

Nader talks politics

Ralph Nader, independent candidate for president, spoke jobs, tuition and democracy during a stop in Talley Student Center Thursday.

Thushan Amarasiriwardena

If anyone's name elicits polarized views, it's Ralph Nader's. To some, he's known as the only man capable of reinvigorating politics with a new vision; to others he's the pariah that rained on Al Gore's 2000 presidential parade by siphoning votes as a third party candidate.

Nader, an independent candidate for the presidency, spoke before a crowd of more than 300 in the Talley Student Center Ballroom Thursday, railing on what he said is an increasing stranglehold on American politics by corporate interests and the two-party system while urging students to become players in the political scene.

'We haven't been doing our homework. We vote on hunches and smiles," he told the audience comprised mainly of students. Instead, Nader suggests that voters become as informed as

the most fervent sports fans. They dismiss rhetoric from

the ballplayers and they look at the record," he said, asking students to inspect politi-cians at the same level that sports enthusiasts pour over the numbers of their favorite teams. "Should we do less for our elected officials?"

Nader, a longtime consumer advocate who lead the effort for safer cars, expressed his

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Ralph Nader speaks on the current involvement of large corporations in the federal government. Nader said, "Corporations should get out of politics.

Fears elevate as graduation nears

Lee Salter, director of the counseling center, spoke on issues seniors face in their last year of college.

Jodi Swicegood

Senioritis. That word is in the air, coming out of the mouths of numerous seniors, many of who are realizing that they shouldn't have saved their hardest classes for their last semester here. Yet, Lee Salter, director of the coun-

insidetechnician



Pack's Lone Star transfer Everything is bigger in Texas, in-cluding the heart and desire of one Wolfpack athlete that hails from



seling center, believes that many seniors are just as stressed about leaving N.C. State as they are with their classes. Salter believes that seniors suf-

fer from anticipatory anxiety and stress because they don't have all the answers for what they are going to do when they graduate

also in the new structure of a

workplace they may enter. Seniors change roles from be

ing a student to a professional.

spring break and the mid semes ter in the fall. Salter commented on some of the reasons that students seek out After graduation, not only do the structure of students' lives change in the social aspect, but

the counseling center as a search for confidentiality. Salter stated that there is approximately one counselor to every 2,000 students and some of

Seniors also sometimes fear that

college friendships, now possibly long-distance friendships, will

not remain strong. Salter spoke of the increase in

student visits to the Counseling

Center during the weeks after

the ways in which the counseling center helps students include 24-hour availability through public safety, crisis work, individual and group counseling, outreach programs and academic and vo-

by eating right, getting enough sleep, exercising and avoiding drugs and alcohol. Such habits can lead to better problem-solvPan-Afrikan **Festival** begins today

UAB Black Students Board has planned many events during their 10-day festival to educate and celebrate.

Jodi Swicegood

"Some things change, every thing rearranges. All colors fade and black is the shade," is this year's theme for the Pan-Afrikan Festival, which begins today and

will run until April 4. Pan-Afrikan started at the university 33 years ago as a way to attract black students to the university.

Continued today, it is a 10-day festival that serves to inform, educate and celebrate African-American culture.

Ashley Va'nette Washington, a senior in microbiology, is the publicity chair for Black Students Board and helped to organize this year's event. "The UAB Black Students

Board has worked extremely hard to provide all students - African-American, Hispanic, Indian, white, et cetera - of North Carolina State University with 10 days of programs that

celebrate, educate and illumi-nate their minds," Washington said.

The types of events taking The types of events taking place this year during Pan-Af-rikan Festival 2004 are bigger, still better and will continue to be this way until the end of time with the support of students," Washington said.

The events start today with Hip-Hop Fanatics and the Fanatics After-Party in the Talley Student Center Ballroom. On Sunday, the African Students Union will present African Night "Tales by Moonlight," a night of traditional dance by groups from across the Triangle, groups from across the friangle, music, food and drama. Other Pan-Afrikan events take place through April 4. "Pan-Afrikan is a celebration

of culture across the African di-aspora. African Night will bring the campus and community, together to experience Africa," Faith Ohuoba, co-historian and publicity chair for ASU.

DeAndra Duggans is the social co-chair for the Black Students Board. Duggans described the purpose behind the festival.

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Noted authors plan workshops

Starting April 15 there will be an array of workshops, showcases and opportunities on campus focused on literature.

Robert White

Many well-known authors will be making a trek to N.C. State in three weeks for the North Carolina Literary Festival, which

starts April 15. The library programs of UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University co-sponsor the three-day festival.

"It is a chance for the public to enjoy their favorite writers," Laura Hudson, the festival's program director, said.

The festival started in 1988 at UNC-CH. The success of the event led the three universities to hold the event biennially, rotating the location between the schools. "One [objective] is to showcase

N.C. State students, faculty and staff," Hudson said. "Another [objective] would be to partner with the other outstanding institutions in the state." Over 80 authors represent-

ing every genre, from poetry to science, will host a variety of workshops, forums and per-formances. Some workshops will focus on ways authors can be published and the basics of screenwriting. Orson Scott Card, a noted

science fiction writer, will give fans an interview session during the festival.

Workshops aimed at the writings of women in history and the historical writings of African-Americans will represent the literary work of minority

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ELECTIONS SBP hopefuls want to lead executive branch

THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT IS THE LIAISON BETWEEN STUDENTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

Caravano has had the word "president" attached to his name more than once durg his youth. In Florida, he was president of his class for four straight years at his small Catholic high school. Ironically, Caravano decided to come to N.C because he thought he would get a chance to become one of the masses for once.

"I came to N.C. State to get lost in the numbers," Caravano said. "But here we are, three and a half years later, and it's nothing like I would have planned."

Before going to college, he had also considered trying to play basketball for a small Division II or III school. Both of his plans didn't quite work out. Caravano, 6 feet 2 inches, believes the NCSU basketball coaches would have laughed at him if he tried to walk-on, and his own personality CARAVANO see page 2



CLASS: S MAJOR(S): Criminolog

ACTIVITIES: Student Body President (2003-04 school year), 2 years as a Resident Advisor for Tucker, 2003 Leader of the Pack, Former Judicial Board Member, Caldwell Fellow

As exams near, students will learn to love Scott Dworkin. As a student senaor, he has just sponsored a b II stressing the importance of dead week — most notably the dead part. Beyond his work with the senate. Dworkin has also kept up his passion for music

He has been playing piano since he was little and he loves to play guitar as well. While Dworkin hasn't been in a band for a while, he supports a lot of local groups and as far as mainstream music goes, he's a Dave Matthews Band fan.

Dworkin's also traveled quite a bit as he moved from Cleveland, Ohio, to Raleigh and he completed his high school career at Southeast Raleigh High School. He's glad he stayed closer to home. DWORKIN see page 2

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MAJOR(S): Sociology and Political Science ACTIVITIES: Senate (CHASS Junior), University Affairs Committee, Intern for Bob Etheridge - 3rd District Congressman

of students seek help from the Counseling Center during the time they are enrolled. Students can help relieve stress

cational counseling. Salter estimated that one-third

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Police warn of possible scam

Staff Report

Students may need to be wary of a current offer for summer internships requesting personal information.

According to Campus Police, a professor contacted them with concerns recently about an unidentified man who circulated clipboards without permission during several of his classes.

The professor, who teaches se eral large class sections, said he did not notice the clipboards circulating until his second class. The sheets asked students

for personal information and claimed to be associated with the Princeton Review. The company, listed as the "National Services Group," offered the possibility of up to \$9,300 of summer earnings to prospective students.

The instructor questioned several students after class, when they revealed that the unidentified individual passed the same offer around the larger lecture

halls throughout campus. The professor confronted the man after he returned to col-lect the sheets at the end of the class, where he claimed that N.C. State's Career Services sanctioned the offer.

The man refused to give his name to the professor and refused to return the collected sheets.

Campus Police advises students give personal information out to this organization. Campus Police has asked professors to contact them should the group attempt to distribute information to a class.

SACS evaluates university

Thursday was the last day of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools evalua-tion at N.C. State. Over the past three days, SACS team members interviewed students, faculty and administrators in their evaluation of the university.

The SACS Commission on Colleges provides accreditation through which NCSU grants associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Based on certain criteria and

other reports, the commission will decide to reaffirm the uni versity's accreditation or not.

SACS will announce its decision concerning NCSU's accreditation in December 2004.

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ing and less stress

Salter also emphasized paying attention to relationships and al lowing relaxation time and time for personal spiritual needs.

As stress levels build there is a tendency to get less rest and not pay as much attention to relation-ships," Salter said.

Students under a severe level of stress can exhibit symptoms such as aches and pains, intense emotions interfering with perfor-mance and a strain in relation-ships. Salter also emphasized the amount of information students can access through the NCSU Web site's link to the counseling center. Billy Tripp, a senior in political science, has certain fears about his transition into the "real about his transition into the "real world" after graduation.

'You work so hard to get where you are now, you go to school for 15 to 16 years, and when it comes to an end what if [your career] isn't what you think it will be,' Tripp said.

Tripp also spoke about the level of comfort college has, as it serves as the backbone of one's life for many years. Tripp's main fears are associated with finding a job.

"My main fear is the fact that a undergraduate degree isn't what it used to be. I may not be competing with a less qualified or equally qualified individual but a more qualified individual,' Tripp said.

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fears that corporations are "tak-ing control of what we own." Companies have profited off taxpayers in a number of ways - from failing to pay fair-market values for government lands to mine to marketing steeply priced drugs developed by using taxpayer dollars, he said. "Commercialism is on a crash

course with democracy -- and democracy is losing," Nader

The increasing "concentration of wealth and power leads to abuse," he said, taking the issue down to local levels. Jobs in North Carolina's textile and furniture industry are moving broad because the only interests that corporations have in mind are that of the share holders, he said.

"We are led by hypocrites," Nader said, "A conservative president, George Bush, is al-lowing the shipping of jobs to communist China."

Striking a cord with the college set, he told students that if the increasing trend to move jobs

abroad continues, that even pre-viously secure professionals like

engineers and scientists will need to look for a new profession. "Everything can be moved off-

CARAVANO

thwarted any kind of anonymity

on campus. "I have to say hello to everyone

I pass as I walk by," Caravano said. "Eventually those people

say hello back and eventually

you know someone's name." He

also believes that being a RA re-

ally brought out his leadership qualities and led to his further

involvement on campus. His desire to fight tuition in-

creases and develop research on how to promote traditions on

campus has characterized his term as president.

Now Caravano is campaign-ing for a second term as student

TECHNICIAN: What will you do locally to help protect students from legislation that will affect them like the Nuisance Party

CARAVANO: Right now, for next

year, we plan on putting more students out into local commu-nity organizations. We'd like to

DWORKIN

"I've made the most of it so far," Dworkin said. "I wouldn't

have been able to take advantage of as many things if I wasn't right

down the road from the General

Assembly and different district

And the student body presi-

dent position ties in directly with what Dworkin hopes to do

"I just want to be in a posi-

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Alice Walker, the author of "The Color Purple," will open

the festival with a speech in Stewart Theatre. The Campus

Cinema will show the movie ad-

aptation of "The Color Purple'

Since I have been at State,

I can only recall a couple of

times when a well-known

author came to our campus,' Giovanni Seawood, a junior in

English and psychology, said. "I find this event exciting, and

I hope it will open the door-ways for more authors to visit

Seawood added that "the oc-

currence of this event is refresh-ing because it shows that State

supports non-scientific modes

of excellence as well. Dennis Lehane, author of

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with his future career.

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cars," suggesting that Fords owr fortunes would rise with that of the everyman.

"That's the way the upward spiral went," Nader said. Speaking directly to the stu-

dents in the audience, he of-fered a solution to the national problem of rising tuition rates free public education. While visiting Australia he came across ome students protesting over a \$10 student fee hike

shore if it doesn't require physi-

cal presence," he said adding that all that will be left will be jobs at

Wal-Mart and McDonalds. "If we ever tested the corpo-

rations for their patriotism --they'd fail. The all mighty buck

is their patriotism," Nader said. Instead of worrying about the

bottom line and cheaper prod-ucts, Nader suggests that wages be raised, saying that Henry Ford was on to something. While his competitors halked at the idea

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that "I want someone to buy my

wages be raised, Ford said

'That's not too bad," he said to the students and asked what their tuition was. "What's that," they asked back.

Nader, in an interview later with Technician said that he pro-poses free public education for everyone, "just like high school. For that to happen though, we have to revaluate how our tax dollars are spent

He suggested reallocating a

see more students in the Raleigh

Community Action Committees where a lot of decisions are made

locally. We found out that the ad-

tee, so if the administrators are

there then we plan on going to all the meetings to make sure that

there is a counterbalance to some of their arguments that they may

have. Or just to see what their

arguments are, we don't really know where the university lies

with some of those issues. We

also just want to get more stu-

dents to help us out with current projects that we have to deal with

the housing ordinance issues that we've had and the nuisance party

issues. We're collecting stories on our students' Web site right now,

and while we have a lot of stu-dents complaining about those

issues, they're not taking the time to write their stories down

so we can take that information

to the administration and the

police. Something else that we'll

continue that we just started recently is collecting the data from the phone calls to see what

kind of complaints we are really

DWORKIN: I will work directly

with the General Assembly and the State Senate President

to help develop stronger ties between the groups already formed in a coalition against the Nuisance Party Ordinance

and also build and develop new

groups to help strengthen the

fight for students' rights. I think

that I best represent the whole

Ordinance?

ministration sits on a couple

small part of the national budget by axing the defense budget for keeping and maintaining military operations in Eastern Europe, a skeleton from the Cold War. The plan would provide the \$80 billion needed to fund such a free education program for

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two years The military budget unfairly outstrips any other government operation "as of now [military spending is] one-half of discretionary spending," he said. "Where's our enemy? China?

They're attacking our jobs." Nader continually harked backed to his central theme -- that Americans have pacified and let democracy flounder under the interests of corporations and the two-party system beholden to them. "We are lunching on the progress of our forbearers," he said.

"Our forbearers launched a drive against slavery," along with women and worker's rights, he said, while asking if those were popular opinions to take on at the time. "We have an impor-tant debt to our forbearers. It's a time for out generation to do the same," Nader said.

During his speech a man stood in the back of the audience with a poster with "A vote for Nader is a vote for Bush" written on it. Nader later took a question from the audience that asked him what voters worried by

having. Who is calling in the complaints? Are students really calling the complaints because we don't think they are. Hav-ing all this data will really help us out in the long run, I think, when legislation just happens to appear. We have the information d data to combat that or the

TECHNICIAN: How will you work to bring back traditions to NCSU?

caravano: Last year we cam paigned on the idea of organiza Traditions Committee. We set that Traditions Committee up and they've begun their work this year. We saw some of that in the fact that they put together the celebration after the Duke game. We had a celebration planned for after the Florida State football game, the Maryland football game and the Carolina basketbal game - all three were losses. We might see a theme in planning out celebrations, but that com mittee is actually going to part ner up next year with the Board of Visitors for the university and they're a lot more far reaching in

getting in there and finding out what actually is going on is very important. You have to go straight to the top, but you have to work with other groups at the same time, you can't do it alone. Most of our fights against tuition and the Nuisance Party Ordinance have never been alone. It's always been a group effort. And I think as exemplified by me, running by myself and not on a ticket, I think that it shows how I can work with different people and not just strictly try to invoke a choice to the students.

TECHNICIAN: How will you work to bring back traditions to NCSU?

DWORKIN: I think that the sorority and fraternity community needs to re-yamp and re-

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things change, everything rear-ranges, all colors fade and black is the shade,' serves to represent the underlying purpose of the Pan-Afrikan Festival - to celebrate and

Duggans highlighted particular programs and expressed the Black Students Board's expectations for

On Wednesday, March 24, before the start of the festival, two students were chosen to represent the Pan-Afrikan Festival 2004 as Mr. and Miss Pan-Afrikan Festival. The recipients were Frantz Dorestant, Jr., a junior in biologi-cal sciences, and Kristin Morgan, a junior in chemistry.

the truth behind statement on the poster should do, "Then they should vote for Kerry," he replied. "Why should the burden be on the third-party candidate? I could make the statement that Gore took votes from me," he said 'We'll show the Democrats,

if they're smart enough, how to beat Bush."

Running as an independent this year, Nader and his supporters will have an uphill fight to get his name on the state ballot. North Carolina, with one of the toughest rules to add third-party and independent candidates re-quires the signatures of 2 percent of the population, about 58,000 voter

"Why such a barrier," he asked, "What do they want to keep off

Nader, whose strongest sup-port comes from the 18- to 0-year-old demographic set is favored by 12 percent of that age range according to a recent Newsweek poll. Vince George from Nader's campaign thinks that it's because "Nader speaks very much to young peoples idealism -- the thought that one

person can make a difference" Though Nader is 70, freshman Megan Perry agreed that he appeals to the college set, "I haven't see older people talk in a way that they seem to care about me. He spoke on our level. I get

their ideas for traditions than we would as students because that board is going to be there and won't change as often as we will. The Alumni Association Student Ambassadors have done a great deal of work researching old tra-ditions, and we'll work to build our partnership with them as well. When you find out about older traditions, they're just so cool and they bring back a lot of spirit. So if we can touch base on some of those and get some of those started, that will carry along with students. A lot of students really appreciated Founder's Day this year, the birthday cake for the university. If Student Government contributes to something like to just help make it larger, then it will just touch a lot more people's daily activity. They'll remember it and wait for it the next year.

TECHNICIAN: How will you be able to represent the largest student body's interests at NCSU. the undergraduates, if you are a graduate student? caravano: I've been in under

grad for four years, so that is the

strengthen and also broaden its aspects. The big deal with tradition is that we need to be able to emit a sense of community well being. I think that N.C. State not only needs to work together, but we need to work with the entire community of Raleigh so that we can show that we're not "crazy' students, always trying to party That we actually do have work ethic, we do have goals, but we do like to party, but that's a part of college that most students like to involve themselves in

TECHNICIAN: How will you be able to beat someone with a year's worth of experience? DWORKIN: I think it's impor-

tant for change to occur. When it comes down to it, the people decide who they deem to be the

Pan-Afrikan Calendar of **Events**

MARCH 26: Fanatics and the Fanatics Hip-Hop Fa After-Party

MARCH 27:

Taking Care of Home, Field Day, Throwback Party and MADD Laughs Show presenting Coo nesse and Shang Pan-A vn, Finesse and Shang. Pan-Afri-Festival Baskets will be presented at the comedy show

MARCH 28:

MARCH 28: African Night, an evening of tradition-al dance, music, food, poetry, fashion show and drama, presented by the African Student Union in Stewart Theatre from 6-8 p.m. Reception in Witherspoon Center Multipurpose Room following the show: Ticklets 55 for students at the door. SAAPAMS Worship Service, Soul Food Sunday. Bible Trivia, African Night and the Film Festival is presenting "Lillies of the Fleid. The showing is free.

MARCH 29: SAAC Lecture by Dr. Michael Eric

the impression that Bush doesn't

give much about us." For some the speech was a chance to get acquainted with a candidate. Undecided, Alan A candidate: Ondecled, Alah Kinlaw, a freshman in bio-med and textile engineering, was "definitely not in favor of either candidate. [Ralph Nader] doesn't get much coverage in the media and this is my way to find out more about him.

Perry also said that she came to • learn more about the candidate, "I didn't know a whole lot about him before, but he sounded pret-ty intense." Though enthused by his speech and spurred to sign up for a newsletter from the pus Greens, she expressed some doubts, "I probably won't vote for him because he won't win, but I'd like to see him gain a lot

of popularity" Doc Bradley, a senior in world religion and an organizer for the event, said that he, his group, and others are "disenfranchised" with the current state of politics.

You have less than one-half of one-third who actually elect the president for the last 12 years and the majority of the population thinks that politicians lie. It's a disgusting travesty that we let politics get co-opted and we do nothing about it," he said. "Since Kusinich and Sharpton

are out of the race -- [Nader is] the only one speaking the truth, Bradley said.

experience that I will fall back on when I am making decisions next year. It's where I come from. You just don't forget that overnight. A majority of the events that I participate in as student body president, aside from meetings, are with undergraduate students. My friends are all undergraduthe people who will influence what goes on next year, and • the concerns are the same for students when you're looking at traditions, when you're talking about wanting something to do on Hillsborough Street when vou're talking about bringing life to our athletic programs and supporting all of our ath-letic programs - it's the same concern, you want more of it. I know that I've been doing it for four years and because I get a piece of paper in May and I enroll in a graduate program in August, you don't forget four years of your life and what that experience means. It will be hard for me to even remember that I'm a graduate student.

best candidate and that's their chief executive officer. I think that people want something new. I think that people really take to my ideas and my policy stances. And I think the student body will respond by voting on March 29 and 30 for the best candidate. I will work hard on my campaign. To win, I need the students to vote. I hope that the students look at the candidates, I hope the students look at their policy proposals, I hope they see that I am experienced and I hope to be elected as the student body

president. I think that my work ethic will display to the student body that I'm fresh and excited and that I want to make a difference. So if the students want change and something new then they should vote for me.

Dyson.

MARCH 30: SAGC Heath Fair including a blood drive and AIDS speaker. The Film Festival will continue with another showing of "Lillies of the Field," as well as "Coming to America." Both movies are free.

APRIL 1: New Beginnings DanceVisions.

APRIL 2: Pan-Afrikan American Idol

APRIL 3: Blackout and 3-on-3 BBall Classic where the Black Student Board will be selling \$3 and \$5 T-shirts, Later are StepOff 2004 and

APRIL 4: Worship Service at Watts Chapel Baptist Church and the New Horizons Spring Concert.

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If you are interested in obtaining an If you are interested in obtaining an events calendar, visit 1200 Talley Stu-dent Center, for all times, prices and locations of the events. For more information, check out uab.ncsu.edu/ paf or phone at (919) 515-5918.

"This year's theme, 'Some unite," Duggans said.

the festival.

most of its in the concentric zone straight around N.C. State. And most of the people hit with it are people in N.C. State. There may be research developed and what not but working with the mayor, working with the city and working with the police officers, "Mystic River," will be the festi-

val's keynote speaker. The Cam-pus Cinema will show "Mystic River" free the Saturday of the festival, after Lehane's speech at Stewart Theatre. There will be opportunities for graduate students to show their work. NCSU faculty is also encour-

aged to share their work. There will be many activities for children as well, including a sand station design contest sponsored by the College of Design.

The festival will have a used and new book sale as well as performances by the Cherokee Children's Festival.

Keon Pettiway, a senior in multidisciplinary studies, is looking forward to the festival. "The NC Literary Festival should be attended by all ages because of the academic and entertaining value it adds to the North Carolina commu-

nity," Pettiway said.

of the student body. I think the major factor involved with the

Nuisance Party Ordinance is that



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RULE OF THUMB

LAMB OF GOD BORN IN WEST BANK:

A lamb born on Monday in the West Bank has a mark on its right side that appears to spell out "Allah" in Arabic. The animal is expected to taste heavenly.

BOWLING BALLS SENT TO CUBA: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is donating 500 sets of bowling balls to Cuba. The bowling balls aren't expected to be very popular since they can't be used to construct a makeshift raft that can be used to sail to Miami.

FOUR-EARED KITTEN FINDS A HOME

A four-earce kitten born in Germany was adopted by a family this week and removed from the shelter where it had been staying. "She is not a mutant," sail the head of the shelter, conveniently neglecting the fact that the cat is a mutant.

CIRCUMCISION MAY PREVENT HIV INFECTION: A new study from Johns Hopkins Medical School has found that their may be a biological connec-tion between circumcision and prevention of HIV, although the connection does not exist for any other STDs. In related news, the National Institute of Health has started a new campaign."Circumcision: Now it has a purpose!"



BURGLARY VICTIMS ARRESTED FOR POT:

Two burglary victims in Idaho were arrested when police discovered pot plants being grown while searching the house for clues. The victims 'TV and VCR had been destroyed and their video game console was missing leading police to believe they were robbed by other potheads.

STEROID USE UP IN HIGH SCHOOL: Steroids are becoming more popular in high schools across the country, not just by athletes but by other students who believe bigger muscles will make them more popular. What the students fail to recognize is that, while bigger muscles are good, shrunken testicles and back hair are not exactly the keys to high school popularity. high school popularity



RICHARD SIMMONS ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT: Fitness expert Richard Simmons was arrested in Phoenix on Thursday for slapping a 225-pound man who made fun of Simmons fitness videos."Mr Simmons took offense and said he had to 'bitch slap him," said Sgt. Lauri Williams. Yes, that's an actual quote from the article. I don't even need a joke.

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**/2 Director Robert Altman is a well-known name in Hollywood. In fact, he refuses to stop

MOVIES

The Company Malcolm McDowell, Neve

DIRECTED BY: Robert Altman

working, despite having around 50 years of dedication to cinema and television. After getting his start in 1950s television programming, he extelevision programming, he ex-ploded as a force to be reckoned with in Hollywood in the early 1970s. Creating "M*A*S*H," "McCabe & Mrs. Miller" and "Nashville" all within several years of each other, Altman be-came an American auteur with an average of one film every two years

Diversions

years 'The Company, is an example of the strange inconsistency of Altman's filmmaking. I feel confident that those with great appreciation of ballet will find the film worthwhile, but to the

rest, it is difficult to understand the film's purpose. As the film opens, a voice asks us to please turn off cell phones and remain quiet to enjoy the performance. Keeping with the self-reflexivity, we find ourselves seated in an audience, gazing at

I'M FINE WITHOUT YOU.

WINSLEY DUNST RUTTALO WOOD WILLING



Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind STARING: Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet DIRECTED BY: Michel Gondry





a stage full of dancers. The established perspective is broken when there is a cut to the action on stage, looking at the perform-ers from the side.

As Altman establishes a pattern of cutting and changing perspec-tive, you can begin to think that it may mature into a smart film. Unfortunately, it never does. The only two characters that develop at all are the company's

"Eternal Sunshine of the Spot-

less Mind" stars Jim Carrey as Joel Barish, a recluse who, on his way

to work, compulsively decides to take another train and meets the blue-haired Clementine (Wins-

let), unfolding a new love to the

However, things are never what they seem in a Charlie Kaufman-

We soon learn that what seems like the beginning is really the end of Joel and Clem's relationship.

Joel discovers that Clementine has had her memories of their

viewer.

penned movie.

The bare-bones narrative that manifests between long dance sequences never quite adds up to anything. Some interesting things hap-

bell)

pen with the cinematography, as Altman implores the use of his trademark zoom lens to observe

(McDowell), and one of the per-formers, Loretta Ryan (Camp-

better to keep.

Joel's memories play from the end of the relationship to the bittersweet beginning. As he lies in his bed, strapped in a silver hat that looks like a kitchen strainer, he experiences a change of heart.

Jim Carrey leaves his rubberfaced movie history at home and plays the love-lost soul of Joel with ease and grace. His comedic past plays into the movie, especially in scenes that revert to

Joel's early childhood. Winslet plays the lovable, cha-meleon-haired Clementine with edginess. Her chatty character is neurotic, with a penchant for po-tato dolls. At first, one wonders what Joel and Clem saw in each other, and the end begs the question, "what went wrong?

non-sequitur faucets and mirrored doors. Altman's visual ambiguity within tight framing helps to create a beautiful film, despite lacking significant con-

flict within its narrative. The almost two-hour length of unfulfilling plot is sure to keep all but die-hard Altman fans and ballet lovers away from "The Company," -Andrew Nicholas

Director and co-screenwriter Michel Gondry brilliantly films inner working of Joel's the

The minute special effects of a memory erasure add a sense of urgency, as Joel rushes through his mind trying to undo his

Following such quirky hits as "Being John Malkovich" and "Ad-aptation," Kaufman has attained cult-like status with hipsters for his unique blending of fact and

"Eternal Sunshine," With Kaufman has the opportunity to leap into the mainstream, with the help of Gondry's foresight, instead of remaining a critic's darling for his strange view of the world. -Shannon Holder



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has had her memories of their relationship removed through a memory elimination procedure. While the idea of not remem-bering a past relationship to prevent pain sounds good, we see through the erasure of Joel's mind that come memories are for mind that some memories are far

.Viewpoint **TECHNICIAN'S VIEW** DEALISM NOT A LOST CAUSE

OUR OPINION: AMERICAN POLITICS CAN CHANGE IF MORE IDEALISTIC CANDI-DATES RUN FOR POLITICS. EVEN IF THEY DON'T WIN, THEY COULD INFLUENCE AN ENTIRE GENERATION OF VOTERS.

Ralph Nader spoke on campus Thursday.

He didn't make any campaign promises or speak in "glittering generalities." Rather, his message was direct, clear and simple: the two-party system in America is not good.

Nader and other third-party candidates in the past have dared to challenge the current two-party system in presidential elections.

Theodore Roosevelt is the most famous, having been president as a Republican for eight years, then running again in the 1912 election as the candidate for the Bull Moose Party. (This was before the constitutional amendment that limited presidents to two terms.) In recent elections, third-party candidates have served as election "spoilers" for the Republican or Democratic candidate. In 1992, Ross Perot pulled votes from George Bush, giving the presidency to Bill Clinton.

Many Democrats claim that Ralph Nader pulled votes from Al Gore in 2000. Nader claims that Gore pulled votes from him.

Whatever the case, third-party candidates do make a difference. But their influence has been rather

limited. There is nothing in the Constitution that requires a two-party system; it just happened that way. Voter apathy is at an all-time high. Considering the polarized political environment in this country, it is not

surprising that many voters just don't care. Whether you vote Republican or Democrat, it is all the same America needs more candidates, if not to win office, to inspire young voters to get involved with politics and national

issues. It is, after all, our country, too. The unsigned editorial that appears above are the opinion of the members of the Technician's editorial board except for news editors and are the responsibility of the editors in chief.

One way to foster growth of third parties is to get them on the ballots. In North Carolina, it is next to impossible to get a third-party candidate on a national ballot. It requires 60,000 signatures to appear on the ballot in North Carolina, but currently there is legislation before the General Assembly to reduce that number to 15,000. Other parties, like the Libertarian Party, can only stand to win from a decision like this as well.

We live in a democracy where the ideals of freedom of thought and speech are instilled from a very early age. Along the way, however, those ideals are lost in the shuffle of quorum calls, campaign contributions and kissing babies. Third parties give voters another

choice; something this country desperately needs.

And if it takes a three-way split in Congress or an independent in the White House to take one step closer to a more unified country, so be it.

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Realities of hosting ROTC

In a follow-up to his previous column, Alexander Sheppard clarifies his position on ROTC programs at N.C. State.

When people are living in a state whose government is committing serious crimes, they face a choice. First, they can accept passively the crimes of the state, shout the

favored state an-

to the demands of those who make the rules. In totalitarian coun-

tries, the threat of violence compels people to do this. The second option

is to resist as best one can, in accor

them and conform



Sheppard

dance with each person's individual station in life. It is simply a fact that for a long time, the government of the United States has been supporting or actively com-mitting very serious crimes. The fist, so to speak, of the government in carrying out these crimes has traditionally been the military, the CIA and so on. N.C. States supports the military by allowing it to run a training apparatus on our campus, also known as ROTC.

By elementary consequence, we also support the actions that the military support the actions that the minitary orders this organization to carry out. There is nothing complicated about this. We know, or should know in any case, that the military, and those of-ficers that we train as a university, are going to get caught up in serious inter-national crimes at one level or another national crimes, at one level or another. This is just the current nature of the organization. It may, however, not be its nature at some unspecified future

Its nature at some unspecified future time; we don't know the future. So we are back to the choice men-tioned above. We don't live in a to-talitarian state. Prospects for change here are much more significant than in countries where you can be found wutilktd hu doth waved for much mutilated by death squads for speaking out against the government, as happened extensively in Guatemala, to name one of many examples, while its government was receiving critical mili-tary aid and training from the United States. • Since we don't have to worry about

getting killed by our government, it is also true that we could, legitimately, be assigned a heightened responsibility to act in ways that stop injustice. It is possible that we could, at maximum, be arrested for civil disobedience, if that

Retraction and clarification of 'Playing politics'

In regards to Brian Onorio's column, "Playing Politics," Onorio Calims that Kristen Breitweiser and Monica Gabrielle are members of the 9/11 Pamilles for Peaceful Tomorrows. This claim is not true. Breitweiser is a founding member of the Family Steering Committee for the 9/11 Independent Commission, whose mission is to facilitate and support the creation of an independent panel to investigate the Sept. 11,2001 attacks. 11,2001 attacks Other news outlets from which Onorio drew his research also made the same

was the course of action we chose. We are lucky enough to have a relatively open court system, and the penalties would probably not be massive. Hence, we have less excuse for inaction. Simply electing John Kerry, at least

Simply electing John Kerry, at least by itself, will have little effect on the current policies of aggression. We are, it seems, expected to think of our political choices as if at one end there was George Bush and on the other was John Kerry. Seldom noted are the reali-ties that both supported attacking Iraq; both largely represent powerful finan-cial interests, not the wider public; and both fail rather miserably at addressing both fail rather miserably at addressing America's increasingly desperate social problems. They are not precisely the same; but their policies do go in the

same direction from where we are now. History tells us that large-scale, criminal-state policies don't usually go away by simply electing a new presi-dent. Black people were not given fun-damental rights in this state and other states until people were willing to stand up to the government, sometimes in illegal ways (such as sit-ins, a form of civil disobedience). In that case, a substantial number had to risk terrorist violence by racists. The United States killed somewhere around three million people, probably around half civilian, in Indochina during the Vietnam war - but it was not ended by deposing LBJ. It was ended, in significant part, because millions of ordinary American people decided that this was wrong, and decided to do something about it. That is why many apologist historians cite the critical factor in the end to the war as "a failure of will." As a last note, I am not suggesting that being down the DOTC

As a last hole, i ani hol suggesting that closing down the ROTC - or any related action - is a gesture to punish people serving in the military. At pres-ent, the ROTC puts young people into harm's way for no good reason. The leaders who would send people off to dia in order to enrich themselves are die in order to enrich themselves are those who are doing the real punishing. The media have portrayed anti-war protesters as, perhaps, punishing the

troops. That those who actually profit from their deaths are never exposed to succriticism says a lot about the state of ed to such our society.

Alexander Sheppard can be e-mailed at

he says, "My intent was only to show that a link, however indirect, existed [between the Heinz Foundations and Peaceful Tomorrows]. It is factual that the Heinz Endowment funds that I listed id go to the Tides Center and the Tides Foundation...I reserve the right of my readers to decide what their opinion is on the matter and I reserve my right to form we opinion on reserve my right to form my opinion on the matter. Again, in no way did I intend to maliciously misrepresent facts. If the Heinz Foundation can prove that none of their money reached Peaceful Tomorrows...then the purpose of my column can be fulfilled." *Technician* accepts responsibility for the factual errors and regrets any confusion this column has caused. reserve my right to form my opinion of



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Widows not a part of Peaceful

Tomorrows

Brian Onorio states that Sept. 11 widows Kristin Breitweiser and Monica Gabrielle are members of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. They are not. Kristin Breitweiser has stated publicly that she is a Republican who voted for George W. Bush, as did her husband, who died at the World Trade Center. Mr. Onorio suggests that there is a financial link between Peaceful Tomorrows and John Kerry's wife.

Kerry's wife. There is not. September 11th Families for Peaceful

There is not. September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows has never received funding from the Howard Heinz Endowment, the Vira I. Heinz Endowment, Teresa Heinz Kerry or John Kerry, Peaceful Tomorrows has no connection with the Heinz or Kerry families through Tides Foundation, the Tides Center or any other entity. Nor is there a link between Mrs. Kerry and Mrs. Breitweiser and Mrs. Gabrielle. Our "radical left-leaning organization" has been nominated for the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize. We believe that the massive bombing campaigns of Afghanistan and Iraq have increased, not reduced, the threat of terrorism. But don't take our word for it: in the June 12, 2002, The New York Times, officials of the FBI and CIA stated that" the bombing of Afghanistan did not make America safer," and "but may have complicated counterterrorism efforts by dispersing AI Qaeda elements all over the globe." September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows held a press conference on March 5 in which we asked all political candidates

Tomorrows held a press conference on March 5 in which we asked all political candidates

refrain from using 9/11 images in their political ads. According to a USA Today poll (March

10th), 66 percent of Americans agree with our position. According to a National Annenberg Election Survey released March 12, undecided voters by a 2-to-1 margin also agree with our

position. In a democracy, we cannot ask news organizations to refrain from showing images of news, But we are entitled to discourage political candidates from using those same images for personal gain. Suggesting that 9/11 families are trying to "own" 9/11 ignores the very genuine pain those families feel at seeing the images pop up in a TV ad. Were they in a news documentary, family members could decide in advance whether they wanted to watch. wanted to watch

We support Mr. Onorio's right to campaign for President Bush. We will notallow him to

lie about our organization and our objectives to do so. We demand a correction of his factual errors and a removal of his article from your Web site. We also ask that Technician apply the most rudimentary standards of journalistic integrity to what it chooses to print print David Potorti

Co-Director 9/11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

Response from The Heinz Foundation

Foundation Minost every major foundation in American funds projects through the TidesCenter because Tides provides management oversight of projects and programs that are too nascent (small and young) to be separate non profits much likecommunity foundations. The Tides Center is different from the Tides Foundation. And in recent years teresa Heinz Kerry has given only to the Tides Center of western Pennsylvania. Every penny of Heinz philanthropy money that has gone to the Tides Center has been earmarked for specific projects and we have never provided support that could have been used for purposes other han the ones specified for obvious reasons. JeffLewis Jeff Lewis

Technician Wednesday about Greg Palast's e absolutely correct your comment that readers will not believe every

intentionally and continually failing to tell the whole truth

company that did - Database Techno after DBT had delivered the initial 2000 voter exception list to Florida officials for DBT was under contract with the State of Florida from late 1998 through 2000 to create a voter exception list, under the Florida voting fraud statute, of registered voters who may have been deceased, may have been registered in more than one county, or may have been convicted felos. Florida law at the time required that county election supervisors verify the accuracy of the voter exception list, not DBT nor any outside consulting firm. Prior to the voter roll review, DBT had advised the state that the state's review criteria would misidentify some individuals as felons.

as felon:

Chuck Jones, APR Director, External Affairs ChoicePoint Inc.

Scholars do not register before seniors

The statement that all Scholars students register before sources is inaccurate in your editorial. I have forwarded the e-mail below that I received in notification about Fall 2004 registration from University Scholars: But sophomore and eligible juniors (juniors in USP that would ordinarily register later than the sophomore USP window) register on Thursday, March 25 at 1 p.m. This is after juniors with 77-83 credit hours can register (they are able to register at 7:30 a.m. according to http://www.ncs.uedu/reg records/tracs_fall2004.html).' Thus, seniors would be able to register before students in University Scholars Program. The statement that all Scholars students

Program. Patrick King

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Juniors and seniors register on time

In regards to today's editorial, "Who registers first," I would like to point out that the students in the University Scholars Program, unlike Honors students, do not register before the sentor class. Scholars only register a week before the rest of our class. Which means freshmen Scholars register with regular sophomores, and sophomore Scholars register with the regular juniors. Students who are just barely juniors by credit hours might get to register a day or so early, but for the most part, juniors and seniors in the program do not get any advanced scheduling options. Brian Richards In regards to today's editorial,"Who

Brian Richards

The Heinz Family Philanthropies

In response to Andrew Dugan's column about journalist Greg Palast

We read with interest your column in accusation he makes. Nor should they - as Mr. Palast demonstrates an unfortunate habit of

whole truth For example, ChoicePoint has reminded Mr. Palast time and again about false comments he made about our company in his book and continues to make in personal appearances and interviews. Your column is just the latest victim of his handiwork. Please allow me to point out some facts that Mr. Palast insists on ignoring: ChoicePoint did not perform the legally required review of Florida voter rolls used in the past Presidential election. Rather, ChoicePoint acquired the company that did - Database Technologies

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satile forward from Cameroon (Alvine Mendeng), a dynamic point guard that only mono could stop (Kendra Bell), an up-and-coming freshman (Marquetta Dickens) and one of the most dominating posts in the game (Kaayla Chones).

And of course, I would have seen a coach (Kay Yow) who never wavered through it all, who never stopped believing, and who picked up the mi-crophone after every game to

thank the fans for coming. I don't have a microphone, so please consider this my thank

you to the team. Congratulations on a great run and good luck next year.

Contact Jon Page at jon12page@hotmail.com

Virginia (19-5, 4-2) N.C. State (15-7, 1-2 ACC)

Probable rotation: Mike Rogers (4-0, 2.13 ERA) vs. Andrew Dobles (3-0, 2.19) Vern Sterry (3-1, 2.38) vs. Matt Avery (3-0, 2.73) Derek McKee (2.19, 1-0) vs. Joe Koshansky (4-0, 1.89) Friday 7 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m.

Last time out: State failed to score a run on the road in a 1-0 loss to UNCW Tuesday, wasting a fine outing from right-hander Phillip Davidson, who pitched five scoreless innings.

Why you should care: The Wolfpack has already dug itself an early ACC hole by losing two of three home games to Duke, which was 2+21 in the league last season. No.25 Virginia, although 4-2 in the league, was a preseason pick to finish seventh in the league and already owns a sweep of defending champion Georgia Tech.

Match-up to watch: Cavalier LHP Joe Koshansky vs. 2B Matt Camp Koshansky was first-team All-ACC a year ago and is probably the best lefty in the league. Camp, a left-handed hitter, had his hitting streak halted at 15 games last Saturday but stills owns a .398 average

N.C. State leaders: Home runs: David Hicks 6 Batting average: David Hicks .402 RBIs: David Hicks 21

Hits: Matt Camp 35 Stolen bases: Marc Maynor 5

Next up: State hosts Old Dominion Tuesday at 7 p.m. and will follow that up with a home game against Davidon Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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<u>Sports</u>

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Conor Taylor destroyed No. 31 Nick Monroe of UNC, 6-3, 6-0.

Track and field N.C. State hosts the 2004 adidas Raleigh Relays today and tomorrow Paul Derr Track. More than 3,000 athletes representing approximately 110 teams will compete in one of the premiere outdoor track meets of the season

season. Today's action begins at 10 a.m, while Saturday's competition will begin at 10:30 a.m. All events on Saturday will

be finals, including relays and field

Spirit squads Both the cheerleading squad and the dance team travel to Florida next week to compete in nationals. Before they leave, each will hold a dress rehearsal showing off their respective routines Sunday at Reynolds Collseum begin-ning at 6 p.m.

-Staff reports



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Thanks Ladies

This Monday I drew the tedious task of writing a story about Play-boy magazine recruiting N.C. State students for this October's "Girls of the ACC" issue. While most

guys would have killed for the assignment, it wasn't a big deal to me because I've spent a lot of time hang-

ing out with the real girls of the ACC. But these girls don't



aspire for greatness in nudie magazines, strip clubs or Web cams - at least, not that I know of.

Nope, these girls play basketball at N.C. State.

But wait — before you turn the page to start that crossword puzzle page to start that crossword puzze that you're just going to cheat on anyways — don't think that I'm about to run down some list of wacky reasons why you should care about the Wolfpack's women's bas-ketball team almost a week after the team lost to Auburn in the opening

team lost to Auburn in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

I'll be the first person to admit that there are a lot of things about women's basketball that just stink. Like how in the two years I cov-

ered the team I never once saw a dunk, not by a Pack player and not by an opponent. Or how there's no 10-second rule

in the women's game. Or the "What the hell for?" look

or the what the hell for 100k people give you when you tell them you're driving all the way to Win-ston-Salem on a Wednesday night to cover a women's game. Or how when you show up at that game you're the only member of the media in attendance meaning

the media in attendance, meaning not even one reporter from Wake Forest's school newspaper bothered to take the two-minute trip to the gym

Or how Jim Furlong, the long time reporter for The Herald-Sun, single-handedly drags every press conference, every interview and ev-ery conversation on three times longer than it deserves so that he can ask every single coach and player in the ACC, "Is this the best Duke team you've ever seen?" Or how State and Clemson played

the most boring game in any sport in any country you will ever witness (I don't care if you out-live your

(ruon care in you out-ive you great-great-great grandchildren) in this year's ACC Tournament. But when I wasn't putting extra miles on my car or keeping myself awake during the ACC Tournament, I saw something special on the court at Reynolds Coliseum this year.

I saw a team that started 0-5 in the conference rebound with a six-game

winning streak that included wins in Chapel Hill and at Virginia. I saw that team finish strong to complete the season in third place of the third-highest rated conference in the country.

I saw that team show true grit and toughness, never backing down from Carolina in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament, almost to come from behind late and upset the Tar Heels for the second time in

one season. I saw the lost, vacant expressions on the players' faces after they lost that game.

And I saw their jubilant reactions when they learned they had received an NCAA Tournament bid for the first time in years

And although I didn't see that last game of the season between State and Auburn (there's a big difference between driving to Winston-Salem and driving to Connecticut, where the first round of the NCAAs were played), I'm sure I would have seen the same great people I saw the whole season long.

Like a true captain who always kept her cool (Nanna Rivers), ver-

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JUNIOR COLLEGE PRODUCT JASON ST. JULIEN HAS STARTED ALL 22 GAMES FOR N.C. STATE AND IS SECOND ON THE TEAM IN HOME RUNS.



Junior outfielder Jason St. Julien goes through his practice routine: running the bases (below) and relaxing in the dugout.

STORY BY MARK HOMES

Everything is bigger in Texas, including the heart and desire of one Wolfpack athlete that hails from that very state. Blessed with ath-letic talent, musical ability and scholastic awareness, Jason St. Julien is a left fielder for

N.C. State's baseball team. A high school standout in both football and baseball from Sugarland, Texas, Julien originally committed to play football at West Point Military Academy, His hopes of starring on the gridiron for the

Academy. His hopes of starring on the gridiron for the Black Knights became uncertain, though, when coaches at West Point learned he had asthma. After two months of doctor's examinations and endless paper work, Julien was optimistic at his chances of West Point accepting and clearing him to play football. West Point dashed those hopes, however, when on the last day of admissions he received a letter containing news of his fate. "They wrote me a letter saying that we're sorry but since Desert Storm we don't except a lot of people with allergies and asthma," Julien said. "After that it was just like, well, I'll still play baseball for fun and hopefully something will work out." Relying on his mom, whom he called his "best friend," for support, Julien set out to have fun throughout his senior year of baseball and make a decision about his future at the completion of the season.

Julien's high school play landed him a spot on Frank Phillips Junior College baseball team in Texas, where he earned honorable mention in voting for the All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference during his sophomore year. Julien's stellar play on the diamond soon drew the eye of scouts

at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., Centenary College in Shreveport, La., and N.C. State. Julien ultimately settled on N.C. State for a variety of reasons. "It was the best combination of academics and athletics that

I had," Julien said. "The ACC is the best conference in the nation, and aca-

demically and athletically that value was just the best out of those three."

those three." Julien's day typically starts at 6 a.m. when he begins to get ready for his 8 a.m. classes. After classes, Julien makes his way to the field for early workouts and then participates in team practice. Once practice ends, Julien will grab a quick dinner at Case Dining Hall, return home, relax and do homework. "It's a vicious cycle," Julien said. He combats that with his love of muir

music. I love listening to music and I can play the saxophone. I can play a little



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bit of the piano but only by ear," Julien said. "I listen to rap, R&B, gospel and there are a few country songs I listen to? Julien has aspirations of playing major league baseball and counts Derek Jeter among his favorite professional players. "If you look at him it's like it's just another day at the ballpark,

he's blowing bubbles with his bubble gum and he's real relaxed and cool," Julien said.

"Of course it's everybody's dream to go pro, but right now that's all in the future. I'm just trying to have fun, play hard right now, and if it happens, it happens. I love the game. I've been blessed to have this whole opportunity to come to school at a great academic institution, the opportunity to play for a nationally ranked team, the opportunity to play in the best conference in the nation and the opportunity to actually be a part of it

"I'm living the dream."