

## Out of the Bubble

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It's getting chilly out, and everybody likes stepping into a warm room and sipping something piping hot. A drink gaining popularity super quick is the chai latte, a wonderful spice milk tea from India. Some popular chai-serving shops include Francesca's Dessert Cafe and The Regulator on 9th Street, Mad Hatter's Bake Shop on West Main Street, as well as any Starbucks in existence. Many grocery stores sell pre-made chai latte mix and concentrates, such as Oregon Chai or Chaiwalla. For the truly daring, you can try brewing your own. You can buy chai teabags at Harris Teeter or Whole Foods. You'll also need milk, sugar, vanilla extract, and cinnamon/nutmeg (optional). Follow the directions on the box, and pour in some milk (not too much!). Add sugar and half a teaspoon of vanilla extract. Then add the spices to taste. How much of each ingredient you add is really all up to you. You can even head to the PFM and add some vanilla ice cream in place of the sugar and vanilla extract for a cool chai dessert!



<http://www.oregonchai.com>  
There are many different kinds.

## Music Scene

Looking to get off campus and rock out for the weekend? Be sure to check out these concerts:

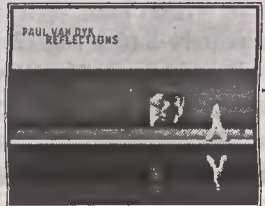
**The Weakerthans**  
Cat's Cradle at Carrboro  
October 23rd at 8 p.m.



**Weekend Excursion**  
Cat's Cradle at Carrboro  
November 7th at 10 p.m.

**Yeah Yeah Yeahs**  
Cat's Cradle at Carrboro  
November 9th at 9:30p.m.

**Paul Van Dyk**  
Mythos (in Charlotte)  
November 11th at 10 p.m.



And for the more "performing arts-oriented":

**Stomp**  
Memorial Auditorium  
October 7th to 12th

**Firebird and Carmina Burana**  
Memorial Auditorium  
October 16th to 19th

## A Photo is More Than Just a Picture

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They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and indeed in many cases this is hard fact. Whether it brings back memories, conveys a message, or simply inspires interest and charm, the photograph undoubtedly captures the essence of humankind's emotional, spiritual, and mental connection to aesthetics. Most of you have probably noticed the new photographs posted on the NCSSM At-A-Glance web page. Though they are less personal than the photographs of last year and do not include the dozens of NCSSMers we know and love (note, however, that these pictures are still available under Campus Candida on At-A-Glance), the new photos have their appeal. During the first few times I visited the At-A-Glance page, I noticed these new photos and was taken aback at their beauty.

Take for example the close-up of the gorgeous marble-blue eye of what appears to be a Siberian husky. The black and white hues swirl around the dog's eyeball and climax at a stark white shine within the pupil. Another beautiful picture is the photograph of a vehicle accelerating into the distance while the sun sinks under light shades of

pink and yellow in the background. The sunset in the photo captures waves trickling onto the rocky shore. A particularly cute photo is the one with the gold and white hamster sitting snug in a plastic cup. And I am sure everyone likes the photograph of the pregnant woman floating on her back. It may seem questionable at first, but upon further inspection reveals life's vital connection with water. One of the most heartening photographs is the one in which an old man stands triumphantly with goggles on his forehead and the midday sun shining brightly behind him. The man is elderly, maintains his avid quality of life. This outlook on life reminds us that

there is more to life than the worries of the world.

So why write an article about photographs when there are dozens of more sensible topics to write about? Perhaps the answer could be best explained in my favorite photograph of the At-A-Glance series. If you haven't guessed it already, it is the inspirational photo of the silver fish flying out of its bowl. Never have I seen a simpler photo which embodies the freedom of thought, the breaking of boundaries, or the commanding realization that there is more out there than what can be seen through the fishbowl. Jump out and see it for yourself.



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**Lurking Grandseniors:** David Lorang, Teresa Lee, and Christian Reuter come back for a taste of home. Get to know your grandseniors, juniors. They are cool.