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## Senate finishes impeachment trials

Erin Welch  
News Editor

Vetoing two bills in Student Senate last night, Student Body Tony Caravano expressed disagreement with Senate proposals for a tuition consistency act and the 2005-2006 Student Government budget.

"This is not why anyone does this job," Caravano said of the vetoes he proposed.

Caravano's veto of the tuition consistency act partly was in response to the bill's reference to a similar process in Illinois where students were guaranteed a freeze on their tuition for the four years they were in school.

"We're now saying we support a model," Caravano said, pointing out that North Carolina differed greatly from Illinois in average household incomes and other areas.

Sen. Erich Fabricius motioned to override the bill that, if passed, would be taken to the General Assembly to encourage that it research the topic of tuition consistency.

Sen. Patrick Buffkin said he thought the bill was more complicated than Senate realized because it would go to the General Assembly.

"We've taken on more than we can handle with this...resolutions like this make trash cans at the

General Assembly heavy," Sen. Buffkin said.

Caravano also vetoed the budget bill on account of its allocation of money to fund four student leaders' participation in LeaderShape and the amount of funding Student Government gives to the Leader of the Pack scholarship.

The proposed budget called for increasing the salaries of student body president, student body treasurer and Student Senate president, but actually decreased the salary for chief justice and decreased the salary of the chief of staff position, which Caravano said he also disagreed with.

"This is a position that can't

cut corners," Caravano said of student body chief justice.

While debate over the 2005-2006 budget continued, Senate President Will Quick pointed out that if the budget bill was not approved at last night's meeting, the Senate would have to pass it at the next meeting or a budget would not exist for next year. This could lead to the Senate having an additional meeting after its close of session.

Overrides for both of Caravano's vetoes to the tuition consistency act and to the 2005-2006 budget failed, upholding the vetoes.

However, senators voted to send the budget back to com-

mittee for amendments and to be reviewed again at next week's meeting.

The Senate also scrutinized over concerned the impeachment of Senate Pro Tem Patrick Cleary. Allegations against Cleary suggested that he was involved in the ticket theft during football season.

Sen. Tracy Hutcherson, chair of the government operations committee which investigated the senators involved in the theft, presented e-mails which he said indicated that Cleary was guilty of ticket theft and was in violation of the University code of ethics.

However, Sen. Rebecca Rob-

bins questioned the authenticity of Hutcherson's evidence of the e-mails because the printed e-mails had been altered from their original form, blacking out the name of who the e-mail was sent to.

"When we voted not to impeach Patrick, it sent a clear message," Sen. Katie Jones said. Jones said the Senate had already discussed all of the ticket theft situation and this was an example of how the Senate was not being effective by spending more time debating the issue.

After extensive discussion, the Senate voted down the bill to initiate an impeachment trial for Cleary.

## New cell service available for internationals

Matt Wilson  
Staff Writer

For many international students, calling home can be an expensive chore.

Luis Fonseca, a freshman majoring in economics and political science, uses an online service to call his friends and family in Nicaragua. If Fonseca wants to call his parents, he sends a text message online to his father's cell phone, asking him to call.

"I never call my parents, I don't have enough money. My parents call me," Fonseca said. "They pay 25 cents a minute."

A new product offered by N.C. State's ComTech department and Boston-based Mobile-

Sphere may present a solution to international calling.

The service, called CellularLD, is billed as a product that allows students to place international and domestic calls on their cell phones for highly competitive prices.

According to Mark Allen, director of marketing for MobileSphere, students register on the ComTech Web site, set up a prepaid account, call a local access phone number, then dial the overseas phone number.

"With traditional calling cards, you have to call a toll-free number and enter a PIN of 25-30 digits," Allen said. "Our service allows them to dial home, just as they would to dial a friend on campus."

The CellularLD service can also provide for long distance calls for students with local wireless plans.

The partnership of ComTech and MobileSphere comes in response to an increasing trend of cell phone use among college students.

"In the past 10 years, universities in general have been losing business from residence halls because of cell phones. Students are no longer making calls out of residence hall phones," Allen said. "What our company saw is an opportunity to serve international students."

Although similar products have been marketed to general consumers for some time, a service targeting college students is

fairly new, according to Allen. "Our service, I believe, is one of the pioneers in the university market," Allen said.

Some students say they would prefer making international calls on their cell phone, but price does make a difference.

"If it's a fixed rate and it's good, I would use it," Fonseca said. "I'd always prefer to call from a cell phone."

Peter Zhou, a graduate student in math, purchases calling cards online to make calls to China. Zhou said he would use CellularLD if it was cheaper than purchasing calling cards.

"It depends on the price, if it's cheaper than calling cards," Zhou said.



Freshman in political science, Jessica Smith, participates in a belly-dancing lesson at the UAB-sponsored event "Taste of N.C. State."

## Taste of State opens minds

Daniel Clark  
Staff Writer

Music from around the world filled Harris Field yesterday as the Union Activities Board hosted more than a dozen different groups at this year's Taste of N.C. State event.

Activities included performances by various student organizations, sand bottle art, an international dinner sampler, free ice cream and popcorn and the showing of the film "But I'm a Cheerleader," noted fair organizer Nura Shadid, a junior in business management.

Led by emcee Kyle Fox, a senior in parks and recreation tours and management, the event featured performances such as a Tae Kwon Do demonstration by textile and apparel management sophomore Hien Phung, a routine by hip-hop dance group Commercial Break and belly dancing by MENASA's Andy Ali.

Strings of tables ringed the field featuring information for each group, and organizations showcased items ranging from cultural artifacts to pamphlets and brochures.

Some organizations used the event as a chance to advertise for upcoming events.

The African Students Union featured toys, instruments and statues from Ghana, Nigeria and other African countries, as well as flyers for their upcoming African Night on April 3 at Steward Theater.

The College Democrats offered sample essays and agendas.

"This is our first year as a full-fledged active organization," said President Melissa Price, a senior in political science and communication. She added that her organization is looking forward to

the Young Democratic Convention in Raleigh on April 8-9.

Other groups used the event as an opportunity to increase exposure for their organization.

Hille is a Jewish organization that has been on campus for several years, but has been active for only three years.

"At a Hille event, on a good day we have about 30 people show up," said board member Ben Mazur, a freshman in statistics. "We are trying to grow and reach out to the Jewish community at State."

The Baha'i Club is an organization for students who follow the Baha'i religion, founded around 1863 in the region around Iran.

"We've been on campus for about 10 years, but we're still a small club," said Elham Barick, a senior in biology. "Baha'i is a young religion, so today we've brought information that summarizes the principles."

All organizations used the event to promote diversity among NCSU's student population. BGLA gave free shirts out throughout the entire event, and the Sikh Ethics, Values, and Awareness Association had a poster on how to distinguish the different types of turbans around the world.

Other organizations that contributed to the event included the Muslim Student Association, Native American Student Association, Middle East and North African Student Association, Disabilities Student Services, EKTA, Sigma Omicron Epsilon, Lambda Pi Chi and Student Leadership Consultants.

Additional performances included Alpha Phi Alpha, La Raza de Mil Colores, the band and the men's soccer team.

### 2005 STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS

Continue to look for coverage of candidates and elections tomorrow. Technician will briefly examine each candidate for their respective offices. Be sure to check [www.technicianonline.com](http://www.technicianonline.com) for expanded coverage.

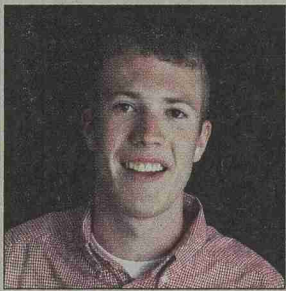
**TODAY:** Student Senate President  
**TOMORROW:** Student Body President  
**MONDAY:** Pull-Out Elections Guide

### Calendar of events:

**TODAY**  
FYC Debate  
6 p.m.  
Bragaw Activity Room

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY**  
Voting for elections will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday until 12 a.m. Wednesday. Cast ballots at [vote.ncsu.edu](http://vote.ncsu.edu).

### STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT - BY TYLER DUKES



Forrest Hinton

As an aspiring math teacher, education is something Forrest Hinton holds close to his heart.

"It's something so important, Hinton said, that he plans to make the education of incoming senators a top priority if elected to the position of Student Senate president.

According to Hinton, this instruction will help new members of Student Government learn the ropes and become more effective leaders.

"A lot of good people get frustrated and leave [Student Government]," Hinton said. "That leaves chaos."

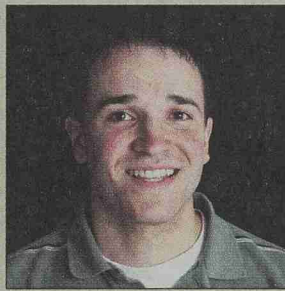
Hinton said he also plans to revise the current focus of the Student Senate.

"Right now, it's not a Student Senate, it's a debate club," Hinton said.

Another problem Hinton said he plans to fix is the lack of accountability in the Senate.

"Right now, students don't know who their senator is, and senators are not worried about [dealing with] student issues,"

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Tommy Ozbolt

In Tommy Ozbolt's opinion, there is only one thing that will make the Student Senate effective again.

That thing, Ozbolt said, is a serious reform of the Senate environment, and as a candidate for student Senate president, he said that he is the one to do it.

One of the first things on Ozbolt's agenda is to enact a more comprehensive set of regulations that would increase the efficiency of the Senate.

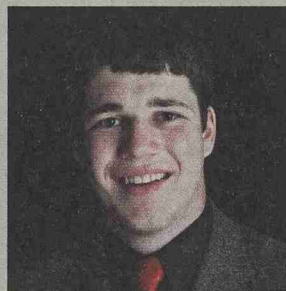
"I want to change the constitution so we're not handcuffed by these rules," Ozbolt said.

Ozbolt said that he will draw upon his experiences in several organizations around campus to give the Senate the leadership it needs.

"If you look at the amount of leadership roles I have been in, I have the broadest range," Ozbolt said. "I have had my hand in a lot of things."

Although Ozbolt has served in both the executive branch and on the Judicial

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John Small

Two full years.

To John Small, it's a level of experience that separates a good candidate from a great one.

Serving as both a junior and senior senator for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Small said he has gained a firm grasp of what it takes to serve in the position of Student Senate president.

It's the next "logical step" he said.

"I make good, well thought-out decisions that people can trust," Small said. "I would really like to serve students and focus on students in the Senate."

Small spent his two years in the Senate serving on the Tuition and Fees Committee, first as vice chair, then chair. According to Small, this familiarity with one of the most important issues to the student body will allow him to make better decisions and help to increase the student voice in the tuition and fees process.

"I have a passion for keeping the cost of public education low," Small said. "I bring

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**NAME:** Forrest Hinton  
**BIRTHDAY:** Sept. 21, 1985  
**YEAR:** Sophomore  
**MAJOR:** Mathematics Education  
**FAVORITE FILM:** Forrest Gump  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** Country and Jazz  
**FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:** Two Guys and Q Shack  
**FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:** Educational Psychology (EDP 304)  
**FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:** Rushing the court of the RBC Center with my friends last spring after the Wolfpack's surprise victory over the Duke Blue Devils  
**MAJOR INFLUENCES:** My energetic mom who inspires children everyday to dream, overcome obstacles and learn all they can, coupled with my faith in God  
**WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?:** All of the SSP candidates are talented, but I've been the most committed to raising student issues and have a hopeful vision to renew accountability.

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Hinton said. According to Hinton, to be an effective Senate leader, it is necessary to encourage student representatives to talk to constituents and find out how the legislative body can make the campus a better place. "We're not a proactive Senate," Hinton said. "We need to seek out critical student is-

ssues before they become a problem."

Although Hinton stated that all of the candidates running for student senate president are "great in their own way," he said that the Senate needs a leader who has proven himself in the past.

"The Senate needs someone strong, someone who can step up to the plate," Hinton said. "I have brought student issues before the Senate. My commitment to Senate speaks for itself."

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Board, he has not served in the Senate since his freshman year giving him an "outsider's view."

"I can bring a different perspective to put the Senate on the right track" he said.

Ozbolt said he also plans to institute a greater student voice in Senate by adding an online referendum site allowing students to bring concerns to their

student leaders.

"It's a way for students to tell Student Government what they want," Ozbolt said.

The Senate's biggest problem, Ozbolt said, is its inability to effectively communicate with the student body. Repairing this problem will improve the community's perspective of the Senate, he added.

"The Senate needs a strong leader, and it needs somebody who's not afraid to take criticism for changing things," Ozbolt said.

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knowledge [of this issue] to the table."

According to Small, his experience inside of the Senate isn't the only thing that makes him a viable candidate. During his freshman year, Small was not associated with Student Government, allowing him to connect with his constituents more efficiently.

"I've spent a year outside

of Student Government, so I understand how a regular student feels," Small said.

Small said he plans to change the normal agenda of Senate meetings to allow the legislative body to deal with the most important issues first. He also sees the need to allow guests to speak to the Senate at the beginning of the meeting, which would allow the voice of the community to be heard more strongly.

"I want to bring the Senate back to the students," Small said.

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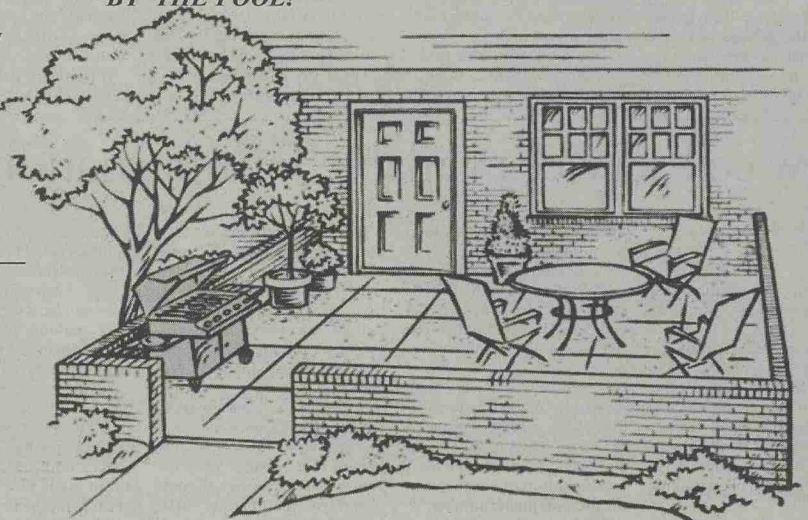
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**NAME:** Tommy Ozbolt  
**BIRTHDAY:** Jan. 2, 1984  
**YEAR:** Junior  
**MAJOR:** Political Science and Philosophy of Law  
**FAVORITE FILM:** A Few Good Men, Unbreakable  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** Counting Crows, Jimmy Eat World  
**FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:** I Love NY Pizza  
**FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:** PS 205 - Law and Justice  
**FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:** Watching Philip Rivers and Julius Hodge play ball  
**MAJOR INFLUENCES:** God, my dad and mom  
**WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?:** No one brings more wide-ranging leadership experience from throughout the campus community and more creativity and open-mindedness to the position.

**NAME:** John Small  
**BIRTHDAY:** March 19, 1984  
**YEAR:** Senior  
**MAJOR:** Poultry Science  
**FAVORITE FILM:** John Q  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** Country or Jazz  
**FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:** Porter's  
**FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:** PO 410 Production and Management of Gamebirds in Confinement  
**FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:** Celebrating the 2002 nationally televised Thursday night pounding of Clemson, to achieve a 9-0 record, by running from Sullivan to the Bell Tower barefooted.  
**MAJOR INFLUENCES:** The Lord, both my grandfathers, my father, Jim Graham, Dr. Carmen Parkhurst, Dr. Sam Pardue  
**WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?:** I have consistently demonstrated the ability to address issues logically and rationally while displaying calm and collected leadership from my current position within the Senate.

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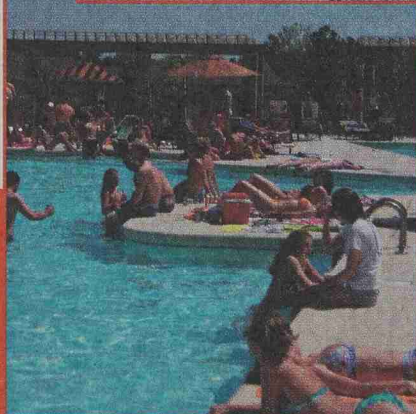
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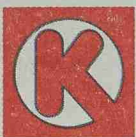
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## And I'm out

"See you on Friday."  
I exit my apartment each Sunday, leaving that partially-in-jest phrase behind to my roommate,



**Matt Middleton**  
Outgoing  
Editor in Chief

Luke Wind, a soon-to-be civil engineering graduate and a sure-fire first-team All-Roommate selection.

The implication of those words is, of course, I'm never home and always working at the paper. All jokes aside, nothing could be more accurate. As editor in chief, my official job description states I'm supposed to be up here 35 hours a week, a mark that is usually eclipsed by Wednesday morning in an effort aided by scores of Starbucks ventis and 2 a.m. post-work Cook Out trays.

This harried lifestyle ends tomorrow when a new editorial board takes over. Or at least that's what they tell me. In turn, I'll lose my free pass to spend the night on office couches most thrift stores would refuse and won't have a viable excuse when I invariably go a whole week without shaving.

With the end of a one-year term rapidly approaching, I can't help but think: What am I going to do with all this free time? Well, I can picture the first day pretty vividly.

9 a.m. Alarm goes off carrying the sandpaper voice of Don Imus. Normally, I would rub my eyes and wonder why a sports radio station carries something completely unrelated to the diversion. But today, that's not going to affect me. Gleefully, I introduce Imus to the snooze button.

10:15 a.m. Perfect time to wake up. First e-mail check of the day incredulously reveals not a single message from Bradley Wilson, NCSU's coordinator for Student Media Advising. I must be dreaming. Instead, he's probably drawing a red X over this very column and scribbling the message "self-serving" above the headline. Sorry, Bradley.

11:30 a.m. Eat lunch at home for the first time since the microwave was invented. That means today isn't the day for a periodical lunch with News & Observer reporters Chip Alexander and Lorenzo Perez, a couple of genuine guys who, along with fellow pro Ned Barnett and Tim Peeler, have graciously held a superfluous advisory role to yours truly. Our conversations, which I would always soak up over a steaming bowl of Mitch's chili,

always seemed to hold better value than any history book and generate more laughs than a Chuck Amato press conference. Sometimes we were lucky enough to be joined by former colleagues Jon Page and Andrew Carter, two exceptional journalists—and friends—any editor would be lucky to have. I know from experience.

11:45 a.m. Drive to campus. Amazingly, all 78 potholes on Trailwood Drive have disappeared. I am dreaming.

12 p.m. Class is out and for once I don't feel at liberty to scamper back to my third-floor Witherspoon office as if I have a cab with a running meter waiting. Maybe then I could find the

career. Life on the road, all in the name of journalism; it was just how I remember it—something straight out of a Chuck Palahniuk novel: You wake up in Dallas. You wake up in Syracuse, N.Y. You wake up on the side of the road in a rental car somewhere in northern Pennsylvania.

I digress. I hope none of that happens. Instead, I'd like to pick up the phone and, for once, thank the one that got me started.

Jim Middleton, an almost-hulking, yet likable guy with an unmissable laugh, never turned down an opportunity to take his only son to a sporting event. He also never squabbled when every morning in suburbia that same blonde-haired kid stole the N&O out from under his bowl of Grape-Nuts.

Years later, those two entities—sports and newspapers—somehow assimilated into a career for that brown-eyed boy. One that begins post-college vitality in two months at the Virginian-Pilot with a dramatic shift in rank (editor in chief to sports writer) and circulation (15,500 to 234,000). He'll call somewhere other than Wake County home for the first time in his life, but he'll be sure to take with him 23 years of memories, a lot of which involve this brick-laden place.

The most incisive hasn't changed in quite sometime. There's the mental picture of a middle-school-aged kid walking brick-by-brick with his dad toward the popcorn smell and electric feel of mid-February Reynolds Coliseum.

That same kid would peer into first-floor dorm windows with wondrous eyes and dream about someday being on the other side of the glass.

As the walk progressed down Cates Avenue, the son would always look up to Dad and ask him if he thought the Wolfpack had a chance tonight. From Dad's always-optimistic answer, one would have never concluded State was enduring the darkest years in program history. It didn't matter. The youngster didn't know better; everything Dad said was beyond reproach.

Years later, that same boy has much darker, much longer hair and stands four inches taller than his father, a height that, ironically, has a lot of athletes physically look up to him during interview sessions.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## WEEKEND IS SOMETHING TO FOLLOW

**OUR OPINION:** THIS WEEKEND, N.C. STATE WILL HOST FOUR EVENTS THAT ALLOW STUDENTS TO BE INVOLVED AND SUPPORT GOOD CAUSES. THE PLANNERS OF THE EVENTS WERE WISE IN HAVING THEM HAPPEN ON THE SAME WEEKEND AND, GIVEN THE IMPROVEMENT OF STUDENT TURNOUT, FUTURE EVENTS THAT ARE PLANNED SHOULD FOLLOW THE SAME WAY — HAPPENING AT ONE TIME.

One of the most frequent complaints from students on campus is, "I didn't know where I could get involved." Or, from the other side, "What else can we do to get students involved?"

Regardless of who is speaking, the same problem occurs — 29,000 students on campus and very little turnout, care or publicity.

So this year, something new will happen (it's about time).

Four events are scheduled to occur on the same weekend.

This is undoubtedly a huge, wise and overall new approach other organizations should embrace and implement.

The India Night, Pow Wow, Run for Respect and Service Raleigh will take place this weekend, from Friday until Sunday.

Individually, these events would not get the same turnout had they all occurred on different days. Students will have the opportunity to get involved in a plethora of events that are not only for good causes, but also serve the city of Raleigh.

Service Raleigh has occurred for the last seven years and is a good way for students to volunteer and show the city of Raleigh NCSU students support and care about the area they inhabit.

One topic of discussion is the relationship between NCSU and Raleigh because of the renovations necessary for Hillsborough Street, the contract with the RBC Center and the Nuisance Party Ordinance.

All these elements are decisions that must be made with the city of Raleigh and for NCSU to give to the city in anyway is a step forward in keeping a solid and trustworthy relationship between the two bodies.

Run for Respect is very similar to Service Raleigh because NCSU hosts a positive event that supports a cause no one can deny — sexual assault and violence awareness.

The event is held on Centennial Campus and is a good way for the University to give back to the community.

India Night and the Pow Wow promote diversity on campus and give students an outlet to learn about other cultures — something that can be uniquely provided on this campus.

And for all the events to happen over the course of the same weekend is beneficial in increasing the publicity and awareness of the events.

Hopefully, future events will follow in a similar suit.

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## Evolution contains several incongruities

Have you ever been shown why evolutionary theory is accepted as true? I do not ask if you have heard of Darwinism or have been told by



**Daniel Underwood**  
Staff Columnist

10 gray-bearded men with Ph.D.'s that evolution is a fact; but have you ever really seen any "proof?"

I was speaking to my physics professor about evolution a couple semesters ago and asked where the matter, energy and finely tuned physical constants necessary for the "Big Bang" came from. Instead of admitting evolution's inability to explain the ultimate origin of the physical universe, or at least the inherent weakness of the Big Bang theory, my professor just waved her hand and said, "Oh, well, science just has not told us that yet."

But, if science has not told us this yet, then we certainly should not reject all opposing theories and claim to be doing so on scientific grounds. After speaking to her, I thought to myself, "What a flippant dismissal of one of the greatest questions facing mankind!"

Whenever we accept a theory regarding society, mankind or the origin of the universe, we must be mindful of its consequences. If we think man is designed for a specific purpose, then what does that purpose tell us about the nature of his designer? If society is morally obliged toward patriarchy, then what of the value of women? Are they truly inferior to men? These types of questions are indispensable to measur-

ing the truthfulness of theories with such vast, life-defining import.

And, from a purely logical perspective, any of these theories we propose must not simply pass on one or two points but must provide a logically cohesive possible answer to all the questions that fall within the theory's explanatory context. In other words, if someone comes up with a theory about God that explains very well the reason for "loving" one another, yet contradicts the reality of pain and suffering in the world, then this theory simply does not work. When a young boy tells his mother the scratches on his knee are the result of him taking a spill at a local skating rink, he has said nothing extraordinary — unless there is no local skating rink, in which case the mother would toss his explanation into the flames.

By all means, we are entitled to ask, "Does the Darwinian theory of evolution meet this criteria?" And I mean a non-theistic, naturalistic explanation for the origin of life. This theory of evolution supplants a creator, God, and says all life emerged after an incomprehensible number of random mutations, occurring over an incomprehensible amount of time, and defying incomprehensible odds. Strictly, technically and literally, we are but the products of time, matter, chance and energy — or so claims evolutionary theory.

Perhaps one of the most direct ways of measuring evolution — as there are great scientific minds on both sides of the debate — is by weighing evolution against the experiential realities of our daily lives. After all, what evidence or

subject of study could we possibly know better than mankind?

Take for instance, human sexuality, the physical consummation of one's love for another person. Think about its wonder and complexity; the immense pleasure it brings, the binding affect upon the heart, the eruption of emotions and the creation of a new life. Every one of us has felt the gravity of the desire for human sexuality, and almost every one of us has been privileged to hold a newborn baby in our arms.

Both sexuality and life are two of the most sacred things to us. But if we are but the products of time, matter, energy and chance, from where do we derive this sacredness. If sex is simply natural, then laws against rape prohibit natural affections. If life was created by natural selection, then Hitler was an icon of evolutionary progress, for he simply expedited the process of natural selection to benefit the human species.

Furthermore, if we are but random off-shoots of DNA, then why is it so important to strive to further our own race? Without a transcendent reason for our existence, our desire to live and help one another is no more noble than our preference for spicy or salty foods — we simply respond to our DNA. Darwin struggled with this very issue. He worried if we believed nature was simply "red in tooth and claw," then the workings of this philosophy would be devastating and horrendous.

If you look at almost anyone claiming to be on a religious pilgrimage, you will find they are basically searching for meaning in life. And throughout our own lives, if we are honest, we

will admit meaning has been one of our chief pursuits. A meaningless existence is simply disconcerting to the human heart.

But ask any believer in non-theistic, naturalistic evolution if the universe has any meaning, and they will answer in the negative. For the universe is simply energy in its various configurations acting upon matter. Nothing but a simple cause and effect.

So could it be ultimately all life is meaningless, yet we feel such a desperate need to find meaning in our own lives? That is to say, the surpassingly meaningless path of evolution is briddled with little bitty pieces of meaning along the way. There is such a vast incongruity between the nature of mankind and the theory of evolution. It behooves us to at least question, if not wholly doubt, the theory.

Ultimately, if we are to accept this form of evolution, we do so by faith and at the altar of everything we understand about the desires and dignity of mankind. A once-professor of quantum physics at Cambridge University, John Polkinghorne, discussing the likelihood of the conditions necessary for the Big Bang, has said, "It would be like taking aim at a one-square-inch object at the other end of the universe 20 billion light years away and hitting it bull's eye."

We would do well to understand believing in evolution — a theory that flies in the face of the ineluctable, experiential realities of our lives — is a bold leap of faith.

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## Beating to your own drum

Jessica Ellis  
Staff Writer

As the fire formerly known as Jesse McCartney spreads as quickly through the hearts and lips of 15-year-old girls as a fire through dry brush, Michael Tolcher's uplifting lyrics are building upon a little more depth — replacing the typical 12-year-old view of love and beauty with a bit of experience. Perhaps it's just what we need to get out of the rut of returning boy bands like Backstreet Boys...bands that should never have been cool to begin with.

Not only is Tolcher — a Georgia native who has found his music in the ABC teen drama *Life As We Know It* and was discovered by Tupac's father — able to get a crowd going about the NCAA games, but he shows an earnest love for the crowd, creating an amazing vibe that is inescapable by far. Technician had the opportunity to sit down and speak with Tolcher before a recent show about broccoli, downloading and life in general.

**Q** Do you eat the stems of your broccoli?

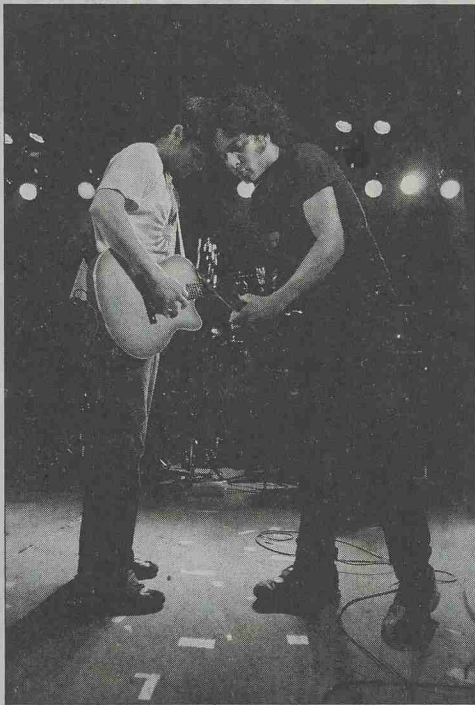
**A** Yes, I am a huge vegetable fan. I do eat the stems of my broccoli.

**Q** What song would you want played when entering a room?

**A** It would change, all the time. Tonight it would be, "Everywhere you go, you always take the weather with you/ That crowded-house weather with you."

**Q** What are your views on illegal MP3s?

**A** I don't think anyone really owns music.



CHRIS REYNOLDS/TECHNICIAN

Michael Tolcher and William Duvall perform at Lincoln Theatre.

**Q** What's one thing that makes you happy?

**A** Nothing makes me happy. Nah, I'm just kidding. Swimming makes me happy.

**Q** What is one thing that irritates you?

**A** The sound of a machine... like a blower. Like a leaf blower.

**Q** All-time funniest moment on stage?

**A** We did "Doin' the butt" in Virginia. We all did butt solos.

**Q** What's one lesson you purposely ignored growing up? Have you learned it?

**A** Wait 30 minutes after you eat to swim. It's not even a valid lesson. I've learned it's untrue.

**Q** What is one thing you are constantly waiting for?

**A** To just be in a position to choose my shows and bring my own crowd. But here I am in Raleigh, headlining. So they are starting to happen — a few at a time.

**Q** Is this what you thought you'd be doing when you grew up?

**A** I thought that stars were already stars; I didn't know normal people turned into Rock 'N' Rollers or whatever. I don't remember when it turned into that. I'm sure I had glimpses of it when I was younger, 'cause I was writing songs. But I didn't start thinking about what I was going to do when I grew up. I wanted to be an athlete all my life. But in high school I just started to wonder if it was possible for me because people started to respond to my voice "maybe I could turn that into a life" but I didn't really think seriously about it till about '96.

**Q** How would you define your music style?

**A** I would define it as just being eclectic and kind of all the styles of music that have come out since I was born.

**Q** What is your favorite song and why?

**A** I don't like to say always and never or best and most or favorite. They always change so... whenever someone says, "What's your favorite," I don't have an answer for that.

**Q** Do you find yourself conforming to society?

**A** Yeah, sure. I mean there are times where I look at myself in the mirror and say, "Why do I have something in my hair right now?" — like gel or something. You just subconsciously get sucked into it. It's like blocking out the sound of the tractor in your backyard.

**Q** If you could finish your album title, *I am*, would you?

**A** I would just leave it as *I am*. It's just a statement of existence. It's just recognizing a state of existence. And then to follow that, there are an infinite number of words or titles or descriptions that can follow that. It's not necessarily who you are; it could be how you feel.

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# Sports

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 W. Tennis vs. Old Dominion, 4/1, 2  
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Baseball 12, Elon 5  
 Softball 2, East Carolina 1  
 Duke 5, W. Tennis 2



## TECHNICIAN

### BASEBALL

# Bats bring winning streak to four

Jason Duncan pitched four shutout innings and four State hitters had two RBIs as the Pack rolled past Elon for its fourth-straight win

Clark Leonard  
 Staff Writer

Three strong innings at the plate did the trick for the N.C. State baseball team Wednesday night against in-state foe Elon at Doak Field.

Those innings along with four solid innings of relief from Jason Duncan on the mound propelled the Pack (19-8) to a 12-5 victory over the Phoenix (16-12).

Duncan, who came into the game in the fourth inning and upped his record to 2-0, said that he felt the defense was what made him look good. He pitched four innings, gave up no runs and allowed two hits.

"I had a lot of help from the defense," Duncan said.

Coach Elliott Avent gave him more credit than that, noting that his pitcher has given solid performances throughout the season.

"Duncan, he's been good a lot this year. Except for one outing, he's been outstanding," Avent said. "He's been outstanding pretty much every time out. When he settles in and throws the ball around the plate, he's pretty tough to hit."

The third inning started off rough for the Pack, but it proved to be a quite profitable inning by the time it was over. State surrendered its 1-0 lead in the top of the third thanks in large part to three hit batsmen and a walk.

Those pitching miscues by Pack starter Alan Letchworth gave Elon its first four base runners of the inning. Pitcher Chris Vasani was the last batter to walk to first, giving him an RBI, which tied the game at 1-1.

Next, Drew Davis hit an RBI single to give the Phoenix a 2-1 lead. Matt Hill scored on that hit before Evan Erickson was thrown out at the plate. He would be the first of four runners to be thrown out at home in the game — two for



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Junior Alan Letchworth, a transfer from Pitt Community College, started and allowed two runs in three innings during State's 12-5 win over Elon Wednesday night at Doak Field.

State and two for Elon. In the bottom of the inning, the Pack struck back with three runs.

After Matt Camp hit a pop fly to left for the first out, that rally cultivated with the next four hitters reaching base for State.

Third baseman Matt Devine walked to get things going before designated hitter Aaron Bates had an RBI triple to even the score at 2-2.

First baseman Ryan Pond got an RBI single to score Bates and give the Pack the lead. Then rightfielder Brian Aragon singled.

Pond scored on the final play of the inning to extend the lead to 4-2, just as catcher Jake Muyco

was forced out at first and Aragon was thrown out at third on the same play.

The Wolfpack's next bundle of offensive fireworks came delivered in the form of four runs in the fifth inning.

After Devine reached base on an error, stole second, and reached third on an error, Bates drove him in with an RBI single. Bates scored later in the inning on a past ball.

Pinch hitter Jason St. Julien had a two-run single to cap the scoring in the fifth and increase the State lead to 8-2.

St. Julien said that he was just looking for a good pitch and got one to hit.

"Coming off the bench, all I

try to do is see a good pitch and put a good swing on it," St. Julien said. "Luckily, I saw a good pitch to hit, put a good swing on it, and it just happened."

The final high-scoring inning for the Pack came in the bottom of the eighth with three runs on three hits.

Matt Camp led off the bottom half of the eighth with a single to left field, and pinch hitter Matt Mangini followed with a single to right.

Camp and Mangini both scored on a double by pinch hitter Mike Jensen. Jensen scored the final Wolfpack run of the game when Jake Muyco reached first base on an error with two outs in the inning.

Avent said that the big hits by Jensen and St. Julien off the bench were great examples of players filling their roles on the team.

"We've used a lot of guys, and we talk all the time about being ready to play — coming in to play your role and do your job off the bench," Avent said. "Our guys for the most part have done that."

The other runs for the Pack came with one in the second and one in the sixth. In the top of the ninth, the Phoenix scored three runs on five hits against State relief pitcher Travis High. With the bases loaded and one out in the inning, a double play ended the threat and the game.

St. Julien said that the win was a nice momentum builder heading into this weekend's home series against Virginia Tech.

"It's definitely a big win," St. Julien said. "Any time you can have a good game before a conference series, that's real big."

Avent said that he was pleased with what he saw in the game, but stressed that consistency is what will make or break his team as it moves through its conference schedule.

"We're in the middle part of our season, and we think we've got a good team. But consistency is the key to this team," Avent said. "We have to come out and play very well every day, especially in this conference."

### SOFTBALL



FILE PHOTO BY JONATHAN RICE/TECHNICIAN

Pitcher Abbie Sims struck out 10 ECU batters Wednesday en route to her third career no-hitter.

## Sims no-hits Pirates

Abbie Sims picked up her second no-hitter of the season as N.C. State swept a doubleheader against East Carolina.

Andrew Tanker  
 Staff Writer

Controversy once again swelled around the softball field on Wednesday afternoon against East Carolina. However, this time it did not involve a line up card, but the "catch and carry" rule, which took effect in the fourth inning of the second game of Wednesday's doubleheader played at the Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

With just one out in the top of the fourth inning, N.C. State (31-17) pitcher Abbie Sims walked two batters after striking out the first, who advanced to second and third on a wild pitch. The next batter hit a seemingly innocent fly ball to right center field that was caught by Wolfpack center fielder Blair Harkey as she crashed over the collapsing fence.

"I didn't even know I was close to the fence, I was just going for the ball," Harkey said. "They called it back because they said that I fell over once I hit the ground so it was a catch and carry."

When she rose once again to her feet, she promptly threw the ball home in time to get the runner out who was tagging up from second base, making what should have been the third out of the inning. Amidst the "Three to one! Three to one!" chants from the ECU (41-10) contingent, the umpires convened and decided that it fell under the "catch and carry" rule, which made the play a dead ball after the catch.

"I get angry, so I wanted them to get pumped up about it, but it didn't hurt us," Coach Lisa Navas said. "We want our field built so we don't have to deal with situations like that."

The runner from third would be allowed to score, but the runner from second could only advance to third, which tied the score at one. Two hitters later, the inning ended on a ground out, which kept the score at one a piece.

ECU had an eight-game winning streak before the game was played, which served as plenty of motivation for the Pack.

"I told them, 'Oh, they've got a winning streak,' so we had to stop it," Navas said. "Then they had a losing streak going and we had to continue that, and we did that, too."

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### WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Women remain winless in conference action

Julia Roach and Barbara Orlay collect the only two victories for the Pack over No. 10 Duke

Sports staff report

Senior Barbara Orlay and freshman Julia Roach collected singles victories, but the No. 10 Duke Blue Devils were too much for the women's tennis team. The Devils beat State 5-2 on Wednesday afternoon at the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Center.

Duke (11-5, 2-0 ACC) took all three doubles matches at the start of the match to secure the doubles point and get an early jump on the Wolfpack (7-9, 0-6).

All three matches were decided by three points or less, as Orlay and freshman Elin Stahl Johansson fell to Tory Zawacki and Kristin Cargill 8-5. Senior Danielle Stadelmann and sophomore Agustina Archavaleta lost by the same score, while Roach and senior Carmen Torres lost 8-6.

In singles, Orlay picked up a



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Senior Carmen Torres strikes the ball with a powerful forehand.

win at No. 1 singles over Sara Arasu 6-2, 7-6 (7-4). Roach, at No. 5 singles, rallied from a first set loss to force a tiebreaker and beat Lauren Archer 4-6, 6-4 (11-9). Roach leads the team with 10 singles wins on the season.

At No. 2 singles, Archavaleta fell to Clelia Deltour 6-1, 6-2. Johansson lost at the No. 3 spot by a 6-2, 7-5 score. Stadelmann rallied to force a tiebreaker in the second set, but fell to Zawacki 7-5, 7-6 (7-1) at No. 4. Torres lost to Parker Goyer at No. 6 singles by a 6-1, 6-3 score.

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