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Service Raleigh holds registration

Registration to participate in Service Raleigh, scheduled for Saturday, April 8, begins in the brickyard today, Monday, March 6, and will continue through Friday, March 24.

Interested individuals may register between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Those who register now will be automatically eligible to win prizes on April 8. All volunteers will receive free T-shirts and food on the day of the event.

Service Raleigh is a massive community service event organized by the N.C. State Park Scholars and Student Government. It pairs local groups in need of volunteers with community members interested in offering five to six hours of service on April 8.

To register or obtain more information, visit the Service Raleigh web site at <http://serviceraleg.wpe.net>, or call the Service Raleigh office at 513-0029.

Ticket distribution task force commissioned

Tom Stafford, vice chancellor of student affairs, has put together a task force to evaluate new methods of future athletic ticket distribution at N.C. State.

The task force has student representatives, but the opinions of the student body at large are to be considered in the future decisions of the task force.

Student Senate Pro Tempore John Borwick has written an online survey to collect the feedback of the student body. In addition, a similar survey evaluating the results of a tuition increase on students is also online.

Borwick put the surveys online to give Student Government a more formal way of gaining student opinion.

Students wishing to give feedback on the future of ticket distribution at NCSU can access the survey through a link on the Student Government web page at students.ncsu.edu.

First Company 'Graduates' from NC State's Start-up Incubator

Nitronex Corp., a provider of gallium nitride semiconductor materials, has become the first start-up company to "graduate" from the small business incubator at N.C. State's Centennial Campus.

The new Nitronex headquarters — located on Hutton Street across from NCSU — will assist in the expansion of the company's research and development, sales, marketing and support operations.

Nitronex was the first company to open an office in the Entrepreneurial Development Center @ NCSU, a small business incubator that opened in September at the university's Centennial Campus. Developed and managed by the N.C. Technological Development Authority (NC-TDA), the incubator offers furnished office and laboratory incubator suites for start-up companies, most of which — like Nitronex — have close ties to the university.

A central goal of the incubator is to help small business entrepreneurs establish themselves and "graduate" from the incubator, explained Mark Crowell, associate vice chancellor for technology transfer and industry research.

More information about the company is available on the Web at www.nitronex.com. More information about the Entrepreneurial Development Center @ NC State is on the Web at www.nceda.org/incubators/rta/edc.html.

Apartment fire claims NCSU student

◆ One NCSU student was killed and one was injured Thursday when a fire tore through their apartment on Dana Drive.

helping to rescue one of his roommates.

Ken Stuart Carroll, 22, a senior majoring in biological engineering, was pronounced dead on arrival at Wake Medical Center. Carroll was from Godwin, N.C.

Blake Alex Bullard, 22, a senior from Autryville, majoring in food science, was injured in the fire and was taken to UNC Hospital's Burn Center.

Gary Bradley Jackson, 21, a senior from Autryville, majoring in accounting, was not injured in

the fire. Terry Wright, NC State Public Safety deputy director, said that Jackson was awakened by a smoke detector in the apartment, and with the help of an off-duty fireman who lived in the apartment complex, Jackson was able to help rescue Bullard from the fire.

According to Wright, the fire at 4917-C Dana Drive, in the Sunter Square Apartments off Jones Franklin Road, was reported at 3:38 a.m. Thursday morning. Fire officials are still investigating the

cause of the fire, but it appears that the fire originated in the kitchen near the stove. Damage to the apartment was extensive.

NC State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox expressed her condolences to the families of the students. "The NC State community shares the grief of the families of our students injured in this fire, and our thoughts and prayers are with them and their friends. Our counseling center is available to offer help to fellow students in coping with this tragedy."



A smoke damaged window inside 4917-C Dana Dr.

USA Today honors three

◆ Three NCSU undergraduates were named among the nation's best college students in light of their intellectual accomplishments.

Ann Hsieh
Senior Staff Writer

Three N.C. State students represented North Carolina as a premier state in the country by being chosen for the 2000 All-USA College Academic Team. Luke Perry and Luke Zettlemoyer made the second team, while Jenny Chang received an honorable mention.

Students were nominated by staff and faculty, and were required to write an essay on their most outstanding intellectu-

al endeavor. According to Tracey Briggs, reporter for USA Today and coordinator of the All-USA Academic Team, over 800 nominations were received from undergraduates all over the country. One hundred and twenty students were sent to the finals, where the judges then placed the students into first, second and third teams.

"Although the students were separated into the different teams, all of the students are amazing. It gets harder and harder to decide which students are chosen each year," said Briggs. "We had a terrific team this year."

Luke Perry, senior in architecture, is the co-founder and president for Hope for the Homeless. He also co-organized the campus Hurricane Floyd relief effort, and led work teams in Bolivia.

Luke Zettlemoyer, senior in computer

science and math, published eight research papers on intelligent user interfaces, combining artificial intelligence and human computer interaction. He is a part of the senior class council and the university task force on copyright and ownership.

Jenny Perry, senior in biochemistry, applauds Perry and Zettlemoyer. "I am really happy to see that Luke Perry and Luke Zettlemoyer made it," she said. These students were the only ones from North Carolina who made the All-USA Academic Team. Chang was surprised to receive an honorable mention. "It's exciting and very flattering," she said.

According to Briggs, the students were not only chosen based on their academic success, but also how they use their intellectual abilities outside the classroom. Finalists were chosen according to on-campus and off-campus activities, community service, internships, research and publications.

The 12 judges were presented quite a challenge with this year's nominees. "We don't like to call the 20 undergraduates on the first team the best in the country," Briggs said. "The judges feel it's indefinable." Judges included George "Pinky" Nelson, a former astronaut, from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Sarah Ridley, public humanities programmer. According to Briggs, all of the judges are educators who have very strong backgrounds in humanities and science.

The undergraduates who were chosen for the All-USA College Academic Team were featured in the February 17th issue of USA Today. Each student on the first team was brought to Washington D.C. to receive a \$2,500 check and a trophy. Students on the second team, third team, and those who earned honorable mention were presented with certificates honoring their achievements.

USA-Today All-USA College Academic Team
ncsu members (second team)
Luke Perry- senior, architecture
Luke Zettlemoyer- senior, Computer Science and Math
(honorable mention)
Jenny Chang- senior, Biochemistry

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Filing deadline nears for elections

◆ Student Government's expanded elections board is preparing to run an election that has not yet garnered much interest from the student body.

Natalie Duggins
Senior Staff Writer

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Students have until 5 p.m. today to take a stand against the controversy that embroils N.C. State by registering for this year's elections, which will occur on April 3-4. Election packets are available in the Student Government Office in 307 Witherspoon Student Center or online at: <http://students.ncsu.edu/vote>.

"There are not as many as we would like," said Wes Moyer, co-chair of this year's Elections Board, of the number of candidates that have registered thus far for the general elections. Moyer added that filing for Student Senate seats, has been minimal thus far.

Students wishing to enter the race for one of the elected positions are required to be full-time students during their term in offices. Candidates must also maintain a 2.0 GPA in order to run. Former Student Government

officials who have been dismissed from office are not eligible to run. Students wishing to compete in the spring elections must also be able to attend the All Candidates Meeting, slated for Wednesday at 5 p.m.

The positions of Student Senate President, Student Body Chief Justice and Student Center President each require that applicants have prior experience. According to the elections packet, potential candidates for the office of Senate President "must have served at least 50%, plus one of the scheduled Student Senate meetings in any given year by the close of filing." The packet also stipulates that candidates for Chief Justice have served at least two semesters as a Judicial Assistant.

However, students wishing to vie for Student Body President, Student Body Treasurer, Student Senate or Student Media Authority need not have any prior experience within Student Government or the affiliated organizations.

Also, because Student Senate has yet to suggest a new appointment for next year's senate, the Elections Board will be operating under the appointment established by last year's senators, Moyer said.

This year's elections will run similar to

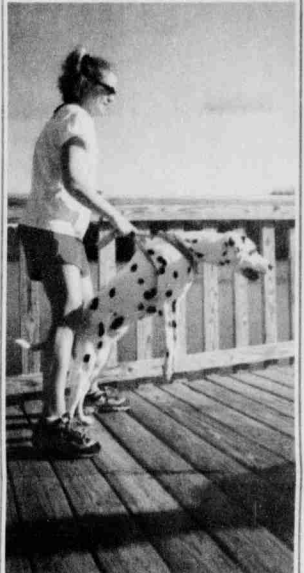
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open positions

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- 2) Student Senate President
- 3) Student Chief Justice
- 4) Student Body Treasurer
- 5) Student Center President
- 6) Student Center Board of Directors (4-at-large seats)
- 7) Student Media Authority (6-at-large seats)
- 8) Student Senate (40 seats by College and Classification)
- 9) Senior Class President
- 10) Senior Class Vice President

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Ready to run...



"Maggie," owned by Kelly Robertson, a senior in Textiles, seems ready to go on a beautiful Sunday at Lake Johnson.

Dance benefits Haven House

◆ A NCSU honor fraternity is sponsoring a campus wide dance-a-thon that will boost funds for a local charity.

Emily Townley
Senior Staff Writer

On April Fool's Day, N.C. State students will have the opportunity to learn to swing dance and salsa, win a weekend's hotel accommodations for 100 in Savannah, Georgia, and benefit the children of Raleigh's Haven House.

Phi Sigma Pi, a coed national honor fraternity in its seventh year at NCSU, is hosting Fool's Night Out, a dance-a-thon fundraiser to benefit its chosen charity, Haven House.

"We have a fundraiser to benefit Haven House every spring and have done a bowl-a-thon, called the Wish Bowl, in the past," said Mendi Lawrence, Phi Sigma Pi's leadership chairperson. "Our goal this year is to make more money for Haven House and really involve more students in the fundraiser."

Mike Joyner, president of Phi Sigma Pi said, "At the same time that this is a service project, we're really interacting with the community more than we have in other fundraisers...and this is going to be a fun event."

Proceeds from last year's Wish Bowl totaled \$800, according to Lawrence. The fraternity hopes to double that figure with this year's fundraiser.

According to Lawrence, Haven House is "a private, non-profit agency that offers support, crisis intervention and education for troubled youth." The agency provides services including: runaway shelter/crisis

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The Solitude Self

A&E recommends sounds for the hopelessly hopeful.



Face-off

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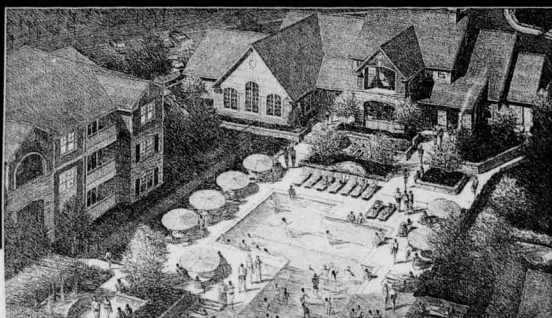


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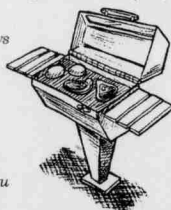
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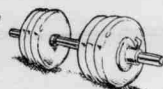
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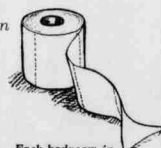
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intervention, preparation for independent living, in-home family counseling, group homes and one-on-one volunteering.

'Phi Sigma Pi has been involved with Haven House for quite a while,' said Michael Rieder, executive director of Haven House. 'And this year they have really gotten more involved actually participating with the agency.'

Fool's Night Out will begin at 9 p.m. on March 31 at the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house on fraternity court. Participants must make minimum donations of \$15 to take part in the event, Lawrence said. Individuals who donate over \$30 will receive event T-shirts, and the person who makes the largest contribution to Haven House will receive a prize of hotel accommodations for two in Savannah, Georgia.

Sigma Alpha Mu is a sponsor of the event and will help publicize

the dance-a-thon, but has no other obligation in the planning of Fool's Night Out, Lawrence said.

Dancing will begin at 10 p.m. and continue until 5 a.m. on April 1.

'That is Daylight Savings weekend, though,' Lawrence said. 'So when it turns two, it will actually be 3 a.m.'

The members of Phi Sigma Pi have planned the evening to include a variety of types of music and dancing, Lawrence said.

The genre will change at the top of every hour, and participants will dance for 50 minutes and then have a ten-minute break to rest or get free snacks and drinks, provided by local businesses.

Lawrence said the evening's selections are to include opening and closing hours of 'booty music,' and individual hours of swing, 80s, salsa and oldies music.

The president of the ballroom dancing club, Tiffany Barnes, will also be available to provide dance instruction during the swing and salsa portions of the evening, Lawrence said.

Phi Sigma Pi fraternity vice pres-

ident Andre Meadows will be the disc jockey for the evening, and performers from Comedy Sportz will provide entertainment during the breaks between dance sets.

'We want to have something fun to do at every break,' Lawrence said. 'We've thought of having a jalapeno-eating contest, things to keep people going and having fun.'

Lawrence's goal is to have 150 to 200 people come out for the eight-hour event. 'We want people to come and stay for the entire time,' Lawrence said. 'We may change that next year and have something for those who stay the longest, but this year our goal is to keep things simple and just see how it goes.'

Fool's Night Out is a completely alcohol-free event, Lawrence said. Because of this, Greek Life has agreed to extend the traditional 2 a.m. curfew for fraternity functions on fraternity court to 5 a.m.

Also, two public safety officers will be available to monitor the dance-a-thon, Lawrence said that her committee has had wristbands donated to place on registered participants' wrists in order to more closely regulate the students participating in the event.

The brothers of Phi Sigma Pi are really excited about the change in the fundraiser this year, said Joyner.

'This is an exciting, campus wide event that everyone in the fraternity will be involved in planning,' Joyner said. 'And whenever you get more involved in something, you get more out of it.'

Joyner said, 'Everything we make from the event will go to the Haven House. We're making no profit on this.'

Rieder also plans to take part in the dance-a-thon.

'I've never heard of this kind of fundraiser, but I think that it sounds like a whole lot of fun,' Rieder said. 'It's just so neat to see students give so much of their time to help out in their community.'

Students are encouraged to pre-register for Fool's Night Out and may do so in the brickyard on March 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To register or obtain more information, students may also email Mendi Lawrence mrlawren@unity.ncsu.edu.

ELECT

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on the voting site to avoid security breaches that were discovered in last year's system.

'There will be a test run to make sure it is 100 percent secure,' Moyer said. As a member of last year's elections board, Moyer is hoping to make sure this year's election season runs a little smoother than in previous years. Instead of the traditional volunteer chairman, this year's elections board will be led by Moyer and Inter-Residence Council President Little

West. This is a departure from the norm, admitted Moyer, but the co-chairmanship is, in the end, 'very beneficial.'

'It saves us a lot of running around,' Moyer said, 'and it makes it more like a committee.'

Adding to the committee feel of this year's board will be an expanded number of members. Student Senate during their meeting Wednesday night approved this year's board, which is almost twice the size of last year's board. Moyer hopes that the larger board will be able to better publicize this year's elections.

'It'll bring in a lot of different perspectives which will be beneficial to the board,' said Moyer.

U. North Dakota bans access to music web site

◆ Schools across the nation are taking actions to ban the use of their computers for downloading mp3 music files, often an illegal practice.

KRIS KERZMAN

Dakota Student

(U-WIRE) GRAND FORKS, N.D. — University of North Dakota joined other campuses this week in the nation by banning the web service Napster, an Internet tool used to search for and download MP3 audio files, from its servers. The ban comes after network administrators on campus discovered that much of its bandwidth capacity was being eaten up by UND Internet users downloading audio files from the site.

'It was overwhelming our network,' said Dorette Kerian, interim director of the UND Computer Center on the decision to ban the service.

'It was filling up our capacity to the point where important things were being compromised,' Kerian added.

Napster uses a comprehensive system which is a boon to MP3 downloaders, but is a headache to systems such as the one used at UND. Napster allows anyone to receive MP3's from multiple hard drives and searches for the quickest and easiest ones to receive them from. According to Kerian, the Napster system didn't require its own server, it merely accessed indexes from these other hard drives and downloaded from them.

The amount of data transmitted was clogging network arteries so much that UND decided to ban access to it on all campus terminals and to anyone accessing the Internet via the university, according to Kerian. The ban will simply make it impossible to access the web site napster.com.

The ban is not a unique one. Universities across the country, from Boston University to Oregon State University, have also taken measures to keep students from accessing the Napster system, citing similar choked bandwidths. In the case of Oregon State University, the extra traffic was reportedly costing an added \$1,500 dollars a month.

Although the practice of downloading audio files is often an illegal one, especially in the case of pirated music, the main reason for the ban was the added stress on the UND network. The question of copyright infringement and the fact that Napster is currently facing a lawsuit from the Recording Industry Association of America definitely made the choice to ban Napster an easy one, according to Kerian. She added that this ban may be a sign of times to come.

'There's going to be more of this over time, especially with more data being available to download [from the Internet],' she said. 'With the ban, we're buying time until it can be managed.'

HEAT

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Avent experimented with a modified lineup for the final game of the series, giving freshmen Daniel Caldwell and Adam Ennis and junior Eric Mosley a shot in the batting order. The trio responded by going a collective 7-for-14 with three runs scored and seven RBIs.

Meanwhile, sophomore Brian Wright extended his hitting streak to 13 games, going 2-5 with a pair of stolen bases.

State starter Mike Sollie (2-0) retired the first five batters he faced. But with two outs in the top of the second, Sollie walked George Mason's Brad Santmyer and gave up a single to third baseman Teddy Puitz. Catcher Brian Anderson hit a shot that went between Prochaska's legs for the game's first run. The Patriots added three more runs in the inning to take a 4-0 lead.

The way we've been swinging the bats, we could have struck a little bit,' Avent said. 'But it woke us up a little bit, and we attacked them.'

Sollie settled down after that inning and only gave up one more run through five innings of work to earn the win.

The Pack was quick to answer in the bottom of the inning. Shortstop Jason Smith, who went 3-5 and scored three times, beat out a bunt base hit with one out and runners on first and third to put State on the scoreboard. Mosley followed with a RBI single and Caldwell plated another run on a groundout to the shortstop to cut the deficit to 4-3.

State kept the pressure on in the bottom of the third by promptly loading the bases on Patriots pitcher Marcus Davis (0-2). Ennis doubled with one out to drive in two runs and give the Pack a 5-4 lead. State added one more run in the inning and never trailed the rest of the game.

State's hitters had such a great day at the plate that they were able to make contact even when George Mason tried to pitch around them.

Chris Murray tried to intentionally walk Prochaska with two out and runners at second and third in the seventh. Instead, Murray's second pitch was too close to the plate, and Prochaska reached out and lined the ball down the left field line for a two-run double.

'It was just a freak thing,' Prochaska said. 'That first pitch was really close to the plate. I looked back and the catcher had big eyes and said, "You've got to get that away." The next pitch was even closer and I was already standing up on the plate, and I just stuck my bat out.'

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The famous Andrew Lloyd Weber musical brings the adaptation of Billy Wilder's 1950 film of the same name. "Sunset Boulevard" is a story of a young, down-on-his-luck screenwriter Joe Gillis and his meeting with Norma Desmond, a legendary star of the silent screen. In the new adaptation that will play at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium from March 7-12, Desmond will be played by internationally recognized singer Petula Clark, and Gillis will be played by Lewis Cleale.

Clark (Desmond) hails from England and has sung such well-known songs as "Downtown," which she won 2 Grammys for, "I Know A Place," and "You'd Better Come Home". She has appeared in numerous other musicals, and even has appeared in some movies ("Goodbye Mr. Chips"). Cleale (Gillis) has appeared in several Broadway musicals, such as "Once Upon A Mattress" and "Swinging on a Star".

"Sunset Boulevard" has been hailed as a masterpiece and just adds to the list of accolades that Weber has acquired over the years, including "Phantom of the Opera".

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through any Ticketmaster by calling (919) 834-4000.

Durham Council Arts Building
to hold painted paper sculptures show

"Painted Paper Sculptures" is the title of an exhibit by Pittsburgh artist Jacqueline Hammer that will hang in the Semans Gallery of the Durham Arts Council Building from March 9 through April 10. The artist will host a reception on Sunday, March 12 from 2-4 p.m. The Semans Gallery is located on the second floor of the Durham Arts Council Building at 120 Morris Street in downtown Durham. Building hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-6 p.m. on Sundays.

For many years she taught painting and drawing at schools and community organizations. Since 1979 she has taught "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" in New York, Connecticut, and Florida. For the past 10 years she has been teaching that program at Duke Continuing Education.

Lectures and shows on art at the
N.C. Museum of Art

The N.C. Museum of Art will present a special viewing of "Life Father, Life Son?" portraits by Frans Hals and Jan Hals through May 7. Father and son, teacher and student; these two paintings are the focus of this two-painting exhibition. Frans Hals' masterful "Willen Cousins" from the National Gallery of Art appears alongside the NCMA's "Portrait of a Gentleman," arguably the best picture by the artist's son Jan. Nearly identical in dimensions and pose, and dated just a year apart, both of these half-length portraits may represent members of the same family. Seen in tandem, the pictures allow viewers to compare brushwork, palette, and imagery and to assess overall quality.

The First Annual Abram and Frances Pascher Kanof Lecture on Art and Religion kicks off with "The Old Testament as Inspiration for the Dutch in the Age of Rembrandt." Wheelock, curator of Northern Baroque painting at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, presents this lecture in memory of Dr. Abram Kanof and his wife, Dr. Frances Pascher Kanof. Until his death in 1999 at age 95, Kanof served the Museum as adjunct curator of the Judaic Art collection, volunteer tour guide, scholar, writer, and fundraiser. He was passionately interested in other artistic traditions, including the discovery of visual evidence in works of art of the beliefs and customs shared by people from different cultures and religions. In the lecture, Wheelock examines the conviction of the 17th-century Dutch that they, like the Israelites, were God's chosen people. This bold assurance found dramatic expression in paintings of biblical subjects by Rembrandt and other Dutch Baroque artists and is reflected in works in the Museum's collection. The lecture is March 12 at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

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SARAH E. MIRANO

Features Editor

After a 5-year hiatus, British act The Ther returns with a soul-searching, one-man project entitled "NakedSelf," released in the U.S. on February 29. The Ther leader Matt Johnson, the man behind the passionate social commentary and haunting sounds, has churned out nine new rock music, full-length projects since the late 1970s. This is the first album to be released since the band left the longtime Sony label, and is presented by Nothing Records.

Johnson has been supported over the years by a cast of musicians that have included former Smith's guitarist Johnny Marr and singers Sinead O'Connor and Neneh Cherry. His latest release features Eric Schermerhorn (Iggy Pop) on guitars, Earl Harvin (MC900 Ft. Jesus) on drums, and Spencer Campbell (Kenny Rogers) on bass. Last year the band completed an East Coast tour, offering a sneak-preview of the album, but they plan a full national tour of the U.S. in April.

Bruce Lampcov and Johnson co-produced "NakedSelf," which was recorded in New York. Johnson's primary home for the last few years, but he also has homes in England, Sweden and Spain. During his off-time Johnson had a son and recorded an album entitled "Giant Sluts" in 1997, which was never released. "NakedSelf" is probably Johnson's most mature work to date, and his talent for songwriting shines through. The first single that will be released, "Shrunken Man," is a beautiful

but not a portrait of a man who wants to feel grown-up again. It has a thick sound with strong harmonies. Johnson sheds every bit of his earlier synthesized-laden style. The opening track, "SwineFever," is very much in the style of Nine Inch Nails, which is not surprising considering that NIN is also carried by the Nothing label. Songs like "PhantomWalls" and "December/Sunlight" highlight the beauty of the acoustic guitar, while

depressing is actually uplifting.

Johnson was born in London's East End in 1961 and began playing in bands when he was 11 years old. Since then he has infected the world with his gifts of singing and songwriting, beginning with "Burning Blue Soul," which was released in 1981 under his own name. As The Ther, Johnson went on to do "The Pornography of Despair" (1982), "Soul Mining" (1983), "Infected" (1986), "Mind Bomb" (1989), "Dusk

"And now, at long f*ing last - NakedSelf. Thanks for waiting for so long. Bring the record home. Take a long hot bath. Slip into a glass of your favourite drink. Turn NakedSelf up extremely loud And kick back. I hope you enjoy listening to it as much as I enjoyed making it."**

-Matt Johnson

Johnson's breathy voice is likely to make you shiver. It would be worth buying the album just to hear Johnson belt out "They, don't be afraid" in "PhantomWalls."

"SoulCatcher" and "The Whisperers" are stripped-down approaches to pop music that both address social isolationism, anguish and soul-searching. As usual, Johnson's album touches on issues like consumerism, environmental issues and going solo, but this time he matches it so perfectly with his unique melodies that what might seem

(1992) - with the powerful song "Love is Stronger than Death," "Solitude" (1994), and a marvelous tribute to Hank Williams's R. called "Hanky Panky" in 1995.

Even if you're not a fan of The Ther or a kind of recluse, the album "NakedSelf" is likely to sweep you away. If you are a fan of The Ther and you enjoy listening to music while you take a bubble bath, well, it's been a long time since Johnson's powerful anti-war song "Sweet Bird of Truth," but the passion remains.

Bringing
Bluegrass to a
Lowcountry Boil

◆ The Lowcountry Boil Bluegrass Band is poised for stardom with their new release "Break Me Off Some Bluegrass."

WILLIAM REDD
Staff Writer

The Lowcountry Boil Bluegrass Band has exploded on the music scene with their debut album "Break Me Off Some Bluegrass," featuring the legendary Vassar Clements on fiddle. This fresh and innovative album from Knot Known Records stars Clements on six of the 12 tracks on the CD.

"Break Me Off Some Bluegrass" is a great album with some high-energy bluegrass music. With songs like "Shamrockin'," "My Time To Fly," and "Once Upon A Time," Lowcountry Boil has taken bluegrass to a higher level.

From the low-country of South Carolina comes a sound that the band describes as "bluegrass on crack." In January of 1998, members of the Daly Planet rock band started opening their shows with some acoustic bluegrass to warm up the audience. The crowd response was tremendous, and that summer Lowcountry Boil Bluegrass Band was born.

Since then the band has gone full speed. They have traveled extensively up and down the East Coast and played over 300 shows. The music combines the basic elements of rock 'n' roll with a great stage show and a high-energy performance that pushes bluegrass to a new level.

The furious mandolin of Jevon Daly drives the sound, while 17-year-old prodigy Benjamin Vaught handles lead guitar duties. Ben finished high school at 15 and has been touring ever since. His intelligence and poise on stage conjures up the image of a seasoned veteran. Bassist Joey Damiano provides the bouncy upright bass that keeps the crowd dancing, and Bill Cardoen rips the banjo and dobro. Together, their three and four part harmonies are a delight to the ear.

The band has experienced a growth that can only be described as phenomenal. They have opened for national acts like Blueground Undergrass, Donna the Buffalo, Marshall Tucker Band, Col. Bruce Hampton, Gordon Stone Band, and the David Nelson Band.

In 1999 highlights on the bluegrass circuit have included MerleFest in North Carolina, HarvestFest in Atlanta, Enchanted Forest Festival in Ohio, and MagnoliaFest in Florida.

This album is a wonderful new bluegrass album from a hot up-and-coming band. Their furious touring of the East Coast assures that they will become well known. If you are a fan of bluegrass or country like Marshall Tucker or Charlie Daniels, then this is an album for you.



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The Lowcountry Boil Bluegrass Band, featuring South Carolina natives, concocts its own brand of bluegrass.

Drowning in Mona's agony

Drowning Mona



Director: Nick Gomez
Starring: Bette Midler
Neve Campbell

RYAN HILL

Assistant Features Editor

Small-town antics have always been a source of inspiration for many stories. Some of these stories are shocking, others funny. "Drowning Mona" is about the death of a small-town woman, played by Bette Midler, and the ruckus it causes within the town of Verplanck, N.Y.

Mona Dearly (Midler) is about the meanest woman you could ever hope to come across. She is a semi-comedic version of what Linda Blair's character in "The Exorcist" might have become. Mona drives her husband (William Fichtner) into the arms of another woman (Jamie Lee Curtis); she torments her son's business partner (Casey Affleck), and even cuts off the hand of her own son. The mayhem begins when Mona's Yugo (the town had been selected as a crash test site)

crashes into the river, killing Mona. The beginning of the movie makes a big deal out of the fact that Yugo is testing cars here, but the biggest thing about them in the movie is that everyone drives one.

The local police (headed by Danny DeVito) suspects foul play and discovers that Mona's car had indeed been tampered with. The list of suspects includes Mona's husband and son, his partner Bobby (Affleck), his fiancée Ellen (Neve Campbell) and almost anyone else in the town. As the search for Mona's killer goes on, all of the main characters find out what skeletons are in who's closet, which is supposed to be comic mayhem but instead is just plain dumb.

"Drowning Mona" is probably supposed to be a satirical look at small-town life. Instead it just comes across as everyone involved trying to do too much with what little they have to work

with. The movie tries to implicate every single main character when it is painfully obvious throughout most of the movie who it is that tampered with Mona's car.

Part of the fun of a whodunit is trying to figure out whodunit. This movie takes away that fun and tries to make what is happening funny. Instead of being a funny mystery, the only comedy comes from how sick these people are. It turns out that Mona's father and son are both having an affair with Rona (Curtis), and the scene with that discovery is probably the funniest part. The best part goes to Campbell, who kisses a woman (unfortunately not Denise Richards this time) just like she did in "Wild Things."

Mysteries can be scary ("Seven"), sexy ("Basic Instinct"), and sometimes they are funny ("Ace Ventura: Pet Detective"). Unfortunately for "Drowning Mona" it is none of



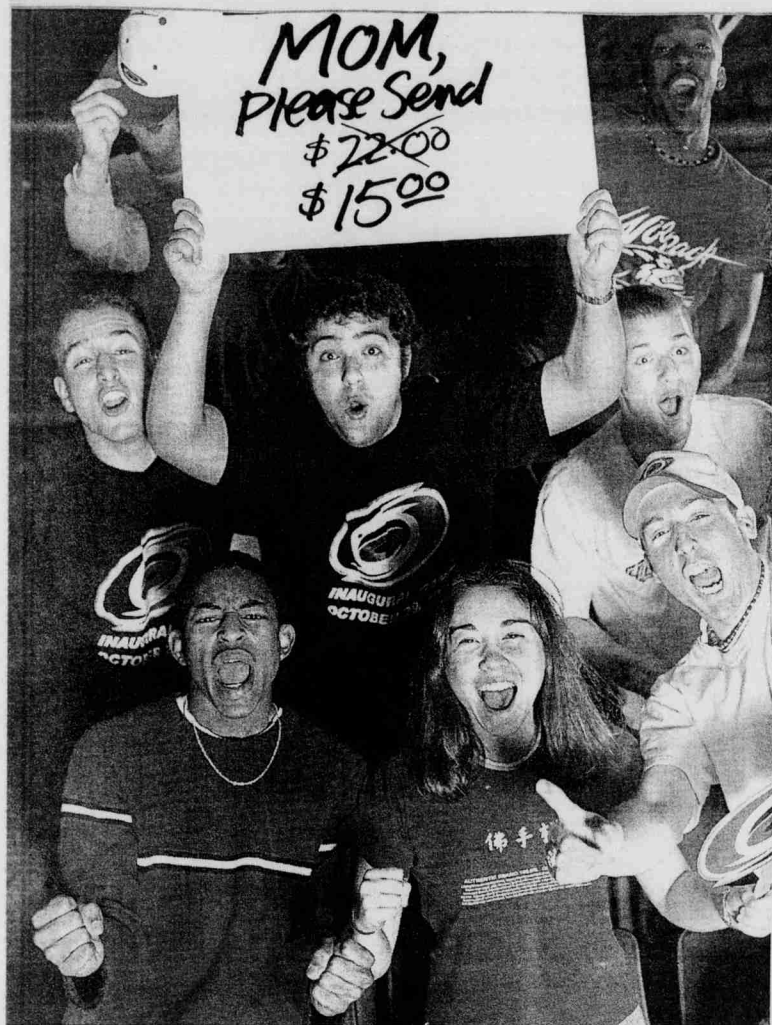
these. Instead it is a boring movie that doesn't let you get involved with any of the characters, and this is the fault of director Nick Gomez. He tries so hard to give all

of the characters an equal amount of time on-screen that they all end up getting lost in the mix, making for one fine mess of a movie.



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Midler torments Affleck and DeVito in "Drowning Mona."



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The Good, the Bad and Bob Jones

Before Feb. 2, Bob Jones University was a small Christian university in Greenville, South Carolina.

Its rules are the quaint sort that recall an earlier time: single-sex dormitories, 11 p.m. lights-out calls

Bob Jones University lifted its controversial ban on interracial dating. Is the move a rise above racism or a pandering to peer pressure?

and regulated physical contact for dating among students. But everything changed for Bob Jones University after George W. Bush's presidential campaign blew through campus.

Bush spoke at the university on Feb. 2, an attempt to gain votes for the S.C. presidential primary that he eventually won.

After Bush's speech, the candidate and the school became lightning rods for criticism. That criticism focused on two BJU policies, one overt and one implicit. The latter is the school's ban on interracial dating; the former is the supposed anti-Catholic stance taken by university officials.

Bush's response—or lack thereof—to the two BJU stances drew censure from foes and allies alike, becoming a political rebuff until his Feb. 27 statement renounced the school's positions on Catholicism and interracial dating.

The school also faced criticism in Bush's wake. Are those criticisms valid?

The charges of anti-Catholicism should not be an issue. Yes, Bob Jones University is anti-Catholic; the university admitted as much in a prepared statement last week: "If there are those who charge us with

being opposed to the doctrines and theology of the Catholic Church, we plead guilty."

As a Fundamentalist Protestant university, how could BJU be expected to offer any other position on Catholicism? The intrinsic conflict between the Catholic religion and the many Protestant faiths is ages-old, and it is one best left untouched.

More troubling, however, is BJU's stance on interracial dating. A ban on dating between the races is one that tip-toes the line separating old-school values from flat-out bigotry. BJU justified its position biblically, claiming in the aforementioned statement that "God wanted a divided world, not a federalized world."

But does the fact that BJU is a private school give it the right to hold and enforce such a position?

The answer to that question is yes; the question itself may have become moot when the school repealed the policy March 4. BJU President Bob Jones III, appearing on Larry King Live last Saturday night said that the policy and its surrounding controversy could have sullied the university.

Certainly, the university's decision to repeal the policy was a good one. The fact that the repeal's purpose was expediency rather than belief is troubling, however, particularly at a school so saturated by faith and belief issues.

No, it's not fair to expect a school to do a complete 180 on a given issue; it is, however, fair to expect a school to make such a change with a purpose other than saving face.

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No closer to the "truth" than before

They have auras. Otherwise, how could they invite lightning to strike?

"And if it does, it's funny. They are comedians. We gather at their peculiar temples and theologies of immaculate perception. They live in glass houses and throw stones. Native Americans call them sacred clowns who thumb their noses at tribal taboos as though they were touched. We could call it something divine. A variation of "there is something more here." There is something more here, like the cryptic words, "know thyself," left at Delphi. Were they etched there by someone knowing that bewilderment would be taken for divinity, and rumored thereafter in reverent and perfectly serious syllables (which is hilarious if it misses

the point)? Who can know thyself—that is, without chucking? For it is human nature to try to, you know, pinpoint oneself in the universe! But the closer we come to defining ourselves the closer we are to unchanging. And that's funny, because people who don't change, well, they don't learn. Or, at least, they are not flexible in the cosmic flow.

We are acculturating to the future. We are changing. I guess that's why, here in America, where change itself has become a god, humor is elevated to a sacred plane. We pay for irreverence; we even want it about and from the most august presidency. They have auras, for laughter is divine. As Curly would say, "What a coincidence!"

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Gun logic shoots blanks

In the wake of two recent high-profile shootings, one in an elementary school in Michigan and one in an apartment and several fast-food establishments in Pennsylvania, America's gun control debate has been renewed with typical rhetoric, disagreement and general venom. It is my great hope, however, that this rise in gun-related discussion will yield some meaningful gun-control legislation before more people needlessly die.

First, however, realize that this is not mere knee-jerk reaction. My stance on this issue is long-held and well considered. It is just now that ears are more open to such policy suggestions.

A gun can only be said to have a few uses. Unlike the penknife, duct tape or super glue, a gun's range of usefulness is rather limited and thus can be easily elucidated.

1) Guns are a tool of the enforcement industry. Guns are used by police officers, National Guard members and the Armed Forces to give them relative strength and make their jobs easier.

2) Guns are used for self-defense. Individuals who feel their lives are in danger may find a gun to be a useful deterrent against criminals.

3) Guns may be used for entertainment or occupation, including hunting and sport shooting.

4) Guns are used to compel compliance in extralegal situations (i.e., robbing Kwik-E-Marts).

5) Guns may be used to deter government oppression. Now, let's examine how these uses do or do not justify the current gun-owning environment.

1) If those who are intended to protect us are better equipped than those attempting to harm us, it becomes more likely that they will be successful in their endeavor. Bottom line.

2) Economists typically say that, if the cost of something is higher, then one will purchase less of it. This principle is commonly applied to self-defense by saying that, if the likelihood that a robbery victim will own a gun and use it is high, then a perpetrator will consume fewer robberies.

Such an argument is commonly made to support the

legality of private gun ownership. A similar case can be made for the death penalty, however, and Louisiana has frequently had both a very high execution rate and a very high crime rate. This suggests that other costs need to be taken into consideration.

Studies show that home alarm systems greatly decrease the ability of a robber to rob, with negligible effect on the likelihood of a homeowner surviving the attack. Guns, by the same token, do deter some robberies, but also greatly increase the likelihood that their owner will be injured.

Additionally, they greatly increase the likelihood that an unrelated innocent (either a young family member or someone mistaken for a robber) will be hurt.

So, while owning a gun does decrease the likelihood that you will be robbed, it does not do so as effectively as other measures. Furthermore, other measures are far less likely to cause permanent injury. When was the last time someone brought an alarm system to school and threatened others? Guns are not justifiable for self-defense.

3) Guns, just like fishing hooks, bear traps and carving knives, are dangerous. Sportsmen, however, have a definite interest in maintaining the safety and integrity of their

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LeBoeuf sticks to his guns

My steadfast support of the right of peaceful citizens to keep and bear firearms has been well established. And, while I have earned a reputation for refusing those who wish to disarm American citizens, I should say that I truly do understand why some Americans would love nothing more than the disintegration of all firearms. After all, I have been the unfortunate victim of firearm misuse myself and I know firsthand how devilishly these weapons can be used against the innocent.

Quite simply, as long as guns exist, good people will be killed with them; I don't deny this fact. Nonetheless, I have the foresight to see that disarming peaceful citizens is not the answer to our crime woes. That's because it is the *human* element of firearm use, not the *man-made* firearm itself, that makes firearm use either 'good' or 'bad.' As long as good people cannot have guns, bad people will easily take advantage of them.

By definition, a 'criminal' is someone who breaks the law. No law against firearm use—no matter how strict—will stop eager criminals from getting their hands on guns. Even if the federal government banned the manufacturing of all firearms across the entire nation, it would not be enough to stop clever criminals from making their own dangerous automatic weapons and using them. The most basic metalworker can tell you that an

automatic firearm is incredibly easy to make with the same tools used in common domestic metalwork.

So, should the federal government ban the entire metalworking industry in order to end all gun violence? How absurd!

In contrast, outlawing firearms will disarm the largest of all American majorities, law-abiding citizens, while having virtually no effect on the most violent of criminals. Criminals will always have firearms; reducing the accessibility of handguns only prevents peaceful citizens from owning them as well. In the end, strict handgun control only raises the 'bad guns' to 'good guns' ratio.

Armed with United Nations statistics, anti-handgun advocates argue that violent crime is lowest in nations having a disarmed populace. At first glance, one could easily believe they are right.

For example, in England, where firearm accessibility is relatively low, the reported robbery rate is only half that of the United States, where firearm accessibility is relatively high.

Of course, even the novice statistician would realize that any conclusions based solely on these statistics are mere nonsense. After all, based on these statistics alone, there's no way to tell if handgun accessibility is the only factor behind America's higher crime rate.

But let's pretend to be anti-guns for a moment and assume that one statistic is all that is needed to show that handgun accessibility causes crime. As we look down the list, we eventually come across the crime statistics of an industrialized nation known as Switzerland, which has a robbery rate only one-fourth that of England (and one-eighth that of the U.S.).

But what's interesting about Switzerland is that it has the most lenient handgun laws of any industrialized nation in the world. Switzerland has more firepower per capita than any nation in the world, yet it has the lowest robbery rate!

So our initial assumption that handgun accessibility causes crime, turns out to be wrong, meaning that other factors are more important.

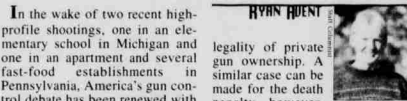
Similar findings were acquired in a study initiated by our very own President Bill Clinton! According to a recent federal study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice entitled "Urban Delinquency and Substance Abuse," boys who own legal firearms have much lower rates of delinquency and drug use than boys who get guns illegally. These boys are even slightly less delinquent than boys who own no guns at all!

Studies relating handgun accessibility to crime all have one thing in common: they suggest that individual responsibility is the most important crime deterrent of all. The Swiss, in the open public, show incredible respect for both their weapons and the rights of others. Swiss children model this behavior and grow to become responsible gun owners themselves.

Similarly, American children who are presented with firearms at an early age by responsible parents grow to become responsible gun owners themselves (this was the case for your humble gun-toting opinionator).

Sadly, you'll never hear breaking news about responsible gun use. While the press lustily broadcasts every heart-rending example of how firearms are violently used against innocent citizens, almost never do they broadcast the countless examples of how peaceful citizens use firearms to protect their lives and property every day. This gives and gunners an unfair advantage in persuading the masses that firearm

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weaponry. These individuals value the gun in and of itself, not as a tool with other uses.

Therefore, they likely will submit to very tight regulation in order to protect their hobby. Legitimate hunters recognize that irresponsible hunting hurts them and should back hunting licenses, club memberships and other measures designed to filter out bad eggs. Guns for sporting purposes should be allowed, but they should be engineered to prevent their use for other purposes.

4) I don't think anyone would argue that criminals should not be allowed to own guns, so I will continue.

5) Anyone who claims that guns are necessary to defend against

government oppression is a lunatic. For those of you who have not noticed, billions of dollars have been spent on defense and law enforcement for years. If every well led American were equipped with the most sophisticated weapon legally available, they still would not stand a chance against the awesome power of the U.S. military.

If you want to defend against tyranny, then redirect the force of harmful gun lobbies toward efforts to increase privacy, curtail the power of the president and push for transparency in government agencies. That approach, at least, makes some sense.

In short, our protectors need guns. There are much better ways to defend oneself at much less risk than by private ownership of guns. We are physically helpless against the government and should assert ourselves politically instead.

Guns rarely do good deeds. Saying that repeated gun violence is a matter of parental responsibility is true but irresponsible. We have a right to think and say what we will. I believe the government should allow us to go where we please and choose certain lifestyles. I do not think we have any innate right to own a hunk of metal that was created specifically to destroy.

As Americans, we are allowing ourselves to be victimized by self-interested and destructive lobbies; no amount of libertarian rhetoric will change the empirical fact that guns kill many thousands of people, many of whom are innocent. I can't think of one instance where a gun or a militia has stopped the government from violating our rights (claims of fringe madmen excluded).

Despite all our claims of progress, we are, in many ways, a backward nation. Where else will parents spend hours banning legitimate science material and fight against banning the weapons that kill their own children?

Opponents of gun control are selfish and logically challenged; we will all suffer because of those facts.

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accessibility, and not evil itself, is the problem.

I'll share an example reported from a region of Texas that has recently had an epidemic of clerk-shootings. With five clerks on the death toll, local storeowners responded by procuring firearms for their protection. One corner store had been in business for over 10 years without a single robbery, until the owner suddenly noticed a couple of suspicious-looking young men probing around his store. The owner remained calm, though remembering the deaths of five of his peers, positioned himself toward his nearby firearm, just in case something happened to go wrong.

And something did go wrong, one of the young men suddenly pulled out a firearm and attempted to rob the store and kill the owner.

However this story has a happy ending, because the young, suspicious-looking man has since left the robbing profession in exchange for a full-time position as 'chief fertilizer' at the local cemetery, where he is now buried.

The storeowner shot and killed this young crook, saving not only

his own life and property, but perhaps even the lives and property of countless others. And he did it using the very same life-saving firearm that anti-gunners would rather see confiscated by government police.

But you never saw this story on TV, did you? And why is that? Bad guys with guns sell commercials. Good guys with guns don't. Friends, it's really that simple. That simple!

Some less radical anti-gunners would throw our Texan storeowner a bone, saying that he could indeed own a firearm if it were kept locked in a childproof-safe during nonuse. This may sound like a good idea at first, but our storeowner would now be fertilizing daffodils if he had needed to run to a safe, work out the combination and whip out his gun in time to tell his young perpetrators. And I can attest from personal experience that a firearm is of little use in self-defense unless it can be used at a moment's notice.

Rather than limit the accessibility of firearms, we must work to encourage an armed and responsible citizenry. America should adopt the policy of Switzerland, where crime is virtually nil and citizens are allowed to carry concealed handguns in public for any reason except for usage in crime.

Rather than wasting time and

money on a slew of strict handgun regulations, we should focus our resources on promoting individual responsibility and respect for firearms. All law-abiding Americans citizens would do well to use it. Criminals will have handguns whether the public owns one or not, let's not give criminals a competitive advantage. If it really is true that he who has the guns makes the rules, then we should all want firearms in the hands of law-abiding American citizens.

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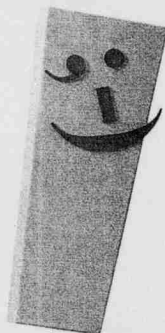
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have throw off our offense a little bit."

But the resonant critique, by those in the State camp and those who were spectators, was that the Pack's fundamental inadequacies were decisive.

"There are a number of things that could have lost this game right off the bat," Yow said. "Free throws were an area where we could have been in the game strongly. Defensively, the layouts they got in the second half, a couple came off half-court offense; several came off the press killed us. Most of them, our really young players just didn't switch when they needed to or just weren't in position when they needed to be."

TRAVEL

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State's loss in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament to Georgia Tech probably didn't help matters. It was the fourth loss in a row for the Wolfpack and the second in a row to Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets have outscored State by 26 points in those two games.

"I don't know what this will do to us as far as the NCAA's go," State head coach Kay Yow said after Saturday's loss. "There have been years when I thought we would be higher and we weren't and there were years when I saw us as a

lower seed and we were much higher."

Right now, State is ranked 15th in The Associated Press poll, but the team will probably fall in light of the Georgia Tech loss. While the NCAA Selection Committee uses the RPI instead of the polls, a look at the top 16 in the polls is a good way to guess who will host tournament games.

The good news for State is that its star center, Summer Erb, should be back for the NCAA's. The senior, who broke her left foot three weeks ago against North Carolina, is scheduled to return to practice on March 14.

"We anticipate Summer coming back and giving us little bits at a time," Yow said. "If we can have

her for four minutes here and then five minutes later that will be fine. She can't wait to play."

While the Pack waits for the tournament and for Erb to get back, the team will have a lot of work to do in practice.

"We'll just do a lot of stuff to work on basic fundamentals," Yow said.

Yow said she was concerned that this year's team seems to be regressing. At one point, the Wolfpack was 20-4 on the season, but after the four straight losses, State is 20-8.

"I have never had a team that played so well early and then didn't improve as much late," Yow said. "Our teams usually have played their best down the stretch."

ACC Women's Tourney Notes

UNC continues its streak: With its win over Virginia on Sunday, North Carolina advances to the ACC Tournament final for the fourth straight season...the Tar Heels played Clemson in the finals the past three seasons, winning titles in 1997 and 1998.

Heels, Devils in finals: Tonight, Duke and North Carolina will face each other for only the second time in the ACC Tournament final...the two teams met in 1995 in Rock Hill, S.C....Duke led at the half 39-38, but North Carolina ran away in the second half on the way to a 90-70 win.

Record attendance: Saturday's 6,640 attendance figure at the Greensboro Coliseum broke the previous tournament attendance record for the quarterfinals...that record was established last season when 6,379 people attended the quarterfinals in Charlotte.

The wonders of the six seed: Being the No. 6 seed in the ACC Tournament has proven to be fruitful. Three out of the last four seasons the No. 6 seed has defeated the No. 3 seed...No. 6 Georgia Tech's win over third-seeded State was the fourth time in 23 seasons that the No. 6 seed has won the quarterfinal game.

Bounced early again: State fell in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament for the seventh time in nine years and the fourth year in a row...the Pack fell to Clemson 87-75 in 1997, Maryland 61-48 in 1998 and Clemson 52-51 in 1999.

Anybody have a basketball?: "I got the ball at about 9:30 p.m. and curfew was 11 p.m. So, I was out there until about 10:45 p.m. My brothers are here and they helped me by passing the ball to me. Actually, I bought two balls; they were on sale for \$3.49. So, we were doing a three-player, two-ball drill. My brothers helped me out. I love them so much. Thank you guys. It really paid off."

— UNC's Nikki Teasley, describing her Saturday night when she went to Wal-Mart to buy a basketball to work on her shooting.

Yow worried about trend: "I have never had a team that played so well early and then didn't improve as much late. Our teams usually have played their best down the stretch."

— NCSU's Kay Yow on the team's recent struggles.

FINALS

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ing session worked.

"I was really proud of the way Nikki played today," said North Carolina Head Coach Sylvia Hatchell. "She did a great job defensively for us today."

In the Tar Heels first step towards the finals, they received an outstanding effort from forward LaQuanda Barksdale in their victory over Clemson. She led the Heels with 26 points, on 11 of 18 shooting, and seven rebounds. It was a good thing for the Heels that

Barksdale had a big game because the rest of her teammates shot a combined 11 for 38 from the field. The finish to this game was a bit dramatic as forward Jackie Higgins put back one of Teasley's 12 misses with only two seconds remaining in the game to get the two-point victory.

Although Sunday's game was a nail-biter, it didn't come down to the final tick. After Virginia point guard Renee Robinson sunk a three-pointer to tie the score at 63-63 with 1:12 remaining, the Tar Heels looked to Barksdale to finish the deal as she hit a turn-around in the lane and netted two free-throws to put the Heels up by the eventual final 67-63.

The Blue Devils journey to the

finals to face their nemesis was much easier and less dramatic as they cruised to a lopsided 92-63 victory over Florida State in the quarterfinals and a 76-56 blowout over Georgia Tech in the semifinals.

"We're really excited to be playing Carolina in the finals," said guard Georgia Schweitzer, who has compiled 27 points and four assists in their two games. "I think our defense and limiting their fast break points will be a large key in the game."

In the Devils victory over Florida State, the main keys to the game were reflected in the post-game statistics. The Devils shot 50 percent from the field and forced the Seminoles into 25 costly turnovers.

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Wrestlers finish behind UNC in ACC championship

Sports Staff Report

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The University of North Carolina wrestling team won its fourth straight Atlantic Coast Conference Championship with four individual champions to score 91 points, outlasting N.C. State who finished second with 79 points in Cole Field House.

Three Wolfpack wrestlers won individual championships. Tommy Davis, Scott Garren and senior Joel Dramis all were ACC champions at their respective weight classes.

Heading into the meet, State had been undefeated in the ACC as the team had defeated the Tar Heels

ACC Wrestling

NORTH CAROLINA 91, N.C. STATE 79, VIRGINIA 59.5, MARYLAND 59, DUKE 21.5

twice. But Carolina used a strong opening run to give them an insurmountable lead.

For the rest of the teams, Virginia finished third with 59.5, Maryland

was fourth at 59 and Duke rounded out the five teams with a score of 21.5.

At 125, North Carolina's Skyler Holman opened the tournament finals by pinning Virginia senior Steve Garland at 2:16 in the much-anticipated showdown of top 10 wrestlers. Holman, No. 7 by Internat. flipped Garland, No. 5 in the middle of the first period, holding him on his back for the quick pin.

Holman was named Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

At 133, Maryland sophomore Brandon York defended his title by

holding on to a 2-1 advantage over North Carolina's Brad Byers for most of the third period, then putting a desperate Byers on his back with 10 seconds remaining for a 6-1 margin.

At 141, Virginia's P.J. Bory, who received the No. 4 seed in the bracket, upset his way through the day and held off a late charge by Maryland's Mark Mansueti to win 6-4.

At 149, State's Davis won his second consecutive title (141-pound champion last year) with a sudden death tie-breaker against Virginia's John Pozniak for a 5-4 advantage.

At 157, the Pack's Garren recorded a pin in the semifinals and then continued his hot streak by taking a 5-0 first period advantage over Maryland's Rob Booth in the championship match. He went on to win 10-2.

State's Dramis, at 165, wrapped up the Wolfpack's third straight title by defeating a banged-up Josh Weidman from Maryland.

The Terrapin wrestler, already with a bandage wrapped around his head, clawed throughout the entire match, but fell short in the final minute, 5-2. Weidman had won 10 straight matches leading up to the

finals.

At 174, an emotion-filled Corey Bell of Carolina defeated another defending champion, State's Kevin Borrows with a 12-2 major decision for his second ACC title.

At 184, Ryan McGrath of Virginia won the most critical match of the evening, securing third place for the Cavaliers and erasing State's hopes for the team title. McGrath defeated the Pack's Zach Breitenbach, 7-5.

Carolina's Clint Osborn at 197 and heavyweight Matt Kenny posted back-to-back wins at the end, with Osborn's coming over State's Jason Gore.

Pack makes early exit in ACC's

◆Dismal free throw shooting dooms the women's basketball team as it loses for the second time in a row against Georgia Tech.

Rob Godfrey
Staff Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — As complicated as coaches, commentators and analysts want to make basketball, some of the most important games are decided by the execution of simple fundamentals.

Saturday's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament quarterfinal between third-seeded N.C. State and sixth-seeded Georgia Tech was a case-in-point.

Uncharacteristically poor free-throw shooting and a porous press that surrendered several second-half Yellow Jacket layups doomed the 15th-ranked Pack (20-8,

11-6 ACC), as Tech (15-12, 8-9) sprung the upset, 71-62. For the game, State shot 36 percent (7-for-19) from the foul line as it lost its fourth game in a row.

After the game, Pack head coach Kay Yow wondered what went wrong.

"It was a very disappointing loss for us," Yow said. "I thought we had the spirits back and were ready for this game. I still feel we were ready for this game.

Just the fundamentals killed us."

Junior guard Tynesha Lewis, once State's leading scorer, reassessed herself as a leader, scorer and

competitor on the court and in the huddle. Lewis' 23 points on 50 percent shooting led all scorers, but it was the 40 minutes she logged that was even more impressive.

"Tynesha was trying really hard to carry us today," Yow said. "She did a great job

today and I'm really proud of the way that she played in the tournament because she's struggled some with her game this year. To have her come to this game and play at the level she did today says a lot of great things about her."

State led most of the first half, stretching its lead to nine points several times.

Coming out of a timeout with 1:49 left in the first half, State went up 32-23 on a Lewis three-pointer. But in the final minute, two Tech layups and three missed free throws for State allowed the Jackets to cut the deficit to 32-27 by halftime.

In the second half, Tech seemed to come out of the locker room with a renewed sense of confidence. And the backdoor layups against lackadaisical Pack defenders allowed Agnus Berenato's team to gain even more confidence.

"We added that [backdoor play] two weeks ago," Berenato said. "My assistants

reminded me that we won a game a few years ago against N.C. State using it and we all sat down and decided to bring it back into our game plan. We all agreed that it could be effective and it was."

Meanwhile, for the Pack, Lewis carried the scoring burden. She scored 13 second-half points while State desperately clung to its lead.

But Milli Martinez made a free throw at the 5:45 mark, giving Tech the lead for good.

State's offense went into limbo in the second half even though the team shot 48 percent in the first. Lewis credited the offensive sputter to Tech's defensive strategy.

"They were switching defenses," Lewis said. "They ran the box and one a couple times and then the zone, and then back to man-to-man. The changes in defense may

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State may have to travel

◆The Pack will have to wait to Selection Sunday to see where it ends up in the NCAA Tournament.

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Once a lock for hosting its first two NCAA Tournament games, N.C. State's women's basketball team will now have to wait for Selection Sunday to

see where it will play in the NCAA's.

Unlike the men's tournament, where teams aren't allowed to play on their home courts, the women's tournament has the top four seeds in each bracket host the first two rounds. So, if the Wolfpack is a first seed in the tournament, it would have its first two tournament games at Reynolds Coliseum. But, if State is a five seed, it would potentially face the four seed on that team's home court.

A big difference, indeed.

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UNC, Duke to meet in finals

◆Arch-rivals take different routes to tonight's ACC Championship game

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Duke relied on hot shooting and stifling defense to lead them to the Championship game of the ACC Tournament. North Carolina, however, took a less conventional route as they relied on one of America's best discount stores, Walmart, to lead them to tonight's finale.

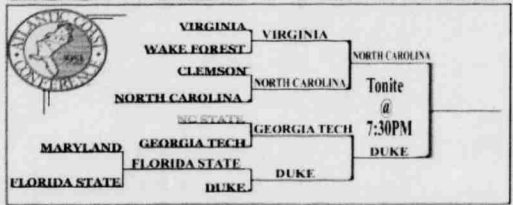
After going two for 14 from the field in Saturday's 56-54 quarterfinal victory over Clemson, junior Nikki Teasley was in dire

need of improving her stroke before their showdown against top-seeded Virginia. Therefore, Teasley, whose team was staying next to a hotel with an outdoor court, took a trip to Walmart and bought a basketball. In fact she bought two. And why shouldn't she, as she said, "they were on sale for \$3.49 so I bought two of them."

She then proceeded to take several jumpers with her two brothers, who were in town for the tournament, with the hopes of having a better performance in Sunday's semifinal. It is safe to say, after making eight of her 14 shot attempts for 17 points in the Tar Heels 67-63 victory over Virginia, that her late night shoot-

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ACC Women's Tournament



Talisha Scates and the Wolfpack weren't able to beat Georgia Tech Saturday at the ACC women's basketball tournament. The Yellow Jackets beat the Wolfpack for the second time in as many games, as State lost its fourth game in a row overall. State will wait for Selection Sunday next weekend to see where they will play in the NCAA tournament.



Justin Gainey led the Pack Sunday.

able to put together a full 40-minutes," said N.C. State coach Herb Sendek. "Today, we were able to put together 40-minutes of solid basketball."

The last time Hale was held scoreless was Jan. 28, 1998, also against State. Since then he had scored in 67 straight games.

"I tried to be a little physical with him," Wilkins said of his defensive strategy on Hale on the post-game radio report. "I thought I could disrupt his offense if I bumped him around a little bit. They run a lot of screens for him and it was hard following him through some of those screens. But that was when my teammates were able to help me out. We'd build a wall around him when he tried to curl off those screens."

State's defense also held Florida State's three other seniors, Damous Anderson, Oliver Simmons and Justin Mott, in check. Florida State shot just 33.9 percent from the floor for the game.

This game was the lowest point total of the season for Florida State. The Seminoles had scored 54 points in three losses, against Duke, Clemson and Auburn.

The Pack had four players, Gainey, Damon Thornton (14), Anthony Grundy (12) and Damien Wilkins (11), score in double digits. Thornton also hauled in 11 rebounds for a double-double. Kenny Inge added seven points and 10 rebounds.

"All ten scholarship players who played today contributed," Sendek said. "Everybody contributed and that's important because of some of the second half woes we'd been having."

Tim Wells knocked down his first field-goal of the season, a three-pointer in the second half.

Despite the fact that Sunday was Senior Day for the Seminoles, only 4,927 showed at the Leon County Civic Center.

◆N.C. State took two out of three from George Mason in weekend baseball action.

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The N.C. State baseball team outslugged the George Mason Patriots 14-9 Sunday afternoon at Doak Field to take the rubber match of a three-game weekend series.

Hits have been somewhat hard to come by for the Wolfpack at times

this season, but that was anything but the case Sunday. State shelled the George Mason pitching staff for 20 hits and got at least one hit in every one except the sixth.

"It was nice to come out and get double digits, let alone 20 hits," State head coach Elliott Avent said. "I think a lot of things contributed to that. I was real pleased with the offensive output and the energy we played with



This pitch was high, but the Wolfpack outslugged George Mason.

today." Freshman first baseman Mike Prochaska had a big day in the cleanup spot for the Pack, going 4-5 with a double and four RBIs. Prochaska said that he was glad to have a breakout performance after going 1-8 in the first two games of the series.

"Today, I just went up there more relaxed with the attitude of just trying to hit the ball up the middle," Prochaska said.

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