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Student ideas welcome for festival

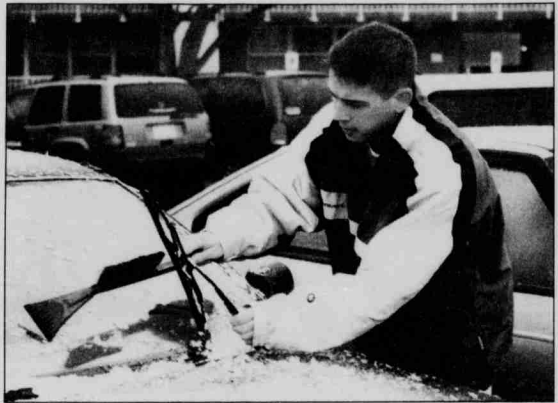
◆ Event organizers want to know what students would like to see at "Taste of N.C. State."

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

This spring, a taste of different cultures represented at N.C. State will spice up campus diversity and entertainment for a day.
"Taste of N.C. State," a street festival to be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 7, is being planned by the Campus Life division of Student Government. The event organizers are depending on student feedback in advance for a lot of the activities at the festival.
"We are stressing that this event is meant for and representative of all student tastes — therefore, we would really like suggestions for the event," said Jane Mabe, a board member of the campus life division of Student Government.

She asks that students communicate their interest in the event by thinking of what they would like to see at this festival that has not been seen at other NCSU events. Students can email their ideas to Taste_State@hotmail.com.
The idea for "Taste of N.C. State" is a model of "Taste of D.C.," a multicultural festival in the nation's capitol, said Nazune Menka, co-vice president of campus life. She said the festival will fulfill a promise made by Student Body President Harold Pettigrew during his campaign last year.
Pettigrew said he wanted to see a similar event at NCSU following his experiences with "Taste of D.C.," related events take place in Chicago and Baltimore.
"The main thing is that this is a celebration of the different aspects of diversity," said Pettigrew. The celebration will recognize NCSU as a whole.
"Basically, we are hoping to provide an affordable and enjoyable festival with a diverse atmosphere."

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Brett Leffler, a junior in agricultural business management, scrapes ice off his windshield after Thursday morning's winter conditions.

PATTY BRENNAN/STAFF

Stein receives Fulbright award

◆ A landscape architecture professor received the grant to teach or research overseas.

Diane Cordova
Staff Reporter

The faculty of N.C. State is known mostly for their expertise and ability, but many professors have even established themselves in other parts of the world.
The head of the department of landscape architecture at NCSU's College of Design, Professor Achva Benzburg Stein, was rewarded a Fulbright award, a grant which enables the recipient to "teach or do research in another country," said Robert

Kochersberger, a previous Fulbright recipient.
Building mutual agreement between the people of the United States and the rest of the world is the Fulbright Program's goal. Supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright Program is America's flagship international educational exchange program.
"It is a competitive process," Kochersberger said, in reference to the attainment of the Fulbright award.
The late Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright established the Fulbright Program in 1946 under legislation introduced by him. Since then, Fulbright Programs

have recognized 86,000 Americans who have studied, taught or researched overseas.
More than 144,000 scholars, students and professionals from other countries have participated in similar activities in the United States. This Fulbright award is Stein's second. She received her first in 1980, which enabled her to take a trip in order to research landscape design requirements for arid zones in India.
A Fulbright recipient participates in the program "either for a semester or a full academic year," said Kochersberger. During the 2001 academic year, Stein, who is one of 2,000 grantees, will travel overseas to Germany through the Fulbright Program. Stein will

study at the Spreewald Bioreserve near Berlin.
The Spreewald Bioreserve is one of 12 reservations in Germany that incorporate the protection of the ecosystem with settled human activities. Stein will work in partnership with German scholars to compare the policies and practices of bioreserves with national parks in the United States. Having graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and the Harvard University School of Design, Stein has taught landscape and planning since 1980.
Her research expertise is in environmental planning and development, zoning by-laws and land acquisition and funding.



Achva Stein will study in Germany on a Fulbright fellowship.

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Studies dismiss cell phone-cancer connection

◆ A study shows that there is no connection between cell phone use and the likelihood of developing cancer.

Leon Lapp
Daily Orange (Syracuse U.)

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Jana Fiorello heard rumors about cell phones causing cancer. But she dismissed them as just that — rumors.
"I got [a cell phone] for my job," she said. "I'm never in my apartment, so it's a lot easier for people to get me."
"I usually don't talk on it more than ten minutes at a time," she added. "I only have 200 minutes a month."
A study released last December concluded that there is no definite link between cell phone use and cancer.
Researchers at the Memorial

Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center tested 891 cell phone users and concluded that there is a slightly increased risk for a rare type of brain cancer because of cell phone use. The researchers, headed up by Mark Malkin, also said that the risk was not statistically significant.
The study, reported on cbsnews.com, was funded by the industry group Wireless Technology Research and the National Cancer Institute.
Malkin told CBS that it does not matter how much or how little people use cell phones, and that there is no difference in the risk of brain cancer. He added that longer-term studies are needed before any results can be considered conclusive, as the study's numbers only reflect cell phone use of roughly three years.
Despite her determined nonchalance about using her

Qualcomm cell phone, Fiorello, a junior television, radio and film major, found the new research a relief.
"It's reassuring — at least I know I'm not going to die," she said.
LINGERING CONCERN
The results should reassure the more than 86 million cell phone users nationwide, said Dr. Dianne Morrison-Beedy, a senior research professor at Syracuse University College of Nursing and associate professor at the University of Rochester's School of Nursing.
"Basically, the data available now hasn't identified a risk for cell phone use and brain cancer," Morrison-Beedy said.
"But there is a need for controlled, longitudinal studies to provide further information on the risks of cell phone use."

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Napster issues new proposal to settle lawsuit

◆ Napster has been involved in a settlement since last May.

Erin Hyun
Daily Californian (U. California - Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Napster made a \$1 billion offer to the record industry Tuesday to settle the current copyright infringement lawsuit.
The company's preliminary offers annual payments of \$150 million to Sony, Warner, BMG, EMI and Universal record labels, and \$50 million to other independent labels over the next five years, said a Napster spokesperson, who declined to give her name.
The offer follows a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision last week that upheld a previous ruling to shut down the file-swapping service.
The proposal is the most recent incarnation of settlement offers the company has been making since May, the spokesperson said. Prior proposals involved giving the



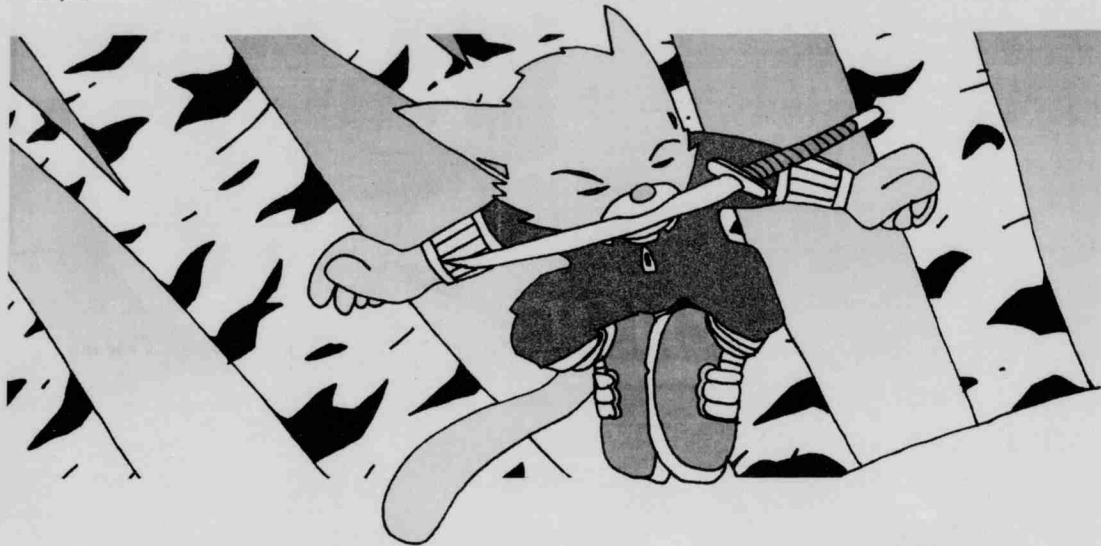
record labels a percentage of Napster's revenue, but the labels said a percentage agreement was too much of a risk.
"Napster wants to settle, so it's not like it's a last and final offer," the spokesperson said.
"Napster offered the percentage, they offered equity in the company. The labels were not responding, so (Tuesday) they offered a specific amount."
Napster's latest offer, however, is not large enough to cover the amount record labels are losing because of its activity, Sony Music Entertainment officials said in a statement.

"It's obvious to anyone that follows the music business that the numbers Napster proposed on Tuesday do not make sense for a \$40 billion industry," the statement said.
To cover costs of the proposed settlement, Napster is also considering a plan to move to a fee-based service.
Although no concrete decisions have been made, one suggestion is to offer a basic membership, which would allow a limited number of file transfers, and a premium membership with unlimited file transfers, the spokesperson said. The memberships would likely cost between \$3 and \$40 per month.
"A very significant number of people using Napster have said that they are interested to continue being a part of Napster even when it becomes a paid service," the spokesperson said.
Napster has not yet provided a specific outline of its plans, so it is too early to speculate on the success of its proposal, said

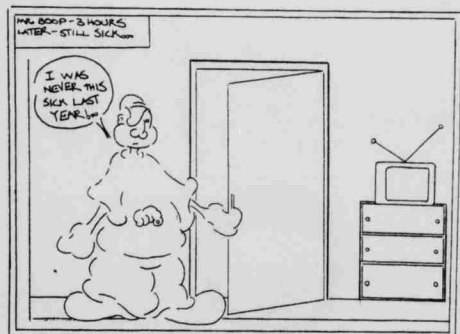
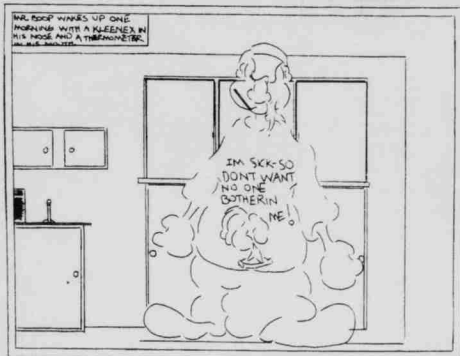
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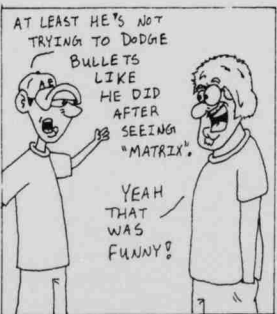
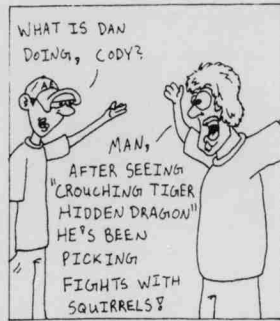
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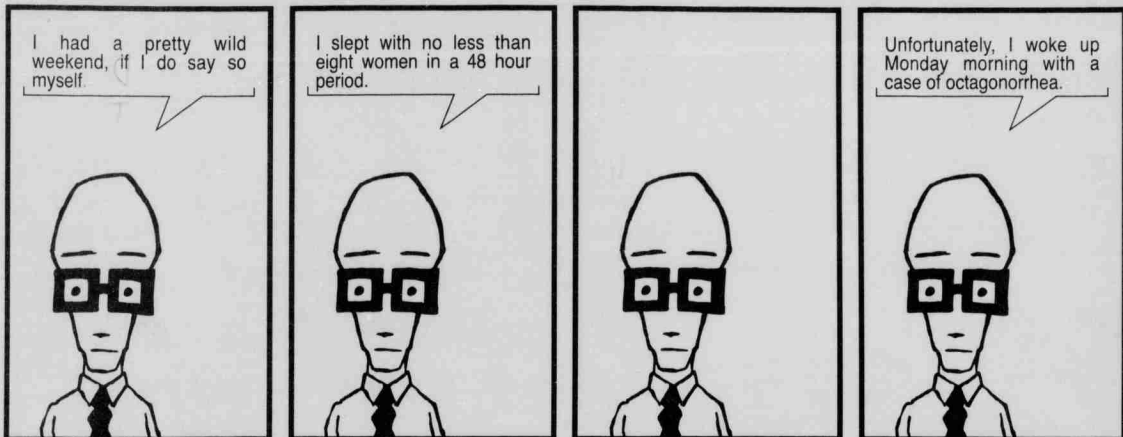
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phere that will enhance the quality of life for the students and surrounding Raleigh community," said Mabe.

"There will be food, music, crafts and entertainment centered on the theme of cultural diversity, and bringing together and representing NCSU," said Mabe.

Members of Student Government are organizing vendors and student groups to take part in the event.

Pettigrew said there are many NCSU student organizations that the student body is unaware of, and that the event could gain those organizations some exposure.

"Pending authorization from Public Safety and Transportation, we are envisioning many booths set up along Cates Avenue," said Mabe.

She said student organizations will be encouraged to come up with creative fundraising ideas for the festival.

Mabe said the event organizers would like to have a stage for entertainment as well. Going hand in hand with the theme, the music would be diverse and derived from different genres. Other possibilities for entertainment might include poetry readings, break dancers, skate shows and martial arts performances.

Mabe said the Pan-African festival and the Pow Wow are scheduled for the same day as "Taste of N.C. State," each taking place at either end of the street festival.

"The 'Taste' is meant to complement these events and encourage students to attend these events," said Mabe.

"The 'Taste of N.C. State' will feature community by bringing in the Raleigh community and giving N.C. State's community a broader knowledge of the area and its people," said Menka.

She said the organizers are trying to benefit both communities.

"In the past, it has been a complaint that NCSU is a bubble community and is not interactive with the larger community in which it resides," said Menka.

The festival could alleviate some of these concerns.

Menka said "Taste of N.C. State" could also do away with complaints about the lack of entertainment on campus.

"The 'Taste' will bring energy and life to campus for at least one day," said Menka.

If successful, the event could return in following years.

"We hope that this is the first of an annual event, a tradition," said Pettigrew.

CANCER

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Morrison-Beady said cell phone users should ask their particular providers for information on any questions they might have.

She added that despite the study's findings, health professionals are concerned about the length of exposure to cell phone radiation.

"The concern is not that cell phones are being used, but the extent of time people are using them," she said. "It could come into play with teens who spend long periods of time talking to friends on cell phones nearly every day."

Ryan Atcher, a senior chemical engineering and chemistry major, said that although he uses his cell phone daily, the issue still doesn't worry him all that much.

"I've thought about it," he said. "But not too much," he added.

Atcher, who uses his Sprint cell phone as his primary phone, said he chose the cell because the rates are cheaper than the local plans offered to him.

"There are a lot more sources of radiation out there that I should probably be more worried about," he added.

USER-FRIENDLY
Atcher's father, however, was more concerned about cell phone radiation.

"He bought headsets for both of us, but I don't really use it much, mainly just for driving," Atcher said.

After using his cell phone for about seven months now, Atcher said he is probably a cell phone user for life.

"It's very convenient. I carry it with me wherever I go," he said. "I feel naked without it."

Other students said they were more concerned

about the risks, considering more research is necessary to prove the current findings.

"It's kind of freaky," said Azzi Kalwar, a freshman in the School of Information Studies. "I mean, if you use your cell phone and get cancer, that's terrible."

Although he owns a Nokia cell phone, Kaiwar was quick to define himself as "not a cell phone person." But, he said, he believes mobile phones are a necessity this day in age.

"I'm a student, but still, it's a necessity," said Kalwar, who is from London. "My friends can reach me to make plans and my parents and girlfriend can reach me from abroad."

Kalwar said he would get rid of his cell phone in a heartbeat if new research proved the converse of the new research.

"I would refrain from using just because it could be true," he said. "If it's proven, I'd throw it away right there."

NAPSTER

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Peter Menell, a University of California at Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law professor and executive director of the

Berkeley Center of Law and Technology.

"It's premature to judge because it is yet unclear how Napster will configure this new service (and) what the basis for securing that amount of money would be, because that's substantially more than the company has or is worth," Menell said.

In terms of public relations, however, accepting Napster's offer may benefit record labels as well, Menell added.

"It may enhance the record industry's public image, which is a growing concern for artists and labels," he said.

The company may also implement an extra fee for transferring

files onto compact discs or any other portable devices, addressing concerns among record labels that using Napster decreases the number of CDs that people buy.

Sony challenged Napster's newest offer, noting that the company continues its current operation despite the court's

decision. The company also said the proposal does not specifically address security and intellectual property issues.

Napster has been modifying its offers throughout the litigation to adapt to the concerns of the record industry, but received little positive response, the company spokesperson said.

"It's really important for (users) to know that Napster really is trying to reach a settlement so that if Napster is shut down, it's because the record companies said, 'We don't want to take your money,' not because Napster's not trying," the spokesperson said.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

In tolerance LET EMINEM SPEAK.

Many would argue Marshall Mathers a.k.a. "Slim Shady" a.k.a. "Eminem" is the epitome of white trash, a hateful, horrible demon who has the arrogance to call his anger art. The controversial rapper's music routinely includes homophobic messages, death threats and misogynistic language that has even been directed towards his once-separated wife, Kim, and which has included a fantasy sequence where the rapper has sex with his mother.

It's no surprise, then, that hundreds protested outside of Los Angeles' Staples Center when the rapper showed up to perform at the Grammy's Wednesday to perform, but also to collect three awards (to add to the two he already received last year). Even though his songs say he doesn't "give a damn" about the highest honor in the music industry, Eminem not only attended, but also performed. And not only did he perform, but he did it in the form of a duet with perhaps the world's most famous and beloved homosexual, fellow music artist Elton John.

John and Mathers sang "Stan," from The Marshall Mathers LP, the only album in 2000 to sell more copies than "N Sync's Bye, Bye, Bye. After the song, John and Mathers hugged, which Mathers followed by waving his middle fingers to the crowd.

The "Rally Against Hate" that took place outside the awards show, and which was organized largely by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), utterly failed in its goal of promoting tolerance.

As the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences President Michael Greene said in his introduction of the Mathers/John duet, we must realize that "art incites, entices, it awes, and angers, it takes all its various incarnations to maintain the balance, vitality and authenticity of the artistic process. Let's not forget that sometimes it takes tolerance to teach tolerance."

Mathers' lyrics may encourage people to think about acts and feelings which are socially awkward or taboo, but it is in no way should be censored or stifled — particularly because it does encourage thought about uncomfortable issues.

When John Lennon asked his fans to

"imagine there's no heaven," he wasn't advocating atheism; he was advocating thought, personal and cultural reflection.

Mathers, as he states through song in his smash hit "The Real Slim Shady," is "like a headtrip to listen to/Cause I'm only giving you/Things you joke about with your friends inside your living room/The only difference is I got the balls to say it in front of y'all/And I don't gotta be false or sugarcocated at all."

With his unorthodox ability to divorce his personal beliefs from his musical content, Eminem remains enigmatic. His artistic purpose may indeed be to bring about revolutionary brutality against homosexuals and women. But he is undeniably a powerful force in music and, by extension, our culture as a whole.

Silencing someone of that power, even someone whose message is deemed so counterfactual as to be detrimental to the society, would accomplish nothing. Eminem and art like him help people confront their dark sides. When Alabama Governor George Wallace responded to the Civil Rights movement with his (in)famous declaration of "segregation today, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever," he had fans.

Eminem also has fans — by the millions — buying his albums. His fanbase is also institutional, reflected in his awards for Best Rap Album and Best Rap Performance.

In his own words from his official Web site, Mathers says, "I do say things that will shock people. But I don't do things to shock people."

"I'm not alone in feeling the way I feel. I believe that a lot of people can relate to my s— whether white, black, it doesn't matter. Everyone's been through some s—, whether it's drastic or not so drastic. Everybody gets the point of 'I don't give a f—'."

Nobody can provide a forum for thought — even "hate speech" — unless people engage in that forum.

GLAAD and censorship groups like it need to realize that silencing Eminem is not hatred; it will merely force people to keep their hatred cloistered.

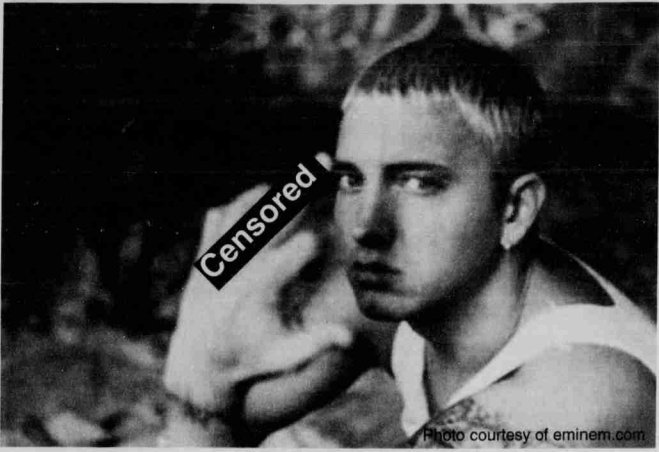


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Life is good — without the depression 'fad'



Robert Jaijall
STAFF COLUMNIST

I can hardly think of anything that can make me upset. Apparently this is not the case with the growing number of people in America diagnosed with depression. An increased frequency of research reports and prescription drug advertisements both confirm that depression is a widespread problem, affecting about five percent of the population. Even more problematic is the fact that the age for depression diagnoses keeps falling. Among teens, there seems to be a disparity between depression cases among males and females, a difference often attributed to the fact that girls tend to worry about more things such as looks, family life, social acceptance, etc.

While there are issues surrounding the new medicalization of depression or the cause of depression itself, perhaps the most puzzling is why such things as looks, family life and social acceptance (as it seems to be with depressed teen girls) would cause anyone to be upset. Actually, the answer is quite simple: that is simply the way things are. It isn't outlandish, for example, to expect someone who has a hard time "fitting in" to be depressed. It isn't even outlandish to expect someone who does "fit in" to be depressed because of constant worries over their social acceptance. However, this matter-of-

fact attitude toward depression obscures a key point about depression: much of it results from irrational worries over silly issues.

In industrialized nations, cases of diagnosed depression are doubling every ten years. This is a staggering statistic. The countries with the highest standards of living, the greatest conveniences and the greatest wealth also seem to have a surprisingly miserable population. The conclusion here is that all the virtues of industrialized nations (standards of living, wealth, peace) have no bearing on the happiness of their populations. Instead, as the case studies show, environment contributes to the unhappiness of individuals. Thus, the success associated with being an industrialized nation also creates complications in people's lives that cause depression.

What a preposterous notion! There isn't any reason citizens of industrialized nations should be more depressed than citizens of less developed countries. Something is fundamentally wrong on a massive social scale if the simple addition of material goods increases how many people are depressed. Depression stimulated by a change in one's financial situation or not wearing the right clothes (and, therefore, being socially accepted) or some other materialistic "dilemma" isn't only representative of a disease, but an unhealthy social value system.

People are worrying over meaningless material possessions or situations concerned with material possessions. It is saddening in itself that the ebb and flow of economic markets can influence depression. It is sad-

V O X P O P U L I Ditch couches for causes

Jennifer Nettles and Mark Hofer

ResNet, the Internet service provider on campus, will be mandatory for the next academic year

to relate to as many student concerns about the proposal as possible; students' concerns are our concerns, too, because these are decisions that affect all of us directly.

All the complaints just go to show that people care about the issues, but are unwilling to put forward the time and effort to make a difference," commented IRC President Liz Gutierrez.

With the increasing usage of ResNet on campus and the extensive theft of the service, it became an increasing financial burden on the ResNet staff to police the network.

There were also privacy issues involved in the decision. If ResNet had to increase its policing of the network, it would start to gain greater information about what each student was doing on the network.

It is issues like this one that prove that there is a need for more students to get involved on campus.

IRC is one avenue to accomplish this. IRC works with other issues, including housing, dining and telecommunications.

Student reaction to this issue has been mixed. The new policy for mandatory ResNet has been the number one complaint with room sign-up for the fall.

"I don't think it's fair. I mean, it's like, 'I'm not going to use it,'" said one student, echoing many.

Students attending the Inter-Residence Council (IRC) meeting where the issue was voted on were strongly in favor of it. Some of them said that it would promote computer use and keep the service from increasing its cost for next year.

If you really want to make a difference, join IRC, join Student Senate, join your hall council, join the Union Activities Board — just join something. You can't have an impact on campus by just sitting in your room. The administration is receptive to students, but it helps if they know you speak for a larger concern and not your individual grievances.

All of the concerns that students had about ResNet were considered at the IRC meeting. IRC members are trying

to reach out to as many students as possible, but it doesn't change the way things are.

So get off the couch and go and make a difference.

Jennifer Nettles is the Senior Vice President for Hall Council Affairs for IRC and Mark Hofer is the IRC Secretary. Use your ResNet connection to reach them at irc@ncsu.edu.

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NCSU response to 'nothing'

Editor's Note: Because of the nature of the content and the writer, the word limit has been waived.

I am writing to Campus Forum in response to the letter submitted by John Frazo that appeared in the Feb. 16 edition of Technician ("NCSU workers 'paid to do nothing'"). Frazo's allegations are exaggerated to a point that readers should be wary of the validity of the claims, and the motivation of the writer. It is also disturbing that Frazo portrays all of Facilities Operations employees in a negative light given his experiences that involves only one supervisor out of 135 and one shop out of dozens. It is also surprising that Frazo would attempt to leave the reader with the impression that all employees in Facilities Operations are as unproductive as he claims himself to be. In fact, Frazo's work documents show that he was assigned work on a daily basis; work that was completed and against which he assigned hours on his time sheet.

University can safely re-open. These are the people who have served this great institution for their entire careers, sacrificing high pay and perks in order to remain at NCSU. These are the people that work hard to maintain a University that they can be proud of. Evidently, Frazo never met any of his co-workers.

Of course, it is true that all people differ in their work ethic and their view of their obligations as employees. At NCSU, we believe that our people make valuable contributions at all levels of the organization. The old adage that "you get out of a job what you put into it" applies to all of our people. There is no record that Frazo ever took advantage of the many avenues available to employees to make suggestions or to identify improvements that should be considered. Why didn't Frazo make a positive contribution to his job as others have done?

In Facilities Operations, we are always looking for ways to improve our services and to increase efficiency. We are not perfect, but we always strive to get better. Effective use of the taxpayer's dollars is our concern also, one we work at every day.

Based on my own observations and comparative experiences over 25 years in Facilities Management at several institutions, I have found the employees at N.C. State to be skilled, hard-working and very dedicated to making our University the best place for students, faculty and staff. Each year, they complete over 35,000 work orders while keeping old and obsolete buildings functioning with declining resources.

When emergencies, snowstorms and hurricanes hit our campus, these are the people that work 24 hours a day to keep services going and to ensure that the

10 million sq. ft. of buildings and thousands of acres of land that require constant maintenance. The reality is that the work that the Facilities Division work hard every day to satisfy their customers. I only wish Frazo, who was employed by N.C. State for about four years, had brought his "nothing to do" concerns to our attention while he was still employed here. A long response is not necessary, but corrections are in order.

First, concerning the "new bulbs and ballasts installed in the auditorium of Nelson ... costing \$5,000 that were thrown in the trash a few months later," this project involved the replacement of lamps in existing ceiling fixtures to prepare the auditorium for graduation activities. The actual cost was about \$2,000. It was known at the time of the work that the auditorium ceiling including light fixtures would be demolished as a part of the Nelson Renovation project, but the importance of having functional lighting for the diploma ceremony was judged necessary.

Regarding the D.H. Hill Library roof wrong coating that "comes up like a banana peel," the membrane roof on the north tower roof was installed in 1985. Since the warranty was about to expire, a protective UV coating recommended by the roofing system manufacturer was applied. Later, a 5'x6' area began to peel due to moisture, ponding, or poor adhesion. New materials were provided at no cost by the vendor. The repaired spot has adhered, leaks have stopped and roof is performing well.

Lastly, concerning the surveying of trees, the roofing crew, of which Frazo was a part, is responsible for performing preventive maintenance inspections including identification of tree growth

Reach out, touch someone

RULE OF THUMB

Cal Grants



The "Fast Car Cash" lottery game on April 23 will still feature Dale Earnhardt despite his sudden death Sunday. What better way to mink a NASCAR death than with a lottery that exploits the poor?

Iowa State Lottery



U. Illinois



The school will join the Fair Labor Association while also being a member of the Workers Rights Consortium. Female students were especially excited about joining Fair Labor, until they realized that it didn't involve men giving birth.

Black Berets



Former Army Ranger David Scott, who organized a march from Georgia to Washington, D.C., to protest the Army's standard-issue black berets was abandoned by his group on a dirt road, telling the *Fayetteville Observer*, "My mission has been stolen." New mission: March on Washington anyway with "I Have A Delusion" speech.

Tynesha Lewis



With her second triple double and ACC player of the week, Lewis' merits are almost equal in number to the Men's programs' demerits. Keep at it, Lyons, Grundy and Thornton! Just remember: victory and honor are girly.

Barry University 'School of Law'



Students and graduates at the Orlando school have been refused accreditation by the American Bar Association, making their \$75,000 educations worthless. In a show of community support, elderly Floridians voted for Pat Buchanan and Cubans in Miami re-knitted Elfin Gonzalez.

Elton John



The openly gay singer sang a duet with openly homophobic rapper Eminem at the Grammys Wednesday. John was able to look past the caustic rapper's controversy, deciding to ignore the overwhelming fact that Eminem is, indeed, a white rapper.

Saddam Hussein



The Iraqi dictator vowed revenge against U.S. and British air strikes. The diabolical plan: Hussein has formally changed his name to So Damn Insane, totally removing all power from American name-callers. Take that, Dubya!

Australian Postage



A letter from Australia finally reached Aberdeen, Scotland — 112 years late. The Australian Postal Service will now outdo their U.S. counterparts by adding Communism, two World Wars, Halley's Comet (twice) and the invention of television to the Americans' puny "rain, sleet and snow" promises.

Sigma Chi



The Greek Fraternity at U. of New Mexico will be suspended through the fall 2001 semester for allegedly taping a swastika to the roof of a black student's car and jamming gum in the car's locks. The actions violate the university's code of conduct, which specifically and vehemently disallows even the suggested use of gum in vandalism.

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that is overhanging roofs and may cause damage. This information is used by the grounds crew to perform pruning and the species of trees is not relevant. Overall, we have a truly dedicated and skilled staff who works hard. There is always room for improvement and the Facilities Division team will keep trying to do just that.

Charles Leffler
Associate Vice Chancellor
NCSU Facilities

Discrimination demands price

This is in response to "BS over BSA" (Feb. 21). When I was in elementary school, I wanted nothing more than to be a scout like my brothers. However, I never got the chance to be a Brownie in the Girl Scouts because my skin was not white. My father and I were turned away because they said, point blank, "You're not white." Sexual orientation and race may be two different subjects, but both are often sources of discrimination. Imagine growing up with the Boy Scouts and then being forced to leave due to your sexual preference. You would always be reminded of their presence in daily life everywhere around you, but you could never be a part of the organization you once loved. That is cruel and cold and it hurts. I see Girl Scouts all the time, especially when they are selling their cookies, and it makes me sad and bitter. Because the Boy Scouts choose to discriminate and thereby hurt those they discriminate against, they should have to pay for the

use of buildings or facilities. They need no special treatment, nor ever, until their policy changes. Discrimination in any form hurts!

Marci Plemmons
Senior
Animal Science

Technician ethics questioned

I find it very interesting that *Technician* chose to print an article on the alleged assault that "part-time starter at linebacker" Corey Lyons was arrested and bailed out of jail for, yet seemed blind to basketball leading-scorer Anthony Grundy's alleged assault on a former girlfriend last month. What sort of journalistic ethics are being followed here? Is the woman that was involved with Lyons somehow worthy of being believed than Grundy's former girlfriend? Does *Technician* have something against the N.C. State football team? Or is it just another case of a star player being given preferential treatment? Whatever the rationale behind that decision, it doesn't change the fact that one player got a very brief mention of the assault he was charged with, while another got two days worth of coverage, complete with a giant photo.

Rebecca Mann
NCSU Alum
Class of '00

Editor's Note: *Technician* ran multiple stories of the alleged assault that Anthony Grundy was accused of.



John Sico

STAFF COLUMNIST

I recently had to call one of those 24-hour customer service lines for a problem with my bank account. As I heard the ringing, I turned up the volume on my phone in anticipation of the mumbly, miserable person with whom I would have to speak shortly. I was greeted instead with a computer message that asked me to enter my account number followed by the pound sign. OK, I thought, that's not such a terrible request. Once I located the account number (that probably should have been memorized anyway) on my checkbook, I entered it and I was told, followed by the star button. Oops. Again the computer commanded me to enter my account number, followed by the pound sign. Once more, I repeated my error. Who made those buttons so similar anyway? And pound isn't a very descriptive word. The message should say, "Enter your account number, followed by the thing that looks like an empty tie-tac-toe board, commonly on the lower right of the keypad." Then maybe I would have

gotten it right the first time.

Once past that trial, I was presented with a menu from which I could choose to either talk to more computers, or a real person. I picked the person. After my unpleasant experience with the automated message, I was not looking forward to the operator. I knew from previous experiences that these people were generally not excited to help me with my problem, especially not at 11:30 in the evening. I warmed up my jaw, prepared to enunciate carefully, since I would unquestionably be asked to repeat my answer to each query a minimum of five times, with the person on the other end becoming steadily more annoyed with my apparent lack of pronunciation skills.

Much to my surprise, bubbly, happy woman burst into my earpiece, welcoming me to the customer service line. She asked me how I was, and I was genuinely interested or a darn good actress. Either one was fine with me, I was content. While waiting for something to happen on her end of the line, instead of just dead silence, she asked me if I had seen "The Race" earlier that day. Honestly, I had no idea what race she was talking about. But, because she was so friendly, I pretended like I knew exactly. She continued to ask if I had heard about Dale Earnhardt and the terrible accident he was in. She expressed

her sadness and shock about his death to me as if I had known her for years. I almost forgot that she was just some random operator from the bank. Granted, the subject she chose to talk with me about was somewhat macabre, but the fact that she was willing to discuss something like that with me, a total stranger, was actually refreshing.

This was a nice change from the aloof, cold nature of most people I deal with on a daily basis. There has been some kind of trend in society that causes people to want to distance themselves from each other as much as possible. My phone operator was different, and she obviously enjoyed her job more because of it. She used the opportunity she was given by her profession of talking to people all day as a way to become closer to them instead of farther away. It reminds me of those old movies in which everyone knew everyone else's name. Obviously modern society is far too large for this to be a realistic goal, but to at least treat everyone you meet initially as a friend rather than an enemy would be a step in the right direction. Otherwise, you would be better off typing numbers to a recording.

Questions? Comments? Email John at risecase@aol.com.

Abort? Retry? Ignore?



Kelly Marks

STAFF COLUMNIST

I came home last night ready to start typing away, and dang it if the computer didn't work. It had worked fine when I left it that morning. The source of its sudden moodiness eluded me. Restart, restart, restart, and yet to no avail. There was only one choice: I had to call customer support.

There are few experiences more draining than a customer support hotline. The time you spend on the phone with a less-than-enthusiastic service representative is practically the slowest time in the world. It is slower than stair stepper time, slower than post office line time; it is even slower than a Tuesday/Thursday lecture class. Time drags and every little question and pause sucks your energy away.

"What operating system does your computer use?" the technician queried. Slurp, slurp, slurp, and I could barely click the mouse. Question by question, I could feel my will be broken.

And it's never a good feeling to know that someone thinks you're an idiot. Perhaps it was just a bad night for the service rep, or perhaps I really am, but there was an obvious air of disdain in her voice by the time the problem was fixed. My grasp of proper terminology might have had something to do with it.

I knew what was wrong with my computer but telling her the blinky thing isn't blinking is perhaps not the most specific diagnosis.

I found myself apologizing for the computer as well. Since her guess at a solution seemed to be along the same lines as mine — restart, restart, restart — there were many awkward moments of silence as we waited for my tired, antiquated machine to get its act together. I felt like a parent embarrassed by their child. I wanted to tell the computer, "Stop doing this to me; you're making me look bad." But I've found that, like a child, it has a hard time listening. There's not a lot I can tell it and expect it to obey.

An hour and a half ticked past, and three service representatives later, I was restarting yet again. Each technician had said let me transfer you up to a higher tier — at the rate I was going, I was afraid they would run out of floors. The current lady was threatening to hang up and have me call again later when, suddenly, it worked. The computer was back to its normal productive self, its demons exorcized and the blinky thing again blinking happily away.

Seemed over the course of the call, it occurred as if I had gotten dumber and the service person mearer, suddenly we both regained our civility. We spoke in nice tones, as if we forgave the other for sucking away an hour of our life that we can never get back. We knew that we no longer had to be on the phone together — glorious day! — and each of us hung up in the most jovial nature possible.

My point? Sometimes even the best laid plans fail. Just because you plan on

doing something at a certain time doesn't mean that you're going to be able to. At best we can only set aside vague appointments and hope that the cosmos feels like lining up how we want it to that day.

Sometimes, when life sucks, you have to stack it up. Deal with it. Granted, a misbehaving computer is not the most serious of traumas, so apply this to greater calamities. Work your way through it, move on and know it always gets better again. Or, at least know that if you don't try and fix it, it just stays broken longer.

At some point, you have to work with people, no matter how condescending or tedious or brain-numbing they can be. But remember: they have to work with you as well. If you're getting annoyed with them, they're probably doing the same with you. Your best bet is to be civil, don't say anything derogatory about their abilities or their family lineage, and get through it. But realize, too, that dealing with people doesn't always have to be just dealing with people. We're all human beings even if some do make it hard to find the humanity. Things always go smoother when you're nice.

Finally, should your computer ever decide to misbehave, apparently, restart is the way to go. You just have to call three people and do it for a couple of hours for it to take.

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Sports

GYM

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where we stand with other teams in the country," junior co-captain Kelli Brown said. "Recently, we've gone against a few tough schools, but this'll be a nice test for us this weekend to see where we really stand."

At this point, the State gymnasts believe they are in excellent shape for the remainder of the season, especially following last weekend's season-best per-

formance against UNC and Air Force. The team's score of 196.15 was the fourth best in school history.

"I think this weekend was more what we expect from ourselves this time of year," Brown said. "Last weekend was good for us; it gave us a little bit of a kick in the butt. This weekend is right where we need to be. We're not hitting perfect, but we're close."

The team continues to get a mix of veteran leadership and strong performances from some of the younger members of the team.

Senior Monica Berry, ranked No. 2 nationally on beam, led the Pack again in that event last weekend with a 9.875. Brown took first on three out of four events, including bars and floor where she posted 9.955. And senior Kara Charles won the all-around with a season-best score of 39.25.

Meanwhile, freshman Alison Bundy delivered another strong performance, scoring 9.725 or better on all three events she participated in. Fellow freshman Molly Pennington has been reliable on vault and floor for State. And Dougherty, who

scored a career-high 9.825 on bars last weekend, is still progressing nicely after sitting out the preceding year with a back injury.

"I feel like I'm still improving a lot mentally," Dougherty said. "Getting back into competitions for the first time in a year and a half, I didn't realize all the nerves that come back and all the anxiety and stuff. I've learned how to control it and use it more positively toward every event I compete in."



AROUND THE ACC

Standings:

| Team | ACC Record | Overall |
|----------------|------------|---------|
| North Carolina | 12-1 | 22-3 |
| Duke | 11-2 | 24-3 |
| Maryland | 8-6 | 17-9 |
| Virginia | 7-6 | 18-6 |
| Georgia Tech | 7-7 | 15-10 |
| Wake Forest | 7-7 | 18-8 |
| N.C. State | 4-9 | 12-13 |
| Florida State | 2-11 | 7-19 |
| Clemson | 2-11 | 11-15 |

Thursday's games:

No. 2 North Carolina 95, Florida State 67

It was all Joe Forte as UNC's super sophomore had 36 points in Carolina's easy win over the Seminoles. Roy Williams was at the game, watching former assistants Matt Doherty and Steve Robinson. It was the first time Williams returned to Chapel Hill since saying "No" to the UNC job last summer.

Saturday's games

No. 4 Duke at No. 24 Wake Forest, 1:00 p.m.,

The Blue Devils humbled Georgia Tech the night Shane Battier's number was retired, while the Demon Deacons humbled Clemson just three days after it upset North Carolina. A Duke would help keep the heat on conference leader UNC heading into their season-ending showdown.

No. 16 Oklahoma at No. 20 Maryland, 3:30 p.m.,

Maryland has won two in a row and clinched a .500 record in the ACC. But the Terrapins face three ranked opponents to end the regular season, starting with the Sooners.

Sunday's games:

No. 2 North Carolina at No. 9 Virginia, 1:30 p.m.,

UVA needs a win to keep pace with Maryland, which currently sits a half game ahead of the Cavaliers for third in the ACC. A UNC loss would make things interesting at the top of the conference, possibly dropping the Tar Heels into a tie for first with Duke.

Clemson at Georgia Tech, 4:00 p.m.,

Tech was blown out Wednesday at Duke (then again, who aside from North Carolina hasn't been this year) but can still get a winning record in the ACC with wins against Clemson and at Florida State. After upsetting then-No. 1 UNC, the Tigers suffered a bit of a letdown Wednesday against Wake Forest, scoring just nine points in the first half.

DUKE

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Jordan said. "And he has intimated to me a couple of times that he's the best pure wrestler ever to come through."

Davis and Breitenbach will be missed, but their seasons are not over yet.

Breitenbach most likely will get the number one seed at 197 for the ACC tournament next weekend in Chapel Hill, and Davis will receive heavy consideration for one.

"I expect to win it and win it decisively," Breitenbach said of the ACC crown.



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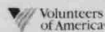
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Challenge awaits Pack gymnasts in Nebraska

◆ The gymnastics team leaves the Raleigh-Durham area Saturday for the first time in four weeks.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

Over the past month, the longest road trip made by the N.C. State gymnastics team was half an hour west to Chapel Hill. The Wolfpack competed at Reynolds Coliseum in three of its last four meets and made the short journey to North Carolina's Carmichael Gymnasium Feb. 3 for the other

one. Starting this weekend, however, State will be spending a lot more time on the road in the coming weeks.

WHAT: The Pack (11-8) travels to Nebraska Saturday in a meet that will feature four top-25 teams - No. 6 Nebraska, No. 12 Louisiana State, No. 21 Denver and No. 23 State. For State, this should be its toughest meet to date.

WHEN: SATURDAY

WHERE: LINCOLN, NE.

"It'll be a good meet for us to compete in," head coach Mark Stevenson said. "It'll test our ability to step up and get the job done on away trip. I think going away is always a little more difficult than being at home. It's not quite the same equipment, different views. You've got to go in and make those adjustments."

Aside from flying halfway across the country and back this weekend, the Pack will face other challenges on the road. For example, the State gymnasts will have to get used to the layout of a gym that they have probably never seen. But the team's performance last weekend seems to have given

the team plenty of confidence heading into the meet.

"Having these great meets that we have every time we come home gives us a lot more confidence going out and going away," sophomore Cara Dougherty said. "We're working hard every day in and out of the gym, and it's just showing. There's gradually improvement at every meet."

This meet is important to the Pack because it needs a good meet on the road to contribute to its regional qualifying score, which takes into account a team's top six marks for the season, three of which must be on the road. Since this is State's third road meet of the year, this

will give the team its preliminary RQS, which will be used to establish national rankings beginning next week.

This season, the nation's top 18 teams are shipped out of their regions to other sites. Stevenson believes an RQS of a 195 to 197 is necessary to achieve that goal. State's RQS last season, when only the top 12 teams were moved around, was 195-465, placing it 13th nationally before Regionals.

The NCAA Regional sites for this season include UCLA, Utah and Nebraska. Even if the Pack doesn't place out of its region, the team will still have to travel to Gainesville, Fla., making experiences like this



Cara Dougherty travels to Nebraska.

weekend extremely valuable. "It'll be nice to kind of see
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State to host Rutgers

THE N.C. STATE BASEBALL TEAM WILL TRY TO IMPROVE ON ITS SOLID SHOWING AT THE CITADEL LAST WEEKEND.

Matt Middleton
Staff Writer

The N.C. State baseball team will open a nine-game home stand this weekend, and its first foe will be the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers. The Wolfpack will play three games against the Knights starting Friday afternoon. State is coming off a weekend in Charleston, S.C., where it won two out of three in the Doak Field Invitation Shootout. The Pack opened the weekend with wins over West Virginia

and the host Citadel Bulldogs, while losing to George Mason on Sunday. Head coach Elliot Avent was genuinely pleased with the performance of his team in what he called "one of the best early tournaments in the country."

"Generally, I thought we played very well," said Avent. "There are always three good teams down there to play, all excited to be in Charleston. It was great weather. [there were] great facilities and everybody generally plays pretty well."

On Friday against the Mountaineers, the Pack (3-3) was led by the superb pitching of junior Daniel Caldwell. Caldwell (2-0, 0.69 ERA) worked seven strong innings, allowing only one unearned run before yielding to reliever Josh Miller, who closed out the final two

innings and picked up his second save of the year. "He allowed the other team to stay in check until we could find a way to put enough runs on the board to win the game," said Avent of the right-handed Caldwell. "Every day out, you know that Daniel Caldwell is going to give you a great effort and a great pitcher's mentality."

Saturday, the Pack's bats came out smoking, as it cruised to a 13-4 victory over The Citadel. Matt Butler doubled, tripled and drove in two runs against the Bulldogs, and the Pack had 16 hits as a team.

The victory over The Citadel looked even more impressive a day later when the Bulldogs pounded the 25th-ranked Tennessee Volunteers 15-2.

In the final game of the weekend, State lost to George Mason 9-4. GMU left-hander Travis Hardman kept the Pack on its heels virtually the entire game.

The game was a sour ending to an otherwise great weekend for the Pack, as the Patriots picked up their first win of the young season.

Rutgers marches into Raleigh fresh off its best start in almost 20 years (3-0) and coming off a sweep of Old Dominion.

The Knights boast one of the nation's best and deepest pitching staffs, which should provide quite a challenge to the Pack this weekend.

The ace of the Rutgers staff is junior Bob Brownlie.



Dan D'Amato will lead the Wolfpack charge as he is labeled as the starting pitcher for Saturday's game vs. Rutgers.



Joe Gaetti and the rest of the Wolfpack Baseball team will be facing Rutgers in a weekend series.

Brownlie is the preseason Big East Pitcher of the Year and was dubbed preseason a second-team All-American by Louisville Slugger.

Brownlie is familiar to Pack veterans who saw him pitch eight strong innings while striking out eight at Doak Field last year.

The Big East Pitcher of the Week is not Brownlie, but another Knight, right-handed reliever Eric Brown. Brown picked up two of three Rutgers' wins last weekend against the Monarchs, pitching almost four innings and allowing only one unearned

run.

Overall, Rutgers is a solid club and considered by many to be the best team in the north. The Knights have been to the last three NCAA Tournaments and are the reigning Big East regular-season and tournament champions.

In Big East preseason polls, the Knights were the consensus pick to finish second behind the 11th-ranked Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

"It's just another good team on our non-conference schedule that builds our RPI," said Avent. "We love the chal-

lenge, and I hope our guys are ready, because they do have one of the best pitching staffs in the country."

The rotation for the Pack this weekend will be Caldwell on Friday, Dan D'Amato (1-0, 5.63 ERA) on Saturday, and senior Jason Blanton, who will get his first start of the year, on Sunday.

The Pack is 4-2 all time vs. Rutgers.

The first pitch of Friday's game will be thrown out at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday's games will both start at 1:30 p.m.

State wrestlers topple Duke with ease on Senior Night

◆ Zach Breitenbach and Tommy Davis went out winners in their final home wrestling matches for N.C. State.

Wes Putnam
Staff Writer

N.C. State assistant coach Carter Jordan's wish almost came true. A day earlier, Jordan expressed the hope that the men's wrestling team would win each bout against Duke.

Out of ten bouts, the Wolfpack won nine, including three falls, en route to a 38-3 spanking of Duke Thursday night at Reynolds Coliseum. Pack heavy-weight Ricky Fowler recorded the first fall with 33 seconds remaining in the first period over Duke's Levi Karnehm. Fowler's pin gave the Pack a 9-0 lead, and opened the floodgates for State.

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Ensuing victories by George CINTRON (125), Ryan McCallum (133), and Jonathon Williams (141) rounded out the light-weight division for State, and gave the Pack an 18-0 advantage heading into Tommy Davis' bout at 149.

Davis, ranked 18th nationally in his weight class, is one of two seniors who wrestled his last home match Thursday.

He ended on a positive note by defeating Blue Devil Andre Solimon by technical fall, 22-6. Davis wanted to go out with a

bang.

"I felt good, I was just trying to go out like a champ and give it my all and try to be remembered," he said.

That won't be an issue, according to head coach Bob Guzzo.

"Tommy Davis is one of the most talented wrestlers we ever had here at N.C. State," Guzzo said.

The other senior is Zach Breitenbach (197), who eked out a 3-2 victory over Daegan Smith. Breitenbach gained a point for having 60-plus seconds of "rid-

ing time," which is accumulated during the match when one grappler "rides" his opponent.

After the match, Breitenbach reflected on the significance of his match.

"It means a lot. I've wrestled here for four years and this is the last match I'll ever wrestle here," Breitenbach said. "It's pretty special. Regardless wasn't particularly happy with the way I wrestled tonight, I would have liked to have beaten that guy a lot worse. But a win's a win and I'll take it."

Breitenbach finished the regular season with a 24-4 record, perfect in Atlantic Coast Conference competition.

Jordan believes Davis and Breitenbach have affected the program in two different ways.

"Zach has affected our program on a local level and on a national level," Jordan said. "He has shown tremendous leadership in academics as well as wrestling."

"Coach Guzzo throws around compliments like Grand Pianos,"

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