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In the NEWS

Students to gather at N.C. State to stand against violence

More than 1,000 N.C. elementary, middle and high school students will gather in Raleigh on Friday, April 7, to search for answers to the question of how to prevent school violence and to celebrate their successes at the Fifth Annual Students Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.) Summit. The summit is being sponsored by the Center for the Prevention of School Violence at N.C. State University.

Dr. Pamela Riley, executive director of the Center for the Prevention of School Violence, will speak at the opening ceremony at 10 a.m.

The students will participate in an educational and inspirational program provided by "Up With People," the internationally known touring group. The students will then spend the remainder of their day in special programs and in breakout sessions conducted by fellow S.A.V.E. members on such topics as conflict resolution and positive approaches to discipline.

S.A.V.E. is a student-initiated and student-led program that helps educate young people about the consequences of violence. Since its inception, it has grown to more than 500 chapters with 60,000 students across the state and nation.

N.C. State expert says Microsoft ruling bad for the "Windows" world

The world's largest software company says it will appeal a federal judge's ruling that it violated antitrust laws by using its monopoly power in personal computer operating systems to stifle competition. Judge Thomas Jackson ruled Monday that Microsoft used anti-competitive practices in an attempt to monopolize the Web browser market, which violates the Sherman Antitrust Act. Jackson also ruled that Microsoft further violated the Sherman Act by "unlawfully tying its Web browser to its operating system."

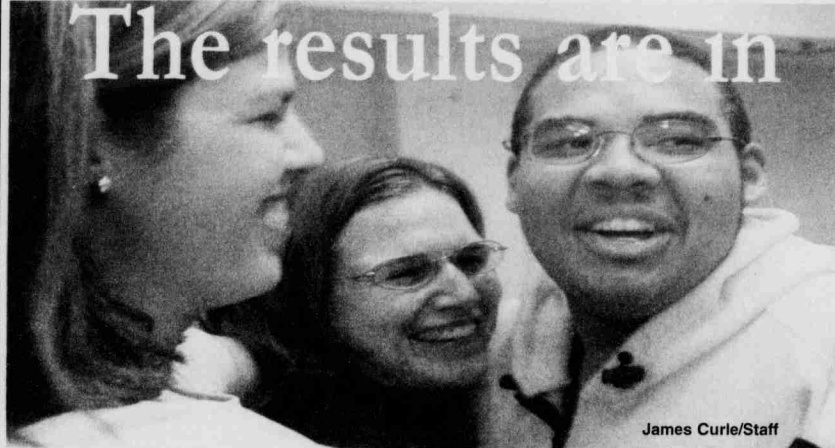
However, N.C. State professor of economics Dr. Stephen Margolis, co-author of "Winners, Losers and Microsoft: Competition and Antitrust in High Technology," and an expert on high-tech businesses and the software industry, doesn't view the judge's ruling as a back-breaker for Microsoft. "I expect there will be remedies proposed, regarding their business practices but I wouldn't expect the company to be broken up," said Margolis. "A break-up would be very disruptive to the computing world and would set a dangerous precedent for intellectual property industries in general."

Homelessness Discussion Group

N.C. State students and faculty are often confronted by the stark reality of homelessness. Many times individuals don't know what to think or how to react. In order to give members of the NCSU community an outlet for sharing their experiences, questions, and feelings about this topic, Hope for the Homeless is hosting a discussion group for those who wish to tell others about their encounters with the

homeless or talk about broader related issues. Students are invited to attend often or only once; they may

contribute to the discussion or just listen. The Homelessness Discussion Group will meet in the lounge area on the third floor of the Talley Student Center every Thursday at 8:00. If you have questions, contact Nathan Sasser at 828-1054 or nisasser@unity.ncsu.edu.



James Curle/Staff

After a long night of deliberating, the N.C. State Elections Board delivered the results of the 2000 student body elections early Thursday morning. Harold Pettigrew was named SBP.

Shortly after midnight, Harold Pettigrew, Conen Morgan, Mark Aldrich, Matt King and Michael Anthony were announced as the new student body president, Student Senate president, Student Center president, student body chief justice and student body treasurer, respectively.

"I feel relieved... relieved and happy," said Pettigrew shortly after the Elections Board Chair Wesley Moyer announced the election results in the Student Senate hall. "I know a lot of people put a

lot of faith in me to win tonight." Pettigrew, who defeated incumbent Raj Mirchandani by 269 votes in the closest of the four major races, said that his first act as student body president would be to "straighten out the executive structure."

Immediately, however, Pettigrew had other plans. "I'm gonna get some sleep," he said as a crowd of senators and fellow winners rushed him outside of the Student Senate hall.

Among the throng surrounding Pettigrew was an elated Anthony.

"I feel good," he said. "It happened, it happened!" Aldrich stood a few feet away from the celebration, taking in the scene.

"I'm pleased with the outcome," said Aldrich. "I look forward to next year." Aldrich expressed his interest in stressing Homecoming and large on-campus events in 2000-2001.

In a more subdued post-election setting, Morgan stood in a nearly empty Student Government office. "God is good," he said. "I'm humble, very humble."

Morgan, who won the senate presidency over Jason Cotter, said that he looked forward to welcoming all of the senators and that he intends to look into appointing some Election Board members who "did a good job."

Morgan also voiced expectations of working "very closely" with Anthony and Pettigrew.

"We're all on the same page," he said. King won the chief justice position in an uncontested race.

Andrew Buchert and Spaine Stephens also contributed to this story. Due to deadline restrictions, the results of the senate races are not in today's Technician.

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NCSU Responds to Napster Web site

Though not banning it, the university is responding to the controversial mp3 sharing program.

JIMMY RYALS
News Editor

"People have been sharing their music ever since music was put into some sort of recordable form." So says N.C. State ResNet Coordinator Stan Martin. Illegal music circulation, bootlegging, has long been an issue for the recording industry, but Internet music-sharing has become a source of particularly controversy since February, when more than 100 U.S. universities banned Napster, a computer program which scans Internet sites and personal computers for mp3 music files.

Falsely included on at least two listings of schools with Napster bans was NCSU. Both "The Chronicle of Higher Education" and www.saveNapster.com, a Students Against University Censorship (SECU) Web site, reported that NCSU had banned Napster. Both sources removed NCSU from their lists.

Seeking to contradict those reports, Vice Provost for Information Technology Sam Averitt released a March 16 memo outlining NCSU's position on Napster and similar programs like iMesh, iCast, Master and SpinFrenzy: "N.C. State network policy has long been that we do not censor Internet traffic except as may be appropriate in response to official complaints and in the case of illegal activity."

"Still uncertain as to how the 'NCSU-bans-Napster' rumors started — "My hunch is that someone sent in a message to

saveNapster.com that said 'Uh-oh, N.C. State's banning Napster,'" Martin said — Martin recently expanded upon the university's position and outlined the details of the Napster controversy.

There are two issues surrounding Napster and similar programs, according to Martin: bandwidth and copyright infringement.

The former has been the major concern for ResNet. According to Martin, because Napster transports such big files — on average,



mp3's contain four to five megabytes of information — file transfers on it strain the bandwidth and slow down connections for other students using the Internet.

Adding to that bandwidth stress is the fact that so many students use Napster, further taxing the network. At this point, the network has seen no considerable slowdown due to Napster, thanks largely to a bandwidth upgrade last summer.

Before summer 1999, every data jack had access to a bandwidth "pipe" capable of transferring 10 megabits per second. Conceivably, up to 48 students could have been sharing a single pipe; generally, that number of students was more like 10 to 15 per pipe, according to Martin.

"Even that is just so much more bandwidth than you or I would have if we were living off campus using a modem," Martin said. With the upgrade in place, every 24 users, theoretically, have

access to a 100-meg jack, where 48 of them once shared a 10-meg connection.

"There's a lot more bandwidth in the residence halls," Martin said. "But, because it's switched, you don't have the problems with the shared bandwidth that we did last year," Martin said.

"We are very fortunate that NCSU has lots of bandwidth," Martin also pointed out that Napster and similar programs are not the only ones that slow down the network; other programs, such as Web-based games, cause similar problems.

For at least one of the universities that banned Napster, network slow-down was apparently the central issue in the controversy. After being one of the schools to ban it, Indiana University officials worked with Napster's developers to mitigate their network issues and rescinded the ban.

The legal side of the Napster controversy has been the culprit of the global controversy, as the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against Napster.

Traditionally, Martin said that the RIAA has gone after people who run file transfer protocol (ftp) sites and offer mp3s for download.

Because Napster and its brethren have become so widely used, the RIAA would be hard-pressed to target individual users for infringement, according to Martin.

The university, as stated in Averitt's memo, only examining students' Web holdings if given probable cause. ResNet does, however, have the technology to take up such examinations, if necessary, according to Assistant ResNet Coordinator Carrie Levow. Thus far, NCSU has entertained between 20 and 24 complaints

International festival expands both attractions and audience

This year's UAB-sponsored International Festival will offer more events and will attract visitors from outside the NCSU community.

NATHALIE DUGGINS
Senior Staff Writer

All year long, the Union Activities Board has been evolving - ridding itself of past problems and turning over a new leaf. The organization has extended its reach and has sought to continuously improve its programming.

This weekend outside Talley Student Center, the International Activities Council will continue to further UAB's efforts with "International Festival 2000."

"We're basically modeling it after the [University of North Carolina at Charlotte] International Festival, which is held in September," said Larissa Rodriguez, chair of the IAC. "It attracts a really large crowd from all

around Charlotte...and that's been going on strong for at least 10 years."

Unlike in previous years, this year's festival will be a day-long celebration of cultures, extend-



Courtesy of UAB web site

ing from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, and will break from its traditional three-hour stint in the Student Center Ballroom, said Rodriguez. The new, longer format and the Sunday date will cater more to families that might attend the event.

"By having it in a closed area and publicizing it to the school, you don't really open it up to the whole community," said Rodriguez.

According to the IAC chair, the scheduling of

this year's afternoon event will ensure that families, who were previously discouraged from attending the event by its traditional late-night schedule, will be more apt to attend.

"It's really geared toward a different audience than it was before," Rodriguez added. "It's a real family event."

Rodriguez will herself personally that family environment, as she will perform alongside her relatives to both educate attendees about and celebrate the Peruvian culture.

"International Festival 2000" will include cultural performances and music, Rodriguez said. Perhaps the highlight of Sunday's festivities, however, will be the fashion show, which will showcase traditional fashions from around the world. In addition to the display of clothing, the show will feature the

nations' music and incorporate a brief performance.

Throughout this year's international festival, spectators can travel from India to Peru, just by visiting some of the booths slated to appear at the

event. The booths will likely broadcast videos of life within the respective countries and provide the cultures' traditional foods, said Rodriguez.

While some of the booths will be operated by NCSU student organizations, Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill will also have representatives at "International Festival 2000." Additionally, local vendors, as well as some from Charlotte, will operate some of the booths.

The main event will begin around 4 p.m., said Rodriguez, and will feature a performance by De Madera.

"They are a Latin guitar group and they have a laid back, coffeehouse feel," Rodriguez added. "International Festival 2000" will be held outside Talley Student Center in North Plaza this Sunday night. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about "International Festival 2000," contact Larissa Rodriguez at uab_fest@yahoo.com or at http://www2.ncsu.edu/uab.

Anderson gives slick Willie a cookie and Marks laments her synapses. It's a bull market in

No comment

Tee it up
State announces women's golf coach.

College of Management joins top ranks

◆The school completed the seven-year process for accreditation in March, meeting the expectations of the UNC system.

SPRINE STEPHENS
News Editor

The youngest college at N.C. State has been recognized as one of the best worldwide.

After seven years of steady improvement in quality and standards, the NCSU College of Management (COM) received accreditation March 3 by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business-The International Association for Management Education, the nation's foremost accrediting agency for business schools.

"[The accreditation] offers a great deal of benefit to students because of improvements in curricula," said Jon Bartley, dean of the COM.

Accreditation is granted to schools that show strength in such

areas as curriculum, faculty and staff development and student advising. The recognition allows the COM to compete in published rankings of business schools and to be more visible as part of an internationally known group of schools. The accreditation qualifies as a sort of "admission to the club" of high quality schools, said Bartley.

The accreditation improves the value of degrees earned in the college since the graduates will be eligible to compete for jobs internationally. Whereas most accredited schools have certain areas that are pinpointed as weak spots, NCSU's COM was accredited unconditionally. No weaknesses were found that were significant enough to require reevaluation.

The COM was founded in 1992, consolidating the economics, business and accounting programs that had been previously found in other schools within NCSU. This unification made the college eligible for accreditation, which the COM was encouraged by the UNC system to seek.

The college went through a pre-

candidacy period for two years in order to prepare for the five-year actual candidacy period. During the preparation for the actual candidacy, a team of deans from other accredited schools evaluated the college on criteria including faculty resources, library and computer facilities, curriculum, degree requirements and admissions. A team of faculty members prepared a report summarizing the status of the COM, laying out an annual plan of accomplishments.

"We submitted annual reports each and every year, evaluating where we were in relation to their [the AACSB] standards," said Robert Clark, professor of business management and economics and chair of the faculty team who compiled the self-evaluation report.

The COM has been steadily improving throughout the accreditation period.

"Part of the accreditation process is that the college has to have continuous improvement processes in place," said Bartley.

In 1994, the COM reexamined its undergraduate curricula, as

well as its Master of Science and management programs curriculum. The yearly advancements of the program led to its accreditation.

In September 1999, a review team asked questions regarding the COM's progress, and visited the campus in February 2000 for an on-site visit, at which time they recommended the COM for accreditation.

Bartley extended praise to Clark and former COM Dean Richard Lewis, who retired in 1998, for their dedication throughout the accreditation process.

Bartley and Gilroy Zuckerman, associate dean of COM, will attend the annual meeting of the AACSB April 9-11, at which NCSU's COM will be recognized along with other newly-accredited schools.

"[The accreditation] confirms the high level of quality we know we had," said Bartley.

NAPSTER

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from the RIAA this year regarding student file sites. Martin said that those students have had their Web activity monitored to verify the RIAA claims and, if verified, their cases have been turned over to the Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary measures (Student Conduct officials could not be reached for comment before press time.). Generally, according to Martin, penalties have included suspension of ResNet rights. Martin and Levow offered a few general Napster-related suggestions to those students who use the program and its brethren.

Know the legal status of your downloaded materials.

"We're finding that students aren't knowing what is and isn't legal," said Martin.

According to Martin, if the mp3 being downloaded is from a major-label artist, then downloading or circulating it is probably illegal, although some major bands do allow restricted bootlegging.

There are, however, independent artists who use mp3 technology to generate interest in their music and

who actually encourage circulating their mp3s.

Also, some artists, the Dave Matthews Band (www.dmband.com), for one, offer their own policies on bootlegging, via tape and mp3, through their Web sites.

Martin suggested the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act for information on what is and what is not copyrighted. Its text is available online at thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?d105:s.1146. He has also lectured some First-Year College classes on copyright law and Levow has published an article on Napster in University Housing's monthly newsletter.

Know the application you're using and how it works.

When a user closes Napster's main window, the user remains connected to Napster's servers, leaving the user's sharing files, even if they don't know it.

"You need to know how to close the application down," Martin said. We'd certainly encourage students to not run Napster when they're not around."

Be wary of viruses.

"Be aware that anything you're downloading can contain viruses," said Levow.

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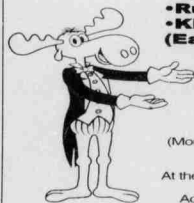
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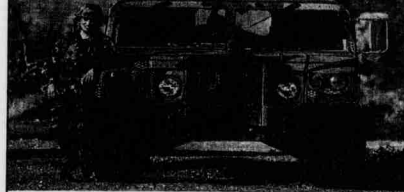


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Opinion

Politicians just masters of the obvious

“President Clinton's picture might even make it in the dictionary, right under ‘politician.’”



MARK ANDERSON

I am going to write a dictionary. Instead of the real denotations words imply, I shall define the connotations of each term that many people infer.

Take the word ‘politics,’ for example:
Noun—Imprecise rhetoric conducted by participants’ gain; marked by use of ambiguous phrases and unsubstantiated guarantees.

President Clinton's picture might even make the dictionary, right under ‘politician.’ Recently, the president has filled the role of the status quo political leader. He, like anyone else in a position of limited power, tries to please the largest majority.

“Clinton urges lower gas prices,” read a headline in the *News and Observer*. No kidding, Bill, aside from the foreign oil companies, who wants gas prices to go up? Clinton is echoing the obvious.

Actually, gas prices are lower in

comparison to the early 1980's, with the prices recalculated for inflation. Proportionally, gas was more expensive then than it is now, by almost \$0.50. (Oops, I forgot about the thirsty SUV's.)

I will grant that the president has pushed legislators to focus on his proposals for the advancement of secondary fuel sources. Otherwise, Clinton has been absent in the new gas war, both in Congress (in debates over repealing his own gas tax of 1993) and in diplomatic relations with OPEC.

And he defended his lackadaisical inaction for energy conservation advocacy with a childlike response, “Well, maybe not, but I've done a lot more than the Congress has.” Thanks, Billy, you eat a cookie.

Clinton also extended the biotechnical olive branch for worldwide cooperation in the human genome research arena. The non-profit Human Genome Project hopes to publish a full genetic map that would be available to anyone via the World Wide Web.

OK, maybe it really was his idea for “all other nations, scientists and

corporations to adopt this [cooperative] policy and honor its spirit.”

Regardless of this policy's origin, be sure that Clinton took great political pleasure in issuing this unique statement.

And in a quick move to save itself from scrutiny, the White House said that it meant no harm to the booming biotechnology industry. *There, there, little corporations, Daddy Clinton will take good care of you* seems to be the win-win message.

The president and his house apologize for the opportunities the statement takes away from the companies, but *hey!*—now he is the leader of the biotechnology revolution.

Clinton, at the highest echelon of ‘politics’-the national stage, has political geniuses behind his every word, stacking each statement with such win-win messages. Our political amateurs at NCSU, however, don't have such professional services—to “wag the dog,” if you will.

I understand the limited space and time with which candidates have to summarize their campaigns in tiny head shots coupled with a single quotation in *Technician* and on flyers. And I know how hard it can be to formalize a vague idea into rough draft proposal form.

However, in simple language, you people want to lead a lot of people. Be clear. We know everyone and their grandmother wants to see Student Government more connected with the general student population.

I noticed Harold Pettigrew's platform outline in *Technician* stated several concrete plans. Thanks Harold, for bringing some credibility to the ambiguous world of campaigning.

Send your political revelations to mbander2@unity.ncsu.edu. But, please, be clear.

Atrophy of the brain



KELLY MARKS

Thinking is bad. I made a resolution shortly after I came to college to avoid it whenever possible. It makes my head feel like clam chowder, all thick, lumpy, white and runny.

But there was a time when I used to think, I wrote bad poems. I mean, really bad ones, the kind that rhyme and not so well. In rarest speech, reading them now is sort of like reading a Hallmark card writer, just on a really off day.

But hey, I was young and sputtering, filled with passion, a zeal for life and the firm belief that this world was here for me to understand. I would find insight into the world; no, dang it! I had insight, insight that centuries of civilization and a handful of thoughtful Greek dudes had somehow overlooked.

Forget your stinkin' cave Plato, I knew about society. I was a thirteen-year-old girl. I was living it. I was writing about boys and the unjust social system at work in our nation's middle schools. I was deep.

And then somewhere between my junior and senior year of high school, I stopped. I was busy filling out forms, doing extracurricular activities just getting ready for college. Rather than stay up late scribbling in some notebook, all I wanted to do was roll over and sleep.

The world's problems, society's ills, they could all wait. After all, the age-old questions will still be around tomorrow, that's how they got to be age old in the first place. I was tired.

And so I stopped thinking. At least, about all of the things to be thoughtful about. I mean, I tried to. Just sometimes, it is helpful to sort through stuff. Thinking can be nice, so long as it's not keeping you up all night.

I guess I should recant my first statement. Not all thinking is bad. In fact, lately I've been missing some of my finer thinking capacities. Somehow in all of the day to dayness of existence, I've lost track of things I used to follow, like world events and social reforms and politics.

Lately, I just tend to get bogged down in emotional messiness or the stress of the daily grind. It's hard to

“My brain is simply eliminating the rubbish and making room for all the wonderful new things I'll learn. Sounds like a good explanation, right?”

find time to think farther out, past myself and my needs and my responsibilities.

Some simple functions of thought elude me as well. I've lost the ability to perform all mathematical operations after Algebra 1. Word problems take a lot longer than they used to, too.

In some ways, I think college has made me dumber. Little bits of knowledge have slipped away; I've got old test papers and essays, all testimonies to the fact that at one point in my life, I used to know stuff. It's an odd thing seeing my own handwriting working out problems that I can't even understand now.

Can the brain atrophy? Is it like the rest of your muscles, turning soft and flabby without use? And if so, how does one go about reconditioning it?

I have this feeling that I'm doomed to suffer through some sort of lopsided calisthenics if I ever want to figure out what “(ix)” is again. I'm picturing

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Napster stays awake — for now

Following the anti-piracy policies of the Justice Department's Digital Millennium Copyright Act and its No Electronic Theft (NET) Act, 100-plus U.S. universities banned access to Napster, an Internet program that enables users to search, download and share MPEG-2 Layer-3 audio files (MP3s).

N.C. State's Board of Trustees policy 31.09, which states that “use of [computer] equipment and technologies is governed by federal and state law,” the university network policy is deciding against censorship of Internet traffic, choosing instead to support among its students what it describes in a 16 March memo as “responsible experimentation with the latest technologies. [and] an informal but lively learning community.”

N.C. State might decide to restrict Napster access only if “or similar programs were to degrade the performance of instructional, research, or key business activities on the N.C. State network.”

Comfortably resting on its OC-3 network connections, which far outperform the T-1 connections of most universities, N.C. State's policy has been one that stops just short of outright encouragement of illegal activity under the guise of technology education.

Although Napster's MP3 dealings are shady, it is prudent of N.C. State to await the results of a lawsuit between Napster and the

Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) before making an official decision on the controversial program.

Banning Napster would do much anyway, for its e-cousins—iMesh, iCast, Master, Spinfire, et al.—would merely assume its position as cyberboss. Banning

NCSU will not ban Napster, a controversial MP3 program, because the university has enough bandwidth to handle it. Does the decision, however, overlook banning Napster on private grounds? And does the university have the right to ban a program anyway?

MP3 technology would also allow, even denying the ability of small, localized, independent bands that are often unable to land big business record deals a way of spreading their sound and building a fan-base.

Napster's function is not piracy; that is merely its most common use. Napster censorship would be as ridiculous as banning Netscape on the grounds that it provides access to pornography.

As for the 100-plus university bans, universities should serve as neither e-Castro Internet filters nor e-Fallwell Internet preachers. Imposing censorship based on any argument besides law or technological capability is not the place of a university.

Ultimately, it will be computer users themselves who will have to face their conscience in such decisions. The fate of Napster and the MP3 industry as a whole is one dependent on ethics rather than electronics.

CAMPUS FORUM

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NCSU: A barrel of monkeys?

Did all the monkeys escape from the zoo? If so, how did they get computers and why do they send editorials to Technician? That horrible disease, incompetence, has struck another student. Reading today, I noticed another article that dealt with (complained about) the way Technician dealt with the Norma McCorvey speech. Again, the issue of not addressing the ideas present by McCorvey is brought forth.

As I sit here thinking, I realize that this problem transcends the ideas and topic of the article in question, but instead strikes the heart of what a newspaper is. Newspaper is made of two words: news and paper. We all know, or at least I hope we know, what

paper is; news, on the other hand, does not seem to be as clearly understood on this campus. Many would like you to think that true news expresses the opinions of certain factions on campus. It would seem that these people do not realize that opinion has little to no place in a news article and should have absolutely no influence upon the content of the article. News, for those of you who don't know, is the who, what, when, where, why and how of a thing. Those five basic questions bring forth the facts surrounding an issue and display them in a proper way and help to inform. How something makes us feel is not truly news worthy, feelings can only cloud an issue not help to enlighten.

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NCSU campaign rule problems mar election process



RACHAEL OVERCASH

Well, it is finally over. No longer do you have to be bombarded with handbills, flyers, candy, ice cream or little doggies. No, I am not talking about the “Do you agree with Mike” campaign. I am speaking of the student body elections.

As the candidates anxiously await the outcome and the campus takes a rest after a whirlwind these past two weeks, I, myself, have begun to reexamine the whole process behind the Student Government elections. In these past elections, I played a very integral role—I was the assistant campaign manager to one of the Student Body President candidates. Being on the “inside” track during these elections really opened my eyes about reforms that need to occur.

Obviously voter turnout is a huge problem. I never once saw, before election days, a flyer or information about where and how to vote. I guarantee the average student had no idea that elections were even going on, except before Monday and Tuesday when candidates

attacked them.

My question is: how do we expect the student body to take the Student Government elections seriously if we are unable to mobilize ourselves and get the word out around campus?

My other major problem with the campaign is the funding. Now, for those that don't know, each candidate for every office has a spending and donation limit. The limit for the student body president race is \$450 (this includes actual money spent and donated).

My problem with the spending limit is that it brings about corruption among the candidates. The simple problem of placing restrictions on spending in our own Student Government elections can also be seen on the state and national level as it is called campaign finance reform.

On our campus, candidates have to get their name out to the voters. This is usually done the traditional way by posting flyers, creating handbills and making banners.

However, it was not until this past election that campaigning for an office was taken to the next level. Candidates began to use outside resources to print more “profes-

sional” handbills and flyers. They wrote off such stuff as donations, and priced them much lower than wholesale cost to the typical consumer. As students here at N.C. State, do we really want candidates, who make shady under the table deals, and lie about their expenditures, leading us? I certainly don't.

This new way of campaigning has only fostered more and more animosity. It seems now that you can't enter an election without a huge budget and lots of outside connections. This is the Student Government election, and the elections for its students, not politicians. These pretty handbills, flyers and stickers are not made available to the average student candidate. This problem needs to be fixed, and my answer can be found in campaign finance reform (no, I am not trying to be John McCain).

In order to make competition fair, to bring every candidate on the same playing field, reforms have to be implemented that restrict a candidate's outside campaign activities.

At other universities they supply the candidates with the only money they are allowed to spend for the

campaign, and they restrict the candidate to using university supplies. I believe that by having Student Government allocate the funds to prospective candidates it would curb the competition between candidates tremendously. It would allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to solicit votes.

No one candidate who has more money or more connections would have an advantage over another. Instead candidates would have to rely on their innovative ideas and creative ways to get votes. Students would then vote on candidates based on their ideas and platform instead of who had the flashier handbills or posters.

These types of reforms are essential if we are going to return the student government elections to the students, not the politicians. The best candidate I guarantee is not always the one with the flashy handbills, signs or flyers. It is the one that is sincere and in touch with the students.

If you have any questions or comments for Rachael, please email her at rtoverca@unity.ncsu.edu.

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ing flashcards. It's a depressing and humbling thought.

I used to know my American history cold. I knew that Alexander Hamilton was a supporter of Jay's Treaty of 1794, which hammered out disputes left over from the Treaty of Paris in 1783. Jay was John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States, who was burned in effigy for signing the proposal. I just had to look all that up now

though. And while it sounded vaguely familiar, it was distant and remote, like someone else learned it.

I know a little bit about how the brain works. Electrical impulses flash across synapses, linking all of the little neurons, activating or deactivating. When you don't activate the synapse, it dies. Your head decides that you no longer need to access that information and so after a time, it burns the bridge.

This makes sense. How often am I called upon to derive anything? Thus, it is understandable that I have lost that basic function. I can identify sigma, it's that funny looking backwards E, but I have absolutely no idea how it could ever be used to

pull a number out of an equation.

But hey, I don't need to. Thus, all is right with the world. My brain is simply eliminating the rubbish and making room for all of the wonderful new things I'll learn. Sounds like a good explanation, right?

This of course does not explain why I still know the complete lyrics to Paula Abdul's entire repertoire. Everything from "Cold Hearted Snake" to "Rush, Rush" is accessible day and night. There is no significant gain in storing this knowledge. I was not even a fan.

In fact, there's no earthly reason why my Paula Abdul synapse shouldn't have died a horrible death long ago. Yet, for whatever reason, I

remember the "rap" sequence from "Opposites Attract" while I struggle with the information for my test next Thursday.

And I'm envious of people who still seem to use their heads. I don't know if it's my major, my friends, my study habits or a steady stream of sleep deprivation and artificial caffeine highs, but I have trouble thinking like I did in high school. I'm envious of people who seem aware of the world around them.

There have been a couple of times in my college career when I've gone into bubble-land, emerging only to find that a war or a bombing or some natural disaster has passed without my noticing it.

I've tried priming the pump, doing a little light thinking here and there, reading the news, working hard to become an informed and socially aware individual. I keep hoping that a thought will surface and that like water, one drop will pull out a whole stream.

I'm not looking to pen any more bad poems any time soon. And I don't necessarily want to deal with

sine and cosine. But I am hoping that with a little thought I can whip my tubby little brain into some sort of respectable shape. Straight up.

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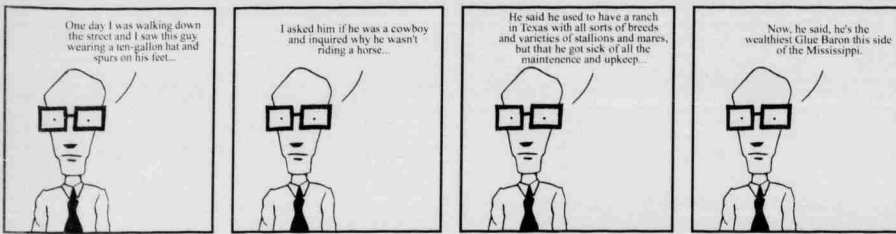
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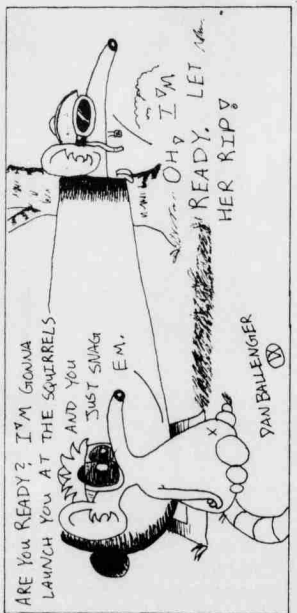
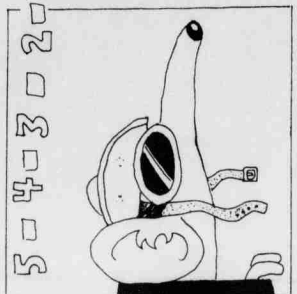
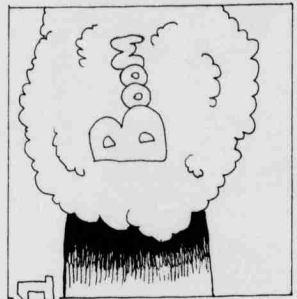
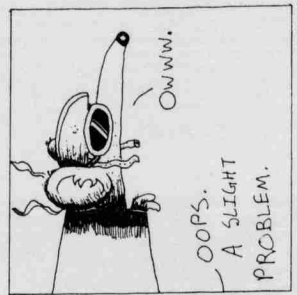
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Most Disappointing Team: Temple

All of the upsets that took place in the second round of the tournament left a lot of contenders for this dubious distinction. Arizona, Stanford and St. John's were three of the teams that came into March Madness with high expectations only to falter early.

Temple's early exit from the tournament was probably the most disappointing. The Owls were on a serious roll heading into the tournament after winning 17 of their last 18, and many of the experts figured that this was the year that John Chaney would finally guide his team to the Final Four. Instead, the Owls fell victim to the upset bug in the second round.

Best Game by a Player: Earl

Watson, UCLA, vs. Maryland

Earl Watson was the main catalyst behind UCLA's 105-70 thrashing of Maryland in the second round of the Midwest Regional.

The junior point guard had been criticized for erratic play throughout the season, but he more than answered back against the Terrapins. Watson scored 17 points on 5-of-6 three-point shooting and dished out a Midwest Regional record of 16 assists in the Bruins' lopsided victory.

Most Disappointing Game by a Player: A.J. Guyton, Indiana, vs. Pepperdine

Star players are supposed to step up when it matters most. But Indiana's A.J. Guyton was no where to be found when Pepperdine upset his team 77-57 in the first round.

Guyton, the Big 10's co-player of the year, scored just three points, all on free throws, in 34 minutes of action. Pepperdine completely denied Guyton, allowing him to get off only two shots from the floor for the entire game.

Most Bizarre Region: South

The West and the South were easily the two wackiest regions. The highest seed to make the Sweet 16 in either region was a four, and a No. 8 seed represented each region in the Final Four.

But the motley crew of teams that played in the South put it over the West as the most bizarre region.

The top team in the country for most of the year, Cincinnati, was dropped to a two seed after losing its star player, Kenyon Martin. Stanford, who spent most of the year flip-flopping with Cincinnati for the top spot, lost to an eight seed, Carolina, that at one point in the season was ranked second in the country. And Connecticut, the defending national champion, was reduced to a five seed and got knocked out by Tennessee in a match-up that held more meaning two weeks later when their women's teams met for the national title.

Best Game: Florida vs. Butler

The first round didn't feature many

upsets, but it did provide some of the best games of the tournament. Kentucky's double overtime win over St. Bonaventure, Southeast Missouri State's near upset of LSU and Seton Hall's last-second victory over Oregon all stood out as remarkable games.

Florida's 69-68 overtime victory over Butler was probably the most dramatic game of the tournament. The Bulldogs, the champions of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, gave the high-powered Gators all they could handle in an attempt to meet their dream of playing in their hometown of Indianapolis. But Mike Miller's buzzer-beater in overtime lifted Florida to the win and made the Gators' run to the national championship game possible.

Let's just hope that the trip to Minneapolis in 2001 is just as fun as the one to Indianapolis.

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AMATO

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the spring trying to learn.

"Because everything is so different from what they already knew, the whole team is still scratching their heads a little bit," Amato said Wednesday in a press release. "The new terminology sometimes makes it look like they're not quite sure what they're doing, but they're getting better."

Amato is faced with several marks, particularly at quarterback, where freshman Philip Rivers and sophomore Jatavis Sanders are battling for the starting job. Both have thrown well during the spring and made strong cases for the spot. During a scrimmage on Wednesday, Rivers went 8-for-11 for 115 yards while Sanders was 6-for-9 for 56 yards.

Robinson, the 1998 Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year, has also performed well during spring workouts, according to Amato. The junior running back rushed for 49 yards on 12 carries and two touch-

downs during a scrimmage at Carter-Finley on Saturday.

"The running of Ray Robinson has been a plus," Amato said. "We knew he was a good player, but he's really done well this spring and hasn't missed anything. He's taken some good hits, but keeps on going."

State is making strides during spring practice and scrimmages, but the team is anxious to take on opponents that are wearing other uniforms.

"We can't wait until the fall comes," Williams said. "That's what all this hard work is for."

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Mooney single up the middle to give the Pack a three-run lead. State got another run in the eighth when Schmitt doubled home Strain, who had gotten on base with a single.

For Charleston Southern, Andrew Viars picked up the loss after allowing five runs in seven innings.

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Thursday, In Albany, N.Y. Hewitt boarded a plane for Atlanta today but declined comment.

Officials at Georgia Tech and State U. would not comment. Hewitt, who has a 71-27 record

in three years at Siena, becomes the first black basketball coach at Georgia Tech.

His contract at Siena runs through the 2002-2003 season, but includes a buyout provision that will allow him to take the Georgia Tech job.

Cremens resigned after 19 years as Georgia Tech's coach. He guided the school to 10 NCAA appearances, including the Final Four in

1990. But the Yellow Jackets have fallen on hard times, reaching the tournament only once in Cremens' last seven years.

New court date set for Tar Heels' Cota, Newby

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. North Carolina guard Ed Cota and Terrence Newby have a new court

day to face assault charges. The Tar Heel seniors, fresh off a trip to the Final Four, and two other defendants are due in an Orange County court April 27.

Their trial on charges stemming from a brawl Halloween night has been postponed four times since December. Their attorney requested the last court day to be changed because it conflicted with the Final Four.

Cota and Newby are charged with three counts each of assault inflicting serious injury and two counts of simple assault. They deny involvement in the fight that broke out between students.

The players were suspended from the basketball team in November following reports of the brawl, but coach Bill Guthridge reinstated them 10 days

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"[Wright] was hitting the ball just right at the fielders [during his slump]." Aven said. "This series, he started catching a couple breaks. He stepped up real big for us this series."

Also in the seventh, Jason Smith scored off a Dan

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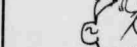
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Baseball at Clemson, 4/7-9
Men's tennis at Virginia, 4/8, 2:00
Women's tennis at ECU, Today, 2:30
Golf, BellSouth, Cary, 4/14-15
Track at UNCC, 4/15

COMMENTARY
March Madness

JEREMY ASHTON
Sports Editor



March Madness 2000 has come and gone, and a new national champion has been crowned. Michigan State ascended to the top of the college basketball world in one of the strangest NCAA Tournaments in recent memory. The first round saw only three higher seeds advance, yet the rest of the tournament more than made up for the unusually low number of first round upsets.

The 2000 NCAA Tournament left sports fans with several memorable moments, not to mention a new Nike ad campaign (by the way, I thought "March Madness: It's

Baseball completes the sweep

◆ Brian Wright had a monster series for N.C. State against Charleston Southern.

JACK DOLY
Sports Editor

Brian Wright enjoyed the N.C. State's baseball team's two-game series with Charleston Southern.

The sophomore outfielder broke a 1-for-26 slump by going 6-for-8 in the series against the Buccaneers. Wednesday, Wright went 2-for-4 and hit a home run to help the Wolfpack defeat Charleston Southern 6-2 at Deak Field.

"I've been tinkering with my swing and it paid off [in the series]," Wright said. "[The slump] was pretty frustrating, but really all you could do is hit the ball and then run."

Freshman pitcher Daniel Caldwell (1-1) picked up the win for the Pack after pitching a scoreless sixth inning. For the day, the Pack used seven pitchers.

Baseball

NCSU	6
CSU	2

"We were just trying to give everyone some work before the Clemson series," said Pack head coach Ryan Avent.

With the win, State improved its record to 19-14, while the Buccaneers fell to 17-21-1.

The Pack led off the scoring in the team's first at bat. Center fielder Josh Schmitt singled to lead off the game and moved to second when Craig Lee walked. After Schmitt moved to third on a Wright flyout, he scored on a sacrifice bunt by Mike Prochaska. Lee moved to second on that play and later scored on an infield single from Jeremy Dutton.

After the Buccaneers tied the score at two, scoring twice in the top of the third of Pack starter Mike Prochaska, State took the lead for good in the bottom of the sixth.

In that inning, Andy Baxter led off with a double to left field. Pinch hitter Ryan Strain grounded out to second, which moved Baxter to third. Number nine batter Chris Goodman then grounded out to second, which brought home Baxter, making the score 3-2.

In the bottom of the seventh, Wright homered to straight away center, giving the Pack a 4-2 lead.

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Football working out the kinks

◆ Spring football practice is rolling along for the Wolfpack under head coach Chuck Amato.

JEREMY ASHTON
Sports Editor

Football season is still months away, but N.C. State is currently hard at work in preparation for the fall.

The Wolfpack is in the third week of the month-long practice season that the NCAA allows each spring for football teams across country. State finishes the spring season on Saturday, April 15, with the annual Red-White game at Carter-Finley Stadium.

This spring has been a period of adjustment for State's players. The Pack has had to get used to a new coaching staff after Chuck Amato was hired to replace former coach Mike O'Cam.

But according to the players, the transition has not been as rough as some anticipated.

"Everybody's responding real well with the coaches," junior Ray Robinson said.

The biggest difference for the players has been the change in the intensity level at practice. O'Cam's practices were open to the media and

tended to be somewhat laid back and relaxed. On the other hand, Amato has closed all of his practices and taken the intensity level "up a couple of notches," as junior safety Brian Williams said.

"Our coaches are very intense, and that's going to make us more intense," Williams said.

The players have picked up on that new attitude and stepped their games up. Many have seen the chance to move up on the depth chart, while others are simply trying to improve individually to help the team build on last season's 6-6 finish.

"Everybody is wanting to do better than we did last year, because last year was sort of disappointing for us," Robinson said. "All of us just want to do a lot better."

Robinson also said that spring practice has given the Pack a chance to come together as a team.

"The upperclassmen are showing leadership and trying to unify the team in a way that we haven't been before," Robinson said.

The players have also been faced with learning new systems on offense and defense. The new coaching staff has presented the team with new terminology and plays that the players have spent

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BASKETBALL

Spreading" was better than "Bracketville"). So, here's a look at my picks for the best and worst of this year's "Big Dance."

Biggest Snub: Vanderbilt

There was a lot of grumbling in Atlantic Coast Conference country about Virginia not getting a trip to the Big Dance. The Cavaliers did have a number of huge wins, including a regular-season sweep of North Carolina, and finished 9-7 in the ACC. But the bottom line is the Cavs RPI ranking of 79th would have made them the lowest rated team to receive an at-large bid since the RPI's new format was put in place in 1994.

Of all the teams that didn't make the tournament, Vanderbilt probably had the most reason to wonder why they were left without a dance partner. The Commodores likely got bounced from consideration after Arkansas upset its way to the Southeastern Conference title.

Vanderbilt ended the year with a 19-10 overall record and was ranked 40th in the RPI. Seven of the 35 teams that earned at-large bids finished lower. And the Commodores went 5-6 against tournament teams with wins over Florida, LSU and Tennessee.

Worst Seeding Decision: Tulsa

North Carolina was the leading candidate for this distinction prior to the tournament. The Tar Heels seemed to be seeded too high as a No. 8 after going 18-13 in the regular season. But the Heels' Final Four run more than justified that seeding.

Tulsa didn't exactly play the toughest schedule in the country, but the Golden Hurricane did win 29 games during the regular season and only lost four by a total of seven points. Tulsa was the most underrated team in the field of 64, just ask Cincinnati.

Biggest Upset: Seton Hall vs. Temple

In a normal year, the biggest upsets in the tournament would have occurred in the first round. The second round was the hotbed for upsets this year, however, with nine higher seeds advancing in 16 games.

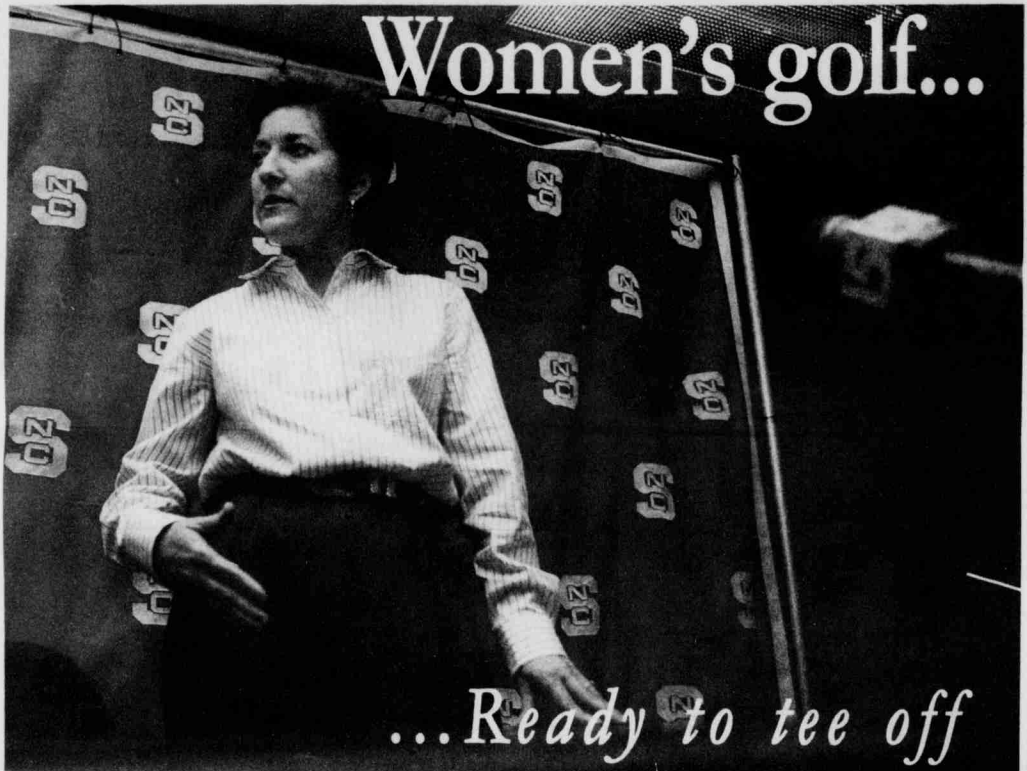
Seton Hall's 67-65 upset over Temple in the East Regional was probably the biggest of the tournament. The 10th-seeded Pirates played most of the game without their star point guard, Shaheen Holloway, but still found a way to knock off the second-seeded Owls.

Best Cinderella: Wisconsin

Two eight seeds, UNC and Wisconsin, made it to the Final Four, but only one was a true Cinderella. UNC doesn't deserve consideration for this category, simply because the Heels were a bunch of underachievers who decided to finally start playing once they reached the tournament.

The true darling of this year's tournament was Wisconsin. The Badgers scratched and clawed their way to the Final Four behind a stingy defense that never allowed more than 60 points in the tournament, even to the eventual national champions, Michigan State. Wisconsin's wins were never pretty, but the Badgers' team play helped make the improbable run possible.

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◆ N.C. State introduced Page Marsh Lea as its women's golf coach Wednesday.

ROB GODFREY
Assistant Sports Editor

The coziness of the Triangle, and Tobacco Road for that matter, has been the backdrop for some of the fiercest rivalries in all of college sports.

Let women's golf be no exception. Women's golf officially became N.C. State's 22nd varsity sport and 10th women's program during a press conference at the Case Athletics Center yesterday on the State campus.

Athletics Director Les Robinson is excited about the new sport.

"I am happy we are adding women's golf," said Robinson. "We had it many years ago when it wasn't an ACC [sponsored] sport. Today is a new world. 20 years ago we didn't have many women in school here, but now there is a variety of not just sports, but majors as well."

Women's golf was a part of the State athletic program from 1980-86. The school dissolved the women's golf team in 1986 when the ACC

no longer sponsored women's golf. Today there are six ACC women's golf teams, including the Wolfpack and a conference championship match in the spring.

Senior Associate Athletics Director Nora Lynn Finch, with whom Robinson worked to found the women's golf team, was also on hand for the announcement, and named Page Marsh Lea head coach.

"This is a great day for N.C. State," Finch said. "One of the first topics we discussed when Les [Robinson] took over was a women's golf team. This just goes to show you that good things come when you wait. We wouldn't be able to introduce this coach today had we not waited. She [Lea] brings vast experience with golf and people."

Lea was an All-American golfer at Carolina in 1983. In her college career, Lea was the Tar Heels' team MVP four years straight from 1982-85.

Professionally, she participated in the Women's Florida Golf Tour in 1987 and played on the Futures Golf Tour from 1986-87. Currently, she is the first female member of the 91-year history of the Carolinas Golf Association.

"I'm excited and honored to have the opportunity to develop a women's golf program at

N.C. State, which has a strong tradition of athletics and academics," the new coach said in a press release. "The university and I are both committed to making this program one of the finest in the country."

Additionally, Lea taught English and coached golf at Ragsdale High School, which is just outside of Greensboro, N.C., for four years, 1991-94.

"I've always worked with young adults in and around golf," Lea said. "I thought I might trade the English essays for awhile and go with one of my passions."

The women's golf team will debut in the fall 2000 and compete in the 2001 season, using six full scholarships.

This season, the ACC has two of five teams ranked in the top 25 women's golf poll. Duke is No. 1 and Wake Forest is No. 10. The Blue Devils are the defending NCAA Champions.

But for now, Lea is content with the founding of State's women's golf program. Forging towards formidableity is a long-term goal, though Lea is realistic about her expectations.

"I'm a big believer in setting attainable goals," Lea said. "I would never subject people to unreachable goals. I will be content with being a sleeper team for the first couple of years."

PAGE MARSH LEA

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Wolfpack/ACC Notes

Duke's men's tennis defeats N.C. State

The Duke men's tennis squad defeated N.C. State 5-2 on Wednesday at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex. The victory moves the Blue Devils to 14-5 overall and 4-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference while the Pack falls to 9-12 overall and 0-4 in the conference. Duke entered competition ranked fifth

in the country in the latest ITA College Tennis Poll.

The Blue Devils, who defeated the Pack for the 25th consecutive time, started the match off on the right foot as they swept all three doubles matches. The Duke tandem of Doug Root and Ramsey Smith, Andres Pedrosa and Ted Guenger and Michael Yam and Marko Cerenko all easily defeated their State counterparts.



N.C. State's men's tennis team fell to Duke 5-2 Wednesday at Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

State was able to take two of the singles matches. The Pack's Eric Jackson defeated Root, ranked as the 50th best singles player in the nation, 6-4, 6-4. Senior Shaun Thomas was also victorious for State as he downed the Devils' Porter Jones, 6-2, 6-2.

State will next travel to Charlottesville, Va., as they prepare to battle the Cavaliers of Virginia on Saturday. The Blue Devils will next face Clemson in Clemson, S.C.

Siena coach Hewitt takes Georgia Tech job

ATLANTA — Siena coach Paul Hewitt is the new basketball coach at Georgia Tech, succeeding Bobby Cremins. The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

A source familiar with the search, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hewitt could be introduced as the Yellow Jackets' coach as soon as

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