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## NCSU's Harper, Areno head to court

◆ **Two N.C. State employees, Public Safety Chief Ralph Harper and NCSU Electrician Gene Areno, have assault charges pending against one another, and will go to court on May 18.**

**Tim Clark**  
Source Staff Writer

After three delays a case involving Ralph Harper, chief of Public Safety, and an N.C. State electrician is scheduled to go to court on May 18.

Gene Areno, an electrician with NCSU's maintenance department, filed assault charges against Harper, alleging that, on Feb. 9, Harper had held him by the arm and pushed him out of the Riddick Stadium field house, Public Safety's headquarters.

Harper filed an assault charge the day after Areno's charge, accusing the electrician of a similar assault. In letters to Mike Brittain, Areno's parole officer (Areno has a 1988 drug-trafficking charge on his record), Harper also alleges that Areno threatened him with his mafia connections, a charge that Areno laughingly denies.

A month prior to the incident, Public Safety officers were investigating the theft of a university computer. Areno and some of his coworkers were among those questioned in connection with the theft. Areno alleged that, while Detective Lieutenant Martin Moody had questioned his coworkers, Harper personally questioned Areno, after having two officers escort Areno to his office.

Areno said that the questioning centered on another maintenance employee who was under suspicion.

"[Harper] started asking me about [my coworker] and threatened to throw me back in prison if I lied," said Areno.

Areno said that, during the course of the questioning, Harper suggested that he submit to a lie-detector test, to which he agreed. Harper then told him that the test would be unnecessary.

Areno said that he was then allowed to leave, and that he was also told he would not be allowed to re-enter the field house. A report filed by Harper claims that Areno posed a security risk to Public Safety's computer system.

"During the interview, and realizing that Mr. Areno is a felon, I came to the conclusion that ... he was required to come in and out of my complex at will, thereby having access to any and all

areas of our police department," Harper said in his letter to Brittain. "I informed him at that time that he was being trespassed from the building and would not be permitted to return."

The next day, Areno filed a grievance with Dianne Sortini, director of employee relations and training. Sortini informed him that he would have to file a formal complaint through Public Safety.

Areno said that he later received a letter from his supervisor, Director of Facilities Operations Jack Colby, allow-

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## Dining survey results in



The University Dining program implemented a student survey to discover areas of satisfaction and those that need improvement in the current dining program.

**Ayren Jackson**  
Staff Writer

The University Dining program at N.C. State recently completed a student survey that will help to assess both the current dining program and the plans for improvements in the future.

The main goal of the survey was to inform University Dining of students' satisfaction with the services provided by the program.

By incorporating feedback from all of the customers (students, faculty and staff), the dining management hopes to design programs that meet the rigorous demands of NCSU students and the university community.

"From the feedback which the surveys provide, [the University Dining management staff] are actively learning and making changes where needed," said

Randy Lait, director and business officer of University Dining.

The online survey was conducted throughout the spring semester. The survey was conducted on a voluntary basis and open to all who wished to voice their opinions. A total of 340 responses were received, and many additional comments were given.

The survey provided University Dining an opportunity to acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of the program. According to the survey, "Convenience of the meal plans and the all-around variety of service available" were two of University Dining's strongest qualities. Aspects of the program that University Dining hopes to improve include the menu at Fountain Dining Hall and overcrowding at the Atrium.

"The responses given on the surveys

were honest and included useful suggestions for the future of University Dining," said Lait.

According to the survey, very few participants were aware of some of the additional services that University Dining provides.

With the all-you-can-eat layout of Fountain Dining Hall, the Wolves' Den Sports Restaurant and the convenience and variety of the many on-campus fast food eateries, University Dining offers a variety of places for students, faculty and staff to eat.

Providing quality food and service is the foundation of the dining program at NCSU. The goal is to provide wholesome, nutritious meals in pleasant dining rooms with an emphasis on customer service.

Lisa Ebberhard, the University

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## Changes underway to increase accessibility

◆ **Although many changes were made last year to make NCSU's campus accessible for the Special Olympics athletes, more improvements are planned to further accommodate faculty, staff and students with physical disabilities.**

**Stella Litsas**  
Staff Writer

N.C. State is a large, busy campus, and sometimes students who are physically limited may find it difficult to make their way around. In the past, the NCSU campus may not have been entirely convenient for these students. Fortunately, procedures are currently in place to make the campus more accessible.

Last year, significant changes were made to the NCSU campus in order to make it more accessible for the athletes participating in the Special Olympics. In addition, more than 100 buildings on campus have been designed and constructed to allow easy access between the entrances and the parking or public transportation areas, making it convenient for the physically disabled to enter on the first floor.

NCSU currently appropriates several hundred thousand dollars a year for accessibility work. Some of these projects are just getting wrapped up this summer, said Randy Reggi, intern architect and project manager.

NCSU will be designing a group of projects worth \$400,000 for accessibility work on buildings around campus, said Reggi. Because a lot of the university buildings are old, he said that it will require minor renovations for the entrances to be made more accessible through the installation of door hardware, automatic door operators, thresholds and widened doorways for wheelchairs.

"That's what's next on the list," said Reggi.

Some of the areas on campus that provide the most difficulty for the physically disabled are the main pedestrian routes. With this in mind, NCSU planners have designed and proposed a five-year plan for accessible route projects that will soon be underway.

"As far as [providing access to the physically disabled] across campus and exterior routes, I think we've got everything planned. It's only a matter of time and money," said Reggi.

Partially completed to date is a pedestrian

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## Latest "Windhover" revealed

◆ **A facet of the NCSU community for nearly forty years, "Windhover" offers students a chance to express themselves in a personal way for a public audience.**

**Heather Miller**  
Staff Writer

The 2000 edition of "Windhover," N.C. State's literary magazine, will be unveiled Friday at the NCSU Crafts Center. A reception is planned to celebrate the publication and to applaud all of those who had a hand in its creation.

The affair, which runs from 5-7 p.m., will include refreshments and musical entertainment from the NCSU guitar quartet. The

event will also feature a poetry reading at 6 p.m. by some of the poets and short story writers who contributed to this year's magazine. Everyone is invited to attend.

This year's edition will be available free of charge at the reception. It will also be distributed to the dorms and pertinent areas on campus, such as the library, over the weekend.

The "Windhover" has been a facet of the NCSU community for nearly forty years. Five times since 1992 it has received the Pacemaker Award, which is the highest honor for a magazine of its kind.

The magazine received over 300 submissions this year. Of those, 22 poems and four short stories were selected, in addition to

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## Godfrey's position pending board approval

◆ **A. Blanton Godfrey will replace David Buchanan, interim dean of the college, in July, if the installation is approved by the UNC Board of Governors.**

**Spaine Stephens**  
News Editor

Pending a decision of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, the state-of-the-art College of Textiles at N.C. State will receive yet another stronghold.

A. Blanton Godfrey will become the college's new dean beginning July 1, 2000, if the Board of Governors votes to approve the appointment at its May 19 meeting.



"[Godfrey] is interested in making the College of Textiles a major intellectual resource base for the textiles industry," said Kermit Hall, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Godfrey has been an adjunct professor of textiles at NCSU since 1995, giving lectures to graduate students on campus and conducting workshops for workers in the textile field. His lessons have focused on issues involving quality management.

Godfrey's plans for the college will strengthen the school's already solid foundation. He is interested in internationalization of the College of

Textiles' student body and curriculum. Godfrey plans to put these changes in effect by enhanced distance learning and the use of technology-based courses, according to Hall.

Godfrey currently serves as chairman and CEO of Juran Institute in Wilton, Connecticut. The firm focuses on management research, education and consulting. During his 12 years at Juran, Godfrey led the institute to support and train companies in more than 55 countries. He spent 14 years in quality assessment and management at AT&T, and has held teaching positions at universities across the country.

Godfrey will take the reins from David Buchanan, who was interim dean of the College of Textiles after

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Puppy love

Left: Carmel Martin, an animal science research technician, must patiently explain to Jasmine why she can't have any of her roast beef sandwich. (See GUY/STAR)



### GAD receives grants to fund education, development

The board of the A.J. Fletcher Foundation awarded a grant of \$20,000 to the gallery to help underwrite a new program to increase visibility, membership and financial support. Through its

membership organization, Friends of the Gallery, a new membership campaign and increased marketing and public relations activities will expose more people to the gallery and its nationally significant exhibitions and collections.

The North Carolina Arts Council also awarded \$12,000 to the gallery to help fund education and outreach during the fiscal year 1999-2000. The grant enables the gallery to more effectively share NCSU's rich collection of ceramics, textiles, furniture, photography, outsider art, glass and graphic design, in addition to exhibitions of the highest aesthetic quality, with diverse and growing audiences. It further provides the means to share knowledge, experience and resources with the people of the community, state, region and nation.

The American Craft Council awarded the gallery \$5,000 for its exhibition "Cultures Revealed: Appliques from Around the World, Selections from the Nell Bartle Brooker Sommermann Collection," through its educational grant program. The GAD was one of 12 craft and educational organizations nationwide to receive support from the American Craft Council, which aims to support organizations for which the impact of funding is significant and whose outreach reflects cultural and ethnic diversity.

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Harper could not be reached for comment on this story.

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ing him access to the Public Safety building.

When he received orders on Feb. 9 to perform routine alarm checks in the Public Safety building, Areno asked his supervisor, Assistant Director of Facilities Operations John Young, if he was allowed to work in the area. Young told him that there was no problem. (Young recently left NCSU to work for a private company in Research Triangle Park, according to Willis Beardall, assistant director of facilities operations.)

Upon arriving at Public Safety on Feb. 9, Areno asked Police Communications Center Supervisor Kevin Grizzard if he would need an escort while inspecting the building's fire alarms. Grizzard told him he would not need an escort, according to Areno.

Areno said he proceeded to work his way through the building, performing his inspection. He inspected Harper's office last.

"When I got to his office, Harper was in [Public Safety Administrative Assistant III] Lucie Ennis' office next door," said Areno. "I walked up to him and told him I was here to check the alarms."

Areno alleged that Harper reached for him and demanded to know why he was in the building. Areno said that he attempted to show Colby's letter, which cleared him to enter the field house, to Harper.

According to a statement signed by Ennis, who witnessed the incident, Areno then shoved Harper in the chest.

Harper attempted to escort Areno to the investigations' office of the department. Instead, Areno left the building and radioed his supervisor from his vehicle.

Two of Areno's supervisors — Young and Rick Warlick, supervisor of electronic systems — signed statements saying that they, arrived at the field house and spoke with Harper. They assured Harper that Areno was in the building under department orders.

The following day, Feb. 10, officers from the Raleigh Police Department arrested Areno. Areno said he explained the situation to the magistrate and was able to sign himself out on \$500 unsecured bond.

Charlene Hayes, associate vice chancellor for human resources, carried out an internal investigation into the dueling assault charges.

"[Areno] came to us with his concerns, we investigated them, and management is responding appropriately," said Hayes.

Hayes' report states that "Chief Harper's reasons for issuing a no trespassing order against Mr. Areno are weak ... Chief Harper did not follow Public Safety's own practice regarding the issuance of Trespass Warnings ... [and] Mr. Areno took reasonable precautions to assure that his presence in Public Safety would not cause a problem."

Hayes' report states that Harper's position in the matter is weakened by two facts:

"The altercation occurred in Public Safety's facilities where Chief Harper had the support and backup of other officers. If he felt threatened during his encounter with Mr. Areno, he was in the best position possible to address the issue at that time."

"Rick Warlick and John Young met with Chief Harper immediately after the altercation, but Chief Harper never mentioned any assault on him by Mr. Areno.

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### Lawn Party to benefit two organizations on campus

Delta Sigma Phi has selected two on-campus service organizations to receive proceeds from Lawn Party 2000. Lawn Party will be an alcohol-free benefit concert that will take place on the campus of N.C. State in September 2000. Delta Sigma Phi held an applications process for on-campus service organizations to apply to be selected as Lawn Party charities. This process ended at noon on Friday, April 28.

### Corrections:

1) In Tuesday's "Technician's View," Vice Provost for Information Technology Sam Avertit was quoted as saying that "while [the MP3.com case] definitely has an impact on [N.C. State], it doesn't have as much of an impact as the Napster case does." Avertit was further quoted as saying that "at this point, nothing has come down from on high" regarding the university's policy on mp3 technology and its illegal uses. Avertit did not make those comments. The quotations actually came from Stan North Martin, NCSU ResNet coordina-

evening as the third charity. Delta Sigma Phi will most likely add a fourth charity in the coming weeks.

### NCSU dance company holds spring concert

The NCSU dance company will present its annual spring concert on May 5 and 6, 2000. The concert will be at 8 p.m., in the Stewart Theatre which is conveniently located on campus. The concert will present *Dove Sei Tu, Romeo?* choreographed by Jack Arnold, *(Another) A Musing Machine* by Sean Curran, *Keeping Score and Funny* by Rowd Kyles Finley, and *Resort (or How I Should Love to Marry)* and *Canoe* by Robin Harris.

For tickets you can call 515-1100. Adult tickets cost \$7.

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2) In Monday's story on the April 28 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting ("Board of Trustees addresses tuition, facilities, new land"), it was reported that Vernon Malone, chair of the BOT's student and campus affairs committee, had suggested during the meeting that Chancellor Marie Anne Fox nominate a faculty member for a position on the BOT. This information was incorrect. According to an E-mail received from Clare Kristofen, executive assistant to the chancellor and secretary of the university, Malone actually suggested that Fox



Faculty/Staff \$6, and student tickets cost \$4. For more information, contact Robin Harris at the dance program. Her number is 515-7034.

recommend a member of her NCSU staff to be the assistant secretary to the BOT. Such a position would be a liaison position and would carry no voting power as an actual BOT member. In the words of Kristofen's E-mail: "At no point during the Nominating committee meeting — nor during the full Board meeting — was there any discussion about adding any additional members to the Board of Trustees. The composition of the Board of Trustees at N.C. State and all UNC institutions is mandated by the state and is detailed in the UNC Code." Technician regrets any inconvenience created by this error.

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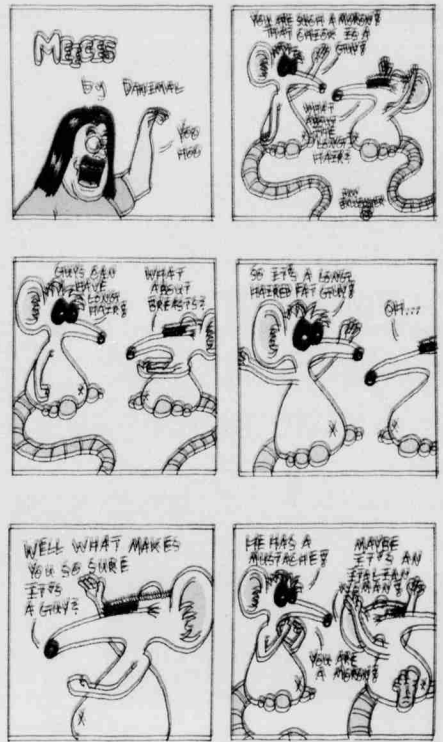


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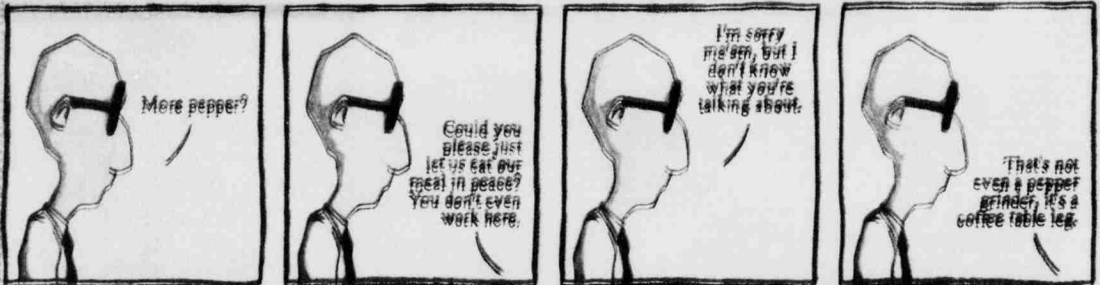
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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

# Partnership yields benefits

Partnerships are big at N.C. State, but until recently they have been limited to the bustling industrial center that Centennial Campus is becoming. Partnership efforts between the university and businesses are helping everybody get ahead and a few weeks ago the Raleigh City government saw what a partnership between itself and NCSU could accomplish.

Fortunately, it led to the downfall of a dangerous drug ring. Unfortunately, it took that large and dangerous amount of drugs to remind the city that the connection between it and the university is indeed very intimate and unbreakable.

As Raleigh continues to look northward to the fastest growing and richest area of the city, it has, for the past few years, forgotten that the state's largest school resides within its borders. This lack of communication, amongst other things, has resulted in the death of Hillsborough Street and the trials and tribulations regarding the new Entertainment and Sports Arena (ESA).

Looking to the future, if Raleigh is to become the city it is, leaders and citizens want it to be, it will have to, at some point, start with NCSU and the Hillsborough Street area. No longer can the City Council look outward and leave the middle to collapse in upon itself. The best way to develop a city is upward, not outward, as the prevailing city philosophy has been.

The recent development of plans to overhaul the appearance of Hillsborough Street is a

step in that direction, but for it to mean something is going to require more than new bricks and a fresh layer of asphalt.

It will require, for example, street-closing events such as ArtsFest and Alive After

Five, or an entirely new event, to be moved to the new-and-improved Hillsborough Street and tied in with the university, bringing people from all over the city to see what this area is becoming. Campus cultural groups, service groups and entertainment clubs would then have an outlet to show not only to other students, but citizens of the city what is going on in this "little city" we call a school.

It will also require a change in the parking and traffic schemes to make it easy for citizens of Raleigh to frequent the area and for students to do something simple—cross the street and shop (pumping dollars into the area economy) without having to take precautionary measures such as signing a will.

The City Council, if it wants to continue the city's unprecedented growth, will have to realize this eventually if it wants to keep graduates here and keep good university employees coming.

The university's ability to impact the city doesn't have to be limited merely to arenas, jobs, tax dollars and drug rings. NCSU brings a lot of unique abilities and features to the table, all it needs is someone sitting across from it to listen.

## Leasing laws and you

**Contributing Writer**  
**Pam Gerace**

You have lined up that all-clusive job for the summer. No more classes, tests or projects for the next few months. You even have the summer addresses for all of your friends. What have you forgotten?

Your lease. You remember when you signed your lease last August that you asked your landlord if it was possible to just have a nine-month lease. You knew then that you would not be here for the summer and did not want to have to pay for those summer months you were gone. You remember your landlord clearly telling you not to worry about that, because you could work it out. So you talk to landlord about that now, but now it is a problem. The landlord has more apartments than tenants.

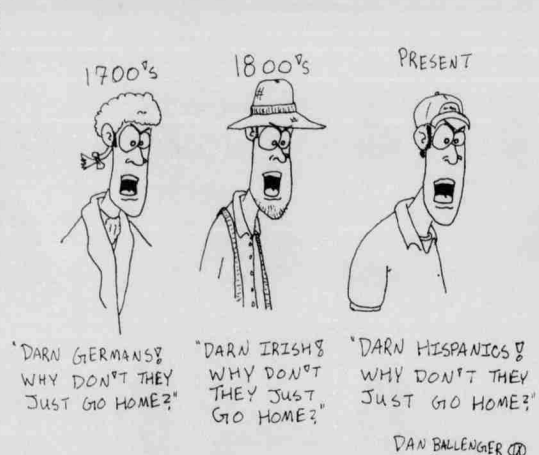
When the landlord told you no problem, what they did not tell you is that if you break your lease, the consequence is that you are still liable for rent until someone else replaces you on the lease. When you sign a lease, you are signing a contract. The

only way out is if the landlord and whoever else signed the lease to agree to change it—and that does not normally happen.

One option is to try and get someone to move in for the summer until you get back—known as subletting. Most leases in North Carolina have a clause that says you cannot sublet without the landlord's permission. Usually, the landlord will give permission if they check out the person first. If they usually have a problem with tenants if they pay their rent late, disturb other tenants or do damage.

Keep in mind that, if the landlord lets you do this, you are still responsible for the apartment while you sublet. If the person subletting does any damage or does not pay the rent, the landlord will come after you. You are also going to be held liable for all the utilities in your name, if they do not pay those, including that \$500.00 long distance bill they run up. You need to be careful who sublets. Student Legal Services has sublet and roommate agreements to help make the responsibilities of each party clear.

You can also just try to find



# On fate and friendship

**Staff Columnist**  
**Kelly Marks**

In the seventh grade, I met a girl who was just a little under five feet tall. She was ultra skinny, had a laugh which jangled like pocket change, only louder, and sometimes in her more morbid moods she would pretend to choke herself with her hair. For one whole year, she was my best friend. Then school let out for the summer and we both moved away.

After several years of scattered correspondence and one awkward weekend visit, we sort of drifted apart. Two or three letters a month have given way to one mandatory Christmas greeting page, where we both take half a page to sum up 365 days of living, briefly recount every personal joke we had together in that nine month period, almost a decade ago, and then express our hope that the other is doing OK.

Part of me is a little saddened by this. There's this person walking around in the world that I once trusted with all the hopes, fears and hang ups of my twelfth year on Earth and now I'm not sure if I'd even recognize her on the street. And the thing is, she's not the only person walking around there like that—carrying some part of me in their

lucky pocket, having left their own fuzzy piece of lint behind in mine.

The thing is, people come and go. There are some we can hold onto longer than others—those with whom, no matter how many volumes of life you experience apart, you can both still find your way to the same page. But there are also those who will get away. It doesn't matter how big a space they took up in your life, how big a hole they filled or how much they meant or still mean. Things change, and people change too.

Somewhere on this campus is the girl that threw the first slumber party I ever went to. I saw her on the Wolfline one day, getting off at CHASS. Somewhere else is the person who has the "ST EMDS" necklace to complement my "BE FRI" one. We got them in the fourth grade. We had a conversation once freshman year, when we bumped into each other in the dorms. These years of living unaware of each other's lives can override the years where those lives were lived out in the same school hallways and after-school programs.

So what is the point? What's the point in making friends, in getting close to people, in trusting and sharing and opening up when you're just going to have to start all over again in another year or two?

Well, it's pretty obvious. You can't live your life in a bubble and, no matter how independent you are, there are times when other people are just nice to have around. But it goes beyond that.

Have you ever wondered what your life would be like if you had never met someone? It's all so precarious and fragile and just sort of serendipitous how we meet the people we meet. What if your last name had been different, you'd been placed in a different first grade class or your parents hadn't shipped you off to summer camp?

I'm pretty sure you wouldn't be exactly the same person you are now. By missing even one person, you miss everything they bring to the relationship, however superficial or deep it may run. There's some lesson you may not learn, some laugh that wouldn't have been tucked away in your heart for all time.

Had I not met my friend in seventh grade, I might never have been introduced to Guns and Roses. I'd have never adopted

## Forwarding detachment

**Staff Columnist**  
**Mark Anderson**

>>>>Fwd. Re: >>>>Fwd.

This familiar string of symbols often graces the subject line on e-mails. The subject line exists for the sender to summarize the message in a few key words or a catch phrase. But, this type of phrase abuses that opportunity.

When I read >>>>Fwd. Re: >>>>Fwd" in my e-mail inbox, I scroll to the delete button about as fast as I throw away junk mail that litters my "snail" mailbox.

Only when I am very curious or procrastinating do I give the e-mail a second look (and I do not need help procrastinating).

After receiving mail in the tangible mailbox for more than a decade, I estimate that I have received one or two pieces of junk mail that have made any impact on my life, even in the slightest. There was that one 25-cent coupon back in '87, though. Notwithstanding, junk mail has a new cousin in the virtual branch of communication, Spam, or junk e-mail, litters my inbox just like advertisements and credit card promotions in the ol' mailbox at the end of the driveway.

You give your address to some company and they send you product updates or special deals. Oh, and they might also tell a list of addresses, with your name and mailing information included, to marketing companies.

But, Spam has a little brother,

too: the friendly forward. This is the funny, touching or informing message that has 37 other people and their e-mail lists as having received the message, along with the requisite series of >>>>, Fwd's and re:.

I am sure you people send these e-mails with good intentions. You seek to reach out to your friends with a quick and sometimes helpful or entertaining message of virtual contact.

For example, I have received informative e-mails telling me to beware of government action or inaction, as the case determines. I have received e-mails requesting me to sign the petition to raise money for little Jimmy in the name of the universe, by urging me to pass along the annoying virtual hug. No thanks. Try appealing to me another way.

Spam, that old passive fellow sitting in my inbox, quietly offers to stop bothering you to unsubscribe, just click reply. "Sorry to bother you," it seems to say. Beside the passive spam sits a more active, even antagonistic e-mail: that friendly forward. Indeed, the friendly forward often informs its reader that he or she has no friends—if the e-mail is not forwarded.

If you send this to 10 people within one hour when you received it, then you are a true friend. Or, if 10 of your friends respond to you within two days, then you have 10 true friends.

What a little device this is. Forward is, deriding its reader in the face of possible deletion: I can see it dancing around with little horns and a pitchfork now.

Hahaha! I successfully deceived this pathetic, unsuspecting fellow! It seems to whisper, after laying on the guilt of necessary response.

You might as well read tarot cards or the horoscope if you believe that hogwash. What basis does some halfhearted e-mail have in telling me how many friends I have? Or what kind of friend I am?

A more telling indicator is the number of personal letters or personal e-mails a person receives and sends. The time taken to sit down and think about one's feelings or activities and the effort taken in expressing them in sincere words is clearly indicative of a person's friendship with the intended recipient. Your friend cares enough about you to set aside time and distractions to connect with you.

Often I sift through the junk of forwards in search of that one precious jewel, the personal e-mail. The feeling is very much the same to that one I feel opening the mailbox door to find a handwritten letter. That moment of joy springs from the sublime realization of compassion, which I realize my friend has for me when I read the thoughtful message.

The friendly forward is deceptive. It is a lackadaisical attempt to connect with people, when (sadly) ultimately serves only to detach those friends from interpersonal communication.

Stop sending those forwards. With the new time you are

## Playing the game



**Staff Columnist**  
**Rachel Overcash**

As the school year draws to an end, everyone is sprinting to cross the finish line. Final tests are being passed, lab reports are being finished up and everyone is trying to scrap out that last term paper. Along with being concerned about schoolwork, N.C. State student's everywhere are trying to wrap up their game.

Now you are probably asking what game I'm talking about. Well, it is the game that almost every person between the ages of 17 and 25 is playing. Depending on your "player status," everyone will vary in their level of intensity in the game.

Some people are the captains of the team, some are bench-warmers, some are waiting on the sidelines hoping to get chosen, some are already placed way in the outfield and others are still deciding what team to play for. However, no matter what your player status, you are still playing.

Now, at this point, if you have some level of brain functioning, you probably have already realized that I am not talking about baseball. In actuality, I am talking about the game of love.

The game of love is a confusing one, one which has been played ever since the dawn of time. In the past, the game was about finding an adequate mate in order to procreate healthy children (many times based on physical features, but we won't get into that).

However, in our twenty-something society, today, the people playing the game care about appearance, dress and attitude. No one really thinks, "Wow! He is tall. I should go after him. I want tall children because they could potentially be healthier."

Our music, magazines and books try to provide instructions on how to play the game. However, guys and girls are pawns in this relationship propaganda. Maxim and Cosmopolitan are littered with advice on how to get a mate, how to keep a mate and how to score with your mate. However, this is not where the love advice stops. Today's sitcoms such as Friends and songs like "What a girl wants" only further enforce this false advice.

All these pieces of advice from the so-called experts on the game of love are totally subjective. How does the editor of Maxim know what it takes to get the attention of that cute girl in your bio-chemistry class?

Answer: I don't. The only way you are going to get that girl or guy is to follow your heart.

Do what your heart tells you to do. If you want to call that girl, do it. If you want to ask that hot guy out, do it. If you get burnt on the way, then at least you learned something.

However, after all the advice from magazines, TV, movies, music and your friends, many times people still can't quite get their "swing" down—no matter how hard they try.

Players may often wonder why they are even in the game, and many times complain of "rejection." Many begin to ask, "Why do we even bother to play?"

Answer: the game is fun. It is fun to date others, it is fun to sample others and it is fun to try new things out. Don't be dismayed—all this sampling of others is not in vain.

Think of it as a scientific experiment. If you don't try lots of different options, you will never be able to eliminate what you like and don't like when it comes to finding that ultimate mate.

## CHANGES

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bridge that is accessible from the Brickyard to the Biological Resource Center, and that is intended to provide access to the main entrance of the library.

"The primary goal is to get [people] to the Dan Allen parking deck

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so that [they] can get to the Brickyard and into the library," said Reggi.

Another plan, according to Reggi, is to provide ramp access to the Brickyard from Hillsborough Street. In fact, the study for ramp access feasibility is complete.

Reggi said that a few years ago some students requested to gain access to a traffic path from Current Drive to the Winston/Caldwell area. "We've been working on a design to provide an accessible route through there," said Reggi. But the plan requires quite a large change to the Court of North Carolina, he said.

Reggi also mentioned that this change requires a lot of new pavement, preferably brick, and that would be costly. However, he said that using asphalt for a cost of \$200,000 could save some money. If all goes as planned, the project should be under construction by the fall semester.

Access from north to south campus is critical for athletes in the Special Olympics, and today here is still no accessible route to go straight across the parallel ends of

campus. Reggi said that there was a plan approximately 30 years ago to build a new express tunnel that would provide access between north and south campus.

Today, this has many NCSU affiliates waiting for the plan to move forward.

"It's something that needs to be done," said Reggi.

The Triangle Transit Authority had planned to make a transit stop at Ricks and Mann Halls. The plan was to widen the road and add another lane to make it easier for the bus to pull over and drop off people. This project would have cost an estimated \$3 million, and Reggi said that because there was never any money to do it, it was never done.

"This is a project I would like to see done," said Reggi. "We would like to [add] an accessible express tunnel; it's time for it to happen," he said.

When it comes to access issues, people usually tend to concentrate on the removal of physical barriers on campus, but many other changes are in effect to address access issues on campus, such as the availability of equipment and

technology.

"All the machines are already developed and available on campus; anyone can come and check them out," said Patricia D. Smith, coordinator of disability services for students.

Technology to increase the font size on the computer screen is available for students who are blind or have low vision abilities. Another useful piece of computer equipment for the disabled is a voice output system known as JAWS. The program voices whatever the student may have typed. Similar to JAWS is a program called Supernova, which combines voice output and large print.

Listening enhancement devices, which are currently being installed in larger classrooms that have audio-visual systems, are provided for students who are hard of hearing.

Smith said that as of last Monday, a new technologies' specialist will be coordinating technology access at NCSU.

"He will be able to make a coordinated effort throughout campus and a plan for the whole university," said Smith.

## DEAN

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the resignation of Robert Barnhardt at the end of 1999.

The College of Textiles at NCSU is the largest university-based school for textiles in the country. It produces a large number of textile workers annually, and is strong in various areas of the industry.

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## REVEALED

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some artwork. The eighteen-member "Windhover" staff selected the works.

"We have a variety of students on staff, from the English major looking at literary aspects to the Biochem students who just like what sounds good," said Emily Townley, "Windhover" editor.

"This year, we really tried to focus on diversity in the pieces. We felt it was important that the selected works represent a cross-section of the campus," she said.

Townley added that one of the

## DINING

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Dining dietician, is available free of charge to provide students with free diet consultations, or any diet information that they may need. Very few survey participants were aware of her presence on campus.

Eberhardt, who practices at Cary Diet Therapy, not only works with University Dining, but she also works with the Athletics Department and the Student Health Center.

"With certain Dining Hall concerns being addressed repeatedly, we have made an effort to make influential changes for the fall semester," said Lat.

Some of these changes include the addition of an executive chef at Fountain Dining Hall, Jon Bosche, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, will be responsible for the efficiency of Fountain's kitchen, the quality of the food and the planning of the new menu for the fall semester.

In addition, the University Dining Web page will feature a

assets of "Windhover" is that it shows people outside of NCSU that "we are not just a math and science school, but that there is a vital literary community on campus."

More importantly perhaps, the magazine offers students a chance to express themselves in a personal way for a public audience. It also allows students, faculty and staff an opportunity to become involved in an award-winning book. Senior Design students are responsible for the layout of the magazine. Kyle Blue and Michael Metz created this year's book.

"It's really wonderful that students get to act in all aspects of creating a book," said Townley.

new link entitled "Rate the Menu." This option will allow students, faculty and staff to rate their favorite menus online, while providing the feedback that University Dining needs to maintain the satisfaction of its customers.

In response to the survey, the meal plan categories for the fall semester have undergone a few changes, as well. The new breakdown is as follows: any 7 meals (as opposed to the 7 dinners only of previous years), any 10 meals, any 12 meals, any 14 meals and any 16 meals. All meal plans will require Board Bucks, except for the any 14 meals and the any 16 meals. In these two meal plans, Board Bucks will be optional.

With the continuation of the survey in years to come, University Dining hopes to continue to provide quality service and dedication to the students, faculty and staff.

"I would like to sincerely thank those students who did complete the survey and who gave their helpful comments," said Lat. "We take all suggestions and ideas seriously, and we want to continuously improve the state of University Dining," he said.

"And it's outstanding that the graphic design students will graduate having already designed a full book," she said.

The "Windhover" staff is already looking toward next year. They are accepting submissions for the 2001 edition. Submissions can be made to the "Windhover" office at 314 Witherspoon Student Center. Also, any design students interested in working for the "Windhover" in the upcoming year should contact the magazine. Any questions about the "Windhover", its operations or the upcoming reception can be addressed to Townley at 512-2549.

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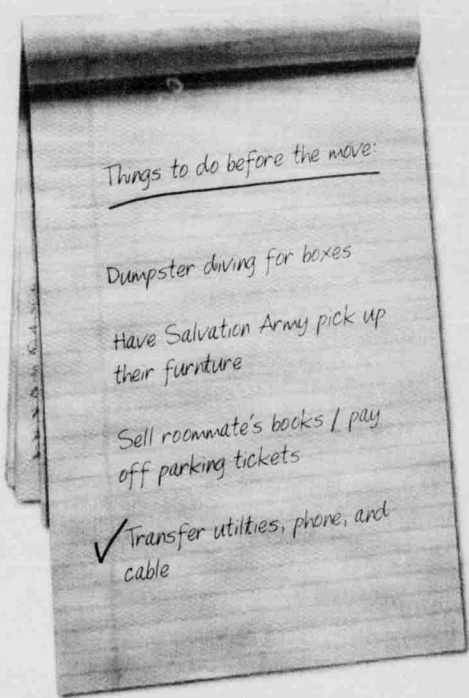
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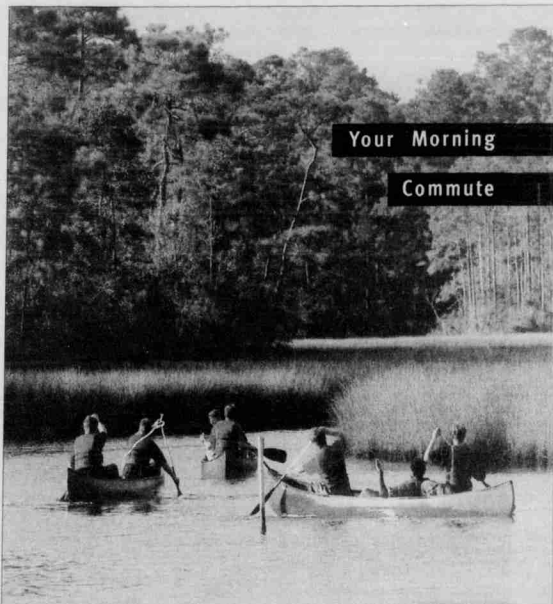
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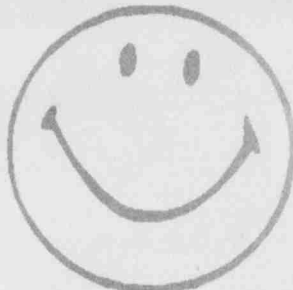
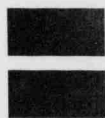
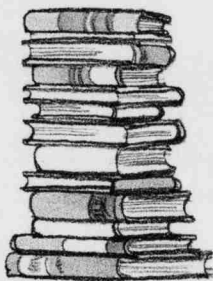
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## Task force chose wrong method

I can't believe the decision reached by the task force regarding ticket distribution for the big games. Distributing tickets should be a fair and simple process. We do our homework online, we register for classes online and we communicate with our friends online. What is simpler than an online ticket distribution? What is the purpose of standing in a line with all the technology we have?

The proposed idea of having students line up in front of Reynolds is a logistical nightmare! Do you really want 5,000 students spread between Reynolds and Riddick while the administration "randomly" selects students who will get tickets? How will you be able to sit with your friends if the 100th person gets front row while his girlfriend behind him gets 10th row? That doesn't make sense. Anytime you have a large gathering of students you have a potential problem. I am not implying that riots will occur in the future as with campout, but any mass gathering is taking a risk. Ticket distribution should be very simple and should be designed in such a way so that it is student-friendly. I will not get into the specifications of exactly how an online policy should be designed but it is very feasible. I am appalled at the current idea on the table and don't think that students will agree with it. I encourage the task force to rethink their idea and give the students a chance to vote on the issue.

Andy Domina  
Freshman  
Computer Science

## Attendance policy flawed

Last semester in a communication class, confident of my grades and being within my allotted absences, I went to my professor to make sure that I was correct in what I thought was my absence total. I was surprised to hear that my absences were much greater than I anticipated.

My professor had accounted the dates for which I was not in class, but what I saw were dates of absences before I had even enrolled for the class. I explained to my professor that it was a mistake because I had not even registered for the class but she corrected me in saying that the attendance policy issues unexcused absences for classes that students have missed whether they are registered or not. This issue is not addressed by the attendance policy.

This gives professors the right to take off attendance points for a class that a student is not registered for at that time. Is this fair? Should we be punished for taking advantage of the grace period for adding or dropping a class? What is more absurd is that other students in that same class used all of their absences allotted for the semester because they registered even later than I. If this is not changed, then my suggestion would be to set your schedule in stone now so you don't realize later that your grade will be lessened for changing your mind.

Janice Wilson  
Junior  
Mass Communication

## GAME

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Too often players try to adapt to society's standards of what you should do while playing the game. In college, playing the game is much more acceptable, yet there are still stipulations on the boundaries of the field.

My question is, why should there be boundaries? Why should you not do what your heart is telling you to do while playing the game? Why can't you date several people at once in order to see what they are like?

Come on, let's be straight; not everyone one you date is going to be Prince Charming or Cinderella. Yeah, it is nice to play the game with someone you love, but that is not reality. It is OK to hook up with someone that you don't want to marry. It is OK to have fun with someone; it is our human instinct.

It is our human instinct to be attracted to another human. To want to discover more about them, to want to discover what makes them tick. That is perfectly normal.

You should not let some magazine tell you that you shouldn't call that guy or girl because it is not the accepted thing to do. Do what your instinct and heart tells you to do. I guarantee you will be better off in the long run, no matter how bad it hurts getting there.

Being that this is the last of my columns for this year, I would like to thank my few readers out there, many of which I have to remind to read my column. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer break. Please e-mail rtoverca@unity.ncsu.edu with any questions or comments

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Roses. I'd have never adopted the phrase "aw, man" into my speaking vocabulary and I doubt I would still remember that Hakodate is a city in Japan.

I think that we meet people when we're supposed to and that we keep them for as long as there is a mutual need. With each friendship, we are shaped into something a little more like the people we're meant to become.

I met my friend when it was meant to happen. At a time in my life when everything seemed too much, too weird or too wrong, she was there to go off with, confide in and to understand. Together we both found our way to the place where the rest of our lives was supposed to begin, and it doesn't matter that that was where our paths diverged.

We are both better people for having known each other.

I've been thinking about this friend a bit lately—about all of these past friends, actually—and I think I finally figured out why. I'm trying not to think about my friends now. After four years of meeting and greeting people and finding my own little support group here at school, all too many of them are about to go off and get on with the rest of their lives. While they're all panicking about how "Ohmygosh, they're leaving," all I can do is think, "Ohmygosh, they're leaving."

And I know that I'm about to lose some friends all over again. Sure we'll all have the best of intentions at first, but time doesn't really care about intentions or meaning well or any other such plans and promises. Time goes on. Before long, we'll be sending each other Christmas cards and leaving it at that.

So all I can do is say this. I am a better person for everyone I've met in my college career. I would not be the person I am today if I hadn't met one of them—even the ones I'd rather deny having ever known. My suitmates, my roommates, my studio-mates and all of the sundry people in between that fate just sort of threw into the mix—I'm carrying all of you with me, all of my life. In small ways and some not so small ways, I'm because of you.

You know there's not a lot I believe in, but I believe in Fate. And I would like to thank Her personally for her excellent taste in my friends.

*Kelly wants to tell all of her friends, just because you're getting out of here first, don't get so big for your britches that you can't say hello or drop her a line. BFF. RHYS, but most importantly, KIT. Her e-mail, lest you forget, is kmmarks@unity.ncsu.edu.*

## MAIL

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With the new time you are afforded, write a simple, yet sincere e-mail to those whom you love, your friends and acquaintances. People are not numbers that fulfill some virtual prophecy of true friendship. People are like you and me, hoping for that momentary joy and lasting inspiration a sincere letter or e-mail gives.

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## LAWS

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someone to replace you totally on the lease, but that still needs approval from everyone who signed the lease. If you do find someone to take your place on the lease, then your responsibility for the apartment ends once they sign off on the lease. Many times when you take this option, the landlord has some additional forms they want you to sign. Read it and understand it before you sign it. If you are not sure what it says, bring a copy by Student Legal Services. If the landlord will not give you a copy to study, then it is not worth signing.

As well, some leases have an early termination clause. Those clauses set out ahead of time what you agree to pay to break your lease, such as one or two-month's rent. You only have this option if it is written in your lease or if you and the landlord work this out later. Again, the other people on the lease have to agree. If none of the above occurs, then there is no way out of your lease without having to continue to pay rent every month. The law does not recognize the defense of a bad roommate!

But what can you do if you have a bad roommate? Basically, both of you are stuck with each other. Landlords and the courts are not very sympathetic with roommates who do not get along.

That normally is not going to get you out of your lease. If your roommate is not paying their bills, the creditors are not going to excuse those bills. They are still going to expect payment in full, especially for those bills that are in your name. In order not to have your credit damaged, you will have to go ahead and pay the bills in full and then possibly sue your roommate on those bills.

You may want to talk to your landlord to see if they will give you any options such as moving into a one-bedroom apartment or letting you out of the lease early. It

is always a good idea to have a roommate agreement, especially if the roommate has not signed the lease. If they have not signed anything, however, they are still liable on their oral agreement with you. As unfair as it is if one person does not live up to their obligations, your only option is to go through the court system.

For those whose leases are ending now, there are some things you can do to improve the chances of getting all, if not most, of your security deposit back -- unless you have totally trashed the place. Our office always suggests that you take photographs of your apartment once you have moved out. It makes it easier for a judge to decide whether something is clean or not on an objective basis instead of just listening to each side say that it is or is not clean.

You also may want to rent a steam cleaner to go over the carpets. Make sure that all of the trash is removed and call the city to see if and when they will pick up your large curb trash, because many times, the landlord will charge you for a trip to the dump for the curb trash. Make sure that you clean thoroughly and that you have witnesses who can indicate the condition of the apartment when you leave. Student Legal Services has a detailed checklist of what you may want to do.

You actually have a law office here on-campus that is just for the students. Your student fees pay for this office, and there are no other charges to use this office. The attorneys will help you with anything from just giving legal advice to reviewing and creating legal documents, even possibly going to court with you. It is a great bargain.

*Pam Gerace is the director of N.C. State's Student Legal Services, and will be contributing regularly next year. She will respond to the general issues that arise in her office, as well as specific questions. Feel free to e-mail your thoughts or questions to pam\_gerace@ncsu.edu.*

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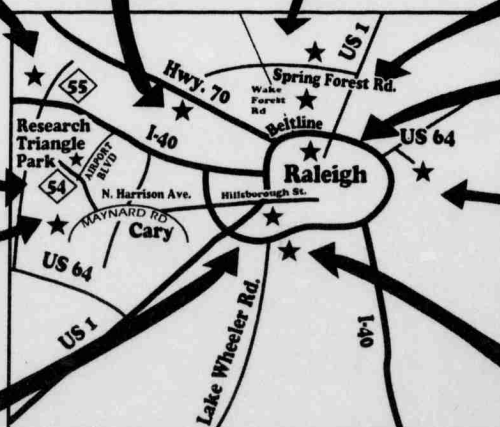
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COMMENTARY

What the future holds

JEREMY ASHTON

On the surface, a 27-24 record isn't very impressive.

That's where the N.C. State baseball team sits after an emotional series against Florida



BASEBALL

State last weekend in Tallahassee, Fla. Playing in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which currently has five teams in the top 25, has certainly been taxing on a young Wolfpack club.

State has taken its lumps during the 2000 season, but Elliott Avent's troops have grown considerably over the season and still have a shot at a NCAA Tournament berth. The experience that this team has gained over the season could mean big things for the future.

The Pack has only six seniors on this year's squad, but their departures will create voids that have to be addressed by recruiting and junior college transfers.

Finding a catcher to replace Dan Mooney, which may be an impossible task, is a primary concern for next year. Mooney is currently second on the team with seven home runs and third with 30 RBIs, but his skill behind the plate and his major-league arm make him invaluable to the Pack.

Jason Smith, who walked on as a freshman, has been an inspirational leader that played second, third and shortstop during his career at State. His ability to get on base and disrupt pitchers with his Craig Lee on the basepaths will be missed.

Craig Lee's steady presence in the outfield and in the lineup disappears at season's end, as well. Lee is one of only three players that has appeared in every game, and his .358 batting average is third on the team.

Josh Schmitt was the Pack's starting center fielder for much of the year, but this value to the team has been defined by his role as State's closer. Schmitt has nailed down five of the pitching staff's eight saves, striking out 29 batters in 26 innings of work.

While there are holes to fill, Avent returns a significant portion of his offense next year, including his two best hitters, Brian Wright and Mike Prochaska.

During his freshman season, Wright hit .363 with six homers

Pitcher finding the way on the mound

◆ Dan D'Amato is one of N.C. State's most talented young pitchers, but is battling through a slump.

Jonathan Honeycutt  
Staff Writer

Last year he was named as a third-team Freshman All-American.

State baseball coach Elliott Avent called him "one of the best pitchers in this league."

High praise indeed for a sophomore pitcher in the talented Atlantic Coast Conference. But so far, Dan D'Amato has lived up to the expectations that were placed on him.

D'Amato came to State last year from Cokesville, Penn., located west of

Philadelphia. He played his high school ball for Cokesville High School, a school that has won seven straight league championships and has gone to the state playoffs in four of the past five years.

"D'Amato had a phenomenal high school and Legion career," Avent said. "We were very fortunate to have him come to N.C. State."

D'Amato chose to play for the Wolfpack program primarily because of the level of competition in the ACC.

"I really liked the State coaches and I wanted to play in the ACC," D'Amato said. "I knew I'd have to come south to play major college baseball and have a chance to play pro baseball. I also really liked the players. I came down for a weekend and I felt like I had known them for months."

Last season, D'Amato experienced tremendous success. He led the club by winning seven games and was named ACC Pitcher of the Week on three separate occasions. His final statistics for the 1999 season included a 7-2 record with a 5.11 ERA. All the while, he struck out 52 batters in 88 innings of work. D'Amato became the ace on last year's pitching staff after starting the season in the bullpen.

"He started out as a reliever for us and he just kept coming in and getting people out so we made him a starter," Avent said. "He ended up the year as our number one starter and he went to Auburn and pitched the regionals in front of a hostile 4,000-5,000-plus crowd. He held Auburn at bay for six-plus innings which is extremely difficult."

This season, D'Amato has a 5-6 record

and posts a 5.01 ERA. "He came back this year and he's pitched well but it hasn't gone as well for him as it did his freshman year," Avent stated. "I think it's tough for him to handle...for a person who's had so much success all his life. He's battled back lately and I think he's gonna finish up strong."

Personally, D'Amato expected more out of himself this season.

"I'm disappointed right now," he said. "I had a good summer and I thought I was gonna come in and do a little better."

D'Amato started the season with a 5-2 record but things have gone a bit downhill for the 20-year-old southpaw.

"In four of my last five starts, I've really been struggling," D'Amato said. "I've been

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Tourney time approaches



Jeremy Dutton and the Wolfpack hope they can slide into the NCAA Tournament with an impressive showing at the ACC Tournament.

◆ The Wolfpack prepares for an ACC Tournament loaded at the top.

Steve Thompson  
Staff Writer

As the N.C. State baseball team's regular season comes to a close, the focus now begins to shift to the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

The tournament will be held in Fort Mill, S.C., May 16-21 and will showcase some of the best talent in the nation. At week's end, the ACC had five teams ranked in the top 20 nationally.

Though the Wolfpack (27-24, 9-12) will face stiff competition, its record against the top ACC programs is not discouraging.

Throughout the season, the Pack has picked up wins against four of the five ranked teams: Florida State, Clemson, North Carolina and Wake Forest. While the

wins against Wake were home victories, the wins against the other three have all been away from Doak Field.

All is not perfect for the Pack, however. The success against these high profile teams has been fleeting. In each of the away series, the Pack lost the overall series 2-1. State has shown that it has the talent to beat these teams; however, it has failed to show the consistency needed to emerge victorious over a stretch of games.

The Pack's most recent series against FSU is indicative of its inconsistency. After splitting the first two games of the series, the Pack played perhaps its most emotional game of the year. Taking the second-ranked Seminoles

to extra innings, State squandered a 5-4 lead in the bottom of

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Growing up on the diamond

◆ Underclassmen have made key contributions to this year's baseball team.

Jeremy Ashton  
Sports Editor

A youth movement has been underway with the N.C. State baseball team in 2000.

The Wolfpack entered the season with a fairly young team, carrying 17 underclassmen and just six seniors on the 30-man roster. The



Dan Mooney and the seniors have helped guide the Pack's underclassmen.

newer players were thrust into key roles early and have learned a lot by fire. The Atlantic Coast Conference is easily one of the toughest baseball leagues in the country, meaning the Pack's younger players have had to learn against some of the best in the country.

"I think when they initially see the players [in the ACC], they're not overwhelmed," head coach Elliott Avent said. "I think when they initially come here, they expect to see major league players. But the quality of the ball in the ACC is what's so good. You have to come every night to play."

Avent also tries to schedule out-of-conference opponents who will challenge the Pack.

"We would schedule a non-conference schedule like a lot of people do, and just put wins on the board no matter how badly you play," Avent said. "But it doesn't teach you the game."

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**N.C. State**

Conference Standing: 6th  
Record: 27-24, 9-12 ACC  
Key Players: Sophomore Brian Wright currently leads the team in eight different offensive categories. Freshman Mike Prochaska's .370 batting average is 10th in the conference. Senior Dan Mooney is second on the team in home runs with seven, and his play at catcher has been invaluable.  
Key Games: State picked up a 5-4 win over Miami, the defending national champion on April 23. The Wolfpack's biggest series win this year came when it took two out of three from Wake Forest, the defending ACC champion. State has won road games against conference heavyweights like Florida State, North Carolina and Clemson, but State has yet to win a series on the road this year.  
Last ACC title: 1992

**Maryland**

Conference Standing: 9th  
Record: 19-28, 3-15  
Key Players: Craig Munroe is seventh in the ACC with a .385 average.  
Key Games: The Terrapins have only won three games in the conference this year, but two of those were against Wake Forest.  
Last ACC title: Maryland was conference runner-up in 1976.

**Virginia**

Conference Standing: 7th  
Record: 22-27, 9-12  
Key Players: Tim LaVigne is third in the ACC with seven saves.  
Key Games: The Cavaliers stole a win from FSU and won two of three against UNC. But UVA is also responsible for one of Maryland's three ACC wins.  
Last ACC title: 1996

**Duke**

Conference Standing: 8th  
Record: 14-36, 4-17  
Key Players: Jeff Becker leads the team in hitting with a .361 average.  
Key Games: The Blue Devils beat State and won two against Georgia Tech. But the Devils have lost seven in a row.  
Last ACC title: Duke has never appeared in the ACC final.

**UNC**

Conference Standing: 5th  
Record: 39-11, 11-10  
Key Players: Tyrell Godwin is hitting .376 with an ACC-leading 58 RBIs.  
Key Games: The Tar Heels streaked to a 21-0 record, before struggling in conference play. Georgia Tech and Wake Forest have each swept UNC.  
Last ACC title: 1990

**WakeForest**

Conference Standing: 4th  
Record: 34-14, 13-8 ACC  
Key Players: Cory Slavik is a two-time ACC Player of the Week this year. Scott Siemon is the ACC's leading pitcher with a 9-1 record and a 2.41 ERA.  
Key Games: Wake swept UNC in early April but lost two of three to Maryland and N.C. State.  
Last ACC title: 1999

**Clemson**

Conference Standing: 3rd  
Record: 37-12, 12-6  
Key Players: Jarrod Schmidt is 7-0 on the year with a 2.42 ERA. Scott Berney is fifth in the ACC with a 2.95 ERA.  
Key Games: The Tigers face FSU this weekend after edging Georgia Tech 13-12 in front 3,000 fans last weekend.  
Last ACC title: 1994

**Georgia Tech**

Conference Standing: 1st  
Record: 37-11, 16-5  
Key Players: Mark Teixeira and Bryan Prince were ACC Players of the Week this season, and pitcher Cory Vance was a three-time ACC Pitcher of the Week.  
Key Games: The Yellow Jackets swept North Carolina in March, when the Tar Heels were second in the country.  
Last ACC title: 1988

**Florida State**

Conference Standing: 2nd  
Record: 41-9, 13-5  
Key Players: Marshall McDougal is the defending ACC Player of the Year.  
Key Games: FSU won 18 consecutive games between Feb. 13 and March 14. Those wins included victories over then-No. 1 Stanford and Florida. The team also took four out of six from Miami.  
Last ACC title: 1997