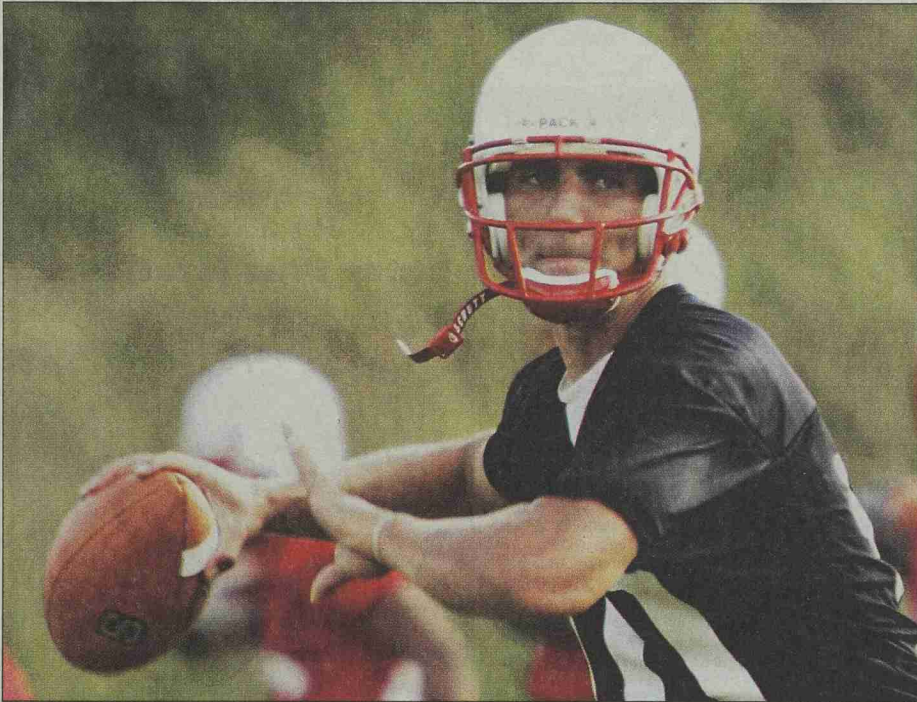


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Jay Davis works out during fall practice earlier this month. Davis was named starting quarterback over Marcus Stone on Tuesday.

## Davis named starter

*Coach Chuck Amato named Jay Davis his starting quarterback on Tuesday afternoon.*

**Austin Johnson and Ryan Reynolds**  
Staff Writers

Football coach Chuck Amato was all finished with interviews after practice on Tuesday afternoon. But as he hopped in his go-cart to drive back to the Murphy Center, Amato had one more tidbit of news for the reporters gathered around. "Jay Davis has won the starting quarterback spot on our team," Amato said. Davis, who had been battling for the

starting job this fall with redshirt-freshman Marcus Stone, will start the team's opener against Richmond on Sept. 4. Amato had stated early last week he was making a push at deciding the position to avoid a media rush on his starter right before game day. He also doesn't want to hear anymore about it after making his announcement.

"It's no different than any other position," Amato said. Davis will attempt to fill the void left by Philip Rivers, a four-year starter who owns a bevy of ACC passing records and whose jersey already hangs in Carter-Finley Stadium.

"Since Phil left, I really said to myself that I needed to learn every corner of this offense and that's what I tried to do," Davis said. "Now this part's over, it's really just time to start focusing on the season and preparing for Richmond right now and just getting better."

Davis has never started a collegiate game, but has made appearances late in several blow-out games the last two years. For his career, Davis is 17-28 for 177 yards and one touchdown. Offensive coordinator Leo Mazzone said Davis has really come on strong during fall practice.

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## Textbook hikes hit students hard

*Area bookstores vie for students dollars as textbook prices continue to pinch the wallet.*

**Tyler Dukes**  
Deputy News Editor

Fall semester is here again and, as always, the closing months of summer are punctuated by the opening of wallets.

Beyond the normal woes of tuition and rent however, one bill is growing larger and larger each year: the price of textbooks.

"We are really concerned about the high price of books," N.C. State Bookstore Director Richard Hayes said. "These are the same concerns we have had for a number of years."

Technician took an average cross-section of courses for both an engineering and humanities student and hit the streets to compare prices at the four major bookstores on campus. Packbackers, NCSU Bookstore,

Addams University Bookstore and Hillsborough Street Textbooks as well as Amazon.com were all examined to find the best prices and the best stock of books.

Although every store provides students with the same basic service, the stores differ widely in many other areas.

Addam's and Packbackers, for example, are corporately owned, while Hillsborough Street is independent.

The NCSU bookstore however, is a non-profit organization owned by the university.

"Everything about this bookstore is what they call 'receipt-supported' so we're not tax-based at all," Hayes said. "We are supported by the revenue that's generated from any sales that we make, which pay for all of our overhead costs and operating expenses."

The bookstore also uses extra revenue to benefit the university.

"We also funnel money back into need-based scholarships here on campus," Hayes said. "Our money

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## Transportation makes changes to its system

*Wolfline, parking undergo major changes for the fall.*

**Ben Motal**  
Staff Reporter

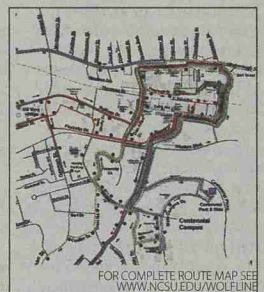
University transportation has made a number of changes to Wolfline routes and parking rezoning that will keep students on-schedule and ease parking situations, N.C. State Department of Transportation officials say.

"Wolfline bus routes have undergone significant changes over the summer," Pat Mitchell, the campus transit manager, said.

These changes include faster routes from Centennial Campus to Main Campus, a shortened south-east loop route, nighttime service to Varsity Parking Lot instead of Fraternity Court and new service to Wolf Village.

"Trips should be overall shorter," Mitchell said.

Centennial Shuttle route will take a more direct path from the Centennial Park & Ride lot to Main Campus. Werewolf B route will now offer nighttime service to Varsity Parking Lot, benefiting students who leave their vehicles off campus during the weekend and providing



improved safety and convenience, Mitchell said.

Mitchell acknowledged that there were some difficulties that arose during the first week of classes. The Wolfline Shuttle route to Wolf Village experienced slight delays because of heavy traffic and large numbers of people boarding the bus at the same time.

"Time your schedule so you don't take the last bus. Plan ahead so you catch a route that will get you to campus 5-10 minutes before class instead of trying to arrive exactly on time," Mitchell suggested.

Mitchell strongly encouraged bus riders to check the Wolfline Web site

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## A new way to think of college living

*College Inn offers students a new alternative to off-campus housing.*

**Meghan Woodall**  
Staff Reporter

The notion of "college housing" often means cramped, uncomfortable dorm rooms close to student's classrooms, instead of large, private apartments that are far from campus. The Wolfpack Club's new College Inn apartments attempt to achieve the best of both worlds.

The booster club recently opened a \$20 million apartment complex across the street from campus at the corner of Avent Ferry Road and Western Boulevard.

Because the College Inn is funded by the Wolfpack Club, a group closely associated with N.C. State Athletics, the club will use the apartment's profits to fund athletic scholarships.

According to the NCAA regulations it is illegal to have more than 50 percent of residents in a university-affiliated building be athletes at the school. Glenn Kelley, the assistant director for the Wolfpack Club, said that the athlete population was "nowhere near 50 percent."

Krystal Liner, a sophomore in communication and resident said that she sees "lots of football players and a couple girls' soccer team players." Liner liked being surrounded by students because it made her feel closer to the school than a regular apartment would.

Some residents feel the convenience is the best part. Even though the walk can be lengthy depending on where they are headed on campus, residents say that is a small price to pay to not have to drive.

"I lived off campus my sophomore year and hated driving here and searching for a parking space, so I decided to move back



The Wolfpack Club's College Inn opened this semester at the corner of Avent Ferry Road and Western Boulevard

so I could walk to my classes," said Laura McGuire, a junior majoring in communication.

Jessica Lee, a freshman in communication who decided to live at the College Inn said, however, like a campus dorm, the apartment made up of students was "very noisy."

The apartments have private balconies that face the opposing buildings that lead to echoing conversations and noise, sometimes late at night according to Liner.

She attributed the noise level to the beginning of a new school year and hoped that everything would calm down when people started getting settled into a routine.

Like dorms, the apartment is strict when it comes to trash in the hallways and holds the residents of nearby rooms accountable. Liner felt the strictness about trash

was not unfair. "[The staff] is just trying to keep it clean here," she said.

With the apartments at the College Inn ranging from approximately 900 to 1300 square feet, some residents agree that space is among the biggest perks. The complex offers anywhere from one to four bedroom suites along with a washer and dryer, bedroom and living room furniture.

The apartment's pricing was better than other apartments near campus, Liner said. They added that there was a great deal of benefits included in living in the new apartments except for parking.

With parking a common problem around NCSU, students often find themselves navigating through city streets that are usually more strict, due to the fact that college students often park in illegal areas to be closer to their classes.

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**John Mayer/Maroon 5**  
John Mayer and Maroon 5 rock Alltel Pavilion on Tuesday night. See page 5.

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## A Used Textbook Price Comparison

The following are texts that many students will be looking for this semester. In five out of nine cases, Hillsborough Street Textbooks had lower prices on used versions of the book. This chart does not show the quantity of used copies available in the stores, but at press time, all stores had used copies of the books unless otherwise noted.

| Course     | Textbook                             | Packbackers              | Hillsborough Street      | Addam's University       | NCSU Bookstore           |
|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| CH 101     | Chemistry - A Molecular Science      | \$50.00<br>\$38.00 used  | \$47.55                  | \$48.25<br>\$36.30 used  | \$48.15<br>\$36.15 used  |
| MA 141-242 | Calculus: Concepts and Contexts      | \$131.25<br>\$78.00 used | \$108.75<br>\$81.50 used | \$105.10<br>\$78.95 used | \$108.75<br>\$81.60 used |
| PY 205     | Physics for Scientists and Engineers | \$84.00<br>\$63.70 used  | \$87.50<br>\$65.56 used  | \$85.45<br>\$64.20 used  | \$85.35<br>\$64.05 used  |
| CSC 216    | Big Java                             | \$83.25<br>\$63.50 used  | \$79.95<br>\$59.95 used  | \$80.10<br>\$60.20 used  | \$80.00<br>\$60.00 used  |
| ENG 201    | The Tempest                          | \$13.00<br>\$10.00 used  | \$12.50<br>\$9.25 used   | \$14.20<br>\$10.75 used  | \$14.10<br>\$10.60 used  |
| ENG 251    | Norton Anthology of Major Authors    | \$57.25<br>\$43.50 used  | \$59.95<br>\$41.25 used  | \$57.60<br>\$43.30 used  | \$57.50<br>\$43.15 used  |
| MEA 130    | Essentials of Meteorology            | \$84.50<br>\$69.25 used  | \$81.25<br>\$39.95 used  | \$81.35<br>\$61.15 used  | \$81.25<br>\$60.95 used  |
| PS 201     | Challenge of Democracy               | \$85.20<br>\$64.00 used  | \$84.95<br>\$63.75 used  |                          | \$85.10<br>\$63.85 used  |

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## BOOKS

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goes back to help the students."

Of the selection in the stores, Hillsborough was the most stocked in supplies of used books while Addam's ranked last in both their stocks of new and used selections.

Based on the eight courses selected, Hillsborough Street Textbooks was the best value, with five books cheaper than their competition. Of the four stores, Addam's proved to be the worst value, based on the books in the survey.

Although some savings were up to \$20, the price difference between competitors was usu-

ally only a matter of a few dollars and cents.

According to Hayes, however, there's a reason why prices are so close in the stores.

"The publishing industry basically dictates what the price of the book is going to be," Hayes said.

According to a College Board report, last year's students from all over the country were shelling out between \$727-\$807 on books every year.

Its prices like these that are pushing many students to web sites like Amazon and Half.com for better deals.

"I think students are shopping smarter, and they should," Hayes said. "Anybody can go anywhere online and buy a book cheaper than anywhere around here."

Hayes however, cautions that online ordering has the potential to create problems.

"Many of the online services offer used books and many times, those books just aren't worth ordering," Hayes said. "It's a hit or miss thing."

Mike Studley, who has owned Hillsborough Street Textbooks for 20 years also has a word of warning for students.

"If you're going to buy online, you have got to do your research or you're going to be screwed royally," Studley said.

Students however, aren't interested in price alone. The location and its convenience is a motivating factor for many.

"My first stop is the campus bookstore, then Hillsborough Street," accounting sophomore

Jemar McPherson said. "I shop wherever's the closest, really."

Cary Strickland, a sophomore in Chemical Engineering and Pulp and Paper Science, has spent \$420 on books this semester.

"I shop on campus," Strickland said. "I have a chance of getting ripped off anywhere, but I figure I have less of a chance here."

Political science sophomore Will Langley shops at Addam's, he says, for their exceptional service.

"They took my schedule and showed me exactly what I needed," Langley said. "Even a Carolina student can find their books at Addam's."

Thushan Amarasinghwardena contributed to this report.

## WOLFLINE

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for information and sign up for the listserv, which allows transit officials to e-mail bus-riders advanced notice of detours, route changes, inclement weather, or any additional news.

The department has also made efforts to improve parking on campus. The department set out with four distinct goals for the fall semester: reduce cross-parking by disallowing certain types of permits to use other zones, minimize the number of permit types, realign zones and eliminate some types of parking ticket appeals.

"We tried to make the changes so that they would not be unfair to any particular group," Greg Cain, assistant director for parking services said. The changes instead were spread about so that "just about everybody is affected a little bit," he said.

Town meetings, feedback from staff and a hired parking consultant from Walker & Associates were all sources the department used to harvest ideas about possible changes and methods for implementation, Cain said.

However, pleasing everyone isn't easy.

"Our goal is to provide an equitable parking situation, which is a challenge between 15,000 people," Christine Klein of the transportation department said.

Some of the more notable changes include converting the 261-space Central Campus pay lot to a staff lot, converting all 570 east tower spaces to C parking from the previous 180 spaces, removing 50 C-parking spaces from the Lee and Bragaw

DW lots and reducing the types of permits allowed to flow into the Coliseum Parking Deck, she said.

Steps have been taken to eliminate the ability of students to appeal parking tickets that involve meter expirations, repeated violations involving the failure to purchase a valid parking permit and tickets for parking in a fire lane, transportation officials said.

Cain acknowledges that the increases in C spaces in some areas could be somewhat controversial among the student body, but cites some of the reasons behind the changes.

"During the town meetings, we heard complaints that teachers were having problems finding parking in the western parts of campus, and our numbers substantiated this," Cain said.

"Also, our graduate student population has doubled from 4,000 to 8,000 - those students expect to have parking when they arrive to school," Cain added.

Overall, parking fees and regulations at NCSU remain stable and reasonable, transportation officials say. Klein points out that the prices of parking permits have not increased in nearly three years. She contrasts this with the situation at UNC-Chapel Hill, where the Herald-Sun reported that the average cost of parking permits has risen to \$413 and 893 parking spaces, 10 percent of the entire campus capacity, have been recently eliminated because of construction.

"We're working to prevent that type of thing from happening here," said Klein, "we have to maximize our scarce resources - we have to make the most of what we have."

Both Cain and Klein offered tips on how students can find parking and avoid tickets.

"Know what options are available to you with your parking permits," Cain said. He urges students to stay away from meters as a means of parking during class, because they have limited time allotments and aren't intended for that purpose.

Cain also noted that some students get used to parking in one specific lot and forget that their permit may be valid in other lots as well.

Cain, Klein, and Mitchell all recommended using the Park & Ride opportunities at the four available lots: Centennial, K-Mart, Westgrove and Carter-Finley. According to Klein, Carter-Finley "is always available." She reported that last week the Centennial Park & Ride lot reached full capacity for the first time ever.

However, Mitchell cautioned students to "treat Park & Ride lots like any other on-campus parking area." She referred to an incident that happened last week at the K-Mart lot in which several cars were blocked-in by inappropriately parked vehicles. She reminds students that, "the K-Mart lot is still the property of K-Mart, and they retain the right to tow anyone who is parked illegally."

According to transportation officials, the Wolfline transit system is the seventh largest public transportation system in the state, serving an estimated 10,000 people per day. They also confirmed that 80 percent of Wolfline funding comes from student transit fees, with the remaining 20 percent coming from the sale of parking permits.

## DAVIS

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"I think Jay's really showed us a lot more confidence than he did in the spring," Mazzone said. "He's handling the huddle better. He's making good decisions for us. I said the other day after the scrimmage what he's doing is keeping us out of bad plays."

Davis spent three years in the Wolfpack's ever-changing offensive system, red-shirting a year and spending the other two as the primary backup to Rivers. During his time as backup he got the opportunity to learn the offense and watch one of the best quarterbacks in ACC history do his job.

"I studied the playbook well and learned every little corner of this offense, and that's why I think I was named the guy," Davis said.

Stone, a top-rated quarterback out of high school, will not begin the season on the field, but may still get the chance if Davis struggles. Stone stated that his approach would not change even after being named the backup.

"I'm just going to stay focused and keep learning what we're doing out there and keep watching and observing," Stone said yesterday after practice.

Stone also said that the decision will not change his relationship with Davis. The two were friendly rivals, even watching film together on occasion during the summer.

"Me and Jay have been friendly all along through this competition and I'm sure we'll talk about it later on," Stone said. "We're still gonna be great friends on and off the field, so that has nothing to do with that."

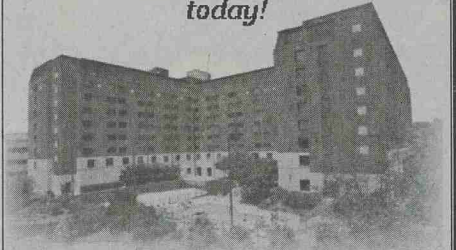
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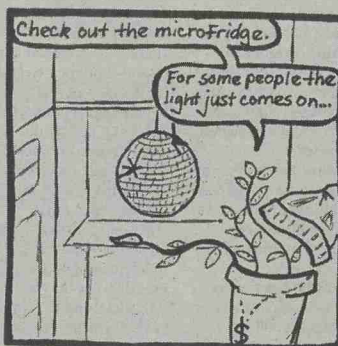
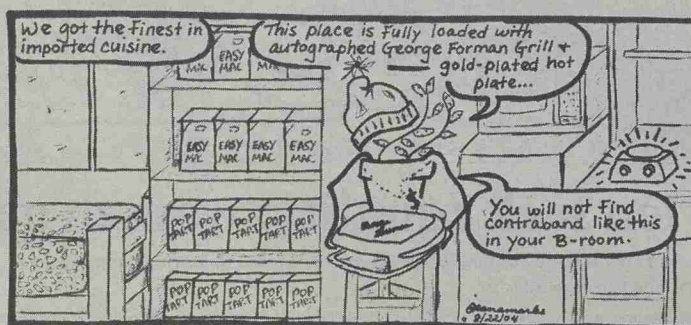
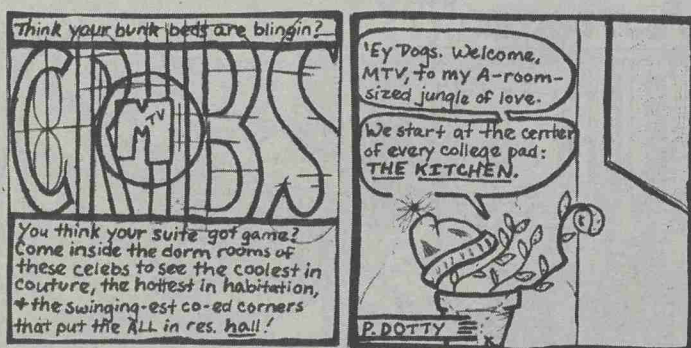
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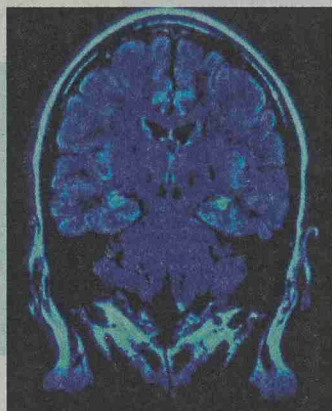
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## Men seek equality; women gain

Christin Liverance explores the differences between men and women and the new form of sexual discrimination against males.

For centuries past, women have been discriminated against in many societies. We had to fight hard for some of the freedoms we have today in America like voting and having jobs aside from mother and housewife. Females are treated as second-rate citizens, or as less than human beings in some sad circumstances.



**Christin Liverance**  
Staff Columnist

We don't have to look very far to see some pretty disturbing and bizarre rituals that take place in some countries.

In today's world there is still a lot of sexual discrimination, but it's not just against women anymore. We females have come up with our own version of chauvinism. This time, the joke is on the guys, and sometimes it's just disturbing.

Women in today's society are taught in many ways – through media, bad relationships and burned friends – that men are nothing but lying, cheating dogs. Apparently they only care about three things – eating, sleeping and getting into your panties. If they tell you anything else, we're told, they're only trying to get to one of these three ends. Most likely the latter if you have a uterus and a pretty face.

Disturbingly, there are actually books and Web sites that teach women how to "train their man" as one would a mutt. When did they become machines to serve our every beckoned call? What gives us a right to do this? We've come so far, we have every right to be proud, to celebrate our femininity, but not at the expense of all males.

There are certain things we have fought hard against, so that men will not generalize all women as soft, weak and flighty. Today, however, women are quick to lump all men into the same category.

We expect the worst from them at all times, it seems. We hear so often of our girlfriends, our sisters, our female relatives being cheated on, lied to or abused.

After a little while, we just count the days until the same thing happens to us. If anything is amiss we assume they're seeing someone else, they're lying to us, anything negative.

I have a friend who has the perfect boyfriend, well, as close as one can come to perfection. He loves her, he tells her all the time; he's never cheated, and he does nice things for her constantly. Yet, because she's seen so many friends hurt over a few jerks, she confessed that he seems too good to be true. Sometimes she feels like she's waiting for something to go wrong, even though she has no real reason to expect anything but the best from him. One of her other friends even told the boyfriend at the beginning of their relationship that he "better not break her heart!" He hadn't even done anything, and already he was expected to screw things up because this girl's boyfriend apparently had at one time.

Now, men do make mistakes sometimes (keep in mind that women do too). These mistakes are mostly due to the fact that we just think in very different ways. It is fact to say that men are more logical in their thinking, and we women are more emotional; that's the way we were designed.

A man might say or do something that he thinks will make his girlfriend or wife feel better, when really it's just not what she wants. The same friend's boyfriend was trying to console her one night

when she was crying and said, "Toughen up!" In total disbelief she asked him why he'd say such a thing and started crying harder. It had been an inside joke between them. He happened to think of it, and thought it would make her laugh, not realizing that a girl never wants to hear the words "toughen up" while they are bawling on your shoulder. He wasn't being a jerk, just trying to cheer his girl up in his own way. To him, it made perfect sense.

Miscommunication is what it's all about when you get down to it. Women expect men to guess exactly what they want and deliver it flawlessly all the time. Females pride themselves on being talkers, but we oftentimes tell our girlfriends more about what we want from our man than we tell the actual man. Guys, I'm sorry to say it, but you just don't talk as much as you should always, period. It's not that you just expect us girls to know, but are maybe embarrassed to say things aloud so you do without.

Granted, there are guys that cheat and little boys that lie and break girls' hearts. However, there are women that do the same things. We just call the women that do this "confused" and the guys that do it, "assholes."

If we want men to treat us as equals in all respects, we must treat them as equals in all respects. Women are not pansies, at least when there isn't a spider in the room, and men are not dirty dogs that must be trained, or machines that must be "operated."

If all of us remember this, maybe one day we can live in perfect harmony – except for a few toilet seats left upright and damp bras hanging in the shower.

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### TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## NCSU LACKS BEAUTY, REMAINS A BARGAIN

**OUR OPINION:** THE PRINCETON REVIEW WAS ACCURATE IN SAYING N.C. STATE HAS THE 17TH-UGLIEST CAMPUS IN THE NATION. DUE TO THE TRANSITIONS OCCURRING ON CAMPUS NOW, THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEAUTIFY NCSU ON A LARGE SCALE HAS A NARROW WINDOW.

The Princeton Review is popular for covering and ranking schools in a variety of categories. This allows for schools to receive feedback about what students think and also allows for high school seniors to begin narrowing down their search based on those rankings.

N.C. State received marks for Eighth-best Bargain school and was slotted 17th for Unsightly and/or Tiniest school.

The unsightly and tiny category has a negative overtone and is a result of two juxtaposed ideas. Some things can be unsightly and not the least bit tiny, and vice versa.

NCSU doesn't necessarily fall into the tiny range, with main campus occupying close to 2,000 acres and Centennial Campus close to 1,300 acres. UNC-Chapel Hill is approximately 800 acres versus ECU which is approximately 1,000 acres. So NCSU cannot be regarded as, by any standard, tiny.

Unsightly, however, is another issue.

The Princeton Review nailed NCSU due to the campus comprising of gum jutting from tunnel walls, oddly designed buildings such as Poe Hall standing out in a sea of brick buildings, the blandness of the Brickyard and a square-brick design for every building across campus.

NCSU's campus has the potential to be beautiful and eye-catching in other places besides the Arboretum

and the Court of North Carolina. Renovation and design of upcoming buildings must be revolutionary – not plain and consistent with the times of society. NCSU can create a reputation of setting a standard versus falling into one.

The creation and expansion of Centennial Campus will begin housing new electrical engineering and computer science departments, thus leaving their present residences empty on main campus. Future designs can be implemented now with those new buildings and allow the soon-to-be former buildings the opportunity for renovation and beautification.

A running-water design that darts through campus would be a unique and a sharp addition to the eye-appeal of campus. There is already a fountain outside of Talley, but that rarely runs. Another fountain or a man-made waterfall would be unique to campus.

However, if NCSU honestly cares about how the campus looks, then moves must be made now. With the transition of the College of Engineering to Centennial Campus, the opportunity lies on a close horizon. With students already here, NCSU can combine beauty and creativity for a spectacular and astounding campus.

And, being ranked eighth for "Best Bargain School," we can surely make it happen efficiently and sufficiently.

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## CAMPUS FORUM

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### Religion: Accept, don't solicit

I'm a freshman here at N.C. State this year, yet I have already experienced the same situation. I myself am a Christian, and I feel that I am very strong compared to most people. The problem with what you have discussed is that those in religion today focus on the quantity of people, not the quality. They fail to realize a high-quality person that sets an excellent example will influence more people than some dumb lackeys walking around recruiting people for their meetings. I think that the Crusades are infamous for this, which is one reason I joined another group. Sure you should get the Word out, but it won't strike home unless the person is influenced in the proper way to accept it. I'm not sure exactly how devout you yourself may be, but what your editorial said is very accurate. Some people may become irate at these accusations, but as a believer I am not offended. It shows what each one of us is doing wrong...just looking for numbers...

Jeff Spruill  
Freshman  
Aerospace Engineering

First of all, you do not solicit Jesus, you offer Him to those who walk in darkness so that they can be brought into the light. To offer Christ Jesus to someone and they accept Him, saves their life. There is only one true living God [not a religion] that can save, and change anyone. Christians believe that there is only one true God. Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic, etc., are man-labeled denominations. First and foremost is Jesus Christ. He is the one we owe reverence.

This is the reason why Christians interrupt conversations and decline a "group bath in chocolate sauce." Jesus asks us [Christians] in the Gospel of Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his

soul?" What will you give up Matt to gain eternal life? The comfort of leading a good life may be enough to make you happy, but it cannot save your soul! Yes, Jesus would have believers [Christians] to recruit people and "lots of them." He would have none to perish.

The enemy would have you believe that the good life is all you need. But only Christ can give you the abundant life that He would have for you. He has plans for your life!

Your zipper pocket inside your zipper pocket backpack is great for keeping pencils and calculators, but to store Jesus in your heart is to take hold of the promises and the abundant life He has for you! Don't make light of the one and only true savior who will save you and make your life new once you have accepted Him. I offer Him to you today without a snack and without a Holy Ghost story. However, let me assure you that the Holy Spirit living inside you once you have accepted Him will give you many stories to tell that will draw many to Christ after He is lifted up! May God continue to bless and keep you!

Mary Williams  
Assistant to Academic Dean  
College of Management

### Gaither's gay marriage argument flawed

I simply must comment on Jeff Gaither's excellent viewpoint column in today's paper regarding gay marriage and gays in general. It is rare that a young man has so thoroughly educated himself and is willing to share his well-reasoned arguments.

I'll be brief, as there is little I can add to Jeff's sound viewpoint that it all just ain't right. I will, however, offer him a bit of advice: You are very wise to be wary of the homosexual in your presence, Jeff. After all, seducing a closed-minded homophobe is known as "Gay Everest" in some circles that need no mention. It must be horrifying to consider that right now, in a dorm room on our very

campus, some homo is gazing lustily at the picture of you that accompanied your article, dreaming of seeing you naked. I caution you Jeff, whenever you meet someone new, be it fellow student, professor, or potential employer, you must immediately inquire as to their sexual orientation so as to be able to avoid the gay ones. They're like undercover cops: They have to tell you the truth if you ask them, and as an added bonus, the odds say that occasionally you'll wind up meeting some pretty hot lesbians who you can try and convert away from the Dark Side.

Josh Humphrey  
Vet Student  
College of Veterinary Medicine

As a heterosexual, fairly attractive female, I too am weirded out by the fact that if we were in a room together, your reaction and thought process would be focused on sex. I find it rather unfair, that's OK for me to be an object of your attraction but not for you to be an object to someone else's, based on sexual orientation.

Your discomfort around those different from you may be your own problem. I suspect you and other self-proclaimed homophobes rethink your opinions and change your ability to interact with people different from yourselves. As I recall, segregation was and is a horrible idea.

You recognize that an individual "cannot change the fact that they are gay," (which seems to say that you believe that being gay is not by choice but by birth, because if it were a choice, then one could change that choice, correct?) yet, you state that homosexuality is unnatural.

If anything is unnatural, it's marriage as an institution. Nowhere in the laws of nature do you find the bindings of man and wife/male and female/whatever and whatever in holy matrimony. Institutions are not natural law. And perhaps, because marriage as an institution is so old, it needs to be reformed (again). It was reformed from polygamous to monogamous, and at one point – and still in some parts of the world – divorce was not allowed under the marriage law. I would hate to live in a world where institutions did not reform and evolve, as I'm sure you would too.

Yes, children will be teased, and children are teased, for many reasons: because their parents are gay, they're not

wearing the right clothes, their skin's not the right color, their teeth are crooked, etc. The only way to change that is for people, like yourself to stop being so ignorant. If social interaction changes and evolves, then perhaps children, no matter who or what their parents are, won't have to be teased. One way for social opinion to change is for equal rights/opportunity to exist in all aspects of society, especially marriage. And the inferiority complex that supposedly is developed in kids with gay parents is probably not because of who or what their parents are, but because of those "insult-hurlers" sitting next to them in the classroom.

You're right, "Nobody has the right to impose gayness" on a defenseless newborn. Nor does anybody have the right to impose straightness on a newborn. Nor does anybody have the right to impose rules and regulations that make an institution so ludicrously exclusive.

It's people like you that make me want to wipe my rear end with the American flag.

Ciara Doyle  
Sophomore  
Social Work

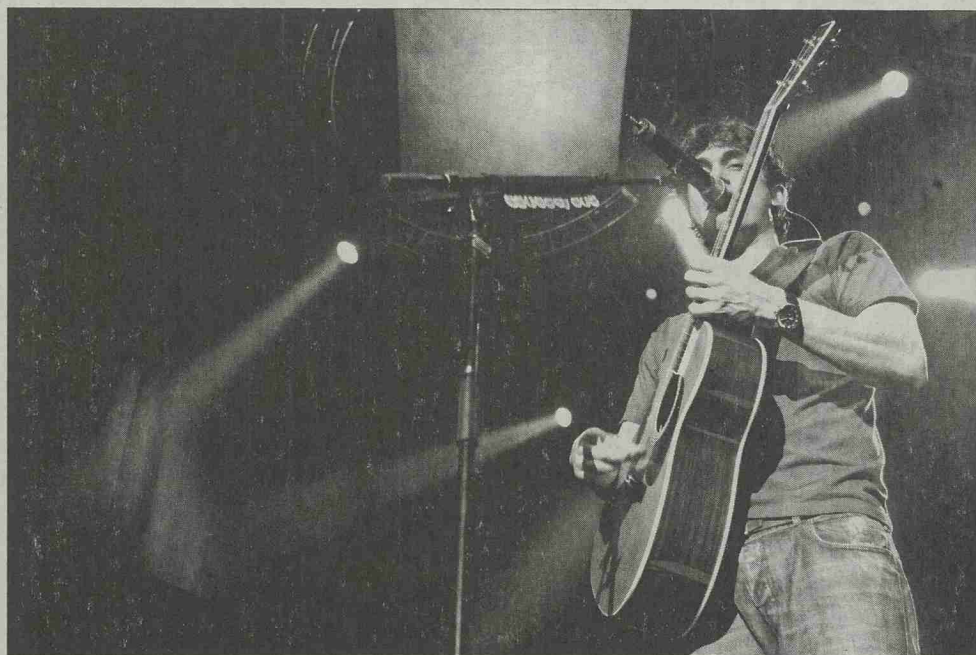
Jeff Gaither's viewpoint piece entitled "Principle of gay marriage, adoption flawed" had me rolling on the floor. He so eloquently strings together so many stereotypes and misconceptions, that I found myself anticipating each new paragraph much like I would anticipate a new South Park episode. What will Cartman say next week?

Steve Landherr  
Mountain View, Calif.

It is clear to me that you are so ignorant that you seem to think that the only gay people in the U.S. are feminine and weak. I know children that have grown up in a gay couple household and they have turned out awesome. In my college, I know of a lot of "straight" people that say they need pussy all the time and then find them having sex with a man. There is enough room on this planet to let everyone live openly and happily. The bottom line is: If you are 100% straight, then what other people do in the bedroom will have no effect on you!

Dan Scott





John Mayer shows off his impeccable guitar playing. Mayer performed a high-energy show with Maroon 5 and DJ Logic at Alltel Pavilion.

# Mayer rocks Pavilion

Jake Seaton

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Under a piercing sunlight, friends and fans began filling the near-empty amphitheater while DJ Logic drowned the dull chirping of the anxious patrons.

Showcasing a variety of breaks via baby scratches and hurried tears over instrumental beats, Logic proclaimed to the audience, "I'm here to get this party started." That he did — Logic set the mood for the evening with beat juggling of Top-40 songs from Beyoncé Knowles, The Roots and Joan Jett.

The pinnacle of the mediocre DJ's set was an improvisational song, which had John Mayer and Jesse Carmichael join Logic on stage.

An hour and some change after the beginning of that hell, Maroon 5 took the stage with Carmichael sprinting around an elevated platform and Quincy Jones' "Ironside" blasting through the theater.

Although the stage set left much to be desired, the group's overall set was a solid representation of their catalog.

Immediately, I was struck with how precise Maroon 5 sounded as compared to their album, "Songs About Jane."

The crowd seemed quite drab through the first four songs until the band played the first note from "This Love." At that very moment, much to my chagrin, the crowd erupted and everyone stood.

Sadly, the power of radio showed its evil face when the crowd showed favoritism to the Top-40 tracks.

With such a musically prolific band, Maroon 5's lead-singer seemed to be overtly showcased throughout the

set. Even the audience fed this manifestation with screams of, "I LOVE YOU ADAM!"

In front of a lit oriental backdrop, John Mayer took the stage with the opening track from his newest album, "Heavier Things."

Although the response was already huge for Mayer, the full force of what was to be experienced was felt come the second song — Mayer's breakthrough hit "No Such Thing."

Mayer is much like Dave Matthews was in his early days. He is a young, talented singer/guitarist who has an outspoken love for life and great energy accompanies his craft.

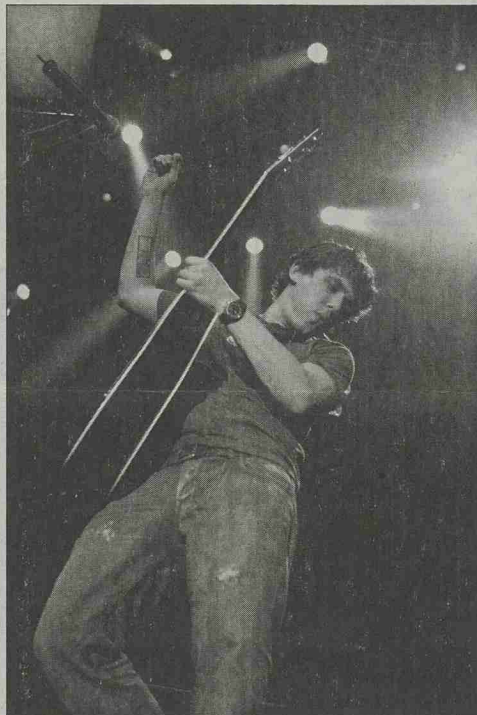
This jovial attitude was illustrated throughout the set as he played for a solid two hours with tiring and his communication with the audience was continuous and entertaining.

Three-quarters through the set, during one of his many monologues, Mayer said to the audience, "This is a Blues Tune. Why? Cause you need it."

With that, Mayer broke into an impressive cover of B.B. King's "Three O'Clock Blues." Although I am sure most of the audience had no idea what they were hearing, it was evident that it was a respectful homage to a Blues giant.

While still adding diversity to his set, Mayer entered a discourse about the upcoming political race. What came about was another great cover, this time by the politically outspoken Marvin Gaye with "Inner City Blues."

The show displayed Mayer's impeccable guitar skills with various solos, particularly during "Come Back To Bed." It is easy to see why Mayer is considered a modern guitar prodigy.



Mayer clearly enjoys himself in front of a packed crowd.

## Setlist

### Maroon 5:

Through With You  
Tangled  
Not Coming Home  
The Sun  
This Love  
She Will Be Loved  
Woman  
Harder to Breathe  
Sunday Morning  
Shiver

### John Mayer:

Clarity  
No Such Thing  
My Stupid Mouth  
New Deep  
Great Indoors  
City Love  
Daughters  
Walking On The Moon  
Something's Missing  
Only Heart  
Three O'Clock Blues  
Come Back To Bed  
Your Body Is a Wonderland

Inner City Blues  
Why Georgia  
Bigger Than My Body

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## MUSIC

# Raleigh's Phonte Exchanges with the Netherlands

Tim Lytvinenko

Staff Not-a-team-player

Instant messenger brings the Netherlands to North Carolina for a different kind of Foreign Exchange.

Phonte of "Little Brother" found the up-and-coming producer Nicolay, through the Hip-Hop site [www.Okayplayer.com](http://www.Okayplayer.com), when Nicolay posted a few instrumental beats that caught Phonte's attention.

One of those tracks became "Light it Up," a B-side to Little Brother's "The Listening." Another became "Be All Right" which made "Connected." Later, they decided to make an entire album through the wonders of the World Wide Web, known as the Foreign Exchange album.

After nearly two years of E-mail and instant messaging, the album — "Connected" — was complete. Phonte and Nicolay would have their first voice conversation a few months later.

"Connected" mixes Hip-Hop with R&B with a side Jazz and Soul. "Raw Life" has a street Hip-Hop feel with nasty lyrics by Joe Scudda of the Justus League and Phonte that could win any emcee battle. Go ahead and try to bring it to Phonte, he'll tell you to "Save your back talk for the chiropractor."

"Let's Move" steps up the beat and lets Phonte and Big Poo show what can happen without their normal producer, 9th Wonder, who finishes off the trio known as Little Brother. This playful beat makes you want to get up



and dance, which was the case when Little Brother debuted "Let's Move" live in Wilmington earlier this summer, making everyone at The Soapbox jump and vibe to the beat.

Other highlights include "Nic's Groove," "The Answer" and "All That You Are" which round out my top five of this very complete album. Go out and buy "Connected," its the only Justus League joint that you can pick up at 4-4 Records and Best Buy.

That's right Best Buy carries it.

I guess you could expect that coming from a passionate Phonte. In an interview with [www.TheFormula.Com](http://www.TheFormula.Com)—Nicolay and Phonte's first-ever voice conversation, Phonte had not "Even looked this guy [Nicolay] in the face, shaken his hand or nothin'." It just reaffirms my faith in music and that there are still people out there that share the same passion for the music that I do.

## Calendar of Events

### TODAY:

#### Off campus:

Cadillac Jones and Perpetual Groove are performing at Lincoln Theatre.

The Pour House Music Hall is hosting Mood Cultivation Project.

Drive Thru Records presents Hidden in Plain View, Hello Goodbye, Madison, Ashwin, The Sibling Project and Houston Calls at The Brewery.

Grass Cats are playing at Six String Cafe.

Further Seems Forever is headlining at Cat's Cradle with The Kicks, Brandon and Salem.

Risk Relay are performing with Early Day Miners and Allison Polans at Local 506.

### TOMORROW:

#### On campus:

"Saved" is playing the campus cin-

ema at 7 p.m. followed by "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" at 9.

#### Off Campus:

137, Beyond Glory and Wounded Soul are playing at Lincoln Theatre.

Pico Vs. Island Trees is performing at Granville Towers in Chapel Hill.

D.O.C. and the Stoics will be at The Brewery.

Chris Cook and Rebecca Lynne will perform at Six String Cafe.

Ming + FS and Karsh Kale are performing at Cat's Cradle.

The Know, Spader and Siberian are playing at Kings Barcade.

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## RECEIVERS

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is on the Walter Camp Player of the Year watch list and could also spend time this season at halfback.

"The coaches know what I can do and that there are different ways to get the ball to me," Hall said. "I see myself as a guy who can go and get you that first down, but I can also make the big plays. As far as Richard Washington, he can do both too."

Washington, a junior, possesses breakaway speed and agility similar to Hall. He is NCSU's second-leading returning receiver with 44 catches in 2003 and six touchdowns. Washington finished off a season at times riddled with suspension with a strong outing in the Tangerine Bowl where he caught seven passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Also returning for NCSU is versatile junior Sterling Hicks, who started 2003 as NCSU's second-leading receiver behind Cotchery. He caught seven passes for 110 yards to open the season against Western Carolina, but broke his hand in the game. After missing the following game at Wake For-

est, he suffered an ACL injury against Ohio State and missed the rest of the season.

Perhaps the most underrated player in NCSU's receiving crew is junior Brian Clark, who came on strong towards the end of last season and has a knack for coming through in the clutch.

"I always try to catch everything that comes my way," Clark said.

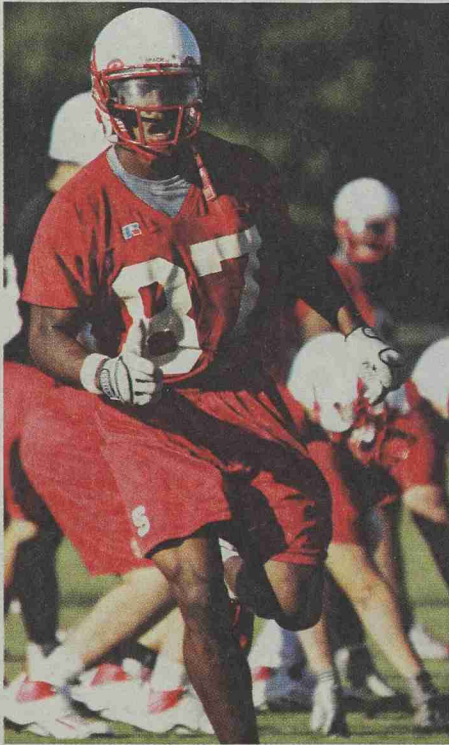
Other receivers have faith in Clark's ability to make the big catch.

"You can depend on Clark to get you a first down," Hall said. "He'll go out there and get it."

In addition to the starters, junior Fred Span and sophomore Chris Hawkins should see more action after limited roles in 2003.

Coach Chuck Amato said he recognizes the great concern to fill the void left by Cotchery, but said he is confident one of the young, talented receivers will step up.

"There's an unbelievable concern," Amato said. "We were concerned there wouldn't be another Koren Robinson. I'm sure when Koren Robinson came along there was concern there would never be another Torry Holt. It's time for one of these young guys to step up and be that person."



Wide receiver Brian Clark runs a route during fall practice. Clark is part of a versatile group of receivers available to State this season.

## SOCCER

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from North Carolina. Yet the biggest difference in the team could be a stronger midfield.

"Our midfield has been our biggest improvement," King said. "We have a sophomore in there now, Santiago [Fusilier] and a freshman [El Hadj] Cisse. They just met each other and they're looking awesome."

"The defense was good last year, King was good," junior goalkeeper Jorge Gonzalez said. "The midfielders need to get the ball more and take control of the game. If they can take control more, that will be a big improvement for us."

This year's schedule for the Pack is unique in that NCSU is the only ACC team to play new conference foes Virginia Tech and soon-to-be ACC member Boston College. But when the season schedule is complete, no one will be happy without a return trip to the NCAA tournament.

"I'm very happy that they let us play the new teams in the ACC," Tarantini said. "You should take care of business in your league before any place else. But more important than anything else, we need to make a run in the ACC, the best league in the country."

## BRIAN

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nose badly.

The refs didn't stop play until much later, so Grandma Rosie marched right down on to the court and proceeded to calmly discuss with the officials why the game had not been stopped sooner. And when I say calmly I mean heatedly, and when I say discuss I mean yell at.

That's just the way she was. Of course she wasn't just that passionate about sports, but that's just one fitting example.

The way we watched games and the way we talked about our teams was filled with a passion that everyone should feel about something in their lives.

It's OK if it's not sports, but if everyone approached the various aspects of their lives with the passion that Grandma Rosie took to her sports, I know we'd all definitely be better off.

And I know this because Grandma knows best.

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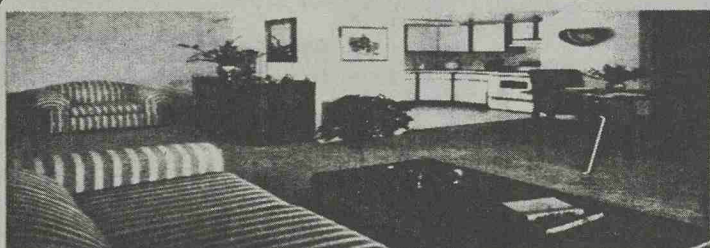
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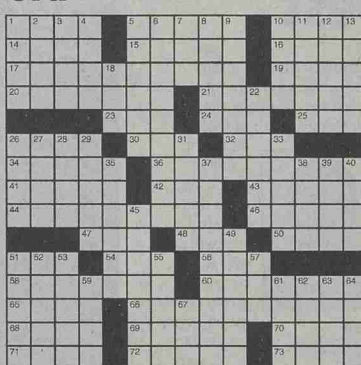
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16 Creative thought  
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20 Competitor  
21 Final  
23 HST follower  
24 Three-way junction  
25 Feminine pronoun  
26 Plunk  
30 Mrs. in Madrid  
32 Crimson or scarlet  
34 Runs easily  
35 Entomologist  
41 Standing by  
42 Powerful D.C. lobby  
43 Online letters  
44 Unsaute  
46 Actress Winger  
47 Big CA  
48 Fr. holy woman  
50 Tallow material  
51 What you looking at?  
54 Put in position  
56 A Gabor  
58 Yield  
60 Most impulsive  
65 Thick porridge  
66 Horizontally strung instrument  
68 Pin box  
69 Launder of cosmetics  
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72 Oracles  
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 Cross country in Raleigh Invitational, 9/18

**Scores**  
 No games scheduled



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## Grandma knows best

Wednesday makes it four months, one week and one day since my grandmother died. Her death hit me hard, no doubt. I'm not over it yet, and I don't know if I ever will get over it. But certainly, no part of me will ever get used to it. We were very close.

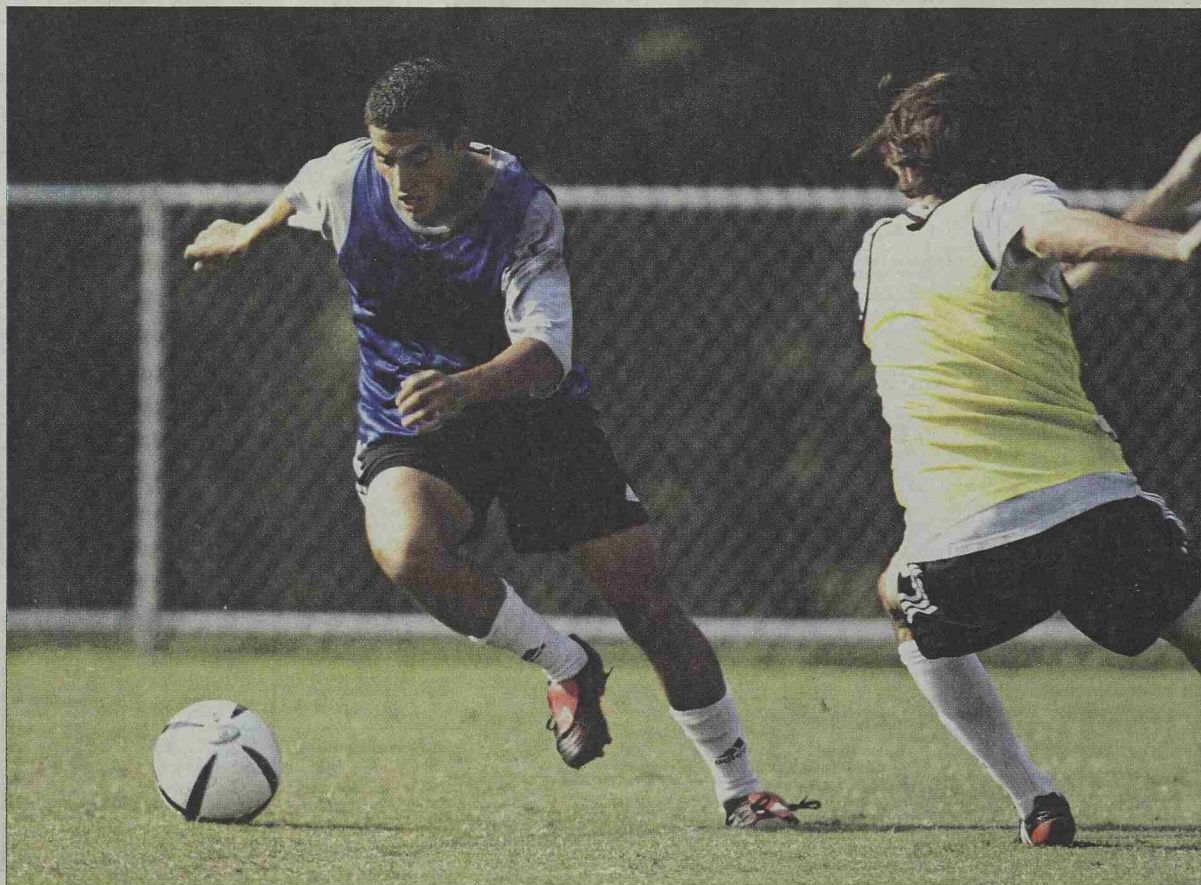


**Brian Grossman**  
 Staff Writer

To put it simply, any list of my favorite people in the world would have undoubtedly had her near the top. She was fantastic. Grandma Rosie loved three things with more passion than most people are capable of having: her family, feeding her family (she was an old Italian woman, after all) and sports — specifically the Yankees, Knicks and Seton Hall basketball. Seldom was there a family gathering that did not include some sports talk. For Grandma Rosie, sports filled everything. Here's a little background information to give you an idea of just how important sports were in our lives.

Her love for sports started off early in her life. She was the sports editor of her high school yearbook in the 1940s, and fell in the love with the Joe DiMaggio Yankees; and she passed it on to me. Before I knew how to spell my name or write a word, I knew the roster of the Yankees. I knew the lineup, and I knew all about their stats. Why, you might ask? Because Grandma Rosie went over box scores with me, just as she did with my younger cousin many years later. She began the process of teaching me to read by reading box scores with me every morning when at her house. It doesn't end there either. Many of my earliest memories are of sitting in Walsh Gym at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., watching the women's basketball team play because my aunt is the head coach. I remember sitting in the bleachers watching my aunt pace the length of the bench, and I remember my grandmother teaching me the basics of the game at a very young age. While she loved her Yankees, and could indulge in a baseball game on any occasion, basketball was her No. 1 sport. Her two oldest girls played it, and played it well all throughout high school. My aunt went on to play college ball and now coaches where she played. How many people would watch a Knicks game, and then stay up until 3 a.m. to watch the replay of the game win or lose? Grandma Rosie would because she loved watching the game. She also liked to confirm she knew the game better than the refs. She knew her sports, and she cared about them deeply. When my aunt was playing for Seton Hall, the team had a game in Maryland. During the game, she was elbowed in the face injuring her

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TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Sophomore Rami Ghanayem practices on Thursday afternoon at the SAS Soccer Complex in Cary. Ghanayem and the soccer team look to build on last year's nine-win season.

## Soccer building on success

*The men's soccer team looks to continue its improvement after a successful 2003 campaign.*

**Ian Jester**  
 Staff Writer

Nine wins propelled the men's soccer team into the NCAA tournament last year, the first time since 1994. It was the same nine wins that completed an undefeated season at Method Road for the first time ever. But this team isn't satisfied with nine wins. This team is ready to improve on wins. "We're climbing up the steps and going to the next level," sophomore Rami Ghanayem said. "Everybody brought that mentality into the preseason and now it's

carrying on into practice. We just look forward to climbing another stairway of success and keep getting better."

Before last season, students might have listed Wolfpack men's soccer and losing as synonyms, even though during the 1980s and early 1990s, head coach George Tarantini's squads were favorites to win the ACC and to advance deep into the NCAA tournament. "We were successful for a long, long time," Tarantini said. "I guess we took a break for whatever reason that is, but this group is a very hard-working group.

They are very committed and that makes the difference."

### Soccer firsts in 2003

- First ACC win since 1999
- First winning record since 1997
- First ACC Tournament win since 1992
- First NCAA Tournament appearance since 1994

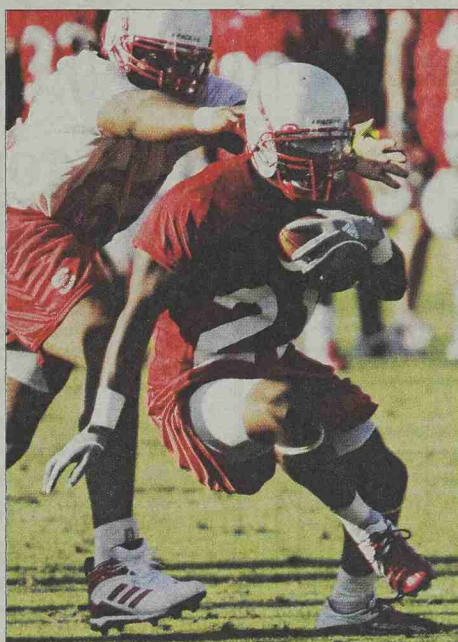
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So committed that even when senior defender Justin Branch traveled abroad to Spain this summer he made sure to have a daily dose of mid-afternoon pickup games with the local players. So committed that every player on the team arrived in better shape and form compared to the previous year. "Last year we were in decent shape," junior Aaron King said. "As of now we're in much better shape; we're trying to con-

dition ourselves so we can go the full 90 minutes at 100 percent."

Fitness hasn't been the only improvement. Both the players and coaches feel that large strides in communication on the field and playing up to their potential. "The biggest difference is that everyone has their eyes and mind set," Ghanayem said. "We have so much potential out here and so much ability that we should play the way we can every time, instead of sometimes playing to the potential of other teams who weren't necessarily as good as us." The Wolfpack return nine of the eleven starters from last season as well as welcome six newcomers, three of which hail

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RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Junior receiver Tramain Hall makes a cut during fall practice. Hall said the current group of receivers will give new starting quarterback Jay Davis plenty of options during the upcoming season.

## Receivers bring new attack

*N.C. State relies on one of the youngest but quickest receiving corps in the ACC to help replace the loss of Jericho Cotchery.*

**Joe Overby**  
 Staff Writer

It is third down, 14 yards to go and N.C. State is stuck deep in its own territory. Quarterback Philip Rivers is lined up in the shotgun formation in a three-receiver set. He takes a two-step drop and fires a spiral over the middle to his favorite target, Jericho Cotchery, who is cutting through the secondary. Cotchery makes a leaping catch and skirts opponents for a 15-yard pickup. First down, Wolfpack.

Over the past two seasons, that scene was typical. If the Wolfpack needed a big play to keep a drive alive, it was almost a certainty as to who NCSU's all-time leading passer would look to: a six-foot, two-inch fellow Alabama native with Velcro hands and a seemingly tireless work ethic. Now that Rivers and Cotchery have moved on to the NFL, NCSU's offense has a new look. Starting quarterback Jay Davis has yet to make his first collegiate start, and there is no clear-cut "go-to-guy" among the receivers. According to junior wide receiver Tramain Hall, there will be plenty of targets to choose from.

"Whoever ends up coming in there [at quarterback], they know they have a bunch of guys who they just have to get the ball to and they'll go out

### N.C. State 1,000-yard receivers

| NAME             | YEAR | YARDS |
|------------------|------|-------|
| Torry Holt       | 1998 | 1,604 |
| Jericho Cotchery | 2003 | 1,369 |
| Jericho Cotchery | 2002 | 1,192 |
| Torry Holt       | 1997 | 1,099 |
| Koren Robinson   | 2000 | 1,061 |

SOURCE: NCSU MEDIA RELATIONS

there and make a play for them," Hall said. In addition to NCSU's talented fleet of receivers, the running backs provide added options in the passing game. The combination could make life easier on a quarterback, suggested redshirt-freshman Marcus Stone. "It takes a lot of pressure off when you can just throw a little hot swing out in the flat and let T.A. [McLendon] or Bobby [Washington] or Darrell [Blackman] take it 20 yards down field," Stone said. "We've got receivers that can do that too." Hall, an explosive slot receiver who returns punts as well, is the Pack's leading returning receiver with 69 catches in 2003. The junior from Deerfield Beach, Fla. has the ability to turn short routes into big plays with his agility, breakaway speed, and by simply making opponents miss. He

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