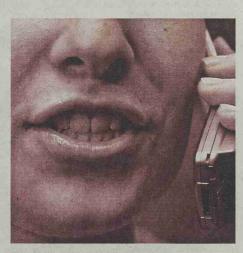


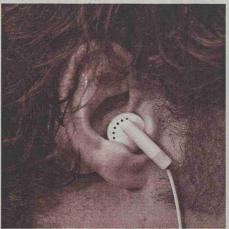
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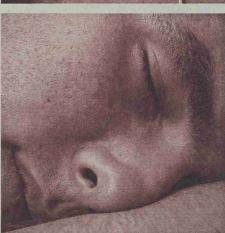
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Wasting away

Students try a variety of ways to avoid classroom boredom

STORY BY MEGHAN WOODALL | PHOTOS BY TAYLOR TEMPLETON

n an average lecture hall, it seems that one can hear more than just the droning of a pro-

From the clacking of key-boards, to the quiet melodies of iPods, students are finding alternate ways to keep busy in

boring classes.

But passing the time didn't used to be as easy as it is now.

"[Students] play games on their phones and computers," Biby Shapiro, a sophomore in psychology, said.
Since computers are a com-monality among college stu-dents lantons are showing up

dents, laptops are showing up more and more throughout classrooms in place of note-

books.

Text messaging has also be-

come a popular choice of activity during classes. This newer technology can be done silently and discreetly while allowing communication with others.

Although many professors ask that students turn off their cell phones during classes to prevent

phones during classes to prevent disturbances, text messaging goes largely unnoticed, especially in large classes.

Anna Williams, a sophomore in business marketing, said that she has seen other students reading the newspaper during class. In addition to the text, newspapers often provide crossword puzzles, which can be an endless source of amusement for some.

"I do homework for other classes," Williams said.

Williams stated that she got other class work out of the way during boring classes because her professors often assume

she is taking notes.

Some feel that the problem is not with the students being hard to please, but with the professors being uninterested and unwilling to get the students involved in the classroom.

Kelsey Moore, a freshman in communication, said that her most boring classes are "classes where the teachers read straight

out of the books."

Moore said that a professor who simply reads a textbook does not really teach anything that she could not just teach

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With the demand for on-campus housing on the rise, construction is in the final stages for places like Wolf Village.

On-campus living provides convenience

Living on campus allows students to be closer to friends and campus and avoid potential traffic problems.

Manisha Dass

With multiple apartment complexes surrounding NCSU, the decision to live on or off campus

grows exceedingly tougher. Elizabeth McNeely, a senior in business management, lived on campus at University Towers for a year and a half, but after that, wanted to move away.
"I really don't like the loud

parties, and my apartment complex is always quiet. Plus I never have to worry about parking, no matter what the hour,'

McNeely said. Many students agree with Mc-Neely and find that the farther away they live from campus, the easier they find things that most students that live closer to campus have to battle with

A major factor in some stu-dents' decisions is transportation.

Some students say that if they didn't have their own wheels, since public transportation isn't the most reliable, they may make the decision to live on campus.

They also said that without

as art studios and computer labs, commuting could quickly become a drag.

Getting to class is half the problem.

problem.

"I would have to leave 30 minutes earlier simply because of traffic," Nathan McKittrick, a recent N.C. State graduate in business, said.

When McKittrick lived on

orangus for his freshman and sophomore years, he lived at Avent Ferry Complex, where all he had to do was cross the street,

and he was on campus.
"If I were still a student today, I

McKittrick said.
Reeba Monachan, a junior in political science, has been a resident advisor for the past two years, and like McKittrick, is fond of the convenience of living an earners. ing on campus.

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'SPLODE!



Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford gets hit with a water balloon in front of the Caldwell Fellows shack. Passing students were allowed to hurl water balloons at Stafford with a donation to Habitat for Humanity. Moments before Stafford was struck in the neck. "Just don't hit me in the face," he said.

Hurricane season continues its devastating tenure along the SE

leanne, Ivan still a threat to Southeast

Sean Chastain

With the devastation from three considerable storms still under repair, August has left many praying for the end of hurricane season.

The unrelenting assault of

hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan have all struck the Atlantic Coast, making the season seem

more active than ever before.

The assumption isn't far from Hurricanes leave massive damage the truth.
So far this year, nine storms

have been named in the Atlan-tic Basin, a number sufficient to break the record for named storms in August, according to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

In addition to the hurricanes that have already struck, the Southeast, the NOAA predict

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COSTLIEST STORMS

in their wake. Here are the top five stliest storms to hit the United

Andrew (1992)

Hit: Florida, Louisiana Category: five

fotal damage cost: \$26.5 billion Hugo (1989) Hit: South Carolina, North Carolina

Category: four Total damage cost: \$7 billion

Floyd (1999)

Hit: North Carolina Fran (1996)

Hit: North Carolina

Category: three Opal (1995)

Category: three Total damage cost: \$3 billion

SOURCE: National Hurricane Center

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On the road again Pack heads to Blacksburg See page 8.

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herself. She added that professors should have more classroom discussions to make class more interesting.

"I sleep and daydream about girls and sports," Hudson Hol-lingsworth, a sophomore in accounting, said about getting through dull classes.

Hollingsworth added that professors could physically involve the students in more lectures to make classes more

entertaining.
Shapiro's suggestions were along the same lines.
"[Professors] could make the class more hands on and spend less of the time on just lectures, Shapiro said.

Some students said they felt that if professors formed a more personal relationship with their students through talking about themselves, the class would be more interesting.

"If professors would show more of their personalities, we would learn better because of the interaction," Moore said.

Small classes seemed to be preferred by several students over large classes because of the likelihood of creating a more

nkeinood of creating a more personal relationship with the professor, who can often call students by name.

"Large classes that require little or no class participation are boring," Houston Symmes, a junior in biological sciences,

Journalism Professor Robert

Journalism Professor Robert Kochersberger believes that anyone can make a subject fun if they care enough about it. He also points out the fact that teaching subjects like edit-ing and writing, which require somewhat hands-on activities, help him in keeping students

"I am passionate about what I teach, so I do try to get students involved," Kochersberger said.

HOUSING

"I can just roll out of bed and run to class. I don't have to worry about parking or taking the bus to campus, and of course housing is free [for RA's]." Monachan has never had the

off-campus experience, but said that if she were not an RA it would be more expensive for her to live on campus

nicer places off campus," Mo-nachan said.
Half of Monachan's residents are sophomores, and as far as she knows, enjoy living on

"Living off campus is more distracting for a lot of students. Plus, it is so suitable for students whose friends live close to them. A lot of students have to cross a hall to go and see their friends,' she said.

David Sergent, a sophomore in criminology, is one of Monach-an's residents.

He has been living on campus for the past year and said that he enjoys living on campus and the

convenience it brings.

Though Sergent has made plans to move out next year, he said it was merely because of similarities he shares with his friends and future roommates.

"I will live with my army buddies next year because we have a lot of the same things going on in our daily lives, and it will be more appropriate for us."

Sergent and his future roommates have decided to get an apartment at University Woods.

"A lot of our other army bud-dies live there already, so we have a common interest there," he said.

aneta BREAD

Current models indicate the Hurricane Jeanne could arrive in North Carolina as early as Tuesday morning

POLICE BLOTTER WEDNESDAY SEPT. 22

12:29 A.M. TRAFFIC CHECKPOINT

checkpoint on Morrill Drive at War-ren Carroll Drive. One verbal warning was given for an expired inspection

12:33 A.M. INFORMATION - PO-

Apex Police called saying that they found a 5 x 8 enclosed trailer which came back as registered to the NCSU Department of Soil Science. The police found the trailer on Reliant Av enue at Production Avenue in Apex The door to the trailer was open, and it appeared abandoned.

A message was left with the Soil Science's department head to deter mine if trailer was missing. Investiga tions was notified to follow-up this

6:44 A.M. SUSPICIOUS PERSON A staff member called in a male subject walking around Harrelson Hall

wrapped in a blanket. Police located the non-student. He

was walking around stretching his legs and eating his breakfast.

8:31 A.M. LITTERING An officer called in that someone had dumped several old tires by the side of the road at Main Campus Drive and Trailwood. Facilities responded to the

8:49 A.M. MEDICAL ASSIST

A student was riding on Dunn Avenue when he lost control of his bike and fell off. He sustained head injuries and was transported to Wake

9:57 A.M. HIT AND RUN

Riddick Lot. When she returned, she

located scratch marks on the right

9:57 A.M. SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT A staff member reported receiving e mail from someone about terrorism

cers, and they are investigating. 1:10 P.M. B/E AUTO

A staff member reported he parked on the third level of the Dan Allen Deck, and when he returned to his vehicle, his parking permit had been

The means of entry into the vehicle

1:26 P.M. INFORMATION - POLICE

A staff member reported he was crossing Hillsborough Street from Horne to access Lampe Drive while driving on his scooter

He was then almost struck by an unidentified Wolfline bus that ran the stop sign at Founders Drive.

1:56 P.M. FIRE ALARM

The fire alarm went off at Bio Resources. Police and RPD responded to the building; upon arrival, everything alarm was going off. Electronics was

10:59 P.M. TRAFFIC STOP

INSPECTION VIOLATION

EXPIRED TAG Morrill Drive for expired inspection, no financial responsibility, expired registration plate, and fictitious plate 11:11 P.M. TRAFFIC STOP

on Morrill Drive for an inspection

STORM

that two to four more storms will make landfall before Nov. 30, the official end of hurricane

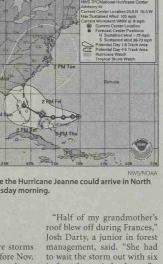
Meteorologist Jeff Orrock, of the National Weather Service, explains that the conditions in the Atlantic are ideal for fostering these storm's development.
"A combination of warn

"A combination of warm ocean temperatures and light upper-level winds are causing these storms to originate," Orrock said. "Combine that change in pressure with high humidity and the curvature of the earth and you've got a tropical storm, possibly a hurricane."

Hurricane Jeanne is now working its way toward the At-lantic coast, and according to the Weather Channel, could make its way to the northern Bahama Islands as early as Saturday.

As of 5 p.m. Thursday, the category-two storm was sporting maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. At a speed of 8 mph and situated in the warm waters of the Caribbean, NOAA is warning that Jeanne could turn into a major hurricane today. Even North Carolina residents

have been affected.



inches of water in her house."

Darty also said that the storm caused damage in his hometown of Murphy, in the western part

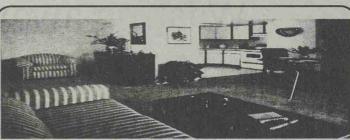
"Flooding was so bad they had to close schools," Darty said. Florida, bearing the brunt of the attacks from storms over the summer, could see even more devastation, as Jeanne is forecasted to strike the penninsula by Sunday, and continuing moving north along the Atlantic



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LIL' BIT IN TROUBLE Lil' Kim's bodyquard, S LIL BITTO IN DOUBLE
LIF Kim's bodyguard, Suif Jackson, was sentenced to 12 years in prison on Wednesday, Jackson was prosecuted for his involvement in a 2001 shooting outside of the office of a New York based radio station. It was reported that he fired a gun at least 20 times during the shootout. One man, Efrain Ocasio, was shot in the back by Jackson during the altercation.



DISTURBING THE PEACE

St. Louis based rapper, Chingy has parted ways with the Disturbing Tha Peace clique, according to sources close to both camps. Chingy first hit the scene in 2003 as a member of the Ludacris-fronted crew – he will now be managed by Johnny Wright and Kenneth Crear for Wright Crear Management.





SORRY SAYS HIS PRAYERS

Campus Cinema: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

The Brewery: Transient, Absent Element and Sideshow Gossip

Six String Cafe:

Lincoln Theatre: Who's Bad? and DJ Pez

The Pour House Music Hall:

Cat's Cradle: Murder By Death, Lucero and The Weakerthans

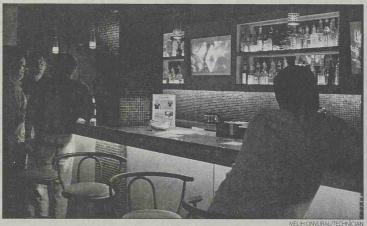
Martin Street Music Hall: Red Skeleton, Permanent Dar ling and The Cartridge Family

The Cave: Brandon Herndon, Jason Scavone & The Noises Ten and People Under The Bridge

The Bleeding Hearts, Roman Candle, Parklife and Fashion Design Local 506: The Bleeding

-compiled by Jake Seaton

RAISING THE BAR



People sit at View, a new bar that has opened within Legends. Legends and View specialize in serving

Rubbing elbows with Cher

FROM DANCE TO DRAG, LEGENDS AND VIEW ARE NIGHTLIFE HOT-SPOTS FOR THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY.

Ashley Hink

Parking is limited in the warehouse district of downtown Raleigh; "no parking" signs, chained parking lots and creeping tow trucks make the area between W. Hargett and W. Morgan streets seem off-limits.

In addition to roaming pan handlers, unmarked empty buildings and dark alleys, there's an overall mysterious aura surrounding these few blocks of hidden nightlife downtown – and there might be a reason.

Cornering W. Hargett Street, with its simple metallic and brick exterior and walled-off patio, Legends gives no outsider the pleasure of what goes down

Besides the soft thumping of techno, patio voices and a stream of mostly men entering the front doors, everything else remains a mystery – mostly to hetero-sexuals, that is.

Sexuais, that is.

Legends and its recently opened adjunct
bar, View, specialize in serving Raleigh's
gay and lesbian community ever-so
fashionably. Legend's great techno, drag shows, cage dancing and community bathrooms may fit the perceived stereotypes and cliches, but it is one of the city's

The interior is dark, sleek and seductive. The dimly-lit bar area is surrounded by tall tables for drinking and socializing. Nude pictures and water tanks lead to the dance room.

A sea of black, the dance floor is one of the biggest in Raleigh and attracts some of the best dancers around – gay and straight. Flashing lights explode in the mirrored wall, benches line the periphery and tall black cages for the more adven-

turous and risque dancers tower above

the main floor.

The DJ hides in a corner room playing techno mixed with hip-hop, rock and 80s tunes, depending on the theme of

A night out at Legends is as colorful as the patrons that fill its dance floor and line the bar.

On Mondays and Thursdays, Legends hosts Goth night, where people of all sexual orientations come decked out

sexual orientations come decked out in their shiniest black leather, fish-net stockings, metallic spiked accessories, thick eyeliner and dark dispositions. The DJ spares them from Britney Spears, instead mixing the music of Depeche Mode, Orgy and other dark desixtions from pore deviations from pop.
Tuesdays and Sunday nights feature un-

questionably entertaining drag shows.

The women, some nationally recog-

View

Atmosphere: Laid-back video lounge Crowd: Older gay and lesbian crowd Music: Fun pop and 80s techno Prices: Average to above average

Legends

330 West Hargett Street http://www.legends-club.com

Atmosphere: Lively private dance club Crowd: Mostly gay men, 20 - 30 somethings Music: Cool mix of techno Prices: Average to above average

nized for female impersonation, strut their stuff to top-40 music and themati-cally entertain the audience with dance and celebrity impersonations.

On a good night, one might be lucky

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TRIANGLE ROCKS



Roman Candle earned recognition in Rolling Stone magazine for their new-Country stylings. The band will make their way to Local 506 tonight with The Bleeding Hearts, Parklife and Fashion Design.

Roman Candle back at home

Chapel Hill's Roman Candle find their way back home at Local 506 tonight.

Leigh Samuel

Roman Candle's awareness is spreading from CD burners to car stereos as their fan base continues to grow. Their profound lyrics and unique beats have distinguished them as a band on the rise.

"And I've been driving all night wondering what to do 'cause I've got miles of county lines until I'm through. Fog on the off ramps is thin, exit signs are turning green. Empty cup of coffee in the floorboard, I can feel it in my bloodstream... Sun comes and goes through the trees like notes in a minor chord. Defrost almost animates the dust across the dashboard.

Roman Candle lead singer and songwriter Skip Matheny's expressive lyrics found a famil iar rhyme in their birthplace last Friday. After touring throughout the north they were happy to return to the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro, N.C. for a

three-band lineup.
"Playing at Cat's Cradle is always fun for us because it's the place where we used to go see all the bands we loved while we were writing our first songs. It meant a lot to us once we were able to start playing there on our own," Matheny said.

The line-up also included popular college band, Spencer Acuff as well as Thad Cockrell, whose dis-

tinct balladry verse can move his audience from swaying to jumping with each new song.

Roman Candle fans made their way to the front of the stage after students with stamped hands thinned out following Spencer Acuff's performance. The band's rhythms found their harmony with Matheny's vocals as he began to recite many of the lyrics where he had written them years before.

Then a noise from down the tracks turns my distractions to verbs and as the cars come to a stop I watch you step to the curb... I won't belong to this world, not if I belong to you."

the stage to find the girl that he wrote them for years ago, Timshel – now his wife. Timshel plays wurlitzer and farfisa for Roman Candle.

The Matheny name doesn't end there for the band. Matheny's brother, Logan, plays drums. Skip

Matheny also plays the guitar and harmonica. Guitarist Nick Jaeger and bassist Danny Kurtz, who used to play with Ryan Adams, complete

Last year Roman Candle was described in an issue of Rolling Stone as "explosive new-country darlings." Their Country influence stretches to the Matheny boys' hometown of Wilkesboro - a place where it is OK to end sentences with positions.

'It was interesting to us that Rolling Stone called

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MOVIE TICKET



Bernie Mac stars as Stan Ross in the comedy "Mr. 3000."

'Mr. 3000' not quite a homerun

Miles Snow

Senior Staff Writer

As much as I can appreciate a "Rudy" or "Remember the Titans" kind of picture for their uplifting earnestness
- the more critical films like
"Raging Bull" and "Cobb"
hit me harder. That is because
the real lives of Jake LaMotta and Ty Cobb were anything but heroic and were, instead, intensely monstrous and no holes barred in their depictions

"Mr. 3000" is by no means a dark, gritty drama of an incorrigible legend. But what this film shares with "Raging Bull," for instance, is its lead character, Stan Ross, who is disliked by many more people than he would care to admit.

What this film has on its is the fact that it's a comedy, and Ross is played by Bernie Mac whose performance is both funny and touching.

Ross, a mouthy and ego-tistical Milwaukee Brewers baseball legend, immediately retires after getting his 3,000th hit, leaving his team mid-season for the likes of TV commercials and other endorsements.

Not the smoothest move, but Stan is still basking in his "3000" success nine years later until a crucial counting error gives way to his being denied into the Baseball Hall

MR.3000

CAST: Bernie Mac, Angela Bassett DIRECTED BY: Charles Stone Ili PLAYING AT: Briar Creek, Carmike, Raleigh Grande and Six Forks

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When it comes to light that Stan only had 2,997 hits instead of 3,000 he comes out of retirement at the age of 47 to get his last three hits.

This is where the film's real fun begins. Even though he is past his peak, Stan makes for a great comeback story – one that ends up inspiring the fans, his team and even himself.

Stan is often referred to as the grandpa of the team, but his extensive years of baseball his teammates start considering. Before you know it, the Brewers stop their losing and bickering and begin to unite together and

The ever confidant Mac is well cast as a one man show who learns to become a team player and wiser person. In addition, Angela Bassett fuels the typical, thoughtless girlfriend role with spirited authority. Although formulaic and predictable, this film is much more thoughtful than I would have imagined. While not a homerun, "Mr. 3000" still comes out with a solid hit.

Viewpoint



Drinking, drinking everywhere

Matt Campbell points out the prevalence of drinking and how that is embodied around campus.

Picture this: you are a New York City firefighter charged with petty larceny after stealing personal items from the ruins of the World Trade Center.

At this point you are steamed. Heck, this could have been the man who could have turned the tables in that jury room.

tables in that jury room.

He could have convinced the others of your innocence. Instead, he was living the High Life. You lobby for a new trial in light of this

news but your request is denied. You may ask, "How can this be, Matt?" Well, that's because it's

This isn't just legal in some small mountain town in North Carolina, or on some plateau in Montana or even in the booming metropolis of New York City. It's legal every-

Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Ellen Coin cited a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court which rejected

the argument that jurors consum-

ing alcohol, smoking pot, snorting cocaine or falling asleep was an outside influence on the jurors. Poor firefighter, I feel bad. He

should have known the law of the land before he made that appeal. Of course, he should have known

the law of the land before he stole

I'm not one for details though. I have to give him one thing though; at least he didn't show up drunk himself.

Emerson Moore, Jr. of Caernar-

stuff too.

How do you find this out? He tells you.



Matt Campbell

von Township, Penn. showed up drunk to his trial. Was he on trial for petty larceny too? No, he was on trial for drunk driving. Moore even drove himself to the trial with a blood-alcohol level of 0.10.

However, after the man got in an argument with a state police trooper, the secret was out. When asked why he showed up drunk, Moore replied, "you told me I could drink at home."

People often tell me I'm a good storyteller, but I cannot make this stuff up, for it is real.

But as I sat down to write this

column and came across these sto-ries, it struck me how big drinking really is. As college students, we are at the forefront of this trend.

Now I'm not saying there is any thing wrong with drinking, but there are some people who make it their lives.
As a disclaimer, I realize there

are people with diseases and men-tal problems, but there are a lot of

eople who are just stupid.
For some, drinking is a way of For some, drinking is a way of life. The highs come from the "wicked two-kegger" last weekend and the lows come from the police coming and spoiling the fun.

For some, it's not a party unless you wake up in a pool of your own vomit, not remembering the events from the night before.

from the night before. Well, then how would you re member if it was a party? Oh right,

the vomit.

We never heard the end of how tailgating was ruined by the re-strictions set in place by the uni-versity. Our student body president fought for us and got the time limit extended.

extended.

He based his argument on the fact that tailgating is more than getting drunk – it is about spirit and tradition. However, right behind him, there were students doing the state of the state ing the math on how three people can finish a keg in five hours.

That's the whole show for many people. Not getting out tailgating at the earliest possible moment could mean one less sip of sweet, sweet Natty Light.

They enter the stadium drunk, but all in support of our team I'm sure. They cause the inability to clap and cheer on beat: Go S-Go Stat-Go (clap, clap) STATE! Ah, that cacophony is music to my ears (clap). Hey, watch it bud! It's people like this who go out with the soul mission of drinking

and being stupid.

They don't care about friends,

family or school.
I'm guessing alcohol led to the brutal massacre of my "Rule of Thumbs" last Wednesday, causing

Now that's just reckless.

I know plenty of people who don't drink, and they seem pretty happy with themselves and can

nappy with themselves and can have a good time.

I know plenty of other people who drink in the company of friends, whether it is a night on the town or a house party. But others have let drinking become their lifestyle; that's all they have.

The irony is that the loudest people to proclaim that it's just one

stupid person that ruined it for ev-eryone are the ones who will probably be the next stupid person to ruin something else for everyone. See, they are probably only angry because someone was stupid before they were. I like to pride myself on a lot of things, but that would never be one of them.

Wake up people. Go out, have fun, drink your

beer but just realize that there is a whole lot more to life than drink-

E-mail Matt at viewpoint@technicianonline.com. **TECHNICIAN'S VIEW**

DHS POLICY UNFAIR AND INCONSISTENT

OUR OPINION: A NEW POLICY ALLOWING THE FBI FULL, UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' FILES WILL DECREASE FOREIGN STU-DENTS' INTEREST IN THE UNIVERSITY AS WELL AS THE PRESTIGE OF

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued a policy that removes judicial interference with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's ability to access international students' files.

Historically, the files have been released to the DHS through two programs that are designed specifically to store information on international students, SEVIS and US-VISIT. The FBI could then access files from those databases. The university is responsible for updating those databases.

Now, there is no restriction and the FBI has complete access to students' lives at will.

The files contain basic information like permanent and temporary addresses, parents' information and birthdays, but also courses of study and course schedule, lengths of visas and the duration of their education. The FBI can red flag these files if they suspect students are involved in terrorist activities. If the FBI has any reason to be suspicious of a student, then it can pursue him or her without any interjection – which gives them complete power.

The policy, undoubtedly, is inherently flawed. The isolation of international students is discriminatory because the information access is based solely on place of birth. The FBI is clearly targeting students from the Middle East that study technical subjects, such as

chemical, biological, mechanical and nuclear engineering.

Also, N.C. State, among other national universities and colleges, have been dropping in interna-tional enrollment as a result of the strong enforcement of this policy. This is completely logical because such strong restrictions can cause fear and there is no reason to exclude someone and keep watch of them based on a country of birth. International students have be-

gun resorting to alternative countries for the pursuit of their higher education, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The backlash of this decision will affect NCSU because undergraduate and graduate international students consider technologically-oriented schools like NCSU when searching for a university.

Close to 40 percent of graduate students in the college of engineering are international students and a rapid decrease in enrollment will

severely alter this number.

NCSU has always prided itself on diversity and providing an equal opportunity for higher education to all students and proves this when it opens its doors to students from other countries. This new policy restricts the university's vision to include all walks of life.

Obviously, diversity isn't as high on some people's lists as it is on the university's.

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CAMPUS FORUM

Onorio was right about Ludacris

I would like to thank Brian Onorio for his recent column "A Ludacris' Homecoming concert decision." Ludacris, a hate-inspired rapper, will be coming to N.C. State for a Homecoming event. Most people would overlook or ignore this obvious atrocity. Others may keep their opinions silent for fear that they would be branded a racist or a bigot. Mr. Onorio stands up and expresses what many students at N.C. State feel as well: that it is simply wrong and unethical to use student funds and university property to hold a concert for a person who propagates messages of animosity and violence.

Taylor Browne

While I often disagree with Brian Onorio's columns, I believe he hit thenail on the head in regards to the Ludacis Homecoming Concert. Ludacis has made quite the career for himself by stringing together derogatory statements and hateful slurs—sort of like a Klan rally that rhymes to a beat. It's humorous that when a Brickyard preacher says a woman's place is in the kitchen, he draws the lire of NCSU students. Vet, when Ludacris polignantly observes that a woman's—rather, a hos—proper role is to fellate a "playa", we invite hit to pur campus.

womans—ratner, a nos—proper role is to lenate a playa, we invite him to our campus. Moreover, I wonder what kind of reaction a country musi performer would provoke if he had lyrics that were equally misogynic, homophobic and hateful.

I have no doubt that some of the more vocal elements of the student body would come our of the woodwork, pick up their placards and petitions and would fulfill their roles as squawking college protestors. Yet for Ludacris, they

remain deafeningly silent.

Perhaps this whole incident will illustrate an important point: namely, misogyny is misogyny; homophobia is homophobia and bigotry is bigotry—regardless of whether it falls under the protective umbrella of "hip-hop culture."

But in reality, that's expecting a bit too much, so enjoy the

Eric McMillen

Economics and Mathematics

Homecoming concert will be biggest ever

Brian, you have done to once again. You have put yet another simply absurd column in the newspaper. Ludacris represents a genre of music that hasn't been represented ar N.C. State Homecoming. If you think that NCSU has a diverse campus then you should be proud and happy that we are finally getting some diverse music. As far as the lyrics, we are all adults if you disapprove of them then simply don't go. I bet that this concert will be the biggest homecoming concert ever.

homecoming concert ever.
You said in your article that you would be considered racist and closed-minded. You're right! Based on your previous articles I do think you are racist and this article certainly does not after my opinion. Furthermore, you are closed-mined because you can't accept the fact that NCSU a majority white university, is paying a black man to come for a concert! Brian, open your eyes, the world is changing, and you will get left behind if you can't change with it!

Communication

"Thug" is a derrogatory term

I would just like to address Brian Omorio and his senseless use of the word "thug." You are entitled to your opinion regarding Ludacris' lyrics and you have every right not to like his music. Please yourself and refuse to support him by not his music, but don't speak on things you know nothing of. You call him a "thug."

Why, because of the lyrics in his music? Clearly you are the one in need of a reality check. I take offense to anyone who uses such a word that is untrue of an individual.

Ludacris is not out murdering people and robbing people all characteristics of what a "thug" might do. Yes he uses explicit lyrics, but have you not walked around this campus lately?

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lately?
Everyone is cussing like sailors now. Are they thugs?
Are my friends and I "thugs" because we choose to listen
to some of the songs? Nol And I am happy that Ludacris
is coming to State...finally I can enjoy some diversity. I bet
you didn't complain when Lone Star came for last year's
homecoming.

Deandra Duggans

Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Onorio creates double-standard

For someone who is clearly not a fan of Ludacris, Brian songs which aren't being played at radio stations. If I didn't know better, I'd say he actually had to do research to find something new to complain about.

Computer Science

If you don't like Ludacris, don't go

In Brian's column titled "A Ludacris homecoming decision" he bashes the university for allowing Ludacris to perform on campus, and the Alumni Association for funding the concert. I will grant it that Ludacris has poor lyrics.

I am personally not a big fan of his. It should be noted, however, that it is entirely up to you, personally, whether you attend the concert. Last year the Homecoming concert was headlined by Lonestar, a country band. I thought this a horrible decision, because I can't stand popular country music.

usic. The lyrics, while not as morally questionable in most

cases, are equally without talent or imagination as anything created by Ludacris. I chose not to attend that concert. I wasn't about to pay money for a band I had not interest in. It is only fair that this year we have the flip side of the situation with a mainstream rap group performing. So Brian, if you don't approve, don't go...quit trying to censor music and the concerts brought here until everyone can be satified, which will never happen.

Graham Staples

Wrong to compare murders and litter

Even though I wholehartedly respect yout intentions and think that you bring up many a valid point in the column "Low standards displayed during taligating," I am insulted and disgusted that you would bring up the murders of Kevin McCann and Brett Harman into your diatribe on the litter problem at N.C. State football games. What could possibly compel you to compare these two completely isolated events, and refer to the litter problem at talignation as a fragedy?"

tailgating as a "tragedy? Oh, that's right, these two "tragedies" are not isolated at all, they both stem from this "lack of respect – respect for our surroundings and respect for others" that you have very neatly used to explain not only our messy habits but two

en's sensless murders as well. The murders didn't happen because of this lack of disrespect you cite. They happened because a group of people made a series of horrible, life-ruining decisions. It is asinine to say that the same reason people don't throw eir garbage away is the also the cause of two deaths. So next time you want to complain about a trash problem, don't try to bolster your argument by taking advantage of how we as students feel about a real tragedy.

Freshman

Diversions

BAR

enough to see Clay Aiken, Reba McIntyre and, of course, Cher. Friday and Saturday nights are the most crowded and popular among the 18 to 25 age group and the straight crowd. Gay men, bisexuals, lesbians, female impersonators, closet-hiders, straight women escaping hiders, straight women escaping a night of pick-up lines, straight men that have figured out their hiding place and everyone in between can be found here on the weekends; Legends is quite

the wetkerlass, regents is quite the melting pot. Outside the bar area is a patio surrounded by plant-life and a fountain centerpiece. An outdoor bar opened only on Saturdays serves a crowd escap-ing the nearly deafening technoing the nearly deafening techno and crowd of sweaty dancers for

a place to chat and relax. Newly opened, View, also provides this

escape.

While open in the early eve-While open in the early evening, View is on the opposite side of the patio and welcomes patrons to come and go from Legends at night. Yet, View provides a much different, laid-back atmosphere. Featuring 10 plasma screen TV's lining the wood and metallic paneled walls, View serves as an upscale video bar. The rectangular room boasts plush red sofas, stylish separate bathrooms and a beautiful tile and marble bar. An over-35 crowd frequents here the mosts there's more opportunity to simcrowd frequents here the most; there's more opportunity to sim-ply socialize, relax and enjoy a smoke-free area while watching music videos from the likes of Whitney Houston, Moby, Brit-ney Spears, Pat Benetar and K.D. Lang, to name a few. Being a private club, there is a \$20 dollar membership fee

with a \$10 annual renewal for Legends and View. While cover charges vary throughout the week (\$2 to \$6), members pay a reduced amount, their guests pay slightly more and everyone else enters at the mercy of the

Drink prices are expectedly average to above average. There's a minuscule draft selection but enough bottles to keep beer drinkers satisfied at about \$3 to \$4 each. Ask for the bartender that serves up her specialty Jolly Green Giant cocktail. It looks like green vegetable juice, but tastes divine. Legends and View might be a

Legends and View might be a mystery to sidewalk heterosexulals that whisper when walking by, but they serve as something great to the gay and lesbian community seeking a comfortable slice of Raleigh's night life. Above all, everyone is welcome (if the doorman approves).



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us new-Country," Matheny said. "Other magazines called our record everything from British to Trip-Hop. We were glad they called it anything to be honest."

Roman Candle's album, "Says Pop," is in stores now and it will soon be re-released as "The Wee Hours Revue" with additional songs. The LP is co-produced with Chris Stamey and released by Hollywood Records.

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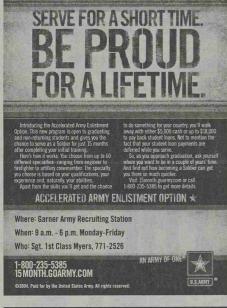
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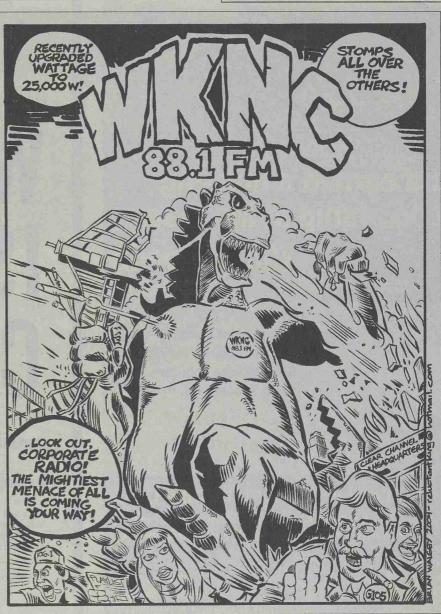
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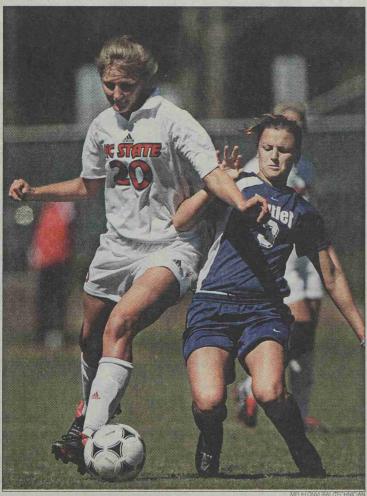






Sports

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Wolfpack defender Megan Buescher attempts to gain control of the ball from a Butler player in a match last week that ended in a 2-2 tie. The Wolfpack hasn't been defeated all season, but will face its toughest

challenge to date in a match with Clemson tonight at 7 p.m. at SAS Soccer Complex

Wolfpack Weekend

DON'T MISS: WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. NO. 20 CLEMSON TONIGHT, 7 P.M. SAS SOCCER

The Wolfpack start off its ACC schedule much like the and a state weekend – at SAS Soccer Park, against a ranked opponent. No. 20 Clemson will pose the biggest test so far for the undefeated Pack, and life won't be getting easier with North Carolina just around the corper. Carolina just around the corner on Thursday night. It's time to see if this team is going to make any noise in a strong conference, or if a weak schedule has inflated its early season record.

MEN'S SOCCER AT CLEMSON

Coach George Tarantini will take his team to Clemson this take his team to Clemson this weekend for a match tonight against the Tigers. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. State currntly sits at 4-2-1, 0-0-1 in the ACC. The Wolfpack had a full week to prepare for its second ACC game. The team looks to keep up the momentum from Sunday's 1-1 tie with No. 1 Marvland. Maryland.

VOLLEYBALL AT CLEMSON, **GEORGIA TECH**

The Pack will travel to Clemson The Pack will travel to Clemson and Georgia Tech on consecutive nights to begin its ACC schedule. The team will play Clemson today at 7 p.m., then travel down to Atlanta to play the Yellow Jackets at 7 p.m. on Saturday. State struggled last weekend at the Coastal Carolina Classic, dropping two of three matches. dropping two of three matches, but won Tuesday night against North Carolina A&T

FOOTBALL

said. "I have to take the correct angle and make sure I wrap up, he's [Tech QB Bryan Randall] a big quarterback. We have to be very disciplined in what we

With all the talk of discipline, staff has been stressing during the week after the Wolfpack's loss to Ohio State in which they committed 14 penalties for 121 total yards. Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay added that State must come out more aggressive than Virginia Tech on defense and e more plays.

"That's the way we have to win, by playing defense and making big plays," Aughtry-Lindsay said. "They have a great de-

fense, we have to out-do their

The Wolfpack defense only allowed 137 yards of total offense against the Buckeyes, but also forced just one turnover while

forced just one turnover while the Ohio State defense forced five. Of the 11 first downs al-lowed by State, five were the result of Wolfpack penalties. Davis didn't start in any of the road games State lost last year, but he was on the sidelines watching each one. Despite the struggles the Pack faced last year on the road, he said the year on the road, he said the team is not intimidated by the challenge of playing away from Carter-Finely and is ready to move on.

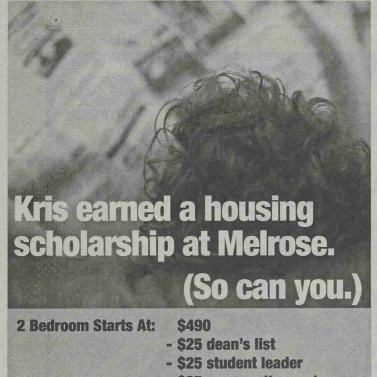
wouldn't say there's any added pressure to it," Davis said. "We just want to get out there and open up [our] first ACC game of the year."

THE PACK AWAY FROM HOME

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| 10/12/02 | Carolina | w | 34-17 |
| 10/24/02 | Clemson | W | 38-6 |
| 11/9/02 | Maryland | L | 24-21 |
| 11/16/02 | Virginia | L | 14-9 |
| 9/6/03 | Wake Forest | L | 38-24 |
| 9/13/03 | Ohlo State | L | 44-38 (3OT) |
| 10/4/03 | Georgia Tech | L | 29-21 |
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Keys to the Game

Ohio State didn't do much on offensively against the Wolfpack, and Beamer has the weapons to throw different looks at a State team yet to see complex offenses

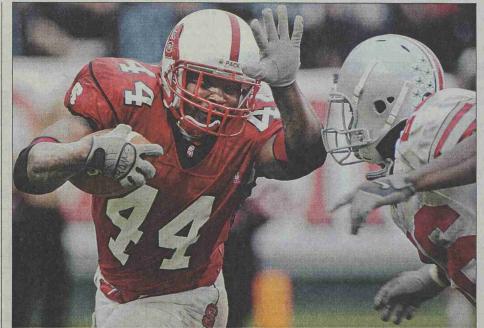
With State quarterback Davis still adjusting to starting at this level, the Hokies need to force him to make plays. That begins by stop-ping State's talented backs.

Amato admitted that State tends to have trouble with quarterbacks who can beat you out of the pocket. Hokle QB Bryan Randall excels at doing just that, as his 30 yard dash against Duke illustrated.

Quotable



"They force you to guard it all. We know what we got. We just got to execute ourselves."
-Hokie Coach Frank Beamer



Running back T.A. McLendon swats away an OSU defender during Saturday's 22-14 loss. McLendon and the Wolfpack will try to reverse last year's road troubles Saturday against Virginia Tech. State went 1-4 on the road last season, with its lone win coming against Duke.

Road trip troubles

STATE LOOKS TO REVERSE ITS FORTUNE ON THE ROAD AFTER GOING 1-4 AWAY FROM CARTER-FINLEY LAST SEASON.

Joe Overby

Life on the road is tough. The stadiums are loud. The fans are hostile. The game-

are loud. The fans are hostile. The gameday routine is different.

But life on the road was especially tough for the Wolfpack last year.

During Chuck Amato's fourth year at N.C. State, the Pack has had its fair share of trouble away from Carter-Finley Stadium. The Wolfpack lost four of its five road games.

The Pack let close games turn into losses when it left Raleigh. Look no further than the Pack's road games against Florida State and Ohio State last season, both overtime nailbiters in which State fell short. Players say they hope to change all that when they face their first road game – and first ACC opponent – at Vir-ginia Tech tomorrow. State has not won

in Blacksburg in more than 50 years.
"Playing in Blacksburg will be different, yes," quarterback Jay Davis said. "But this yes, quarterback hay Davissaid. But this is a new team, a new year and we definitely have to play better on the road as opposed to last year. It's something that we won't be able to tell until we do it."

Players said that preparation is key to winning on the road. Offensive lineman Jed Paulsen said correcting mistakes in practice and coming out ready to play are crucial to winning in tough environ-ments such as Blacksburg.

"We're just trying to get prepared trying to get ready, trying to get things worked out," Paulsen said. "We have to be

a little more physical upfront. We have to do better playing in an environment like up in Blacksburg. We [need to] be ready for it and I think we will."

Davis said the team must be prepared

or an agressive attack on both sides of the ball.

"They're probably going to be the most aggressive team we've played all year,"
Davis said. "They're very physical, very strong, they play hard. It's going to take a lot to beat them."

In order to prepage for the Hokies'

In order to prepare for the Hokies' highly-touted secondary, wide receiver Tremain Hall said the team will spread the field on offense, much as Southern California did when it beat the Hokies

Cantornia did when it beat the Hokies in Tech's opener this season.
"We've been working on me coming out of the backfield and running some goal routes," Hall said. "We've been watching USC and some of the stuff they used.
Coach wants to stretch the field because they play that real close up defense."

they play that real close up defense."
It wasn't the State offense though, that had so much trouble on the road last year. The defense was lacking during the early season loss at Wake Forest, a game in which State gave up over 200 yards on the ground. The Wolfpack has turned that around early this year, becoming the nation's top defense in its first two games. Defensive end Manny Lawson said the team hopes to maintain this season's stellar defensive effort on

the road.
"I have to be on my P's and Q's," Lawson

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Special teams play big role for Tech, State

Under Coach Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech's relentless emphasis on special teams and defense has been dubbed "Beamer Ball." The Hokles have had tremendous success

in swatting punts, field goals and extra points – they've blocked 101 kicks since 1987. They have also been successful at scoring by any means necessary – touchdowns off interceptions, kick

returns, or fumble recoveries.

"It changes the game around completely,"
junior defensive end Manny Lawson said. "That
puts the team on a very high note. A blocked kick or anything that changes the momentum wins or sses the game."

State has been playing its own version of

"Beamer Ball" since Coach Chuck Amato came to town. Last season, State blocked five kicks and scored 10 non-offensive touchdowns, putting them at the top of the ACC for the second straight year. Since 2000, the Wolfpack has blocked 32 kicks, good for first in the country. "[Saturday is] gonna be a battle of special teams," Lawson said. "They are known for their special teams and we're going to be known for ours. A lot of people don't know that we lead in block kicks right now with Virginia Tech."

Blocked kicks can turn a game around quickly. State, in fact, hasn't lost a game in the Chuck Amato era in which it's blocked a punt. And what happens if the Pack gets the first

blocked kick? "If we get that first one," Lawson said. "The

game is in our hands." -Joe Overby

Season results

| DATE | OPPONENT | RESULT |
|----------|----------------|----------|
| Sept.3 | Richmond | W, 42-0 |
| Sept. 18 | Ohio State | L, 22-14 |
| DATE | OPPONENT | |
| Sat, | at Virginia Te | ech |
| Oct.2 | Wake Forest | |
| Oct.9 | at UNC | |
| Oct. 16 | at Maryland | |
| Oct. 23 | Miami | |
| Oct.30 | Clemson | |
| Nov.6 | Georgia Tecl | 1 |
| Nov.11 | Florida State | |
| Nov 27 | FCII (at Chai | lotte) |

2004 stat leaders

QB | 10 J. DAVIS

Cmp-Att Yds TD Int 28-46 267 3 3 RUSHING

RB | 44 T.A. McLENDON

Att Yds TD Avg. 15 94 1 6.3

RECEIVING

WR 21 T. HALL

Rec Yds TD Avg. 10 75 1 7.5

Keys to the Game

The best way to dull the electric Lane Stadium atmosphere is to put together a quick scoring driv Score early, and State has a little less noise to worry about

ESTABLISH PASSING GAME

QB. Jay Davis will have to learn from his mistakes and show the Virginia Tech defense he is capable of go-ing long. No passing will hurt the explosive running backs State has at its disposal.

Its obvious, but true. Running into the kicker, blocking from behind, fumbling pitch plays all can't happen. Penalties and turnovers have to come down if State expects to win.

Quotable



"The offense has to make plays. When we hit the home run, we have to hit the big home run."
-Tramain Hall
NCSU junior wide receiver

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