist," West then puts on "Wild Horses" by Garth Brooks, tells his AIM buddies that he'll talk to them later and organizes a stack of papers for a medical microbiology report.

When glancing around his small, single-person apartment, it is obvious that this 21-year-old small town boy from a family of farmers is not your typical college guy.

Inside his spotless living room are black leather couches, framed black and white photos of sailboats, large plants, contemporary steel and glass accessories, curtains and a matching rug. An impressive 30 bottles of liquor, also considered "decoration" to West that easily total over \$600, lines his cabinets, mimicking a small bar. The apartment resembles that of a businessman bachelor in his late 20s rather than the young resident director of University Towers (UT) dorm.

West, majoring in microbiology with hopes of entering optometry school, begins to talk about the slightly awkward group presentation from which he just returned. After venting frustrations, the conversation switched to the project topic, the types of immunoassays used in drug testing for detecting tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active ingredient in marijuana. Throwing around an impressive vocabulary filled with scientific jargon and a few curse words, it's apparent that West is very intelligent and knowledgeable about the subject.

When interrupted by a phone call, Steven jumps up from his plush leather couch and announces, "I've got to get vouchers for the football game, let's go." He meets Jon Hurtt, a RA at University Towers, greets him with an emotionless "what's up" and heads to Reynolds Coliseum.

Along the way, two perfectly primed girls strut in front of the guys. Without any inhibition, Hurtt says "Oh, white pants" with a hint of appreciation and gratefulness for the clothing item worn by one of the girls. West chimes in with equal ease and appreciation: "Yeah, you gotta love 'em."

Excited students crowd around the ticket box and the process of collecting vouchers becomes much longer than anticipated as West is constantly approached by acquaintances and friends, most being females. After being a RA at Wood and UT, it's no surprise that West is well known.

Back at the dorm, Steven sits down behind his tidy desk and unenthusiastically prepares his paperwork. Today his duties include handling

a couple roommate conflicts and grading tests taken by his RAs where all resident names, faces and room numbers had to be correctly identified. However, his tasks extend far beyond these. In addition to training and overseeing the RAs, West does room assignments, handles student and parent complaints, mediates roommate conflicts, reports and answers to his superiors and is responsible for coordinating actions taken in emergency situations.

After a few phone calls, Steven playfully flirts with the office manager Ames Brantly. He seductively says, "Ames, did you see me through the window with my shirt pulled up?"

Playing along, Brantly exclaims "Oh no! You'll have to do it again when I go back outside."

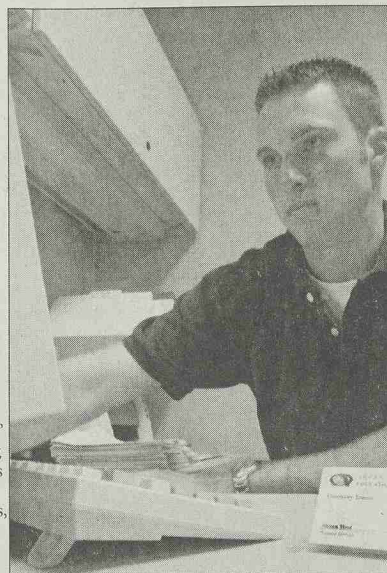
While listening to an old Joe Diffie CD, Steven flips through the resident notebook and attempts to find familiar faces among the 906, mostly freshman, residents. He then slams down the notebook, pushes himself away from the desk and starts slapping his thigh with the beat of the almost unbearable country music. After listening carefully to the ridiculous lyrics he says, "This song is trippin' me out." He puts on Tim McGraw's "Indian Outlaw" and begins a heated discussion with Brantly about what country music songs classify as "twangy."

After completing his work, Steven organizes his desktop and gets on an elevator to go to dinner on the ninth floor of UT. He stares at the ceiling without any expression or indication of noticing the empty conversa-

tion coming from the crowd of girls in the elevator. The clones, wearing low ponytails, cropped jeans, pearls and rainbows, fill the cramped air with unnecessarily high-pitched "Oh-my-God's" and "heys" before finally arriving to dinner. Steven piles his tray with chicken and rice, hushpuppies, sweet tea, juice and a mysterious looking slice of green pie and sits down with a couple of RAs and mutual friends.

Sitting silently, Steve examines his now healing skin, burned the previous weekend at the football game and declares, "I'm going to die an excruciating death from skin cancer." However, the table soon finds out that he also tans on a regular basis at a tanning bed. "Heck yeah I go tanning," he says. "It's so relaxing. I can't stand going to bed with my ass so white, it lights up the entire room." After laughing loudly to his joke, Steven finishes his green pie and goes to his room for a 20-minute nap.

His brief rest is interrupted three times by the phone, and eventually he gets up because someone has been caught trespassing in the building. Without disclosing details of the circumstances, he calls the appropriate authorities. Looking disheartened by the situation, Steven escorts the



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West is the resident director of University Towers.

young man out and speaks to him in a very professional manner. Noticeably disturbed, he says, "I hate doing that. I mean, he seems like a nice guy but we had to do it."

West enjoys his job because of the management experience and workplace dynamics, but hates having to "be the bad guy." However, he rarely has a threatening manner and is nothing short of entertaining with quirky remarks and a slightly eccentric personality. Now finished with his work for the day, he heads back to his room and collects notebooks needed for the computer lab.

"I've got to study for micro and have no idea where to start."

## N.C. State's instant connection

Students are getting up close and at times personal with instant messaging, using it to plan their nightly plans, find out how each others' days have been and even make love connections.

Lori Miranda Osgood  
Staff Writer

**BluestAngelLoriM:** It's official now. I'm transferring from State and leaving next week.

I have a cell phone and an apartment phone, and I see most of my friends on a weekly, if not daily, basis, but that was how I chose to tell everyone: Instant Messenger.

It was a big decision for me, relocating to the mountains of North Carolina and pursuing my career in the arts. Despite the magnitude of my move, the only people I told in person were my bosses and my best friend.

Impersonal? Perhaps, but it is a fitting goodbye to N.C. State. NCSU, in my mind, has always been on the cutting edge. I never realized until I enrolled here just how close-knit the Wolfpack is through the Internet.

What is NCSU's medium of choice for communication? AOL Instant Messenger (AIM). The Pack's obsession has become so hungry that the simple AOL version is not enough. There is Dead AIM, capable of allowing two users to use their buddy lists on one computer at the same time, as well as add-on software. The most popular are sub-profiles, which allow other users to view personal statements and create message boards for users to see.

Elizabeth Swenson, a junior in English, uses AIM in collaboration with programs developed at NCSU. Swenson explains, "NCSU has services involving AIM that are useful. For MA 141, there is a tutor that signs on at designated times. It's helpful that a math expert is online for you to ask questions and get immediate feedback without the need for scheduling visits during office hours."

At NCSU, it sometimes seems as if the world revolves around AIM, penetrating both academic and social realms. What is the impact of this program? It is not to be said that it is either positive or negative, but better to realize that one program touches all aspects of student life.

**BluestAngelLoriM:** Party tonight at Lori's house of love. Call if you want in.

To many, AIM is a practical approach to getting out there socially. Laura England, a junior in political science, feels that "AIM is the best way to find out about what's going on and weigh your

options instead of calling 10 people. When you're online you're connected with people all the time."

However, this approach is not accepted by all students. Some feel that it is making social interactions less of a personal experience. Allen Bader, a freshman in First Year College, expressed that "students use AIM so much that it is used as a substitute for talking to people face to face. AIM is diminishing our people skills so we know less and less about dealing with people."

**BluestAngelLoriM:** To Travis: You suck. Get a hint. I'm not interested. To everyone else: I hope you have the best day ever. You deserve it.

Of those interviewed for this article, all were ready to comment generally on AIM. But, when probed further, especially in the area of relationships with significant others, many were silent; since no one else will comment, I will. AIM adds a twist to relationships, positive or negative. You be the judge.

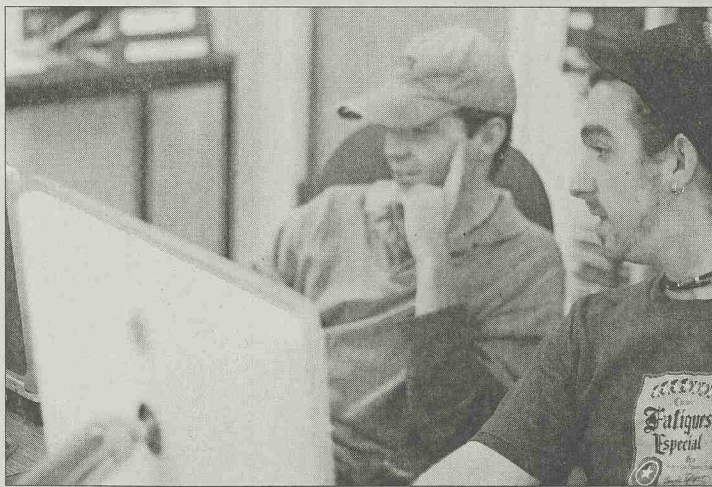
AIM is the perfect way for you and your sweetie to keep in touch. We all hate to get those calls where it is blatantly obvious that the object of our affection is checking up on us. With AIM, they can check your away message, get a secure, good feeling and you'll never be the wiser. And, break-ups over AIM: We'll say there are pros and cons for both sides.

Now for the darker side. I have had a friend instant message me and ask me if we could be friends with benefits. Well, actually he just wanted benefits with no friendship. Guess who was blocked from there on out.

There was also the brief stint with Campus Flirts and Internet dating. Let's just say that was out the window after I "met" the "perfect guy." Happy ending? My desire was never to see him again when we actually met face to face - I guess 40-year-old men with no teeth and tank tops sized XXXL deserve to go to college too, but they need to stay away from girls like me.

**BluestAngelLoriM:** Well, now it's creative writing and art and don't forget that the sun is always shining at the Electric Beach. Hitting the books at the moment - If you got the hook up on transcendentalism, give me a holler.

Let's face it, NCSU delivers a powerful punch with its courses and no one can go at it alone. Most students have developed a close network of



RAY BLACK/III/TECHNICIAN

Kevin Chancey, right, a senior in psychology, takes a glance at what's happening on the computer of F. Brock Edmiston, a senior in computer and electrical engineering, Wednesday in the foreign language lab.

buddies to get through classes.

Elizabeth Swenson extols the value of using AIM in an academic group setting. "AIM has proven beneficial for me because unlike e-mail, it does not require you to wait until someone checks his/her e-mail and then compose a response and then send it. Results are instantaneous."

AIM also provides a way for people to converse in a polite and convenient fashion by offering features to see if a person is available. Swenson says, "You know if the person is available or if your talking to them will be a hindrance. This allows for greater communication because it eases the transmission of information about classes, missed assignments and collaboration on projects."

**BluestAngelLoriM:** Having a freshman moment. Taking time to wallow in the misery of missing my family.

Whether we like to admit it or not, we have all experienced homesickness. Students use AIM to

keep in touch with parents and what is going on back home. It's a preferred mode of communication, because it is free and lets students keep a damper on how much information parents really know.

One freshman said that it's "helped me to adjust to attending a large university far from home. Being able to chat with my mother online at night has contributed to my happiness here at NCSU, and thus my success and likelihood of continuing here."

It is amazing how one program has created so many avenues of success here at NCSU. Through its many uses, AIM has made academic success more accessible to everyone and NCSU has become a true community where people seek one another to help and receive help. At the very least, it has become a social hub providing a means for partying, sharing the events of the day and devising devilish pranks.

**BluestAngelLoriM:** Well, I guess there has to be a nice neat ending to everything. It's time for me to retire. Feel free to leave me one.





## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## DON'T GIVE UP THE NAME

**OUR OPINION:** JOURNALISTS SHOULD NOT DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF THEIR SOURCES, NO MATTER THE PRESSURE.

It is a fundamental precept in journalism that a reporter does not give out the identity of anonymous sources. This is to build a relationship with the press and the public and with the sources frequently contacted by reporters for stories. That said, an interesting and possibly damaging case has come up that has many in the journalism profession questioning their own ethics.

The story comes from Washington, D.C. where most ethical dilemmas begin. Remember Watergate? You'll need to for this one.

The Justice Department announced that it is conducting an investigation of the White House to find who leaked the name of an undercover CIA agent to six reporters. The CIA agent is the wife of a former ambassador who criticized the Bush Administration for saying that Iraq had been trying to buy uranium

from the African nation of Niger. President Bush used this allegation in his State of the Union speech and has been quoted as one of the reasons the United States went to war with Iraq again.

Back in the summer, Robert Novak, a conservative columnist and commentator for CNN, wrote an op/ed piece for the New York Times, cited the name of the veteran undercover agent, placing her and everyone that knows her in danger for their lives. Now the President wants to know who the leak is and is asking the reporters to come forward and tell who they know.

It is probable that five out of the six reporters that were contacted thought this was just a political backlash against the former ambassador that went against the administration. But evidently Robert Novak didn't and printed the CIA agent's name anyway. Speculate all you want about Novak's role in this, the whole deal is shady and he possibly has prematurely ended his career.

The real issue here is whether or not

the reporters should come out and tell the name of their source when the source is on deep background, like Deep Throat was for Woodward and Bernstein during Watergate. As citizens, the reporters have an obligation to their country to protect it and the national security.

But as journalists, they have a higher duty to the journalism profession and the sanctity of the confidential source. If they come out and divulge their source, not only will they end their careers as journalists, but it will create a ripple effect of mistrust towards the media and no one will be inclined to speak confidentially again.

In America, the free press is just as important to the people as the government. The people need to feel they can speak to the media without fear of being chastised for speaking out on sensitive issues. This issue is not the first time it has come up, and it won't be the last, but right here, the line must be drawn.

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## Response to "Defining Diversity"

I am Darcelle Smith, and I am an African-American student here at N.C. State (a predominantly white school), where I know "minorities" are stereotyped regardless of who they are and what they have accomplished here or anywhere else.

Therefore, it disturbs me to read about ignorant and offensive students like Brian Onorio, who claims he is not a racist, yet he insults and belittles everyone in the African-American race. I believe he is the prime example as to why I will never stop taking "pride" or "celebrating" the color of my skin. Why would I want to throw all of that out the window?

We as "minorities" have grown only stronger and more united because we went through a struggle to prove that the color of someone's skin does not mean you should fear them. Instead, take in the sight of all the beauty of "color" around you and respect that we as people of color are just like those who are white, PEOPLE. The color of my skin is something I'm proud of, which everyone should take pride in, their color.

Americans live in a country that has become united with many different shades of color, religions, cultures, and I agree with Onorio when he stated that it would be ridiculous for him or any other white person to ask for a "white history" or a "European American Cultural Center." Why would you want that when you have "white history" all year long in every history/social studies class in America, and you can see cultural centers when you go to any museum in North Carolina?

Every child is learning about the fathers and presidents who established such an amazing country. Question: Wasn't this "free" country first owned by Native Americans who were told to evolve into a "white" society or be banned from their own lands and homes? However, didn't the Cherokees form into a "civilized" society for the British, then asked to conform back into the so called "savages" they really were and forced off their lands anyway?

Again, wasn't the United States then built by the sweat and blood from Africans, Philipines,

and Japanese? Who built houses, produced your foods, and even started your prisons. As a result, who really established and built this wonderful country? Yeah, those four fathers and grand old presidents sure did create a wonderful land!

As far as the African-American "only" groups on this campus, you are wrong, just as you accept African-Americans in your predominately white organizations; we do the same in all the African-American organizations. In the past, as African-American students, we were not able to take part in the white sororities, fraternities and other organizations.

As a result, we had to establish fraternities, sororities, and multiple organizations for "our" people. For the record, unlike the KKK the African-American organizations have never been known to burn crosses in your yard, rape, kill or promote any violence toward anyone. There is nothing equal between the Society of African-American Culture (SAAC) and the Klu Klux Klan; I believe that is a racist statement. Instead of being given the "2002-2003 West Campus Diversity Award," you should have been given the "2003 I am Racist Award."

Furthermore, Dr. Martin Luther King proposed a lot... and Malcolm X... and Rosa Parks... and Maya Angelou. However, that's why we need black history.

There were even more who taught on equality and unity among the people, which Mr. Onorio might want to read about because he obviously doesn't take in the importance of African-Americans when he turns on a light in his room, stops at a stop light, or when he irons his clothes.

In conclusion, to Brian Onorio and anyone else who believes we should be a colorblind university: If we were to eliminate all laws and policies, such as the Affirmative Action plan, you wouldn't have a university of "diversity" any longer. Your once diverse school would be nothing more than an all white "prestigious" university.

Darcelle Smith  
Sophomore  
Communications

## A response to "A Response to Brian Onorio's column, 'Defining Diversity.'"

It's time to put my foot down. I've already stayed out of this longer than I should have. I confess that I don't know what Mr. Onorio wrote in his column "Defining Diversity." However, I am seriously tired of all the whining that is occurring over "diversity" in general. Mr. Strobino's response is contradictory and blatantly ignorant.

Apparently, Strobino is "really shocked" that a student who considers Europeans to be suppressed would have ever even thought himself eligible to enter a diversity contest." That is a very ignorant statement, so pay attention and you might learn something.

First, we must understand that "diversity" and "race" are two totally different things. "Race" is defined as "a group of people united or classified together on the basis of common history, nationality, or geographic distribution," according to Dictionary.com. "Diversity" on the other hand is defined as "a point or respect in which things differ." Race is one culture in and of itself, whereas diversity is (in a perfect world) the celebration of different cultures.

A "diversity contest" is not a "race contest." Diversity allows all people to experience perspectives from different cultures. If Strobino had it his way and "white males... who show their asses in public" were not allowed to participate in this contest, then that would completely destroy the point of diversity ("are you?").

We all have to ask ourselves this question: Why do we associate "diversity" with

"oppression"? ("are you?") You don't have to be oppressed to be diverse. Everyone has been oppressed at some point in time throughout the course of history. Native Americans were oppressed when the colonists arrived in America. African-Americans were oppressed in the south (pre-Civil War). Everybody was oppressed by the Nazis (do not confuse "Nazis" with "Germans").

Being oppressed has nothing to do with being diverse. This "One nation under God" (probably soon to be "one nation") was a huge melting pot of diversity early in its life. Strobino said that "If you are proposing a more homogeneous culture, where there is no diversity then this is also frightening." This is a homogeneous culture, kid. We are all Americans, living, in my opinion, in the best nation on earth.

The question of diversity is misunderstood by kids like Strobino. Stop whining. Stop whining about who is being "suppressed" and who is not. Instead, everyone needs to take the opportunity to celebrate their culture and their heritage. Celebrate who you are instead of whining about how oppressed you may or may not be. Take pride in the fact that you are different from others and take pride in where you came from and most importantly, take pride in who you are. That is where the true spirit of diversity lies. The next time you want to open your mouth, make sure you have something intelligent to say.

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## Hold fast to your freedom, America

The Patriot Act is getting heat from both political camps because of its overzealous rules. Christin Liverance fights back against the DOJ.

I'm sorry; I must be in the wrong country. I thought this was America, and by America, I mean the land of the free. The place where people

have a right to enjoy freedoms that many other countries do not give to their citizens. Recently, it seems that many of these rights have been under attack, just as our nation was over two years ago. I'm all for the war on terrorism, let me



Christin Liverance  
Staff Columnist

make that clear to begin with. I want the people who destroyed the Twin Towers, and killed thousands of innocent people to pay dearly. However, I don't want American citizens to pick up the tab by having to forgo many of their constitutional rights.

Much to my dismay, and I'm sure that of other citizens, that very thing seems to be happening as a result of the Patriot Act which President Bush signed on Oct. 26, 2001. It gave new powers to both domestic law enforcement and international intelligence. The Patriot Act has many effects on the people in this country. First, secret "no fly" lists determine who can travel by airplane, but the government will not reveal the reasons why someone makes the list. New warrants give the government a right to search citizen's homes, as well as bank and medical records, without them even being aware of it. Now, the government can view anything you enter into your Google search without even obtaining a warrant. All an agent has to do is tell a judge that the information could lead to more information "relevant" in a criminal investigation. Seems like many people could abuse this privilege. What's relevant and what isn't? And who decides? FBI and CIA agents

can tap into your computer without even having to prove you're a suspect.

There needs to be probable cause when anyone performs a search, whether in your home or your computer files. Article IV of the Constitution states that it is a person's right to be secure in their "houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures." If it's thought that Osama bin Laden is in Florida looking up flight schedules and homemade bomb recipes, nab him and his "effects." However, the government doesn't have a right to spy on little Joey because he did a search on the word "terrorism" for a school project. Even our freedom of speech has

"Are we being watched? Are we going to be tracked down every time we have some negative opinions? Can something we say be enough to have us investigated as a terror suspect and put in jail? This isn't a nation where the fear of Big Brother should be instilled in us."

been affected by the Patriot Act. It used to be that a person could state their political beliefs without fear. Now the FBI is investigating people because they give less than glowing reports of President Bush. One California man got into a discussion at his gym and criticized the president and the bombing in Afghanistan. A week later, the man was visited at his apartment by a couple of FBI agents asking him about his political beliefs. This presents some scary thoughts: Are we being watched? Are we going

to be tracked down every time we have some negative opinions? Can something we say be enough to have us investigated as a terror suspect and put in jail? This isn't a nation where the fear of Big Brother should be instilled in us.

What's really frightening is the disintegration of a person's legal rights when they are suspected of terrorism. Suddenly these people are classified as "enemy combatants," they can be held without charges and can be denied the use of a lawyer. Both of these are basic constitutional rights. If a police officer makes an arrest without a warrant, they must tell you the reason for the arrest unless you are in the act of committing the crime. One of the first things an officer of the law must also do is read you your Miranda rights. These rights state among other things that you have a right to an attorney, and that an attorney will be provided for you if you cannot afford one yourself. These same rights should hold up no matter what the suspected crime.

It's easy for us to want to throw terror suspects in jail to rot without many of the same rights we enjoy. Yet, it isn't just the rights of highly suspected terrorists that are being put in jeopardy here. It is the rights of everyday American citizens. Experts have compared some of these new government tactics to those used during the 1950s during anti-Communist hunts. We are, as a country, heading in a dangerous new direction by taking away the basic rights of our citizens. The terrorists have taken enough away from us; we can't lose what makes this country great during the process of fighting them. This is a battle we must all face, but let's face it with our liberties intact, or all of us lose.

Christin's hoping she won't be investigated by the FBI for writing this article. Let her know your thoughts by e-mailing her at [viewpoint@technicianstaff.com](mailto:viewpoint@technicianstaff.com)



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onship game. The league has 11 teams and talk of expansion has risen again.

The Wolfpack, meanwhile, has an enticing tentative home schedule for next season. If things remain the same the Pack will play Ohio State, Miami and Florida State at Carter-Finley Stadium.

"We're going to add another 70,000 seats in that stadium, that's what the people want," Amato said. "And we'll fill 'em up. Hey, that's why we got [Miami and Virginia Tech] in the conference - so our turn would come to play all three of them. So, it's here and we'll play 'em."

In past years, fans and media have criticized the Pack's schedule, saying it has been too soft. Last season, State played two

Division 1-AA schools in Massachusetts and East Tennessee State, and this year State opened with another one in Western Carolina.

That shouldn't be a point of criticism any longer, though.

"Scheduling is so very important when you play in a league that's going to have these kind of people," Amato said. "Miami, Virginia Tech and Florida State right now are in the top 5 in the country. You add to that who we're going to play next year in Ohio State, and you have four of the top 5 teams in the country that are going to be on our schedule."

"You know, we might just have to pray for a hurricane to come by and get 'em canceled."

**Basketball schedule decided, too**

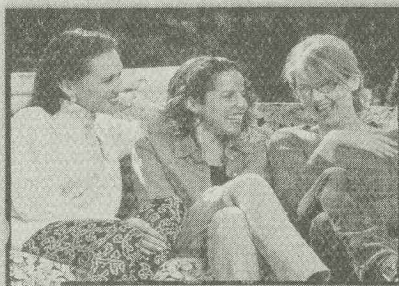
The ACC also announced the

scheduling format for the 2004-05 men's and women's basketball season.

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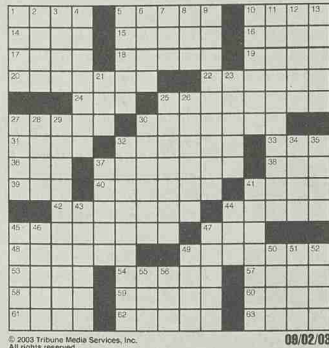
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## MATT

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irks the team. A quick walk around Method yesterday, I counted over 30 students with their heads buried in homework. If a full-scale battle royal broke out on the field, they wouldn't have noticed.

"The library is where you're supposed to do homework, not at a soccer game," Gannon told me yesterday.

Gannon and his teammates

have a right to be irked. When the team scored what he called the team's "biggest goal in eight or nine years" Sunday against Virginia, many members of the club cheered lightheartedly. Gannon estimated one out of every 10 people were clapping.

It should be noted that their other teammates and fellow student-athletes don't echo their sentiments.

"It's nice to have a lot of people there even if some of them are doing homework," said Chris Catlett, a junior on the men's soccer team.

"We don't care why they're there, we know not everyone's interested in soccer, but it's nice to know we have the support," said Jaci Harper, a senior on the women's soccer team.

But do they truly have support?

To the club's credit, there are a handful of members that cheer substantially, belittle the referee and try to get others involved. Once during the game yesterday, a small group of girls tried to lead the "Wolf....Pack." They were helped by no one.

The line needs to be drawn. A

member shouldn't be allowed to get their point if they're doing homework or have their backs turned to the field (yes, the team notices that, too). If the club's going to "create a loud cheering section to encourage our athletes" as its mission statement says, it needs to abide to that at all events.

Not just at football and basketball games.

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## SOCCER

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Tarantini said. "We focused and we worked hard. I won't say we played great but we worked extremely hard and we played our game. We're playing in the system and we're growing."

State's next growing opportunity is Saturday in the form of a 7 p.m. contest with Wake Forest in Winston-Salem.

The Demon Deacons (4-3, 0-2 ACC) lost a close match with No. 1, Maryland on Saturday and enjoyed a week of no games to prepare for State.

But that doesn't mean the Pack

is just starting to think about the Deacs.

"[The Wake Forest game has] been on my mind since we beat Virginia," Gannon said. "I just wanted to get past Howard, but now we've got a showdown in Spry Stadium."

Undeclared at home, the team's next match at Method Road comes Oct. 19 when the Pack will host North Carolina.

## HOME

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omore John Queeley leading a team focused on taking the ball away from its opponents.

The offense, led by sophomore forward Aaron King's seven

goals, hasn't been shy, either. So maybe the better question is who hasn't played a part in this winning streak?

"In such a feat, everyone contributes."

"This is such a huge accomplishment for Jorge and the defense," said assistant coach and

former N.C. State goalkeeper David Allred. "[Jorge] comes out with a workman-like attitude every day, and this is a product of that."

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## BOOTH

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sounds," Booth said. "The connotation in our society is a bad one. You can get through it and one of these days it'll just be a memory. People are stronger than they think they are."

He's also served as a role model for teammates and other students.

"He gives us all perspective on life," State coach Chuck Amato said. "Here's a man who had great aspirations. He was at the academy, had to drop out and didn't know if he'd ever play again. Now he's out there doing something he really likes and enjoys. And he's living and he's healthy."

"You realize that there's more to it than playing a football game."



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## To cheer or not to cheer

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**Matt Middleton**  
Staff Columnist

But for all its downfalls, there might not be a better place to watch a game on a fall afternoon. The field is perfectly manicured, the sun bathes spectators in a comforting sense and fans are literally right on the field.

Apparently, there's also no better place to come and *not* watch a game.

Following the men's team's win over No. 7 Virginia, senior captain Chris Gannon thanked the Student Wolfpack Club, whose members fill basically an entire side of the stadium's bleachers, for attending by yelling something to the extent of "Thanks for coming for your football tickets, next time come cheer for us."

This was just one week after then-injured senior Chiedu Chukwumah felt compelled to walk over to the SWPC's section during a game to ask them why they were there.

"If they make the effort to come out to a game, why do they just sit there and not cheer?" Chukwumah asked me yesterday following the team's fourth win in a row.

The answer to that question, as Chukwumah probably knows, is exactly what Gannon pointed out - for football tickets. You see, the 2,100-member club is allotted 730 tickets for football (and 400 for men's basketball) and distributes them with priority to members that have accumulated the most points by attending various non-revenue sporting events.

Before we go any further, let me point out I am currently a member of the Student Wolfpack Club - I have been every year since I've been enrolled at this university. In my erstwhile membership days, I came to a large number of games and obtained the points in order to, like everyone else, 100 percent assure myself of getting football and basketball tickets. For this goal, there is no better alternative than joining the club.

Since becoming an editor in this publication late in my sophomore year, it hasn't been paramount for me to accumulate those points, because I was covering a large majority of those football and basketball games as a member of the media.

Thus, I've simply dropped by games without worrying about the point and found they become much more enjoyable this way.

Not a lot of the club follows suit and that

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## State stampedes Bison

*Federico Peria scores two goals and assists on another to lead N.C. State past Howard for its fourth-straight shutout.*

**Jon Page**  
Senior Staff Writer

It didn't matter that Howard's record was 1-7 or that in those eight games the Bison only scored four goals. N.C. State coach George Tarantini believed Wednesday's match-up with the Atlantic Soccer Conference foe would be the Wolfpack's most important game of the season - even more important than wins over conference rivals Clemson and Virginia - and after a slow start, State eventually played like it was.

Federico Peria scored two goals and Chris Gannon added another as State (6-4) shutout the Bison (1-8) 3-0.

Over a span of four games State has outscored Clemson, Campbell, Virginia and Howard by a combined score of 9-0. That marks the first four game streak of shutouts by the Pack since 1987.

But its last loss came against a weak adversary in Temple. Memories of that game, played on a Wednesday, were enough to worry State of a Bison upset.

"We've struggled in the past with our Wednesday games," Gannon said. "Especially after a big win, such as a Clemson or Virginia, which we're not used to, so we've got to come into Wednesday and beat that next team. If you don't it makes that weekend look like it wasn't important."

Winning on a Wednesday pleased Tarantini more than anything else.

"This is a big deal for us," Tarantini said. "To be consistent is much more important than to be great."

Surely enough, there State didn't make too many great plays in the first half. The Pack outshot the Bison 13-10 for the game, but only managed four shots in the first half.

Tarantini stalked the sidelines shaking his head saying the Wolfpack was "too slow."

Finally, in the 26th minute, State struck.

Sophomore defender John Queeley penetrated Howard's defense and made a strong run to the goal. A pass to Peria deflected off a Bison defender, but the ball bounced perfectly back to Peria. Howard goalie Jason Williams charged Peria, who slid around the Howard netminder and had a wide-open look at the goal before Williams intentionally tripped up the sophomore midfielder. The referee awarded State a penalty kick.

Sophomore forward Aaron King,



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Federico Peria, controlling possession, scored two goals and added an assist in Wednesday's win.

who leads the ACC with seven goals this season, normally takes penalty kicks for State, but Peria asked King if he could take the shot himself. King obliged and Peria sent a rocket to the right of Williams for the Pack's first score.

King had several opportunities but Howard held him scoreless.

"Everybody knows King is the leading scorer," Tarantini said. "If you stop King, you get a prize, but like in every good team, you cannot mark everyone, somebody had to be open."

In the second half, Gannon found himself open.

That scoring play began with Peria crossed the ball from the corner to freshmen Rami Ghanayem. The ball ricocheted toward Williams, who had a handle on it, but he dropped it right in front of the goal. Gannon was there for an easy score and Ghanayem and Peria were credited with the assist.

"It was a rebound I had to follow," Gannon said. "Coach Tarantini has been working with us in practice on following our shots so I just pounded in the rebound."

Peria added another goal in the 65th minute on an assist from Gannon, by which time Tarantini's elation replaced the coach's earlier frustration.

"I'm very excited about this win,"

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## Pack undefeated at Method

*Five of six wins have come in the friendly confines, including four straight shutouts for the men's soccer team.*

**Ian Jester**  
Staff Writer

Wednesday's 3-0 victory over Howard marked the fourth straight men's soccer victory and improved State's home record to 5-0 on the season. The Pack, playing with renewed energy and enthusiasm this season, has also recorded four straight shutouts.

For the streak, State has outscored its opponents 9-0. That includes wins over nationally ranked ACC opponents Clemson and Virginia.

State hasn't pulled off four straight shutouts since 1987, when the team advanced to the NCAA tournament.

So, who deserves the credit for such an accomplishment? Sophomore keeper Jorge Gonzalez has certainly done his part; he's compiled 16 saves



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Jorge Gonzalez and a stout Pack defense haven't allowed a goal in four matches.

over this streak, reducing any opposing threat on goal to mere child's play.

But Gonzalez deflects the praise to his teammates.

"Our defense is playing great," he said. "Everyone has done a great job covering the middle where the other team can be dangerous on attack."

The defense has been the aggressor, with senior Chris Gannon and soph-

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## Booth battles back

*Walk-on linebacker A.J. Booth, diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease after graduating high school, has persevered on and off the field.*

**Jay Kohler**  
Senior Staff Writer

When A.J. Booth takes the field dressed in his practice gear, he looks no different from his teammates. But Booth, a walk-on linebacker on the N.C. State football team, has been through a lot more in his life than one can imagine.

Tall and stout at 210-pounds, the red-shirt freshman took a very different and difficult path in order to play football at State. It started at R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, where Booth played quarterback and some defense.

Following his 1999 graduation, Booth enrolled in Fort Union prep school. He hoped to play at State after spending a year on the field at Fort Union. However, during his season at Fort Union, Booth noticed a growth on his neck.

It eventually got worse. His weight dropped, and he was unable to put any of the pounds back on.

"There was a huge lump on my neck," Booth said. "It was so big that it was pushing my head to my side. This was after months of debating. I finally just went to the doctor."

Doctors confirmed what Booth and his

family feared. It was cancer, specifically Hodgkin's disease. For Booth, then just 18-years-old, the knowledge that he had cancer seemed like a death sentence.

"When they first told me, they didn't know what kind of cancer it was, they just told me it was cancer," he said. "I wasn't familiar with it and I didn't know anybody who had cancer so I thought that this was it."

Booth soon started treatment, which included eight months of chemotherapy. The cancer had pushed his weight to below 180, which he hadn't weighed since his freshman year of high school. Through it all, his family was at his side. Former football coaches visited Booth, and he even got a call from the Air Force Academy, where Booth had almost gone to play football.

"I didn't think I'd be going back to school or doing anything," Booth said. "Football was the furthest thing from my mind."

Now, Booth is back, and football is part of his therapy. He has even made it onto the field as an outside linebacker, playing for seven snaps against Western Carolina and one against Wake Forest. Booth had one tackle against the Deacons, along with a tackle and an assist against Western.

He doesn't flaunt the fact that he fought

back and is winning a tough battle against cancer. He speaks quietly and matter-of-factly about his experience. Most of Booth's teammates didn't even know that he had cancer until a local newspaper ran a story a few weeks ago.

"When they found out, a lot of people supported me and said that they had people they knew who were going through cancer," Booth said. "They thought it was a great story."

Not only is Booth still playing football, he's also gained a newfound focus on academics. A B-average student in high school, Booth has hit the books and now possesses a 3.94 GPA in electrical engineering.

"I got a change of perspective on life," Booth said. "I was 18-years-old when I was diagnosed with cancer, and being faced with the concept of your own mortality at that age...you realize what's important and you start setting goals for yourself and you realize that there are other things."

"You get a second chance." Booth knows that he isn't out of the woods yet. He still has to have checkups, and admits that he isn't sure if he is yet 100 percent. Right now, his cancer is in remission, and as long as he remains clear for five years, his cancer will be gone. Having survived Hodgkin's disease, Booth also has plenty of advice to give people faced with his same situation.

"It's not as bad as the word cancer

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## Pack to face 'Canes, Hokies in '04

*The ACC announced the 2004-05 schedule on Wednesday.*

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N.C. State's 2004 football schedule just got a whole lot tougher.

The Atlantic Coast Conference announced Wednesday that State, along with North Carolina, Virginia and Wake Forest, will play Miami and Virginia Tech when those schools begin ACC play in the 2004-05 academic year.

According to the ACC, State will play Miami and Virginia Tech each of the next two seasons. To keep the amount of conference games the same as it stands now, NCSU will not play Duke or Virginia.

Miami and Virginia Tech join a schedule already highlighted by Ohio State, which State plays at Carter-Finley Stadium Sept. 18 of next year. The 2004 schedule also includes Florida State.

Miami, Ohio State, Virginia Tech and Florida State are ranked Nos. 2-5 in this week's top 25.

N.C. State coach Chuck Amato is excited to have four of the current top five teams in the country lined up for next season.

"Hey, we want to build a program," Amato said. "That's what we want."

Since the league's expansion ended in the summer, ACC officials, school administrators and athletic directors met numerous times to discuss scheduling. The process they came up with seemed the most fair, according to league commissioner John Swofford, and the most adaptable should the league split in two divisions and stage a postseason championship game.

Though several reports claim that the NCAA won't allow the ACC to hold a title game, the NCAA has not yet officially decided whether to allow conferences with less than 12 teams to hold a championship.

**2004 FOOTBALL GAMES**  
**Home**  
Florida State  
Georgia Tech  
Miami  
Navy  
Ohio State  
Wake Forest  
**Away**  
Clemson  
East Carolina  
Maryland  
North Carolina  
Virginia Tech  
\*Dates to be announced

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