

Transportation plans more changes in parking

• The ever-changing N.C. State transportation system could under-go even more changes to parking, permit registration and passes.

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The N.C. State Transportation Department is re-evaluating many aspects of the way the system is run. Under a new proposal, the department hopes to implement many changes such as restructur-ing parking lots, adjustment to the permit registration system and an

New Pfiesteria

strain found

N.C. State scientists have revealed a second species of the harmful Pfiesteria microorganism that is as toxic as the first-discovered species.

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ference that identifies a new species has been discovered, said Glagow. The Pflesteria go through various stages in their life cycles. So fat. 19 of P. shumwyrae's stages are similar to the stages of P. piscicida, and Glagow said it is likely that the rest of the stages will be similar as well. The two toxic species are not always dangerous. It is only during specific life stages when they are harmful, and Glagow explained that the environment is what stimulates *Pflesteria* to enter its toxic stage. Water tre-perature, nutrients and particularly pollution from runoff water treatment or cesspools are the main causes of the toxic phase of *Pflesteria*'s bille cycle. Glagow gave an example of algae flourishing in the summer months in a river. Fish come to feed on the algae and linger for a few days, adding waste to the water and stimulating *Pflesteria* to enter their toxic stage. After the fish die, the *Pflesteria* are back into a nontoxic state and wats for the next school of fish.

NCSU researchers discovered this new strain of Pfisteria.

JoAnn Burkholder, a professor of aquatic botany and narine sciences, said 1.2 billion fish have died because of

marine sciences, said 1.2 billion fish have died because of *Pfiesteria*. She said the *Pfiesteria* excrete a toxin, which strips the skin of the fish, narcotizes them, attacks the nervous sys-tem in turn causing the fish to die from suffocation because their nuscles have been paralyzed. People can also face illness from *Pfiesteria*. This was the case in a inbutrary of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, said Glasgow. He said that humans are affect-

Concert Choir to perform The N.C. State Concert Choir, with Dr. Alfred E. Sturgis con-ducting, will present its spring concert Wednesday, March 29, at 9 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. The program will feature works by Johannes Brahms, George Frederick Handel, Gyeorgy Ligett, and Stephen Sondheim, as well as traditional folk hymns and American and African sprinulas. Trickets for the concert are \$5 for NCSU faculty and staff, \$3 for NC For further information on the

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Concert Choir performance, con-tact Sturgis at 515-8277. For more information on other pro-grams, contact the Music Department at 515-2981.

N.C. State engineer receives Golden Torch Award

Golden Torch Award Dr. Winser E. Alexander, pro-fessor of electrical and computer engineering at North Carolina State University, will receive the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Dr. Janice A. Lumpkin Educator of the Year Award on Friday, March 24, in Charlotte at the Charlotte Convention Center. The award is part of the NSBE's Third Annual Golden Torch Awards Ceremony honorring excellence among African-American technical professionals, government and corporate lead-ers, and undergraduate and gradu-ging burning desire to succeed and affect positive change in the qual-tor students. The Golden Torch, which symbolizes the "everlast-ing burning desire to succeed and affect positive change in the qual-ty of life for all people." is the promer award and recognition rogram for African-American technical professionals. Alexander's exten-

program for African-American technical professionals. Alexander's exten-sive experience and outstanding service to the African-American community as both a teacher and mentor led to his selection.

N.C. State names top-ranked students as Park Scholars

N.C. State University has named 60 students as Park Scholars for the fall 2000. These prestigious awards are valued at \$47,000 for North Carolina residents and \$83,000 for out-of-state

North Carolina residents and 883.000 for out-of-state students. The Park Scholarships program is among America's most presti-gious undergraduate programs. The scholarships pay all expenses for four years of study at NCSU and include a stipent for each stu-dent to purchase a personal com-puter and peripherals. In four years, the Park Scholars have already established a tradi-tion of academic and community leadership. They sponsored Dr. John Hope Franklin on March 22 to talk about the Tulsa race riots. On April 8, the Park Scholars and NCSU student government will coordinate a massive community service event — Service Raleigh— that will partner more than 1.000 volunteers with needy agencies across the city for a day of volunteer work.

of volunteer work. Selection criteria for the merid based Park Scholarships include academic achievement; personal characteristics such as character, integrity, and motivation; excep-tional leadership potential; and commitment to the betterment of one's community. The scholar-ships are renewable each year based on a student's academic achievement and personal con-duct.

ransit costs have increased r 50 percent in the last three rs," Wright said. "That goes ng with the services students e requested."

ong with the services students are requested." Another change the department opes to implement is a new way registering for parking permits d to revamp the wait list as it's arrently known. Under the new stem, registration for parking ermits will be held at the same one as class registration. This is currentl system, permits time

"is that now, even though students are constantly registering, there's simply no parking available." Freshmen will not be able to reg-ister until the spring of their fresh-men year. The department hopes to get this system underway by next spring. As in the current sys-tem, not everyone will be eligible for a parking pass. For instance, all students living within a one-mile radius of Western and Hillsborough Streets are ineligible for a parking permit. The idea behind that being that the Wolfline caters to transportation in that area.

what's available and ble," Reeve said. "B eligible "But it's more than just getting cars on

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campus. Reeve urges students to realize that there are options beyond parking permits. Along with the Wolfline, the university runs car and vanpools and even offers stu-dents and employee discounts on Triangle Transit Area buses.

to us with any questions they have. It's their right," said Wright It's their money

Court upholds student fees

In a decision with implications for universities nation-wide, the Supreme Court ruled that mandatory student fees at the University of Wisconsin are constitutional.

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LIGH MORENE UNITE UNITE (U-WIRE) (U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court mainworkly ruled Wednesday that public colleges and miversities could use money from mandatory student fees to mage from the Board of Regents of the University of Wesonis in the Board of Regents of the University of Wesonis victual target of the University of Wesonis in the Board of Regents of the University of Wesonis in the Board of Regents of the University of Wesonis and U-Board of Regents of the University of Wesonis and U-Board of Regents of the University of Wesonis and U-Board of Regents of the University of Wesonis and U-Board of Regents of the University of the collection of the U-Board of Regents in April english and the Scott Southworth, along with the organi plantiffs, former U-W has withents and with the Mesonia Rebecca Bretz and Rebecka whard Wer, hee chain Wesond of Regents in April 1996, was mandatory in the sense that students cannot unlow the substant court of Appeads and the the grades if they do not pay. — The drained the plantiffs, First Amendement rights of the organized the plantiffs, First Amendement rights of the visual of the sense that students cannot used an earlier Wisconsin court naling that the mandatory for seviciated the plantiffs, First Amendement rights of the visual target the test student sense that student by Justice Anthony J. Kennedy, the Supreme for wising and the support political and ideological posi-used to the y Justice Anthony J. Kennedy, the Supreme for whole wising the the support political student sense for the planted the plantiffs, first Amendemin rights of the visual target the test of the program of the planter student the sense that student stepport of the visual target the test of the program of the planter student the sense that student stepport political and the planter student the student of the program of the planter student the student stepport political and the planter student the planter student the student stepport student stepport of the planter student the student stepport



Legislators tour old labs

Chancellor Fox led a group of state legislators on a tour of some of the oldest and most obsolete labs on campus March 17.

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Among the state-of-the-art labora-tories and high-usage facilities across N.C. State's main campus, several outdated and obsolete labs stand empty, in desperate need of renovation. On March 17, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox Led state legislators, mem-bers of the University Board of Trustees and other officials on a tour of facilities at NCSU that are in the most dire need of repair and renova-tion.

of lacitities in XCSU that are in the most dire need of repair and renova-tion. The tour was one of 16 that will be conducted throughout the entire UNC system to allow lawmakers to view the critical facilities needs at the state's universities. UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. Central were also vis-ited by the group on March 17. "The tour was an opportunity for legislators to see firsthand the needs on campus," said Charles Leffler, associate vice chancellor for facili-ties. The needs for repair and mod-emization of many labs on campus are getting more necessary as enroll-ment continues to rise and the need for space increases. Leffler said. During the tour, the Joint Select Committee on Higher Education Facility Needs was shown such nadequate facilities as the David Clark Labs, which are no longer in use as textile chemistry labs because they are so out-of-date. The group also visited undergraduate chemistry labs in Withers Hall that have been used by students since the 1930s with minimal improvements, and labs at Gardner Hall, which have an estimated need of \$15 million in ren-ovation.

Facilities improvements across the

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issue. According to the N.C. State Facilities Profile and 10-Year Capital Plan, other buildings in need of repair include Williams Hall, in which there are labs that do not meet modern safety standards, and Harrelson Hall, where some classes are held in very cramped spaces.





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babies, mysterious caverns, and spring break aftermath.

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decision, about one piece of the antication process cancel a referendum mechanism. The ruling did not sustain UW's student referendum, "which appears to permit the exaction of fees in violation of the viewpoint-neutrality principle." A decision on the referendum mechanism was offered back to the 7th Body shot



Mike Childers, a sophomore in Chemistry, beats up a punching bag in his suite's hallway.



the toth ability of our university, said Mirchandani. According to Mirchandani, Representative Martin L. Nesbitt stressed that the legislators are will-ing to listen to students' concerns about the facilities needs, and that it is the lawmakers' job to work with the universities' needs while keep-ing the costs a low as possible at the students' expense. Since students will feel the effects of the renovations, or lack thereof, Mirchandam was eager to present the tour group with a student's per-spective. He urged other students to contact their legislators with thoughts on the facilities needs issue.

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increase in lees for parking pass-es. The permit price increase is pro-posed over the next two years. Each varying type of permit will be ear nincrease of approximately 5 percent. For instance, the D pass, one of the most used permits among stu-dents, is currently \$180. Next year, it is expected to increase to \$192, and then to \$204 for the 2001/2002 school year. Ronnie Wright, assistant director of Financing for Transportation of pay for the staff, maintenance and upkeep of the transit systems

time as class registration. This is when the bulk of the permits will be issued. "The problem" Cathy Reeve, director of transportation, noted,

area. "In order to reduce the wait

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Duke researchers find benefits of less costly heart drug

• Researches at Duke University are trying to make a new medicine available at low cost to patients with heart problems.

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(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. (U-WIRE): DURHAM, N.C. – Sometimes, creating a drug that can save heart patients' lives is not enough; researchers also have to make it affordable. A newly tested drug trade, named Integrilin, promises to do both. Dr. James Tcheng, a cardiolo gist at the Duke Clinical Research Institute, led nation-wide clinical trais of the drug, also known as eptifibatide, and esented the findings March 14 the annual scientific meeting the American College of rdiology

of the American College of Cardiology. Integrilin, similar to a currently available but expensive drug, was shown to cut by 40 percent the number of heart attacks, post-procedure complications and mergeney surgeries within 48 hours of a coronary intervention. To prevent clotting after doctors open partially clogged arteries, doctors now intravenously give patients abeiximab, also called Reopro. The drug blocks as specif-ic platelet-to-platelet interaction from clotting. Intercrilin the new medicine.

Integrilin, the new medicine, performs the same function as Reopro at nearly a quarter of the

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cost. Integrilin costs about s-top compared to \$1,500 for Recpro. Blocked arteries are a very com-mon ailment among heart patients. In such cases, the block-age interferes with the blood flow and causes heart pain, also called coronary angioplasty, doctors remove such blockage by insert-ing it to the heart. Such coronary interventions are used only when the number of blocked arteries is fairly low. A catheter and a balloon are used to of medical-grade stainless steel is implanted to prop the artery open, restoring blood flow. Around 600,000 coronary angio-

plasty procedures are performed in the United States each year, of these, more than 95 percent use

stents. But plenty can go wrong in the process, and in about 10 percent of the cases, it does. "The stent is a foreign object in the body, and can often cause blood clotting to occur," said Teheng, Blood clotting inside the afteries again restricts blood flow, renewing the earlier condi-tion.

Reopro reduces the likelihood of such clots, but doctors say it is too expensive to be widely

of such clots, but doctors say it is too expensive to be widely administered. In this complicated time for medical reimbursements, hospi-tals receive a fixed fee for the procedure because the majority

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Circuit Court. Wednesday's decision marked the end of the discussion at UW, which had been especially robust over the past 18 months.

had been especially robust over the past 18 months. Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Roger Howard, said the University of Wisconsin is pleased that the Ecx of the ruling includes positive language about the kind of beneficial impact universities can expect from programs that encourage diverse speech. "It's a great day at Wisconsin after four years of a hard fought argument ... on all sides of the issue." He said. While waiting for the decision, the process of allocating UW student fees has been underway. Howard said, although the staff found it impossible to plan for changes had there been an adverse decision. "We knew enough about the alter-natives to our current fee system to of work involved (if the decision had been unpled), 'he said. Organizations defending student

Organizations defending student fees celebrated the reversal Wednesday.

Michael Adams, associate director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project called the decision a "great victory" for students and stu-dent groups.

of patients are covered by Medicare of the hospitals are members of a diagnostic related group. Tcheng explained. As a result, if a hospital provided wery one of its heart patients with Reopro, it would either lose under the procedure of the patients would simply not be able to afford it. Tcheng said. Therefore, patients with a high fisk of a blood clot forming lecame the only candidates for Reoposly. a hospital could

Reopro. "Previously, a hospital could only afford to treat about 20 per-cent of the patients." said Tcheng, adding that with Integrilin, the hospital could treat almost everyone.

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The lower price or Integritin is mostly a factor of the drug's man-"This is especially important for less-have been the targets for organized, efforts by right wing groups attempt-ing to defund them, the said. Adams said the case emerged out of a well-organized legal effort by groups including the Alhance Defense Fund and conservative Christan organizations that tick to discourge participations. The Studien Press Law Center filed and the very nature of sudent media's political or ideological expression made them easy targets for segregated funding. "If the court tolerated a system where students could get funding reinforces the notion that student gov-tent to the student of the student reinforces the notion that student gov-tent many student papers would for getter by objected the con-tent many student papers would made the organized in the student priment cannot use the content of a student publication as justification for publication by cuiting thind.". The SPLC receives complaints the objectionable. This decision from papers whose fees are threat-orient in student complains their form papers whose fees are threat-form papers whose fees are threat-form papers whose fees are threat-neated when a student complains their form papers whose fees are threat-form the right to express freely visuout infiringing on others consti-uoual right. Goodman suit.

Any student organization could have been affected if any student had complained, he said.

complained, he said. "Not many organizations on cam-pus that engage in political discussion don't offend someone." he said.

ufacturing process. Reopro is expensive to make because it requires monoclonal antibodies, genetic engineering and growth in a deletae bacterial culture. Integritin is made by way of pep-ides, which are much asser to synthesize, explained project leader Diane Joseph, who works with Tcheng.

The multi-million dollar trial was funded by COR Therapeutics Inc. and Schering-Plough Corp., developers of eptifibatide.

acvetopers of epitithatide. It began in June 1990 and fin-ished earlier athan planned, in February 2000, after its results proved exceedingly favorable. The trait was conducted in 32 hospitals in the United States and Canada and olitimately involved 2,064 patients.

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ed when toxins float on water parti-cles in the air and are inhaled. The result is an Alzheimer's-like state of mind.

Although North Carolina was slow o investigate this, the problem is ow getting better, said Burkholder. that if people notice hey should leave and mediately

call officials immediately. The two toxics species of *Pficsteria* share the same geographic distribu-tion, spanning the easiers eashbard to the Guilf of Mexicos said Glasgroux. More specifically, *Pficsteria* has been found from the Indian River in Maryland, Unrough the Chesspeake Bay, all of North Carofina's estuar-ues, in Soudi Carofina, be said. *Pficisteria* is highly admoded by

actin boom control to the Andream of the golf side of Plonda Andream "Pflexteria is highly simulated by waste, and thrives in motion pollut-ed water," said Burkholder, she sug-gested that this is an indicator that we need to be doing a better job in waste management. "Pflexteria shumwayare] is basical-by identical in every aspect to Pflexteria piscielda, and one of the interesting things we're finding out is there are likely to be several pocies," said Gasgow. At this point in time researchers are investigating a possible findi species, and suspect there may be many as ten or 12 that exist.

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members of the North Carolina legislature received a rare St. rick's Day opportunity whe visited the campuses of N e. N.C. Central and UNCof N.C

Will North Carolina legislators take some ini-ative in improving UNC campuses? In spite f scheduled tours around the state, the answer b that question still seems to be a likley "no."

From the capitol building down-town, where our legislators spend most of their time locked up, it's been awfully easy for the facilities needs of UNC System universities to be overlooked. But on March 17, the legislators, along with some other public offi-cials and members of the NCSU Board of Trustees, received an opportunity to offer nore direct ignorance of the poor condition of buildings on our campus and on those of some our sister institu-tions.

tions. Among the lowlights shown to the legislators and their cohorts during the tour were decrepit eye-sores such as the Davis Labs, rarely improved labs in Withers with more than 60 years mileage on them and the labs at Gardner Hall, for which \$15 million in ren-ovations are needed

Did a firsthand look at our institu-tional needs make an impact on the

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members of the Joint Select Committee on Higher Education Facility Needs, as the group is called? It's hard to tell at this point. Facility Necess-called? It's hard to tell at un-flough state Representative Martin L. Nesbiti expressed to Student Body President Rajs Mirchandani, a desire to address stake some ini-puses? In system tate, the answer tate, the answer tate, the answer

state the inswer e a likley "no" be that Neshit was offering political thetoric when ead solutions are needed. But that seems to have become a dealings with the needs of N.C. universities. Last summer even before terms like "Hurricane Floyd" and "capital improvement fee" had been uttered for the first ime, the legislature denied a bond revisatizing and rebuilding on UNC campuses.

revitaizing and rebuilding on UNC campuses. With the passage last month of a utilion increase and the institution of a capital improvements fee-which gives students financial responsibility for building on-cam-ions for the first time in system his-tory-it appears that the poor condi-tion of our buildings will likely go unnoticed by the legislature during the next two to three years. Of course, given the attention that condition has received in the last two of three years, that won't be much of a change.

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mentioned (or others not mentioned) actually taking place this year. So, where does that now leave us as stu-dents?

where does that now leave us as stu-dents? The first thing you have to ask your-self is: "Are you ready for change?" With new leadership comes new deas. Where is the innovation, where are the new ideas?" It is now students? Where is the innovation, where are the new ideas?" It is now ime to bring in new leadership with absolutely new ideas. We need stu-dents who have a time and genuine interest in serving the students body. Many of the students running for Student Government this year have been around for some time. Be sure to ocheck their tuck records, Have they stood as voices for the issues that you are dealing with? How accessible have they been in answering your con-cerns? How inviting have they been to hear your worres as a student? For you to be a well-advised voter,

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Weakly, so spring break is over and now we must all do our penance for a week of trying to forget the daily demands of academia. Tesses, papers and projects are all beginning to fall into endless streams of work span-ing from here to May. So, what to do?

do? Some people want to get in the Zone-I want the Zen. The Zen? Ah, yes, my friends, the Zen..that elusive state of blissful autonomous production, You have much to do. But do you care? No. Do you fret and fear and pull your hair out from their follicles? No. Because you know.nt will be done. You know not how, you know not when, you

The Zen refers to those rare fleet-ing moments when the cosmos aligns itself and you find yourself crossing off lask after task on your to-do list, not really conscious of having done the work. In essence, the work almost seems to do itself— you're doing it, of course, but it doesn't feel like work. For the moment, it's a natural extension of your life force: walking, breathing, writing an eight-page paper in a sin-gle night, they're all the same ges-tures in an endless flow of energy channeling through your body and out into the world.

The Zen refers to those rare fleet

In the Zone, you accomplish much Just like in the Zen, things are happening, coming together, you're getting your crap done. But the Zone is about focusing in on the work. It's about blocking out all other things-pull on your head-hones, close yourself un in a noom

doing. Devote yourself to a continu-ous stream of working and forget to eat, forsake sleeping and goodness knows there will be nothing remote-ly resembling a life for you right now.

you are above it. Now, you can induce the Zone. You can hide yourself away with a case of Mello Yello and a stack of books a foot high. You can plug yourself into your computer, put the Knight Rider theme on repeat and click away at the keyboard for hours. The Zone is a conscious deci-sion to focus your work efforts to accomplish a goal. Thus, all you

now. In the Zen, you also work, And, at times, you work continuously. But you are not lost in the working. The task doesn't absort you and take over your daily functions for a day. You are not separated from life; your work gets done inside of it. You are not submerged in the work, you are above it.

Getting in touch with your Zen

have to do is foster a confortable and invigoriting work environment and, eventually, you find the Zone. The Zen, however, must find you. You cannot woo the Zen. The trank is, you enter the Zen without noticing it. At first, things just start lining up. You successfully manage to track down your group members with two phone calls. You conail a professor to take care of something only to find that your your frachers push back deadlines, class gets canceled, giving you meacher gives you an essay question on at the that you know forward and tack.

But the Zen isn't just about lucky breaks. It's a way of looking at how

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Quiet break triggers post-party blues

JAMES CURLE Well, it's that we of year fol-bing of year fol-bings me down beading into the second half of the spring semester. The sure a lot of students here, and at all colleges for that matter, feel a bit down after spring break. I think there are two different camps of downtrodden that most who feel sad fall into. One is, of course, the "Damn, the party's over" camp. After spending a week at an exotic locale where the weather's warm and every night's a fiesta, showing up for that first class back is a very distant second on the "Fun-O-

Meter." And then there's the camp that I fall into, which is the "Damn, the party never started" one. See, I never made it to an exotic destination last week. Didn't walk on the shores of Daytona. Didn't shake it at La Boom or Senor Frog-Instead, I spent a few days back at bome with the folks and basically sat on my ass the whole time. Don't get me wrong. I love my parents, and the rest was nice. Perhaps too nice, as Ive had a hard time getting back up to speed. But, a very real part of me wants to know what it's like to spend a week vante if desi like to have a hookup or welve. And hempering home the not-

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And it's that freedom that I've longed to taste while in college. To head somewhere south, leave the worries behind and just cut loose of some of the pent-up energy collect-ed over the years.

ed over the years. And so, here I sit, typing away at a keyboard, with three English assign-ments hanging over my head, yet all my mind can think of is dinfing away to the shores of South Padre or Cancun or some other far-away place that I fear I will never get to enjoy.

Curle has a proposition for the university administration: spring break II. That's right, "The Deuce," An opportunity for those who ddn't get in on this year's original spring break fun to head our and hit the bottle and the waves. Are you a kin-dred springtime spirit? Let Curle know at: james@sma.sca.nesu.edu

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ui this plebiscite. India's prolonged military occupa-ion of Kashmir brought rise to rimed rebellion by groups backed by religious parties in Pakistan and isewhere in the Muslim world. An stimated 50,000 Kashmiris and a ew thousand Indan troops have een killed since 1990.

The situation became even more tense when India and Pakistan blast-ed their way into the Nuclear Club in the summer of 1998. This nuclear arma: ent caused the issue of Kashmit to once again be a major point of discussion in the West; a dight spark between the two coun-tries meant the renewed possibility uses and the sense of the sense of the sense of the sense of the statistic sense of the sense post of the sense of the sense of the sense of the sense post of the sense of the sense of the sense of the sense post of the sense of the sense post of the sense of the sense

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The current off two nations from starting another war. The current situation in the region is one of concern. The Hindu nation-alist Bharti Janta Party (BJP) heads India's government, while Pakistan is presently under military rule. Neither government hesitates to outdo the other in front of their U.S. masters. Amid the

has decided to grace the region with his presence. His mission is to get to get them to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), But while the United Status has been championing the treaty all over the world, that systex with the treaty itself. The the treaty itself. The the treaty itself. The the past and failed. With the treaty itself to achieve some find with the sourt while the the source of the treat the treat of the treat of the treat while the treat of the

feels that all that Cli Any jeets that all that Clinton is going to achieve on this trip is see-ing the Taj Mahal and getting a great tan. He prays, however, that something positive comes out of the trip. What do you think? Let him know at Alv@ Walf. We feet at do you think. Aly@Wolf-Web.C.

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Continued from Page 4 be taking place within the next two weeks. This is where you will be able to see all the candidates and learn what they are all about (and also what they claim to be about). The first debate for Student Government elections will take place March 26 at 2 p.m. in the Campus Cheman. The second debate will be March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Campus Cheman. The second debate will be March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Campus Cheman. The second debate the school year. Now is the time to make a difference. Are you ready? If you have any questions about the student body elections, fed free to e-mail me at: bhp4sbp@hotmail.com.

Harold B. Pettigrew Junior Political Science

Religious debate irrelevant

It seems to me that all the discus-sion about religion and atheism is a futile waste of time. This is a mat-

ter of belief, and, as the philoso-pher St. Thomas Aquinas said, "In matters of taste (opinion), there is no point in arguing or even dis-cussing the matter."

Some in arguing of even dis-cussing the matter." Some years ago, PBS had a series on the hig-bang theory, But then a lot of nasty little boys (I was one of them) asked. "But professor, what happened before the big bang?" For a long time, they said, "Go away little boy and stop bothering us." But we were persistent and, final-ly, they ran a second part of the program in which they used the term "Vacuum Genesis." Now, what this means is that the universe was made from nothing.

was made itom normag. Well, this is no more meaningful than saying that, "God made the universe in six days." If one wishes to believe in a supreme being, he has a perfect right (and, in a way, is very fortunate. But if that person does not believe, he has that right also.

also. There has been too much acrimo-ny and even blood-letting in the name of religion. It is time that we stopped it and allowed everyone to have an opinion.

Alan Tomkins Lifelong Student

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OPEC not to blame for rising gas prices

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In the midst of one of the longest action's history, the United States, the single remaining superpower and the most information of the planet. Is being held hostage, economically speaking, by OPEC, at Middle Eastern oil carte: Middle Testern oil carte: Testern oil carte: Testern oil carte: tot surprising that these nations would seek to drive the prices of oil – their highest-grossing commodi-y — tescedingly high to ensure in the surprising that these nations would seek to drive the prices of oil – their highest-grossing commodi-y — the counting that these nations would seek to drive the prices of oil surprises up. Causing the exercise searcity in the market and drive the prices up. Causing the exercise view by ______. or so the Clinton administra-tion be Clinton administra-tion be connected to OPEC's production cat, this is not our pri-pary concern. The problem is not order to increase profits. The problem

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lem is that the American govern-ment has allowed our nation to become dependent on this oil and therefore has subjected the American people to the whims of the OPEC carel. Our problems can be traced, not to the OPEC carel, but directly to the environmental and oil exploration policies of the "carele" established under President Al Gore's administration.

Gore's administration. The United States has multiple fronts on which we may produce a self-sufficient nation. The foremost of these is the oil reserves in Alaska. The Alaskan oil reserves are at least the size of their counter-parts in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and could produce enough oil not only to supply our own needs, but to give the United States important captort commodities which could further expand the ceonomy. The second untapped source for

The second untapped source for domestic oil reserves is in the waters off of the coast of California. This source is not as large as its Alaskan counterpart, but it could also provide a very viable source of fuel.

The existence of these sources, when coupled with currently esca-lating oil prices, begs the question. "Why are we not tapping these sources?" The answer is just as sim-ple as it is astinne: The radical envi-ronmentalist policies of the Clinton-togre administration will not allow us to drill in these places because of the possible, though not particularly plausible, environmental effects of our presence in these regions. The environmental implications of

plausine, environmental inplications of our presence in these regions. The environmental implications of off-shore drilling on the California coast and drilling in Alaska are almost non-existent. The fact is, there is more opportunity for envi-ronmental disaster in shipping oil across the ocean via tanker (Exxon-Valdez, anyone?) than there is in either case presented above. I believe it to be supremely arrogant to chastise the OPEC nations for increase prices, while we cut pro-duction 100 percent from our two most prevalent sources and depend solely on the OPEC nations for sup-port.

Given the current situation, my olution is this: First of all, we must illow American oil companies

access to the reserves in Alaska and offshore California. This will slow-ly decrease oil prices over time; however, it will not solve the imme-diate problems facing American consumers. Since this problem was caused by irresponsible policies of the American government, I believe the three porterment should accept the burden. This should be done in the form of immediate gasoline tax suspensions, on both the federal and state level, which will drastically decrease the prices at the pump, because much of what we pay at the pump is in taxes.

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pump is in taxes. Given the capitalist economy that i embrace bere in the United States. I cannot blame the OPEC nations for decreasing production in order to push prices higher. This is what the law of supply and demand dic-tacts. What I can decry is an admin-stration that would allow the American people to be held captive by OPEC simply because their rad-ical environmental policies give preference to a few fish off the coast of California rather than its respon-sibility to uphold the interests of the people whom they serve.

MARKS

Continuent term Page 4 you work and at life. You have a mountain of things to do, but, instead of stressing, you feel light. Your shoulders rise when they should be sinking under the weight of your backpack. Use the stress of the stress of the done, but it's, you know, like, well—out there. Assignments become these swirling, hovering attitus in space that you think about a little and then you do them and they re done. Not finish things when you start form as they come up, and then you move on. You then find the une to live a little in between.

time to live a little in between. Sadly, once you've realized you're in the Zen, you're about a day and a half away from coming out of it. You start thinking of all the things you should accomplish while you're in this productive upsweep, you start making lists, you become fully conscious of how much work you have and, next thing you know...poof, if's gone. Somehow, you find you've

Somehow, you find you've slipped into the Zone. And that's only if you're lucky.

only in you're fucky. I've found that, often, the Zen is followed by something 1 like to call the Zip, "Zip" becomes a direct reflection on your motivation and production, an answer to such ques-tions as, "How much will you get accompilshed this week." Zip. Zich, Zero.

The Zip, frankly, sucks

The rap, rating to go from this la-la state of happy, easy working to an unmotivated dry spell of fruitless inglus spent surfing the web, chick-ing uninterestedly through the TV channels and playing two straight hours of solitaire.

hours of solitaire. The work is still there, but you're suddenly out of your groove. In the Zen, you don't think about the work, and so you don't want to think about it in the Zip, either. But the work is still there, and you can't help but think about it being there, In fact, you spend way too much time thinking about all the work you're not doing. Really, all you can do is look back

work you're not doing. Really, all you can do is look back with nostalgin at how competent and productive you were the week before. You might think to yourself, 'I did a lot before, so I deserve a break.'' Or, you might wonder, 'What in the hell is wrong with ne?'' The problem with this is that, now, you're procrastinating. You're making excuses and you're allow-ing yourself to be overwhelmed by a to-do list. So, what can you do? Well

a to-do list. So, what can you do? Well, you can stop putting things off, and work your way back into the Zone. Actually doing the work, rather than agonizing over how much there is to do, is a good way to start. And, if you're really lacky, perhaps the Zen will find you again.

Kelly would like to say this col-umn was a product of the Zen, but, alas, it was pure Zone, through and through. Al least she can take her headphones off now and emerge from the depths of her corner. KDG for SBP. Sorry, Kim, it really didn't fit anywhere else today.

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Comedienne Garofalo bashes gender trends during stand-up routine

LUBINY FILENENC Dally Team Thank God Jancane Garofalo has "verbal diarrhea." During her appear-ances last week at the South by Southwest Film Festival, the with stand-up comedienne/actress verbally bruth honesty and articulate realism for those of as lucky enough to infil-tent the pesky crowds. Despite her constant apologies for talking too much. no one seemed to mind at all. Even with bip-name hot shots like diarofalo was the highlight among SXSW's andlences. Despite having a persona that screams East Coast. Garofalo was the highlight among system and a statism of the statism for those of an os stranger to Texas flaving graduated from high school up Houston. Bo got the start in stand up core. Natis welcomed Garofalo back was only Garofalo's one-one that was only Garofalo's no-one that was only Garofalo's no-one that was only Garofalo's no-one one that was only Garofalo's no-one that you minutes after Garofalo had began to due for the main ga muffled version of cardio's brillantly eloquent was the convention Center, it setter and a statism the wall outside the statism and the statism the stranglers of due to four the statism the wall outside the statism and the strange four four the strange to the statism and the strange four the strange to the statism and the strange four the strange to the statism and the strange four the strange to the statism and the strange four the strange to the statism and the strange four the strange to the strange and the strange four the strange to the strange and the strange the strange to the strange and the strange the strange and the strange to the strange and the strange the strange to the strange and the strange the strange to the strange and the strange and

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Hollywood. "T'm 35 years old. I look the way I look," she confessed to an audience who subsequently showered her with enthusiastic cheers and applause. She then paused and reminded them, "But the studio isn't

reminded them, "But the studie isn't clapping." "Because of my age and my face it's hard to get scripts and roles that aren't character," she studie. "I'm always somebody's friend, or I might be gay or a hard-ass." A theme of both Garofalo's panel and subsequent press conference was her frank frustration with the portray-al of women in Hollywood, especial-ly in comedy. "[In comedies] the woman is almost never fumy. She only props up the male." Garofalo mourned, "women have to be beautiful and funny. That cuts out about 60 percent of the talent pool."

cuts out about ou percent or more pool." While Garofalo acknowledged that she does have a few ardent admirers (usually of the left-of-center, "Renaissance Fair" ilk), she lamented that the majority of young women look up to Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, who are "negative role models in that they push heir sexuality so hard that nothing else is important."

tive role models in that they puss their sexuality so hard that nothing else is important." Although Garofalo expressed dis-gust with female representation in mass media, she stressed that she would never stop participating in the industry because of her strong feel-ings. "Hopefully, I would be another option; I don't have to take my clothes off. I don't pose on the covers of magazines. Now granted, haven't been asked to do either, but I would-n't do it if I were asked." Garofalo's consistency as a strong, defiant woman has made her a hot item in the independent film scene. Co-starring with Vincent D'Onofrio in Steal This Movie, one of her two films that played at SXSW, Garofalo got a chance to defy her usual stereo-

type by playing a woman who wore make-up and cried. This role was a diardial of her rendition of Antid Hoffman, hew fie of '60x civil rights activist and Chicago Seven member Arbbie Hoffman. To Sunday night at the Paramount. Garofalo and her costars, Jerry Stiller and Max Perlich, brightened the Austin premiere of The Independent Garofalo's ther SX8w film. In this film, Garofalo's tacks more to her independent movie god Morry Fineman (Siller). Whe Carofalo's anecdotes about tanning cream got may belly laughs, the highlight of the night had to be when Stephen Kessler, director of the ndependent. using this cell phone, had the entire Paramount audience fire his agent for bad-mothing Austin. But even Garofalo's two SXSW films don't do her justice. Garofalo is on humble that she does not allow her physical beauty to translate fairly to so humble that she does not allow her physical beauty to translate fairly to so humble that she does not allow her physical accessibility. Whe Garofalo's charm has won wer mayn in Austin, she hinsis that she store. Last week, many people discovered that Carofalo's appeal lies used that dawrofalo's days and the glow and accessibility. The Garofalo's tharm has won so the mite that were solid out, and fil gestin. ''s be said with a mischievous mile. '' would like that all the time.'' Arbay si a Garofalo's quasi-star-fom that has diowed productions don the in the object perduction films as well. Whower the reason, Garofalo has

as well. Whatever the reason, Garofalo has her own clever way of testing her success: "If frat boys throw cans at you, obviously you've done some-thing right." Yes, she has.

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And there should exist a heavier

And there should exist a heavier reliance on Chones' presence in the post and her ability to score come November 2000. "Kaayla will be even more of a go-to player next year." Yow said of her soon to be sophomore cen-ter. "Her ability to create inside and rebound will be critical for us. But we are coing to have to get But we are going to have to get points outside too."

points outside too." Perimeter production, something that waned late in the season for the Pack, needs to come from Bates and Lewis, and from injured point guard Terah James. A knee injury hindered James from com-peting at her highest level in 2000. "Hopefully, she'll (James) be full speed in October." said Yow. "To

have her back 100 percent will be critical. She'll be able to push the ball, take charge and get us into our offense. She can be a strong

The only senior departing from the 2000 women's basketball team is Erb, an All-ACC first team member member

Life after Erb is something to which Yow and company may have a difficult time adjusting to. But Yow has lost dominant players to graduation many times in her 25 lustrous years.

"Summer is a major force to be without," the State coach said. "She was a rock. Her leadership on and off the court was something we didn't have to teach her; she was a natural leader."

In Erb, the team loses 27 minutes and 16.0 points per game, which was good enough to lead all State scorers.



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paign, Brian Wright has managed to avoid the dreaded sophomore jinx. Wright has a .494 slugging percentage on the season with four homers and 19

Wright has a .494 slugging percentage on the season with four homers and 19 RBIs. And a young but reliable pitching staff has kept the Pack in games and given it a chance to win. Sophomore Dan D'Amato is 4-2 with a .284 ERA and is coming off a complete-game four-hitter against Virginia. Mike Sollie has been equally impressive, going 3-2 with a 4.05 ERA in seven stars.

Starts. The Pack probably isn't going to compete for the ACC title this year. The conference is just too deep. But State is going to make the con-ference's top teams work to win games. The Pack already proved that against Wake Forest, who turned around after dropping two out of three

in Raleigh to take two games from the Seminoles.

In Raleigh to take two games from the Seminoles. And I'd be willing to bet that State is one of the last teams that UNC wants to see this weekend. The Heels blew out Towson State 25-2 on Wednesday but had been in a minor slown, losing four in a row before that game. The UNC-State series is always well-contested, no matter what the team's respective records are. Some of the ACC's most memorable games have come out of this storied rivalry. Elliott Avent's team won't be look-ing at Carolina's lofty ranking the weekend in Chapel Hill. The Pack is a scrappy group that is hungry and ready to prove tiself at every opportu-nity.

nity. Most importantly, though, the Paci-has fun playing the game. After all that's what the great American pas-time is all about.

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Continued train Page 10 N.C. State expects the Tar Heels to try to put up some big numbers after falling to 0-3 in ACC play. "UNC is a good ball club," Avent said. "I'm sure they're looking to put some W's in their column." UNC played the Towson Tigers Wednesday and was able to "squeak" by with a 25-2 victory. The Heels erupted with 27 hits and ended a four-game losing streak after dropping Tuesday's game to the Tigers. The 25-2 victory. The 25-2 victory. The Societ shows the thether most one-sided contest the Heels have won since defeating Furman 1 1995 by a score of 25-1. Bynn Earcy homered twice for

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Scott Autrey pitched for the Scott Aufrey pitched for the Heels, going 5 1/3 scoreless innings while allowing only two hits. Relief pitchers Aaron Sheffield, Jason King and Joey Popovich pitched the last 3 2/3 innings, giving up just a single bit

hit. The Wolfpack had yesterday's game in Lynchburg, Va., against Liberty rained out and will now face the Flames on Friday, May 12, in Raleigh at Doak Field. Liberty will already be in Raleigh for its contest on May 13, so the rescheduling caused no conflict for either of the schools. Come intere for the schools.

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Baseball heads to Chapel Hill for series

♦The baseball team renews its rival with North Carolina this weekend in Chapel Hill

JONATHAN HONEYCUTT

Staff Writer The N.C. State baseball team travels to Chapel Hill this weekend to take on the sixth-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels. The Heels started the season by win-ning 21 consecutive games before being swept in a three-game series this past weekend against Georgia Tech. UNC now sports a record of 22-4 overall and 0-3 in Atlantic Coast Conference play. The Wolfpack is currently 14-9 overall with a 4-2 conference record. Dan D Amato will pitch game on of the weekend series for the Pack with Mike Sollie and Mike Prochaska taking

the mound on Saturday and Sunday. State baseball coach Elliott Avent praised the play of many Tar Heel play-

UNC WHEN:

ers. "Clay Hooper is s back from last year. He is a very solid player," Avent said. "Tyrone Godwin U.S.A. this summer and was a first round draft pick out of high school. They also have Dan Moylan who is one of they also have Dan Moylan who is one of they also have Dan Moylan best catchers in our conference." Pitching for UNC has been crucial to S. back from last year BASEBALL AT FRIDAY-SUNDAY WHERE: BOSHAMER STADIUM

Avent said. The Wolfpack is coming off a weekend The Wolfpack is coming off a weekend series against Virginia in which State was able to win two of three. In game one of that series, State won a slugfest 16-13 that saw Mike Prochaska and Brian Wright combine for seven RBIs, two home runs and four doubles. Pitching was the key to Saturday's vic-tory as Dan D'Amato tossed a complete game, allowing only four hits. D'Amato improved to 4-2 and lowered his ERA to 2.84

2.84. "A lot of guys are doing a lot of good things for us," said Avent. "Jeremy Dutton got off to a hot start, and Jason Smith and Craig Lee have been consis-tent. Dan Mooney is one of the best catchers in the country, and Brian Wright is one of the best hitters." Wright is tied for the team lead in home nums (4) with Dan Mooney and has

home runs (4) with Dan Mooney and has a .337 batting average. Mooney and

Wright also share the team lead for the highest slugging percentage at 494. Senior Jason Smith has a. 354 batting average and has stolen seven bases this season to lead the Pack. Smith also has the highest on base percentage (-468) and has scored 23 runs for the team. Mike Prochaska, who will pitch Sunday for State, leads the team is highest batting average (.373). Prochaska is tied for the team lead in doubles (6) with Jeremy Dutton and is one of five Pack players who have hit home runs this year.

But Prochaska doesn't just hit well. He is an overpowering pitcher as well with a 2-0 record and a 0.51 ERA. Opposing hitters are only batting .210 against hitters are only batting .210 against Prochaska, and 13 have fallen victim to strikeouts in only 17 2/3 innings of work.

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in the ACC

the team's success "They've gotten solid pitching from their starters all season long and have been able to win a lot of ball games", The baseball team travels to UNC carrying a 4-2 record in the ACC. Spring football begins

Left: Chuck Amato surveys the action during his first day on the practice field as the head coach at N.C. State. MIKE

Bottom: Freshman quarterback Phillip Rivers tosses to one of his receivers. Rivers is one of three players in the running for the start-ing job. (Mike PITTMAN/STAFF)

for a loss in 1999 with 16, practice under Amato already seems to be

in previ-

ous years. The Pack is also faced with learn ing different offensive and defen sive schemes under the new coach

Ing unreten surface and exactly and exactly a sive schemes under the new coach-ing staff. "The hardest thing the first day was all the learning we've got to be pleased with his team's effort on his first day as the heead coach at his alma mater. But there are obviously still plenty of things that need to be worked on. "We've got a lot to work on yet, obviously," Amato said. "Everybody's got to get more excitable: we've got to get more everybody's not just thinking every the surface of the surface of the surface of the everybody's not just thinking every the surface of the surface of the surface of the everybody's not just thinking every the surface of the surface of the surface of the everybody's not just thinking every the surface of the surface of the surface of the everybody's not just thinking every the surface of the surface of the surface of the everybody's not just thinking every the surface of the surface of the surface of the everybody's not just thinking every the surface of the surface of the surface of the surface of the everybody's post to get more everybody's not just thinking every the surface of the su

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Stadium. Amato plans to start having the players run drills in full pads within the next couple of days. He said that he is eager to see how well they block and tackle.

well they block and tackle. According to Amato, spring prac-tice is important pri-tice is important pri-marly because it gives the players a chance to work on fundamentals. But Amato has other modes for the next month of practice. "(We want to) have a little fun, just to have the each other," Amato said.

field and see what was going to happen." The players have spent the last eight weeks participating in winter workouts in the Weisiger-Brown building. Amato said at a media luncheon on Monday that the drills the coaching staff put the players through were designed to improve the team's quickness and agility. The workouts have seemingly paid off for State, particularly for

But after eight weeks in the gym, the players were just as anx-ious as their new head coach to put their helmest on and take the field. "We're very happy to be out here," senior linebacker Clayton White said. "A lot of guys coald-n't wait. Everybody was looking forward to it, and it was what everybody expected." Spring practice has a very dif-ferent feel this year for the veter-ans, like White. According to White, who led the team in tackles

the team's bigger players. The Pack collectively lost 373 pounds over the offseason thanks in large part to strength and training coach Todd Stroud and his workout pro-

gram. But after eight weeks in the

Women's basketball looking ahead

tice field to receive a brief word from Coach Amato. The Pack then ran drills without pads for about the next two and a half hours. "This is what everybody's been witing for," Amato said. "It does-n't feel like March 22, but every-body was glad to get out on the field and see what was going to happen."

• Summer Erb won't be back; the Pack will have four returning starters on next year's squad

♦ The spring football season started Wednesday afternoon at N.C. State after being rain-delayed two

JEREMY ASHTON

The Chuck Amato era at N.C. State is finally in full gear. Rain prevented the Wolfpack and its new head coach from taking the field on Monday, but spring foot-ball practice at State began Wednesday on an unseasonably cool day.

ball practice at State began Wednesday on an unseasonably cool day. After going through warmups, the Pack met at the center of its prac-

days.

ROB GODFREY

All too often in sports, writers and coaches equate a completed season to a roller coaster ride. However for NC State's women's basketball a roller coaster ride does not begin to describe their

season. A 14-0 start, Kay Yow's 25th anniversary celebration, Summer Erb's mid-season injury, and the team's early post-season tourna-ment exits equaled the peaks and valleys of the 1999-2000 women's basketball season which were emo-tionally and physically taxing extremes. Never in her 25 years of

coaching had Yow seen a team start so strong and struggle late. "This season was different for us in that we came on so strong early and then really began to have prob-lems towards the end of the regular season," Yow said just before the start of the ACC tournament. "Usually our teams at N.C. State have really come on strong for the post-season."

have teally come strong of the post-seasor." For now at least, somewhere there must be some consolation. Though it comes in light of a first-round NCAA exit the team can console that in 2001, the Pack will be back: back in the top 25 rank-ings, back in ACC title contention and in the race for a NCAA berth. Expectations and confidence should be high for four reasons: Terah James and Tynesha Lewis. All four ladies will return, each having averaged at least 20 min-

utes during the past season. "I think an upside when we look ahead is the number of players who got a great deal of experience in all sorts of situations," Yow said.

sorts of situations," Yow said. Bates and Lewis will be the team's only seniors. Bates aver-aged just over 23 minutes of action per contest and Lewis led State in minutes with 32.7. Lewis also con-tributed 11.0 points per game. "We really need Monica (Bates) and Tynesha (Lewis) to play next year the way they started this sea-son," Yow said. "They need to be stars on and off the court as our team's leaders."

team's leaders." Chones averaged 11.4 points per games in her freshman campaign and grabbed 7.4 rebounds. Landing a spot on the All-ACC freshman team. Chones became a go-to play-er when Erb went down.

See WOMEN, Page



JEREMY ASHTON At spring has arrived at N.C. State, which means the

which means the winter sports sea-son is finally winding down and baseball is taking center stage. The ACC is by far the toughest baseball conference in the country. Five ACC teams are ranked in the top 25 in all three polls with three —

BASEBALL

BASEBALL Florida State. Clemson and UNC — in the top 10. Florida State is currently No. 1 in the Baseball Weekly/ESPN coaches' poll and has the early lead in the con-ference race. The Seminoles had won 18 in a row before dropping two out of three at Wake Forest over the weekend. Meanwhile. Clemson occupies the top spot in the Collegiate Baseball poll. The Tigers are currently 19-3 with a 4-0 win over the Miami (Fla.) Hurricanes, the defending national champions.

Hurricanes, the defending national champions. Then there's North Carolina, a team that skyrocketd to the No. 2 spot in the country after running off 21 straight wins to start the season. The Tar Heels have cooled off a little since then but easily have their best team in years. While everyone else in the confer-ence is making all the noise. State is quietly patting things together. The Pack dropped to 9.8 after an 11-01oss in the first game of its series with Wake but ran off five consecutive wins before finally falling to Virginia 3-1.

while second many aming to vinginal 3-1. The streak was impressive not only because it came mostly against ACC competition but also because of the way that the Pack won its games. State has struggled at the plate at times this year, yet the Pack's bats came alive over spring break, averag-ing 10 runs per game during the win-ming streak. State is getting leadership in the bat-ting order from its upperclassmen, which is important to the success of any team.

which is important to use success or any team. Senior Jason Smith is the catalyst on the team, getting on base by any means necessary. His .468 on-base percentage and 23 runs scored are both team highs, and pitchers have to be wary of his speed on the basepa-ths.

Note that the speed on the basepa-tiss. Another senior, Craig Lee, has also been solid at the plate. Lee's .316 hat-ing average is fourth on the team, and he has started every game for the Pack this year. Senior Dan Mooney has proven once again that he's the best defen-sive catcher in the conference. He's year with four home runs and 16 RBI. But it's been the young players on a young team that have kel State up to this point in the scason and made team fun to wach. Tershman Mike Prochaska has practically done everything for the Pack. His .373 batting average, six doubles and 23 RBIs are all team highs. And the fefty has been nearly uphitable on the mound, holding opponents to a team-best .210 aver-age while sporting a 2-0 record with a microscopic 0.51 ERA.

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