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# **IBM** cuts jobs in Triangle

Company says downsize should not have major impact on graduate hiring

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The largest employer in Research Triangle Park announced recently that it will be eliminating about 200 jobs in the area.

The computer and software firm IBM, which hires more graduates from N.C. State than any other university in the nation, will reduce its workforce as part of a company-wide restructuring effort that will cut 170 jobs at its Triangle site and lay off workers in another

35 positions. "We need to ensure we are competitive and reduce our structural costs," said John Lucy,

the RTP spokesperson for IBM.
Lucy emphasized that the move is part of common business op-erations and is not expected to have any long-term effects on the company's position as a leader in the Triangle.

"IBM is still very much in a 'hiring' mode," he said.

IBM continues to employ over twice as many workers as any other company in RTP. The Tri-angle is home to the company's largest site in the world, with operations focusing on software and computer services, Lucy said.

For students, especially those in fields such as engineering and business, employment at the company is often a com-mon goal. This goes not just for

internships, but careers as well.
"[IBM] is a nice place to work because you can work to develop your skills and advance your career," Dalton Brown, a senior in electrical engineering and former IBM employee, said. "You're working for a company that is at the forefront of technology—they embrace innova-

The atmosphere of the company, specifically towards college students, is an attractive component as well.

"They create a positive work environment and are able to accommodate employees who want to continue their education," Brown said.

According to Lucy, North Carolina is key state for IBM, providing the company with

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# Interim provost added to search list

# **INTERIM PROVOST LARRY NIELSEN HAS ADDED TO CANDIDATE POOL BY CHANCELLOR OBLINGER AFTER** RECEIVING FEEDBACK FROM CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Clark Leonard Staff Writer

Last week the search for a new University provost expanded to include a second candidate from within the University, Interim Provost Larry Nielsen.

He joins Linda Brady, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, among the current list of five candidates.

Nielsen, dean of the College of Natural Resources, originally agreed to take the interim post with the stipulation that he would not be a candidate for the permanent position.
"When I started, I did the job

when I started, I find the Job because the University needed an interim provost, and I was happy to serve the University in that way," Nielsen said. "I didn't know what happened on a day-to-day basis in the job. I was really interested in doing this and then going back to being the dean of natural resources."

After roughly six months

in the position, he said he has grown to enjoy the job. When the University approached him about being a candidate, Nielsen said that he was pleased to become a part of the search for the new provost.

"T've really found the job to be quite rewarding." Nielsen

be quite rewarding," Nielsen said. "When the University asked if I would be a candidate, I was happy to join [the list of candidates]."

Jose Picart, vice provost for the Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs and a member of the nomination committee, said the addition of Nielsen as a candidate was a result of input from students and faculty.

"The chancellor received a lot of feedback," Picart said. "[He] was reacting to the campus community." Charles Leffler, vice chancel-

lor for finance and business and chair of the nomination committee, said that the feedback

started to come in mid-May "as people responded to the chancellor about those [candidates] that they had already interviewed."

As Student Body President Whil Piavis put it, Nielsen has done such a good job as interim provost the University would have been remiss to leave him

out of the search.
"If we didn't look at him, we'd sort of be stabbing ourselves in the foot," Piavis said.

Leffler said candidates were supposed to have their appli-cation in by Feb. 15 to ensure consideration.

He noted however, that both

the open nature of the search and the fact that Nielsen did and the fact that Neisen did not begin as a candidate made the loose deadline unimport-ant during consideration of Nielsen's late application.

"The fact that he was not intended to be a candidate makes all those other things immaterial," Leffler said

Picart said Nielsen's addition strengthened a group of can-didates that was already quite

"We felt pretty good about the pool," Picart said. "Adding one more person to it is making it a

The three candidates from outside of NCSU are all from the University of California System. Steven Angle is dean and director of the College of Natural Resources at UC-Riverside, Sung-Mo Kang is Riverside, Sung-Mo Kang is dean of the Baskin School of Engineering at UC-Santa Cruz and Paul Ludden is dean of the College of Natural Resources at UC-Berkeley.
Picart said Nielsen would

go through the campus visit process this week like the other candidates did earlier in the

After that, the final decision

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Larry A. Nielsen



Paul W. Ludden



Sung Mo Kang Dean, Baskin School



Linda P. **Brady**Dean and professor of political science, CHASS, N.C. State



Steven R. Angle

# FILLING A GAP INHISTO

HERO OR VILLAIN, MARK FELT'S NEWLY REVEALED ROLE IN THE WATERGATE SCANDAL OPENS NEW DIALOGUE ON CAMPUS STORY BY CYNTHIA MARVIN

To some, he is viewed as a hero who helped liberate a nation from crooked politicians.

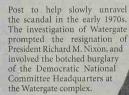
To others, he is viewed as a traitor whose lack of ethics led him to defy his obligation to the FBI.

Either way, after ex-FBI official W. Mark Felt admitted to being the informant "Deep Throat" the informant "Deep Throat" in a Vanity Fair interview, a 30year-old mystery has finally come

But despite the closure of one chapter in history, for students and professors, debate surrounding the issue will continue to spawn insight into new aspects of the Watergate Scandal for years

to come.

Deep Throat was an anonymous source used by The Washington







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in reference to a child calling to say Hello. The mother was located and both were ok. The mother advised she would make sure it did not

7:45 P.M. | 2ND DEGREE TRESPASS

PO Singletary located two non students fishing in the Yates Mill Pond. Signs have been posted stating no trespassing. Both subjects were cited for 2nd degree trespass.

PO Christian was flagged down by an unknown subject advising there wer two subjects passed out in the Court of Carolinas, Officers spoked with the two students who advised they were

A staff member reported several subjects in Poe Hall, and when they saw her they closed the door. The officer spoked with the subjects who were staff members. They advised they had reserved the 2nd floor for Omega Lambda Phi Pledging.

9:46 P.M. | HIT AND RUN
A non student reported an unknown
vehicle struck his vehicle and fled
the scene while he was parked on
Thurman Dr. causing minor property

4:54 A.M. | HARASSING PHONE

A student reported harassing phone calls at the radio station. Unknown subjects called three times making obscene comments.

9:13 A.M. | ANIMAL COMPLAINT A staff member reported an injured red talled hawk near the tennis courts at the Carmichael Gym. Officers responded and contacted Animal Control. Animal Control transported the hawk to a veterinarian.

4:00 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

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8:40 P.M. | WELFARE CHECK

9:06 P.M. | CHECK PERSONS

# **PROVOST**

made by the end of the summer, if not sooner — would be made by Chancellor James Oblinger.

Leffler said that he hoped that the timing of Nielsen's interview — with most students gone for the summer — will not limit the input it generates. "We encourage people to always attend—and always re-spond," Leffler said.

Leffler noted that while a decision could come as soon as the end of the month, the chancellor will still be making a careful

"He's going to get input from the campus," Leffler said. "He won't rush to any judgment." He said the search is about finding the candidate that is most "compatible" with the University. most "con University.

"It comes down to finding the right fit," Leffler said.

While Picart also praised Nielsen's credentials, he was careful to note that Nielsen still stands among four other strong candidates and that his

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more employees over the past

five years than any other state

in the nation.

The recent job losses will

probably not deter students from considering IBM as a

possible employment option, said Carol Schroeder, director

though the company still hires a large number of NCSU graduates each year,

the numbers are down to only half of what they were

in the technology boom of the late 1990s.

She points to the "Extreme

Blue" program, which pairs MBA students with technical students on projects, as

popular route that may still

attract NCSU students to the company, despite job reduc-

However, some hiring statistics show that the job

market still looks promis-

to Schroeder, a 2005 study reported that 62 percent of hiring managers plan to recruit new graduates in the

upcoming year.

"[NCSU] has had a very positive relationship with IBM," said Susan Matney,

associate director of the Cooperative Education Pro-

gram.

The co-op program provides NCSU graduates and undergraduates with the opportunity to enroll in three alternative semesters.

three alternative semesters of full-time study and full-

time paid employment, with the prospect of gaining one

year's work experience.
"IBM is one of [the co-op program's] top employers, Matney said.

The recent round of job cuts has not affected the co-op positions held by students, she said.

Over the past academic school year, Matney said, 84 NCSU students have been

employed at IBM through the co-op program. She points out however, that last year, some students employed

by IBM were transferred to the computer firm Lenovo when IBM sold its personal

computing sector to the

company.
Although 70-80 percent of

the students employed in the co-op program work in engi-

ety of disciplines such as the College of Management and graphic design have found

positions at companies such as IBM through the co-op

sizing will have a major im-

program, she said. Matney said she doesn't think the recent IBM down-

pact on the program.

tions and declining offers.

of the Career Center. "It depends on student preferences," she said, "I would not be waving red flags, this has happened before." Schroeder notes that alperformance earlier this week would go a long way in determining whether he is picked for the job.

"He'll be a very strong candidate, but we'll have to see how he does," Picart said.
Student Senate President Forrest Hinton said one of the things he hopes to see in the

things he hopes to see in the new provost is someone who will stay in the position for an extended period of time.

He noted that recent pro-

vosts have either quickly moved up or moved on to other universities, and that a new continuity in the position would be an asset to the

"I'm looking for someone who's going to be here to be a constant for us," Hinton

As for Piavis, who attended As for Plavis, who attended the forums of Brady, Ludden and Nielsen, he said the University stands to gain a good deal from whichever

"We can't really lose," Piavis said. "[The selection] seems really good."

# INTHE **KNOW**

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR GRANTS AWARDED

AWARDED
Oliver Williams, a professor of
political science, and Gary Blank,
an associate professor of forestry,
were awarded Fulbright Scholar
grants for the 2005-06 academic
year, allowing them to study and
teach abroad.

teach abroad.
The grants are awarded each year for researchers, teachers and administrators from universities around the world.
Blank will lecture at the Mendel and Masaryck Universities in Brno, Czech Republic.
Williams plans to study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

### SPRING DEAN'S LIST

The Spring 2005 Deans list can be located on the NCSU Web site at www.ncsu.edu/registrar/ publications/deans/index.html. Students must earn a grade-point average of 3.25 or higher for a 15 or more hour course load, or 3.5 if they are enrolled in 12 to 14 hours.

## **DINOSAUR DISCOVERY**

NCSU paleontologists have discovered a 68 million-year-old Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil that indicated that the dinosaur that indicated that the dinosaute was a pregnant young female. the fossil, from Montana, allows researchers to determine the sex of a dinosaur. NCSU, the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences and the Natural Science Foundation funded the research.

UNC SYSTEM STUDY PUBLISHED
A recent study of the UNC system
proposes that the Governor appoint
all members of the UNC Board
of Governors. The research cited
structural obstacles that are found
to provide a lack of statewide
leadership.
The independent study, conducted
by The American Council of Trustees
and Alumni, is designed to promote
greater accountability in higher
education. Additional information on
the ACTA is available on the Web site
at www.goacta.org

TUNNEL TO CLOSE MONDAY
The Free Expression Tunnel will be closed Monday for major

rennovations. Crews plan to update the tunnel to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as make some

# POLICE BLOTTER

11:07 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP A non student was issued a citat for speeding 43/25 on Morrill Dr.

upside down, and inappropriate drawings on the black board. The tables, and chairs were turned back over and the blackboard was erased Damage to property was not found

5:02 A.M. | ASSAULT 5:02 A.M. | ASSAULT Two non students reported that they were assaulted by three males while waiting for a ride at Wolf Village. EMS responded due to one of the victims complaining of jaw injury. Officers located a possible suspect vehicle. There is a continuing investigation,

## 1:56 P.M. | B & E VEHICLE LARCENY

LARCENY
A staff member reported her vehicle
was broken into while parked in the
Dan Allen deck. While responding
to the scene a second vehicle was
discovered with it's window broken
out. Officers were unable to make
contact with the owner. A note
was left on the windshield and the
window was covered with plastic.

AGENCY Sqt Farmer reported a female walking in the middle of Western Blvd near the I-440 exchange. RPD was notified and responded. The female was assisted from the street and returned to her residence by RPD.

10:54 P.M. | B & EVEHICLE LARCENY A staff member reported a vehicle belonging to a non student had been broken into in Wood Lot. The drivers side window was broken and the stereo was stolen.

11:01 P.M. | TAMPERING WITH EMERGENCY BLUE LIGHT Police responded to the Toxicology Bldg. in reference to a continuous ringing of the emergency blue light phone. The officer check the area but was unable to locate anyone.

**5:34 P.M.** | **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** Police, RFD and EMS responded to a non student who had suffered from seizures. The subject was alert and conscious upon arrival, he was transported to Rex Hospital.

6:43 P.M. | TAMPERING WITH EMERGENCY BLUE LIGHT Police responded to ES King Village

aesthetic changes. A brick facade will be constructed for the outside of the tunnel, and new lighting will also be installed for the interior.

3:15 A.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY A staff member reported damage the Wolf Village. Upon arrival officers found tables and chairs were turned

## 10:52 P.M. | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

A male reported his bicycle was stolen while secured to the bike rac at Cox Hall between 9:20A.M. | and 12:00P.M. | on this date.

# 12:29 P.M. | LARCENY A student reported her sleeping bag was stolen from Biltmore Hall.

4:14 P.M. | B & E VEHICLE LARCENY
A staff member reported while her
vehicle was parked on Lampe Dr. it
was broken into, and her stereo was

FIRE CAUSED ALMOST \$1 MILLION IN DAMAGE TO COLISEUM

N.C. State officials estimate that the fire from a blown transformer May 23 caused around \$900,000 worth of damage to Reynolds Coliseum.

The University said that cleanup work had already begun to repair smoke damage to a significant portion of the coliseum. coliseum. Although there is no clear timetable

for the rebuilding of two classrooms completely destroyed in the blaze, cleanup to areas not directly affected by the flames is expected to be completed before the fall semester.

# Student Health Services

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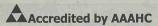
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# seemed to be startled by her and left the area. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the subject.

7:48 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON 77.48 F.M. | SUSPICIOUS F.E.SUC. PO Dye approached a student playing basketball on the courts at the Carmichael Gym. Due to recent problems between the student and Carmichael Gym staff they would like him trespassed. The subject was issued a trespass warning for all Carmichael Gym facilities.

## 8:07 P.M. | TRAFFIC STOP

A student was issued a citation for driving without a seatbelt at the intersection of Dan Allen Dr. and Yarbrough Dr.

### 06/06/05

10:36 A.M. | DAMAGETO PROPERTY
A staff member reported that upon arriving for work he noticed graffiti painted on the East Side Chiller Unit. Officers responded and determined the graffit idi not appear to be gang symbols, or gang related. There was also damage to the pipes.

5:32 A.M. | B & EDAMAGETO PROPERTY
A staff member reported over the weekend the golf cart shed was broken into. Nothing was stolen from the shed. The subject did take the golf cart out of the shed and drove it around the area causing damage.

7:51 A.M. | B & ELARCENY
Between 6/4/05 - 6/6/05 someone
broke into Gardner Hall and removed
a laptop computer and other
computer accessories from a filing
cabinet. The room was locked and no
signs of forced entry were found.

### 1:00 P.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM

Sgt Barnwell presented a program on the secondary effects of alcohol to the Campus Community Coalition. The program was held at the Student Health Center.

# 11:32 P.M. | FIRE ALARM TROUBLE

A student reported a suspicious male in the DH Hill Library. The student had seen the same male in February crawling under the desk she was working at. When she questioned him he said he was looking for an earing, she felt he was reaching for her book bag. She did not report the incident. When she saw him this time he Officers responded to the Toxicology Bldg in reference to Sprinkler System trouble. The cause for the activation is unknown. The system would not reset. Electronics was notified.

2:25 P.M. | LARCENY

# 2:56 P.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A student reported that when he returned to his car parked in the West Lot he noticed that someone had scratched the top of his car with a chan paint.

3:00 P.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM Sgt. Barnwell assisted with NCSU new employee orientation by presenting an overview of the role of Campus Police in the NCSU Community.

# 4:27 P.M. | TRESPASSING ARREST

Officer Fitzpatrick and Officer Ducan observed a non student in the DH Hill Library. The subject had been trespassed form all NCSU property on 5/13/05. The subject was arrested and transported to WCPSC.

7:44 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON
A staff member reported a middle
aged male was begging for money
in the Patterson Lot. Officers were
unable to located the suspicious
person.

7:51 P.M. | FIRE ALARM Officers and RFD responded to Metcalf Hall in reference to a smoke head activation. The cause for the activation is unknown, The alarm was reset.

### 06/07/05

1:11 A.M. | FIRE ALARM Officers and RFD responded to Tompkins Hall in reference to a fire alarm. The cause for the activation is unknown. Electronics responded and reset the alarm.

12:09 A.M. | FIRE ALARM
Officers and RFD responded to the
College of Textiles in reference to an
alarm activation. The cause for the
activation is unknown. The system
would not reset. Electronics was
notified.

3:48 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT A staff member reported that her cell phone was being called from the Talley Student Center. The caller would call the cell phone and then hang up without saying anything. Officers could not locate the caller.

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# HISTORY

"Knowing who Deep Throat was will definitely change the way any professor who teaches this subject in depth [covers the material]." David Zonderman, director of the graduate history program, said. "It raises some really ethical questions, so in really ethical questions, so in this aspect, I don't see it as closing an era in history, it actually opens more questions."

Andrew Butler, a senior in political science, said the knowl-edge of Deep Throat's identity will not change the way Nixon's era and the Watergate scandal

is taught.

"It happened so long ago that I don't think it is really going to have much of an impact on history classes," Butler said.

"The only thing that is going to change in the Watergate teachings is that the name

Deep Throat will now be W. Mark Felt."

Oliver Williams, professor and director of political science programs, echoed the sentiment.

"This is merely a footnote."

sentiment.
"This is merely a footnote
in history that is going to just
change the name of Deep
Throat," Williams said.
Butler did mention however,
that the new information has
the potential to expand the subject.
"I still think he wasn't alone

and there were other people involved. Felt was just a whistle blower, the main informant," Butler said. "This just raises more questions that are left unanswered and more research to be looked into,"

to be looked into."

Perhaps the most interesting question to those who study the period in modern American history is how Felt will be remembered.

Williams said he's not sure

about labeling the once shadowy did took a lot of courage."

figure a hero.
"What he did was a courawhat he did was a coura-geous thing, but at the same time, organizations like the FBI rely on the trust of people," Williams said. "What he did potentially could of done a lot to hurt his organization." Some students, like sopho-mare in first very college Kailling.

more in first year college Kaitlin Marley, are also unsure of their position towards Felt.

osition towards Fett.
"I see how it is morally right to inform the public, but then it is immoral to break your promise to the FBI," Marley said.

Some speculate that Felt should have taken his information straight to Nivon to solve

tion straight to Nixon to solve the problem. According to Zonderman however, this would have been a bad move. "The way Nixon handled cer-

tain situations in his time was almost like he punished anyone that questioned his authority," Zonderman said. "What [Felt]

James Frederick, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, said he doesn't see Felt as a hero at all, specifically in light of the circumstances surrounding Felt's disclosure. "Now it looks like he wanted

money and attention," Frederick said. "Heros don't do

He added that he thought Felt would have been better re-membered if his family waited until after he died to reveal the

information.
As Williams points out, the tale of Felt's involvement with the Watergate scandal should

the Watergate scandal should teach an important lesson about ethics and morality. "Overall, I just think that people should be able to put themselves on the line over their job when it comes to cer-tain matters which will affect other people," Williams said.

### **Deep Throat Revealed**

**Who:** W. Mark Felt, also known as "Deep Throat"

What: Admitted that he was the central informant in the Watergate Scandal

When/Where: In a Vanity Fair magazine article (July)

"Deep Throat" was an anonymous source used by The Washington Post to unravel the Watergate scandal in the early 1970s. The investigation of Watergate prompted the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon, and involved the botched burglary of the Democratic National Committee Headquarters at the Watergate complex, W. Mark Felt, "Deep Throat," offered Information regarding Nixon's involvement

1968

November, 1968: Richard M.

1970

**July, 1970:** Nixon denied approval for a plan designed to expand FBI, CIA and other agencies' power to gather information. The plan was originally approved by Nixon days earlier.

1972

June 17, 1972: Five men were arrested trying to plant bugs at the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate hotel complex at 2:30 a.m.

June 18, 1972: Among the burglars was a GOP security aide, according to a report in The Washington Post

August 1, 1972: A cashier's check for \$25,000, reportedly earmarked for the Nixon campaign, was deposited into the bank account of one of the Watergate burglars

September 29, 1972: The Post reported that FBI agents found the Watergate break-in to be part of a large campaign, supported by the Nixon reelection effort, designed to promote political spying and sabotage of the Democratic National Committee.

November 1972: Nixon defeated the Democratic presidential nominee, Sen. George McGovern, by one of the largest margins in American political history. Nixon won more than 60 percent of the vote.

1973

January 1973: G. Gordon Liddy and James W. McCord Jr., former Nixon aides, were convicted on charges of conspiracy, burglary and wiretapping surrounding the Watergate burglary.

April 1973: Attorney General Richard Kleindienst, White House staff members H.R. Haldeman, and John Ehrlichman resigned following scandal's publicity. John Dean, White House counsel, was fired.

May 1973: The nationally televised Senate Watergate committee hearings were televised. Archibald Cox is appointed to reside as the special prosecutor for the case by the Justice Department.

July 1973: Nixon reportedly refused to hand over tapings of his conversations and phone calls to the special prosecutor and the Senate Watergate Committee, after having the taping system disconnected.

October 20, 1973: In what was termed the "Saturday Night Massacre," Nixon fired Archibald Cox, and disposed of the position of special prosecutor. Congress faced mounting pressure for impeachment

November 17, 1973: in an effort to maintain his innocence, Nixon upheld his pleas of not guilty in the Watergate case. "I'm not a crook," Nixon said.

December 7, 1973: Chief of staff, Alexander Haig, described an 18 1/2 minute missing segment from one of the subpoenaed tapes, as having "some sinister force" erase the message.

1974

July 24, 1974: The Supreme Court issues a unanimous ruling, saying that Nixon must turn over the 64 taped White House conversations. This ruling rejected the president's claims of executive privilege.

July 27, 1974: Charges of obstruction of justice were passed in the first three articles of impeachment, approved by the House Judiciary Committee.

August 8, 1974: Nixon became the first U.S. president to resign from office. The vice-president, Gerald R. Ford, became the next president. Ford later pardoned Nixon of charges associated with the Watergate case.



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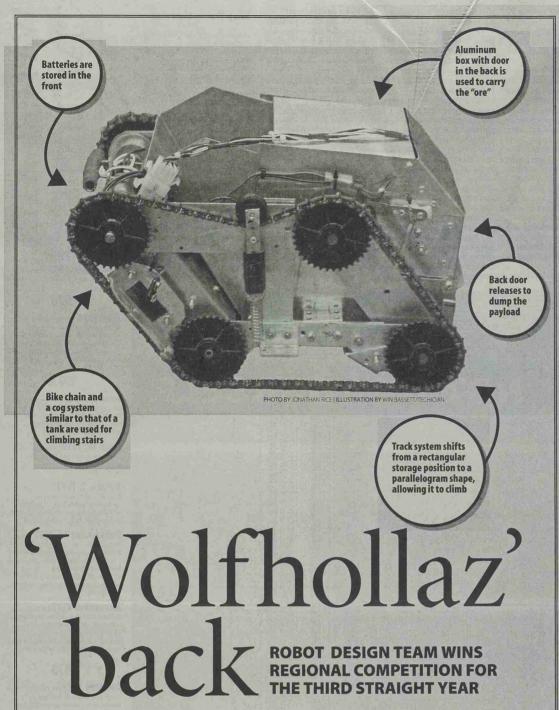


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# Science & Tech



Cynthia Marvin

Nicknaming themselves "Wolf-hollaz," an N.C. State design team's robot creation climbed to the top, surpassing expectations and win-ning the American Society of Mechanical Engineers regional student competition by more than double the score of their closest competitor.

NCSU's has won this competition

for the third consecutive year.
The team consisted of Robert
Dorosko, Mike Geci, David Vincentsen and Noah Young.

Originally consisting of Geci and Young, Vincentsen was added to the team at the beginning of fall 2004.

The goal for this year's project was to design a device that would simulate the delivery of ore from a mine to a processing facility. It was to be remote-controlled and fit inside a 25x25x30 cm holding container.

"Richard Johnson was our adviser, and he put us to work developing ideas for this project," Vincentsen said. "We all agreed on the final design, and immediately got to work doing all the boring stuff, like equations and calculations, etc.— then we built a first prototype to see if the idea would hold water."

The rules governing the competition were made more complicated by an extensive list of questions that specified the restraints of the contestants.

"There was a set of judges that were analyzing over the 16 basic rules and 41 pages of question and answer, which basically added 41 pages of extra rules to the competi-Young said.

He said his favorite of the questions was "are we allowed to use live animals?"

The answer was "absolutely

not."
Using rice as a simulated ore, the team had 10 minutes to have the device move the payload up three steps, turn and go down a step, deposit the 'ore' in a container and return to the original point for a refill. The team who moved the most rice won.

The team's final design utilized a bike chain and cog-track system similar to that of a bulldozer or tank for climbing the stairs. The rice was contained in an alu-minum box in the middle of the

device with a door in the back to release the rice. The batteries were stored in the front to allow the rice to be kept near the back. To control

to be kept near the back. To control the robot, the team rewired a Nintendo 64 remote control to steer the device and open the rice door.

Geci said he saw a variety of different designs at the competition, but none as effective as their own. "Some of the other competitors used devices with wheels, but had great trouble getting up the first step. Another design used actuators to lift the entire robot straight up on stilts with wheels and then up on stilts with wheels and then rolled onto the next step," Geci said. "This was effective but was

Although Geci said other teams did use a similar bike chain-track system, their robot's design had a slight edge over the rest of the competition

The reason our robot climbed so effectively was because we allowed our robot to expand once it was outside of the box," Geci

When in storage, the track system stays in a rectangular shape. Once outside of it's storage container however, the robot's track can be shifted into the shape of a parallelogram.

According to Geci, this allows for a lower angle of inclination, easing

"The other reason we did so well was because we gave a lot of

well was because we gave a lot of thought, development and practice throughout the year," Geci said. Dorosko joined the team at the beginning of the spring semester and the team began building a more sturdy prototype using what they learned from the first model.

Dorosko's job at the competition was to use the remote control to

steer the robot.
"We made about 6 runs, and we had designed our robot to hold a lot of rice, so we eventually ended up with more rice than all the other teams combined," Dorosko said.

There were approximately 18 teams represented with only one from N.C. State.

"I believe 15 teams actually were allowed to compete," Dorosko said. "Some of the other teams robots did not fit design specifica-tions—I remember that one was too heavy—only 6 of the 15 teams". robots were able to climb the stairs and complete the course."

and complete the course."
Teams drew numbers to establish
the order that they would compete.
"Wolfhollaz" ended up with the
next to the last spot. When the
team took their place to compete,
it was announced that among the
three teams Duke University had entered, one of them was in first

"There was lots of building, testing, tearing apart, trying this and that, then doing it again — there were very good ideas from each member of the team, we brought them all together in the final robot and about two weeks before the competition it was practice, practice, practice, "Vincentsen said.
Chau M. Tran, director of un-

dergraduate laboratories in the mechanical and aerospace engi neering department, stepped in as

the group's adviser in the spring.
"The competition was just tough enough that one slack of effort

would cost you," Tran said. "You have to be on guard throughout the whole year, from designing the system on paper to building the machine, to practicing and how to steer the machine."

His role was to monitor the progress and make sure each step met the deadline, to discuss with the group their financial needs and seek sources for funding.

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"It was interesting to work on solving this problem for eight months and to come up with an original design; then go to a competition with 16 other teams and see the solutions that other minds came up with," Young said. "A contest based on carrying rice up stairs doesn't sound that exciting, but the competition was really heated and people were very competitive."

people were very competitive."

Geci said he learned a lot about teamwork, time and money management throughout his experience working on the project.

"One of the hardest things to do is to get a team of engineers to work well together," Vincentsen said. "However, this team was great from the start. Everyone was comfortable with their roles and responsibilities

and did a great job."
"Wolfhollaz" won a cash prize
and a free trip to Orlando for the national conference in November where the top prize is \$3,000 and a trip to the 2006 ASME Design Conference.

The design team is looking for sponsors to aid in the renovation of their lab space and pay for improv-ing their design in preparation for the International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition

"I personally got a lot out of is project, besides the electromechanical hands-on designing, building and the problem-solving skills, the way this team worked together taught me that strong teamwork is the key to success," Vincentsen said.

# Researcher praised for rice blast decoding

Matt Wilson

A scientific breakthrough by an N.C. State professor may lead to the prevention of a disease responsible for killing enough rice to feed approximately 60 million people per year.

Ralph Dean, professor and director of the Center for Integrated Fungal Research on campus, reached a milestone in April by sequencing the genome for Magnaporthe grisea, or rice blast, which consists of nore than 11 000 genes

"Everywhere rice is grown this disease is a problem; that includes here in the United States," Dean said, "In certain parts of the

world they can have regional epidemics and it's very catastrophic."

Dean's research began 15 years ago when he began looking at individual genes in the

"My interests have changed over the years.
Originally I was just interested in the function of individual genes," Dean said. "It sort of developed from there; instead of trying to look at single genes, it went to looking at entire genes required by this organism to be

a pathogen."
Rice blast kills rice by creating a structure called an appressorium on all parts of the

"This appressorium is a specialized infec-tion. This is an attachment structure and it essentially hammers its way through the plant surface." Dean said. "Most of my research has been focused on trying to understand what signals from the plant to the fungus to make

According to Dean, the destruction of rice is unnecessary, both for those growing it and for the fungus itself.

"This organism can also live in the soil; it doesn't need to make this structure," he

it doesn't need to make this structure," he added. "This structure is not made by things that are not pathogenic."

Dean compared his genome analysis to the way a house is built. The research began by building a scaffold of DNA libraries, and using a computer program the overlapping 'fingerprints' of the libraries from the framework of the house.
"You attach windows and doors, then you

fill in all the other bits, like brick and mortar. We sort of did it like that," he said.

From this point, Dean will begin functional genomic analysis, figuring out the function of individual genes, and comparative genom-

ics.

"Since we have the genomes of related organisms, we can do another type of genomics called comparative genomics," Dean said.

Dean said he hopes to identify the genes responsible for the appressorium structures.

Using this process of comparative genomics, Dean said that he maybe able to find what is unique about fungal pathogens. If that can unique about fungal pathogens. If that can be done, he said, methods can be developed to stop rice blast. "If we can figure out the genes that are

involved in making this structure, we can come up with ways to confuse the fungus so it doesn't make the structure, by chang-

so it doesn't make the structure, by changing the plant itself or creating anti-fungal medicines," Dean said.

Dean came to NCSU five years ago with the mission of establishing a research center. Three years ago, he founded the Center for Integrated Fungal Research and now serves as the director and one of the researchers. the director and one of the researchers.

The Center employs six faculty members

each with a different area of expertise. The mission, according to Dean, is to work on multiple significant problems, including fungal toxins, industrial fungi that produce various metabolites and other pathogens.

According to Debbie Griffith, associate vice chancellor for public affairs, Dean was chosen to be the featured Achieve faculty member for his work on rice blast.

"He was chosen because of the research he has done on the rice blast disease," Griffith

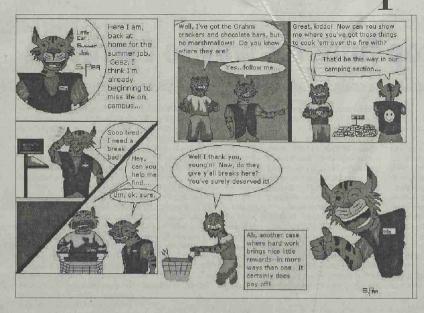
Griffith said Achieve aims to create publicity for the University by showcasing outstandfaculty, staff, students and alumni.

Achieve is really a marketing and awareness program. It's designed to showcase some of the exciting things going on at N.C. State,"

Dean said he was honored by the recogni-

"It's always gratifying when your work is recognized," Dean said. Dean's research was jointly funded by the National Science Foundation and the USDA National Research Initiative. His findings can be read in the April 21 issue of the journal

# Viewpoint



# The left, the nation on its knees

Ever since radical terrorists flew commercial airliners into the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, our nation has been reeling from the loss.



**Underwood** 

Americans have banded together under a renewed sense of patriotism and stood-up against the evil of terrorism – made evident by the landslide re-election of President Bush.

In all honesty, the primary factor that propelled Bush forward into a second term was his stance against terrorism. People can argue until their face turns blue about whether or not Bush is a "good" president, but the majority of Americans feels safe

majority of Americans feels safe under his leadership.

But there is a peculiar group of society which always tends to rise up against America's interests—the "Left." By the Left I mean liberal politicians, media outposts, activity organizations and protest. activist organizations and protest-

ers.
These shrewd rogues are for ever imaginative; every time they emerge in the public sphere it seems as if they have concocted yet another plot to bring down our great nation.

There is widespread consensus

that the gravest, most imminent threat facing our nation is radical terrorist groups such as al-Qaeda. With a perspicacity bordering on the supernatural, the Left has latched onto this truth.

Noticing our nation's most serious vulnerability, the Left has mo-bilized its forces full-bore against anything remotely related to protecting ourselves from this daunt-

ing enemy. The May 9 issue of Newsweek magazine — a publication which is not exactly synonymous with American pride — published a phony story about interrogators at Guantanamo Bay flushing a copy of the Qur'an down a toilet to infuRiots broke out in the Islamic world, innocent people died with-out reason, and Newsweek was cornered into an embarrassing

retraction.

The fact they made a mistake, or at least did not have the evidence they reported to have, is not what really irritates me. I am more dis-gusted by their attempt to vilify our armed forces.

Suppose for a moment that the Newsweek story was the top-to-bottom truth. So what? There are several reasons why we should not react as if the pillars of American humanitarianism and decency are being torn down.
I remind the reader that the

Guantanamo detainees are not simply a bunch of hillside vaga bonds. These are fierce militants who, given the slightest opportuni-ty, would cut the throat of anyone fighting against the oppression to which they are loyal.

The majority of Muslims, in America and probably throughout the world, will confess that the Qur'an does not call them to terrorism.

But radical Muslims, like those held at Guantanamo, certainly believe the Qur'an does. So by what absurd law are we obligated to feed them a document which breeds fire in their eyes?

in their eyes?
Children are blessings from God, reminders of the innocence and purity that lies at the heart and home of mankind. If a man abuses a child, we feel compelled by the higher callings of virtue to eliminate any contact he might have with them, put because they are with them, not because they are at all culpable, but because he has bred within himself unnatural and quite sinful proclivities.

For the sake of that which is sacred, an abuser is denied the audience of a child, and one who corrupts the Qur'an and uses it as justification for hatred might well be expected to do without his Qur'an. I am not necessarily saying they should be denied their holy book, but it is a reasonable suggestion.

Let's put things into perspective. On the one hand we have a gigantic

body of Americans who respect the Qur'an and Islam — and on the other we have an interna-tional Islamic community which condemns the actions of groups like al-Qaeda. Now, what happens when one of these groups gets out

Well, if a group of Americans happen to misbehave, a few "holy books" might get splashed with urine. However, if a segment of the Islamic community veers off the beaten path, infidels start dropping

Some how the scale does not seem balanced. The mainstream liberal press is more sensitive to the needs of our enemies than the pains of our nation.

I am reminded of Lynne Stewart, a lawyer who after setting a career defending underground leftist groups such as the Ohio Seven and the Black Liberation Army, was caught smuggling messages between her client Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman and alleged co-conspirator Mohammed Yousry.

Rahman was arrested in connection with the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Finding herself in an ironically similar situation, Stewart was indicted on several charges, one of which was providing and concealing material sup-port to terrorist activity. In the name of her political motivations, she endangered America.

Sedition and treason ought to be intolerable to the American conscience. But thanks in large part to leftist organizations, like Newsweek, and liberal activists, like Stewart, we may well be sharp-ening the knife that will cut our own throats.
Will we find ourselves on our

knees, safely praying for our armed forces? Or will we be bound, thrown to our knees, and beheaded

thrown to our knees, and beneaded by savage terrorists? The first step toward redeeming sovereignty over our own nation is recognizing the sinister plots of the American Left.

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# GRATITUDE, BALANCE ARE

**OUR OPINION: INTERIM PROVOST LARRY NIELSEN WAS ADDED TO THE LIST** OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PERMANENT POSITION ON JUNE 2. CHANCELLOR OBLINGER DESERVES RECOGNITION FOR BEING FLEXIBLE AFTER THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY VOICED THEIR DESIRES

When James Oblinger accepted the invitation to become the 13th chancellor, a void opened in the provost position — a position Oblinger had only held since May 2003.

As of the Jan. 1, Larry Nielsen, dean of College of Natural Resources, stepped up when N.C. State needed him in another capacity. When he took the job as interim provost, it was under the condition he was not going to be considered for the position perma-

That deal was set in concrete Feb. 16, when the deadline for provost applications passed and still no interest from Nielsen stirred.

However, after the search committee for the provost submitted the names, it received another candidate.

Where did it start? The campus community.
Where did it end? The place it

needed to.

Chancellor Oblinger received enough feedback, consideration and suggestions for Provost Nielsen to be considered in the process that he invited Nielsen to be involved — and, with the committee's approval, Nielsen all of the sudden came into the running.

Wise move on Oblinger's part. This also proves that the campus community can get what it wants

whenever it comes together and makes its opinion public.

The campus community did not want the Catalano Pavilion, and now there will not be a pavilion. The campus community wanted Nielsen in the process, and now he is in the process.

Kudos to Chancellor Oblinger for listening and acting. It is an encouraging sign for the University because part of being a leader is knowing when to be flexible with deadlines and rules.

At the same time, it is imperative for the committee and the community to remember that this gives no special favor to Nielsen. He may have special circumstances, but he should be considered equally among the other candidates. That's not to assume that he would be treated differently - it's just important to keep in mind that we do

On top of that, there is absolutely no reason why the University should not have a provost installed by the first day of classes. The rest summer is ahead and yes, we do want the best person for the job which means different things to different people.

As the chancellor's search committee demonstrated, it is entirely possible to be efficient and thorough at the same time. This committee should follow it's lead.

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# Backwards stereotypes only realized through travel

I am writing these words on a plain sheet of notebook paper as the countryside of France whizzes by. I have just spent three days in Paris, and am now on my way to Berlin. I look forward

to visiting the capital of the most warlike nation on

Paris was wonderful. I saw the Louvre, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Napoleon's tomb, the Eiffel Tower and other things. I liked Notre Dame and Napoleon's tomb

But what I most liked about France was the atmosphere The streets of Paris (and the countryside, too, as it flies

by) have an aura of romanticism that one misses in America and London. Compared to Paris my memories of London seem dirty, vulgar and

Gaither

I may also add that in my experience the French are far finer people than the English. The stereotype is that the French hate Americans and the English are polite, but really it is precisely the other way around. Only perhaps three times in as many days was anyone rude to me in Paris.

Whereas in London people were rude to me ev-This is an excellent reason to travel; one can

find out about the world for one's self, rather

than relying on stereotypes. The French are also a very good-looking people, though they are not so good-looking as the English. Both peoples are better looking than

Part of this attractiveness is a simple result of their dressing well, particularly the English. An English person makes his or her clothes a work of art, arranged and complementing each other worn with a careless, offhand, almost dis-

It is amazing how good-looking (or bad-looking) clothes can make someone. Attire and grooming can make a four turn into a seven or

an eight into a two.
On to sites. I saw Notre Dame and was in awe. One thinks, "Oh, a cathedral, that might be

Then one actually steps inside, and is hit by the aura of sanctity. The sacredness and solemnity of Notre Dame enter your soul; it is almost some-thing you breathe. I heard a female singer belting out some Latin hymn and was moved to tears.

The stained glass and wooden carvings are

very pretty, but the magic of Notre Dame is not something you can take a picture of. I am not formally religious, but I do believe there are things far greater than man, and one of them, or many or all of them, live here.

I also saw Napoleon's tomb, and got a nice girl to take a picture of me standing in front of it. It is housed in a great golden dome, like a capitol but far more luxurious and of better architecture; and is, simply, a big, exquisitely-smooth and curved wooden box, shaped roughly like a treasure chest, and of about the size of a car.

Looking at this huge shiny box, in which were housed the ashes of the greatest man of the second millennium, I felt an emotion which is difficult for me to understand even now, and was more difficult still at the time. I shall try to capture it, however.

Here, I thought, is this extraordinary man. This man of such character could order anyone to do anything; who by his own talents rose from obscurity to rule continental Europe; who was probably, man for man, one of the five most able and exceptional human beings who ever Now he rests in a wooden box. It's a big box, to

be sure, and people come to visit him; but nev ertheless he cannot leave his box. And he never will. He who once made Europe tremble, now

cannot leave his bedroom.

Death came for Napoleon. Death, the great equalizer. And it shall come for me, and you, too. And then you and I shall have only humble coffins or urns to rest in, or, if we distinguish ourselves particularly, great wooden chests, and tourists to come look at us.

The feeling I felt was not that we ought to seize the day, or live like we are dying, or any such cliche. I felt, rather, that death is and must be a rest, and that nothing we do in our time on Earth matters all that much. I do not mean that cynically; I find it, on the contrary, to be rather comforting. We live, we do our day's work, and

What I felt, gazing at Napoleon's tomb, was the conviction that there is no reason to fear death. I do not presume to know what happens when we die, but I can truly say that I do not fear it. If death is merely a continuation, I shall accept it as another morning; if it is judgment, God is just and my conscience is clean; if it is annihilation, then it is just eternal sleep, and that is the most perfect heaven that I can imagine.

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# Entertainment

AUDIOPHILE

# The Sea and Cake's Prekop finds his way to Carrboro

Sam Prekop plays at the ArtsCenter Thursday with Archer Prewitt. Show starts at 8 p.m.

LEAD SINGER OF THE POST-ROCK GROUP THE SEA AND CAKE, PERFORMS THURSDAY AT THE ARTSCENTER

Meredith Richbourg

Although The Sea and Cake is hardly a household name, the fame of this eclectic post-Rock group has been spreading ever since its genesis in 1993 A hodgepodge of friends and members of other bands, The Sea and Cake boasts Sam Prekop on vocals and guitar, Archer Prewitt on guitar and keyboards and Eric Claridge on bass with John McEntire providing percussion and programming.

After hearing just a single track of The Sea and Cake's musical offerings, one might immediately

realize that, to this quartet of talented Chicagoans, lyrics are by no means the backbone of its sound. In the spirit of any self-respecting jam band, The Sea and Cake seems to focus primarily on exploration, experimenting with unique blends of sound with its respective members' instru-ments. Only after this creative foundation do lyrics come into play — often in a sporadic, stream-of-consciousness fash-ion suited to complement the band's melodies

The Sea and Cake doesn't boast a particular "pet sound;" styles range from relaxed acoustic Pop la John Mayer to turbulent Techno to a cool electronic Jazz. Brazilian-influenced rhythms add yet another dimension.

Lyrics touch on random aspects of everyday life, more concerned with the flow between the sound of Prekop's vocals and The Sea and Cake's instruments. Both the words and the breathy vocals that carry them resonate a

calm, contemplative aura.

Although Prekop, Prewitt,
Claridge and McEntire have won
accolades for their work as the group The Sea and Cake, each member remains focused on his individual interests as well. In 1997, the group took a four-year hiatus to pursue varied new proj-

ects: Claridge painted bi-monthly illustrations for the Chicago Reader, Prewitt continued work on his underground comic Sof' Boy, McEntire built a recording studio, and Prekop painted and also released his self-titled debut solo record.

Since 1997 The Sea and Cake have released two highly-successful albums — namely, Oui and One Bedroom — and plan to finish a third record this win-ter. But Prekop remains heavily focused on his solo work as well second solo album, Who's Your

Prekop's self-titled debut

received much recognition for its mild and mellow instrumentation but, after the depth and complexity of his work in The Sea and Cake, the debut seemed more suited to becoming sensual background music instead of the promised multifaceted confection.

Fast-forward to the present. Who's Your New Professor allows Sam Prekop another chance to define his style against that of The Sea and Cake and to assert his own musicality to his fan base. In comparison to Sam Prekop, "[Who's Your New Professor is] lean in terms of arrangements and more vocal-centered," Prekop says. "In the first [album], vocals were just slipped into the ensemble." "[Who's Your New Professor] is

more a live, on-the-spot album," Prekop says. "[I had] one week of rehearsal with Chad [Taylor] and Josh [Abrams], and one week in the studio. [Then] I took that

the studio. [Then] I took that material, what we had worked on, to my home studio and worked on vocals."

Though still an airy, whimsical treat, "[Who's Your New Professor] sounds more Soul-oriented than the first solo album, maybe than the first solo album, maybe by accident," Prekop says. "[I've been] influenced by Jazz, World music, a wide variety of what I find interesting musically."

A stronger focus on this foun-dation and on a cleaner sound "[On the album] there's not a lot of overdubs, of excess arrangements," Prekop says — has left behind much of the genetic instrumentation that weighed down Sam Prekop and promises great success to Who's Your New Professor.

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NOTES FROM ABROAD

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# Tweedle Dee, Deaf add to French experience

The first day of my great European backpacking adventure was a lonely one.

I arrived in Paris May 29 feeling physi-cally and mentally



Caroline Monday

hunchback lugging around my huge back-

After one night in a hostel I was ready for my mother and aunt to join me in my travels. They would meet me in Paris and, after five days, we would all travel to Rome.

Even with the support of my middle-aged companions, I found traveling without a tour guide confusing and frustrat-

I felt like Alice, lost in Wonderland with only the navigational help of Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Deaf (my aunt is a little hard of hearing). Even the writings of Rick Steves, the patron saint of confused tourists, did little to aid us in our

wanderings.
In what I am sure was the least efficient way possible, we visited the major sites of Paris: the Louvre, the Musee D'Orsay, the Eiffel Tower — but our travel skills did improve and we mastered the Metro.

I even taught the Tweedles

how to order food in French. By the time we left Paris, we were well on our way to be coming adept travelers, not just timid tourists.

We took an over-night train to Rome Friday night. Spending the night in a sleeper compartment made me feel as if I ie, like North by Northwest or Murder on the Orient Express Compared to Paris, being in Rome was like being on

different planet. The weather

is much warmer (maybe too warm) and the city is dirty and disorganized.

However, the people possess none of that infamous Parieian aloofness

While their overly friendly ways can be unsettling, they also a pleasant change. I took advantage of the Italians approachability when we visited the Porta Portese flea mar ket Sunday morning. The Porta Portese flea market

isn't the place for the timid tourist. Getting there requires a hot, crowded bus ride to the rougher side of town. Traste-vere is Rome's sketchiest neighborhood, but it is also its most colorful.

We stepped off the bus in hope of relief from the crowd, only to find that all of the passengers of the bus were going to the same place we were, the flea market. Following the mob, we did not even need to whip out our trusty map to know were going the right way.

The flea market itself was a treat for the eyes and the wallet (as long as you protect that wallet with a tight grip from

pickpockets).
Booths selling everything from thongs (for men) to furniture to shoes filled the area. Everywhere we looked there dors trying to sell, immediately awakening my sixth sense, the Bargain Shopping Sense. "I can buy gifts for everyone

I know," I thought. There were lots of options, a pretty string of beads, some woven place mats, or perhaps a hand paintful ring with blue stones really caught my eye. "Quanto?" I asked the ven-

dor, a short round man with a full head of thick black hair, the Italian equivalent to a used car salesman.

"Thirty euros," he said. "Too much," I responded.

"No, this ring real aquama-rine," he insisted. "Real silver, genuine, aquamarine.

"No, too much," I said and put down the ring. Some other shoppers asked

the vendor a question, taking his attention away from me and the "genuine" aquamarine ring. I knew if I ever did get him down to a reasonable price, it would still be too much to fit my budget, so I moved on to another booth of jewelry.

However, our stout friend the vendor, had not given up. Seeing me eyeing the competitors goods, he called out, "Pronto. Pronto. Why you ca-put?" He lured me back to his booth, holding out the beautiful ring.

"For you, I give you ring, 22 euros," he said, placing the ring on my finger as if her were giv-ing it to me as a gift instead of trying to sell it to me. I gave in. "Twenty," I offered. While planning this trip, I

while planning this trip, I had not intended to spend 20 euros on anything that would not fill my belly or put a roof over my head for the night. But, the thrill of haggling, something that is unfamiliar, made spending the money.

made spending the money pain-free.

The vendor nodded at my offer of 20 euros and made me the proud owner of a "genuine" aquamarine ring.
That has been the highlight

of my trip so far, and not just because I got a piece of jewelry out of the deal. My interaction with that persistent vendor helped me realize that I can aces and to new ways of doing things.

The next eight weeks of travel

will not be like that first lonely

My aunt and mother will return home to North Carolina Wednesday and I am heading

to London. Rather than dread their absence, I look forward to a new city, new people and new ad-

Caroline will answer your e-mails as she sits down for tea. Contact her at cemonday@ncsu.edu

# TRACK

All-Americans," Andy said For the women, Julia Lucas and Renee Gunning will be in the 5,000, Ebony Foster will be in the 100-meter hurdles, and

Kristina Roth will compete in the steeplechase. Foster has finished in the top five in all of her 100-meter hurdle runs this season, which includes a seasonbest 13.06 seconds at the Reebok Invitational a month ago.

Foster also holds the school record with a time of 12.98 last year. She reached the finals in the Olympic trials last year in

Lucas and Gunning both ran personal-best times in the 5,000

at regionals.

Coaches said the 5,000 has

been Gunning's best event.
"Renee has had a mark in everything form the 1,500 to the 10,000-meter runs but we just decided the 5,000-meter was the best event for her," assistant coach Laurie Henes said.

Roth set a personal best this year in the steeplechase with a time of 10:15.11, but said she feels there is still a need to work on her landings at the water pit.

"I'm pretty clumsy when it comes to the water pit," Roth said. "It usually takes me a little bit to get out of it, so I am focusing on it. It's fun, but you have the have the guts for it."

The runners said they are hoping for the cooler climate of Sacramento to be a positive

factor at the meet.
"We're racing at night, so the temperature's going to drop," Wesley said. "The cooler it is for long distance events the better it is. Hopefully it will be cooler in Sacramento than it was in New York."

Some said they are looking to go to the USA Nationals

"I think Andy Smith will continue to the USA Nation-

als," Geiger said.
Some said they are just willing to go on with other running events for the time being,

"I'm putting so much energy into the NCAA Nationals that once[the USA Nationals] come around I'm just going to take some time off and get ready for cross country," Roth said.

# DRAFT

thing I'm going to be shooting for—to get into the big leagues

as soon as possible.' Playing in the NL, Joey will have to bat as well as pitch. A challenge, he said, that he is very excited to have.

"I'm looking forward to it," Joey said. "I miss giving up the bat a year ago. I love hitting. I want to get there and just be-

come a better pitcher."

According to Joey, he will most likely start his professional career in the Braves' farm system with the Single-A Myrtle Beach Pelicans.
State first baseman Aaron

Bates and catcher Jake Muvco

heard their names called seconds apart in the top of the eighth round. Selected 246th and 250th overall, respectively, the Florida Marlins called Bates, while the Chicago Cubs nabbed Muyco

Bates, who led State with 64 RBIs and a .425 batting average, could very easily return to State for his redshirt-junior season, according to Avent.

"Aaron Bates is one of the best hitters in the country. I know one thing, he was the best hitter in our conference, I thought,"Avent said. "The Marlins are getting a lot more than what we think is an eighth round pick. I'm not so sure Aaron Bates is going to sign. He has the possibility of going much higher than what he did."

Muvco, however, said he will

leave the Pack to play in the Cubs organization. Muyco said his brief phone call with the Cubs

brief phone call with the Cubs was a good one.
"They just said they hoped I was excited, and that they were excited to have me," Muyco said.
"It was a quick call because they are still picking other players, but I will play with the Cubs next season." next season.

Avent said he thought the Cubs made a solid selection in Muyco.

The Cubs are getting a guy that is one of the best catch-and-throw guys in the coun-try," Avent said. "He's very dedicated to his game. He lives for baseball— a very studious, disciplined player. There won't be a more disciplined player in their organization."

# JOE

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tears as players dive, reach, and slide in order to keep the ball out of their goal. Hall ball is an excellent distraction from studying — my suite mates and I found it also serves as a GPA reducer.

### Thumb wrestling

My arms aren't quite the lead cannons necessary for arm wrestling-but I do have

thumbs of steel. If ESPN ever decided to pick thumb wrestling up as a sport, I'd show the world just how handy my double-jointed thumbs could be at wrestling. Thumb wrestling could never match the intensity of arm wrestling, but you'd have to love the intro song— 'One, two, three four, I declare thumb war'.

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# REGIONAL

It didn't stay that way long as

State scored two in the top of the fifth for a 6-4 lead.

The Blue Jays came back against State pitcher Phillip Davidson to tie the game 6-6 in the bottom of the fifth on three hits and an error.

State regained the lead, 8-6, in the top of the seventh on an RBI double by third baseman Matt

Devine and an RBI single by center fielder Matt Camp. After the Blue Jays got back-to-back doubles from Tony Roth and Brad Dutton and a walk by Dan Norquist against Davidson to start the bottom of the seventh, State reliever Jason Duncan came in for Davidson.

Zach Daeges was the first hitter Duncan faced, and he reached on a fielding error by Duncan.

Daniel then launched his sec-

ond home run of the game, what proved to be the game-winning grand slam, over the center field

fence to give the Blue Jays an 11-8 lead.

Davidson said that State's struggles against Blue Jay hitters came down to uncharacteristic breakdowns at key times.

"All year long we've been able to make those pitches," Davidson said. "We just didnit do it [on Sunday]."

After two outs, Joey Devine

came in to finish the seventh inning and also pitched a score-

less eighth for State.

That set the stage for another State comeback, but this one was

not meant to be. Pinch hitter Ryan Pond scored Ramon Corona on an RBI single with one out in the top of the ninth to cut the deficit to 11-9, and Chris Engle then pinch ran for Pond. Matt Devine then hit into a double play to end the game and the season for State.

"It came down to them [Creighton] coming back and scrapping and fighting," Avent said. "But the players really came ready to play and had a great season. I am very proud of our kids."

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# Get extreme!

If the monotony of a slow-as-molasses-paced Detroit-San Antonio NBA Finals is not your cup of tea, ESPN could possibly

While I



Overby

was flipping through the channels this week end hoping to catch a re-run of 'Saved by the Bell', I

stumbled upon what I consider to be more grueling a competi-tion than rugby, wrestling, and boxing combined: the National Spelling Bee.

I was floored at the speed at which champion Anurag Kashyap rattled off words like 'appoggiatura'— and he's only 13. Goodness, when I was 13 I was still reading Beverly Cleary's 'The Mouse and the

Motorcycle'.

Later, I was further impressed by the "legend" Ron Bath. In a repeat airing of a 2004 arm wrestling championship, the 40-year-old Bath used his old man strength to out-muscle hulk-like men 10 years younger. He slammed his competi tion's arms down quicker than lightning and without blink-ing. Inspired by Bath's show of strength, I challenged my grandmother to arm wrestle. I am no Ron Bath, however, and Granny nearly ripped my arm out of socket—asking me if I wanted tickets to the 'gun show'. During these summer months when college sports months when college sports take a break, I'd like to see more of these extreme, bizarre sports on television. Here are a few ESPN should considering showing.

Frisbee golf

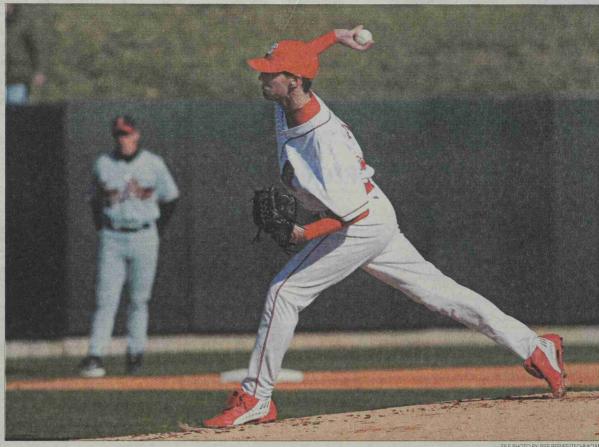
For those of us who are too uncoordinated for basketball or football and too broke for real golf, Frisbee golf — or, as some say, 'frolf' — is the perfect sport. For my money, there's not a more relaxing afternoon than one spent at a Frisbee golf course. It would be highly entertaining if ESPN set up cameras over at Kaplan Drive and filmed fat, out-ofshape hippies throwing discs into metal bins.

**Poolside games** 

As a lifeguard for six years and a pool rat for many more, I fondly remember the thrill of summer days spent play-ing games in the deep end at the pool. Excelling at games like "Marco Polo" and "Sharks and Minnows'" takes great endurance and athletic ability. Swimming a 50-meter but-terfly takes a toll on one's body but it takes something special to be able to dive in the deep end over outreached hands that are trying to grab your feet and make you the next "shark."

A game invented by my Met-calf suite mates and I three years ago, hall ball is the ulti-mate dorm game. It is a oneon-one competition where participants stand on opposite ends of a suite hall and slap a racquetball back and forth. The objective is to get the ball past the opponent and through the opposite door only using one's hands. It's all blood, sweat, and

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Senior Phillip Davidson was the losing pitcher, allowing five runs in two innings, during Creighton's 11-9 win in the losers bracket of the NCAA Lincoln Regional on Sunday.

# State eliminated in NCAAs

With 11-9 loss to Creighton on Sunday, State is ousted from the postseason

Clark Leonard

N.C. State's ran out of rallies as its season ended in the Lincoln Regional at Hawks Field with 11-9 loss to third-seeded

Creighton on Sunday.

After coming back to elimi-

nate fourth-seeded Illinois-Chicago with three runs in the ninth Saturday, second-seeded State could muster only one run in the final inning of its last game of the season.

last game of the season.
"This was as tough a regional field as I have ever seen with the one, two, three and four seeds," coach ElliotAvent said. "It is just four great teams that have a lot in common."

Catcher Jake Muyco said

that State never doubted that

it would win despite trailing by three in the ninth.

three in the ninth.

"The whole day we felt really good. We were playing really well," Muyco said. "We were swinging the bats well. We didn't think we were going to lose that game."

Muyco added that the game was a tough fight for both teams and that State happened to be on

and that State happened to be on the short end of a well-played

"It was a battle between us and

Creighton," Muyco said. "It was their time to win I guess. They played well, and we played well. It was just a battle."

Despite jumping to a 4-1 lead in the early innings against the Blue Jays and getting unusually large production from its offense, State's pitching could not keep the Blue Jays' hitters

Avent said that State had the pitchers it wanted on the mound, but that things just did

not work out.
"We had all of the guys we wanted in there but at the end, we just couldn't get ahead and some pitches,"Avent

State starting pitcher Bran-den Knapp surrendered back-to-back home runs to Chris Gradoville and Tony Daniel in the bottom of the fourth to allow the Blue Jays to tie the

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BASEBALL

# Atlanta Braves draft Devine in first round

Florida Marlins select Aaron Bates, Chicago Cubs select Jake Muyco

Tanner Kroeger

Matt Devine knew his little brother Joey was an Atlanta Brave three minutes before anyone told N.C. State's star pitcher. For three minutes, Matt Devine sat silently— smiling and proud of the pitcher from Junction City, Kan.

As Matt listened to a live

feed of the draft on satellite radio, Joey sat at his computer watching the delayed broadcast on MLB.com.

Then the younger Devine got the word. Joey was an Atlanta Braves, the 27th overall pick in the 2005 Major League Baseball

ing," Matt said. "He was more shocked, than anything, and he almost started shaking. He couldn't really believe it. He's been at work for so long, but now it's finally paying off. He's living a dream, right now." Joey will leave State after

three years as the school's all-time leader in saves and appearances by a pitcher.
"There are not enough words

to explain the kind of emoto explain the kind of emo-tions that are on inside of me right now," Joey said. "I am so thankful to the Atlanta Braves for giving me the opportunity, especially with that pick." Coach Elliott Avent said

the team will miss the junior reliever, but that his contributions to the program were unmatched.

"Joey has been awesome," Avent said. "From his freshman year on, he's been one of the country. For three years in a row, he made first-team all conference. We are very happy for a to the first round."

Now, Joey goes to aBraves organization that is one game behind the Washington Na

tionals for first place in the National League East. Despite the Braves success, the team is searching for a dependable closer, making Joey one of the most intriguing prospects drafted on Tuesday. According to Avent, Joey has the potential to make the Braves' team this

season.

"It's a possibility," Avent said. "They may start him out a lot higher than they start others. The Braves have been struggling for a closer in the big leagues, but they also have a reputation of bringing their players along very slowly. They are a very solid organization that doesn't rush their

Joey said he knew the op portunity was special, but he wants to prove himself on the

'That's the ultimate goal," Joey said. "I'm going to work my butt off day in and day out to achieve it. That's one

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TRACK & FIELD

# Pack heads to Sacramento in championship style

Six members of the track and field team will be competing in the NCAA Championships today in Sacramento, Calif.

Michael Fox

Today will be the moment of truth for six members of the N.C. State track and field team as they compete in Sacramento, Calif. for the NCAA Championships. Two men will be in the championships for State-brothers Andy and

Wesley Smith.

Andy has qualified for the steeplechase after setting a school-record time of 8:33.25 in the NCAA Regionals in New York lett reports and Wesley York last month, and Wesley qualified for the 5,000-meter run with a season-best 13: 59.34. Welsey said he is hoping to continue to improve in the

5,000 but is still cautious You can drop your lap time down a little bit and pick it up in the end, but you can't go out too quick," Wesley said.

Coach Rollie Geiger said Wesley has had the best experience in the 5,000, where he has finished in the top ten at three meets this

in the top ten at three meets this year.

"The 1,500-meter race is too short for Wesley, and the 10,000-meter is too long, so the 5,000 is almost a perfect event for him," Geiger said.

Andy has a specific practice regimen for the steeplechase.

"I don't practice the water pit too much because it puts too much strain on the legs," Andy said. "When you're jumping all day long you don't want to injure yourself."

While he may be competing in

While he may be competing in a different long distance event, Andy said he feels that his performance is just as good as his brother's. Andy finished second at the ACC Championships in the 5,000 race while Wesley finished sixth.

Andy prefers to focus on the steeplechase, where he has won three ACC Championships.

"I'd rather win a national championship than get two

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