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Capital Campaign provides improvements

The Capital Campaign aims at raising \$750 million for NCSU.

Josianne Lauber
Staff Reporter

With a goal of raising \$750 million, the Capital Campaign is not the typical school fundraising committee.

The Capital Campaign is an endowment fund for N.C. State that will meet the university's financial needs which cannot be covered simply through tuition costs.

Private support adds an additional element to the university's funding, filling in the gaps of

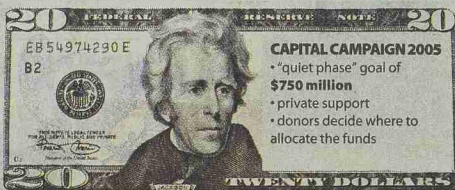
state tuition funds and is a major part of the "funding equation," Terry Wood, the vice chancellor for university advancement, said.

The Capital Campaign will remain in the "quiet phase" until fall 2005 when the campaign committee and the board of trustees will announce their goals for the campaign.

Wood mentioned the current phases' goal has always been \$750 million.

Deborah Griffith, the associative vice chancellor of public affairs, explained the importance of private giving.

"The role of private giving to a university like N.C. State is more and more important



as the resources from the state fall back due to budget cuts," Griffith said.

The job of fundraising "is even more important in the lives of our students, not only to fund the top class-top drawer facilities that students live and learn in, but also the scholarships that give students more access

to come here," she said.

University departments outline their needs for the Capital Campaign committee who then fundraises for the finances needed.

Department and college heads decide what percentages are needed for endowment, research initiatives, and facilities along

with what percentages can be portioned out for flexible funds Wood explained.

Ultimately, it will be the donors who decide where the money is allotted.

The deans and other leaders make their own decisions on where the most support is needed within the college or entity.

"Through this campaign we'll add some facilities that couldn't have been added any other way," Wood said.

It will attract national attention and "turn heads about the substance and quality of academic work at this university," Wood said.

NCSU's current Achieve

campaign provides a platform to tell the university's story and demonstrate the partnership between the multiple organizations to "help drive the economic engine in North Carolina," Wood said.

The university has made record-breaking performances in fundraising for the past five years, Wood said.

The percentage of alumni giving at UNC-Chapel Hill is 25 percent while the percentage of alumni giving at NCSU is 23 percent - not a big gap, according to Wood.

Wood hopes NCSU will have another record-breaking year.

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NIGHT CALLS



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Amanda Hudson, a freshman in computer engineering and computer science, talks with a family member in a solitary spot outside of Carroll Residence Hall on Wednesday night. Hudson said she wanted "somewhere to sit away from everyone else that was talking."

One-shoulder book bags a pain in the back

One-shoulder bookbags may cause back problems for students.

Dominique Shadae Miller
Staff Reporter

EastPak, North Face and L.L. Bean are keeping up with the growing fad for this fall, one-shoulder bookbags. They are stylish, easy to carry and they are ushering in a whole new fall trend - students with back problems.

Students that carry one shoulder bookbags may soon complain of muscle aches and pains, according to physicians.

Wearing such bags "unevenly distributes the weight on students' backs," comments Dr. Jason Stokes of Stokes Family Chiropractic.

"This may cause pinching and lead to inflammation," Stokes adds.

"Long-term use of the bags can cause muscle imbalances, shoulder pain and numbness of

the arm," Dr. Chad Chisholm of the Chisholm Chiropractic Center said.

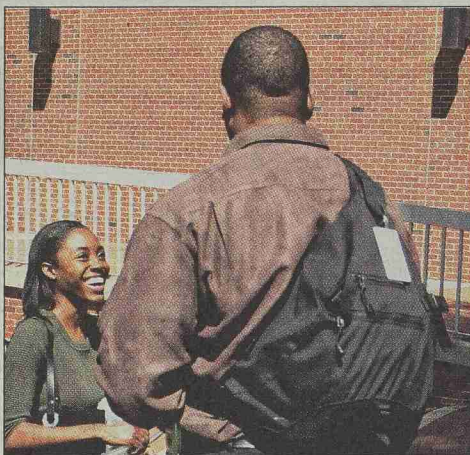
As a result of uni-strap bags, the opposite side of the back is forced to compensate for the weight put on one shoulder by the bookbag. Often the student will lean forward, also putting stress on the spine and spinal muscles.

Chiropractors agree that backpacks in general lead to problems because of their health implications, but ways do exist to lessen the effect of carrying heavy bags.

Dr. Stokes recommends wearing a backpack with two straps because they distribute weight more evenly. He suggested trying to find bags with lumbar support and to make sure to adjust the straps so that the bag sits higher on the back.

"As a general rule, students should not carry bags that are more than 10 percent of their body weight," Chisholm said.

There are many brands that offer bags conducive to students'



MELIH ONWURAL/TECHNICIAN

Sporting a one-strap book bag, Peter Eley, a graduate student in bio-mathematics, stops to talk to a friend outside D.H. Hill library.

health. Nike, Jansport and Timberland have all recently released new models that boast neck supports and straps with honey comb plastic filling to help cushion the shoulders.

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Forum promotes leadership

The Hugh Shelton Leadership Initiative Forum comes to N.C. State in November.

Haley Huie
Staff Reporter

N.C. State will host more than 30 of the country's most prominent leaders at the third annual Hugh Shelton Leadership Initiative Forum, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 19.

General Hugh Shelton served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during Sept. 11, 2001. He held this post for two consecutive terms and resigned on Sept. 30, 2001.

Shelton is a native of North Carolina, an NCSU alumnus and the founder of the Leader-

ship Initiative program. At the forum, he will lead the keynote speaker, Jim Kouzes, August Busch IV, president of Anheuser-Busch Inc. and actress Connie Stevens.

This year's forum is titled, "Practical Applications for Exemplary Leadership," and will be held from 8:45 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Kevin Hoch, a graduate student at NCSU has been active in helping run the Initiative Program for the past two years. He recommends that other students take advantage of the opportunity.

"Attending the forum has increased my understanding of what it means to be a modern leader. I don't think I

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Minors add to overall experience

Do academic minors help students after graduation?

Sade M. Graves
Staff Reporter

With 89 minors to choose from at N.C. State, students may enhance their knowledge in almost any subject area of their choice.

But do these minors offer any real help after college?

Sandy Stallings, assistant head for advising for the Department of Communication, recommends that students do find a minor.

"My main reasons are so students can differentiate themselves from others in that major and for their personal growth," Stallings said.

"For a lot of jobs there is a learning curve. If you can show an employer you've done well

in another field, it says good things about you," Stallings said.

Michael Hoyes is in his fifth year at NCSU working on a second major in mathematics education. He already holds a Bachelor of Science in textile engineering and two minors in industrial engineering and applied mathematics.

"For me, my minors are of personal interest. All of my academic interests do not focus on my major so in order to fulfill my academic needs, I pursue other things," Hoyes said.

"In terms of the workforce, you're more well rounded. I have a textile engineering degree and through my industrial [engineering] minor;

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I have more expertise in that field than I would have had if I did not decide to pursue that minor."

Hoyes plans to become a high school math teacher in the future. "If I don't like it, I'll fall back on engineering," he said.

The Career Center in Pullen Hall, provides an opportunity for students with inquiries pertaining to their course of study or future job options.

Career counselors are available for every college and major. Students can get help making career choices and finding opportunities with employers.

"The student adding the minor to be competitive should back up and look at both their

academic and work history and extracurricular activity," Carol G. Schroeder, Director and Career Counselor for the College of Natural Resources, said.

"It depends on the complete picture," Schroeder said. "An engineering student who minors in a foreign language may be valuable and of great interest to an employer who has clients or facilities in that part of the world."

Although career counselors cannot substitute for academic advisers, they may aid in establishing career foundations based on students' courses.

Minors can serve as enhancers or simply to satisfy an interest in a particular subject area.

Barry Price, a freshman in biological sciences aspires to become an orthodontist.

"I plan to minor in either

music or some type of business management. If I want to be an orthodontist then I'm basically going to have my own business, so [business] would be a good thing to minor in."

However, according to Schroeder, "A minor may not provide enough knowledge. You might have to do an internship and go on to graduate school."

Schroeder encourages students to contact the Career Center, attend professional society meetings, check out the Virtual Advising program or look into Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow and obtain an alum as a mentor in their field.

"I'm not saying everyone should do a minor," Stallings said, "but I think every student ought to look to find the highest level of academic success they can."

POLICE BLOTTER
TUESDAY SEPT. 21

10:19 A.M. LARCENY

A staff member reported that two subjects stole several aluminum cans from a recycling bin between Caldwell and Tompkins Halls.

12:28 A.M. SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

An officer observed a blue Ford Probe occupied by two non-students parked at Weisiger-Brown Building. All file checks came back negative. Both subjects complied to leave the area. They said they were sitting there talking.

12:38 A.M. ASSISTANCE

A student asked to speak with an officer in reference to other students calling him names at Avent Ferry Complex. An officer met with three other students; all subjects agreed to stop calling the student names.

7:38 A.M. MEDICAL ASSIST

Fire Protection and Campus Police officers responded to DH Hill in reference to an unconscious female. A security guard had passed out on the 7th floor. The subject was transported to Rex Hospital by EMS.

9:03 A.M. B&E BUILDING/LARCENY

A staff member reported that someone had entered a room in Gardner Hall and stolen a Nikon digital camera. The camera was taken sometime between 9/16 at 12:00 pm and 9/20

at 12:00 pm.

1:14 P.M. LARCENY

A student reported that someone stole her pocketbook from the DH Hill food court sometime between 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm.

12:10 P.M. SUSPICIOUS PERSON

Suspicious Person. A staff member reported a subject taking pictures of an air conditioning unit at Holladay Hall. Officers were unable to locate.

10:05 P.M. INDECENT EXPOSURE TRESPASS

A non-student was trespassed from NCSU in reference to an incident which occurred yesterday at 5:50 pm at the bus stop located on Hillsborough Street and Watauga Club Drive. The vehicle drove by this location, the driver fondling himself in front of females at the bus stop. Further investigation with a witness revealed he was exposing himself to females at the bus stop.

11:20 P.M. ALCOHOL VIOLATION

Avent Ferry Complex staff called to report a possible alcohol violation in a room there. The officer found no alcohol in the room.

3:17 P.M. FIRE ALARM

Fire Alarm Officers responded to a fire alarm at 840 Method Road Unit 3. The alarm was caused by a malfunction. Electronics was notified.

3:30 P.M. DRIVING WHILE IM-PAIRED

An officer issued a subject a campus appearance ticket for driving while impaired at the football game on 9/18/04. The subject was arrested by Highway Patrol.

5:23 P.M. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A student reported that a Coke vending machine was damaged at Delta Gamma House on Fraternity Court.

5:27 P.M. SAFETY PROGRAM

Sergeant Barnwell, Sergeant Sutton, MO Jones, and Officer Knight conducted a RAD class at Carmichael Gym.

5:41 P.M. MEDICAL ASSIST

Student health called and requested a transport for a student to Rex Hospital. EMS responded and transported her to Rex.

6:23 P.M. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A student's car rolled out of its parking space at Schaub Lot and into the rear of another student's car, which was parked there. Damage was under \$1000. Drivers exchanged information.

6:27 P.M. HARASSMENT

Three students were referred to the university for calling another student names.

7:39 P.M. MEDICAL ASSIST

A student was injured at Brooks Hall when a piece of wood kicked back on a table saw and struck her in the knees. She was transported to Wake Medical Center for treatment by EMS.

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If not for private funds, facilities such as the E. Carroll Joyner Visitor Center and Advancement Services Building, which are under construction, would not be possible. Wood stressed that a starting point was absolutely essential for those who first come and visit NCSU.

"There was no starting place, no portal to the whole university when they [incoming students] came here to find out what N.C.

State was all about," Wood said.

The visitor's center will provide incoming students with any information they needed.

Griffith agreed with Wood about the essentiality of the new facility to make a good first impression upon students coming to NCSU.

"It is also a venue for telling our story – it allows people to know the exciting things that are going on here and if people have a greater appreciation for N.C. state, your degree is going to be more valuable," Griffith said.

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Some brands also offer waist belts that allow the bag to maintain a more stable position on the student's back and minimize uneven weight distribution.

The most unpopular option among students may be the most recommended among chiropractors and medical associations – the rolling book bag.

Students deem the rolling bags to be unnecessary and view them as a source of embarrassment.

"Who needs a suitcase? I'm not going on vacation," comments Joshua Woodall, a freshman in First Year College.

"Plus, where I'm from the big thing is to kick them over in the hallways," Woodall adds.

Although N.C. State students are aware of the health dangers associated with one-shoulder bags, most say that will not affect their decision to purchase one in the future.

"I don't think it's as bad as people make it out to be," Lee Grobstein, a freshman in education and psychology, said.

Students report that one-shoulder bags are easier to carry around and make things more readily accessible. Grobstein said he has not yet experienced any back pain from the use of his one-shoulder book bag.

However, Grobstein adds, "It might be different if I carried it

TIPS FROM THE AMERICAN CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION:

- The backpack should never hang more than four inches below the waistline.
- Choose a backpack with individual compartments, this helps to position the contents effectively.
- Wear a bag with two shoulder straps. Wearing only one could lead to muscle spasms and low back pain.
- Try and find a bag with wide comfortable straps that do not dig into your shoulders.
- Purchase a backpack on wheels.

for a couple hours straight; I only carry it from class to class."

Trista Kennedy, a freshman in mathematics education and an employee of the Timberland Company chooses a backpack made for hiking.

"We sell all different types of bags and the most popular with the costumers are back packs made specifically for hiking," Kennedy said.

"I have back problems, and I have tried a one-shoulder book bag and I didn't even keep it for a month because it started to irritate my back," Kennedy said.

Although one-shoulder book bags are a growing fad this fall, there are other options available for students. Ultimately, which book bag students sport this fall will be an issue of personal preference.

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would have learned what I have from the forum on my own," Hoch said.

The forum's mission statement says that their goal is "to promote leadership skills in the public and private sectors."

This year's forum topics include: challenges in leadership roles, practices that exemplify women's leadership and ethical challenges for entrepreneurial roles.

The cost of attending the forum is \$159, which includes a luncheon. However, Mike Giancola, director of the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service, reported they will award 30 scholarships to students on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Forrest Hinton, a sophomore in mathematics education, highly advises students to take part in this program.

"This program takes leadership to a new level," Hinton said. "It helps students reflect on their integrity as leaders, which has to happen before they can grow."

The keynote speaker, Kouzes, has recently published a book titled "The Academic Administrator's Guide to Exemplary Leadership."

Assistant Vice-Chancellor Mike Davis stresses the importance of Kouzes' book, as NCSU searches for a new chancellor.

The forum is funded by the Hugh Shelton Initiative Program and supported largely by donations, which has various activities such as a Golf Challenge or a Leadership Challenge held at the Eastern 4-H Conference Center.

Last year's attendance was estimated to be between 600-700, and Davis expects a similar turnout for the upcoming forum.

In addition to being involved with the Leadership Initiative Forum this year, Hinton was the first recipient of the Shelton Scholarship in 2003, which does out \$2,500 annually as well as an additional \$1,500 for summer programs.

According to Hinton, the scholarship program is in its beginning stages, but supplements the Caldwell Fellows program. He also said that the Initiative Program targets NCSU students, both leaders and the general student body, and specifically ROTC participants.

Coordinators prefer that interested parties pre-register, however, tables will be set up at the forum to handle registration on the day of the event.

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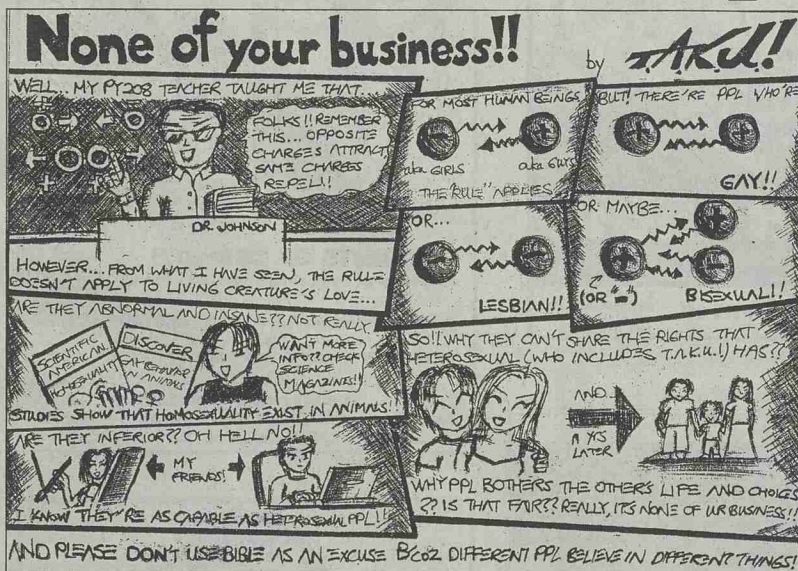
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OUR OPINION: N.C. STATE SHOULD USE THE MONEY THAT WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AS IT IS RECEIVED, BECAUSE AREAS OF CAMPUS NEED THE ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The Capital Campaign is N.C. State's alternative source of income. The university receives public money from tuition and fees in conjunction with state and federal allocations versus the private donors that contribute to this fund.

The campaign's goal, during the "quiet" phase, is set to reach \$750 million. In the fall of 2005, they will pursue the \$1 billion mark.

For each donation, the donor chooses where the money gets distributed – such as the library, the visitor's center, athletics or a specific college. Once the money is in his/her desired location, the leaders among those bodies choose how to divide the money – whether the money goes towards a specific sport, research grants, scholarships, etc.

There are a lot of schools across the nation that have similar endowment funds. Of the ones in the area, UNC-Chapel Hill has a \$1.19 billion while Duke's tops \$5 billion. Among others, universities tend to set on endowment funds to accumulate interest, build that fund and collect the reputation.

Endowment funds are generally a way for schools to compare each other, basing that judgment entirely on alumni giving.

Otherwise, what use does any large sum of money have? Each school has areas of its university that could use improvement – and in the small chance the university

does not, then they could decrease tuition or establish other scholarships.

NCSU needs to separate from the norm.

Any portion of our endowment fund needs to be used as soon as those funds are received. There is no reason for NCSU to withhold money from necessary alterations on campus. If the money is there then it might as well be used.

This method allows the donors to see the results of their donations and giving immediately being used efficiently and effectively. The alumni will build pride and NCSU will continue to grow.

Also, withholding the money means that any cost of plans in the future will go up versus making changes now that will cost less.

There should also be a separate, general fund that donors do not choose where the money goes and is, instead, used at NCSU's discretion. This would ensure the money in this fund can serve the areas of the university in the highest demand of need.

NCSU does not need to sit on this money because areas of campus need attention now – like Thompson Theater, a decrease or stability in tuition or beautifying the campus.

If we don't, we'll be using the price to compare ourselves to other schools – and what kind of leader would we be then?

The unsigned editorial that appears above is the opinion of the members of Technician's editorial board and is the responsibility of the Editor in Chief.

Undergraduates unfairly targeted

Heather Cutchin provides examples of how undergrads are the unfair targets of complaint and what we can do to change that.

What do the tailgate issue, the nuisance party ordinance, and apartment restrictions all have in common? They are restrictions placed against undergraduates that



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

came about because a small group of people did something wrong. These restrictions are not fair to those that want to have fun but abide by the rules at the same time. Being able to tailgate before football games has been almost as favorite of a pastime as watching the game itself. N.C. State students are proud of our team, and we like to show it by bonding with others before the game. However, with the increased security, tailgating has lost some of its appeal. These restrictions were brought on by the stupid acts of two people, out of the many that tailgate every game. It is unfair that a great number of students have to suffer the consequences of these two.

The Nuisance Party Ordinance has been a spur in many undergrads' heels for a long time. While this ordinance may have some backing – there are times I wish my neighbors would cut down the music – there are more times that the Raleigh police are just looking to give tickets. A group of friends gathered around the X-Box playing a game is not cause for the police to come knockin'. Neither is a small gathering of friends, enjoying a keg of beer or two. The ordinance came to light after a councilman decided that NCSU undergraduates were having too much fun and put restrictions on how many people can be at a place

at one time – and the perceived level of noise at that place.

Apartments are definitely either against having undergraduates or have lots of restrictions. I need a place to stay, so I have been looking, and it is kind of sad what I have come across. One place actually charged \$5/month extra fee if you were an undergraduate, to pay for the security officer that came around to make sure the noise level from an apartment was not too loud.

Many places designed for undergrads – those on or near the Wolfline – tend to be a little cheaper and a little less willing to please. Anyone can go to rent.com to see what kind of ratings places around campus received from previous tenants, and many of those ratings are not good. Past tenants complain about landlords not caring about them, invading personal space and generally not respecting them once the lease is signed.

Also, places built with undergraduates in mind are made of cardboard-like material that allows the smallest amount of noise in and all of the heat out. Everything is patched together with chewing gum a week before the tenant moves in and breaks a week after. Then the tenant is outrageously charged for the repairs and freezes for two weeks!

So what can we do about these problems? To me, it seems like every time students have a problem with something we complain a lot, write a few columns, a few campus forums, and one or two more outspoken people will actually write to the councilmen or chancellor. However, only 8 percent of people in this zip code – the one that includes all of you reading this, vote! Imagine what 92 percent more informed people voting could do to any election. We could keep out councilmen that make silly party

ordinance laws. We could get the City of Raleigh officials to do some serious cleanup of Hillsborough St.

There is not much we can do, voting-wise, about the tailgating restrictions. We can keep on complaining though! After a while, the administration will see that punishing everyone for the mistakes of a few is not sensible or fair. Increasing the number of security officers at the tailgating events is not going to eliminate the occurrence of fights, underage drinking or people getting a little rowdy. It just increases the probability of an officer being there when it happens. Prior to this event, how many times did officers have to break up a fight? I have not heard of many times. All that the increased restrictions are doing is putting a slight damper on the festivities.

Finally, what can we do about the housing situation? Students can fix problems here too. Check out a place carefully before signing the lease.

Talk to other folks in the apartment complex. Negotiate rent – a lot of people think that rent is set in stone, and landlords and rental agencies take advantage of that. Complain if you need to, there are better housing agencies and newspapers that you can write to that will help inform others of how bad a place is. After a while, if there are no tenants, a place will have to shape up or sell out.

Students should not feel like "Well, I'll be gone in a few more years; I can stick it out in this trash-hole a little longer."

We may not be able to change things right away, but we can try to make things better for others coming. Plus, there are some of us that stick around a lot longer than four years!

Let Heather know how you feel at viewpoint@technicianonline.com.



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A 'Ludacris' Homecoming concert decision

Brian Onorio explores the lyrics of Ludacris and questions why he was chosen to perform at an N.C. State Homecoming event

I can't say that I agree with the decision to bring rapper Ludacris to campus for a Homecoming event. The choice came as scheduling conflicts prevented appearances by Big Boi (of Outkast), Lenny Kravitz, and the Counting Crows. But the fact that Ludacris was even debated is worth investigating. Is it in this university's best interest to bring a thug rapper to campus whose lyrics espouse hate, violence towards women, anti-homosexuality and other derogation towards an array of social groups?

In his song "Go to Sleep" Ludacris sings, "Man, I tell a b**** to go to sleep / They turn around and frown; gotta make 'em six feet deep" while infamous 2-0 chimes in "I had this hoe who talked too much; I had to off the b**** / And all you f**** mother f**** gotta know the routine." Or how about "I've been drinking and buzzing too / and I been thinking of busting you / Up-side your mother f**** forehead / And if your friends jump in, oh girl, there'll be more dead" hails from the song "Move B****" while Mystikal sings "Young and successful - a sex symbol / So move b****, get out the way hoe / All you

f**** mother f**** make way for 2-0." I am not sure if I want to insult you by even debating the questionable content of these lyrics. But for those in categorical denial, here it goes anyway.

In one song we can find a commentary on explicit sex, inciting of violence, violence towards women and violence towards homosexuals.

So if you really want to have a commentary on diversity, let's go ahead. If you cannot see this language as hateful and derogatory, then perhaps you need a reality check.

Let's try another, more popular song. From the "classic" "What's Your Fantasy?" comes: "I wanna get you in the back seat windows up/ clogged up fog alert rip the pants and rip the shirt / rough sex make it hurt / in the garden all in the dirt."

Continuing, "I wanna lick you from your head to your toes and I wanna / move from the bed down to the floor / and I wanna ah you make it so good I don't wanna leave / but I got to / let me know what's your fantasy." I did have to make the assumption that Ludacris was not alluding to a gingerbread man when saying "I wanna lick you from your head to your toes."

And if you're still in denial, check the lyrics for "Hoes in My Room."

Unfortunately, Ludacris has his right to make and sell utter trash. It's even more unfortunate that people buy it. That's another social problem all together. But what about the university inviting him on our campus to put on a so-called "show?" Is it appropriate to use student funds and university grounds to hold the concert?

Student Government gave \$10,000 to the Homecoming Committee.

The Union Activities Board also gave money for Homecoming. While it is claimed that the Alumni Association fronted the money for the Pack Howl concert, SG and UAB money goes to fund an array of events that would not be possible if the Alumni Association did not fund the concert.

Reynolds Coliseum is also funded by the North Carolina tax payers and student fees. Therefore the decision to bring a thug to campus, when it is being funded by the university, is fair criticism.

I am sure this column will be edited for content. The lyrics above may be removed or cen-

sored and that should say another thing. If it can't be printed on the school-sanctioned newspaper, then why should Ludacris be sponsored by the university?

I am also sure that I will be branded a racist and a narrow-minded conservative. But since when do I need to open my mind to trash?

Since when is it shallow for me to say that Ludacris' lyrics are disgusting when I believe the shallow one uses the term "b**** and hoes" to refer to women?

Since when is it hateful to identify the bevy of hate illustrated in Ludacris' music with phrases demeaning women and homosexuals?

Why does it become my problem that Ludacris is coming to campus when Ludacris is a problem? Why aren't women's groups on campus rallying to stop the concert? Where is BGLA? We have sunk to a new social low when we condone this music through inaction. Go to any club in Raleigh and chances are high that you will hear one of Ludacris' songs being played. But no one wants to identify the meaning behind the music. People do not care as long as it's fun to dance to.

Well, perhaps the dialog should begin now.

What do you think? Contact Brian at viewpoint@technicianonline.com.

Low standards displayed during tailgating

Isaac Tripp takes a look at the dirtier side of tailgating as displayed during the first home football game and encourages fans to clean up.

The Sept. 4 match up between N.C. State and the University of Richmond was the site of two tragedies. One of great proportion and calamity, the other deserving attention, but often overlooked. The first, of course, was the double murder that Timothy and Tony Johnson have been charged with. The second was the disgusting display of litter at the fairgrounds outside the game. The first is infinitely more tragic, yet the second is also disturbing if looked at in the proper light.

The murders were witnessed by relatively few people, yet have been brought to nearly everyone's attention, while the littering occurred right in front of everyone, yet was noticed by hardly anyone.

While this second tragedy was not as devastating as the murders, it is still a problem that deserves attention and needs to be resolved. We, as students and as fans, should not allow this kind of slovenly behavior to continue.

As I left the game, I was astonished at the incredible piles of trash scattered throughout the tailgating area. One particular group of tailgaters drew my attention and astonishment: four or

five people were sitting in lawn chairs in an area where not a single square foot of grass was left free of litter. It was as if they had just dropped wrappers, plates, chicken bones and beer cans wherever they happened to be at the time, making no effort even to throw them to the side, let alone in a trash can.

Most animals have the instinct to at least leave their refuse in another area and not wallow in their own waste. NCSU fans, however, seem to have missed this crucial stage of evolutionary development. Walking through the fairgrounds that night, I would not have been very surprised to see fans rooting through the trash like a dog that has found a pile of poop.

Why does it matter whether or not we leave our trash in the state fairgrounds? Because it reflects poorly upon us as fans and upon NCSU. It makes us look like the trash that we so carelessly toss on the ground. Furthermore, it is indicative of a lack of respect — respect for our surroundings and respect for others. It could be said that, like a symptom of the same disease, it is this same lack of respect that would lead Kevin McCann and Brett Harman to beat up a student for speeding or cause Timothy and Tony Johnson to return to the fairgrounds with a gun. In the wake of the tragic events of that night, safety and violence are not the only issues that need to be closely examined.

There are many changes that need to be made to combat this tailgate trash fest. These changes need to occur on both fan and administrative levels. As fans, we need to rise above the tragedy of the commons and do something to improve the situation. Fans need to make it a priority to clean up after themselves. Not only should all trash be properly thrown away in a proper location, but fans should make every effort to recycle as well.

We, the students of NCSU, should hold ourselves to higher standards than those displayed while tailgating. As members of the most highly evolved form of life on the planet and as representatives of a great university, we should be more than capable of the simple task of throwing trash in a big plastic trash can and putting bottles and cans in recycling bins. If we can't manage that, then maybe we don't deserve the tailgating rights that we are currently so upset about losing.

Aside from changes in the tailgating habits of the fans, proper facilities should be provided by the NCSU administration and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. There actually are fans who have mastered the difficult task of using the provided trash receptacles, but the trash cans are often overflowing, making it that much more likely for someone to simply toss their beer bottle on the ground. At the very least,

the number of trash receptacles dispersed throughout the fairgrounds should be increased. Ideally, recycling bins should be placed throughout the area as well.

Recycling bins are placed near the entrances to the stadium, but these should really be placed in the fairgrounds as well. Accessibility is crucial in encouraging fans to use the provided services, so recycling bins should be as close to the tailgating areas as possible. Last season, fans saw the debut of the Chuckwagon, a mobile recycling initiative started by NCSU student Paul Mobley. This was a great idea, but further improvement and expansion needs to be made. A truck driving by once during the entire pre-game tailgate is simply not enough, and the effectiveness of this idea could be improved if the truck made a more visible presence throughout the entire day.

I encourage all students at NCSU to be responsible fans while tailgating. Make use of the trash cans and recycling bins, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Keep your eye out for the Chuckwagon and see that it gets filled every game. Furthermore, I hope that the administration will make appropriate changes to facilitate keeping the grounds litter-free and to increase recycling.

Contact Isaac with your thoughts at viewpoint@technicianonline.com.



Isaac Tripp
Staff Columnist

RULE OF THUMB

SHACK-A-THON IN FULL SWING

The annual event raises money for the Habitat for Humanity. While most groups build makeshift shacks out of scrap wood, the Young Entrepreneurs Club has built a multi-level penthouse. By week end they will have run the other shacks off their land and constructed a strip mall.

THOMPSON FEELING THE PAIN

The campus home of the theater and arts programs is in danger of being shut down. Shack-a-thon organizers jumped at the opportunity, saying that frustrated college students may take it down with a sledgehammer for \$1 a shack. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.

FAHRENHEIT 9/11 GETS STUDENTS REGISTERED TO VOTE

Screenings of Michael Moore's controversial documentary, "Fahrenheit 9/11," brought hundreds of people to Campus Cinema over the weekend. Event organizers registered voters afterwards and said that only two people walked out angry with the movie. That is an amazingly low number considering one of those people was expecting a screening of "The Passion of the Christ."

TAILGATING RESUMES UNDER RESTRICTIONS

Many students grumbled that the restrictions have put a damper on the spirit and tradition of tailgating for last weekend's N.C. State/Ohio State match-up. Well, that, and the strong winds and torrential downpours. Down with the man! And the weatherman too.

DEMOCRATS REACT TO HASTER'S COMMENTS

Top Democrats blasted House Speaker Dennis Hastert's claim that al-Qaeda leaders want John Kerry to defeat George W. Bush in November's election. Hastert fought back by saying, "You know those Democrats who want Kerry to win? Well, they are terrorists too! Get 'em!"

ROY FORGIVES TIGER

After being mauled by a tiger during an act last year, Roy Horn, of the magical duo Siegfried and Roy, says that the tiger was trying to help him. He's got a point: true friendship is knowing when your buddy doesn't need his throat or most of his blood. We all need friends like that.

STEWART TO REQUEST JAIL TIME

Celebrity homemaker Martha Stewart has requested to serve her jail time for her insider trading conviction. She claims she has made her decision in order to get this "nightmare" behind her. Martha, your nightmare is rapidly approaching: windows without drapes, stainless steel toilets and the gratuitous use of taupe!

ACTIONS OF GOOFY

The Disney World worker once charged with fondling a 13-year-old girl has now been accused of shoving two people while wearing the Goofy costume. What else do you expect from a lanky dog who has been binge drinking with Mickey and Tweedle Dee before appearances? Tweedle Dum was not available for comment.

MADONNA ADDRESSES KABBALAH CONFERENCE

The ageless pop star called for world peace during a stop on her five-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This trip will mark the culmination of Madonna's amazing transformation from a promiscuous New York Catholic to a motherly British Jew.

-compiled by Matt Campbell

Use your head when it comes to voting

Johnathan Brunson looks at the facts of voting turnouts and what issues students should use when deciding on the candidate of their choice.

"Vote and make a difference!" This is a common theme during elections in which we hear celebrities, politicians, as well as our professors encourage us to do. Does voting matter for the majority of people or only a minority? In a proclaimed Democratic society, I wonder how just the government is to all people.

In October 2004's edition of XXL, rapper Talib Kweli quoted "Politics is set up to look like - especially to the people in our position - that it doesn't work and it's not relevant." In 2000, there was a dead-even election between Republican Bush and Democratic Al Gore. The Supreme Court was the decide factor on who won the election.

According to CNN statistics, 90 percent of African-Americans across the United States voted for Al Gore, who also won the overall popular vote, but the determining factor for the presidential candidate was based on Electoral College numbers, which was in Bush's favor. This was the second time in history when the Supreme Court made the decision on who would win the presidential election. Republicans won the first time the Supreme Court

decided and the Supreme Court made the decision for Bush this time as well.

On a positive note, Russell Simmons has been using his Hip-Hop Summit Action Network with the assistance of rappers as well as political members of the community to encourage particularly minorities to vote. This is one of the biggest elections with celebrity involvement since John F. Kennedy's presidential election.

The point to vote is encouraging, but leaving out the actual reasons to vote or not providing extensive knowledge on the candidate's background is discouraging for voters. Rapper Stic-Man of Dead Prez commented in October's edition of XXL "People like Russell Simmons, they running around trying to get people to vote and say that's how you participate in making a difference. But they ain't educating people on how the system works. And to me that's criminal, cause just getting people to register to vote is just building a base so candidates can exploit the community. Cause you know they'll come and tell you everything you want to hear, till they get in office."

It is frustrating to try to feel confident voting because political candidates all appear to be just actors with their political advisors serving as directors for their tryout to play a starring role as president. If a politician is asked a question, he does not have to answer. A politician cannot be forced to answer

a question as well and politicians often just practice the speeches wrote for them by their council before speaking to the general public anyway. If a politician is asked a question regarding a serious matter, often that politician will just make that an opportunity to bash the other candidate.

I am bothered by the huge lack of character allowed by the government regarding who has authority over our country. You mean to tell me that the one man who has jurisdiction over issues regarding my health, education, and social security for my elders do not have to address any of my concerns regarding those matters?

During the week before classes started, C-SPAN addressed Bush administration's plans to cut federal aid from seven to five years. That would mean that we would all be guaranteed our financial aid four years of undergrad, but the students who decide to go off to grad, law, dental or medical school will be covered only their first year. After that first year, those students would have to either pay out of pocket (which I am incapable of completely) or apply for loans which all accumulate interest and further a hole of debt in their academic lives. According to the University Planning and Analysis-Academic Advancement Reports, since 1979 there has been a trend of most N.C. State students graduating in five years. There are students with double majors and

students who take opportunities to study abroad and these situations more than likely put them in positions to graduate in five years if everything falls exactly according to plans.

Out of the 3,535 students that graduated in 1996, 972 of that class graduated in four years while 1,057 members of that class graduated in five years. There were approximately 85 students from that class which took seven years to graduate, which means if any of those 85 students was thinking about higher education beyond college with no money out of their pockets, their education would be cut short.

I know there are some who may read this column and consider me a Bush basher and I am humble with accepting that claim because when election time roll around in November, I will make a difference by not voting for Bush. I am not writing this column to encourage everyone to vote Democrat neither, I am encouraging everyone to read the U.S. News, Time, research political websites, study and educate yourself about who to vote for.

Don't just vote for this candidate because Kanye West or Ben Affleck said it, vote for the candidate who proves to be worthy enough to take positive leadership over our country.

Contact Johnathan with your comments at viewpoint@technicianonline.com.

CAMPUS FORUM

N.C. State donors do give money for scholarships

Your editorial published Tuesday, Sept. 21, regarding the need for encouraging donors to fund scholarships instead of new buildings calls for some clarification.

N.C. State is currently in the quiet phase of a capital campaign with a goal to raise at least \$750 million for programs all across the university — about \$200 million of that amount is targeted for scholarships and fellowships.

This capital campaign follows on the heels of the immensely successful "Campaign for N.C. State Students" which from 1995 to 1999 raised more than \$128 million — all of it for scholarships. We're gratified that loyal donors to NCSU have recognized the need to provide scholarship assistance by funding endowments totaling more than \$330 million over less than a decade.

Although your editorial suggests otherwise, financial aid is indeed a top priority of our donors and our campaign planning committee composed of college deans, administrators and volunteers who know NCSU's needs and who want to transform the university.

The money raised in our campaign will be allocated to meet those needs, while also abiding by each donor's wishes for the use of the funds.

Providing access to an outstanding educational experience at NCSU is among our highest priorities in University Advancement, no less vital than assuring that once a student is enrolled he or she has the best classrooms and laboratories in which

to work and the finest professors sharing their knowledge.

Your editorial also was incorrect in saying that NCSU's alumni giving rate is "much lower" than UNC-Chapel Hill's. We are proud to say that NCSU's alumni give at a rate very close to UNC's (23 percent compared to UNC's 25 percent).

And in the past year, our alumni giving rate has jumped from 15 percent in 2003 to the current 23 percent, reflecting the growing pride our alumni have in their alma mater.

Our donors are investing in NCSU's future. Whether they designate their gifts to support new facilities, endowed professorships or student scholarships, they are assuring that the quality education offered at NCSU is among the finest anywhere.

Terry G. Wood
Vice Chancellor
University Advancement

Fahrenheit unwarranted

Shame on the UAB for bringing "Fahrenheit 9/11" to this campus. I want to see movies that entertain, not biased anti-American films. I don't want Michael Moore to get a penny of my money, but when our student fees are thrown around like this, I have no choice in the matter. I'm being forced to support only one view, when the other side needs to be offered.

The movie is clearly propaganda, and my dollars are (very much against my will) funding it. With an election coming up soon, it is completely unfair to bring such a one-sided movie here, especially when so many

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students can think of better ways to allocate our fees.

April Gehling of the UAB Film Committee said, "We have invited the College Democrats, Republicans and Greens to view the movie this Sunday to show that we are not trying to be biased." I can invite a pro-choice group to a pro-life rally, where clearly there's a bias.

Just because you invite different groups of people doesn't mean you're not one-sided.

The UAB should be representative of all students, not take a clear stance on political issues. I like most of the movies that our Film Committee brings around. I go for fun, for a cheap \$1.50 movie...not to see garbage like "Fahrenheit 9/11."

Charlie Squires
Junior
Computer Science

Flag-burning column OK'd

I would just like to say that the column I read in Technician about the flag burning was unbelievably well written, and I very much enjoyed it. I agree with everything Brian said it's very disturbing that such behavior is even occurring in this country. In any case, I just wanted to say "Good Job."

Joshua Cable

"Robs" are common

Michele makes some good points in her column, although I believe Rob's line of thinking is a lot more common than she might want to believe. I find

it odd that she chose to call out Rob about his comments in the article as opposed to Tiffany, who said the people she has sex with "don't look like they have funky diseases."

Antonio Brunson
Graduate Student
Computer Science

Biased viewpoints

I read the paper everyday, especially the viewpoints section. The section should actually be called "MY VIEWPOINT" due to the fact that it fails to include column by students that are actually intelligent enough to see multiple viewpoints.

I would love the opportunity to write a column and have a response section for students. The columns have become pointless with no substance.

Why do these writers continue to talk about pointless topics like AOL instant messenger and what other people do in the bedroom?

I think your own writer failed to see that your own column was just providing the three stereotyped examples of students' sexual behavior.

Charles Lansing
Doctoral Student
Chemistry

Focused diversity hit the nail on the head

Kudos to all those contributed to the special section on diversity in Wednesday's Technician. I have not seen a more well-rounded piece

on the subject in any other paper, whether student — or professionally — run.

I would especially like to mention Ian Booth, who echoed many of my own feelings, for pointing out the obvious truths that have become so politically incorrect to address in recent times.

I was extremely happy to see many of the contributors make the oft-forgotten revelation that diversity is not just black and white.

As an observant Jew in the South, I find that my religious differences (and the needs that stem from them) are thought to not be nearly as important as those of other groups, particularly blacks and Latinos.

In the one month that I have been a student at N.C. State, I have already been asked to choose between "mandatory" programming and my practices of the Sabbath.

There was even a committee meeting that I was expected to attend on the holy day of Rosh Hashanah.

What is important here is not that I was eventually excused from these events, but rather that I was made to feel as if my practices and beliefs are unimportant since I am in the minority.

My suggestion for balancing out the injustice is this: Start scheduling events on Good Friday or Christmas — I know I'll be there.

Rachel Greenstein
Freshman
Middle Grades Science Education

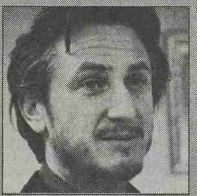
On a side note



DANGER FOR DANGERFIELD? Legendary comedian Rodney Dangerfield has slipped into what his wife calls a "light coma." The comic underwent heart valve replacement surgery Aug. 25 in Los Angeles and has been slow to recover.



'HOME ALONE' STAR BUSTED Oklahoma City prosecutors charged former child star Macaulay Culkin with two misdemeanor drug counts Monday after police found him in possession of marijuana and Xanax during a routine traffic stop last week.



PENN WILL READ AUDIO-BOOK BY DYLAN Sean Penn will read the audiobook version of Bob Dylan's "Chronicles: Volume One," to be published Oct. 12 by Simon & Schuster Audio. The book and audiobook comprise the first in a series of the singer-songwriter's personal histories, with the first volume consisting of first-person narratives focusing on significant periods in Dylan's life and career.



SO SHE DIDN'T DO IT AGAIN? US Weekly obtained a four-page legal document stating that Spears and Federline "intend to participate in a faux wedding on September 18, 2004; however, they do not intend to and shall not validly marry one another on said date." A disagreement between the couple on the terms of the prenuptial agreement held them up from obtaining a marriage license, according to the magazine.



NO ENTRY FOR THIS CAT Yusuf Islam, a.k.a. Cat Stevens, was denied entry into the U.S. on Tuesday because his name was on several border protection watch lists. His plane was rerouted to Maine where he was detained for questioning.

CALENDAR FOR TODAY

The Brewery: Josh Pepper Project, The Know and Dominica
Six String Cafe: Jeff Black
Pour House Music Hall: Kenny Roby
Cat's Cradle: George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic
King's Barcade: Shadow of a Great Name, Dig Shovel Dig and Continent
Local 506: The Not, All Night and Crimson Sweet

-Compiled by Patrick Clarke

MUSIC BIN

Joel DeBerry
Senior Staff Writer

Everyone is a political expert this year. Kids who could barely spell congressional in 2003 are able to point out Wolfowitz, Annan and Andrew Kard, and attach their respective positions as if Topps printed White House trading cards with the impossible-to-chew stick of gum.

Welcome to 2004, the year when political prowess replaces the trucker hat — or at least I hope it does.

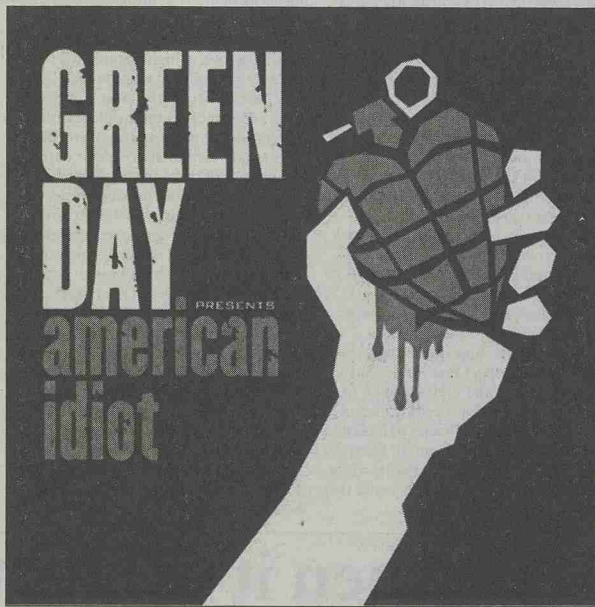
In 2004, everyone opines about something political. Bush is illiterate. Kerry is indecisive. Nader is strange. For this cultural phenomenon, we have no other demographic to thank or blame than musicians.

It seems that every popular music act has followed the example of the Ani's, the Sage's and the U2's. Green Day, the California trio that brought you the masterful punk pleasures "Dookie" (1994) and "Insomniac" (1995) are no different this year — they have composed a poignant State of the Union opera album entitled "American Idiot."

Before making assumptions, "American Idiot" in its entirety isn't necessarily a derauling of the Bush administration's policies, both foreign and domestic, as much as it is a running commentary on three figurative characters — Jesus of Suburbia, Saint Jimmy and Whatsername (all respective track titles) — and their disenfranchisement in a nation in decline spiritually and physically.

The opening track "American Idiot" is a proverbial call to arms for listeners to avoid buying into every piece of news that spills from the television. It also calls to avoid blind adherence from Capitol Hill in the lines, "Now everybody do the propaganda!// And sing along to the age of paranoia/ Don't want

Welcome to a new kind of Green Day



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to be an American Idiot/ One nation controlled by the media/ Information age of hysteria."

Musically, the track stays true to typical Green Day form, with the snarling croons and ultra-robotic strumming from Billie Joe Armstrong, the customary skin-pounding by drummer Tre Cool and a surprisingly insignificant showing by Mike Dirnt on bass.

Track two begins the chronicled trek

of a loner searching for himself or herself entitled "Jesus of Suburbia," which is pieced together with five distinct

American Idiot

Green Day
Warner Bros.

★★★★★

parts, each signifying a different aspect of the said character's quest through life — including drug use, helplessness, apathy, love and the ultimate departure from these things.

"Jesus" sets the tone for much of the thematically hopeless album.

The third track, "Holiday," symbolizes "Jesus" step into a new world — "I

beg to dream and differ from the hollow lies/ This is the dawning of the rest of our lives."

However, in the chronology included with the album's artsy liner notes, the date beside the title of the album is April 1, which may signify a theme of a fool's hope to find truth.

"Boulevard of Broken Dreams" follows, perfectly segueing "Holiday," as "Are We the Waiting" does for "Boulevard." "Are We the Waiting" seems to be a lost lament for fulfilled hopes of the American dream.

We finally meet "Saint Jimmy" in the song that bares his name.

Dubbed "the patron saint of denial" and self-proclaimed "resident leader of the lost and found," Jimmy serves as the proverbial "saint" for misdirected and lost youth with his "cigarettes and ramen and a little bag of dope."

After bouts with "Novocaine" and an "Extraordinary," rebellious girl, Jesus' life is audibly curtailed in "Wake Me Up When September Ends" — a vastly acoustic melody that screams for closure, much like their 1997 song of transition, "Good Riddance."

The album concludes with yet another five-part medley entitled "Homecoming," in which the star character both reluctantly and longingly returns home from a lonely, lacking jaunt, and later recalls a random "Whatsername" he knew while out.

Regardless of one's politics, "American Idiot" only sparingly questions modern Washington's policies.

It does, however, question the validity of the American dream and the stargazing millions who embark on the journey to fulfill it.

The social pertinence coupled with the audible splendor that is Green Day make for one of the most stellar albums of the year.

MOVIE TICKET

'Sky Captain' crashes and burns



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Angelina Jolie, Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow star in "Sky Captain."

Rob Odell
Staff Writer

"Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" is supposed to be a Science Fiction and Action movie. What we get instead is just another action movie that tips its hat at the early film noir lighting.

The plot in "Sky Captain" begins to unravel from the start. The entire duration of the film one feels lost because the plot is full of more holes than Swiss cheese. The film seemed like a good idea at first but it just seems to skip all the plot points and leave them by the wayside while the action unfolds.

I would have expected much better from Gwyneth Paltrow as well. She really does not bring much to the table considering she is an Academy Award winning actress. Jude Law, on the other hand, does an excellent job considering what he has to work with.

If anything, Giovanni Ribisi and Angelina Jolie should get the credit for being the life preservers of this film.

They easily shine brighter than anyone in all of their scenes.

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow

CAST: Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow

DIRECTED BY: Kerry Conran

PLAYING AT: Brier Creek, Carmike, Crossroads 20, Mission Valley, Raleigh Grande and Six Forks

★★★★★

This film also lacked any real emotion or feeling for the characters — it lacks any real depth, literally — the entire film was shot on a blue screen and then replaced with the animations. "Sky Captain" is the result of too many big name actors consuming the budget and not allowing for the special effects. Kerry Conran, the writer and director, was attempting to make a "Matrix" scale movie without its budget.

He also tried to fit three hours worth of story into an hour and a half, not a good idea when you have a film that could have been an epic homage to a great period of film making.

While there are some jokes and jabs that eventually pan out to be, at the very least, entertaining, "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" pretty much fails on all levels.

Excremental stories

T.S. Amarasiwardena
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Storytelling is one big cathartic bowel movement, Chuck Palahniuk says. "We digest what we experience into stories," the "Fight Club" author said. People, he says, will mull over the minutia of events, retelling and reworking it in the mind "until it's all over with it, and our brain s**** it out."

Palahniuk read his expletive laden non-fiction piece, "Guts," in UNC's bookstore Wednesday, leaving a number of listeners queasy. The author proudly noted that the student that received medical attention was No. 54 at his readings.

The writer of "Fight Club," "Lullaby" and "Diary," Palahniuk spoke to a crowd of more than 300 people in UNC's Bullhead bookstore, before later signing nearly 200 books.

True story. This was not your typical book reading.

In a crowd with few that have frequented book readings before.

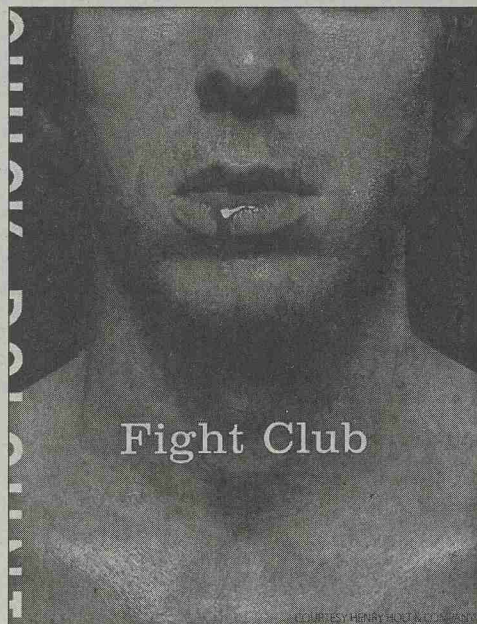
"[Book readings are] all like this, especially [Joy Luck Club] author Amy Tan — she goes at it," he said.

The three-part piece he read was based off true stories told by friends, ending with a capstone story about a teenager whose colon and intestines were sucked by a pool filter.

True story. There's another he tells about a woman who came to one of his readings. He's the only one she's told.

Once as a child, the woman told him, her mother gave her a warm vibrating pouch and placed it over her stomach to comfort her. As she fell asleep, it slid between the then-8-year-old's legs.

The experience she found



was too good not to pass on. Soon the girl was holding sleepovers with her Brownie troop, "not giving a s**** that they don't get their badges," he said. "For once she was cool."

True story. Palahniuk stories often left the crowd laughing — and then hesitantly checking to see if their neighbors were, too.

Stories should be "some bearable — even comedic, way to look at things we can't bear with," he said.

"[He has] really weird stories that are raw — not formal," NCSU junior Josh Beacham said, skipping class to go to the event.

"I'll be honest — I didn't know about Chuck until after the movie," he said.

That movie was the 1999 David Fincher film "Fight Club,"

which starred Brad Pitt and Edward Norton and has developed a cult-like following after a relatively disappointing box-office showing.

Since then, Palahniuk has written seven additional books, all with the same pushing-the-envelope, raw concept. Beacham said he was surprised that an author that tackles such seemingly macho, crudish subjects was so, well, normal.

"I thought he was going to be some crazy big guy who wrote these stories," Beacham said. "He's just your average guy." After reading "Guts," Palahniuk answered questions while passing out fake torn ligaments made of rubber to the crowd.

"These make the best dog fetch toys," he said.

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Saturday's matchup entail with the Hokie Bird? Dr. Jesse Grimes, NCSU professor of poultry science and nutrition and extension turkey specialist, offers a scientific explanation of the results between a wolf-hokie fight. "I would expect to see a cloud of feathers," Grimes said. "And then a nice full-looking wolf picking his teeth."

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Imoh. "I might not be in the best game shape, but I'm ready to go." With Imoh in the game at so many positions, there will be plenty of opportunity to show the fans why he is so excited to be back with the team. "I have the home run capability, I can hit the big one," Imoh said. "I see myself as a playmaker, I'm going to try and make something happen every time I touch the ball." Tech has stressed discipline in practice

and the team has shown great concern about their practices in preparation for the game. Tech leads the ACC in penalties with 27 on the year, and Imoh said that those are things that must be worked on in practice during the week. "The game's not going to be won Saturday; it's going to be won through the week of practice," Imoh said. The last time the Wolfpack and Hokies played was 14 years ago, and that game ended with a partially blocked kick wobbling through the uprights to secure a tie for the

Wolfpack. However, the last Virginia Tech loss to the Pack in Lane stadium was in 1951. This is a critical game for both teams as a Wolfpack loss would drop them to 1-2 for a second straight year. Virginia Tech would like to avoid being 2-2 with a game against No. 7-ranked West Virginia looming next week. "I think this is a super big week for Virginia Tech Football," Beamer said. Tech will be wearing yellow ribbons on their helmets to commemorate two students who fell in battle in Iraq over the past few weeks.

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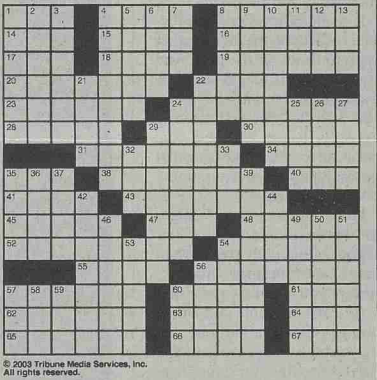
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18 Crowd's noise
19 Separation into factions
20 Displays a painting again
22 Eager
23 CIA word
24 Clique members
28 Passover dinner
29 Favoring
30 Entire
31 Weeping trees
34 Creamy shade
35 Mischievous child
38 Frosh caps
40 "Tell Laura I Love



41 Hold your horses
43 Stupidly
45 Feeds the pot
47 Early bird?
48 Roof overhangs
52 Marsh
54 Scoff at
55 Camera's eye
56 Type of strike
57 Thaw again
60 Rajah's wife
61 Noises of scales
62 Delphic prophet
63 Prophetic sign
64 Afore
65 Suffering believer
66 Ice float
67 NFL scores
68 DOWN
1 "Carmen" and "Aida"
2 Play the wrong suit
3 Criticized harshly
4 Farm storage structure
5 Branch of science; suff.
6 Black and Red
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COMMENTARY

The origin of the Hokie

N.C. State football has already earned a place in my heart this season, and contrary to all the criticism the team may be facing, this might be the most personally rewarding season that I have been a part of, even through just two games.



Ian Jester
Staff Writer

Because in both home games, I've truly felt the agony caused by the most unsuccessful second-half promotion to date, which is sponsored by Advance Auto Parts.

The promotion promises each fan a free quart of wiper fluid if the Pack scores on their first possession of the second half. However, State has consistently and promptly fumbled the ball away within two plays each game, denying each and every fan the chance to cleanse their dirty windshield without payment.

My distress has taught me the pain of having blind unconditional hope in a team, and happens to be the sole reason why I am standing in front of the counter at Jiffy Lube, washer fluid in hand, still completely distraught over the event.

It would be less stressful however to focus on the future rather than to dwell on the past. And the near future for the Pack has a scheduled date with the Hokies this Saturday, the first meeting between the newly found ACC rivals since 1992. A meeting that poses the mystifying question:

What is a Hokie?
 Most school nicknames are better illustrated by their school mascots. If you were to visit Lane Stadium this Saturday, you would surely find a Chicago maroon and burnt orange colored turkey, one that draws comparisons to a parading Barney the dinosaur somewhere along the mascot family tree.

But a turkey, a symbol of weakness come Thanksgiving, would not seem fit to describe a perennial winning football program during the bowl-decisive fall month.

So what can the word Hokie actually mean? Merriam-Webster failed to list the answer, and so I was forced to turn to another reliable source. One that I have felt a profound closeness to since enrolling at this university and a source that could possibly uncover the mystery surrounding such a profiled mascot.

"Woof, woof, woofooooof," Mister Wuf fervently explained to me, that it would not be his place to speak on the behalf of his co-worker. Sadly, I left the Wuf residence without a resolution, but not without a fabulous cup of tea from Miss Wuf herself.

Disappointment had followed every lead, until someone finally returned one of my phone calls. It was third baseman Bryan Thomas for the Virginia Tech baseball team, who finally resolved this perplexing issue. He said that Tech teams were once called the gobblers, but when the school changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1896, the change also brought the need for writing a new cheer.

Upon further research I found that it was senior O.M. Stull that created the name "Hokie" from his own imagination. So with the question answered and the mystery solved, what would this

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SCOUTING REPORT THURSDAY

Versatile Imoh returns for Hokies

RUNNING BACK MIKE IMOH WILL RETURN FOR HIS FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON AFTER A THREE-GAME SUSPENSION.

RIVAL CAMPUS VIBE

Hokies are a team united

Jana Renn
Guest Columnist

Team United. That is the theme of this year's Virginia Tech team, and it seems to be paying off. The Hokies are coming off of back-to-back offensive explosions against Western Michigan and Duke, and their defensive line is regaining the lunch-pail mentality of the terrorizing Tech linemen of old.

Watching this year's team is bringing me more excitement than any Hokie team ever has in my four football seasons at Tech. I've seen big names such as Lee Suggs, Kevin Jones and DeAngelo Hall, but I've always been a sucker for teamwork. This year's Hokies are exemplifying the definition of teamwork to its full potential.

In the last three seasons, each Tech team has started out with a bang, moving to as high as No. 3 in the rankings, only to crash and burn towards the end.

Last year's team was especially disappointing. After starting out 6-0, Tech lost five of its last seven games to finish 8-5.

This year's Hokies are in a totally different situation. Playing Southern California in the first game gave this year's squad tremendous confidence. Even though the Trojans handed them a 24-13 loss, the Hokies played valiantly, taking a lead into the half and silencing critics who thought the game would be a blowout. Take away a few penalties, and Tech could have beaten the No. 1-ranked team in the country.

After standing on the field watching players walk off with heads held high that August evening, I was proud to be a Tech student.

These guys are practicing what I always preached to my softball teammates in high school - if you get down on yourself, you're worthless for the rest of the game.

In last week's contest against Duke, the Blue Devils went up 7-0 in the first quarter. Last year's Hokie squad would have thrown in the towel. But this year's team circled the wagons and came out with a 41-17 win.

The best thing the Hokies have going for them is that their one big name player is quarterback Bryan Randall, who is humble to a fault.

You would expect this guy to have a big head. After all, he's the leading rusher on the team, a big feat for a QB. He also has more class than anyone I've ever met. When you ask him about his 30-yard touchdown run where he broke three tackles, he'll go on and on about the block his fullback made for him.

This weekend's contest against N.C. State should be very interesting. Both teams are still trying to earn respect after losing key players last season, and the series between the two squads is extremely close. In the last five meetings, the average margin of victory is 2.8 points.

Expect another close one Saturday.

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Virginia Tech's first ever ACC conference game was a successful drubbing of Duke, 41-17, at home in Lane Stadium. Tech racked up 422 yards of total offense, including 250 yards rushing. Now, just in time for Saturday's battle against N.C. State, the team gets back its leading rusher.

Tech suspended Mike Imoh for the first three games of this season for his involvement in an incident, with teammates Marcus Vick and Brenden Hill, contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Vick was suspended for the entire season, while Imoh and Hill were given shorter suspensions.

The Hokies are looking forward to Imoh's return, and Coach Frank Beamer does not plan on easing him into the game against the Wolfpack.

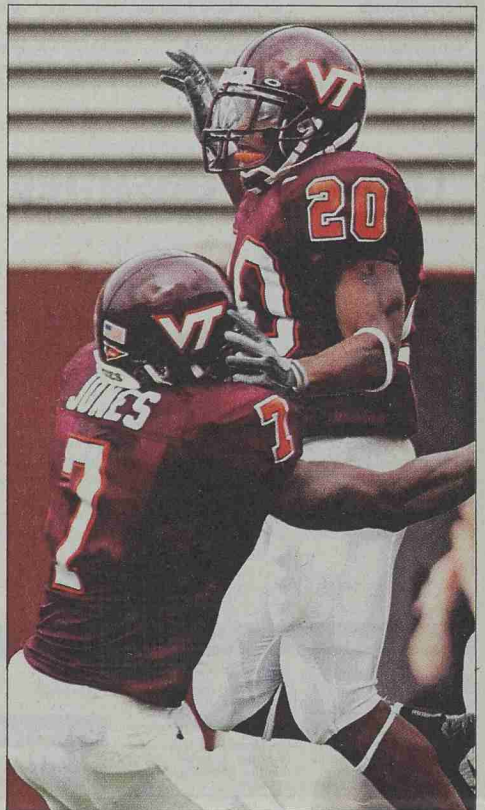
"I think he needs to be on the field a lot," Beamer said. "He's a valuable part of this thing, he's got experience. He's a talented guy with speed and quickness and we need to get him in at different places and on the field a lot."

So far this season, quarterback Bryan Randall has been the majority of the Hokies offense. Randall leads the team in passing yards, rushing yards and touchdowns, and is second in the ACC in total offense.

Anybody that can take pressure of the one-man attack will be welcome to Randall.

"Mike's very versatile on offense," Randall said. "He can line up at wide receiver, he can line up in the backfield, and that just gives us another weapon to go to and give the defense a different look."

Of the 14 Hokie touchdowns this season, eight have been scored by freshmen. With the addition of an experienced tail-



VIRGINIA TECH SPORTS INFORMATION
 Mike Imoh (right) celebrates with former running back Kevin Jones. Imoh returns from suspension for his first game this year on Saturday.

back, as well as an extra receiver and a kick returner, the team is hoping to alleviate the load the rookies have taken on.

"He makes us a better football team, there are so many things he can do. He's shifty, he's very quick, he's elusive," Running back Justin Hamilton said. "He's the guy that has the capability to go the distance every time he touches the ball whether it's at wide receiver or in the backfield.

He's just a guy that makes us a better football team, we're glad to have him back and he makes us have a better offense."

Imoh says he is ready and eager to get into the game and has been working hard to prepare himself.

"I got a little bigger and strong, it's just a matter of me getting out there on Saturdays," said

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CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country a three-sport commitment



NATHAN BULLIN/TECHNICIAN
 John Henderson competes in the rain at the Raleigh Invitational last weekend. Henderson also runs indoor and outdoor track.

All runners on cross country scholarships must also compete in indoor and outdoor track.

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Runners transcend seasons. Runners literally train year-round. Runners rarely get a season-to-season break.

Get the picture?

From the cross country season that begins in mid-summer to the outdoor track season that usually reaches its conclusion in early June, the Wolfpack men and women runners are competing and training year-round.

"You have to stay in it mentally," redshirt freshman Stephen Furst said. "Coach will take care of the physical part. Our sport is not a big glory sport, but more of a personal satisfaction sport. So, a lot of the guys come in with that mental commitment."

Cross country runners are in fact forced to compete all year long. Anyone on scholarship for cross country must also run

indoor and outdoor track. It essentially means no off season whatsoever, senior runner Andy Smith said.

"We get off, in the school year, two weeks," Smith said.

All that time on the track requires hours upon hours of running, a task that requires dedication to the sport. When looking at the practice regime set up for the runners by Coach Rollie Geiger, it's easy to see how motivated a runner has to be to make it through a three-season schedule.

This time of the year, depending on class schedule, most runners will start out the day at 7 or 7:30 a.m. with a "light" run of about 4-5 miles. After class they will return in the afternoon for their main run (usually 8-10 miles) coupled with some supplementary exercises.

"It gives me a good distraction," Furst said. "Something to look forward to every day. I mean you can test yourself in school, but that's totally different from testing yourself athletically. It's physical and mental."

For the runners, it becomes

part of a daily routine and something they look forward to in some respects. An escape from the pressures of classes, a chance to gather your thoughts during an otherwise hectic day. According to junior runner Abigail Nelkie, it also creates bonds among teammates who run together day after day.

"Running gives me a release," said Nelkie. "It gives me time where I can just get away and pound out frustrations and also chat with friends because most of them are on the team."

The dedication, according to Geiger, is just part of what's needed to create a successful program. With 28 ACC Championships to his name, Geiger knows what it takes to win on the track.

"In order to be great at this sport, you need to have a gift," Geiger said. "On the other hand, you also need to really be willing to make a commitment to the sport. There are no shortcuts. You can't get an A in a class by taking a shortcut. You can't become an All-American by taking a shortcut."

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