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## Nielsen named provost

University's highest academic officer takes office on July 11

Haley Huie  
Deputy News Editor

Chancellor James Oblinger named Larry Nielsen as the new provost and executive vice chancellor of academic affairs, effective on July 11.

The decision, announced on June 27, followed Nielsen's approval by the provost search committee and board of trustees. Nielsen has been serving as interim provost since November 2004.

"I'm not surprised at all. The rest of campus realized what a wonderful person he is," J.B. Jett, associate dean for college of natural resources, said.

The provost is N.C. State's chief academic officer. The position is responsible for managing all areas of scholarship and education.

Jett, who is serving in an interim capacity due to Nielsen's absence in the college of natural resources, said he has received nothing but positive feedback from the selection.

"Larry is very approachable. He is easy to work with, and is an individual who cares deeply about the University," Jett said.

Jett will remain serving as the interim dean for CNR until a replacement is found. The process involves a national search for qualified candidates. Jett said he has not decided on putting his name into the hat.

Jett offered glowing comments about Nielsen's tenure as dean.

"He was a joy to work with, and I look forward to working with him in another capacity," Jett said.

He also said he has worked with Nielsen for about four years and he considers Nielsen a great asset to the University.

Nielsen came to the University in 2001, and Jett said he has been impressed with his performance during that time.

"We'll definitely miss him," Jett said. "But we're delighted for him and N.C. State."

Tony Caravano, a graduate student and former student body president, sat on the provost search committee during

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VET SCHOOL

## Former employee charged in drug theft

Tyler Dukes  
News Editor

A former veterinary school employee is facing felony charges for the theft of more than \$300 in prescription medication.

Campus Police arrested Clifton Kelley, formerly a veterinary technician in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, last Monday night after pharmacy staff reported the larceny of several narcotics earlier in the day.

According to Campus Police Sgt. Jon Barnwell, police found Kelley in the possession of 14 vials of the narcotic prescription medication hydromorphone, as well as syringes belonging to the

vet school.

The teaching hospital uses the drug primarily as a pain killer and according to Gigi Davidson, teaching hospital pharmacy director, is the fastest moving control substance in the hospital.

"He used it for his own means instead of the care of animals," Barnwell said. "Due to strict procedures, they were able to see what was going on."

Police charged Kelley with one felony count of drug diversion, possession of a schedule II drug and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kelley was allegedly stealing the

### Drug schedule categories

The 1970 Controlled Substances Act separated all drugs into classes, called schedules, based on certain criteria. Some drug examples are listed below.

#### Schedule I

These drugs have a very high potential for abuse but have no recognized medical value. They are all illegal.

- GHB
- Heroin
- Ecstasy

#### Schedule II

Although these drugs also have a high potential for abuse, they do have recognized medical value. They are heavily controlled and available only by prescription.

#### Hydromorphone

- Adderall
- OxyContin
- Morphine

#### Schedule III

These drugs have less potential for abuse than the previous class. They also have recognized medical uses and only a moderate to low incidence of physical or psychological dependence. They are only available by prescription.

- Tylenol 3
- Xyrem
- Marinol

#### Schedule IV

Drugs in this class have a low potential for abuse as well as a low risk of dependence, relative to the previous class. They are only available by prescription.

- Xanax
- Valium
- Rohypnol

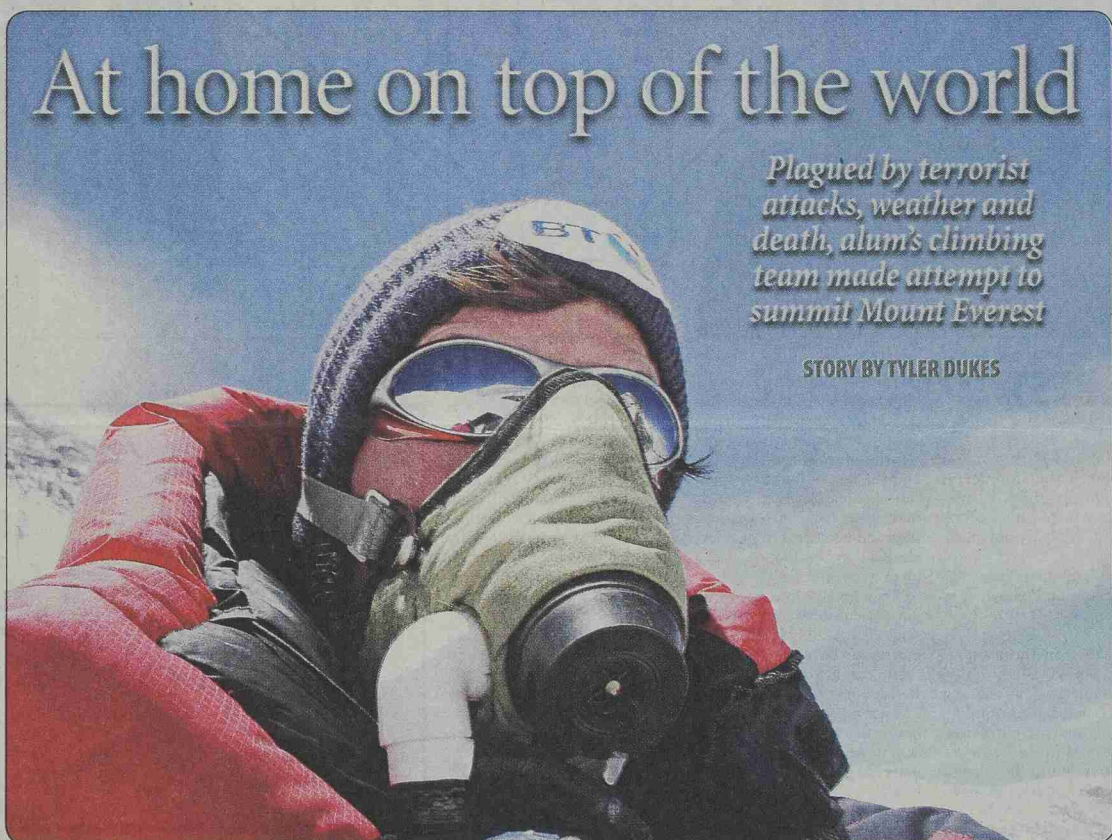
#### Schedule V

These drugs have an even lower potential for abuse and dependence. They are sometimes available without a prescription.

- Cough syrups with codeine

SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA

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## At home on top of the world

Plagued by terrorist attacks, weather and death, alum's climbing team made attempt to summit Mount Everest

STORY BY TYLER DUKES

PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMIE WILDE

Alumnus Jamie Wilde, equipped with an oxygen mask, surveys the landscape of Mount Everest from behind the protective lenses of his sunglasses.

There isn't much Jamie Wilde can't do.

Kayaking through North Carolina rapids. Surfing off the Outer Banks. Paragliding in Austria. Heliboarding in the Caucasus Mountains. He's done them all.

At age 34, the 1992 N.C. State graduate has accomplished more so far than most will in a lifetime.

But this spring, Wilde took on a new challenge — one that would push him to the limit both physically and mentally — the ascent of Mount Everest.

Wilde's two-month journey to trek the tallest mountain in the world however, wasn't just a random flight of fancy. It was the product of almost three years of intense climbing experience and a part of a larger goal to summit the tallest peaks of each of the seven continents.

### A Wilde streak

Throughout his childhood, Wilde made it clear to family members that he wasn't content with a sedentary lifestyle. According to his mother, Carolyn Simons, Wilde participated in running, soccer and tennis, among other things.

"He's always been very sports-minded — and wild," Simons said.

He even went to grade school with and befriended Jake Burton Carpen-

ter, creator of Burton Snowboards, who Wilde said "really pushed me into snowboarding."

"I had one of the first snowboards he ever made," Wilde said. "It was basically a wooden board with water-ski boots nailed to the top of it."

Originally from New York, Wilde and his family moved to Raleigh while he was in high school. While at NCSU, Wilde joined the Kappa Alpha fraternity and wrote for *Technician*.

"He wasn't your typical North Carolina boy," said Mark Moye, Wilde's friend and fellow KA brother. "He always kind of does his own thing."

After receiving two degrees — one in business, the other in journalism and advertising — Wilde decided to go back to school for his MBA at the University of South Carolina.

After graduation, he bounced back and forth between jobs in Europe. It was then, Wilde said, that his interest in mountaineering began.

"During all of the changes in jobs, I

had a lot of time," Wilde said. "Somewhere in between, I decided I was going to do something different."

A fan of author and traveler Ernest Hemingway, Wilde decided to journey to Africa to climb the 6,000-meter Mount Kilimanjaro in the fall of 2002. What he saw there he said, hooked him for life.

*"When I got to the top, with the sun coming up at 6,000 meters, I fell in love with the sport."*

-Jamie Wilde

family.

"He's always been into this high-excitement stuff," Simons said. "It didn't surprise me at all when he got this mountain-climbing bug."

### The first of seven

On his way down Kilimanjaro, Wilde said one of the climbers made a remark that would further fuel his climbing ambition.

"He said, 'Maybe this will be the first of seven for you,'" Wilde remembered.

"I asked him what he meant, and he told me about the Seven Summits."

The "Seven Summits" are the seven tallest mountains in the world, one for each continent. They represent a daunting challenge to the most serious climbers.

Only 136 mountaineers in the world have met this challenge, according to Everestnews.com. Wilde however, said he hopes to become one of them.

"I like the idea of setting a goal for a really hard mountain to climb and going up," Wilde said.

And he wasted no time doing so.

In spring 2003, he reached the 5,600-meter summit of Europe's Mount El-

brus.

"That was my first real sort of 'let's call it a real mountain,'" Wilde said.

His next destination was Mount Aconcagua in South America. This mountain however, marked Wilde's first failure to summit.

At 6,700 meters, only about 200 meters short of the highest peak, Wilde was forced to turn back due to dizziness and exhaustion.

"[Aconcagua] was the first mountain that really beat me up," Wilde said. "Getting that close, it made me sad to have to turn around."

He successfully completed his

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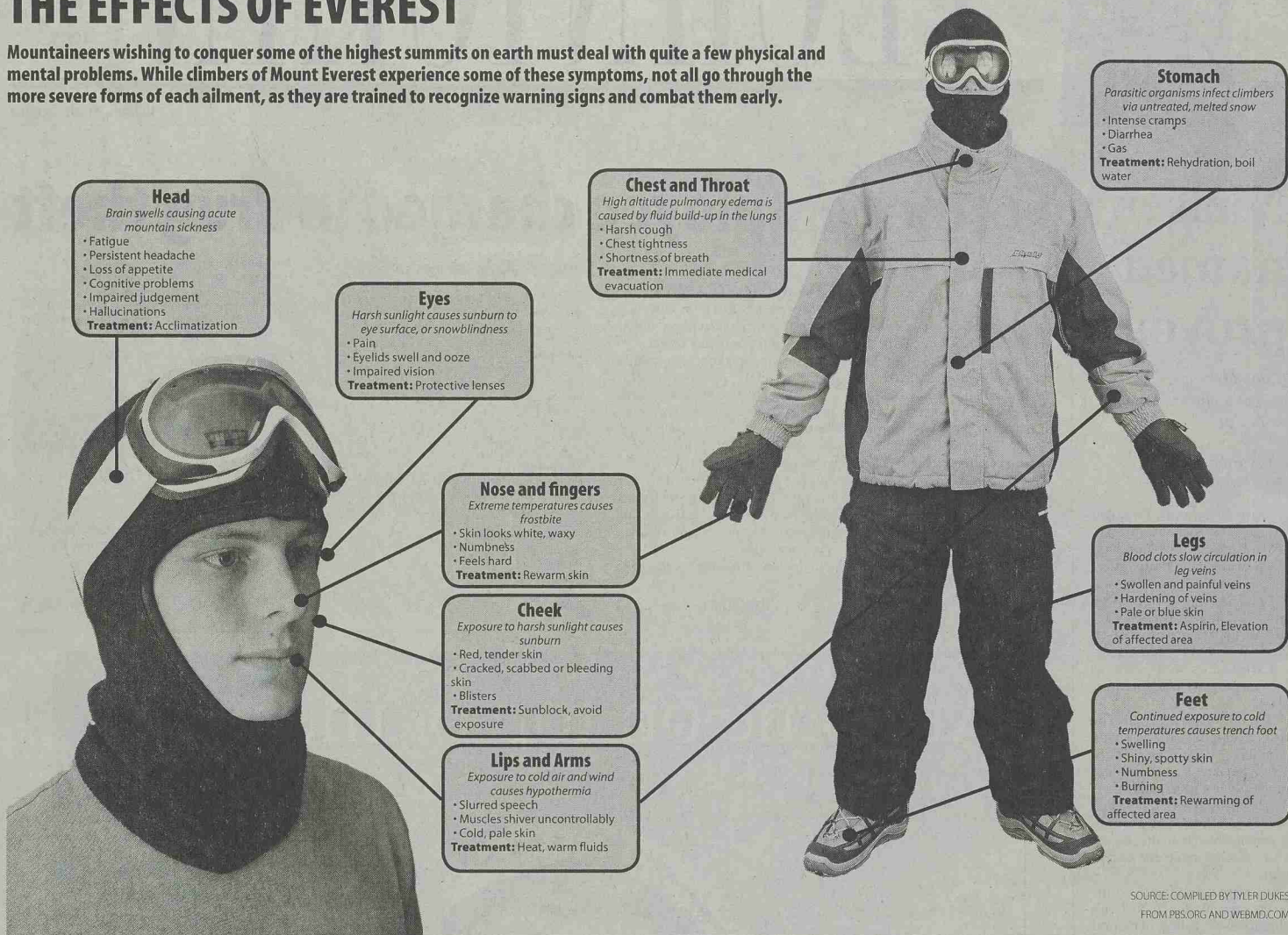
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## THE EFFECTS OF EVEREST

Mountaineers wishing to conquer some of the highest summits on earth must deal with quite a few physical and mental problems. While climbers of Mount Everest experience some of these symptoms, not all go through the more severe forms of each ailment, as they are trained to recognize warning signs and combat them early.



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## EVEREST

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fourth climb on Alaska's Mount McKinley in the summer of 2004. Following the 6,194-meter climb, Wilde admits he took a month off to "drink and smoke cigarettes."

It was this mountain however, that gave him the confidence to climb Everest.

### 'A little help from the brain'

In September 2004, Wilde began an intense daily training regimen that included running, swimming and weightlifting. Residing in Munich, Germany, he also traveled to the Alps to do weekend climbing and snowboarding.

He also recruited Armenian Karo Ovaspyan, a teammate from the McKinley climb, to accompany him on the trip. It was a move Wilde said made the expedition much more manageable.

"We went as a team basically," Wilde said. "It took a lot of fear out of the thing."

After extensive planning, Wilde and Ovaspyan joined a 22-member team composed of Russians, Europeans and Americans and departed for the mountain on April 3.

The group's route through Tibet, Wilde said, was specifically chosen to avoid terrorist attacks from Maoist rebels in Nepal. But this problem followed them to Tibet, where Maoists declared a strike and set up roadblocks to halt cross-country commutes.

With transport options cut short, the team finally got helicopter transport, but two team members, Sergey Kaimachnikov and expedition leader Alex Abramov stayed behind to track down additional equipment.

On April 10, after securing an armored transport, Maoists attacked the pair on route to the Tibet border, chucking a hand grenade through a window of the vehicle. The grenade exploded on the floor of the car.

Although Abramov suffered slight shrapnel wounds, the bomb shattered Kaimachnikov's leg, requiring immediate evacuation and surgery at a Katmandu hospital.

The rest of the team reached the 5,100-meter base camp on April 14, and team members trickled into advanced base camp

on April 20 and 21.

It was here at 6,400 meters Wilde said, that he started realizing what he was in for.

In the subsequent weeks, Wilde and the rest of his team spent time acclimatizing, getting their bodies used to the increased altitude and decreased oxygen levels. It's a process that requires a lot of waiting.

"For someone like me who's not patient, it's tough," Wilde said. "It was a big learning experience to be patient."

The conditions, Wilde said, were intense.

"Everything was really extreme one way or another," Wilde said. "On most days, [the wind] was never less than 40 kilometers and hour."

As the team pushed onward up the mountain, they began to succumb to the effects of the high altitude and oxygen deprivation. Wilde said that between the lethargy and apathy these conditions caused, there were times when he lost the motivation to do anything.

According to Wilde, this "balancing act" was also plentiful with happiness over reaching personal and team goals.

"There's definitely a high involved," Wilde said. "You have this euphoric feeling when you've achieved your goal of the day."

It was those goals that pushed Wilde to remain on the mountain day after day.

"You have to realize that your body can do a lot more than it will allow, it just needs a little help from the brain," Wilde said.

The team spent their time doing day treks around the mountain and experiencing "what is like to sleep at 8,000 meters with the jet stream ripping the tents apart," Wilde said.

Like everyone else, Wilde said he experienced the self-doubt that all of the others felt during the low times on the peaks.

"It definitely goes to your head," Wilde said. "I mean, why in the hell would anybody spend two months sitting in a tent playing chess with people and going to sleep in minus 20 degrees Celsius cold?"

Near the end of the trip, two of Wilde's Slovenian teammates, Viktor Mlinar and Marko Lihteneker, pushed for a summit attempt. The pair was separated, and only Mlinar returned to

camp.

Wilde said that at that height, climbers are on their own.

"At 8,700 meters, you don't have a rescue," Wilde said.

Lihteneker's body was later found hanging from a cliff from his fixed line, frozen to death.

Although he received the rare honor of being the first to reach the summit in 2005, Mlinar's success was marred by the tragedy.

Wilde said his teammate's death "put a lot of reality into the climb."

"You start to realize that the mountain doesn't care," Wilde said. "Everest just tolerates you for a while."

### Pushing forward

Although Wilde did try to push for the summit, he decided to turn back because his rate of ascension was too slow, which could prove fatal on such a dangerous climb.

"He promised everybody that his health would come first," his mother said. "He said he wasn't going to waste his education on some mountain climb if there was a risk."

According to Wilde, the attempt simply wasn't worth his life.

"A lot that don't [reach the summit] feel beat up and depressed," Wilde said. "One guy died and five others have permanent injuries. Not making it doesn't really matter in the end."

Wilde said that his adventures on Everest have provided him with a new perspective on ordinary life.

"You think about all of these things that everybody bitches and moans about, when all you want [up there] is to have a good piece of meat or to be in a bed again," Wilde said. "These things make you so happy when you come back."

Wilde arrived back home in Munich on June 7 and has since gone back to his job at communications provider British Telecom, which helped sponsor his climb.

Despite his defeat, Wilde said he won't lose sight of his goals to summit the world's most formidable giants.

"Just because I got beaten this time doesn't mean I can't try again. The mountain is always going to be there," Wilde said. "I'll go back to Everest."

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the process.

Caravano pointed to potential implications for the selection of future campus positions, citing the recent installations of Chancellor Oblinger as well as Nielsen's upcoming office.

"You have to be willing to reward those who are working hard within the University," Caravano said. "You have to also be aware of how it looks to recruit people for high positions from within."

Charles Lefler, the chair of the provost search committee, said the entire selection process took approximately six months.

Lefler explained that Nielsen's entry into the selection process followed the deadline lapse for new applications, but was entered because of an invitation from the chancellor.

There is a clause in the application that specified a deadline of Feb. 15. It also stated however, the process would remain open until the right candidate was

found.

Nielsen became a candidate immediately upon invitation, Lefler said.

The 17 committee members, comprised of representatives from different colleges, also included Caravano and current faculty senate president, Laura Massengill.

"We were looking for a person who had solid academic experience, scholarly work, and had held leadership positions," Lefler said.

Lefler explained that the deans within the University report to the provost, requiring candidates for the position to have sufficient

experience in this role.

"The job needed to be filled by a person who was a good fit for N.C. State," Lefler said.

Lefler explained that "you have to approach every search with an open mind." He said that the outcome, or candidate, rarely ends the way that is expected.

"It's important to end up with what you believe to be the best fit for the position, and you have to be satisfied with that position," Lefler said.

Lefler said the positive feedback he has received has come as no surprise, and he said that he is "excited about working with [Nielsen] in a more permanent

capacity."

Mauricia Rozier, a sophomore in psychology, said she was impressed with the decision to hire an "in-house" candidate.

"It was a well-informed decision," Rozier said. "It's a good idea to select someone who is knowledgeable about the strengths and ambitions of the University."

Rozier said she was not surprised by the outcome, and hopes that the new provost will help to get the community more involved in changes that NCSU is facing.



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drug in small quantities for a little over a month, according to Barnwell.

Barnwell also said Kelley allegedly made attempts to replace the used portion of the vials with saline solution, although he said he wasn't sure whether the tampering was done inside or outside of the pharmacy.

Hospital Administrator Jim Brawley however, said that patients were not in any danger from the tampering.

"Any of the drugs that we thought might be tampered with or involved in the investigation were pulled off the shelves to

prevent harm to patients," Brawley said. "We've taken all of the proper precautions."

The office of teaching hospital Dean Warwick Arden referred all questions to Brawley.

According to Barnwell, the drugs are being considered state property in the case, leading Campus Police to up the ante of the diversion charge to a felony.

"He had the ability to go in and get that drug, but he had the public's trust," Barnwell said.

Veterinary technicians, doctors and pharmacists are the only individuals allowed access to teaching hospital's schedule II substances, which are kept in a locked, computer-controlled dispensing cabinet.

Davidson said the theft was

most likely committed by taking advantage of this responsibility.

She estimates that the drugs in Kelley's possession amount to about \$350. Although this cost includes a state discount, the street price of the drug is "magnitudes higher," according to Davidson.

She attributed the reaction time by pharmacy staff to the heavy regulation of schedule II substances, required by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

"It blipped the radar pretty fast," Davidson said.

Kelley, who was hired April 26, was fired following the discovery of the incident. He was released from the Wake County Jail last Tuesday, pending a pre-trial.

## IN THE KNOW

### CULTURAL CENTER DIRECTOR CHOSEN

The Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Fred Lee Hord for the position of Director of the African-American Cultural Center at its June 27 meeting.

Hord, formerly the director of black studies and a professor at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., began his duties July 1.

Hord founded the Association for Black Culture Centers at Knox in 1989 for the purpose of establishing communication with campus culture centers around the nation to share philosophies, strategies and resources. The national headquarters of ABCC will relocate to NCSU to allow for the continuation of Hord's position as the organization's executive director. Hord has also been appointed a tenured professor of Africana studies.

### STOP SIGNS ERECTED ON DAN ALLEN

In an effort to ease campus gridlock, N.C. State Transportation installed a three-way stop on the intersection of Sullivan and Dan Allen Drive June 25. According to Transportation, the stop signs will assist left-turn movement from Sullivan drive and ease traffic flow in the area.

The installation was the result of "several brainstorming discussions" and a part of the department's Campus Paths initiative, according to information and communication specialist Christine Klein.

Campus police reports that since the installation of the stop signs, tickets and warnings have been issued to drivers.

### ENGINEERING, CALS DEPARTMENT HEADS CHOSEN

Departments in CALS and engineering are under new leadership today after the Board of Trustees approved the appointments of George List as head of civil, construction and environmental engineering and Sam Pardue as head of the poultry science department.

Both men assumed their new positions July 1.

Pardue, who rose in the ranks from within N.C. State, began his tenure as an assistant professor of poultry science in 1989, and achieved the rank of professor in 1998. He has been inducted into the Academy of Outstanding Teachers, received the Poultry Science Student Recruitment Award and received the 1994 Purina Mills Teaching Award.

List was recruited from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, after serving as chairman for the Department of Civil Engineering. He has also received the ITS-NY 2003 Project of the Year award, the U.S. Department of Energy 1999 Defense Programs Award of Excellence and Rensselaer's Darrin Counseling Award.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

Officers were appointed for the N.C. State Board of Trustees, a 13 member board, with D. McQueen Campbell reappointed as secretary, and three new members being appointed. Wendell Murphy was appointed to chair of the board, Bob B. Jordan as first vice chair, and Ann B. Goodnight as second vice chair. Student Body President Whil Plavis was sworn in at the same meeting, along with S. Lawrence Davenport, and Burley B. Mitchell Jr.



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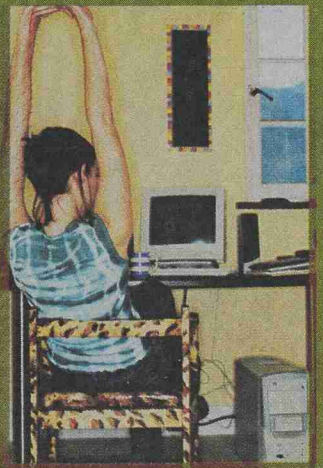
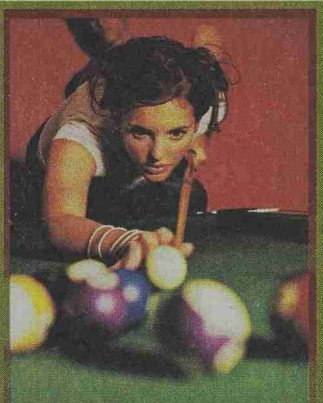
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## SCIENCE &amp; TECH

## Summer program uses science to recruit

Engineering summer programs give high school students a taste of college life

Matt Wilson  
Staff Writer

Testing objects in a wind tunnel and studying storm-water runoff, these students go to lecture learning about biological engineering, robotics and computer science.

They live on campus and in the evening go bowling, workout in Carmichael and watch movies.

Rising junior and senior high school students from across the state came early last week to N.C. State to participate in the engineering summer programs and got a taste of what life at the University was like.

Hosted by the College of Engineering, the week-long workshops are designed to give students hands-on experience with each respective field of engineering offered.

According to Philip Stuckey, student director of the program, the program's earliest roots began in the Students' Introduction to Engineering approximately 12 years ago. High school students then stayed one week and visited a different department each day.

The program has since expanded into week-long workshops for each department. The workshops include aerospace, biological, civil engineering, computer science, autonomous robotics and the Wolfpack Motorsports program.

The students begin each day with breakfast and a briefing session. Afterward, they head to their specific departments for lecture.

Depending upon the program, each group engages in different hands-on activities.

"They may be building a plane; they may be working on a circuit board; they may be building concrete structures; they might be testing water samples; they might be working on engines or crush [ing] boxes," Kay Leager, director of enrollment management for the College of Engineering, said.

One group in the biological engineering program, which began this year, took a special trip to the beach.

"We went down to the beach and looked at some storm-water projects, dune restoration projects, got a behind-the-scenes look at the N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher," Bill Hunt, assistant professor of biological and agricultural engineering, said.

At night, the students get the chance to enjoy campus activities, such as movies at the campus cinema and recreation at Carmichael Gymnasium. Students are given a fair amount of freedom, allowed to go to Hillsborough Street and stay out until 11 p.m.

"They've got a pretty good amount of free time," Stuckey said.

A full night staff of NCSU stu-

dents stay in the dorms and take the high school students out for off-campus activities, such as laser tag, go-karts and bowling.

"We get to hang out with the kids and just have a great time," Whil Piavis, night counselor and student body president, said.

Because all of the night counselors are engineering students, the high school participants get numerous opportunities to ask questions about coming into the College of Engineering.

"They ask a lot of questions about classes, class sizes and living in dorms," Andressa Hungria, a junior in chemical and bio-molecular engineering, said.

Stuckey estimated that, by the end of the week, a high school participant has met at least 20 people associated with engineering — undergraduate, graduate students and faculty members.

"They're able to talk about their experiences at night as well as have fun," Stuckey said.

Each workshop culminated in an end-of-week presentation by students, giving students' parents a chance to see what the students worked on.

Hunt's environmental group in the biological engineering workshop gave a PowerPoint presentation about the health of a stream, the impact of wetlands and ponds on stream temperature, and permeable pavement.

According to Hunt, out of the 20 who filled out evaluation forms, every student said they liked it.

"The parents were also very appreciative and they enjoyed seeing their students give the presentations," Hunt said. "Overall it's an excellent experience."

The program is about more than applying engineering, however.

"The summer program is a recruiting tool to attract more students," Leager said.

Other than engineering and campus activities, the program gives students information about the admissions process, information Stuckey believes is important for seniors.

"Those students are going to be the ones who most of them in a few months are going to be having to apply," Stuckey said.

Although the program shares a number of qualities with a traditional summer camp, Stuckey said he would call it more of a college experience, because students stay on campus and have more freedoms.

Stuckey said the workshops give students a number of valuable things, and estimated that approximately 90 percent of the students who attend the engineering summer programs also come to the College of Engineering.

"One of [the reasons they come] is the insight that they may have on N.C. State campus about college life and what it's like to be a student in college," he said. "It gives them the chance to experience what engineering is like."

## POLICE BLOTTER

06/26/05

**5:40 P.M. | SIMPLE ASSAULT**

A student reported being assaulted near Metcalf Hall by three subjects. The student did not want to file charges. Two of the subjects were identified, one a student at N.C. State, another a student at Appalachian State. The NCSU student was referred to the University for contempt and lying to a police officer. The non student was trespassed from the University and will be referred to ASU. The third subject has not been identified at this time.

06/27/05

**9:16 A.M. | HAZMAT INCIDENT**

Police and Fire Protection responded to a chemical spill in Williams Hall. A "Harvey Cocktail" was spilled when the handle of the container it was in broke. Environmental Health responded to the scene to clean the spill.

3:27 P.M. | LARCENY

A staff member reported the larceny of several narcotics from the Vet School.

6:19 P.M. | COMPUTER TRESPASS

A student reported that he used the computer in Nelson earlier in the day, and when he was finished he logged out. When he returned later and logged back in someone had accessed his account and looked at inappropriate material and changed some settings.

06/28/05

**6:50 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON**

While on patrol Officer Revis found two people parked on the backside of Brickhaven. The subjects were looking through the trash. Both subjects were trespassed.

06/29/05

**8:43 A.M. | DISPUTE/OTHER**

A staff member from construction management reported that personnel from a moving company were refusing to leave the area. Upon the officer's arrival both parties had settled the dispute. The moving company was denied access to the building due to the date of inspection at David Clark Labs being changed.

5:20 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Two non students were involved in a traffic accident on Morrill Dr. near Cates Ave when their vehicles collided. No injuries were reported.


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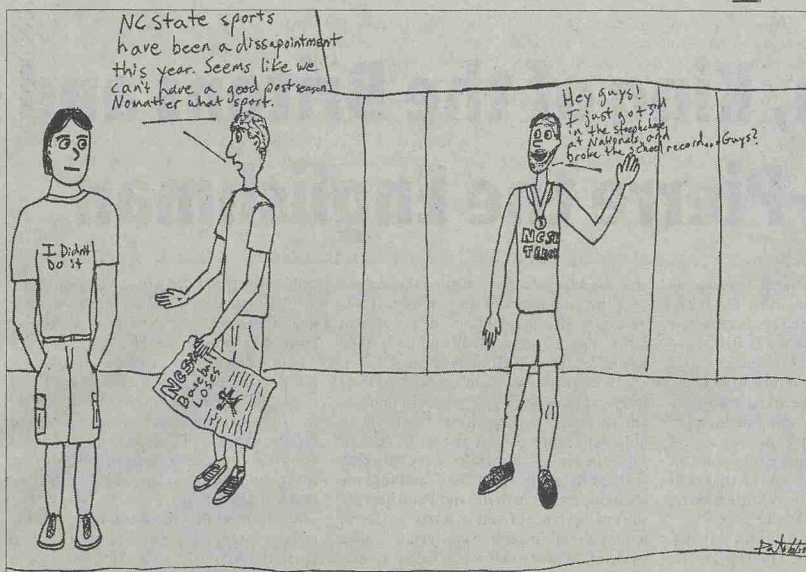
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## Religious symbols in American government

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."



**Daniel Underwood**  
Staff Columnist

Many of us remembered these words on Independence Day. For some they symbolized freedom from tyranny, while others were more moved by the sacrifices men made in the struggle for independence. Regardless, we all have some reason to be proud of what America stands for.

The values or principles which lie at the heart of our country are largely Christian.

By no means are they strictly Christian to the point of being absolutely distinctive of the Christian faith, but there is without a doubt enough confluence between basic Christian beliefs and our nation's founding principles as to indicate direct influence. As Patrick Henry stated, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

But even the casual observer of the news can probably name countless examples of people pushing for the removal of Christian symbols and sayings from public property and documents. From the Ten Commandments to the Pledge of Allegiance, pieces of our nation's history with direct ties to Christianity are assaulted on a near daily basis.

"Religious relics" such as these play a dominant role in America's history. And the basic principles of our nation such as freedom, democracy, and the sanctity of human life find their origins in Christianity. In other words, Christianity is the system of beliefs from which we derived our govern-

ment and many of our laws.

The vast array of objections to religious relics found on government property basically come from any of three different personal dispositions: one, this person has a great personal disdain for religiosity, or Christianity in particular, and they wish to change history in accordance to their own idealistic imagination; two, this person strongly opposes many of our nation's laws, which they see as manifestly Christian; or three, this person harbors a deep fear of a growing theocracy, which threatens our current freedoms.

But all of these dispositions have their own weaknesses, some more grievous than others. The person who wishes to remove historical references to God and the Christian faith may be found guilty of that which is so fiercely condemned by academia, the dreadful vice of "book burning." We play a dangerous game of despotism when trying to change history. As Alfred Whitney once said, "Books won't stay banned ... In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only sure weapon against bad ideas is better ideas. The surest path to wisdom is a liberal education."

Those who wish to eradicate pieces of history which they do not like — far from being champions of a better era — are historically and intellectually negligent individuals who threaten the progress of truth and education.

Those who perceive our nation's laws as Christian and, for that reason, wish to change them, ought to shift their focus towards the laws themselves.

In their attempt to bolster the ideals of popular sovereignty, these people ought to quit clamoring over the facts of our nation's history and the imbalance of religious influence, and actually try to change the laws by more intellectually mature democratic methods. Whether or not a law was established by Christian influence is irrelevant; the criteria by which the merit of a law is to be judged is its

ability to further the essential ideals of a nation. Instead of dropping laws on the basis of their ties to religion, the laws should be voted upon by the American people.

The fear that America will grow into a type of Christian theocracy can be quelled by a quick glance at America's history.

The overall trend of our country, with regard to Christian influence in government, has manifestly been that of a weakening of once strongly held moral principles and an open tolerance, if not celebration, of once aberrant lifestyles. Homosexuals used to hide from society; now they walk the streets in gay pride parades. Abortion used to be illegal due to the sanctity of human life; now the convenience of the mother is sovereign over the life of the unborn child. The objection to religious relics on the grounds of maintaining personal freedoms is only a smoke-screen.

There really are no good reasons to remove religious relics from government property. And there is a world of a difference between establishing a national religion, which people are forced to follow, and retaining the history of our nation.

Many practices of early America, such as slavery, were abominable; and many have used the Bible to justify them. But not only are such practices outside the teachings of Christianity, they are condemned by it.

And the fact that some parts of our nation's history may have been antithetical to Christianity does not abrogate the wealth of true Christian influence.

For reasons I have not the intellectual hubris to presume, many people literally hate the Christian influence which permeates our nation's laws and history. But sadly, most of these people are intellectually disingenuous and filled with a hatred that blinds them from honest discourse.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

# COMPROMISING HIRE SHOWS PROMISE

**OUR OPINION:** LARRY NIELSEN WAS NAMED PROVOST LAST WEEK. HIS TARDY INVOLVEMENT INTO THE SEARCH PROCESS FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY HIS HIRING COULD BE INSULTING TO OTHER CANDIDATES. HOWEVER, ALL THE MOVES WERE BEST FOR N.C. STATE — EVEN IF THEY WERE OUTSIDE OF TYPICAL PROCEDURE.

Barely a month has passed since we found Larry Nielsen abruptly placed among waiting candidates that all equally want to sit in Chancellor Oblinger's former chair.

Nielsen had been getting adjusted to the seat when the search began and when the deadline closed. Then, in the middle of May, he decided the Provost's chair wouldn't be such a bad place to sit for a while. Oblinger ushers him into the pool of candidates, the search committee debates and right before the four-day weekend of fireworks, Nielsen becomes Provost Nielsen.

Congratulations to him, for he is an excellent choice. He has more than the credentials, he is already accustomed to the University, he already knows the job and most importantly he has a sincere passion for students and N.C. State. He is an ideal person for being second-in-command — he doesn't plan on leaving Raleigh and loves being here. There is security in commitment.

At the same time, where any other candidate could very easily consider the move — and the hire — insulting, or even question-able, should also quickly realize the

events that occurred were in the best interest of the University. The last minute addition of Nielsen to the search list may have raised eyebrows, but that does not mean he isn't the person for the job.

However, it is very interesting to note that had Nielsen been from any other university, chances of him jumping into the pool after hours are nonexistent?

But, facts are facts. Nielsen is the new provost and many people want him as such.

What does that mean for N.C. State?

Who knows. Both the chancellor and provost are "insiders" — meaning their former and most recent jobs have been at NCSU. Unlike Marye Fox who enjoyed stirring up the pot to rekindle the flavor, the Oblinger-Nielsen pair will have a steady, driven and creative approach to spice the soup. The Wolfpack certainly have a new duo at the helm of its ship and it does not look like that ship is heading off course any time soon. It doesn't even look like there's choppy water ahead, or even a desire for it. It does look like calm winds are on the horizon.

Finally.

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## Name calling merely a distraction from what is really important to us

For any of you Wolfpackers out there that have not been keeping up with the current happenings of the number one prime time reality show in our nation, let me be the first to assure you that this summer season of the American Federal Government is not disappointing in the slightest.



**Ken Ball**  
Staff Columnist

Over the past weeks, our national leaders have served up some ground-breaking name calling and partisan bickering, entertained the masses and sent ratings through the roof.

Most recently, Bush political strategist Karl Rove insinuated that Liberals (which, according to the Conservative dictionary, is synonymous with Democrats) are soft on terrorists and even contribute to terrorism, blatantly throwing in a few 9/11's for effect. Democrats have responded with indignation, calling for Rove's apology or resignation.

at Guantanamo Bay to the sorts of things one would expect to see in Soviet gulags or done by Nazis. Naturally, a Conservative firestorm was unleashed upon Durbin, as Republicans accused him of inadvertently aiding terrorist propaganda machines and the Lord Humungus threatened to unleash his dogs of war upon the Illinois senator. Political pressure eventually forced Durbin to apologize for his comments.

Following the example of our leaders in Washington, I have decided to make several groundless comments of my own, starting close to home with some of our neighboring universities.

UNC-Chapel Hill seems like a good place to start, as it has always been a popular subject for ridicule. It seems to me that as a school full of prep and useless types with a trend towards isolation from the rest of the UNC system, Chapel Hill has become a wannabe Ivy League institution. As for Duke University, a private rich people school, I must ask if its students are really smarter than the rest of us when they are paying \$40,000 per year for an undergraduate degree.

While we're on the topic of colleges, why not take a look at our own university? N.C. State Student Senate meetings for the most part are like episodes of the Flying Circus, and the Executive branch is full of pirates. Hey, I'm just calling it how I see it. Just like Howard Dean,

who recently described the Republican Party as white Christians. Like the chairman of the DNC, I too am quite capable of stating the obvious. For example, Belgium is a country of Belgian people, UNC sucks, and Waffle House is the place to be at two in the morning.

The real question we need to ask is what is all this partisan rancor accomplishing? Why did Karl Rove make comments that he must have known would be received with outrage in the Democratic community. Obviously, with Bush's support in Congress and poll numbers slipping, the last thing his administration needs is more controversial rhetoric. Rove is no dummy, and there must be some motive behind his words beyond blasting Liberals.

It has been suggested that Rove's comments were calculated to distract the public from the real problems surrounding the presidential administration, such as increasing domestic support for an exit strategy in Iraq, Bush's failing social security aspirations, and congressional deadlock over Bush appointees.

Whether or not Karl Rove intended to shift media focus away from his administration's more pressing issues is irrelevant, because the fact of the matter is that his comments and the general partisan squabbling over similar insinuations and name-calling in Congress have served

just that purpose.

The real fault lies not with our leaders but with us. We are more entertained by and concerned with reality TV-style drama and bickering than with any real debate of pressing issues. When Howard Dean decides to become a screaming Captain Obvious and Conservatives retaliate by inserting the numbers nine and eleven into every other sentence, media focus shifts from real issues to these pointless arguments because it is the kind of stuff that the American public eats up. Generalizing groups of people or institutions and blowing things out of proportion on the public stage are childish political tactics. Throwing a temper tantrum because somebody called you a bad name, insulted your institution, or just generally disagrees with your point of view is an even more childish ploy.

Basically, we all need to grow up and figure out what is really important in our country. If I've learned anything from Dick Durbin, I'm going to go ahead and apologize in advance to every institution or group of people that I've insulted. After all, everything I said was only for effect.

But UNC still sucks.

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NOTES FROM ABROAD

## The challenges being an ambassador

I remember going on field trips in elementary school. We would go to the aquarium, the art museum or any of a number of historical sites. Every trip we went somewhere different, but the routine was basically the same. The teachers would always give us the same reminders: "stay with your buddy," "don't spend all your money in the gift shop so you can buy lunch later" and "be a good ambassador to our school."

It has been years since I went on a school field trip. I abandoned the buddy system about the same time I abandoned Saturday morning cartoons. I still spend too much money in the gift shop. But, I am constantly reminded the importance of being a good ambassador, not to my school, but to my country.

I have been backpacking through Europe for about five weeks. There are no teachers or chaperons in sight and I am an ocean away from any former field trip destination. However, the "Ghost of Teachers Past" creeps upon me. When I am surrounded by thousands of Australians (oh, and they are everywhere) the Ghost whispers in my ear, "Be a good ambassador, show them how nice Americans can be." When I am ordering in a restaurant or buying something at a shop it chides, "Be a good ambassador, at least stumble through some German instead of expect-

ing them to know English." I have realized Americans (myself included) do not think about the world outside of the United States all that much, but the whole world thinks about the U.S. An Australian will know about everything from American politics to American pop music. And while never completely accurate, they all have preconceived notions about what Americans are like. They think we are all loud, fat and rich. Then there is me, soft-spoken, petite and trying to survive on 50 euros a day.

How do I make them see that, despite the fact that our government and big businesses seem to be taking over the world, my country is really a nice place full of nice people who have no hand in the actions of George W. Bush? How can I stay true to my homeland when every new day of travel reveals its flaws?

I love my country and I desperately want to represent it well. It has created a very nice life for me and my family. It has given me opportunities and resources people from different parts of the world could never dream of. But it is flawed. So many Americans never see the world outside of the United States. They never learn about the countries that cannot help but learn about us.

I challenge you, Technician readers. Learn about the world outside your own country. Learn about Canada, the country so close, yet to so many Americans, so foreign. Travel is expensive, but worth it. It will force you to open your wallet, but to also open your mind.

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**Caroline Monday**  
Foreign Correspondent

## Dean, King of the Britons and Jean-Pierre the Englishman

Well, folks, I'm in Athens, Greece now and traveling is wearing thin. But I suppose I'll keep on keeping on, because the money is still there and it's either travel or return to Raleigh, where I have no place to stay but my parents' house, and if there's one place in the world that will kill my Europe-buzz, that's it.

**Jeff Gaither**  
Staff Columnist

There are three clerks, one of whom introduces himself as Dean, King of the Britons; and one of whom is a terrifically nice and good-hearted Englishman named Jean-Pierre, who is the best person I have met in years. More on Jean-Pierre later.

The first night I arrived in Athens I went to a bar with Dean, King of the Britons, an American fratboy, two English young women, and two beautiful Danish teenagers. One of the Danish teenagers, named Carina, was the most beautiful woman that I have seen in Europe, and the other was merely a knockout.

So all these people and I went to a bar, and I talked to the two Englishwomen. I found it very difficult, conversing with them, until I got drunk; but one of them assured me with a smile that I was doing fine, which cheered my heart. And once I got drunk it was easier.

Then the seven of us went and climbed up on the Acropolis and drank wine till dawn. I sat on the grass and chatted with the English girl who had told me I was doing all right (she was Asian, actually, but English nonetheless) and we watched the sun rise. It is really something, sitting

atop the Acropolis and watching the sun rise over the mountains in the distance. It was nature in all her splendor, and we all just sat in silence and watched, and none of us would've taken a picture for the world.

Jean-Pierre was the night-desk clerk at Hostel Zeus. Despite his name he was English, and the first time I met him we got into an hour-long conversation about all kinds of subjects. He recommended I try thinking without using the word "No," and told me about his travels in Syria, and I told him the story of Lawrence of Arabia. It was wonderful to have a really profound conversation after weeks of "Where you from? What's your major? You go to school?" I hate meeting people, but Jean-Pierre's personality is such that you don't have to meet him. You already know him. He talked to the two beautiful Danish girls for an hour, just sitting on the stairs talking while I read Vanity Fair on the far side of the room like a coward, and the whole time he was simply conversing with them, and there was no sexual tension or implication at all.

I asked Jean-Pierre, who is twenty and never wears any expression but a smile, how it is that he makes himself so agreeable, how he instantly makes friends with everyone he meets. And he explained it to me:

"Just trust people. View everyone you meet as a friend, and greet them as a friend. Then, if they return your trust, then you really have made a friend, and if they don't, well, you're a good guy, you've got every reason to like yourself, it shouldn't matter to you what one person thinks. It's amazing," he closed with, "what can happen when you trust people."

On the way to Athens I took a ferry from Italy, and on the ferry ride was rip-roaring drunk before we even left the Italian shore. I made several friends whom I did not remember in the morning. I awoke and walked around the ship and various people greeted me, and then saw that I had become unso-

ciable and that I did not remember them, and that was the end of our friendship. But one nice thing about traveling is that most friendships are expendable.

I am really enjoying this trip, traveling is not wearing thin, regardless of what I said before. It's just the train rides and the check-ins. I would advise anybody who travels to Europe to book all hostels in advance, and book 'em for at least three nights. Moving sucks and packing sucks. Europe itself is the bomb-diggity, though.

What I most like about traveling, I think, is the constant change of scenery. It has gotten to the point where I get sick of a place in four days. I mean, a city literally becomes unpleasant and stale in four days, and I feel the need to move somewhere else. And then I get somewhere new and I'm happy again. Seeing places that you've never seen before is the bomb, too. They're just so much nicer than places you have seen, somehow.

I stand alone without philosophy, without religion (with, however, a belief in God) with clothes on my back, and with money in my bank account, and that's all I need. One thing I have learned is that the world runs on MONEY. Money can get you anything you darn well please, from sex right down to Orange Fanta. In Strasbourg I was approached by a prostitute (this was a first for me) who came up to me and said, "Focken?" and I said "Nein."

Everyone should travel to Europe, or at least far away from home, before beginning his or her adult life. It is not so much a matter of having a blast (I am assuredly not having a blast, though I lead a fine life) as just broadening your horizons, and being at peace. I feel very peaceful and quite happy, and hope you are too, and thank you, patient reader, for your time.

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JOE

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coach George Karl said Hodge won't see much playing time at first.

None of that will matter to Hodge. He'll do what he's always done - stay after practice to practice shooting, hit the weight room to become stronger, and play tough no matter the cost.

True, Hodge doesn't have a pretty jump shot and could use a little more bulk.

But he's a winner - and he'll

give Denver the same intensity, effort and love that he gave State for his years.

In his freshman year, when State was eliminated by Connecticut in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Hodge was devastated - lying on the court with tears in his eyes.

Three years later, Hodge got sweet justice in the ultimate fashion. With true grit and fire in his eyes, Hodge sliced through the lane and hit a last-second shot to beat UConn to advance State to the Sweet 16 for the first time in 16 years.

His college career had come full circle.

And a new chapter of his career began June 28 in his hometown.

And as there were at State, there might be bumps in the road. Some critics will say he's not good enough to start, he's too brash and doesn't have the quickness or strength to compete in the NBA.

But as usual, I doubt Hodge will listen.

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HOCKEY

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from Baltimore, Md. to compete in the 2004 Cup in Minneapolis, Minn.

"Right now we need more players. It takes 10 to fill a roster," Greeson said.

Part of the problem is finding other people in the state that can join the team. Transportation has been a limiting factor for members of the team who have

to travel from Hillsborough, Jacksonville, and Burlington to play and practice in one location - for the most part, Pikeville. Recruitment has been another limiting factor to the squad's development.

"I have trouble finding new players. I can't walk into doctors' offices to find people because of confidentiality reasons," Greeson said. "Instead I have to call different groups and organizations to get the [team's name] out."

Greeson said his dream is to

build the NCEWHA to a level where he could work for the organization full time. He is on his way towards that goal. Friday's game against a group of volunteers raised \$1,411 - money that will be used help pay for future games.

"I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight," teammate and Hillsborough native Shawn Hessee said after the match. "And I want to thank Jonathan and my teammates because this is the start of something good."

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5:56 P.M. | TW PERING W ITH EM ERGEN CY PHONE Children were playing with an emergency phone in an elevator in the DH Hill Library. Officers were unable to locate anyone upon arrival.

06/29/05 3:05 P.M. | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY A student reported seeing nude photos of herself on the Wolf-Web. The incident occurred off campus. The student was referred to RPD. She also made contact with Wolf-Web.

5:20 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT Two non students were involved in a traffic accident on Morrill Dr. near Cates Ave when their vehicles collided. No injuries were reported.

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06/30/05 11:29 A.M. | LARCENY A staff member in Jordan Hall reported that he had left his wallet in the top drawer of his desk.

Someone came into his office while he was out and stole \$80.00 from the wallet.

11:42 A.M. | DOM ESTIC D EPUT E A student reported that he was having an argument with his wife about dividing their bill during their separation. The wife left prior to the officer's arrival. She is living in an apartment off of Avert Ferry Rd. She is not affiliated with the University and was trespassed from the University.

9:01 A.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT A staff member was driving south on Dan Allen Dr. when his foot slipped off of the brake pedal causing his vehicle to run into the rear of the vehicle in front of him. That vehicle then hit a third vehicle turning into Central Campus Lot. There were no injuries reported.

07/01/05 10:21 A.M. | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY Officers responded to an accident involving a car and a lawn mower on Lake Wheeler Rd. The driver of the car, a non student was swatting a bee and ran off the road. He struck the lawn mower being driven by a staff member. Both subjects were transported to Wake Medical Center. There were no life threatening injuries. NC Highway Patrol is handling the investigation.

10:41 A.M. | FIRE ALARM Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Vet School. The alarm was caused by cooking. The alarm would not re-

set. Electronics was notified. 3:56 A.M. | INFORM ATION POLICE ECC received a phone call from a bail bondsman that a wanted suspect in MO, and has been spotted in the Raleigh area near the NCSU Campus.

8:20 A.M. | CHECK PERSON Officers responded to the DH Hill Library in reference to a group of suspicious males in the building. Upon arrival, officers discovered they were with a summer tutoring group.

11:22 P.M. | TRAFFIC TO P A non student was stopped for failure to stop at the stop sign on Dan Allen Dr. and Sullivan Dr. The subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Johnston County, and issued a citation for Driving While License Revoked, and for the stop sign violation.

11:57 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON An off duty Officer reported a suspicious male lying in the roadway on Founders Dr. at Lampe Dr. Officers check the area but were unable to locate anyone.

2:00 P.M. | CHECK PERSON A staff member called to report a suspicious male in Poe Hall. Officers located the subject, and identified the male as a staff member who works for Facilities. No problems were noted.

2:20 P.M. | DAMAGE TO PRO PERTY A staff member reported several dents in the side of a University Housing van. The van was parked at Avert Ferry on 06/30/05.

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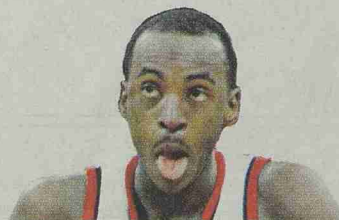


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COMMENTARY

## Hodge a class act

There was never an excuse for him not to play. Whether the snow was piled high on his New York City playground or he was the last man standing in an empty Reynolds Coliseum, Julius Hodge was out there — working, sweating, making himself a better player. When N.C. State won, he was the first to hop on press row, crack a mile-wide smile, and flash the “Wolfpack” sign. But when State lost, he was the first to take the blame upon himself — whether he deserved it or not. Hodge loved — make that desired — to win, desperately.

His floor-slapping defense and trash-talking were criticized by some opponents — but no one questioned his love for the game and his teammates. Hodge was the first to bear hug a teammate after a solid play and the first to warmly welcome freshmen to the team with endearing nicknames like “B-Rack from the ‘Bu” and “Little Head Ced.”

His team-first attitude and demeanor won over the hearts of his teammates.

At a recent Raleigh Parks and Recreation Summer league game, Cedric Simmons said he text-messaged Hodge on draft day.

Simmons said he jokingly asked Hodge, “Are you sure you don’t want to come back for a fifth year?”

It was his intensity and class that merited such admiration.

And that class was rewarded — and displayed — June 28 at the NBA draft, in the same city where Hodge cultivated his talent.

Many analysts pegged Hodge as a late first-round or early second-round pick. But with solid performances during pre-draft workouts, Hodge was drafted earlier than anticipated to the Denver Nuggets with the 20th selection of the draft.

Hodge and his family’s reaction on draft night was priceless. Immediately, Hodge wrapped his arms around his teary-eyed mother as his brother Steve — his mentor and lifelong coach — was exuberant.

As he crossed the stage and shook Commissioner David Stern’s hand, Hodge flashed that classic, boyish smile. In the following interview with Stuart Scott, he thanked the Nuggets for drafting him — something unheard of in the “me first” generation of the NBA. Hodge thanked his brother for being relentless and tough on him (i.e. slamming him against the fence at the court and punching his ribs).

He told the story of how his favorite player, Magic Johnson, gave him a wink while he watched the Lakers and Knicks compete at Madison Square Garden as a youngster.

Hodge displayed the same excitement on draft night as the kid who, years earlier, was out on the playground, constantly working on his game, hoping to one day be like Magic.

He also looked, acted and spoke every bit the part of a competitor.

No, he probably won’t start right away for Denver, which has Carmelo Anthony at the wing. In fact, after the draft, Nuggets

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WRAL reporter Ken Medlin sets up a microphone on Jonathan Greeson before an interview. Greeson, a 2004 graduate in business management, is the founder of the North Carolina Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association and his team — the Carolina Fury.

# ‘Fury’ and determination

GRADUATE JONATHAN GREESON STARTED NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Patrick Clarke  
Staff Writer

PIKEVILLE, N.C. — Ira “Thigie” Thigpen’s voice echoed throughout the gymnasium of his alma mater, C.B. Aycock High School in Pikeville on Friday.

“Most people wait for their first chance and never get it,” Thigpen said in his thick Southern accent.

“Jonathan and his team got their chance. Each athlete here plays with the greatest muscle known to man — the heart.”

Thigpen, a volunteer PA announcer, made this address before N.C. State graduate Jonathan Greeson and his Carolina Fury team played the first game of PowerHockey in North Carolina.

Greeson is a 22-year-old 2004 business management graduate who has Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Despite requiring the use of a wheelchair, yet determined not to let his condition stop him from perusing the sport he loves, Greeson has been playing hockey in his driveway since age 12. In 2004, he started the North Carolina



Jonathan Greeson looks to score on an empty net during a Carolina Fury game Friday. Greeson scored two goals in the the Fury’s 7-5 victory.

Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association — the state’s PowerHockey league — and the Fury, the league’s flagship team.

The NCEWHA is governed by a national body — the United States Electric Wheelchair Hockey

Association, whose purpose is to provide a quality hockey program for people who require the use of an electric wheelchair in their day-to-day lives.

Using experience from business classes and an internship

with the Carolina Hurricanes, he was able to establish the NCEWHA as a non-profit organization.

“Now we’re looking to get a team into the World Cup,” Greeson said, referring to the Power-

Hockey World Cup.

In August, Greeson and teammates Robert Rusch of Jacksonville and Josh Cranfill of Burlington combined with players

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## Wolfpack alumni in the NBA draft

On June 28, Julius Hodge went to the Denver Nuggets with the 20th pick in the NBA draft. He became the first N.C. State alumnus drafted in the first round of the NBA draft in the Herb Sendek era. Here is a look at a few other State alums who have been drafted in recent years.

**TODD FULLER**

• 11th pick (Golden State) in the 1996 NBA draft. After spending five seasons in the NBA with Golden State, Utah, Miami and the Charlotte Hornets, Fuller spent time playing overseas. He was a member of the Charlotte Bobcats’ summer league team in 2004.

**KEVIN THOMPSON**

• 48th pick (Portland) in 1993. Thompson didn’t get much playing time in Portland and was cut shortly before the 1995-96 season. He has since played overseas.

**TOM GUGLIOTTA**

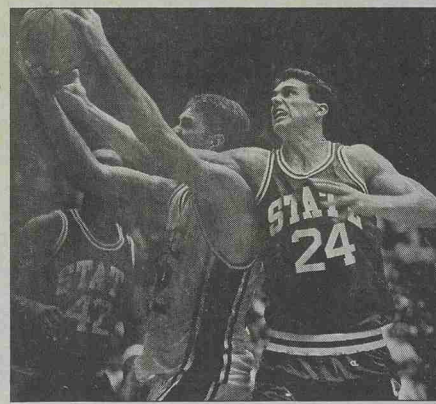
• 6th pick (Washington Bullets) in 1992. Perhaps the most recent NBA success story among State alumni, Gugliotta was an NBA All-Star in 1997 for the Minnesota Timberwolves. He led the Timberwolves in scoring during the 1996-97 and part of the 1997-98 season before suffering numerous injuries that have plagued his career since. He never fully recovered from injuries and was traded to Phoenix during the 1998-99 season and has since played for Utah, Boston, and Atlanta.

**CHRIS CORCHIANI**

• 36th pick (Orlando) in 1991. Corchiani played three seasons for Orlando and Boston, getting limited playing time. He played overseas before returning to Raleigh and running a restaurant, radio broadcasting, and, currently, working in real estate.

**RODNEY MONROE**

• 30th pick (Atlanta) in 1991. Although he still ranks as State’s all-time leading scorer, his collegiate success could not carry over to the NBA. Monroe played just one season for the Hawks, scoring 3.8 points-per-game.



Tom Gugliotta (24) was the 6th pick in the 1992 draft and was an NBA All-Star in 1997.

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