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## Bell Tower Briefs



### Library experiments with hours

D.H. Hill library is extending its hours. Beginning April 1, and lasting through May 5, the library will provide 24-hour service from Sunday at 1:00 a.m. until Friday at 9:30 p.m. The library will maintain regular hours, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday.

During the extended hours this Spring only circulation and reserve room services will be available.

This extension of hours is an experimental implementation of the library's funding this academic year. A program of extended access and service hours, which is being planned for the beginning of the fall semester, will be funded from resources made available by the tuition increase.

This program will include extended hours of access to collections in the main library and increased hours of reference assistance.

Longer hours of access to branch libraries is also part of the plan.

Compliments of the NCSU Libraries Newsletter.

### UAB sponsors Oscar party

The University Activities Board film committee will sponsor a costume party tonight in the campus cinema of the Witherspoon Student Center as part of the "1996 UAB Oscar Extravaganza."

The party will officially start at 8 p.m. when the Barbara Walters special will be shown on the big movie screen in the theater. Food will be served at 8:30 p.m. and the Oscar telecast will begin at 9 p.m.

Students are encouraged, but not required, to wear costumes to the event. The costumes will be judged by the film committee at 10 p.m. and the winner will receive two free movie passes to the Mission Valley Theater. The winner will also receive a free dinner for two.

Costumes will be judged on originality and can be of any character in movie history.

Witherspoon Student Center Director Larry Campbell said he hopes the turnout for the event will be somewhere between 50 to 100 people.

"I think people will have fun if they come out," he said. "It'll be a good evening."

This is the first time the party has been held in the student cinema. In the past, UAB was unable to get a television signal into the cinema.

But this year they are borrowing WKNC's antenna so the broadcast can be projected onto the big screen, Campbell said.

### Mayor to visit fraternity

Phi Kappa Tau will host a dinner with Raleigh Mayor Tom Feizer on Tuesday at the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity chapter house at 5:30 p.m.

Feizer's participation in the Phi Tau Forum is a component of the continuing education program begun last semester.

Previous speakers include N.C. State Chancellor Larry Monteith and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Tom Stafford. They spoke about university policies and their undergraduate days at NCSU. NCSU Provost Keith Stiles has also participated in the forum.

## Robinson resigns as coach



Les Robinson (above) announced in a press conference Friday afternoon that he was stepping down as N.C. State's basketball coach. Robinson, who arrived at the conference with his granddaughter (right), said he will stay at N.C. State as an associate athletics director. The conference was held in Finley Field House at Carter-Finley Stadium.



■ After a tumultuous six years as head coach of the N.C. State men's basketball team, Les Robinson decides a coaching change is in the best interest of the university.

By MICHAEL PRESTON  
SPORTS EDITOR

The red sweater is in the closet for good. After six years on the sidelines at Reynolds, five of which resulted in losing seasons, Les Robinson stepped down as coach of the N.C. State basketball team and accepted a position as an associate athletics director.

Robinson was offered a two-year contract extension to stay on board as head coach but turned it down, more for his players than anyone else, he said.

"The obstacle we created made it difficult for us to win close games," Robinson said. "We have great fans who want us to win so badly that it put pressure on us."

"This way, a lot of that pressure will be lifted."

Robinson's first year at the helm netted a 20-11 overall record, still the only first-year ACC coach to ever achieve such an accomplishment. He also led State to an NCAA Tournament appearance with the help

"He stands for all the good things we strive for in intercollegiate athletics."

—Todd Turner, Athletics Director

of four future NBA draft picks. Since 1911, N.C. State basketball has never suffered through five straight losing seasons until Robinson's teams turned the trick from 1991-92 through 1995-96.

The final game of this season, a loss in the ACC Tournament to Georgia Tech, solidified losing season number five, but not Robinson's fate.

"We offered him a contract extension one day after the ACC Tournament for at least two years," Athletics Director Todd Turner said.

After The News & Observer published a story saying Robinson was staying put, the mail began pouring in and the phone lines at the Wolfpack Club were ringing off the hook. Everyone had an opinion about the situation, and not all of them were positive.

"I got negative letters and some people were getting ready to go off the deep end," Robinson said. "It was extreme and it was getting beyond that."

"I couldn't get anyone to say that 'Les Robinson should be coach next year.'"

That included an on-line poll conducted by Technician's sports department. Of the more than 2,000 responses from readers, less than 4 percent were supportive of Robinson returning for his final year.

"Just my opinion, but that hurt Les," Keith Herrod, chairman of the university's Board of Trustees, told The News and Observer. "There's no way he wanted to fracture the university community, to be divisive."

Up until the end, Robinson had the support of both Turner and Chancellor Larry Monteith, both of whom brought him to Raleigh almost six years ago.

"We owe it to one man and I cannot imagine completing the task without Les," Monteith said. "I'm not sure any coach in America could've done all he's done for this university."

Turner said Robinson will assist the new coach in keeping NCSU on the right track.

"In his new role he will help us rebuild the traditions of NCSU that he has begun,"

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## Students protest China's sabre rattling

■ Taiwanese students protested China's potential intervention of Taiwan's attempt to become an independent country.

By JENNIFER SORBER  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

N.C. State's Taiwan Student Association sponsored a protest Friday in the Brickyard to support Taiwanese democracy and to oppose China's military aggression. The 50-60 protesters chanted, sang and marched in support of Taiwan's first presidential elections.

China opposed Taiwan's election because the election was Taiwan's last step toward democracy and independence, according to Wen-Shin Lee, president of the Taiwan Student Association.

"Even though the democratic process started years ago, it's the end mark for the democratic process," she said.

Lee said China's actions stemmed from its desire to control Taiwan and to keep it from becoming independent.

"China thinks Taiwan should be a province," she said. "If a president is elected, it will be hard to claim ownership."

In the beginning of March, China began conducting military exercises 20 miles off Taiwan's coast in an attempt to intimidate Taiwan into not holding the elections.

Taiwan's military and governmental disadvantages left them with few choices.

"Taiwan doesn't have the same advantages," Lee said. "China has a strong government, they can do things that Taiwan can't."

China's actions didn't persuade Taiwan to call off its presidential

elections Saturday. Lee Teng-hui became Taiwan's first elected president.

Bo-chi Wang, one of the protest's coordinators, said it was necessary for Taiwan to speak up and to stand up for themselves.

"The government of China is fighting for control of Taiwan," he said. "We have a right to step up for ourselves. It's not China's business."

The students hope protests like the one they held will "arouse the attention of citizens of other countries to support democracy there," Lee said.

Taiwanese students were concerned with the welfare of their families who are still in Taiwan.

"Because we're far from home, we want to do whatever we can for our families there," Lee said. "We can't

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Taiwanese students held a rally in the Brickyard Friday to protest China's recent military and political actions.

## SMA still evaluating Agromeck

■ SMA members and advisers recommend major changes for Agromeck.

By PHILLIP REESE  
STAFF WRITER

N.C. State's yearbook, Agromeck, is being subjected to a critical evaluation by the Student Media Authority because of possible financial and managerial improprieties.

Tim Ellington, SMA adviser and head of an SMA subcommittee that is examining Agromeck management, said the close scrutiny of the yearbook is necessary.

"In order for the yearbook to survive, we have got to make some decisions about where the yearbook is going to go," Ellington said. "It is time the board says 'We've got to hold them to a higher level of responsibility.'"

Ellington said the yearbook could be managed and possibly marketed better than it is currently. He pointed out that many universities of comparable size sell more yearbooks than NCSU.

Ellington said Clemson University, which has an enrollment of approximately 15,000, sold around 4,300 yearbooks last year. Kansas State, a school with a population of approximately 20,000, sold around 5,000 books. Last year, Agromeck sold only 125 books.

"I really feel like, unless we make some changes, [Agromeck] will run itself into the ground," Ellington said. "There is no question that [Agromeck] could do some things better."

Keith Crawford, an at-large SMA member, said a lack of managerial structure is a large part of Agromeck's problems.

"There is no real hierarchy," Crawford said. "It is just a group of photographers. They have no business staff. They lack the core departments to make the staff work."

Stan North Martin, SMA adviser and head of an SMA subcommittee that is studying the way Agromeck uses funds, said there is a possibility that yearbook employees have used Agromeck charge accounts for personal reasons. Martin also said many yearbook supplies could be purchased for lower prices than are currently paid.

Martin said Agromeck spent \$71,647 last year. That figures out to approximately \$573 per yearbook sold.

Crawford said Agromeck employees are pretending the yearbook is more prestigious than it actually is in order to rationalize such spending.

"There is a prevailing attitude in Agromeck that they have an award-winning yearbook," Crawford said. "They haven't won an award in a hell of a long time."

Crawford said nearly everything associated with Agromeck should be changed, including its name.

"There needs to be a cleaning of house," Crawford said. "People

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## Inside Monday

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## AASAC endorses four candidates

■ The group interviewed candidates for the four major political offices.

By JEAN LORSCHIEDER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The African-American Student Advisory Council held a forum Friday for Student Government hopefuls to describe their platforms and answer questions about their records and goals for the 1996-97 academic year.

Candidates for student body president, student senate president, treasurer and chief justice talked to a group of about 20 black student leaders about the upcoming elections.

According to Derrick Coley, AASAC chair, members were concerned with candidates' vision and experience. AASAC is a "think-tank" made up of representatives from N.C. State's 35 black student organizations, and elected officials are also members.

Some issues addressed at the meeting were:

- racial diversity in student government
- state and federally funded affirmative action grants and scholarships
- 24-hour visitation in residence halls
- plus/minus grading
- teacher evaluations
- funding for clubs

After the short speeches and question and answer periods, AASAC voted on endorsements for executive offices.

AASAC endorsed Robert Zimmer for student body president, Mark Nippert for Student Senate president, Conisha Barnes for treasurer and Priscilla McNeill for chief justice.

Lorraine Stone, incumbent chief justice, was not endorsed because "many of the representatives stated, for her experience, she did not have a clear vision," Coley said.

Two candidates for executive office from the Students First Coalition spoke at the meeting. According to Paul Zigas, a candidate for student body president, SFC is a "reform party" that is "pushing customer satisfaction."

Zigas said SFC is in favor of forming a

student-run Student Government, implementing representation by district rather than college and not making campaign promises that can't be kept.

The SFC platform includes promotion of the African-American studies program, but Coley said the political group did not seem to have done its homework about the program.

"The question was, 'Why are you just now saying this as opposed to last August or September?'" Coley said. "I guess you could say that was ticket baiting."

Other office-seekers, Coley said, did not form relationships with black student groups until election time was upon them.

"A lot of the candidates came to us in the 12th hour," Coley said.

Elections will be held April 1 and 2, and, if necessary, run-off elections will take place April 8 and 9. Candidates will take office on April 19.

For profiles on the candidates and their platforms, read the Wednesday and Friday issues of Technician.

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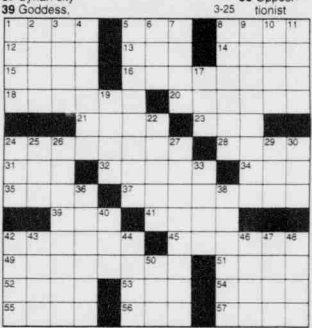
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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  - 13 Dream Team's logo
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ARE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN TODAY'S TECHNICIAN



Robinson

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Turner said. "He stands for all the good things we strive for in intercollegiate athletics."

His career will long be remembered — not for his winning percentage against rival North Carolina, which was the best among the active coaches in the conference at .417, but for his record against everyone else as well.

Over five years, Robinson has dealt with a suicide, the transfer of one of his best recruits, players quitting and numerous, embarrassing losses to lesser opponents such as Florida Atlantic, Campbell and Davidson. The list was long and got longer when it came to conference wins on the road.

But Robinson was praised for turning anemic academics into the strongest in the conference and pointed directly to Todd Fuller, the GTE Academic Player of the Year, as the prime example.

"Always remember and cherish the man you had here for four years," Robinson said. "He's what it's all about."

Some people felt that wins and losses were placed ahead of grades and graduation, but that isn't so, according to Robinson.

"Bad didn't win out over good," he said. "Unfortunately our society has different philosophies."

"We won half the battle but didn't get to the finish line."

Turner said that Robinson, as well as assistant coaches Al Daniel and Eddie Biedenbach, will be involved in the search for his replacement.

"N.C. State will be an attractive sight and we will go with good

speed to fill those shoes," Turner said. "We'll move as quickly as possible to find someone before the signing date (April 13)."

Robinson said he came to a final decision Thursday afternoon. "I went both ways," he said. "I made the decision about four times."

Robinson said he doubted he would coach again, but may do some scouting for professional teams if the opportunity arises.

Robinson signed a five-year contract as associate athletics director that will pay him an annual salary of \$113,612, which is the same amount he made as the head coach.

"I'm staying here because I want to see a job completed," Robinson said. "Together we can get this thing across the finish line."

Agromeck

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associate the name Agromeck with an unworthy use of money. That has got to change."

Public criticism of Agromeck this year started when the Student Senate voted to exclude Agromeck from a media associations with extra revenue. At the time, College of Engineering senator Aaron Maurer said, unless the yearbook changes, it should be done away with completely. Recently, Maurer said he was happy with the SMA's decision to re-evaluate Agromeck.

"I am not adamantly opposed to the idea of a yearbook — but lots of changes need to be made," Maurer said.

Agromeck Editor-in-Chief Andy Tucker refused to comment on the SMA's actions thus far.

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Correction

In Friday's edition of Technician, the headline, "Public Relations Day kicks off symposium," was incorrect. The Communication Symposium started Wednesday, while Public Relations Day was Thursday.

Also in Friday's edition, the graph that accompanied the story, "NCSU wins UNC system 'drug trophy'" was incorrectly labeled. The graph should have read "N.C. colleges with the highest number of probations, suspensions and expulsions."

Technician quotes the famous and frivolous:

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life." -Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign.

"The doctors X-rayed my head and found nothing." -Dizzy Dean explaining how he felt after being hit on the head by a ball in the 1934 World Series.

Protest

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help but think about it because our homes are there."

China's threatening military exercises were another concern of the Taiwanese students.

"Certainly we all worry about the exercises," Wang said. "We believe that China shouldn't have any invasion activity."

Lee agreed that it was necessary for Taiwan to take precautions against China's threats.

"You can't predict China, and we can't take those risks," Lee said. "We should be prepared."

Wang said protests such as the one on Friday will continue as long as China continues to threaten Taiwan.

"Until China stops threatening, we will continue to express our concerns," Wang said.

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# Sports

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## VCU and Vanderbilt hammer the Wolfpack

By MICHAEL TODD  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After starting 6-2, the women's tennis team was looking forward to another stellar year.

But something has gone wrong and the Pack (6-7) has lost their last three matches — and has not won more than two matches in each contest.

Looking for answers, the Wolfpack went out of conference to host two matches.

But answers were nowhere to be found as State was blown away twice, losing 7-2 to Virginia Commonwealth on Saturday after losing 6-2 to Vanderbilt Friday afternoon.

In the VCU match, No. 1 singles player Blair Sutton had more problems than her opponent Catharina Bernstein. Sutton pulled a back muscle in the early going, but she didn't let it stop her.

After losing the first set, she came back to win the second one easily.

But her back caught up with her in the third, taking Sutton out of her game. She lost the match 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Despite losing, Sutton put in a performance any coach would be proud of.

"She was in pain every step," Coach Jenny Garrity said. "But she kept going."

State's No. 2-seeded Mina Scnicierello lost 6-3, 7-6 to the Rams' Melanie Sponagel.

The No. 3 singles match between State's Chastity Chandler and VCU's Liliana Manoukian was the best match of the day.

After losing the first set, Chandler bounced back to take the second. Both players battled into a third set tiebreaker, where Manoukian took advantage of Chandler's unforced errors to win 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.

State's only singles win came from No. 4 Nena Bonacic'. She jumped on Helena Karlsson early and dominated the match, winning it 6-0, 6-3.

In the other singles matches, No. 5 Carey Causway lost to Sofia Hiort 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, while No. 6 Laura Cowman fell to Helene Nilsson 6-4, 6-3.

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## Baseball team sweeps Hokies

By TIM HUNTER  
STAFF WRITER

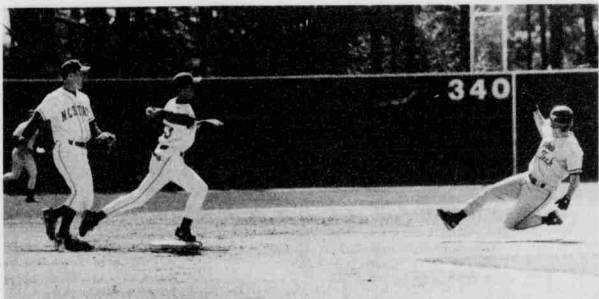
N.C. State 11, Virginia Tech 1

Junior ace Corey Lee improved his record to 6-0 as the Pack rolled to a convincing home victory Friday afternoon at Doak Field. Rightfielder Jake Weber helped set the tone early with a three-run blast over the right field wall in the bottom of the first.

The Pack dominated offensively with eight different players getting hits, totalling 16 for the team.

Centerfielder Tom Sergio led the way with four hits, and Weber wound up with five RBIs, pushing his team-high season total to 36.

Lee and freshman Dustin Baker, who picked up his first save, held the Hokies to just four hits.



PETER SCHMEHL/STAFF

State shortstop Adam Everett looks to turn two against Virginia Tech Saturday in the 3-2 win.

N.C. State 3, Virginia Tech 2

After giving up a two-run lead in the first inning, junior Brent Jones settled down to pace the Pack to another victory Saturday.

"I'm proud of the team's effort," State coach Ray Tanner said. "Especially the way Jones kept his composure."

The Wolfpack improved their record to 23-4 overall.

After falling behind, the Pack

battled back with a two-run third inning.

Catcher Marty Bourgon led off with a double, followed by an Adam Everett single. Bourgon scored on a sacrifice fly by Sergio, and Weber scored Everett with a single, tying the game 2-2. The Pack scored the go-ahead run in the eighth on a grounder by designated hitter Bryan Phillips.

The Wolfpack loaded the bases

on singles by Weber and Chris Combs, and by the intentional walk of third baseman Matt Postell, who was leading the ACC in hitting with a .491 average coming into the series.

Phillips then grounded out, scoring Weber for the final score of 3-2.

Centerfielder Tom Sergio

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## Academics or athletics: it shouldn't be a choice, both should be the ultimate goal

■ Giglio reflects on the roller coaster ride that was the Les Robinson era and asks the question, "Who really lost?"

Six years ago when Les Robinson returned to his alma mater to take over a program in a decrepit state of academia — it was the only thing.

A wounded university turned its lonely eyes to its native son, "Where have you gone, Mr. Robinson?"

They wanted Robinson to put the student back into the student athlete. No more stereo thefts, pizza delivery stickups, or point shaving scandals. Forget the defeat of the Phi Slamma Jamma, give us the Phi Beta Kappa.

But this is not a movie. There would be no fairy-tale ending on the court for Robinson. Basketball might be as Robinson said at his press conference, "a play, with good guys and villains."

His Shakespearean analogy is complete with missed shots, the



J. P. Giglio

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missed can't-miss recruits.

It's been five years since the Red & White have even been invited to The Ball. In his first season, Les Robinson was Cinderella. Mopping up after the wicked step-sisters, he took his team to the NCAA tournament.

But it was a mirage. Midnight came prematurely. The glass slipper wasn't just lost, it shattered into pieces.

"Academics hasn't lost today. The past six years have not been spent in vain," Robinson protested in

response to a question from a reporter concerning the direction of the program. "We won half the battle, we just didn't cross the finish line."

Sixteen years ago, when a charismatic, brazen young Italian from Long Island landed in the wrong Carolina, he knew what it was all about.

Not just The Ball, but the whole ball of wax. Jim Valvano not only dreamed the impossible dream, he lived it. Jimmy V put college basketball on the map. Not just in

Raleigh, but for the rest of the free world. After his mad scramble across the Pit in Albuquerque — everybody who ever bounced a ball, anyone who ever went in the backyard and envisioned the clock running out, down by a point, three ... two ... one — wanted to be like Destiny's Darlings.

Ironically for Valvano, his life turned into a movie.

"I'm now fighting to live and the irony of having people think of me

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# Tumblers win ACC Invite

By **BILL HERR**  
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The gymnastics team won the ACC Invite over Maryland, North Carolina, William & Mary and Radford, establishing a new school record — 193.70.

Christi Newton and Ashley Hutsell tied as vault champions with a 9.90. Gemma Robinson completed the sweep with a 9.850. Lauren Mazzurco placed third on the uneven parallel bars with a 9.725.

Jennifer Kilgore and Stephanie Wall tied as champions on the balance beam with a 9.85. Newton completed the sweep with a 9.825 and was crowned floor champion with a 9.85. Hutsell placed third with 9.725. Newton also won the all-around with a score of 38.900.

Along with the outstanding team

performance there were notable individual achievements as three freshman set personal bests in the meet. Mazzurco scored a 9.725 on the uneven bars and a 9.400 on balance beam. Robinson scored a 9.850 on vault and Stephanie Flanagan a 9.700 on vault. Two sophomores broke former marks as Husell scored a 9.90 on vault and a 9.80 on the beams, and Wall scored a 9.850.

The upperclassmen were also determined in the last home meet of the year as junior Heather Cicero set a personal mark with a 9.525 on the uneven bars. Kilgore set a personal mark with a 9.550 on the vault, 9.850 on the beams, and a 38.100 in the overall.

The Invite was the last home meet for the seniors Kilgore and Newton, two of the most influential gymnasts in the history of the

program. Kilgore is a four-time Academic All-American who has set personal bests in each event and the all-around.

Not to be outdone was State's only All-American, Newton, who owns every record. She was named the Wolfpacker's Outstanding Female Athlete for the Winter Season as a freshman and as a senior has already won EAGL Gymnasts of the Week four times.

The team now prepares for the EAGL Championships on March 30, in Morgantown, W.Va. Then it goes to the University of Florida for the regionals April 12 and 13. If the team finishes in the top two it will advance out of what is regarded as the toughest region in the country and into the National Finals April 26 and 27 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

# Hokies

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stretched his team-high hitting streak to 12 games with a single in the seventh inning.

"I don't think about [the streak] when I am playing," Sergio said. "But it is revenge from last year, when I was stopped one short of the team record."

**"The team is very competitive and well prepared for each game."**

—Ray Tanner, Wolfpack baseball coach

Freshman Sean Gordon came in to pitch in the eighth inning, and picked up the win. Gordon improved his record to 4-0 with the victory.

"The team is very competitive and well prepared for each game," Tanner said.

And Sergio was quick to agree.

"We have a solid line-up with no weak spots, and our young guys have really stepped up," Sergio said.



HOE TERADA/STAFF

The women's tennis team, lost 7-2, to VCU and 6-2 to Vanderbilt over the weekend. It's record fell to 6-7 for the year.

# Giglio

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as a man who cared only about winning and athletics ... overwhelms me," Valvano told Gary Smith in 1993 for the award-winning Sports Illustrated article that is the basis for the "Jimmy V Story," which will air on CBS next week.

The dichotomy produced by the exits of Robinson and Valvano is dripping with irony. Friday, Robinson — flanked by Chancellor Larry Monteith and Athletics Director Todd Turner — was quite V-esque in saying goodbye to the bench.

He thanked the professional media, his family and his friends. He joked about Hamibal Lectern, his wife's eagerness and willingness to fight for his job, and the deacon at his church.

Six year's ago in the lobby of the Case Athletic Center, Valvano solemnly spoke to the media alone. There was no chancellor, athletics director, or applause.

Last week's press conference showed that the hierarchy of this university have learned a valuable lesson from its treatment of Valvano.

With the chance to enter the next millennium in a new arena with a new coach, nobody lost Friday. If the past 16 years have taught us anything it's that extremes are the road less travelled for a reason.

Neither athletics nor academics lost when Robinson stepped down to take a position as Associate Athletics director, mediocrity did.

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# Tennis

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For the Wolfpack, the players are having trouble closing out the close ones.

"The girls are playing well, they keep losing the close ones," Garrity said.

State won only one of the doubles matches. Sutton and Chandler won 8-5, while the Pack's other two pairs lost 8-3 and 8-2.

On Friday, the Wolfpack lost more close ones, losing to the Commodores 6-2.

Three State players went to three sets before losing their matches.

Scimicariello lost the first set, but rallied to take the second before losing 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

Bomacic captured the first set 6-4, but she lost the next two, falling 4-6, 6-4, 7-6.

Causway won the first set in a tiebreaker, but was blown away in the second and third sets, losing 6-7, 6-0, 6-1.

Those three matches seemed to be the difference for State.

"We had a great opportunity to beat Vandy," Garrity said. "We just choked."

It took three sets for Sutton to dispatch her opponent 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, while Cowman took care of business to win her match 6-3, 6-2.

State will host Auburn on Tuesday before playing three conference matches on the road.

To get back on the winning track, the Wolfpack must bring the pieces together.

"The first thing that they have to do is regroup," Garrity said. "The players have to figure out what works for them and do it. They can't get tentative. They have to play their game the whole time."

The team will be back in action on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. against Auburn.

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A meeting has been scheduled at the Weisiger-Brown Athletic Facility (football office) on April 1 at 5:30 p.m. for anyone interested in becoming a Stately Lady. A discussion of the purpose and responsibilities of the organization will be presented.

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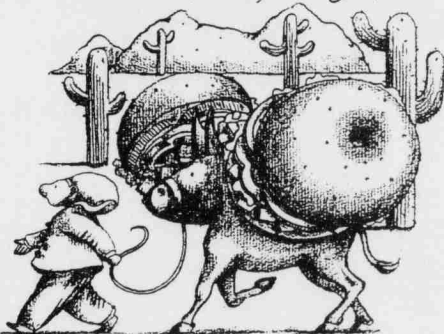
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## Resident critic predicts winners

BY CLARENCE MOYE  
ASSISTANT ET CETERA EDITOR

Oscar night will be a surprising one, no doubt about that.

Just take a look at all the early prognostications and see what a wide-open field many of the nominations are. The picks are varied, and cases can be made for each one. There's no "Forrest Gump" or "Schindler's List" this year.

While there are a few certain wins, i.e. Nicholas Cage in "Leaving Las Vegas" and Susan Sarandon in "Dead Man Walking," the rest of the races are anyone's guess. So here are my best educated guesses.

For Best Picture, I'm going with everyone's favorite pig movie, "Babe." Every where you look, people are hyping this movie beyond belief. And believe me, it deserves the win. It's a funny movie full of adult themes that Oscar voters can't resist such as rooting for the underpig and fighting racism.

The latter will prove most

important this year since there are no major African-American nominees. In fact, out of 161 nominees, there is only one African-American and she's in an animated field.

Suddenly, a little pig fighting racism becomes more poignant than you might expect. But don't count out the other favorites "Apollo 13," "Braveheart" or "Sense and Sensibility."

With Best Actor, the field is a lot less open. Nicolas Cage, whose portrayal of a drunk has critics making up new words for praise, has won every single major pre-Oscar award. If he loses the final prize, it will be the biggest shock of the evening.

But I don't put my vote behind Cage simply because he had free run with his character. Anthony Hopkins in "Nixon," on the other hand, had to fight all the impressions that have been given of Tricky Dick and come up with his own version.

Hopkins managed to remind us

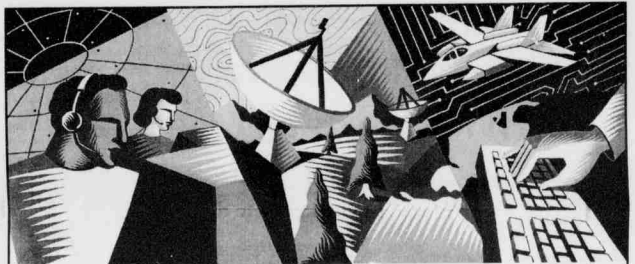
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<b>Best Picture</b>	Babe	Apollo 13	Sense and Sensibility	Apollo 13	Apollo 13	Babe	Apollo 13
<b>Best Actor</b>	Nicolas Cage	Nicolas Cage	Nicolas Cage	Nicolas Cage	Massimo Troisi	Nicolas Cage	Massimo Troisi
<b>Best Actress</b>	Susan Sarandon	Susan Sarandon	Susan Sarandon	Susan Sarandon	Susan Sarandon	Susan Sarandon	Susan Sarandon
<b>Best Supporting Actor</b>	Ed Harris	Kevin Spacey	Brad Pitt	Ed Harris	Ed Harris	James Cromwell	Brad Pitt/ Kevin Spacey
<b>Best Supporting Actress</b>	Joan Allen	Mira Sorvino	Joan Allen	Joan Allen	Kate Winslet	Joan Allen	Mira Sorvino
<b>Best Director</b>	Mike Figgis	Mel Gibson	Mel Gibson	Tim Robbins	Chris Noonan	Chris Noonan	Tim Robbins

### Our panel of experts

If you hadn't already heard, the Oscars are tonight. Broadcast around the world in countless languages, it is possibly the most important regular event on Hollywood's calendar. To help our readers handicap the nominees for the top six prizes, we culled critics from the N.C. State English department, "Technician" and NCSU students -- and they've made some surprising predictions. Who will end up winning the Oscars? You'll just have to tune in tonight to find out.

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# Opinion

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## Doing what needs to be done

■ The end of the Robinson era marks the beginning of a brighter future.

The atmosphere of Les Robinson's press conference last Friday was similar to a funeral after a long illness. Although Robinson's turn at the reins of N.C. State basketball expired after a long, exasperating ordeal, almost everyone involved, including Robinson, obviously felt a sense of relief. It had been ugly, but it was over.

And what shone through on that stage, in the spotlight, was the man who so many had felt compelled to support in spite of the lackluster performance of his teams. The Les Robinson of that day was a man not beaten, he was a man doing what must be done and doing it on his own terms. And he did it with optimism, good-humor and the sort of honesty that has all but disappeared from amateur athletics. Robinson is a class act.

Nice guys do sometimes finish last. It's sad, it's tragic, but it's true. Les Robinson lost his job, but everyone lost something on that day. Those who had supported Robinson felt as if they had lost a battle to uphold academic standards in a business too preoccupied with winning seasons and national rankings. Some of those who had helped end Robinson's career felt pangs of guilt for the obvious injury they had done this

good man.

As for Technician's role in his final days as coach, we, like Robinson, did what we felt needed to be done. It wasn't pleasant, but it was necessary.

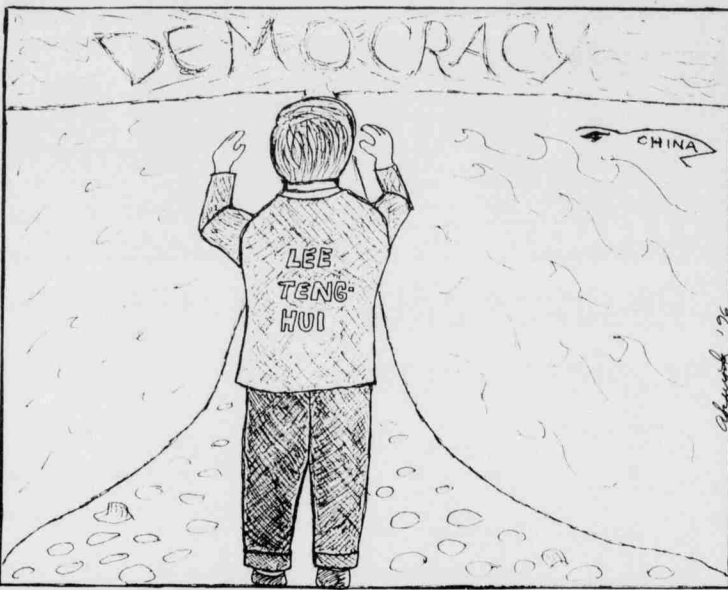
Answering questions from reporters, Robinson alluded that the only thing he regretted from the last six years was Technician's use of his pre-NCSU record against him in an editorial asking him to resign.

"I know that I can coach," Robinson said. "The people who wrote that I was a loser at The Citadel, and I just made it at East Tennessee State, it's not professional journalism."

The use of Robinson's full losing record over his 22 years as coach was not only completely accurate and competent, but it should be recognized that we did our homework and let the facts speak for themselves. Robinson was not called a "loser" in the editorial once — instead there was a concerted effort to let his numeric win-loss record speak for his ability as a basketball coach.

The whole affair leaves a bad taste in the mouth. But Robinson has made his decision — and he made the right one. He can serve the university honorably and successfully as an associate-athletics director.

The end of Robinson's career as coach marks a new beginning for Wolfpack basketball.



## Commentary

### Religion helps many of society's ills

Chris Grawburg

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When policy makers consider America's grave social problems, including violent crime and rising illegitimacy, substance abuse and welfare dependency, they should heed the findings in the professional literature of the social sciences on the positive consequences that flow from the practice of religion. Somehow politicians have overlooked one of America's oldest institutions when they assemble to create legislation to mend our social decay.

Practicing religion has proved to be the best medicine in keeping society stable and helping citizens on the path to personal and family success — often times in ways you might never imagine. Observe how religion positively affects family stability, physical health and social breakdown then compare these facts with the supposed negative consequences extolled by America's elite liberals. (As always, full documentation is available upon request for each study cited.)

**Family Stability** There is a growing consensus that America needs to pursue policies aimed at restrengthening the family. It is important for social scientists to recognize that regular church attendance is a critical factor in marital stability. People with high levels of church attendance have lower divorce rates across all ethnic and racial lines and are more likely to reconcile marital separation if a divorce occurs. Cohabitation before marriage, a high risk behavior when it comes to marital stability, is seven times more common among persons

who seldom or never attend religious services than those who do. Women who attend religious services once a week are only one-third as likely to cohabitate as those who do not, according to one study.

Religion is also a factor in keeping relationships within marriage healthy. A University of Chicago study showed that conservative, religious women are not only more satisfied emotionally in

their relationships but are more sexually satisfied and, believe it or not, more orgasmic than non-religious women. **Physical Health** The American Journal of Epidemiology, as well as other scientific surveys, have shown that the life span of church-goers is higher than non-church-goers by several years. Practicing religion, moreover, has been linked to dropping the blood pressure by as much as 5mm/Hg, which is the equivalent of a 40 percent drop in the mortality rate. Even the health of smokers is improved — the risk of stroke for smoking church members is 700 percent less than that of non-church members.

Happiness has always been an important factor toward better physical health. Research by Universities of California and Washington sociologists indicates that persons with high levels of religious influence in their lives are happier, more satisfied with life and have less psychological distress than those uncommitted to religion. I wonder if atheists can boast the same about atheism?

**Social Breakdown** The most radical positive effect of religion can be found in

America's social decay. With all the concerns about teenage pregnancy, the publication, Monthly Vital Statistics Report, concluded that adolescent virginity and sexual control are closely related to religious practice. Without exception, teenagers who consider religion and God important facets of their life had much lower levels of sexual activity than those with little or no religious influence. The simple fact is teenagers who don't go to church are responsible for more illegitimate children and the resulting problems than are those who do. Maybe the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services should run commercials encouraging kids to go to church instead of commercials about dancing condoms.

Because religion requires the follower to take control of his/her life and to live by a higher standard, people of faith are less likely to be enslaved by drugs and alcohol. Northwestern University School of Medicine found that nine of 10 alcoholics had lost interest in religion in their teenage years, in sharp contrast to teenagers generally, among whom interest in religion increased by almost 50 percent. Further studies cite that alcohol abuse is 300 percent higher among those who do not attend church.

It is time for religion to take a front seat in the debate for social reform. With all the evidence of the positive cultural effects of religion on society, it is a disgrace that so many "concerned" politicians and cultural commentators paint people of faith as stupid and ignorant. Since liberals constantly want religious people to open their minds, I challenge them to do the same and take a serious look at the benefits of dedicated religious practice.

## Yearbook needs changes

■ Though it produces a stellar product, Agromeck's finances are in question.

Picture this: A company puts together a book at a cost of \$573 dollars per copy, then charges \$25 if people buy it directly and \$30 through the mail. Sounds like a heck of a deal, as long as the company could stay afloat offering such cutthroat bargains.

Now what if this company was a student media?

Agromeck, N.C. State's yearbook, charges about 5 percent of the per-copy production cost for the annual yearbook. The Student Media Authority has proceeded to review the management to ensure responsibility among the staff members. Only 125 books were sold last year, and with more than 25,000 students at NCSU, it's obvious that some people are not doing their jobs in marketing.

If Agromeck sold more books the per-unit cost of production would decrease. Even Clemson University can sell to almost 30 percent of its

population of 18,000. Kansas State sold 20 to 25 percent of its 20,000 students.

If Agromeck needs to be investigated and even reorganized to ensure an "award-winning" yearbook, then more power to the SMA. In its current financial state, Agromeck appears to be a giant money pit — taking in lots of money while recouping meager amounts at best. Money for budgeting services for the students at NCSU is hard to come by and if one department can't hold its head above water, it's imperative that changes be made. If the SMA learns during this review that spending more than \$70,000 in a single year doesn't service the majority of the student body, then rebudgeting needs to occur.

This does not mean that the yearbook has to go — the student body is lucky to have the opportunity to have the yearly pictorial record of NCSU. With improved marketing, possibly more students will become aware of Agromeck, thereby improving the yearbook's state of affairs.

## Dole hypocritical on campaign trail

Mike Frost

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Politics is almost always a case of the pot calling the kettle black. We see countless times how politicians who will criticize their opponents' inconsistency on an issue can be found contradicting themselves on another.

The recent developments in the Republican presidential primaries show that Bill Dole is going to be the next Republican candidate for president. While to some people the prospect of a President Dole is much more inviting than the idea of Bill Clinton serving a second term, I must express some concern over a politician whose popularity stems from his crusade against violent and profane music lyrics. Of all the issues that find their way into the media nowadays, one would think Dole's political agenda would be rife with references to the nation's economics, foreign policy and health care. Instead we see Dole focusing his attention on an issue with hardly any impact socially, but one which he knows is sure to increase his popular appeal with the nation's conservative constituency.

Dole is a supporter of the right to bear arms (a personal right guaranteed in the Bill of Rights) and a champion of turning

over management of welfare systems to individual state governments. So why is it that he's inconsistent with these positions and contradicts himself in his views over controlling the right of Americans to listen to whatever kind of music they want? I'm not debating the obvious leverage this nets him in his drive to defeat Clinton and assume the mantle of Commander-in-Chief. It's this and other related stances on issues that will strengthen the support base for his campaign, but for him to claim he has the best interests of the nation as a whole in mind as he campaigns while focusing his energy and attention on condemning the music industry is comical.

The age-old argument that violent lyrics somehow cause people to be violent is another version of the misguided view that assault weapons encourage people to kill. A view, which I might add, Dole is at odds with in his fight to repeal the Brady Bill. In applying similar logic to other situations, one could say that depressing lyrics result in a higher consumption of Prozac. Violence is not the result of someone who listens to violent lyrics. It is the result of individuals who are sick and need the kind of

professional that a quick-fix solution can't fix. Similarly, viewing some lyrics as profane while others describing the same subject or action as acceptable is misguided as well. For instance, why is "sh\*\*" bad and "f\*\*ces" okay? If someone were to write a song that referred to someone as being full of feces, would that be okay?

As a U.S. citizen and consumer, I will decide what is right for me to listen to. Whether that happens to be Nine Inch Nails or the Lawrence Welk Collection, no one has the right to tell me what I can and can't buy and listen to. No one is forcing Dole or anyone else to listen to these lyrics, yet he behaves as though their very presence demands action in order to save the "Decadent States of America" from itself. While I might be offended by hearing Rush Limbaugh's or Howard Stern's oratory, I don't have the authority or the right to prevent anyone else from listening to it and enjoying it.

While our savior, Dole, is getting rid of violence and profanity in lyrics, he might decide that all writing needs to be cleaned up as well. The next thing you know, the thought police are on the prowl and the average citizen has forfeited all the rights that Big Brother Dole claims he supports. How interesting it would be to see how his conservative support base reacts to a forced revision of the Bible because it contains descriptions of heinous acts of violence and passages referring to acts considered profane.

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**NCSU dancers  
a world-class act**

If you were poking around the gym or the Student Center during Spring Break, you may have noticed several hundred young men and women in leotards, sweats and bare feet. N.C. State hosted the Mid-Atlantic ACDA Festival, a gathering of schools for dance workshops and competitions. Schools from Ohio, Florida, New York and many other states were in attendance and adjudication concerts (where performed dances are judged) were held all week to show off their dancing prowess.

Of about 50 of the fine dances performed during the week, only a few were selected for the Gala concert. One was "An Outspoken Dinner Party," choreographed by Robin Harris Taylor and performed by Angie Basala, Angela D'Antonio, Brownyn Lynn and Megan Marvel. The adjudicators had the task of selecting five dances to go to the national competition at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. They selected only three, and NCSU was one of them. The other two were "Sarajevo" from UNC Greensboro and "a version; intro" from Cornell University.

So we may not be able to win out against Duke and UNC in basketball, but the NCSU dance program is world class. Of course, we did have home court advantage.

**Sean Korb**  
Senior, Computer  
Engineering/Computer Science

**Candidates need to be  
free-thinkers**

Before we all go running to the polls to vote for student offices, let's take a moment to look at what issues the candidates stand for. Two groups have students as their first priority. Quite a surprise considering these are students running for a student position in a student government, and who are going to campaign as "Elect me, for my resume'." Well, let's see what else these people stand for. From the posters, I just can't tell. Groups with similar ideas are

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handing together, but the student body would like to know what each person thinks. Stop assuming we are going to vote together like one person with 10 votes.

In a time when the line in national politics grows less obvious (except for extreme cases) why do we need to try to form groups on campus. I personally would rather have someone who will stand up for his beliefs making decisions for me than someone who will go along with the "group." Do yourselves a favor: if you are running for office, run as an "independent" because independent thinkers are what we need.

**Sam Barron**  
Junior, Materials Science and  
Engineering/MDS

**Hawn is the best  
person for SBP**

With student body elections just around the corner, it is imperative that students quickly become familiar with the best candidate for student body president. There are many issues on this campus that cannot be solved unless the students elect the candidate with the most honesty, intelligence and dedication, as well as a student who will put all his time and effort into serving the students of N.C. State.

Josh Hawn is the candidate that I think has all these qualities and, if elected, he would put all he possibly could into this position. I have known Hawn for the past three years and have seen his involvement in many different organizations at this university. He has held several leadership positions and has been a role model to all those who appreciate his dedication. Josh is a business management major with an emphasis in marketing. He has been involved in Order of Omega, Inter-Fraternity Council, Sigma Phi

Epsilon, Student Senate, the Outing Club and other activities on and off campus.

Our new president needs to be someone who is involved on this campus and is aware of students' needs. We need someone who truly has students' interests at heart and will not make promises that he does not intend to keep. I know that Josh can be a strong leader and a good liaison between the faculty and administration on this campus. He is open-minded to suggestions as well as to criticism from his peers.

Josh has all the attributes to fulfill the position of our new student body president. He is not only experienced, but he also has the endearing quality of going beyond his responsibilities as an elected officer. He would definitely be an asset to the student body, and I hope he has your support in this election.

**Alison Mazza**  
Junior, Textiles

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**Oscars**

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that even wayward presidents have a heart and soul. He made us care about someone that we've been trained to hate. For that alone, he should take the Best Actor prize for the second time.

For Best Actress, Susan Sarandon will win simply because this is her fifth nomination and she's never won before; it's her time. Plus, how can she not win when she's bringing Sister Helen Prejean, the nun that she plays in "Dead Man Walking," to the ceremony. But more deserving is Elisabeth Shue in "Leaving Las Vegas."

Shue had the best "hooker role" of the year. It takes a lot for an actress to make the audience care about a foul-mouthed hooker, but she does it. Especially with her eyes, which capture the yearning and passion that she has for the hopeless drunk that she has taken in. It's a very subtle performance.

And something tells me to not count out Sharon Stone in "Casino" entirely.

The Best Supporting categories are anyone's guess.

In the Supporting Actor category, the only name that has not been

mentioned for having a snowball's chance is Tim Roth in "Rob Roy." Brad Pitt won the Golden Globe for "12 Monkeys." Ed Harris won the Screen Actors Guild Award for "Apollo 13." Kevin Spacey won every other award for "The Usual Suspects." Any of these guys could conceivably win, but I'm picking James Cromwell for "Babe" simply because he hardly says a word in the film.

He acts with his eyes and body. It's a old-fashioned physical performance in a field where tricky and sophisticated dialogue is the norm. Besides, sad to say, Cromwell is getting on up there in years, and the Academy likes to reward their elders.

With Supporting Actress, the field is a tad smaller but just as difficult to pick. Mare Winningham for "Georgia" won't win because no one saw the film. Kathleen Quinlan won't win for "Apollo 13" simply because she didn't even deserve a nomination.

That leaves Mira Sorvino, another critics' darling, for "Mighty Aphrodite," Kate Winslet for "Sense and Sensibility" and Joan Allen for "Nixon."

I think Joan Allen will and should win because she's the dramatic heavy in the category. The Academy doesn't like to reward

romantic comedies, i.e. "The American President," and quite frankly, I think Sorvino's time has peaked.

My best rationale for choosing Allen goes back to the Screen Actor's Guild awards. Sorvino, who won every major critic's award, lost to Winslet. Allen wasn't in the running against those two; she was boosted up by her peers to the leading actress category.

These are actors nominating these awards, and if they think highly enough of Allen to consider her a lead actress, she'll take home the Oscar in the category for which she was nominated: supporting.

Finally for the Best Director Oscar, Mel Gibson will win, unfortunately. People love actors who become directors, and this will probably be "Braveheart's" best shot at a major award.

But there are some major strikes against him. The film is all spectacle and battle scenes, very little substance. And he didn't direct his cast to any Oscar nominations, a true sign of weakness.

My choice would be Chris Noonan for "Babe." Anybody that can direct 48 pigs to a Best Picture nomination should be rewarded.

But who knows who will win. That's just my opinion.

**Answers**

**Crossword Puzzle**

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