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talks Fox, and Technician gets busy with your secondfavorite finger.



### Suicide watch

State baseball loses to Coastal Carolina at home. See Sports for more.



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## **Environmental Hero** of the Year 2000

♦NCSU associate faculty member Lundie Spence was one of 70 individuals nationwide to be named a NOAA Environmental Hero of the Year for 2000.

Ayren Jackson

The National Oceanographic and A t m o s p h e r i c Administration (NOAA) has named N.C. Sea Grant Marine Education

Grant Marine Education Specialist Lundie Spence a NOAA Environmental Hero of the Year. Spence is an N.C. State associate faculty member in the department of marine, earth and atmospheric sciences and the division of multidisciplinary studies. "It's an honor to be named an NOAA hero, considering there are many other environmentalists who are also worthy of this award," said Spence.

ties currently participate in the Big Sweep.

"The environment is my passion, but improving the environment is truly a group project that needs the involvement and participation of many to be successful," said Spence, who was one of the first advisors of the Lorax Environmental Club at NCSU.

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Gore speaks

at Meredith ♦Tipper Gore spoke at Meredith College Tuesday, emphasizing the importance of student involvement in elec-

Rob Godfrey

As a part of Meredith College's "Celebrating Women of Achievement" fes-tivities, Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, addressed students and guests Tuesday evening at the Jones Hall Auditorium on the Meredith earnes



teachers.

Spence has also been an active member in the N.C. Sea Grant program for more than 20 years.

"Spence's tremendous energy, boundless ideas and likeable personality have made her a very positive influence in the Sea Grant Program," said Ronald Hodson, director of the N.C. Sea Grant Program.

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A reception was held by the NCSL

raculty and start last week to recog-nize Spence's award.
"Receiving an award like this has humbled me and only makes me want to do more for the environ-ment," said Spence.
To learn more about the N.C. Sea Grant, visit the Sea Grant Web site at

### Does this look familiar?



Mike? Who's he? Lorax, an environmental club on campus, resurrects a latter-day campus catch phrase in asking, "Do you agree with bikes? The bike display is part of Lorax's week-long Earth Day celebration.

## NCSU undergrads to present research

♦ Thursday's Undergraduate Research Symposium at the McKimmon Center offers students an opportunity to present their research and compete for one of 12 cash

Ann Hsieh

NC. State students will present their research and compete for 12 awards at the ninth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium this Thursday at the McKimmon Center.

Participating students will choose one of four award categories in which to submit their research: biological sciences, ergineering and technology, humanities and social sciences and physical and mathematical sciences.

Twelve cash awards will be given, with five winners in the biological sciences classification, said Robert Morrison, committee chair for the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

The winners will also be honored by Signa Xi. a professional scientific research society, at the Honors Convocation in early May.

May.

The symposium is open to all interested members of the NCSU community.

"We welcome people to come out and support their fellow students." said Morrison.

Linda Cowan, one of the winners from the 1998 Undergraduate Research Symposium, encourages students to use the symposium as an opportunity to see what other students have done and to think.

"It is a great learning experience, sau-Cowan.
One of the benefits of the symposium is the practical experience that the students gain. Cowan worked on her research in the botany department for two and a half years before presenting it at the seventh annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Cowan added that opportunities like the symposium, where undergraduates get to present their research, can be useful to aspiring scientists.

aspiring scientists.

"A big part of science is how to communicate," said Cowan. "Knowing how to present research is very important,"
Cowaris presentation was one of four winners in the biological sciences classification two years ago.

At the symposium, NCSU undergraduate students will present their research projects to groups and individuals during a morning or afternoon session. The majority of the presentations, according to Mornson, will be poster presentations, in which the participants will stand by their posters and field questions from judges.

Participants presenting research in the

field questions from judges.

Participants presenting research in the humanities and social sciences category will each give a 15-minute presentation. Students will talk about their research and their work, said Morrison. The poster presentations will be judged on the quality of the research, the way the students respond to the questions and the clarity and quality of the graphics used.

Sponsors of the Undergraduate Research Symposium include the University Honors Council, Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Operations Council and the Provost's Office.

## Transportation pools efforts to aid commuters

♦ The N.C. State transportation depart-ment provides reliable transportation to commuting students through a vanpool program provided by Triangle Transit Authority.

Stella Litsas

Vanpooling can be a convenient and reliable means of transportation, and the N.C. State department of transportation offers it to any off-campus NCSU students who need to travel to and from school.

"I think [vanpooling]'s a great opportunity for students to get to campus, because parking permits are not always available, and it's economical," said Susan Marshall, transportation accessibility coordinator.

The Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) provides the vanpool to transportation, Groups of seven to 15 students who share roughly similar schedules and a common point of departure can use the vanpool to get to and from campus every day.

Vanpool participants meet at a specific place, such as a church or supermarket parking lot. One of the riders volunteers to drive the van and picks up other passengers before coming to campus.

The van then goes through campus and drops off the students at the stops closest to their destinations.

Later, vanpoolers get back onto the an at the same stop where they got of it.

it.

According to Marshall, vanpoolers offer specific information, such as where they're going and when they meet to be there. That information goes into a database, and the drivers receive the resulting information.

Marshall said that the information allows the driver to know where he needs to go and when he needs to get there.

there.

When the vanpool program began approximately two years ago, there was a \$150 driver's security cover charge that the oriver paid. Transportation now

covers this deposit; the driver rides for

The vanpool currently services Clayton (Winn Dixie, Hwy, 70), Apex (Hwy, 64 and 55), Angier, Benson and Fayetteville (Harris Teetre), where one to 15 students can be picked up and, later, dropped off.

Depending on how far the driver travels, there is a mileage round-trip subsidy paid by transportation, which pays for 15 miles of the total round-trip cost for each month the van is driven. The van stays on campus all day at no charge.

In addition, the university also pays a 515 monthly subsidy to members of organized vanpools, according to the vanpool Web page (http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/webn.htm).

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vanpool (web chipe/www2.aes.ncsu.edu/trans/webn.htm).

Marshall said that transportation also offers the vanpool driver 100 personal monthly miles for any erands that he or she might have to run.

Available to students are annual driveday passes, also known as seratch passes, which vanpool riders can use to park on campus when needed. These 24 free drive-day passes are valid in E parking zones and below, according to Marshall. Should an emergency force a vanpool rider to leave campus before the van itself leaves, Marshall said that transportation offers an "emergency drive," calling a laxi is sent to campus to pick up the student. The NCSU department of transportation reimburses up to \$100 for the cost of cab fare for the student to leave campus. Vanpoolers desiring emergency drive transportation must fill out a reimbursement application, available on campus in transportation is offices in Room 139 of the Administrative Services Center on Sullivan Drive.

Transportation is also interested in expanding the vanpool to pick up students from areas such as Durham and North Raleigh, but no interested students from areas such as Durham and North Raleigh, but no interested students from accome forward from those areas.

areas. Any NCSU students who are interes ed in riding with the vanpool may cor-tact Marshall at 515-1469.

Meredith campus.

North Carolina Governor
Jim Hunt joined U.S. Rep. See VOTING, Page 2

Bob Etheridge, U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton, Meredith College President Maureen Hartford, and N.C. Democratic Party chairperson and Mistress of Ceremonies Barbara Allen, in welcoming Gore to Raleigh.

"We are happy to have in the second district, tonight, the Second Lady of the United States, and soon to be First Lady," Etheridge said.

Lady, Etheridge said.

Gore's speech, which lasted approximately 30 minutes, called for students to get involved in the election process and to realize the importance of voting in the May 2 North Carolina primary, and in the November general election.

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Gore's husband is the front-runner in the race for the Democratic Party's presiden-tial nomination.

Gore said that greater stu-dent involvement in elections helps America have a "stronger democracy."

Later, Gore spoke of family, children and compassion, saying, "That's what brings us together today and in campaigns."

paigns."

Gore has actively lobbied for stricter guidelines concerning song lyrics, TV shows and other media outlets that target children. Raising responsible children was also the subject of an April 20 White House conference on teenagers called "Raising Responsible and Resourceful Youth."

Gore's work with child-rear-ing is highlighted by her 1987 book, "Raising PG Children in an X-rated Society,"

Midway through the speech, one of the ushers, who stood on risers on the stage with Gore, collapsed, and was car-ried off by Meredith officials. There were no reports regard-ing the woman's condition.

Following her speech, Gore mingled with well-wishers and supporters before getting back on the campaign trail.

Raleigh was the third stop on a day-long trek through North Carolina. The Gore camp also went through Asheville and Greensboro.

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### News **Briefs**

N.C. State author to speak at final event of this year's writers series

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The final event of the 12th annual North Carolina Writers Series will feature N.C. State author-in-residence Kaye Gibbons, who will give a sneak preview of her forthcoming novel scheduled for publication in the fall. Still untitled, the novel is about a young girl and her family during the flu epidemic of 1918 in Nash County, N.C.

The event is sponsored by The Friends of the Library and will be held Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Thompson Theatre. Tickets are \$8 for the general public and \$5 for Friends members.

For more information, call [919] \$15-284 or stop by the Friends of the Library office in room 1137 of D.H. Hill Library. Information is also available on the Friends of the Library Web site the property of the content of the Library web site http://www.libn.esu.edu/adminis-

http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/adminis-tration/fol.

Donna Shalala to speak at N.C. State's spring commencement

Donna Shalala, secretary of U.S. Health and Human Services, will deliver the N.C. State commencement address on Saturday, May 20, at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Raleigh.
Shalala, the Inongest serving secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) in U.S. history, will address approximately 2,800 graduates and their families, and will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree from NCSU. Shalala accepted the post in January 1993 to lead the federal government's principal agency for protecting the health of Americans and providing essential human services. HHS administers a wide variety of programs including Medicare, Medicaid, and federal welfare and children's programs.

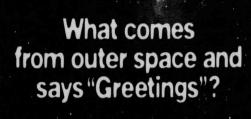
and federal websites and some programs.

Before joining the Clinton administration, Shalala served for more than a decade on the Board of the Children's Defense Fund, Shalala was chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1987-1993. Prior to that she was president of Hunter College for eight years, and was an assistant secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the

Carter administration.
Shalala earned her doctoral degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University in 1970. She also served as a Peace Corps

volunteer in Iran. She has more than two dozen honorary degrees and a host of other honors, includ-ing the 1992 National Public Service Award and the Glamour Magazine Woman of the Year

Award in 1994. She has been elected to the National Academy of Education, the National Academy of Public Administration and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



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## Beach blanket book bingo



ridget Jones: The Edge
of Reason by Helen
Fielding is another
engaging, laugh-out-loud chronicle of Bridget's struggles through
30-something single life; touching
on issues of sex and love (which
rarely come without what she calls
"emotional I—wittage"), weightloss (and gain), frendship, care
decisions, and cocktail parties
Fielding's second novel nicks in

relationships from the pages of "Getting the Love You Want" and "Keeping the Love You Find" (keeping the Love You Find" (having moved on from "Men Are From Mars. Women Are From Venus") Then, Bridgefs nerves are shot to fibbons when she starts receiving death threats (not v.g.). Fielding's latest is bloody hilari-ous; her droll will delight every woman who is or has ever been single, but even men will be charmed.

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The Blue Bedspread by Raj Kamad Jha is a haunting, powerful, and exceptional first novel by a New Delh journalist, whose storytelling style has been compared to Raymond Carver. Set in Calcuta, India, the novel begins with a midnight phone call informing a man that his sister has died in childbirth, and that he must keep the orphaned baby girl with him overnight. Awaiting the baby's new, adopting parents, all night long the man stay up writing the history of the baby's mother, as the girl sleeps on a blue bedspread in the next room. H



A new novel by Francine Prose.

Zen Mystery by Michael
Dibdim is the newest
adventure of mystery and intrigue
starring Italian Criminalpol officer
Aurelio Zen, but this time it's set
in Sicily. Zen is involved in an
investigation of his relationship to
his "daughter" Carla and is worried about his mother when an
unidentified, decomposed corpussealed in a railway wagon on the
island is discovered. This marks
the beginning of Zen's most desperate and desparting case yet.

Although Zen is again spying on
the State Police's anti-Maffa operation for the Interior Ministry, he
gets caught in the crossfire of
power including hungry politicians, bureauerats, and crime
bosses. When Carla is killed and
his mother des a suspicious death
in Rome, the mystery takes a very
sinister besit caught in

in Rome, the mystery takes a very sinister twist and Zen is caught in absolute chaos. Dibdin's writing is

## Raleigh gets the smackdown

Raw is War, the latest WWF flagship show, mixed all the excitement of a rock concert with the buildup of a sporting

Jeremy Ashton

A dysfunctional, power-hun-gry family fights with itself for control of a global organization. The return of a conquering hero is prophesical after a lengthy absence. And two rivals battle for a tro-phy of epic proportions. All of these plot lines sound like perfect fodder for a hit summer movie. In fact, they make for a typical might on the World Wrestling Federation's (WWF) flagship show, Raw is War.

World Wrestling Federation's (WWF) flagship show, Raw is Wor.
Professional wrestling is no longer passed off as genuine athletic competition as it was in the 1980s. Storylines and the ability to run down an opponent on the microphone are now just as important as executing a suplex of finishing someone off with a devastating power bomb. WWF owner Vince McMathon even refers to pro wrestling as "sports-entertainment," rather than as a genuine sport.
This unique blend of athletic skill, death-defying stunts and creative scripts, which is acted out in front of live audiences each week, has brought wrestling into the mainstream media. And it's turned Raw into the highest rated show on cable television.
Raw made its debut performance Monday night in the sold-ut Entertainment and Sports Arena (ESA). The rabid wrestling fans at the ESA were treated to a show that mixed all the excitement of a rock concert with the buildup of a sporting event.

A huge fireworks display that

A huge fireworks display that

Rikishi got Jabronii
the better
of Angle and sat on him. Only
in the WWF can a 400-pound
sit on an Olympic champion
and get cheered.
The show moved along when
Triple H, the WWF World
Champion, came to the ring
with his wife. Stephanie
McMahon-Helmsley, and his
brother-in-law,
McMahon-The trio took the
opportunity to talk trash about
the Rock, who will face Triple
H at the WWF's next pay-perview, and Chris, "Y2J" Jericho,
who actually beat the World
Champ on last week's edition of
Raw.

A wrestler named the Godfather was also a c r o w d favorite.

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He also responded to comments that Vince made earlier in the show, even taking a shot at Stephanic. Only in the WWF can someone call the boss's daughter "easy" and get away with it.

Jericho and the Rock made their entrances for the main event first to a tremendous roar from the crowd. Triple H followed with Stephanie and announced that his partner for the evening would be Chris Benoit. the WWFs Benoit. the WWFs Hercenottnental Champion. The World Champ then staked the deck in his favor, announcing that Shane would be the guest referee and Vince would be in his corner.

Four of the WWF's top stars put on an action-packed main put of the WWFs and the world with the start put on an action-packed main put on an action-packed main put on the world with start put on an action-packed main put on the world with the cash so the match when the Rock and Jericho appeared to have the match when the Rock and Jericho appeared to have the match when the Rock and Jerich and Benoit the victory.

Those walching Raw on TV may have been disappointed with the results, but the show didn't end for the crowd at the ESA. Benoit and Triple H and Benoit the victory.

These was the start was a start of the respective to the world with the results, but the show didn't end for the crowd at the ESA. Benoit and Triple H made he mistake of returning to the ring and attacking Jericho and the Rock again. The heroes gained the upper hand this time, however, and the Rock even got to execute his trademark move, the People's Elbow.

The WWF did not disappointed for anyone who wanted



## Drinking games

◆A new computer game called "Last Call" allows the player to become a tip-hungry, flirting, mix-ing genius.

Ryan Hill

Ryan Hill reduce laber

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be a bartender? To serve hordes of drunken patrons, all eager to drink and be merry? To throw out underage drinks and be to the to the to the total total to

bingin on my fight or flight reflex, man:

The graphics are weak and cartoon-like, but that just helps to keep the fun alive. This game isn't graphics look, just about how much fin it is to make these drinks. It's amazing that Simon & Chuster, publisher of many a boring school book, is distributing agame designed to teach people about bartending (guess they haven't completely lost their educational kick).

This is a fun game. It tends to get repetitious after a while, but the point of the game is to have fun while learning about the life of a barrender—and all that matters in anything is whether or not it is fun.

With "Last Call," players will be abten to make the substitution of the because most students of an Eucarden Tom this game. That will help any college student go far, because most students party on the weekends. This game will help anyone become the life of the party and maybe even get a hook-up.

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even get a hook-up.

The game is also a
Windows/Macintosh hybrid, so it
can be played anywhere, even in
those pesky. Apple computer labs
on campus. So put that bong away
and learn how to make drinks that
will get anyone drunk, but will
taste pretty dam good too.

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Martha Stewart did not design the living rooms.

The computer lab is not equipped to download porn 1,000,000 times faster.

Yes, you have your own washer/dryer. No, we don't wash your clothes for you.

The bedroom door deadbolts willnot withstand a police-issued battering ram.

Bungy-jumping from your private balcony is prohibited.

Breakfast is not served on our campus shuttle.

Everything is brand new, and all apartments will be ready for the fall semester.

Yes, we are running out of availability.



The Abbev

## Opinion



### TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

in running one education every day pre-Feelunician from voicing its opinions sthat perhaps do not warrant an entire . In this new weekly feature we will to make our thoughts known on some of the issues that



Thumbs down to the Florida Marlins players and personnel who are taking a day off to protest the seizure of Elian Gonzales. If the family had obeyed the court's ruling in the first place there would have been no need for guns



Thumbs up to the N.C. State Vet School for housing and caring for "Wilbur," the pig who saved his own life by jumping off the bacon wagon on its way to the butcher.



Thumbs down to Student Body President Raj Mirchandani's vetoing the Student Government budget because it did not have an appropriation for campout. It was an bytous political stant, a waste of Student Government time and face it;



Thumbs down to the administration for placing all of the blame for campout failure squarely on the shoulders of the students. What about Public Safety's less-than-obvious presence?



Thumbs up to the improvements in the Talley Student Center -- it's about time. But what hap pened to the curly couches?



Thumbs up to the NCSU libraries staff for their hard work in bringing D.H. Hill up to 35th in the country. Many say the measure of a uni-



Thumbs up to the Census 2000 ad campaign who knew they used it for so many things besides a simple head count?

### CAMPUS FORUM

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ds on Campus Forum letters. NCSU should support biking

Reckless bicycling was the point of several recent "Campus Forum" submissions. Regulation is not the answer: N.C. State must create bike paths and support bik-

We need an alternative to cars, while the Transportation department wants to reduce traffic on campus roads. Gas prices are increasing and there's never a park.

place to park.

Walking is slow and from the
Bell Tower to Witherspoon
Student Center it can take almost twenty minutes. Buses are unreli-able since arrivals and routes can-

not meet individual demands. Especially for occasional bus rid-ers, it's hard to plan around the bus schedule. Bicycles are a happy medium; they give you the control of walking with the speed of busing.

NCSU's hicyclists must use winding, intentionally inconvenient road networks or pedestrian-filled, narrow walkways. Even though some bikers are unforgivably reckless, others try to be considerate while rushing to class. NCSU has no safe, accommodating bike paths.

siderate while rushing to class. NCSU has no safe, accommodating bike paths. Bike riders then arrive at their destination — Nelson or Harris Halls. for example — and find that there's no place to lock up their bikes. However when bike racks are present, they're often designed poorly. Racks with a straight horizontal bar and wheel-groove, like those at the Atrium, are entirely worthless. Only S-shaped bike racks can secure large numbers of bikes. NCSU should commit to build-ing new bike racks and creating bike paths for campus. Bikers would no longer mix with pedes-trians, people would be able to travel quickly and safely on a bike, and campus would prepare its infrastructure for future expan-sion.

Junior Computer Science and English

## The two faces of Fox



Last week the N.C. State Student Body President vetoed the Student Government Budget for 2000-2001 because it did not include allocations to campout, which senior university administrators have repeatedly stated will not occur.

will not occur. Chancellor Marye Anne Fox decided

administrators have repeatedly stated will not occur.
Chancellor Marye Anne Fox decided to comment on the situation and responded to an inquiry by Student Senate President Seth Whitaker. A copy of the chancellor's original letter follows:
Mr. Whitaker. Dr. Statford Vive chancellor's original letter follows:
Mr. Whitaker. Dr. Statford Vive chancellor of Student Affairs] has informed me that Raj Mirchandani Istuden Bosh President) tetoed the Student Senate budget last week because it did not include a line item for a ticket distribution camp out and that, during an emergency session of the Senate last Wednesday night. Mr. Mirchandani indicated that some unnamed University administrators were in favor of a camp out. I would like to provide the following information to assist in your deliberations this Wednesday evening to finalize the Student Government budget for next wer.
I am not dwave of any senior administrators who favor continuation of the ticket distribution camp out in the next academic year. We have discussed this issue at least three times in my senior administrators who favor continuation of the ticket distribution of the student Government, a decision has already been made to ban camp out for 2000-2001. Regardless of the Student Sonates decisions regarding the Indiges for Student Government, a decision has already been made to ban camp out for 2000-2001 await the final report of the task force and look forward to its recommendations regarding the distribution of tickets. Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the University sposition.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the University's position.

Marye Anne Foxancellor felt that it was not necessary to write a similar statement about the tutiton increase debate — it would have made the jobs of our student leaders easier.

Rather, she, along with the rest of the administration, watched as the student body spun their wheels trying to convey the fact that a tution increase would displace so many students. Even though she did not submit the following letter to

students, if she had, th following may be how it would have gne:
"Mr. Whitaker: Dr. Stafford has informed me that the Student Senate passed a resolution th demounced the tuition increase propose by me and recommended to the Boardh Trustees Mr. Payne indicated that sore unnamed university administrators were against a utilion increase. I would like to provide the following informatin to the student body to assist them in paing for a futition increase next year.

I am not aware of any senior administrators who do not support a tuition increase, we have discussed this issue at least three theirs in my senior administrative staff meetings, af we are in total agreement that students should by a higher cost to attend N.C. State. Regardles of the Student Senate's decisions regarding thuttition increase, a decision has already been rude to increase utilition for 2000-2001.

As you know, I called a towthall meeting to hear the impact a turtion increase would have on students. As chancellor, I listed to the many emotional testimonials given it students but I would remaid you that a decision has already been imade.

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Marye Ame Fox.

Even though the chancellor dl not submit this letter to students, I believe we'll knew that the largest tuition increase in the utversity's history was inevitable. However, I would have continued to fight the increase in my colums and am proud that so many others did as we'l. I think student leaders should do the same for ampout.

Next year is my last year at NSU. Experts who study subjects like alumni-giving, attribute the students last year and their enjoment as the main factor that motivates them to fye back to their alma mater. Without campout, udent enjoyment dips even further and so does th'university's coffers. Chancellor, next time ye i mitiate anopyment "Campaign for X" to raise move, don't call me unless you'll be camping out with me next winter for UNC-CH and Duke basketall tickets. I have a two-person tent and I will say you a beer.

Elián and Jon-Benét represeit the way

## Why Elian matters



First off, the Elián Gonzalez case is an immigrant myself. I am outraged at the fact that Elián may gain U.S. citizenship simply because he is a media darling with political connections.

ship simply because he is a media darling with political connections. More important, however, is the fact that he is a media darling at all. Granted, Hollywood itself couldn't have scripted a better scenario: a 6-year-old who have scripted a better scenario: a 6-year-old who have scripted a raft from a communist dictatorship to the land of opportunity...on Thanksgiving day no less! Throw in Meg Ryan, an iceberg and some raptors and you've struck clinema gold (if only the language barrier weren' i such an obstacle to catch phrases!). Still, Elfán could not have gotten this big merely on the grounds of youth and adoration, nor could his desperate Miami relatives have constructed a media circus of such outrageous proportions by their own handiwork. Even the vehement anti-castro sentiment of political Cuban-Americans is not enough to have caused this

the American public manipulates children, scavenges their youth and prositutes their innocence; they are sound-bitten, spolight-smitten physical manifestations of the truth hat Americans do not really love children.

phenomenon (if only little Elián had landed on Thanksgiving in 1962!).

Elián had landed on Thanksejving in 19621).

No, the reason Elián Gonzalez is a five-month headliner is because he taps into a larger social vein.

Married to Jon-Benet Ramsey, Elián Gonzalez encapsulates the American attitude towards children in the same way that O.J. Simpson did for racial tension, Anita Hill did for sexual harassment and Monica Lewinsky did for adultery.

All of these media-made icons exist because they allow the American public to explore a taboo without necessarily addressing it. And what exactly is the Elián Gonzalez taboo? And how is it related to Jon-Benet famsey, the six-year-old girl from Denver who was mysteriously murdered the day after Christmas in 1996? They are the same person

(note to silf: 6-year-olds + name withaccents + holiday trouble)

name withiccents + holiday ± trouble). Eltin and Jon-Benet repre-sent the say the American public maipulates children, scavenges their youth and prostitutes their innocence; they are sound-britten, spot-light-smitten physical manifestations of the truth that Americands do not really love children, atther only the idea of loving hildren. If it well Eltin Gonzalez's mother waiting in Cuba to be reunited with her son, there would be jo "custody battle." If Jon-Benet were asked to parade ariend in lipstick and heels for a Calvin Klein ad campaign there would be a boycott indo anti-porn legis-lation. But, for some reason, the

But, for some reason, the exploitation of children becomes permissible when it

## Oh, the places you should go



you'll go."
you'll go."
wrote Theodore
Geisel, better
known as Dr.
Geisel, better
known as Dr.
Geisel, better
known as Dr.
Seuss; "You're off nof great
places, you're off and away."
As finals approach faster han
anticipated, graduation is
steadily becoming more of a
reality than a distant, intangible
finish line. However, most of
us fail to realize that graduation
isn' the end of the road; it's
only the beginning.
Only recently have we been
able to travel about the world
with relative peace of mind as
the availability of transportation increased and costs
decreased. Additionally, technological advancements in the
past fifty years have opened up
the doors of global communication: accessibility and affordability of long distance phanibility of long distance phanibility of long distance phanibility of long distance phanibility of long distance phen
the spread of culture and ideas.
So why aren't we more interseted in visiting the world
instead of just cheking around
on the World Wide Web'
People that don't travel, often
harbor prejudicial views of
anything that is different from
what they have experienced, as
if "different" were a four-letter
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wnat mey have experienced, as if "different" were a four-fetter word. By opening one's mind to new experiences, ideas and people, one grows emotionally, socially and intellectually. Travel is essential to personal development.

Vicarious experiences experiences through boots.

Travel is essential to personal development.
Vicarious
through books, photographs and the stories of friends simply aren't enough. One must get out there and experience all that the world has to offer, firshand. These memories and experiences will become the foundation of a well-rounded personality; in competitive fields, it takes more than "book marts" to launch a career.
Seuss went on to write, "You have feet in your shoes. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." More than a catchy rhyme, these words are words to live by. No matter what anyone else says, people are all capable of anything that to which they set their minds or feet.
There's no sense in leaving

foet.
There's no sense in leaving the future in the hands of fate or in the hands of others. It's imperative that individuals make their own decisions, good or had and learn from their miskes as well as their successes. One of the costs of a rapidly advancing society has been the shortening of childhood. Kids are no longer allowed to be kids as parents force them into socially acceptable roles at earlier ages than ever before. The media expose kids to material that has been historically reserved for mature audiences; holding children prostrate to adult values without ever giving them the chance to make their own mistakes and learn from them. In essence, the "child" has been taken out of childhood: parents and educators have adopted a zero-tolerance view of failure. This fear of failure keeps people from trying new things, from breaking out of the mold set before them. It's as if people have forgotten that, although sometimes painful, they learn from the mistakes that they may make better choices in the future.

The old clich that "variety is the spice of life" rings true. Repetition of scenery, conversation, food and activities make for a homogenous, bland existence. Don't spend the rest of life in front of the computer or the TV! Get out and "choose your own adventure." Life won't take the initiative; people have to make the most out of it for themselves.

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## Opinion

### **MORGAN**

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is enshrouded with the concept of "their best interests."
It is, unfortunately, largely downplayed that the hest interests of children do not include boosting political campaigns, scoring fifteen minutes of fame for family members, selling products or becoming overnight adults. So children are victimized in the worst way imaginable: their very identities—not merely their bodies—are objectified as a means to provide adults with pleasure. Yet the simultaneous cultural expectation for children demands that they concentrate on forming the very identity that is stolen from them.

In this process, children

them.

In this process, children inevitably find only the fiction of eternal cuteness fed to them by the adult world, becoming self-critical and self-destructive when that

cuteness eventually erodes with age.

Thus is born the sixth-grade andilerer, the fourth-grade sucide victim, the first-grade speak assassin. the eighth-grade pothead, the tenth-grade gang leader, the fifth-grade vanidation and the ninth-grade rapist. Unwitting pawns in an often deadly game of "dress up," children garde still their sexuality fong before they even know what it really is. While preten girls are stuffing their brodies with steroids, Children are one of the largest growing demographics for rises in smoking and eating disorders.

Tom between the myth of eternal youth and the truth of inevitable aging, childhood and adolescence become such paintuily schriptorine rises that juveniles end up choosing the worst possible "adult" existences over any of the hellish "opportunities" youth offers.

Tantalized by the promise of instant adulthood (a decep-

tion in which adults then selves are all both contrib-tive and complicity, childre repeatedly choose lifestyle of crime, sex and violenc because they are the "easiest ways to mimic adulthood."

seductress.

Not until we denaturalize
the world of child exploitation will we be able to see it
for what it is and remedy our
deeply troubling (even if
often unspoken) social ills.

However pleasant the stereotype of the "cute child" may be, it is ultimately a stereotype and it is ultimately destructive.

ents? Send them to

### **PLACES**

the value that society place on them.

After all, that new sports car is nothing more than a collection of parts, people are living, breathing creatures with feelings and emotions. They deserve to be treated fairly, even the ones that aren't nice to you the first time around. You'll catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

Seuss adyises to "step with care and great fact and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act." Today is a world where two incomes are necessary for a family to survive economically. It is also where an 80-hour work week is increasingly becoming the norm is some industries, and where everything from service at the store to dinner is expected to be

diately.

Patience is truly a virtue—
especially on the road. Not everyone knows where they're going, or understands that "merge" does not mean "sereech to a halt and then floor it" when trying to get on the Beltline. Take a deep breath and get there in one piece.

It's only when people stop to

get mere in one piece.

It's only when people stop to smell the flowers that they can begin to appreciate all they have and how far they've come as whole. Heed the advice of Ben Franklin and take everything in moderation.

Seuss summarizes: "And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed)."

guaranteed),"
So what's the hold-up?
Graduation is less than a month
away. And for those who won't
be leaving this May, remember
that it's never too late to begin
living life to the fullest. It's your
life, after all, no one else can
live it for you.



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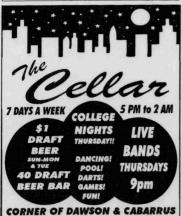
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### NOTES

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Pons was one of the most prolific cross country and track performers eter to participate at State. Pons concluded his magnificent career by being named as an All-American, by virtue of his seventh-place finish at the 1999 NCAA Cross Country Championships. This past weekend, he took home the conference title in both the 5,000 and 10,000 moleter events at the ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Earlier this season, Pons won the conference crown in the 3,000 and 5,000 meter rages at the ACC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Meredith Faircloth

(Cross Country/Track) and Jason Smith (Baseball) will be

Cross Country/Tracks and Jason Smith (Basehall) will be recognized as State's three recipients of the ACC's Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduae Scholarship.

The gymnastics team, which placed 19 individuals on the EAGL Academic All-Conference team, was recognized as having the top team grade point average during both the 1969 spring and fail academic semesters. The gymnastics squad also took home the Todd Dunston Community.

The ACC's "Top Six for Service Award" will be presented to Barnette, John Fletcher (Football). Tynesha Lewis (Women's Baskethall). Lauren Palefsky (Gymnastics). Lauren Palefsky (Gymnastics) and James Wood (Cheerleading).

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### DAVID

excitement in his first playoff appearance, Carter shot an atro-cious 3-for-20 from the field for a relatively ineffective 16

On Wednesday night in Game 2, I look for Carter to perform more like the player that has been dubbed "Half-Man, Halfshowed up in Game 1. In other words, to see the most exciting player in the NBA, you will have to look no further than

4. The Miami Heat will dis-assemble after yet another early exit from the playoffs.

early exit from the playoffs. For tyo straight seasons, the Pat Riley-led Miami Heat have lost in the first round in the playoffs. That trend won't continue this season as they will get past the Detroit Pistons, but don't look for them to advance past the multi-talented, Knick in the conference semifinals.

in the conference semifinals.

It has always been said that it takes three All-Star failber players to win a champiogship and that is a major problem for the Heat. With the exception of

GOLF

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Wittl Georgia Tech, Clemson and
other highly-ranked teams such as
Georgia and Florda in the East
Georgia and Florda in the East
Regional. Sykus is confident that
the bracket will indeed see an
increased number of bids.
Last season was the only time
that the Pack competed in the East
Regional and failed to qualify for
the NCAA tournament.
"By the time we got to regionals, we weren't a very good
team," Sykes said. "We weren't
nearly as good as, we were at the
beginning of the seasyn."
This year. State will try and
duplicate its performant of 1996,
when it won the East Regional in
Kiamesha Lake, NY, Thay year,
the Pack was led by Tim Clark,
who won the individual regional
championship. Clark currently

center Alonzó Mourning, who is clearly one of the top 10 players in the league, the Heatt don't have the talent to bring a title to South Beach. Point guard Tim Hardaway and small forward Jamal Mashburn are well beyond their elory days of the

South Beach, room guar-hardmaya and small forward Jamal Mashburn are well beyond their glory days of the mid-90s. And players like PJ. Brown, Clarence Weatherspoon and Kevin, Strickland never even had glory days. Although the Heat possess an outstanding group of hard-working veterans, they don't have enough talent to beat the younger, more athletic Knicks. And after another early round exit, one should expect that Riley will begin looking throughout the langue for new personnel that could carry Miami to the promised land.

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3.Veteran-laiden Utah will make the conference finals.

After acquiring the likes of Scottle Pippen and Detlef Shrempf in the off-season, the Porlland Trail Blazers looked poised to be the team to offer the Lakers a challenge in the Western Conference.

A couple of days into the playoffs, the situation has changed portland has had their hands full with Mingesota while the Utah Jazz have drubbed Seattle in two games.

While Sykes would certainly velcome a regional title, it is not an absolute necessity.

"Winning the regionals just means you qualify for nationals." Sykes said.

Sykes said.

Sykes said.

Seta will have three weeks off before it tries to qualify for nationals. While the team waits, it will hope Carl Petterson and Chris Mundorf don't cool off.

Mundorf don't cool off.

They've been pretty much setting the pace all year," Sykes said.

Petterson has been the Pack's
number one all season and should
repeat as All-ACC. The senior
finished in a tie for second at last
weekend's ACC tournament.
Mundorf, on the other hand, finsisked seventh as was the only
other Wolfpack golfer under-par.
The national tournament will be
held in Aubum, Ala, at the Grand
National Golf Club.

plays on the Buy.com Tour

I can't stand the mere sight of Karl Malone or John Stockton, I must admit that they are one of the best duos in league history. And as a friend of mine tells me the system works' is an under-statement when speaking of the Jazz and the Malone/Stockton prick-and-roll combination.

statement when speaking of the Jazz and the Malene/Stockton pick-and-roll combination.

2. The Knicks will make it to the Finals for the second year in a first for commissioner David Sign as he will get two major market teams. Los Angeles and New York, in the NBA Finals, which should get leelvision ratings back to the beoming way they used to be before No. 24 retired. Althought the Knicks are the third seed in the East, they are clearly the most talened team plus they have excellent playoff experience. They will look to a part of guards to lead them back to the NBA Finals. I expect sharp-shooting Allan Houston and athletic, flamboy and Latrell Sprewell to put the team on their backs and carry them through the Eastern Conference. Also, don't be surprised to see forward Marcus Camby get back to his highware act that energized. New York during last season's playoff run.

1. The NBA Title will return to Tinsel Town.

Twelve years after Magic, Karcem and "Big Game" James led the Lakers to a title, the championship trophy will be brought back to L.A. by the likes of Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and Glen Rice. The Lake Show will be too much for the Bryant and Glen Rice. The Lake Show will be too much for the Knicks to handle as Shaq and Kobe will prove to be the cor-nerstone for yet another NBA dynasty led by head coach Phil

Jackson.

At 28 years old, the same age
Michael Jordan was when he
won his first tirle. Shaq will capture his first of many rings to
come. In Sunday's Garme 1 performance vs. Sacramento, the
Lakers showed the rest of the
league what they should expect
to see for the next month and a
battle is Show cacked in an astronnomical 46 points and 17 rebounds, and Kobe compiled 23 points, seven assists and six rebounds. half, as Shaq racked up an astro nomical 46 points and 1

Keep in mind David is a Lakers fan. He can be reached at 515-2411 or dnhobgoo@unity.ncsu.edu.

### BALL

home Dutton and pull the Pack within two. Chanticleer errors came into play again one inning later. Tyler Tiesing reached on an error by Marty with two outs and scored one batter later when right fielder Brooks Marzk dropped Ryan Strain's fly ball.

The Pack had opportunities to score late yet could not score late yet could not score the tying run. Brian Wright led off the eighth unning with a single to left field, and pinch hitter Dan Mooney reached first with one out when Marty dropped a lazy pop up. But Rett Johnson, Coastal Carolina's leading pitcher with a 2.26 ERA entering the game.

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struck out the rest of State's hitters in the inning to preserve the lead.

Dutton singled to start the ninth, giving State one last chance to pull even. Lee attempted to bunt him over to second but popped out to beautiful to be a struck process of the pack eventually got runners at first and second for Wright, who entered the game hitting .368, but Kadlec struck him out swinging to end the game.

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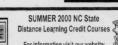
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### COMMENTARY games begin

### DAVID HOBGOOD

As a bas-k e t b a l l fanatic, I'll be the first to admit that 3 nothing can touch March Madness. At the same time,

same time, however, the NBA Playoffs are in a class by themselves. Over the course of a five or seven

NBA PLAYOFFS

game series, there are quite a few stories that can unfold and cause a stir among fans, play-ers, coaches and the media. With the playoffs jumping out to an exciting start this past weekend. If feel this year will here are the top five things here are the top five things to so.

50.

5. The "real" Vince Carter will show up for Game 2.

In the Raptors four games vs. the Knicks in the regular season, Carter torched New York for 33 points a game while shooting 60 percent from the field. Sunday, however, in Game 1 of their first-round series, Vince wasn't nearly as effective. series, Vince effective. Suffering from possible over-

## Golf team plays waiting game

♦ The NCAA East Regional golf tournament will be held at Glen Maura National in the middle of

Jack Daly

The bad news for N.C. State's golf team this past weekend was that the team did not win the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships after leading heading into the final day. Instead, the Wolfpack finished third.

The good news was that the two teams that finished ahead of State

were Georgia Tech and Clemson. The Yellow Jackets and Tigers are ranked one and two respectively in the latest MasterCard golf rank-

In other words, the 16th-ranked

In other words, the 16th-ranked Pack lost only to the nation's best. "We would have like to have won," said State head coach nation which was said state head coach nation work for it, though, We didn't give it to them. With the third-place finish at the ACCs, which were held at Old North State Golf Club, the Pack continued its streak of finishing third or better in every spring tournament. A continuation of that run

in the upcoming month will come in handy for State.

At the NCAA East Regionals in Moscie, Pa, the Pack will man Moscie, Pa, the Pack will man the regional remains a spat in the NCAA championships in June. The regional roundaries will be handled May 18-20 at Glen Maara National.

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Actually, State may only have to finish in the top 10 or 12 of the 30 cam tournament. The NCAA committee in charge of the regional sadds an extra bid or two to the toughest brackets in the country.

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Golf prepares for the NCAAs

# Pack drops the

◆ Two N.C. State errors translated into four unearned runs in a 4-3 loss to Coastal Carolina.

Jeremy Ashton

The N.C. State baseball team was its own worst enemy Tuesday night. Coastal Carolina (31-14) made

coastal Carolina (31-14) made the most of two State errors. score ing four unagainst unagainst at 43 win at Doak Field. The loss was a frustrating one for the Pack after it pulled off a 5-4 upset of Miami on Sunday.

"They're in first place in their conference," head coach Elliott Avent said. "There's no disgrace in losing to a team like that. But it was the way we lear."

that. But it was me say lost."
Sophomore Mike Sollie (4-5) was the hard-luck loser on the mound for the Pack. Sollie injudiced eight innings, surrendering the four uncarned runs on just six hits.
"Overall, Mike pitched very, very well," Avent said. "You can't complain about the way he pitched except for the Isecondji ming."
The Big South-leading Chanticleers used five pitchers

inning."
The Big South-leading
Chanticleers used five pitchers
to stall the State lineup,
Freshman Justin Sturge (2-2)
earned the win after only three

innings of work. Senior Kit Kadlec picked up his seventh

"They came in and threw five of their best pitchers and threw them each about two innings." Axent said. "And they threw very well. We saw three of their acest tonight, two of their starters and one of their closes. The problems started for the Pack in the second when first baseman Andy Baxter dropped Chris Carter's pop up in foul

Chris Carter's pop up in foul ground. With new life at the plate, Carter grounded to third baseman Jeremy Dutton, who couldn't handle the ball. Sollie got Adam Keim to pop out but

load the bases.

Catcher Jason
Davis beat out an
infield hit to push Mike Sollie th
the Chanticleers'
first run across the plate. After
Sollie struck out Jon Humay for
the second out, Brandon Powell
singled to left field, the first ball
to leave the infield in the
inning, to bring home two more
runs and give Coastal Carolina a
3-0 lead.

ree runs. Every error we make is mag-

error.

The error bug plagued the Pack again two innings later when shortstop Chris Goodman boug Marty's grounder. A sacrification but and another infield but pushed Marty over to third, allowing him to score on Brandon Powell's fly out to left



Mike Sollie threw eight strong innings Tuesday

s-0 lead.
"Mike pitched well, but he walked two guys in that inning," Avent said. "So, if you couple the two errors with the two walks, now you've got three runs."

field.
State fought its way back, however, thanks to some miscues from the Chanticleers. With one out in the bottom of the fifth, Scott Strukie hit first baseman Andy Baxer with a pitch. Baxter moved to second on an errant pickoff throw from Davis, stole third on ball four to Dutton and scored on Craight. Lee's pinch-hit single to right. Two batters later, Jason Smith singled up the middle to bring

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## Sting draft Summer Erb

NEW YORK — The Charlotte Sting drafted former N.C. State star Summer Erb with its first pick in the WNBA draft.

The 6-6 center was the II the Vorrall pick of the 2000 draft, and the seventh college senior selected. Erb was one of 15 players the WNBA flew to New York for the draft, which was nationally televised for the first time.

Erb will join former State stars Andrea Stinson and Rhonda Mapp on the Sting's roster. Another former Wolfpack All-American, Susan Yow, is currently an assistant coach with Charlotte. "I'm looking forward to lake the Sting" to be Sting's to the Sting's to the State of the Sting's to the Sting's the S

assistant coach with Charlotte.
"I'm looking forward to
playing for the Sting," said
Erb moments after being pre-sented a Sting jersey by
WNBA president Val
Ackerman. "I love the state of
North Carolina and Charlotte
is a great city."

A native of Lakewood, Ohio, Erb averaged 15.7 points and 7.4 rebounds during her three-year career at State. She was named the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year after averaging 21.5 points and 9.9 rebounds per game. A two-time district Kodak All-American, Erb ranks ninth in the State record books for career scoring aver-age and career rebounding average.

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"In losing Sharon Manning in the expansion draft, we lost a solid player off the bench, and Summer Erb comes in with the ability to fill that void," said Sting head coath T.R. Dunn. "The league has gotten taller over the last two years, and at 6-6. Summer immediately becomes the tallest player on our roster. But she doesn't just bring height. She's got a complete offensive game down on the block, and will help us on the defensive end as well."

"I'm going to miss can coach Kay Yow. "She took us to a level we've never been [until] two years ago, coming off the bench and helping us win two big games in the NCAA Tournament and appear in our first Final Four. "Summer has great hands, can score, can rebound; can make the outlet pass and can make the outlet pass and can make the outlet pass and commer is that she's a great team player. She has a huge heart and I think she has the potential to be a great player at the professional level."

This is the second consecutive year that State has had a player draffed in the first round of the WNBA draft. A year ago Chaisty Melvin, who spent one season in the now defunct ABL, was chosen by the Cleveland Rockers as the 11th pick in the first round of the theyeld and the season in the now defunct ABL, was chosen by the Cleveland Rockers as the 11th pick in the first round of the 1999 draft.

### Wolfpack Notes

### Washington named Director of Student-Athlete Development

Athletics Director Les Robinson announced to Director of Student-Athlete Development, overseeing N.C. State's Student-Athlete Development, overseeing N.C. State's ImPACK program. Washington replaces former Associate AD Lin Dawson, who left State in September to become the Chief Operating Officer for the National Consortium for Academics and Sports in Orlando, Fla. Washington has served as the Assistant Director of Student-Athlete Development since August 1996. Prior to that, she was the Leadership Programs Coordinator at UNC-Wilmington from October 1993 to January 1996. Washington earmed her B.A. in psychology from the University of South Carolina in 1989, then received

a master's in public administra-tion from USC in 1992.
State's Office of Student-Athlete Development works to enhance the personal, social, career and leadership develop-ment of student-athletes through seminars, workshops, confer-ences and community service activities. The ImPACK pro-gram was honored with the inaugural Program of Excellence award for being one of the top life skills programs in the nation in 1997. This year alone, student-athletes spent hundreds of hours volunteering in the community.

### N.C. State studentathletes honored All-Sports Banquet

N.C. State honored its student-athletes Monday at the annual All-Sports Banquet held at the McKiminon Center. Awards were presented to the most valu-able performers in each of State's 21 varsity sports as well as several awards honoring aca-

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demic excellence and community service.

The H.C. Kennett Award, which is given annually to the most outstanding all-around female and male student-athlets at NC State, was presented to Summer Erb (Women's Baskebtall). Jamie Barnette (Football) and Chan Pons (Cross Country/Track). Jamie Barnette (Football) and Chan Pons (Cross Country/Track). A finalist for the Kodak All-american team, Erb was taken in the first round of the WNBA's draft Tuesday. Barnette finished his tenure at State as one of the most decorated quarterbacks in ACC history. Barnette, who has signed to play professionally in the Canadian Football League with Montreal, State's care (9.638), passing yards (9.461), passing touchdown (59), touchdown responsibility (74) and pass attempts (1243).

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