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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
Staff Writer

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has named N.C. Sea 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 a NOAA hero, considering there are many other environmentalists who are also worthy of this award," said Spence.

The primary goal of the NOAA's Environmental Hero of the Year honor is to highlight people across the country who have made an impact on the protection and perseverance of the environment through hard work and dedication. Spence is one of 70 individuals nationwide to be named a NOAA Hero for 2000.

One of Spence's many accomplishments is the initiation of the volunteer project, the Big Sweep. During the project's first year in 1987, over 1,000 volunteers were on hand to clean the waters of North Carolina.

The Big Sweep focuses on keeping North Carolina's waters fresh and clear year-round. All 100 N.C. counties 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.

Spence remains involved in all



An N.C. Sea Grant specialist for 20 years, Lundie Spence is an environmental hero.

aspects of the environment. In 1997 and 1999, Spence was the coordinator of COAST/Operation Pathfinder, the graduate/professional development course for mid-Atlantic region 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.

A reception was held by the NCSU

faculty and staff last week to recognize Spence's award.

"Receiving an award like this has humbled me and only makes me want to do more for the environment," said Spence.

To learn more about the N.C. Sea Grant, visit the Sea Grant Web site at www.ee.enr.state.nc.us/madnosup/seaGrant.html.

Spence will teach a credited telecourse alongside Harriett Stubbs of the meteorology department this fall under the multidisciplinary studies division. The class will focus on current environmental issues.

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 awards.

Ann Hsieh
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. 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, engineering 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 Sigma Xi, a professional scientific research society, at the Honors Convocation in early 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

about entering their own work next year.

"It is a great learning experience," said 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.

"A big part of science is how to communicate," said Cowan. "Knowing how to present research is very important."

Cowan's 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 Morrison, will be poster presentations, in which the participants will stand by their posters and 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 Society, the Research Operations Council and the Provost's Office.

Transportation pools efforts to aid commuters

◆ The N.C. State transportation department provides reliable transportation to commuting students through a vanpool program provided by Triangle Transit Authority.

Stella Litsas
Staff Writer

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] is 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 van at the same stop where they got off it.

According to Marshall, vanpoolers offer specific information, such as where they're going and when they need 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.

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

covers this deposit, the driver rides for free.

The vanpool currently services Clayton (Winn Dixie, Hwy. 70), Apex (Hwy. 64 and 55), Angier, Benson and Fayetteville (Harris Teeter), 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 \$15 monthly subsidy to members of organized vanpools, according to the vanpool Web page (<http://www2.aes.ncsu.edu/trans/webn.htm>).

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

Available to students are annual drive-day passes, also known as scratch passes, which vanpool riders can use 24 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 taxi 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's 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 have come forward from those areas.

Any NCSU students who are interested in riding with the vanpool may contact Marshall at 515-1469.

Gore speaks at Meredith

◆ Tipper Gore spoke at Meredith College Tuesday, emphasizing the importance of student involvement in elections.

Rob Godfrey
Staff Writer

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

North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt joined U.S. Rep.

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.

VOTING

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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're happy to have in the second district, tonight, the Second Lady of the United States, and soon to be First 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.

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

Gore said that greater student 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."

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-rearing 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 carried off by Meredith officials. There were no reports regarding 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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N.C. State author to speak at final event of this year's writers series

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) 515-2841 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 Website at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/administration/fof>.

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 longest 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.

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, including 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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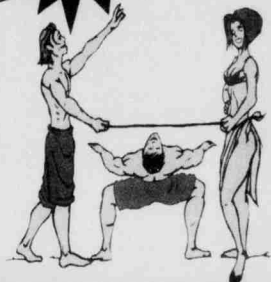
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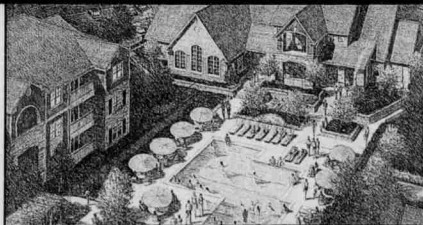
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is enshrouded with the concept of "their best interests."

It is, unfortunately, largely downplayed that the best 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 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.

This is born the sixth-grade adulterer, the fourth-grade suicide victim, the first-grade assassin, the eighth-grade pothead, the tenth-grade gang leader, the fifth-grade vandal and the ninth-grade rapist.

Unwitting pawns in an often deadly game of "dress up," children sell their sexuality long before they even know what it really is. While pre-teen girls are stuffing their bras with tissue paper, pre-teen boys are stuffing their bodies with steroids. Children are one of the largest growing demographics for rises in smoking and eating disorders.

Torn between the myth of eternal youth and the truth of inevitable aging, childhood and adolescence become such painfully schizophrenic realities 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 themselves are *all* both contributive and complicit), children repeatedly choose lifestyles of crime, sex and violence because they are the "easiest" ways to mimic adulthood.

And it is that effort of mimicking adulthood that brings me back, full circle, to Elián and Jon-Benét.

At the age of six, Elián has already been handed the role of anti-Communist freedom fighter. At the age of six, Jon-Benét was already an eerily talented beauty pageant 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.

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PLACES

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that are the most important. Friends and family are precious and should be treated as such. Material possessions have only 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 advises to "step with care and great tact 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 in some industries, and where everything from service at the store to dinner is expected to be

produced and expedited immediately.

Patience is truly a virtue—especially on the road. Not everyone knows where they're going, or understands that "merge" does not mean "screech 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 smell the flowers that they can begin to appreciate all they have and how far they've come as a 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)."

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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COMMENTARY

Let the games begin

DAVID HOBGOOD

As a basketball fanatic, I'll be the first to admit that nothing can touch March Madness.

At the 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, players, coaches and the media.

With the playoffs jumping out to an exciting start this past weekend, I feel this year will be no different. With that said, here are the top five things to look for in the next six weeks or so.

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.

Suffering from possible over-

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Golf team plays waiting game

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

Jack Daly
Sports Editor

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 rankings.

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 Richard Sykes. "We made the number one and two teams in the 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 Mooresville, Pa., the Pack will merely have to finish in the top eight to ensure a spot in the NCAA championships in June. The regional tournament will be held May 18-20 at Glen Maura National.

"We've been playing well this season," Sykes said. "We're looking forward to it."

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



Golf prepares for the NCAA's.

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Pack drops the BALL

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

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

The N.C. State baseball team was its own worst enemy Tuesday night.

Coastal Carolina (31-14) made the most of two State errors, scoring four unearned runs against the Wolfpack

(25-22), to pull out a 4-3 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 lost."

Sophomore Mike Sollie (4-5) was the hard-luck loser on the mound for the Pack. Sollie pitched eight innings, surrendering the four unearned 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 [second] 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 save.

"They came in and threw five of their best pitchers and threw them each about two innings," Avent said. "And they threw very well. We saw three of their aces tonight, two of their starters and one of their closers."

The problems started for the Pack in the second when first baseman Andy Baxter dropped

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 then issued consecutive walks to load the bases.

Catcher Jason Davis beat out an infield hit to push 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.

"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."

"Every error we make is mag-

nified, because it's not the only error itself," Avent said. "We can't make a pitch after the error."

The error bug plagued the Pack again two innings later when shortstop Chris Goodman booted second baseman Doug Marty's grounder. A sacrifice bunt and another infield hit pushed Marty over to third, allowing him to score on Brandon Powell's fly out to left

field.

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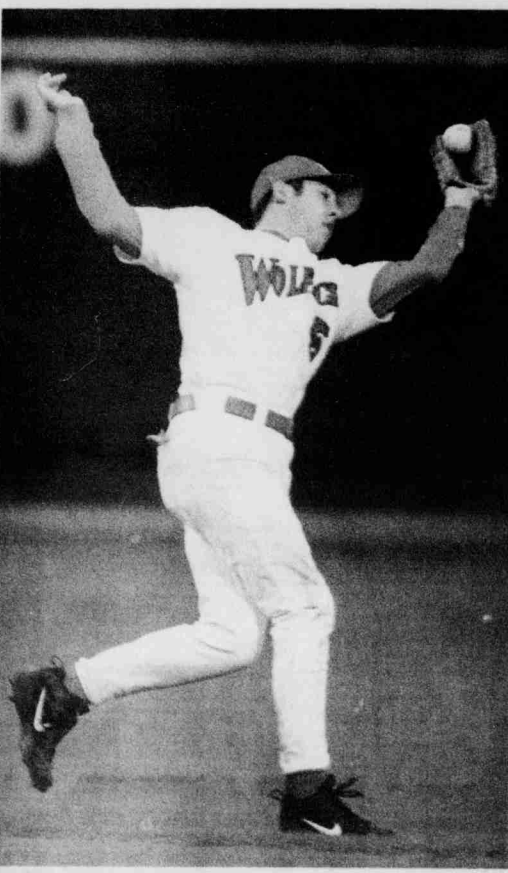
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Chris Goodman and the Wolfpack had trouble hanging on to the ball against Coastal Carolina.

Sting draft Summer Erb

Sports Staff Report

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 11th overall 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 playing for the Sting," said Erb moments after being presented 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 average and career rebounding average.

"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 coach 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 Summer," said State head 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 get up and down the court in the transition game. But the best thing about Summer 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 drafted in the first round of the WNBA draft. A year ago Chastity 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 1999 draft.

Wolfpack Notes

Tonya Washington named Director of Student-Athlete Development

Athletics Director Les Robinson announced today that Tonya Washington has been promoted to Director of 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 earned her B.A. in psychology from the University of South Carolina in 1989, then received

a master's in public administration from USC in 1992.

State's Office of Student-Athlete Development works to enhance the personal, social, career and leadership development of student-athletes through seminars, workshops, conferences and community service activities. The IMPack program 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 student-athletes honored at All-Sports Banquet

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

demie excellence and community service.

The H.C. Kennett Award, which is given annually to the most outstanding all-around female and male student-athletes at NC State, was presented to Summer Erb (Women's Basketball), Jamie Barnette (Football) and Chan Pons (Cross Country/Track).

Erb concluded her career at State with her second consecutive first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference nomination. 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, is State's career leader in total offense (9,638), passing yards (9,461), passing touchdowns (59), touchdown responsibility (74) and pass attempts (1243).

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