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# **Elections 2000: Student Senate President**



NATALIE DUGGINS

The roles of student leaders at N.C. State are often misunderstood, per-haps none moreso than the Student Senate President. As the presiding officer of the legislative branch, the Senate President is compelled to interact with a fluctuating member-ship of student senators, work with the Student Body President and coop-erate with the university administra-tion. And in the end, of the 62 people that can make up Student Senate, the president is the only one that has to answer to the entire Student Body. Seth Whinker, a senior in Chemical Engineering and Political Science, took on the task of chairing the uni-The roles of student leaders at N.C.

versity's legislative branch this year. In that, the Student Body Constitution required that Whitaker call and pre-side over Senate meetings, pass Senate's legislation on to the Student Body President for their signature. Whitaker was also responsible for coordinating the education of Senate members on the way that the body orentes.

operates. "A lot of that is administrative. A lot of what 1 do is sit [in the] office and correct bills, write reports, make up forms and do all kinds of internal administrative type of stuff," Whitaker said.

"There's a lot of just desk and office work in addition to the more glam-orous part. There's a lot of pretty mundane stuff."

The sheer amount of administrative work that the Senate presidency requires is one of the misconceptions that people have about the position, Whitaker said. The work has taken away time that Whitaker admits could have been spent on more important business.

Administrative work aside, Whitaker believes that most people seek the Senate presidency for two reasons: being the presiding officer and being a representative to the administration and the rest of the uni-

versity. "The presiding part, to me at least, means that you've got to remain a rel-atively unbiased observer. When you run the meeting, you can't let yourself feel too strongly, one way or the

**JasonCotter** 

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Platform/issues: Cotter said the main focus of his campaign for the Student Senate presidency is increasing communication between the Senate and the Student Body.

the Student Body. "I think that there is a gulf, or a void, between sen-ators and the students they represent and that needs to be bridged somehow. We need to do more in Student Government to communicate with constituents about what Student Government is working on, as well as giving students the opportunity to talk about some of the pressing issues that matter most to them," said Cotter.

Cotter. To meet that need, Cotter is proposing an e-mail system that would allow student senators to send a message to their constituents. While the plan is still in its preliminary stages, Cotter has already taken his plan to some of the college deans and vice provost of information technology Sam Averitt with some success. Additionally, Cotter is looking to expand the Student Government web page to include online polls for issues such as campout and tuition that are important to students.

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other," Whitaker said. "It's hard," Whitaker admitted. The ability of a person to stay neu-ral, despite their own feelings is something that Whitaker feels stu-dents should look for in the next Student Senate President. "You've got to be able to keep that neutrality when you're running the meeting," he said. "Mere the Senate takes a position on any piece of legislation, it is the treepresent that optimion to the Chancellor, the Board of Trastees and other interested parties. With the events of a week at their additional to persent of ability of the Senate Desident other interested parties. With the exception of the tuition debate, Whitaker has avoided taking official positions so that he could preside over the Senate effectively.

"My power's very limited...I can't go out and say things the way the Student Body President can. That's those the operation of the student of the the student Body President can the student and I can't lake a statuse on their budy. Whitaker stadi. Another misconception that exists about the Senate president's role is stat they have the power to exert infact the president is not allowed to participate in debates and typically does not draft any legislator. They any attach as state meeting, the president sein control of the tudes the president is not allowed to participate in debates and typically does not draft any legislator.

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### ConenMorgan

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Platform/issues: There are three main focuses to

Platform/issues: There are three main focuses to Morgan's campaign for the Student Senate presidency: ath-letics, tuition and publicity, with his entire campaign being summed up by the phrase, "students first." The morning after the UNC campout. Morgan was among the group of senators who sacrificed personal time to hear students' concerns. Not being able to provide for the stu-dents. Morgan stad, was "hearbreaking." but, as a member of the ticket distribution task force and as Student Senate President, he would try to ensure that all students were treat-ed fairly.

ed fairly. "The main focus that I'm trying to concentrate myself on is camp out. It is a highly expressed tradition here at State and there has to be some formidable way to save it," Morgan

said. When Senate added a permanent Tuition and Fees com-mittee to its structure. Morgan was chosen to lead the com-mittee the had previously drafted Senate's resolution oppos-ing any tuition increase by the university's Board of Trustees and chaired the select committee. Now, with the tuition increase having nearly come to fruition, Morgan is looking to the future to find a way to make tuition dollars work for the students.

to the future to find a way to make futuron dollars work for the students. "Senate has a bill on the table to discuss a priority list that was mundated by Chancellor Fox in order for us to spend the unition increase money the way that students want to spend it. So, if funacial aid is the number one good, which 1 believe it is, then the money will be spent accordingly," said Morgan. Morgan's third goal of publicizing Student Government and other campus events involves taking a more active role in the campus community. "Senate represents the entire university student body and from that, we need to make it our top priority to publicize, as much as possible, campus events," Morgan said. "If's come a time ned to make the newsletter available to students through hand copy, as well as via the Internet. He hopes that the university's webmasters would link, the newsletter

directly from the N.C. State home-page. Morgan hopes the newslet-ter will be the first step in breaking away from the "strictly legislative" body that Senate "strictly legislative" body that Senate became this year. "We've been guessing for a large amount of the year, trying to figure out what students want, ord, unleas use no and unless we go out and do the foot-

out and do the foot-work, then it's not agoing to be done the right way. Even though I'm campaigning to certain organi-zations, regardless if I'm elected or not, I will be going back to those same organizations and assking them for specifics on what they need done. That's the right way to do it and that is the number one promise that I can make to anyone." In addressing the growing divide between senators and their constituents. Morgan plans to stress activity among senators with their constituents and their respective college councils.

senators with their constituents and their respective college councils. "The main thing is stressing to senators that they need to itak, they need to e-mail, they need to write letters to Technician or Americana, it does not matter. There needs to be a way for a senator to contain at least one person a day, whateser it takes, in order for the individual student to know what is going on." said Morgan. In addition, Morgan is looking to motivate current senators to continue their student advocacy by increasing communi-cation between the executive officers of the Senate and the senators, as well as, the other branches of Student Government.

"I think that the executive staff within Senate "I timuk that the executive staft within senate heeds to be on one page—the same page. And that extends to the exec-utive staff of the entire Student Government, which needs to be on the same page. A lot of things that we had [this year] were agendas, some people were doing one goal, while oth-ers were doing another. We're a student government and we need to be serving the students at all times. We should have one common goal—students first, it's as simple as that," exit Morran. need to be set ving us addents at at times. We should have one common goal—students first, it's as simple as that," said Morgan is hoping to inspire senators with his commitment to continued communication with student organizations on

# Leaders try to open genome records

♦ President Clinton and Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain have called on all researchers, private or public, to pub-lish their human genome data freely.

TREY GODWIN

By this coming summer, scientists could have the map of all human genet-ic information. Even with all the skep-ticism of future problems, the finished information is expected to promote a new age of medical research that will unravel genetic contributions to dis-ease, eventually leading to better treat-ments. ments. As the race enters its final stages, Celera, a genetics science company

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Have a look.

General naughtiness in

today's Opinion cartoon.

Control in Rockville, Md., is conduct-ing some campaign to map the genome. President Bill Clinton and britspressed that it would be best for clear and all other private companies. Conding to Bruce Weir, coordinator of Bioinformatics at NC. State, the project (HGP) is an international project (HGP) is an program designated to con-struct detailed genetic and physical class and others sharing their informa-tion is an iteras in the source of the project (HGP) is an international planated unclear that was originally planated with the Manan genome. Weir stati Kinght now, 22 pairs have been

completed." However, with all parties nearing the end of a long and success-ful journey, Celera has become rather privy in releasing their data. Stephanie Curtis, department head and director of graduate programs in genetics, said the HGP has turned into a big intellectual property issue.

HGP has turned into a big intellectual property issue. Private companies realize the poten-tial for huge profit margins. According to the National Institute of Health web site, "the potential for commercial development of genomics research pre-sents U.S. industry with a wealth of opportunities, and sales of DNA-based products and technologies in the biotechnology industry are projected to exceed \$45 billion by 2009." "A genetics science company most likely wants to patent their intellectual

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## Crash Course



The Return of Tuffy the Cat, Oskar and Matajuro attempt to land a spaceship, and some guy's watching four televisions in Carson's strip.

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more active as the Student senare President and be more outspoken about issues. "When [Seth Whitaker] ran for this position last year, he was reluctant to take strong positions and convictions on issues because he thought that it was a foremost necessity for someone in his position to be objective..but I disagree with that. I think that it's necessary to take positions on issues in order to

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This piece of hanging artwork from India is a part of the "Cultures Revealed: Appliques from around the World" show currently on display in the Tally Student Center. This piece is from the collection of Nell Battle Booker Sonnemann. The art show, located in the Foundations Gallery on

the second floor of the student center, will be on

display from now until June 4th.



## Ah, the sound of a wooden bat... Nothing can beat it, says Daly.





"We spent a lot of money for [the software for online elections] with student fees and I think this we're under-using its potential. There's so much mon that we can use this same programming for," sai Course

that we can use this same programming out - saio Cotter. Cotter cited tuition as another important issue facing Student Government in the coming year. Currently, Cotter has drafted legislation within Senate, spon-sored by Senator Don Davis, that proposes a one-year moratorium on all student fee increases. "This would hopefully allow students to perhaps begin to absorb the full impact of these upcoming tuition increases without having to be further bur-dened by additional student fees," Cotter said. The re-establishment of campout as a university tra-dition is also an issue that Cotter is looking to take up as Student Senate President. He advocates the return of campout and currently serves on the university's ticket distribution task force.

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campus and advocates a system of checks and balances to increase Student Government's accountability to the students.

Why do you want to be Student Senate President?

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"It want to ensure that Student Government will move forward," Morgan si looking to make a historic change within Student Government and increase the respect within Student Government. Also Morgan wants to "give the campus community what they want, which is more campus events and to be better informed about what's going on,"

nr." The thing that separates him from the ther candidates for the position of student Senate President, Morgan said,

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advance the cause."

"I want to make sure that the most effective things that Student Senate does, aren't the ones that go on inside those meetings," Cotter added.

Why you want to be Student Senate President? While Cotter acknowledges the qualifications of the other Senate President candidates, he feels that this experience within Student Government makes him the best candidate for the presidency. "I think that my unique combina-tion of my specific goals and my experience within Student Government probably best qualifies" me for running for the position," Cotter said.

For more information, whttp://www4.ncsu.edu/~jfcotter visit: is his continued dedication to find out the opinions of students. When ques-tions arose about the Student Government Trust Fund, Morgan went back to his constituents and asked them their opinions. He received response from more than 300 students.

"I can honestly say that I have done everything in my power to contact and talk to as many students as possible," Morgan said. "That dedication alone separates me from the other candi-

dates." More so than anything else, Morgan says he is seeking the presidency of the Senate so that he can continue to push the agenda of students and continue to make sure that the administration and Student Government put students first.

student Government put students first. "Tve preached it all year. Tve said that to Chancellor Fox. I've said that to [UNC System President] Molly Broad. Students first until the end," said Morgan.

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Continued from Page 1 and what's going on with that, the president has very little control over the policies that are being made." Proto to being lected Student Senate President last year, Whitaker had senate President *Pro Tempore*. In order to be eligible to nn for Student senate President *Pro Tempore*. In order to be eligible to nn for Student senate Arestant Student must have senved al least 50 percent plus one of the scheduled Senate meeting in any urrent and it's required in order to run for the position. Having been parlia mentation and here a the rules." Whitaker said. "T think it'd be difficult to run the seadership position within Senate first...a committee chair or an officer."

tem of rules, which the President is expected to know. Whitaker feels that a good candidate for Student Senate President should have a good knowl-edge of these rules. edge of those rules.

edge of those rules. "As far as running the meetings goes, it takes good knowledge of the rules to understand how things work. Other presidents have been less formal with the way they do things than I am, Senate President "sources I and that's each president "sources I and that's each president "sources I and that's each president "sources I and things are supposed to work to be effective."

effective." The job of the Student Senate President is a tumultuous one — Senate meetings typically run into the early hours of the morning and, by virtue of office, the president is often looked to by the university administra-Virtue of office, the president is often looked to by the university administra-tion. Both the Senate and Student Body Presidents serve on the University Council, alongside the chairs of the Faculty and Staff Senates, the university's vice chancellor, the

deans of the colleges and some other members of the Chancellor's staff. "It takes a very special kind of lead-ership to do this job. I had no real idea of what I was getting myself into...I'll admit that," Whitaker said. Perhaps the greatest challenge that faces the candidates for the position of genare president is maintaining rela-tionation whom don't share the same opinion on the university's controver-sal seus.

opinion on the university's controver-sial issue. We have to answer to the senators and do what they need to keep Senate function of the senators of the senators times doesn't have the same feelings that the senators do. You've got to overk with the administration and that are require you to negotiate some on the position that you've been asked to represent." Whitaker stad. "Keeping all those relationships by the biggest challenge you have and it requires a leader of incredible tal-ent."

Briefs

**Technicia** Firm affiliated with N.C. State hopes to spark 'smart card' rev-olution

ID Technologies Corp. (IDTEK), a publicly traded company based at N.C. State University's small business incubator facility, is hop-ing to evoke the "smart card" rev-olution through the commercial-ization of the invention by NCSU alumnus Bill Lane. To heln eat the technology in the

alumnus Bill Lane. To help get the technology to market, the company has received an investment from Centennial Venture Partners, a venture capital fund started by NCSU, to assist companies associated with the same height, width and thickness as a credit card, contains the com-ponents of a

computer, allowing it to be acti-vated with the fingerprint of a sin-gle user. A device inside the card called a capacitor — a circuit that temporarily stores an electric charge — activates the card for two seconds after the authorized user touches it. One of the most beneficial uses for IDTEK's bio-metrics technology: combating credit card fraud. Johnston pre-dicts the "smart card" could pre-vent millions of dollars tost annu-ally to credit card companies and users make purchases on stolen and lost credit cards.

Environmental effects of hur-ricanes to be discussed at con-ference

Were human impacts on coastal rivers, estuaries and sounds sig-nificant factors in the destructive floods that followed Hurricane Floyd last year? How did Floyd affect water quality in North Carolina's coastal and near-shore ocean waters?

ocean waters? These are among the questions scientists and policy makers will discuss at the annual North Carolina Water Resources Research Conference, March 30, at the Jane S. McKimmon Center at N.C. State. The conference is sponsored by the University of North Carolina's Water Resources Research Institute(WRR), locat-ed at N.C. State. Scientists from NCSU, UNC-Wilmington, the UNC-CH Institute of Marine Sciences, East Carolina

University, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other research institutions will present their findings on the impact of Floyd on the environ-ment, and use and water use may have been factors in the flooding. Registration for the conference is \$55. To register or for more information contact WRRI at: (919):515-2815.

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Nightwalk 2K planned for Thursday

Are you afraid of the dark? Do you avoid poorly lit areas on cam-pus? Do you want to do something about it? Well, have no fear. Nightwalk 2K is almost here. Nightwalk 2K, organized by

Student Government, is open to faculty, staff and students. Participants will meet in Riddick 242 at 8 µm. on Thursday, March 30, and be given a focus area on campus. They will survey that area and report all malfunctioning blue lights and streets lights, as well as make note of poorly lit areas on campus. The participants will be asked to report the location of overgrown shrubs and trees that interfere will lighting efforts. Free food and flashlights will be event is to make NCSU a safer and more enjoyable place for every-one. one

For more information, please email Justin McCurry at: jbmc-curr@eos.ncsu.edu.

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# TECHNICIAN'S UIEW Candidates run; who watches race?

Tonight, the Student Media Authority will host a 6 p.m. debate for student body lection candidates in Vitherspoon Cinema. Throughout the week, echnician's news section is car-Τ

see them walking across campus or giving speeches...these are the leaders who will represent us to the N.C. State administration, the local and state governments and the UNC System Board of Governors. They are the people who will hold the purses-trings to our studen fees and they are the people who will like fees and they are the people who will like and they are the people who will like yb fing our

With an overflow of information on the can-didates and ample electoral convenience, there's little excuse for students to continue a recent trend of not voting. who will li ly bring ou campout back, should it ever p-

rying profiles of the candidates for Student Senate president, stu-dent body president, Student Center president and student

dent body president, Student Center president and student body treasurer. In the Brickyard, outside Fountain Dining Hall, on bulletin boards and light poles throughout and around campus, all the signs (and fliers and sandwich boards) are present; it is undoubtedly election time. On the ballot April 3 and 4 will be a long list of open SMA and Student Senate positions, sought yr relative unknowns. The above three positions, however, have been at the center of high-profile campaigns, giving students plen-profile study and why. But, between reading the hiers and signs and doming the stick-ers and bultons, give some thought this week to who the candidates are and to what they stand for. Attend debates, read profiles, ask questions when you

campout back, should it ever come back. Bear those thoughts in mind this week while wading through the breakers of public relations and hype washing over your feet. But, more importandly, bear in mind thoughts of your responsi-bility to vote next Monday. Laughable turnouts have made the student body elections at uc-dents have truckled to have their thoughts heard, giving the colors at everyise in apathy, as NCSU students the relates authority of a mousy security problems that plagued last year's voting—and conve-niently located voting tables in the Brickyard and at dining areas cross campon, there's little rea-son that anyone should be able to word voting this year. Anything less. 100 percent voter turnout is unacceptable.

#### CAMPUS FORUM

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#### Technician lacking journalistic integrity

journalistic integrity Well, Technician has finally decid-ed to shed all semblance of objec-tive, unbiased reporting, Andrew Buchert's article ("McCorvey con-fronts student during speech," March 27) about the Norma decorvey speech last week had enough spin on it to make the enough spin on it to make the enough spin on it to make the linton administration"s spin doc-tors yay homage to Technician. The headline itself was, clearly an attempt to demonize McCorvey and durit hear the speech. The article focused almost entirely on that one event and ignored the speech itself and McCorvey's mes-sage, except to comment on its 'and-abortion' nature or her Roe Nore Ministry, which "fights against abortion rights." Anyone who doesn't know that phrases like



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# **J**pinion



# LeBoeuf: no U.S. racists

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exists and 3) derive viatue solu-tions. Most politicians are guilty of skipping step number two as they attempt to solve problems without asking why the problem exists in the first place. But, for the case of racism, our leaders have foulded up from the very beginning, at step number one. Webster's Dictionary defines racism as "a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that race.

inherent superiority of a particular race." Using this definition, I think we can all agree that racism, as a dri-ving force in American pubic pol-icy, is utterly dead. There are incredibly few leaders in American government who believe that one race is inherently superior to another, and there are certainly not enough racists in America to make an impact in politics.

Politics to move a politics. Science deserves much of the credit for showing the utter insignificance of race in human performance. While science has shown that some races can, on average, slightly outperform others in certain physical and mental tests, none of these tests even remotely suggest that any race is

inherently superior to another. From a scientific standpoint, no race is inherently smarter, stronger or faster than another race by enough measure to be considered "superior." And, shoving science aside, the fact that America is chockfull with superior examples of human-ity from every race makes racial insignificance incredibly self-evi-dent. And that's why virtually no American is, by definition, a racist.

Yet most Americans feel that all Yet most Americans feel that all is not well between the traces. When a black man is hounded simply for wearing a hood while shopping in a quick stop, we feel he is treated unfairly. And when a white schoolboy is expelled mere-ly for wearing a trench coat on a cold rainy day, we call the expul-sion absurd. Many noliticians and lobbuists

oid rainy day, we call the expul-sion absurd. Many politicians and lobbyists blane "racism" for these griev-ment musi do more to fight it. But while something is certainly amiss between the races, is "racism" racial problem? Targue that America is mislabel-ing racial *prejudice* as "racism." By doing so. America is only fuel-ing the fire of racial hate. Though prejudice (pre-judging) is not racism, it can be a serious why some women have a hard mine getting promoted, why eager makes are rarely hired in daycare, young blacks. Not only is prejudice an obvious grief for the mislabeled, but being For the sisted of the termine of the sisted of the termine of the mislabeled, but being prejudiced is often self-defeating. For example, failing to promote a

deserving temate time upper intan-agement can hurt a company's profilability. In extreme cases, whimsical prejudice can force a company into bankruptcy! Nonetheless, prejudice, though sometimes self-defeating, is often necessary for survival. Prejudice simply involves judging before knowing all the facts. In modern American life, it's often impossi-ble to know all the important facts about strangers before meeting them. And, since strangers can be dangerous, we sometimes must avoid certain people merely based on stereotypes, at least until the strangers prove to be harmless over time. Frankly, I avoid dark allies with hooded black men. In the past, assuming such men to be harmless almost cost me my life. Call me a shameless racist if you like, but it doesn't change the fact that I am merely being prejudiced to protect my own survival. Likewise, I once avoided answering a knock on my door one evening when I observed a buty white face through the peep hole. Every axe murderer I've ever seen has been a big, burly white gay, and I simply didn't want to risk it. In both cases I am exhibiting a racial prejudice, but at no point and I assuming phat one case is inherently superior to another. I'm an antipy using prejudice do for per-haps I would later observe the burly white gay handing out free Bibles to my neighbors. In such

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# The people behind the pols

#### HANANAH 7AHEER

I'm not much of Arm not much of political person. I don't vote (well. to not experiment mostly. because I can't). I don't really follow primary elec-tions. All I know about this current round of presidential elections is that we are probably, as always, going to end up with two candidates who really are not qualified to assume the position.

are not qualified to assume the position. I think a lot of my disillu-sionment with the electoral system comes from the can-didate fraud to which we are subjected. One day, a candidate is seen spear-heading the crusade to fight for gun laws. The next day, the same candidate is talk-ing about lenient gun laws, and the day after that he is seen at a shooting gallery, gun in hand, giving a big thumbs up to the camera. I wish people would just make up their minds. It makes me wonder, though. What is more important: winning the

elections or having a strong set of beliefs that you would stand by in the face of all adversity? I think that, in the case of the previdential candidates we have now, the former seems to be get-ting harder and harder to believe in a candidate who professes gen-uine love for the public and deep-rooted sense of responsibili-ty for what happens to them. I am in complete agreement with

tecproduct sense on responsion-try for what happens to them. I am in complete agreement with the idea that the public is, and should be, the deciding factor in who they choose to be their leader. But when the same candidates exem like they are depending completely on what we have to say. I think the question of unfair-ness comes up. Is it really fair to American people to seduce them with slogans of "I will be what you need me to be" rather than presenting them with honest opin-tions and fixed views? Doing so allows the people to see these can-didates for what they are and be able to make informed choices, instead of later on realizing the true agendas of these candidates.

Not only does this attitude result in dissatisfaction with the system of government later on, but it also affects the credibility of the indi-viduals. How can we expect the

children to listen when they see all these ad campaiens on TV advo-Clinicato instal when they see an these ad campaigns on TV advo-cating nonviolence, no smoking, and no drugs? After all, who knows when the governmental opinion might change, and, all of a sudden, it might become OK to school?

school? If the president of any country is to be a true leader of the people in that country, perhaps the candi-dates' efforts need to start with homesty: honesty to themselves. Kunning for a seat just because it's what someone wants to do is not valid. Things such as sincerity and honorable intentions of weigh in somewhere in the whole equation. After all, the leaders of the country to the rest of the used. Perhaps some will argue that it is

world. Perhaps some will argue that it is human nature to change one's mind and that it happens to most of us. Therefore, these candidates should not be held responsible. Well, first off, whever said human nature was perfect? There are qualities we all posses that are less than desirable; that's why we have been given the free will to exercise and overcome these incli-

nations. When one becomes a candidate to lead people, he must also real-ize that steadfastness would be a valuable asset. There will always be people who will object to cer-tain views and stances on certain issues, but, in my eyes, it is much easier to respect a man who will hold his own against pressure than one who will fold in front of oth ers' demands (yes...even minel). I really would like to know what he two presidential candidates are

the two presidential candidates are all about. If I can't get their defi-nite opinions on anything, how can I know what to vote for? I don't want a spineless leader...next please!

Hananah is going to try and make a case for her candidacy for the

the Presidency of the United States. She has strong opinions on stuff. Wait a minute...maybe she does-nt? Does she? She doesn't know. Can any one tell her what opinion to have on stuff? What does every-one want to hear? Show your sup-port for your favorite new candi-date by e-mailing her at opinion-ated@coulmnist.com.

# Opinion

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## **Attention: WOLFPACK FANSI**

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#### FORUM

### Speech coverage

ignores message

When the right to life ceases to be reverted in our society, so do the val-ues upon which our country was built. The recent article regarding the Norma McCorvey speech reeks of bias and 1 am sad that our campus cannot claim a student newspaper with even a minimum decent level of professionalism.

MASHA HERBST

(probably one of the most well attended UAB-funded events recently), and, even though a large portion of the crowd disagreed with McCorrey, they were able to come and hear a different and mostly ignored side of the issue. Delive that L enrocent a simifi-

and near a different and mostly ignored side of the issue: The lieve that I represent a signif-cant portion of the student body when say that I am weary of being look by fellow students through means of a "newspaper" article that my views do not apply to modern society. The pro-life movement is a movement begun and maintained by people who revere human life and human dignify: it is certainly unfor-unate that those who espouse this isot here to ensure that others, are silenced and ignored: we simply usish to bring forth our belies to be discussed and considered. This is a university, a place to share ideas and

beliefs. Norma McCorvey brought with her a very important message: God can change lives no matter what a person has done. McCorvey is a tes-timony to this truth and should receive the same respect that any other speaker is given on this cam-pus, regardless of whether one may agree with her or not.

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And we must tolerate them, even if we to the cores of our very beings that they are wrong. Furthermore, the top top the second s

of professionalism. Technician covered only the nega-tive aspect of the event. As unfortu-nate as this so-called "confronta-tion" was, it was only a small inci-dent within a successful event. Well over 400 people were in attendance Fee ruling cheapens free speech certainly is a venue for the exchange of ideas, and thus schools can offer courses in subjects from Christianity to the occult. And a college campus is supposed to be an extension of the classroom. But there is a big differ-ence hetween the money that is used to pay a professor teaching the History of Women's Rights and the money that supports a college chapter of NOW: advocacy. The student fee money that goes to NOW could be used to purchase posters for an abor-tion rights demonstration. Freedom or speech means that the

beliefs

agree with her or not. I, as well as the group of students for which I speak, ant not so naive as to think that everyone will change their view. We simply ask that our voice be heard and respected. If that cannot happen, then we have lost a large part of what it is to be college students here at N.C. State. Don Davis



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Commediation Page 8 Player of the Week along with Rob Henkel of UCLA and Brad Cresse of LSU. Clayton received the honor as a result of pitching a no-hitter against the UNC-Greensboro Spartans Wednesday. Clayton faced only 31 batters in the con-test. He walked four batters and struck out a career-high 13. It was the first no-hitter by a Wake Forest pitcher since Mike MacDougal no-hit Duke last sea-son.



cusing on getting a positive art to the match to secure a win. 'It really comes down to who

The Deacons, who are ranked 22nd this week by Baseball America, will play again on Tuesday when they host the UNC-Charlotte 49ers. The first pitch is set for 3 p.m. at Hooks Stadium.

No. 9 Duke holds off No. 4 Georgetown 13-12 in men's lacrosse

DURHAM — The Duke men's lacrosse team, tied 7-7 at the half and 10-10 after three quarters with previously undefeated Georgetown, scored three goals in the final 12 minutes of the contest to defeat the Hoyas 13-12 at

omes out the first hour and starts trong in the doubles." Hayes aid. "We're gonna sink our teeth n and run 'em through the

The number one player for the Pack, junior Eric Jackson, did not participate in the matches Saturday but will be back for the

Duke's Koskinen Stadium on Sunday afternoor. Brothers Nick and Chris Bartofiti (Huntington, N.Y.) oroning on the game-winning youl, as Chris dished off to Nick with 2:38 remaining for the score. With the win, Duke improves to 5-20 on the scason, while the Hoyas, suffering their first defeat of the year, fall to 4-. Risko marks the second time bevils they days that Duke has knocked a five days that Duke has knocked a five days that Duke has knocked a big days and the bevils they days that Duke has knocked a stat Wednesday. The Tar Heels, last Wednesday. The Tar Heels, last the days to day, were 6-0 heading into that contest.

natch against Carolina. ortunately for the pack, there have been no injuries, and team confidence has greatly improved ollowing this weekend. The N.C. State men's tennis

The N.C. State men's tenn team will meet the Heels at Con-Kenfield Tennis Center starting at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon.

## JACK

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Continued transpace 3 other metals in golf (like steel), the sweet spot is a lot bigger in an alu-minum bat. So, instead of resulting in an infield pop-up, a hit of the end of an aluminum bat may actually make it to the outfield There's also the safety concern. Studies have shown that balls com-ing off an aluminum bat tend to travel faster then ones coming off a wooden bat with the same swing speed. That potentially leaves the wooden bat time to get out of the way of a line-drive screamed right at him. While that's ultimately a concern, that's not a main one. I's all in the sound. Crack.

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Justin Gainey and the Wolfpack face Wake Forest tonight in the NIT in Madison Square Garden. The win-ner plays in the champi. champi-onship onship game Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. against the win-ner of the Notre Dame/ PSU game

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#### SCORES No games scheduled



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SCHEDULE n's basketball vs. WFU, Today, 7:00 Gymnastics, Regionals, 4/1 Baseball vs. Cittadel, Today, 3:00 Women's tennis at UNC, 3/29, 5:00 Men's tennis at UNC, Today, 3:00

# Baseball looks to bounce back against Citadel

## • The Citadel pays the N.C. State baseball team a visit today at Doak Field.

#### JEREMY ASHTON

Assistant Sports Editor N.C. State returns to the friendly confines of Doak Field Huildogs. The Wolfpack (16-10, 54 ACC) cornes into this game after a weekend series in Chapel Hill against the nationally ranked North Carolina Tar Heels. State won the first game of the series 14-11 but lost the next two by scores of 5-2 and 4-1. State got plenty of hits over the course of the weekend but was unable to put runs on the board following Friday's slugfest. The Pack pounded on 20 hits over the first game and the series and only plated three runs. "Thought our lack of execution had more to ovidh us not putting runs across than what JUNC starting pitcher Chrisj Elmore did."

head coach Elliott Avent said following ay's game. "We've just got to do a bet-

State head coach Elifort Avent search of a bet-ter job of executing." Despite the low run production over the final two games of the series. Avent was pleased with his team's performance at the plate. WHAT: "We got probably gaSEBALL VS. CITADEL WHEN: wung at good pitches TODAY, ball." Sophomore Ryan Combs is scheduled to

take the mound for the Pack this afternoon. Combs has started six of ices this season and is 1-3 his eight appeara with a 4.29 ERA.

with a 4.29 ERA. Combs most recent appearance came in relief Sunday against the Heels. He came in with three runs already in and a runner on

first in the bottom of the seventh and man-aged to work his way out of the inning with no further harm. Meanwhile, sophomore Brian Wright, who is currently second on the team with a .352 batting average, had a hig weekend at the plate against UNC. The outfielder went 7-for-16 in the series, including a 4-for-6, four RBI effort on Friday. Senior Josh Schmitt was also a major con-tributor for the Pack against is rival from Chapel Hill. Schmitt was especially huge on Friday, going 3-for-5 with two home runs and five RBI. He also snaffed out a late UNC rally in that game to earn his third save of the year. The Citadel took on another Atlantic Coast

Conference team, Clemson, on the road this weekend. The Bulldogs dropped all three games of the weekend series to the No. 1 team in the Collegiate Baseball poll. Today's meeting between State and the Citadel will be their second of the year. The Bulldogs won the first meeting 2-1 at the

in Charleston, S.C., on Feb. 12, Combs also started that game against the Citadel, giving up just two runs on seven hits in runs on seven hits in six innings to take the loss. The Bulldogs' Dallas

the loss. The Bulldogs' Dallas McPherson gave up one run in seven innings of work to collect the win. Avent feels that oute a bit has quite quite a bit changed since the

# Deacons in Pack's path

• N.C. State meets a familiar foe tonight in the semifinals of the NIT.

#### ROB GODFREY

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Defense made the difference in the two meetings, just as Sendek pointed out

after the Mississippi game. "I think our defense was very good, especially in the beginning. I think our guys were very focused and intent on play-ing." Sendek said. "We didn't neces-sanily play bad bas-kethall during that seven-game [loss mig] stretch." Blaming either team's rod woes on the other team's

team's road woes on the other team's on the other team's s m o th e r i n g defense, however, would belie one other key factor: shooting. State shot 23.1

State shot 23.1 percent at Wake Forest, compared to over 50 percent at home. The Deacs were equally woe-ful from the floor at the ESA, going scoreless for 7:11 in the first half. Heading into tonight's game,

in the first half. Heading into first half. Heading arme, perhaps no other State player is hot-ter than Kenny Inge is. Inge is averag-ing 15 points per game with 64 per-cent shooting in the NIT. Better yet, Inge embodies the poise that Sendek said characterizes State's postseason State's postseaso

run. "We lost to se very good teams with a majority of the games on the road," the coach the gar road," said. "At that tim

said. "At that time we were very injured. This team **Tim Wells and the** handled that adver-toright at Madison sity and the criti-cism that came with it very well. They [State's players] handled it with tremendous dignity and

omposure." And with a shot at the NIT title left.

confidence among the Pack is high. "I think once we got the Tulane game under our belt and once we got the Arizona State game under our belt, we

looked around and said 'We've got a shot to win something special,'" fresh-man Damien Wilkins said, "I think everyone just buckled down."



COMMENTARY

### The sounds of baseball JACK DALY

The most important difference etween aluminum and wooden bats

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follows that he will be able to hit even better with an

lluminum one. Avent estimates that the Wolfpack go through any-where from 150 to 300 wooden twigs a year. Conversely, the team may use roughly 50 aluminum bats. So, State is spending more on aluminum than it is on wood "It's got to be something other than the cost," Aven

"It's got to be something other than the cost." Avent sid. More likely, Avent said, it has something to do with the fact that the college baseholl game is as popular as it's ever been right now. If teams went back to wooden stecks, then socing would prohably decrease and not everyone out there wants to see 3-2 pitching duels where the key play of the game i a sacrifice bant. "The college game has never been as great us far as it is now in terms of fan standpoint," Avent said. "Going back to the dol game might not be wise. I don't think anyone wants to inker with a game that's at the height of its success."

of its success." A valid point indeed. One that's hard to argue with. If i isn't broke, don't fix it. To me, however, baseball should be played with

To me, however, baseball should be played with wood. As far as my status as a baseball traditionalist, I fall somewhere in the middle. I love pitchers' duels, old baseball parks and the concept of playing entirely in one league (that's a vote against interleague play). On the other hand, I don't mind the DH rule, and the Wild Card isn't such a bad idea, either. With the aluminum, there are differences within the game of baseball. For one, batters are a lot less fearful of the inside pitch, because there's no worry of getting sawed off. At least it's not as great. That and, like the difference between titanium and

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## Men's tennis travels to arch rivals

• UNC is on tap for the men's tennis team today.

#### LUCY TATUM

The Wolfpack men's tennis team heads to Chapel Hill today to face North Carolina to try and secure a win in the Atlantic Coast Conference. It's a critical match for the team and will help to determine the team's place in the NCAA determine the team's place in the NCAA. The Tar Heels are 28th in the nation and will be a challenge for

nation and will be a charlenge to the Pack. "They've had a really good year," N.C. State Head Coach Eric Hayes said of Carolina's team. "It's a big match, but our team is ready to play."

the line this afternoon. State, mean-while, started slow this year with several indoor match-es, but has

This past weekend, the State men took two of three matches on Saurday at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex. They were successful in defeating High Point (10-5), 4-1. Campbell (12-WHAT: 4), however, took down the Pack, 4-0. The WHEN's TENNIS VS. UNC two wins gave WHEN: ning record this season (9-8). 3:00 P.M. WHERE: tennis CHAPEL this year with a record of 10-2 and is coming off a win against the 2 Acta Ware. They complex the season (9-8).

and is coming off a win against top-25 ranked Notre Dame. They will be putting a seven-game win-

ning streak on We're gonna sink. our teeth in and the fence."

played between the two, the Tar Heels have taken home 70 wins. "We just about had the match and let it slip at the end," Hayes said of the match. run 'em through

indoor match-es, but has the Jence. The state of the picked up the picked up the picked up the pace later in the season. The Pack has won the season. The Pack has won the solving forward to the upcoming match. The Tar Heels and the Wolfpack The Tar Heels and the Wolfpack the stigma attached to losing upcoming match. The Tar Heels and the Wolfpack the stigma attached to losing court, though the Heels have been guite succesful. The Pack has not two against the Heels since Coach Hayes has been there and last year. Carolina defeated State 4-3. Out of seventy-five games

CHAPEL HILL - Now that

tinuance of court date

CHAPEL HILL — Now that North Carolina has advanced to the Final Four, Tar Heel officials are hoping to delay a court appearance for two players that could throw a wrench into the national title game. Ed Cota and Terrence Newby, charged in a Halloween night brawl, are scheduled to appear in District Court on April 3, the same day as the national champi-onship game in Indianapolis. North Carolina first must get by Florida in Saturday's semifinal game.

game. "I know it's been continued a couple of times." UNC athletic director Dick Baddour said after the Tar Heels' 59-55 victory

Sunday in the South Region championship game in Austin, Texas. "I hope they'll be able to work it out it hope that by system will allow for it to be continued." Cota and Newby face three charges of assant inflicting seri-ous injury and two charges of sim-ple assault. Their trial has been delayed three times. "Hopefully they will excuse them." coach Bill Gutheidge said.

Clayton named National Baseball Player of the Week

TUCSON, Ariz. — Wake Forest freshman left-handed pitcher Ben Clayton has been named Louisville Slugger's National See PACK. Page 7

Tim Wells and the Wolfpack hope to beat Wake Forest and advance into the finals of the NIT tonight at Madison Square Garden. AGGNotes UNC hoping for con-

TODAY, 3:00 P.M.

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