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Listserv to become vehicle for student voice

◆ A new listserv implemented by Student Government will be in place next Monday as means of communication on university issues.

Spaine Stephens

News Editor

On a campus of N.C. State's size, many students feel that to voice their concerns they have to take a number and wait in a line 27,000-deep. Starting next Monday, students will be able to communicate their concerns about university issues through a listserv.

The listserv, implemented by current Student Body President Harold Pettigrew, will be a medium through

which the student body president can field the opinions of the students and assure them that their voice will not be lost in the crowd.

"We wanted to establish our own listserv where students could subscribe themselves," said Pettigrew. "They can voluntarily express interest and know what's going on at the university."

In past years, student leaders got together and attempted to gain access to an all-campus listserv account, similar to the listserv used by NCSU administration to send out important messages to all students on subjects like safety concerns or computer network issues. However, students could not gain access to this type of all-campus communication.

The next best thing, Pettigrew fig-

ured, was to set up a listserv which students have a choice to have access to.

"The main purpose is to inform the student body," said Pettigrew, who has been working on the idea of the listserv since last semester.

The listserv will provide updates and information about different issues like athletic ticket distribution or campus or "other stuff that goes on on campus that you might not know about," said Pettigrew.

He said he wished the listserv had been available last semester, when issues like ticket distribution and the nuisance party ordinance were of substantial importance to many students. "This would have been an easy outlet," said Pettigrew.

It will be in place, though, just in

time for big campus events like Service Raleigh and Taste of N.C. State.

Melanie Chin will be the coordinator of the listserv once it is up and running. Pettigrew approached her when she served on the Student Government executive staff. Chin will get the posted messages, compile them and put the actual email together.

Students can subscribe to the listserv by going to the Student Government Web site at students.ncsu.edu and scrolling down to the heading "Student Government announcement list." Students can register or remove their name and post announcements on the Web page.

The system is not an open discussion listserv. Pettigrew said the messages posted on the Web site will go straight

to the student body president's account, and will then be taken and considered for publication in the next Student Government announcement list. Submissions must be in by noon on Monday to be considered for that Monday's listserv. The messages from the listserv can only be sent by the student body president. After an event, information about it would be taken off the listserv.

Pettigrew said the listserv will improve communication between the whole NCSU community by providing information on "events that have the potential to touch the student body as a whole."

There will also be a contest to name the listserv. Details will be in next Tuesday's "Technician."



Mildred Russell waits for customers to check out at the Bragaw C-Store. Russell has worked for NCSU for the past eight years.

Rape defense class could come to NCSU

◆ A rape defense class could possibly be offered for P.E. credit at N.C. State.

Cara Froedg

Assistant News Editor

When prospective students consider coming to N.C. State, they weigh the merits of academics, faculty and campus life. More and more students are becoming conscious of safety issues as the student body grows larger.

Soon students may be able to feel safer and get class credit for it.

Rape Aggression Defense Systems is a national course offered at NCSU that teaches women methods to avoid being assaulted and techniques to defend themselves if they're ever caught in such a situation. Currently, the class is offered from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights and cannot be taken to receive university credit.

However, that may change soon. NCSU junior Shane Reese is lobbying to have the class switched to two days a week and listed as P.E. credit. The female-only class will be structured in much the same way, only less material will be covered in a class period, enabling the students to retain

more of what they are taught.

"Right now," said Reese, "the class is too intense. ... There is so much information to soak up that students end up forgetting what they learned in the first half of the class period."

Reese got the idea from looking at other universities that have already implemented the class for university credit such as the University of South Florida. If NCSU were to follow suit, it would be one of the first universities in the nation to offer the class for credit, said a representative from RAD, who could not say how many other universities have already done this.

This class is important, said Reese, because "it is every student's right to feel safe."

In a survey of on- and off-campus women he conducted, he found that many female students do not feel safe walking to the library alone at night, he explained. The ones that do "have a false sense of security with mace."

Even though the university does not have any reported sexual assaults in the last five years, Reese believes it is going to take another assault to get safety measures and awareness increased.

"In my opinion [the university] is

reactive rather than proactive," he said.

He believes that the university should take safety measures to prepare people because "it could happen here just as well as anywhere else."

Public Safety Chief Thomas Younce agreed, but also said it will benefit the students more than just while they attend the university.

"A class like this has an effect on an individual for life," he said.

When graduates move to another city, this could help them, he continued.

To implement the course, the P.E. department must first accept it as part of the curriculum. As far as who would teach the course, it could still be Sgt. Barnwell.

However, neither Reese nor Younce knew if the university would require a master's degree for the teacher.

"If the university cooperates," said Reese, "the class could be in place by the fall."

The only problem then, said Reese, is that the popularity of the class will make it harder to get enrolled. Interested students could "get locked out of the class" and not get a chance to take it before they graduate.

Days slipping by...

◆ ...for registration in Service Raleigh, N.C. State's annual one-day citywide service project.

Jimmy Ryals

News Editor

Time is running out for registration for the largest N.C. State-sponsored service project of the year.

One week from today, March 8, registration will close for Service Raleigh, the NCSU service project that has aided between 40 and 50 Raleigh organizations annually during its four-year existence.

Thus far, roughly 598 people have registered to take part in Service Raleigh, according to Co-coordinator Heather Bennett. That is a low figure at this point, as the target number of volunteers is 2,000.

Service Raleigh volunteers will spend April 7 working for various Raleigh organizations. Some groups that have benefited from Service Raleigh in the past include the North Carolina Food Bank, Trees Across Raleigh, the Alzheimer's Association, the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences and Habitat for Humanity.

Trees Across Raleigh and Habitat are among the approximately 30 organizations that have signed on to receive Service Raleigh 2001 volunteers' work. "You get out of [Service Raleigh] what you put into it," Bennett said. "It can be an amazing experience if you want it to be."

In quantifiable terms, what volunteers will put into Service Raleigh will be five hours of work and the effort attendant to that time. What volunteers will take home with them from the one-day volunteer event is less definite.

"I think it's giving back to your community," said Diana Nguyen, a senior communication major who worked at a Trees Across Raleigh site during last year's Service Raleigh. You get a chance to work and interact with a lot of different people."

On Jan. 17, NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox wrote a letter to members of

the Raleigh community supporting Service Raleigh.

"The N.C. State University family reaches out to our neighbors in many ways," Fox wrote. "One of the most important is Service Raleigh 2001. This activity is an excellent way for our student body and the surrounding community to join together in a day of volunteer service."

In response to criticism last year of Service Raleigh as a one-day-a-year service effort, Bennett and co-coordinators John Sawyer, Lauren Collins and Christian Wilson have arranged for the creation and distribution of partner booklets this year.

The booklets will include the names of all the organizations being served this year, with contact information and information about the kind of work each organization needs. One booklet will be given to each Service Raleigh volunteer. Bennett hopes that the booklets will lead volunteers to continue working with their respective Service Raleigh groups.

In an effort to expand Service Raleigh-like programs to all 16 schools in the UNC System, Bennett and her co-coordinators plan to make a presentation to the UNC Council of Student Body Presidents after all 16 universities have completed their student body elections.

Last spring, UNC-Chapel Hill launched Project UNC, a service project modeled on Service Raleigh and Georgia Tech's Team Buzz. The second annual Project UNC will take place March 31.

Service Raleigh coordinators will be in the Brickyard next Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. registering volunteers. Free drinks and pizza from Cici's Pizza will be available to volunteers.

For those who cannot make it to the Brickyard, there is online registration for the event at www.ncsu.edu/service Raleigh.

Late registration will be allowed, but Bennett said there are no guarantees that those who register late will receive free T-shirts or lunches, as their less tardy co-

Bush tax plan may surprise college students

◆ Students should look at the long-term effects of the proposal.

Sharon Foldes

Daily Orange (Syracuse, N.Y.)

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. - College students may get more out of President George W. Bush's proposed \$1.3 trillion tax cut than they think. The tax break has the potential to expand the tightened job market — an appealing prospect for students graduating in May, said Donald Dutkowsky, a Syracuse University economics professor.

"For the last three to four years, (the government) has been collecting more in taxes than it's spending," Dutkowsky said. "It's become overkill at this stage in the game. (The tax cut) can lead to a better business climate, job market and prospects."

In his first address to U.S. Congress since his inauguration, Bush proposed his budget plan on Tuesday.

Dutkowsky said students should also look to the long-term effects of the proposal.

Bush asked Congress to privatize Social Security, making Americans responsible for their own retirement funds.

Social Security, Dutkowsky said, is not just a concern for the elderly. Students should educate themselves on how to invest their retirement savings and the types of available

accounts because the future of Social Security can be unpredictable, Dutkowsky said.

"We (Baby Boomers) never thought it would happen to us," he said. Some students have decided to start now to ensure their economic security through the SU Investment Club. School of Management students started the club in 1984 and meet weekly to discuss the stock market.

Though retirement looms well into the future, club member Ezra Shabot said he thinks Bush's privatization of Social Security will reap long-term benefits.

"I would like to go to a system where everyone has control of their own Social Security money, and they can do what they want with it," said Shabot, a senior finance major.

Shabot added that Bush's proposed tax cut plays in closely with his Social Security plan, because when Americans receive their tax breaks, the goal is for them to invest the money back into stocks for their retirement funds.

Wen-Cheng Chen, also a club member, said the best stocks for retirement are those that grow slowly and gradually over time, rather than a volatile stock, which could gain or lose more money.

"In the long run, according to data and past history, (the stock market) is pretty stable and growing," said Chen, a senior finance major. "It's good to put some portion of financial salary into an investment."

Putting too much funding in a tax break may, however, cause interest rates to rise, Dutkowsky added.

Students may feel these high interest rates when they make their first major investment, such as buying a house, he said.

"His plan is comparable to Ronald Reagan's in the 1980s, and that led to big deficits," Dutkowsky said. "The time will come that you will see that Uncle Sam is cutting into us even with the tax cut."

But certain tax eliminations, such as the death tax, also known as the estate tax, will only affect the wealthiest of Americans, he said.

The estate tax transfers large amounts of wealth between family members after a death.

With the new plan, if Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates died, his entire estate would be passed to his children tax-free, Dutkowsky said.

Sophomore Michael Sandy said during winter break he took the first steps to building his future assets by investing in E-Trade stocks.

"It's the smartest thing to do with my money at this point," said Sandy, a finance and marketing major. "It's not like I have a lot of money right now, but my plan is to accumulate some stocks long term and not touch them until I see fit."

Because of a slowing economy, stock prices have dropped in recent months and are expected to bottom out in late March, Sandy added.

"It's a great time to buy."

DAYS

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Founded in 1998 by the Park Scholars and NCSU Student Government, Service Raleigh is an annual, one-day event designed to foster dedication to service and a commitment to the community in its participants.



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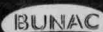
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW **ACTION adventure** THE BIG EVENT 2001 WAS A SLAM-DUNK SUCCESS.

For the fourth year in a row, the N.C. State ACTION Committee hosted "The Big Event," a big-screen viewing party in Reynolds Coliseum. To describe the event in one word, one must say simply "amazing." To describe the event in two words, one must say simply "amazing"—twice.

More than 1,000 students were in attendance.

The event brought together the entire campus community through the combined efforts of the N.C. State SADD Chapter, the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Wake Count ABC, The Brownstone Hotel, the College of Management, the Inter-Residence Council, University Dining, University Scholars, the 2001 Senior Class, the Chancellor's Office, the Athletics Department, Student Affairs, University Housing, the Wolfpack Club, CHASS, Student Health Services and the Alumni Association—and, of course, the strong support of fans, whether they be students, faculty, alumni, staff or just friends and family.

Truly a night "all about choices," the event not only offered students a

chance to watch the most important road game of the season in as close to an arena environment as is possible without actually being in the Dean Dome, but the night also offered a much more important choice: sobriety.

The night was important not in terms of a specific crusade against drinking, but rather for its simple yet powerful testimony that hundreds of students from various disciplines and various personal backgrounds can come together for a night of fun without the crutch of booze or violence.

If that sounds a little too sappy, a little too goody-goody, maybe that's how it should be.

Wednesday night, the students proved they could conduct themselves in a manner deserving the respect and trust of the university. For a group that is forever fighting for the return of campus and the pre-Nuisance Ordinance version of Brent Road, the Big Event provides more than fun, fellowship and fanaticism; it provides merit and dignity to the students, the faculty and the NCSU community at large.



Revolutionizing politics



Robert Jaitall

Having no hold over Congress or the White House, the Democrats do not appear to be in the best shape politically. Unless 98-year-old Strom Thurmond finally dies, the Democrats won't have control of any branch of government for at least two years.

Compounding the Democrats' dilemma is the fact that there is no obvious thing the Democrats can change to make themselves more effective politically. Indeed, the Democrats were quite successful politically in the last presidential election, earning the majority of the people's support (but not in Florida, where it mattered the most). With Republicans itching to run amok in Washington after eight years under Clinton-Gore "tyranny," the Democrats are in a particularly vulnerable position.

From his first weeks in office, Dubya's message remains quite similar to his one on the campaign: to raise the tone of politics in Washington and create bipartisanship. Whether or not Dubya thought of this strategy himself, it is nevertheless a wonderfully clever tactic to cripple Democratic opposition. With Dubya seemingly taking the high road, any opposition by the Democrats appears as typical partisan whining, thus undermining the Democrats' credibility in the minds of American citizens.

This situation is a coup for Dubya because such "typical partisan whining" can usually grind the presidency to a screeching halt, as Republican whining did in the latter Clinton years. The

Republicans' lack of cooperation in the late Clinton years probably contributed to the Democrats not getting a sure-fire victory in the last presidential election, and the Republicans' continued dogging of former President Clinton only damages the Democrats further.

The continued attacks on Clinton show what kind of advantage Dubya leverages. He can successfully convince people that he wants to raise the tone and level of cooperation in Washington, while his undoubtedly good Republican friends can go for Clinton's jugular as if he still had real political power—which he does; the power to embarrass Democrats.

With the situation shaping up unfavorably for Democrats, the question has to be asked: what can Democrats do to regain the appearance of influence in Washington? Part of the answer is the obvious: don't behave within the rules of Dubya's game plan. Staying quiet as Dubya pushes his agenda through Congress, an agenda that should appear shockingly conservative to centrist who voted for him, only allows Dubya to pull off his deception of new cooperation and understanding.

Both parties aren't compromising more and moving to the center. Instead, Republicans are rushing an old Reagan-era agenda right past Democrats who seem helpless or unwilling to do anything. It would be wise for Democrats to note that Dubya isn't advancing politics any further, as he promised in his campaign.

Simply speaking up, though, is only a first step. The ultimate goal for Democrats should be to unite a united stance against Dubya. This does not mean Democrats should unite around a liberal agenda. The Republicans united around a conservative agenda in the last election with far from resounding success. Having Democrats unite on a

common set of stances isn't particularly desirable or feasible. The goal for Democrats should be to seek honest positions in their opposition of Dubya. If Republicans are supposedly taking the high ground by uniting around their agenda with "political civility," the only way for Democrats to outpace Republicans is to unite around truthful positions. Basing their opposition on facts and reason can negate any Republican claim that the Democrats are engaging in typical Washington politics.

And there are many areas where the Democrats can prevail by simply sticking to what is known to be true (and things they already believe): the technical impossibility of missile defense, the shortsightedness of opening more domestic oil ventures and the notable absence of fat sacks of cash to pay for a 1.6 trillion dollar tax cut.

Sticking to the truth, though, also means Democrats cannot adhere to their traditional dogma. Adhering to their dogma makes the Democrats no better than the Republicans. Devoting themselves to an ideal, such as truth, and taking positions based on that would allow the Democrats flexibility never before seen in Washington politics. Thus, instead of Dubya's specious promises, the Democrats can be the ones to revolutionize Washington politics. Even better, Republicans may give up the irrational devotion to their agenda (assuming it isn't Republican to be irrationally devoted to a set of beliefs) and instead follow a true ideal.

All that is needed is someone willing to make a departure from their party's dogma. This is a long shot.

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V O X P O P U L I Voluntary blindness

Jonathan Perry

You live in an apartment. You walk in after a day at work and look around. You look up at the ceiling and notice the tiles are falling down. The ones that haven't already fallen are covered in a disease-spreading mold that turns them from a solid white to a shade of brown. The tiles are replaced periodically, but the roof above you leaks. If you don't have to go outside to see if it is raining, just look up. The mold is an endless cycle. As you walk farther into the apartment, your sinuses begin to burn. Dizziness and an acute sense of nausea set in. You look down and see a yellowed carpet. The edges are desperately being held down by duct tape, but mud and time have tracked up the rest. Maybe the carpet was once new and fresh from the factory, but now you see your baby crawling on the mussy floor to reach for her toy. You walk into the kitchen to get a glass of water and smell a strange odor. You peer into the cupboard under the sink and see worms crawling from the bottom of the cardboard that separates the floor from the cabinet. You see the white creatures squirming near the joints that lead to the water your family drinks. You look at your oven. Half of the burners don't work and the wall above the stovetop is charred from when there was a fire a few months back. You walk to the bathroom. The mold from the walls makes it seem that

a black paint was used when the apartment was rented out. Forget a shower—the water is still clogged up from the last person that used it. You walk to the window and gaze out at your friends, but then move away because the single-pane glass does little to protect you from the elements. Lying down on your bed, you reflect on the day. Unfortunately, the two-inch foam covering does little to console the stiffness of your muscles.

Do you whine? Do you complain? Do you speak out because you live in a desperate, selfish world full of materialistic ideals such as profit-maximization? No! You scraped to be where you are. You risked everything to come here and managed to bring part of your family. Do you scream for a welfare check like a lazy vagrant? No, you get up every day at dawn and make your way to work, whether it's in construction or in some other service sector. The money stinks from the sweat of your brow. The blood and calluses on your hands are what pay the bills. Why can't you afford to live in another apartment? Why can't you flee the landlord who comes into your house at any time he pleases, yet refuses to repair anything and raises your rent whenever he so desires?

Family keeps you in this apartment. To those who aren't with you here, you send most of your paycheck, and you do without so they may have something to live on. You are an immigrant, from

Mexico, Cuba, El Salvador or another Latin country.

What has been described is not an exaggeration. It is not even in a third-world country. It's five minutes from your dorm room or your classroom. And it's not just here in Raleigh. Throughout North Carolina there are people who live in conditions that should make you sick—conditions not suitable for a dog. Engineers Without Borders has seen all of these circumstances within the past year. We have seen a great race: the true Americans who see the United States as a land of opportunity. They see this country as a nation where the "boot-strap theory" will make them rich. Sadly, this notion seldom works.

What can you do?

- Realize a problem exists.
- Do anything, no matter how small, to help someone.
- Get rid of ignorance.
- Take the knowledge that there are others not as fortunate as you with you when you graduate.

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"VOX POPULI" IS A SEMESTER-LONG FRIDAY FEATURE ALLOWING MANY DIFFERENT UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS A FORUM WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO VOICE STUDENT CONCERNS TO THE READERSHIP

Opinion

Sico on tips on tips



John Sico

STAFF COLUMNIST

I am a good tipper. It's something that I pride myself on. I don't just consistently leave the customary 15 percent tip. Oh no. I've been known on occasion to leave tips well exceeding 50 percent of the bill. Unless my server is going out of their way to give me horrible service, I'll always leave a good 20 percent. Why would I do this? Why would I spend more of my hard-earned cash than absolutely necessary? It would make for a pretty convincing story to say I was once a waiter, and thus understand their plight, but this is not so. It's actually just a pretty simple question of math. Say there are two people eating at a casual restaurant. Assuming they're going to be splitting the bill, they'll probably also be splitting the tip. When the bill comes, it's \$20. If this couple were to leave the 15 percent, they would leave a \$3 tip. Why not make that an even \$5? It's only one more dollar each to increase the tip percentage to a nice juicy 25 percent. Now, if this isn't their last \$2, chances are that they won't miss those singles one bit. And, a server would certainly appreciate those extra two.

What are the benefits of tipping? For

a restaurant that you visit frequently, the profits are obvious. The wait staff will be at your beck and call (well, they should be anyway, I guess; but they'll be even more inclined to help you out now). Another good thing that may come from tipping generously may be more of avoidance of punishment than reward. We've all heard some of the horror stories and seen the NBC "Dateline" specials about the awful things that go on in some kitchens to the people that are disliked by the servers. An easy way to stay away from a little extra saliva in your sauce is to slip down a couple of extra bucks. Two dollars seems a small price to pay for unattended food.

There are other situations that call for larger than normal tips. When all 15 of the guys go to Waffle House and request three orders of hash browns, three coles, and 12 waters, even though the bill might be around \$5, it would be appropriate to leave almost that much, if not more, for the tip. One of the boys spilled something? Add another 50 cents to the tip. Is someone trying to make jokes to the server? That'll cost you another two quarters.

Does your order sound like this? "Can I have the cheeseburger meal? Without the actual meat patty, only cheddar cheese because I'm allergic to all other kinds, and I want that on a wheat bun without sesame seeds. With Heinz ketchup, and no other kind. And half a tomato slice. But I want curly fries

instead of straight ones. And I can't have the seasoning because I'm allergic to that too." If it does, you better be prepared to dish out a hearty gratuity. Complex orders always call for a bolster to the tip.

Is it ever correct to leave little or no tip? In certain extreme circumstances, where the service was so redibly bad that you thought you might have personally insulted the family of the server, this may be appropriate. This is, however, a fine line, and should be tread with caution. No condition, however, calls for a witty note to be written, or some other kind of clever lesson be taught, such as leaving two cents. Get it? My two cents? Very funny. If you're mad, leave no tip. Or better yet, speak personally to the server, and explain to them why you're unhappy. Chances are they didn't realize they were doing whatever it was that upset you.

It's pretty easy to improve your tipping skills. Leave the little wallet tip-calculator at home, and just leave what you think that the server honestly deserves. Keep in mind all of the stuff that you did that they had to put up with. And just be nice.

John may know all about tipping waiters, but he doesn't know a thing about tipping bellhops, gas station attendants, or cows. Tell him all you know at Riseason@aol.com.

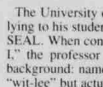
RULE OF THUMB

Fayetteville State University



Thirty FSU accounting majors will give 240 hours to helping elderly and low-income taxpayers fill out their returns. Downside: the students' hectic campout for W2 forms at the old folks home.

Prof. William T. Whiteley



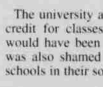
The University of Oklahoma professor admitted he's been lying to his students for 10 years about being a former Navy SEAL. When confronted with a feisty Rudy from "Survivor 1," the professor explained he lies because of his family background: namely, his surname, which is not pronounced "wit-lee" but actually "white lie."

Chinese University of Hong Kong



Researchers studying promiscuous rats have found a genetic protein that acts as a "chemical condom" against STDs, counteracting criticism that researchers at Hong Kong were wrong to watch dongs bong for long.

UC-Berkeley



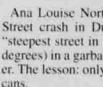
The university admitted two Cal football players received credit for classes they did not take, without which they would have been ineligible for the '99 season. The school was also shamed into admitting that they indeed have 11 schools in their so-called "Pac-10."

U. Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics



The school can now offer less invasive surgery with the aid of a new computer-assisted surgical system, "Zeus." University doctors admit the pyres, sacrificial bulls and occasional sex with mortals are a small price to pay for Zeus' services.

New Zealanders



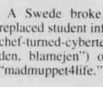
Ana Louise North, 19, was killed instantly in a Baldwin Street crash in Dunedin when she tried to roll down the "steepest street in the world" (with a maximum angle of 38 degrees) in a garbage can, but ended up smashing into a trailer. The lesson: only trailer trash rolls down streets in garbage cans.

Stanford U., Brown U.



Researchers at the two schools have found a new source for drugs by extracting jeans from potted soil bacteria. The new method replaces the old source for drugs: extracting soiled pot from kids' jeans.

Swedish hackers



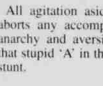
A Swede broke into Indiana University's server and replaced student information with MP3 files. An anonymous chef-turned-cyberterrorist admitted blame (actually, "blame-den, blamejen") on AOL chat rooms under the handle "madmuppet4life."

Fraternity Court



The 10 Greek societies fighting the University tapped the keg of justice and threatened to bring back their lawsuit, putting school officials in a sticky situation not unlike so many pledges duct-taped to trees. Go, Greeks, go!

The Letter 'A'



All agitation aside, *Americana's* asinine 'A', all along, abhors any accomplishment as an announcement, adding anarchy and aversion among all autodidacts. Translation: that stupid 'A' in the Brickyard was an *Americana* publicity stunt.

'Good girls' swallow, shun feminists



Kelly Marks

STAFF COLUMNIST

I've never really liked the word "feminist." For some reason, I can't seem to identify with it; it's always seemed too rough or too angry, too hairy to be me. I think it's that "ist" on the end, the way it clips the word short, drawing it to a close with a very terse "t." It feels militant and bitter. I don't want to be bitter. But there are times when I feel like I should be. When I know that I'm going to be paid less than my male counterparts, I feel it. When I hear about women around the world whose minds, bodies and lives are violated and whose male aggressors are actually supported by laws or religion, I feel it. When I see little girls inundated with Barbie dolls and Britney Spears, when I see how the same cycles of objectification and subordination are being perpetuated, I feel it. The bitterness is real and acute and I can taste it in my mouth.

But then I do what all good girls do. I swallow.

I don't want to make a fuss. I don't want to be any trouble. I am not a riot anyway. Grrr, yourself. I tell myself that I'm a pacifist and not just passive. And yet, I wonder.

See, I'm a girl. And I don't think I'm any less intelligent, capable or talented than guys. If I were to go by what the dictionary defines as feminism — the movement for social, economic, and political equality between men and women — well, I'm all for it. So I should call myself a feminist, and I should wear the word with pride. But there are ugly

connotations that go along with it. There are labels like "man-hater" and "feminazi" that I don't want stuck on me. And there's personal experience (I have known women who were just those things).

In fact, I'm not the only female who shies away from the word. Even when presented with its definition, stripped of any negative associations, only a slim majority of women will call themselves a feminist. Do that many women really think they're not equal to men? Or is the shadow of the word so long and dark that it carries more weight than the word's meaning itself?

There can be many reasons why the word is poorly accepted. For some, it conjures up images of muscle-bound women with crew cuts and sneers, professing their hatred of men to anyone who will listen. Although such stereotypes are wrong, they exist. And though people know better, they keep them in existence.

There's also the general worry about what people will perceive you as. Some people see feminists as scorned women or women who just haven't found the right man. People assume things about them, draw lewd conclusions, question their sexuality or their intelligence. Women are presented with enough self-image problems without subjecting themselves to new scrutiny and pigeonholes.

There's also the concern that a movement which is so pro-woman is also anti-male. Personally, I sometimes feel this way. I can see the negatives, but I'm not pointing fingers at people who have been raised and reared with the same social expectations that I myself grapple with. I was taught that girls wear pink. I can't be angry with a guy for having been taught that boys wear blue. We are all, in some way, shaped by our environments. The

problem is larger than one person. It's larger than one gender. You should never write off a group of people for what only a percentage of them do.

Blame and shame can hurt equality efforts far more often than they help them. People don't want to see your view when its basic premise is that they're wrong. Change is a delicate process. And there's always the chance that when you blame someone, you give that person a certain power over you. You may be the victor of injustice, but don't revel in the role of victim. Rise above it.

Finally, many women don't identify with feminism because they can't see how they fit in the movement or how it has helped them. They just want to be who they are. The thing is, that's what feminism is about. It's the fight for that individuality, for the unlimited opportunities to achieve your goals, for the right to do and be and say and dream whatever you want. We all have that right — women aren't the only ones who are confined by how many X chromosomes they have — men are just as often limited by society's expectations.

I guess I just want a different word that still says the things that feminism means. I want something more inclusive, something free of the connotations, something less controversial and angry. And yet, I think I am a little angry. Not at a male-dominated culture or some chauvinist guy I know, but at how much we know and how little we change. We're all hurt by gender discrimination, by any discrimination, but it's easy and we understand it, and we like things that are easy and easily understood. And perhaps I'm angry at people like me, who feel this way but can still talk at a word.

Comments? Email Kelly at kmmarks@utncsu.edu.



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CAMPUS FORUM

'One person can make a difference'

On Valentine's Day, I visited the VA Medical Center in Durham to participate in the Valentines for Veterans program. Never having participated in the program, I was astounded. Participating in this program were several hundred members of the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines to include ROTC detachments from N.C. State, Duke, and UNC-Chapel Hill. Also there to help were staffers of Senator Jesse Helms, baseball Hall of Famer Ernie Slaughter and several other people from the local area. In addition, local schoolchildren made valentine cards, which we gave to the hospitalized veterans.

In a group with 12 other NCSU Air Force ROTC cadets, we visited more than 100 veterans. I entered the ward with a pile of valentines in my hand not quite sure what to expect. I spotted an elderly veteran in the corner by himself, went over and said "Happy Valentine's Day" and gave him a card. Immediately, his eyes lit up and a huge smile came over his face. I talked to him for a while and he spoke about his time in the military and how much it meant to him that I had come that day. I felt honored that I had the opportunity to brighten the day of a veteran.

These veterans were just like us: young high-school or college students who entered the military and fought for our freedom in conflicts spanning from World War II through Desert Storm. Many of them no longer have any family, friends or even visitors. On Valentine's Day, I realized that one person can make a difference by letting these veterans know that they are not forgotten.

Since 1978, the Veterans Administration has sponsored the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, which includes the Valentines for Veterans program. Every year, 100,000 volunteers contribute millions of hours of time at VA medical centers nationwide.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering at a VA medical center should ask for the voluntary service office at any VA medical center. Remember: one person can make a difference.

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Love thy neighbor

I was sitting in Cup of Joe last week listening to a Mexican-American family speak when I started thinking about the piles of racial comments I have heard about Mexicans and Mexican-Americans from national television to my own apartment. I spent the best part of last summer in Mexico, which left me with a big spot in my heart for the country but also a better understanding of its people and perhaps less understanding of those in the United States. I was embraced by almost every person and experience I encountered there, was overcome by the beauty and poverty — even more so by the unmistakable contrast between the two and the fact that they existed so completely intermeshed. Maybe it's this contrast that poses the question "How can a place that is so beautiful also be the site of such heartache?" The 5-year-old children think that it's normal to go to school all day, then spend the rest of

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the night walking the streets selling their parents' handicrafts or flowers or even gum so they can have food. It's no wonder that thousands of Mexicans come — legally or illegally — to the United States each year. Who wouldn't want a better life for themselves, or their children, or their children's children? That is why it kills me why I just cannot understand how so many people can look down on Mexican-Americans who are actually living the "American Dream," working hard to rise above. They are not living off of welfare, or crime, or accepting in passing their situation. Don't get me wrong, though, I see signs of growing acceptance and understanding everyday. Just the other week, in fact, Mexico's new president Vicente Fox and our new president George Bush met in San Cristobal, Mexico, Bush's first foreign visit of his presidency, to discuss and improve Mexican-American relations. Bush was quoted at this visit as saying, "Each nation has a new president and a new perspective. Geography has made us neighbors; cooperation and respect will make us partners." I applaud the president for this position and hope to witness its full development. I would also like to propose a new generation of mutual respect and an open-mindedness that allows us as citizens of the world to learn from and accept one another. We are not going to be able to go anywhere if we keep spending all our time drawing lines and building fences.

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Junior
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Africa is not a country

I refer to *Technician's* front-page story on the African Students Union (Feb. 27). The story referred to Africa as a "country" in at least two paragraphs. To quote one of the paragraphs: "The ASU acts primarily as a representative of and source of information on the country of Africa and its culture." I commend your newspaper for promoting the cause of diversity but admonish

you that, in the process of doing so, you need to be careful so that you do not end up misinforming your readers. To put the records straight, Africa is a continent and not a country. I refer you to the *Encarta Online Encyclopedia* entry titled "Africa" for more details. However, for the benefit of your readers, I quote the opening paragraph in that article: "Africa, the second largest of the Earth's seven continents, covers 30,244,000 sq. km (11,677,000 sq. mi.), including its adjacent islands. It comprises 23 percent of the world's total land area. In 2000, some 13 percent of the world's population, an estimated 797 million people, lived in Africa, making it the world's second most populous continent, after Asia."

Furthermore, it might interest you to note Africa is one of the most diverse places on earth both in terms of culture, climate and physical contours. There are thousands of ethnic groups and over 1000 different languages. Hence, sometimes, tempers boil over and some form of conflict based on cleavages becomes inevitable. It is the home to the Kilimanjaro Mountain and the Sahara Desert. It is a storehouse of diamonds that has fueled intense conflict, for example, in Sierra Leone. Its soil and labor grew the crops that made the 19th century Industrial Revolution possible. Human life is generally believed to have begun on the continent, dating back to the period between 5 and 8 million years ago. Africa is the home to the world's first great civilization, the Egyptian Empire. The people of Africa are generally very hospitable and communal, extending hands of friendship to all.

Welcome to Africa but, before your arrival, shed all the gory images of the continent painted by the media and come with a clean slate and we will write songs of friendship on your hearts.

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Morgan 'similar to the Ku Klux Klan'

Morgan's column, "The end of Black History" (Feb. 28), was a total insult to

the legacy and cultural foundation of Black History Month. The title alone was a pure disgrace. Morgan fails to realize that a month that includes 28 or 29 days to celebrate the achievements of a race in which American society had never expected to succeed can in no way compensate for the 300-plus years of hate and oppression that was brought upon them. Morgan fails to see that, because black Americans were not inclusive in American society, excluded from what the "land of opportunity" had to offer, a cultural establishment that blacks could identify with had to be established. His comparison of Black History Month is similar to that of the Ku Klux Klan. In no way does Black History Month segregate or present barriers for people. It does not only welcome blacks to learn about the contributions and accomplishments of black Americans, but welcomes all other races. There are no shut doors for Black History Month. Black History Month is open to all who are willing to learn about black history. Please note the word "willing."

The quote Morgan used from Woodson's *The Mis-Education of the Negro* had no relevance to his column. In actuality, it states the very opposite of Morgan's claim for the termination of Black History Month. Black History Month should bring and build a sense of pride in blacks. Contrary to Morgan's statement about what he feels Black History Month expresses, "We [blacks] must re-emphasize that we are not them," Black History Month acknowledges the achievements of blacks in a white society that said, "Yeah, you are different; I'm superior, and you can't do this or that." Black History Month re-emphasizes what black Americans were declined in a racist society: a rich culture and open doors to succeed. Black History Month celebrates barriers that were broken. Morgan may "applaud and personally work for the ideal of interracial harmony," but first he, along with many others who share his belief, must stop knocking an establishment (Black History Month) and the people included in this establishment whose contributions and achievements have helped us all.

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Blame Canada, ourselves

As a regular *Technician* reader, I look forward to Robert Jaill's weekly column. His thoughtful perspectives, well-written arguments and occasional intelligent satire make for interesting and salient reading. Thus, I take exception to the forum letter, "Sex and violence column 'glib'" (Feb. 28). The article in question is, in my opinion, one of Jaill's finest and most thought-provoking. This is in stark contrast to Garnett's piece, which strikes me as reactionary and ill informed. It suffers from a quintessential misunderstanding and/or misinterpretation of the article it attempts to refute. Garnett takes a handful of comments out of context and seeks to refute these (rather unsuccessfully) without giving any regard to the larger picture. He writes Jaill "blames the parents, not the media for the current explicit violence in our society." And to a certain extent this is true; but, more importantly, Jaill seeks to place the blame where it belongs: on the people which constitute our society, and not on some obscure entity known as the "media." He discerns that, if indeed America's children are unable, due to lack of parental guidance or what have you, to distinguish between reality and fantasy, then there is a deep-rooted and fundamental problem with our society that needs to be addressed — and not by attacking the media.

If I may bring in a bit of anecdotal evidence; I, like many others, played violent video games, watched violent cartoons and television, etc. as a child. I would presently consider myself rather pacific. I certainly have never killed or even thought about killing anyone. The cause of this is both simple and obvious; I have the ability to distinguish what is real and what pertains to the real world from that which does not. To reiterate then, Jaill raises an extremely poignant issue in his column that Garnett overlooked: if our society's young people have not been taught to tell reality and fantasy apart (a skill which had obviously been taught, just as it is in many and, I would hope, the majority of the cases) then we need to examine who is doing the teaching and why they are failing to properly educate America's youth. Thus, let us

not blame the media for our society's shortcomings but rather place the blame where it truly belongs: squarely on Canada (or if not that, at least on ourselves).

Christopher Strehse
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Jesus came for all

I'm not sure how many N.C. State students actually pay attention to the many statements, pictures and ads that adorn the free expression tunnel everyday, but I, for one, do. I've been fascinated with it since I first visited NCSU's campus in high school, and I've seen some pretty interesting things painted there in my past two years as a student. Some things have been funny, some a little outrageous, some beautiful works of art, and some have been just downright stupid. But nothing has shocked, outraged or angered me more than what I saw painted there a couple of nights ago. The words I saw said something like "Jesus hates gay people" and "God sends gay people to Hell." I know that the free expression tunnel is named that because it is a place for free expression. And I also know that everyone has the right to their own opinions and has the right to express them. That's not my reason for writing. Whoever wrote that has just as much of a right to express their opinion, as I have to express mine. I am simply writing to express my own opinion on the matter. Those statements angered me because I believe them to be false, and the thought of students on this campus seeing and believing those statements, believing that Jesus hates them, hurts me. The Gospel as I know it says that God loves each of us for who we are, whether we're gay or straight, tall or short, fat or thin, a murderer or a model citizen (John 3:16). Jesus Christ came to die for us all so that we all might spend eternity with Him. God is love, not hate. He will accept people just where they are, wherever that may be. No one is out of the reach of God's love.

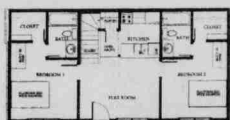
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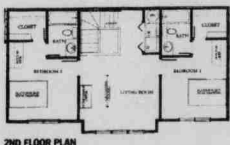


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Maxine remembered a momentary lapse of time before she reached the end of the cavern's river. She discovered a manhole exit with a shiny silver wheel that urges her to turn it. She opened the door, exited out on the other side, and spotted Matajuro sleeping at his snow-hilled camp. Making a connection that this young feline looked surprisingly similar to Oskar the cat, the now deceased cigar-smoking riffraff who got her all off course from her "prime directive," she inquired on her current whereabouts. Matajuro is unconcerned with her questions and pointed to his mouth, inferring that he was once again hungry and would like very much a bite of breakfast. But all of a sudden the young feline snapped to attention...



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rrumble creak!

rrumble creak!

YOU'D THINK HE WOULD HAVE TOLD ME WHERE HE WAS GOING... WOULDNT YOU THINK?... OH WELL, PAR FOR THE COURSE...hmm

CREAK CREAK

WHAT IS THIS THING SUPPOSED TO BE? SOUNDS LIKE IT'S RUNNING ON SOME KIND OF DIESEL FUEL... SMELLS LIKE IT ANYWAY... FROM THE WAY THAT SILLY FELINE IS DARTING TOWARDS IT, I WONDER IF HE MEANS TO FIGHT? EITHER WAY... (I THINK I SHALL BREAK IT.)

3.

YIKES! INCOMING!

BOOM BOOM

BOOM BOOM

THAT LITTLE KITTY DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THAT KIND OF FIRE POWER! HATE TO SEE THE CUTE FUZZBALL WAXED... GUESS I'LL HELP HIM OUT...

the man by steven f. leboeuf

AFTER 5 MINUTES OF LOOTING... WELL, I THINK I'VE GOT EVERYTHING EXCEPT FOR THAT DOUGHNUT!

COME ON! DON'T TAKE THE MAN'S DOUGHNUT.

GIVE ME THAT DOUGHNUT BEFORE I GLAZE IT WITH YOUR BRAINS!

JUST FOR THAT, GIVE ME YOUR CHOCOLATE-MILK TOO!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO MESS WITH THE MAN'S DOUGHNUT!

ALL OF YOU HAVE TO GET SECONDS TO GET THE HELL OUT OF MY DOUGHNUT SHOP!

YOUR DOUGHNUT SHOP?

DON'T LET ONE OF HIS YOU-HAS LANDED IN MY CHOCOLATE-MILK

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MARYLAND

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State did manage to prevail in nine of its first 10 games, including wins over then-No. 8 Texas Tech and tough Arkansas and Arizona State teams. The Pack climbed to as high as No. 12 in The Associated Press poll.

Then State stumbled through the first half of the ACC schedule, posting a 2-6 mark in league play. Poor shooting and close losses became the norm. A 57-56 loss to Maryland in Raleigh on Jan. 25 was the Pack's seventh loss in nine outings.

Yow told her team that it needed to win at least six of its last eight games, and it did her one better. The Pack pulled off seven wins in a row, averaging five of six six conference losses, and climbed back into the

national rankings. It was the greatest in-season turnaround in ACC history.

"I feel like our team had to overcome a lot of challenges this year," Yow said. "Somehow, we found a way to compete in a very tough league and finish third in the conference."

In a year of streaks, Yow hopes her team is still on the upswing despite falling to the Terps in the regular-season finale.

"We're fine," Yow said. "We have to tweak our offense just a little bit. We obviously need to do a little something better against Maryland to be able to win."

Marche Strickland and Deedee Warley lead the Terps, averaging 14.2 and 13.1 points per game, respectively. Warley also averages 6.3 rebounds per contest.

Weller doesn't think any part of last weekend's game will

carry over into the tournament.

"I think you can throw the regular season out the window now," she said. "I don't think either team has an advantage because they won or lost the last game."

In Chones' absence, sophomore Carisse Moody had a breakout season. She averaged 14.4 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, both vast improvements over her freshman output. Moody also led the team with six double-doubles in regular-season action.

"We have learned a lot from this season and I'm sure we'll take that into next year," Moody said. "I'm thinking of right now though. I want to keep this going in the ACC Tournament and then the NCAA Tournament."

Tynesha Lewis shifted to the point guard position midway through the season. The senior's move coincided with the Pack's seven-game winning streak, and

Lewis flourished in her new role. She averaged 13.6 points per game during the regular season and accomplished twice in one month what no player, male or female, had in State history — record a triple-double.

"Tynesha has done a great job for us at the point," Yow said. "This is her last ACC Tournament, so I know she'll try to go out the best way she can."

Earlier in the week, Moody and Lewis were both selected as second-team All-ACC performers. Sophomore guard Ivy Gardner was named to the ACC All-Defensive Team.

The winner of the game between State and Maryland will advance to the semifinal round on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. The championship game is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m.



AROUND THE ACC

Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
North Carolina	13-2	23-4
Duke	12-3	25-4
Virginia	9-6	20-6
Maryland	9-6	19-9
Georgia Tech	8-8	16-11
Wake Forest	7-8	18-9
N.C. State	5-10	13-14
Florida State	3-12	8-20
Clemson	2-13	11-17

Saturday's Games:

Florida State at Clemson, noon

This one will serve as a preview of the play-in game in next weekend's ACC Tournament. FSU won the first meeting 88-84 for its first conference victory.

No. 7 Virginia at No. 16 Maryland, 2:00 p.m., CBS

The No. 3 seed in the ACC Tournament is at stake, as the Cavaliers and Terrapins meet at Cole Field House. Both teams enter the game with four-game winning streaks.

Sunday's Game:

No. 2 Duke at No. 4 North Carolina, 3:30 p.m., ABC

UNC has already claimed the top seed in the ACC Tournament, but Duke can still capture a piece of its fifth consecutive regular-season ACC title. The Blue Devils may find that a difficult task, however, without Carlos Boozer, who fractured his right foot against Maryland.

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I record during the second half of the regular season. The bad news, however, is that Maryland is the only team that the Wolfpack hasn't beaten this season, making for an interesting battle.

Florida State occupies the fourth slot and will face off against Virginia Saturday. Forward Brooke Wyckoff is a tough competitor and big defensive threat for the Seminoles (17-10, 9-7). Wyckoff's average of 15.3 points, 6.7 boards and one block a contest allowed her to receive first-team All-ACC and All-Defensive Team honors.

LEWIS

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and 12 assists. She was happy about her accomplishment. She was happier about snapping a four-game losing streak.

"It's a great honor [the triple-double]," she said, humbly after the win over FSU. "But I was more interested in getting the win. We needed it. We got it."

Thus began a seven-game tear through the ACC. The Pack exacted revenge on Clemson, Duke and North Carolina for

"We are very much looking forward to going to Greensboro," said FSU head coach Sue Semrau. "What a tremendous job that place has done with this event. This year, in its second year, will be even far better in so many ways than a stellar first year performance last year. We're excited about going."

The Cavaliers (18-12, 8-8) lead the conference in three-point field goal percentage, with 38 percent, and three-pointers made per game, with an average of six. Virginia features one of the most dominating players in the ACC in first-team All-ACC sophomore center Schuyie LaRue. LaRue is the Cavs' leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 18.2 points and 11.9 boards each time she competes.

losses dealt early on and positioned itself for the No. 3 seed in the ACC Tournament. Lewis led the way throughout the tear. She averaged 14.0 points, nearly seven rebounds and four assists.

Her 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists in a 74-68 win at Georgia Tech on Feb. 15 evoked praise from Yellow Jackets head coach Agnus Bernatovic, a veteran coach who's logged a decade in the ACC.

"Tynesha Lewis, I think, is one of the best guards in the country," she said. Duke came to Reynolds on Feb. 18 ready to lock up first

place in the conference and ready to avenge an overtime loss at State from last season. Blue Devil guards Alana Beard, CBS Sportsline's National Freshman of the Year, and ACC Player of the Year Georgia Schweitzer aimed to neutralize Lewis, who played all 40 minutes, scoring 17 points, in the first meeting between the teams at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Holding Lewis to just two first-half points gave Duke a 27-21 halftime lead. By contrast, allowing her 17 second-half points for a game total of 19 killed Duke, as the Pack picked up a sixth-straight

league victory. "We needed to win our next six," Yow said, after the win over Duke. "Our players knew that. Tynesha stepped up for us, as did several other players, and now we are where we wanted to be."

Senior Day for Lewis, a freshman member of Yow's 1998 First Four team, was a rematch against UNC, a team that stole an overtime victory from State at the Smith Center in Chapel Hill.

A scene so emotional, so befitting Lewis the explosive scorer, the generous distributor, unfolding at Reynolds on Senior Day. It

was for Lewis a crowning achievement, one that left those in attendance with the fondest memories of a player that four years ago could have accepted a basketball scholarship to any number of nationally competitive basketball programs but stayed close to home, playing for Yow.

As her teammates carried her on their shoulders off the court, Lewis clung to the game ball that she used to collect 25

points, dish out 10 assists and catch 10 rebounds.

Her second career triple-double, her second triple-double of the season, led State over UNC 84-73.

"I think my triple-doubles just show that I have a great supporting cast," Lewis said. "My teammates have always made me look good."

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their norm; they rarely ever miss."

The Masters Classic will help the Pack prepare for its tough road stretch at the end of the year, when it travels to Athens, Ga., to take on fourth-ranked Georgia and then to Tucson, Ariz., four days later to challenge No. 22 Arizona.

This weekend will be yet another State meet with a strong field. In addition to the Pack, Ohio State, James Madison, William and Mary, Central Michigan and Yale will compete in the Wolfpack Invitational.

The 12th-ranked Buckeyes (7-2) come into the meet red hot, as they posted their best score in team history, a 197.075 last weekend in a victory over EAFL member West Virginia. They are led by senior Lindsey Vagedes, who is ranked fourth in the nation in all-around competition.

The Wolfpack Invitational will begin at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

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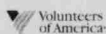


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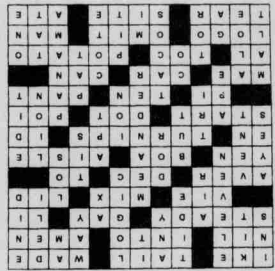
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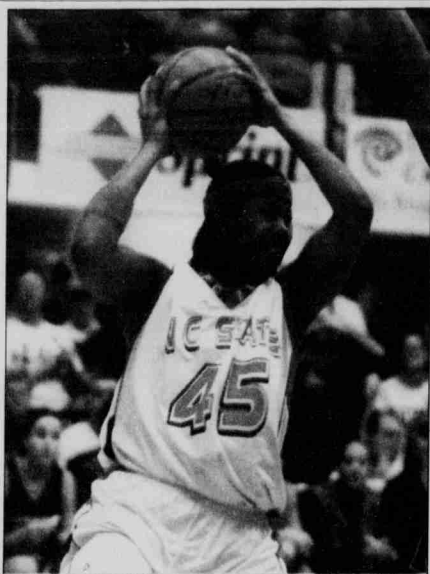
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Talisha Scates and N.C. State open the tournament against Maryland.

Pack meets familiar foe in opener

◆ N.C. State faces Maryland, the only ACC team it didn't beat this season, to open the conference tournament.

Jerry Moore
Staff Writer

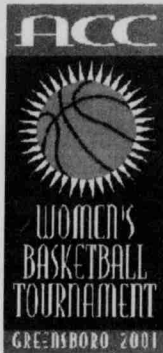
After falling to the depths of the Atlantic Coast Conference standings midway through the season, the No. 21 N.C. State women's basketball team reeled off seven straight wins to grab the third seed in this weekend's ACC Tournament in Greensboro.

The Wolfpack's reward — a first-round meeting with Maryland, the only team it lost to twice in the regular season.

Saturday's 7 p.m. matchup between State (18-9, 9-7 ACC) and Maryland (17-10, 8-8) will be the second meeting between the teams in less than a week. The Terrapins, the sixth seed in the tournament, snapped the Pack's winning streak Sunday in the last game of the regular season.

"The unusual thing is that we're going to have to play them twice in a week now," Maryland coach Chris Weller said. "I'm sure that both teams will find that a bit awkward."

After leading the ACC in scoring defense, allowing 57.4 points per game, the Pack faltered in the latter half of



Sunday's 75-54 loss to the Terps.

"Maryland was very fired up and very focused in the second half," State coach Kay Yow said. "We also had one of our worst defensive halves of the season."

Despite Yow's immense success — she has a 550-232 record at State and posted her 600th career win in January — her teams have not fared well in recent ACC Tournaments. Since the tournament began in 1978, State has won the event four times but has not advanced to the final since 1991, when the Pack claimed its last championship.

"For some reason, in the last few years, it's been really tough for us to be up for the tournament," Yow said. "We've tried different things every year. Hopefully, this team will have learned a little from the past mistakes."

Weller guided the Terps to the tournament championship in five of their first six years, but she too has gone through a drought. Maryland has not won the championship since 1989 or reached the final since 1993.

The Pack's season got off on the wrong foot, literally. Projected starters Kaayla Chones and Terah James suffered leg injuries and announced their intentions to redshirt for the season.

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Tournament features tough competition



Ivy Gardner was named to the ACC All-Defensive Team.

◆ After a frantic finish to the regular season, the ACC prepares for the women's tournament.

Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

With March already here, along comes the close of the Atlantic Coast Conference women's basketball regular season.

Now it's "March Madness" time, leaving N.C. State and the rest of the conference concentrating on one thing — the ACC Tournament in Greensboro.

Although its men's team has been

kicked off the throne as the No. 1 seed in the ACC Tournament, the Duke women's team has held the top spot for some time now. The tournament wasn't very kind to Duke in the past until last year, when it won its first ACC Tournament crown.

Leading the way for the No. 4 Blue Devils (25-3, 13-3 ACC) are senior Georgia Schweitzer and freshman Alana Beard, both of whom received first-team All-ACC honors.

Schweitzer, a 2000-01 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year and All-America candidate, is the Blue Devils' coach on the court. With an average of 14 points, 4.9 rebounds and 4.6 assists per game in

conference play, Schweitzer has been known for her leadership and "go-to" mentality in games.

Beard, on the other hand, leads Duke in scoring with 18.3 points a contest. Beard is also known for her tenacious defense, which got her a spot on the ACC All-Defensive Team, along with senior Rochelle Parent.

"Now we're looking forward to the tournament, and we know that this is probably going to be the greatest tournament that we've ever had, the most evenly matched teams, I think, from top to bottom," said Duke head coach Gail Goetsenkos. "We're excited about it, especially the young players, the freshmen who've never experienced it. I think it's going to be a great experience for them, so we're looking forward to it."

The No. 25 Tigers (19-8, 10-6) clinched second with a 62-49 victory over Florida State last Thursday and await the winner of the North Carolina/Georgia Tech matchup.

On the backs of Erin Bath and Chrissy Floyd, Clemson will look to continue its winning ways in Greensboro. Both, named to the All-ACC second team, combine for just over 32 points and 14.7 rebounds a game. Bath was named to the All-Defensive Team, as well, racking up 227 rebounds this season.

No. 21 N.C. State (18-9, 9-7) is seeded third with a first-round game against Maryland Saturday night. By moving some players around, head coach Kay Yow was able to find a starting five that has proven it can play well consistently, managing a 7-

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Lewis' brilliant season concludes career

◆ Tynesha Lewis has accomplished a lot in her career and would like to add a win in the ACC Tournament to the list.

Rob Godfrey
Assistant Sports Editor

Call it a career for Tynesha Lewis.

The senior guard from Macesfield will play in her final Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament this weekend. In three previous ACC Tournaments, Lewis hasn't been on a team that won a game in the event.

Then again, she hasn't played on a team better than the one on which she plays this year. Since Maryland stole a 57-56 win at Reynolds Coliseum on Jan. 25, the Wolfpack women are 7-1, including a 69-55 win over No. 4 Duke.

The team, led by top scorer and second-team All-ACC honoree Carisse Moody (14.4 points), has played well overall. Moody is first in the ACC in field-goal percentage (53 percent), while her team leads the conference in scoring defense (62.2 points).

But make no mistake: State didn't hit its stride until head coach Kay Yow moved Lewis to the point guard position for the Jan. 29 game vs. Florida State.



Tynesha Lewis has had a standout senior season for the Wolfpack.

That day, Lewis, second-team All-ACC, recorded the first triple-double in Pack basketball history (men's or women's) with 10 points, 10 rebounds

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TYNESHA LEWIS



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Senior gymnasts set for final home appearance

◆ N.C. State will host its final home meet of the year, the Wolfpack Invitational, this weekend.

Matt Middleton
Staff Writer

Three of the most decorated gymnasts in school history will perform for the last time at home Saturday night in Reynolds Coliseum.

The Wolfpack Invitational marks the conclusion of the home schedule for the N.C. State gymnastics team, and it will also be the last home meet in the careers of seniors Monica Berry, Kara Charles and Sara Dolan.

Charles, Berry and Dolan arrived on campus in 1998 and helped the Wolfpack become the first team from the Atlantic Coast Conference to qualify for the NCAA Championships. Charles was named East Atlantic

Gymnastics League Rookie of the Year that year.

"They were the group of kids that led us to the championships," said head coach Mark Stevenson. "They were the ones that gave us

the boost in depth and number of quality routines to move us to that level."

The trio followed up its 1998 performance by helping the team win the East Atlantic Gymnastics League Championship and place third at the Southeast Regionals in 1999, missing out on qualifying for the national competition by .3 of a point.

Throughout their junior year, the Pack was ranked in the Top 25, and the team

won the EAGL for the second consecutive year. A somewhat disappointing finish at the Regionals left the team hungry for success this year.

As great as their first three years at State were, the senior years of Berry, Charles and Dolan were destined to be the best until injuries hit three of the team's top gymnasts, including fellow senior Amy Langendorf. The team has admirably overcome these injuries to make it a successful year to date.

This year, Charles has been a consistent performer for the team in the all-around competition. Dolan and Berry, both balance beam specialists, have performed strongly in other events to fill in for the injured gymnasts.

All three girls have been outstanding performers in the classroom, as well. Berry, Charles and Dolan are all three-time members of the EAGL All-Academic Team.

Also being honored for their State

gymnastics careers on Saturday night will be Langendorf, Cortney Petrovis and Erin Freyvogel.

Langendorf, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her knee during the opening meet of the year, will leave State as one of only two Pack gymnasts ever to qualify for Nationals on an individual basis. She made the All-EAGL first team in each of her first three seasons on bars and in each of the last two seasons in the all-around. Like Charles, Berry and Dolan, Langendorf has also been a success in the classroom, making the EAGL All-Academic Team three times.

Petrovis specializes on the beam, while Freyvogel is a transfer from Pittsburgh and was a member of the EAGL All-Academic Team in 2000.

While all of the seniors have had a solid final season, perhaps the Pack's best performer has been junior Kelli Brown. Brown won the all-around

competition this past weekend in Lincoln, Neb., in the Nebraska Masters Classic and was named EAGL Gymnast of the Week for the second straight week.

"I was real happy with how Kelli performed," said Stevenson. "She went out and won the all-around, which is really tough because Nebraska is one of the top teams in the country."

In the Masters Classic, the Pack (10-10) scored a 192.825, good for third place behind Top-25 squads Nebraska and Denver. The team score was the highest mark the Pack has achieved on the road this year.

"We took ourselves out of the running with mistakes," said Stevenson. "We had seven falls in the meet, which is very unusual for us at this time of the year. A couple of our upperclassmen both had a couple of falls, and that's not

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