

Firing Squads

Is media to blame for violence? Is Senate to blame for vandalism? See Opinion

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Drag Queen

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◆ NCSU's birthday was celebrated with fond memories, glamorous entertainment and an enthusiastic outlook toward the future.

Trey Godwin

Last night at the Founders' Day Dinner at the McKimmon Center, three Watauga Medals were presented to S. Scott Ferebee, Darrell Menscer and Ed Woolard, men who have had major impacts on N.C. State.

The night began with a reception in a ballroom filled with NCSU enthusiasts, many of whom were alumni with a true passion for the university, Grover Gore, a recipient of the Watauga Medal in 1994 said Founders' Day is the highlight of the year.

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"This is a time to reflect where we have come from and where we are going," he added. Indeed, NCSU's birthday couldn't have been celebrated any more fashionably than it was with his year's recipients.

A comedian posing as Charles Dabney, a former state legislator who drafted the legislation that authorized the establishment of NCSU, gave a brief introduction of each recipient.

Because each recipient was entrolled at the university around the time of World War II, Dabney and the rest of the night's entertainers stressed the theme of the military. Above Dabney hung a film screen that was the scene for narration of all the accomplishments of each recipient's lives. Various friends and contemporaries outlined what the medalists thought were the monumental achievements in their respective careers.

The Watauga Medals are awarded in recognition of outstanding service to NCSU. They are named in honor of the Watauga Club, whose members were among the university's founders.

Scott Ferebee, a former president and CEO of the FWA Architectural Group and retired major general in the U.S. Army reserves, was the first honore. He called himself a "family man," in his address to a crowd of approximately 100 faculty, staff and alumni.



Senate Chair Fred T. Corbin presents Darrell Menscer with a Watauga Medal at lay's Founders' Day Dinner at the MicKimmon Center.

becoming a mechanical engineer.

"The lab work I had to do was too much like washing dishes," Ferebee joked, as the audience roared.

The next medal was presented to Ed Woolard.

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The next medal was presented to Ed Woolard, retired chairman and chief executive of E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Woolard's impact on the university, according to his fresh, was the ability to garner contributions for the university, particularly the College of Fexilies. Woolard's adult that he gets back to Raleigh maybe three or four times a year.

"Each time I come back, I feel like I'm at home," he said.
Woolard was also recognized for being

Program.

After a brief entertainment session—a duo sang Nat King Cole's "Unforgetable"—the last recipient of the night was honered.

Darrell Menseer, former president and chief operating officer of PSI Energy Inc., was recognized for his outstanding efforts as the co-chair of the Campaign for N.C. State Students, which raised \$125 million for scholarships. Under Menseer's leadership, NCSU saw unprecedented financial contributions.

"Without scholarships, the universities don't get good students and without good students, we don't get good faculty," said Lynn Eury, one of Menseer's friends.

Circle K finds success at district convention

♦ N.C. State's Circle K chapter received four awards and sent four members to district offices at the club's convention in Raleigh.

James Sellers

N.C. State was one of several Capitol division schools that helped host the Circle K District Convention at the Hilton in North Raleigh on Feb 23.

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What set NCSU's Circle K chapter apart from the other host schools, however, was the number of awards it received and the number of its members elected to district office.

The club received four awards, one for most improved club and three honoring the outstanding performance of officers within the club. Four members were also appointed to positions on the district board.

"This is the first year we've had this many officers," President Kim Howell said, "We're all very excited."

The Carolina district includes 26 schools from across North and South Carolina, and NCSU chapter members Kristen Batten, Natalie Campbell and John Kistler will be representing them in the offices of secretary, treasurer and bulletin editor, respectively.

Howell, the chapter's president, received the position of lieutenant governor for the capitol division. Although this is not a district position, Howell will represent the entire capitol division of price met students from other schools, handed out fliers and answered questions in front of a caucus.

Members of the NCSU chapter also received the Outstanding President, Outstanding Secretary and Outstanding Treasurer awards while receiving honorable mention for the Inter Club Award.

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Circle K is a member of the Kiwanis family, which sponsors community service clubs such as Key Club on the high school level and Circle (Key Club on the high school l

K on the college level.

Active Circle K chapters commit themselves to a variety of community service projects, but the NCSU chapter chooses to focus on raising money to help victims of Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) and Operation Toy Box.

They have spent over 1.241 hours this year on these projects, well over their goal of 900, and they expect to raise the goal for next year.

Campbell, the club's treasurer, received a dickson Award at the district convention for raising more than \$2,000 to help fight IDD. IDD is the number one cause of mental retardation in the world.

Every person requires one tablespoon of iodized salt to prevent mental retardation, but many Third World countries don't have the means to iodize the salt. Circle K is dedicated to raising money to fight IDD.

Operation Toy Box works to send toys to needy children and children who have been victims of a natural disaster.

Circle K participates by helping to collect, sort and send toys when natural disasters occur.

The NCSU chapter of Circle K also helped distribute toys to low income housing areas in December.

Another current goal of Circle K is to promote club interaction, and the district officerselect hope to work toward this purpose as well.

"Our goal is to help strengthen the weaker clubs and to work on new clubs that have just been chartered," said District Secretary-Elect Batten.

"It's a huge honor, it's a huge privilege and it's a huge responsibility, because a lot of clubs

Batten. "It's a huge privilege and it's a huge privilege and it's a huge responsibility, hecause a lot of clubs and a lot of people are depending on you to represent the district." Batten went on to say. Betten's responsibilities will include maintaining meeting minutes during district board meetings, which are held every two to three months.

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As district treasurer, Natalic Campbell will have to manage the budget for the district. The budget consists of club dues collected from throughout the Carolina district.

As district bulletin director, Kistler will publish the district bulletin.

Howell will oversee the capitol division, which includes the UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke

Circle K meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Talley Student Center. The room changes every week, so students must check the list in the ele-vator for the room of the week or contact a club

Officer contact information is available at http://www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/circle_k/. Meetings are open to all NCSU students.

teacher void

♦ The College of Education recently Lydia Tolar its first director of research and development.

Blair Parker

In the past five years, a critical shortage of teachers throughout the state of North Carolina has occurred. N.C. State is rapidly trying to produce better ways to prepare more effective teachers in order to overcome this obstacle.

Efforts in the College of Education center on the concept of exploring teaching as a process. To this end, NCSU recently hired Lyda Tolar as the first director of research and development for the College of Education.

Tolar is responsible for obtaining an increase in funding for the college from federal and foundational institutions for research and extension activities.

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A Wake County middle school currently resides on Centennial Campus; it has been open since July 2000. The College of Education is attempting to raise money for an additional building on Centennial Campus to serve as a physical connection between their research and outreach enterprise. Here, the college would conduct pre-service and in-service teacher training. Pre-service teachers seacher training. Pre-service teachers include preparation teachers who are usually gradient students, and in-service teachers are qualified existing teachers.

The facility would serve all teachers across Wake and nearby counties as a place for skill refreshment and as an opportunity to infuse technology resources into their curriculum.

"We do not expect to throw technology into the classroom and [then not see] consequences," said Tolar. "We will, therefore, be working to maximize this benefit for teachers as well as studens."

The center will focus on middle to high school grade levels, as NCSU only offers these two programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

NCSU awards the largest number of math and science education degrees in the state. But this does not affect the program, however, as it will work within all subject areas.

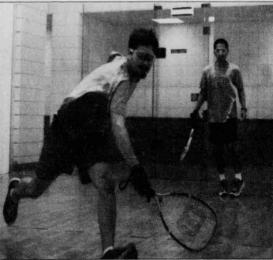
Sam Synder, associate dean of the College of Education explained, "Our model for curriculum is heavily integrated, relating to many different subjects."

jects."

Tolar will have the main task of obtaining research opportunities for the college, which, in turn, supplies graduate students with more opportunities and will eventually lead to extension into the public schools.

Tolar believes that "teachers need to be experts in the teaching of technology, and the state looks at us to educate these teachers."

With continued fundraising, the facility is expect-ed to break ground in December of 2002 and open by the end of 2003.



Simit Patel (left) and Grant Madren, both juniors in Computer Engineering, compete for raquetball bragging rights in Charmichael Gymnasium.

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Menscer recalled the support ven him by the faculty when was a student.

he was a student.
"The thing is that if didn't end
there," he said. "When I do
work for the university now, the
people I work with make me
look good, whether it's through
writing my speeches or just giving me advice on how to conduct business."

duct business."

The night was also a time to reflect on the accomplishments of Chancellor Mary Anne Fox.
Fleet Snug, a 1992 recipient of the Watauga Medal, said Fox is "brilliant, visionary and a great decision-maker."

LINC System President Molly.

UNC System President Molly Broad said that NCSU has grown into one of the finest land-grant institutions in the

"The bottom line with tonight's ceremony is for N.C. State to acknowledge our cur-rent success, but to not forget the past," she added.

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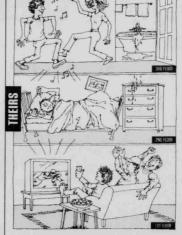
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Senate struggling

RESOLUTION 78 IS NOT ONLY A BAD IDEA, IT'S ALSO FLAT-OUT STUPID.

Wednesday night, Jonathan Ducote (freshman: natural resources), the Secretary of Student Senate and a member of the Finance Committee, introduced Resolution 78 to the Senate. R-78, "an act to bolsten school spirit," has the sophomoric idiocy to "strongly (encourage!) Chancellor Fox and the Facilities Operation Division of North Carolina State University to have white bricks laid in the center of the bricksylation of said bricks.

On Jan. 30, vandals situated white bricks on the Bricks, and the Bricks, and

MORILY
Absolutely not. Hence, research
response, Resolution?
response, Resolution?
wHEREAS, the Senate's own
responsibilities include "addressing
the concerns of the student body, and
bringing these concerns to the attention of the University," and
WHEREAS, 48 of the current 60
Senators were selected by Student

Senate President and not elected by the Student Body itself, and

WHEREAS, by the rules of Student Senate, even appointed Senators qualify as "elected" Senators, and

Senators, and
WHEREAS, vandalism, profanity,
obscenity, destruction of school property and general hooliganism are not
values shared by the N.C. State community at large, and

WHEREAS, despite NCSU's per-eption of UNC-Chapel Hill as an rehrival, said archrival does not care s much about us, and

WHEREAS, "FUC" is obviously a misspelled obscenity that does not encourage school spirit, but rather hatred and poor verbal skills at a school already ignoring its Humanities department; therefore be

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate should find better things to do with their appointments before the Student Body removes said appoint-ments from said Senators.

School safety: an oxymoron?



inco fantasy thinking when he or she becomes young adults. Well, almost everyone.

On Monday, March 5, a freshman attending Santana High School in Santane Light School in Santee, Calif, went on a shooting rampage, killing two fellow students and wounding 13 others. Two days later, a 14-year-old girt charged into a school cafeteria in Williamsport, Pa, meticulously chose her 13-year-old victim and shot her once in the arm. Luckily, the younger girl survived and is currently under the careful eye of doctors at a nearby hospital.

School at any level is supposed to be a safe institution in which children and young adults convene to learn and express their ideas in a controlled environment. However, that is far from the scene that was apparent this week in California and Pennsylvania.

What kind of society do we live in if we cannot asend children off to school and rest assured that they will make it home alive? What kind of faith should we have in a system that is supposed to teach and instead endangers children?

Recently, certain violent individuals are veering educational institutions into breeding grounds for violent acts, turning the issue of safety in schools into a gamble for students, faculty and parents. We cannot take for granted the notion that we are sending young ones off to the dangerous environment that is school. The assumed concept of children's safety is no longer.

When the topic of school violence arises, we almost always recount the events that took place at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999. We heard the accounts of students that describe fellow classmates running up and down corridors and into libraries and cafeterias with semi-automatic guns, randomly shooting at friends and teachers and carrying more ammo than

Rambo could shake a stick at.

Monday's events in Santee and Wednesday's in Williamsport were horrific reminders of the recent Columbine incident. The events of both scenes are still being pieced together, but one thing is for certain these tragedies should not be the plague that is currently wreaking havoe in our schools today.

It ammears the suspect at Santana High

in our schools today.

It appears the suspect at Santana High
was regularly made fun of by several
classmates. This seemed to be an alibb
y much of the media as I flipped
through station after station.

I personally don't believe that this
excuse is warranted for killing and
injuring people with a deadly weapon.

If the child felt that the best way to
quiet his peers was to end their lives, he
should have sought the aid of a school
counselor or opened up to friends or
family.

family.

Sure it's not fun and sometimes it is downright unhearable, but it is some-thing that we must fearn to cope with. Unfortunately, it is an unwritten rule in any school's curricultum. We learn verbally front physically) defend ourselves and realize the fact that words are just that, words; and they should not have harmful lasting effects on one's self esteem. If children cannot viably stand an environment such as this, they are not fit to live with that society's walls.

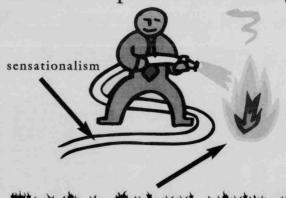
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this, they are not fit to live with that coriety's walls. I found myself raging with anger as I intuitively started at my television while CNN reported the news of both shootings. I wanted to ask the suspects why they did such a thing. I wanted to ask them a hundred questions. But what I really wanted was five minutes alone with them in a tiny, four-walled room at their local downtown precincts.

Educational institutions should be set aside with churches and homes as places to regularly come and safely exchange ideas and thoughts without the fear of losing your own life. None of us has the right to single-handedly put fear into the hearts of parents and children in a school setting. More importantly, none of us has the right to selectively choose the fates of those around us. I reserve that right for God—not high school students armed with guns.

I've been sick this week. Email me cards. flowers and love: MillerWrotelt@aol.com.

MEDIA pours on the gas



Flaming School violence

Don't touch that dial



Nathan Lintner

Linter
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must come to an end, and, contrary to popular belief, so must the Internet's abun-dant now

character. The fan's faulty interpretation allows him to identify not with any
real person, but rather an image that is
understanding of and responsive to his
needs and desires. "Stan," working
from a premise, is structured around a
central theme that allows the song to
make a thought evoking point. There
are of course other examples of popular
songs that explore interesting, sensitive, or intelligent issues, but on the
whole, the industry is haven a for
meaninglessness.

When musicians are required to produce a certain number of abbums in
order to meet the stipulations of a contract, they often end up writing an
album with usually one or, if they're
lucky, a few hits or sometimes meaningful singles, while the majority of the
album contains filler. This is a procedure that makes the creating process a
business, not a medium of expression.
There are some musicians and musical groups that support Napster and the
exposure it provides, most of whom
understand music is an art form and not
just about "getting paid." These however, are not the Metallicas and Dr.
Dres of the business who have more
money than some countries, but rather
real artists who appreciate any opportunity to spread their message to as many
as possible. Yet, as anyone who listensto music that transcends the utter disappointment of Puff Daddy, Match Box
20, Faith Hill, any boy band ever. The
Red Hot Chili Peppers, or 99 percent of
what gets played on GlOS already
knows, that's because, as has been stated, real artists was even the server.

Blake Schwarzenbach of Jawbreaker
and more recently Jets to Brazil fame

find their names unfamiliar. The reason is simple: good bands don't produce a marketable sound so much as a meaningful album and are therefore not as interested in getting rich as in doing what they love.

One would think that most artists would be ashamed to create an entire career out of a merely popular sound and obscure, nonsensical lyrics. But then, who ever told Stone Temple Pilots. Aerosmith, Limp Bizkit, Korn, Creed or most all radio bands that they were artists.

It's not the intent of this column to insinuate that only music that carries an insightful message is worth bearing. It is rather to point out that, as it stands, the industry as a whole is one sided with little to no tolerance for artists whose original, thoughtful, even philosophical lyries, and sound do not conform to a formula purely to make money.

Then again, most of us who listen to

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Then again, most of us who listen to music that the radio is unable to profit from playing enjoy the quaint atmos-phere of an underground enterprise. Perhaps a musical alternative to the mindless melodies that flood radio waves is just what those of us who are ourselves alternatives to a larger socie-ty need to remain comfortably removed.

An undergound scene senerates a

The corporate recording industry will most likely win its battle against Napster and the majority of its employ-ees will continue to produce music and lyrics that are either nothing spectacu-lar or so annoying that only the radio would not be ashamed to play them.

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Justin Purise The Manager of the Man

When Al Gore invented the Internet (ha!), a single, seamless world was envisioned. Children were singing. Bees were buzzing. Modems were chirping. Everyone could contact any-

thic music files) could be traded without regulation. The world was to be a better place.

While some of these things have come to fruition, the general public allowed itself to get too caught up in the hype. Everyone had to get online, even if they had no clue what a URL or browser was. It became a status symbol. Conversations at the water cooler began about what the hottest new Web sites were. The bridge clubs started to play interactively over their PCs. Soccer moms were late to play interactively over their PCs. Soccer momes were late to pick up their kids because they were chatting. Worst of all, Wall Street began investing all sorts of money into anything Web related, whether it was Cisco Systems (good) or Pcts.com (bad). It was when the sock puppet fell limply to the ground with the severed hand still attached when I knew the Internet was doomed. "I don't mean in a disco-kind of way. I mean doomed as in falling way short of expectations, kind of like what happened to door-to-door sales or telemarketing. At first, people were warm to it. After a while, people got irritated, because people, frankly, are easily irritable.

These days, it's never good enough. Your connections are too slow. Your

bandwidth is too small. There are too many ads. There's not enough content.. Pretty soon, we'll be seeing online infomercials via QuickTime, with Bill Gates as your host.

Seriously though: there will be a big drop-off. We're already starting to see it. Some of us are wise enough to recognize it and lay off of E-Trade. Some of us are wise enough to recognize it and lay off of E-Trade. Some of us are still spending our virtual dollars in hopes of launching our own multi-billion dollar dot-com business. What everyone needs to recognize is that nothing is as good as it seems - not even the Internet.

Despite my warnings, don't fret; the Web will not die. There will always be a use for it. It's too powerful for there not to be. All I'm saying is, don't get your hopes up. Use it for what it is, a gateway to the rest of the world. It was never meant as a fast-innoye scheme. Just ask Al Gore (HA!). The Internet is an inportant, pivotal, revolutionary, biggest thing this century kind of thing. Just find out for yourself.

Anyone want to buy some stock? I have the rights to sucker.com for sale. I know it'll be huge. I read it in Wired magazine. Pli practically give it to you for a million bucks. Email me at imparisi@unity.ncsu.edu if you're come.

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Real-life "Proof of Life?"

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According to London's Sunday People,
"Gladitator" and "Proof of Life" Sart Russell Crowe was targeted for abduction at the London premier of "Life." Secoland Yard stepped in to protect the actor after getting a tip from the FBI about the kid-napping. Crowe reportedly was "genuine-ly scared" at the idea of being kidnapped. The abduction was taken very seriously by all, and every precaution was taken to make sure Crowe didn't have to call some-body like the character he plays to get him back to safety.

Stooges to make film version of "The Three Stooges"

"The Three Stooges"
Peter and Bobby Farelly, the gruss-out
kings behind "There's Something About
Mary," are going to be making the film
version of "The Three Stooges." Currently
wrapping up "Shallow Hal" with Jack
Black and Gwyneth Paltrow (their new
film, "Say It Isn't So," opens March 16),
they will write and east an entire new
group of Stooges for the film, scheduled
for a 2003 release.

Kurosawa's Classic comes to State

Comes to State

Japanese legend Akira Kurosawa's 1985
classic "Ran" will play this Thursday,
March 8, at the Campus Clinema. Made in
1985 and winner of the Academy Award
for Best Costume Design, this adaptation
of Shakespeare's "King Lear" was just rereleased for the film's 15th Anniversary,
Kurosawa was almost 75 years old when
he made this film and was nearly blind, his
crew being guided largely by detailed
sketches he had drawn. Despite this,
"Ran" (which means 'Chaos') has been
faalid by many as one of the best films of
all time, even comparing it to Kurosawa's
1954 film "The Seven Samurai" (which
has been remade several times).

Upcoming Films

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"Get Over It" and the long-awaited "15
Minutes," The latter film stars Robert
Denitro and Edward Burns as a Detective
and a Fire Marshall, respectively, who act
to eatch the seralis killers who are looking for their "15 minutes" of fame. The
film is written and directed by John
Herrfeld, who made the 1996 film "2
Days in the Valley." The other opener,
"Get Over It," stars Kirsten Dunst in yet
another teenage romantic comedy. Like
most others, it will not be pre-screened for
critics/ generally a bad sign).
Opening next Friday, March 16 are two
other major releases, the comedy "Say It
starting and Titt Merritt & the Carbines on
and Titt Merritt & the Carbines on
startday, March 10,

Isn't So" and "The Caveman's Valentine."
"Say" is written and produced by the Farrelly Brothers and stars Chris Klein ("Election") as Gilly Noble, a man orphaned at a young age and looking for his real parents. He falls in love with Jo (Heather Graham), who turns out to be his sister. "Caveman" re-teams Director Kasi Lemmons with actor Saumet L Jackson, who first teamed on the 1997 indie hit "Eve's Bayou." Jackson plays a genius who lives in a cave in the park, and after finding a frozen body, he sets out to catch the killer.

Napster Decision In

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The ruling is finally in, On Tuesday, U.S.
District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel issued an
order giving the peer-to-peer file swapping
service five days to eliminate all access to
copyrighted songs belonging to the five
major labels and music publishers. Users
have already begun to create loopholes in
the system. like deliberately misspelling
the names of groups and songs, but even
that problem is being worked out by the
company. That's right Napster-ites, your
time is almost up, so enjoy it while you
can.

Aerosmith, Eve head new releases

Pears of Aerosmith's older stuff can finally relax. This week their new album, entitled Just Push Play, is set to hit record stores. Finally moving away from the suppier songs that hit big in the late 90s, they have produced this album on their own, returning to the "Walk this Way" style they're best known for. Rapper Eve's second album, Scorpion, also hits shelves this week.

98 Degrees
to play Greensboro
Boy Band 98 Degrees will be playing the
Greensboro Coliseum on April 19. This is
their only date in the Carolinas and tickets
go on sale on Saturday. March 10 through
Ticketmaster, so don't everyone rush the
place trying to get tickets. It's proper manners to let the mobs of 15-year-olds go
first.

Before Sleep Falls

Joel Isaac Frady

"Before Night Falls"

Starring: Javier Bardem, Johnny Depp Director: Julian Schnabel



ave you ever actually sat down and tried to listen while a really, really drunk person tries to tell a story? If so, then you may notice the same confused feelings as this film slowly churms along. If not, then here's the gist of it: it starts out really interesting, but then they can't exactly keep the train of thought going so it begins to jump. They'll got from point A to C to R, and then back to B eventually, going into strange drunk details with each one, half of which they make up randomly, but it really dosen't make all that much sense if you think about it. As they tell it, each of the little parts make sense and some are interesting, but by the fifth or sixth one you're just confused and want to leave. "Before Night Falls' brings about feelings that are the equivalent to a drunk story. Based on the memoirs of Reynaldo Arenas, it starts out on a very interesting note, as the very surreal cinematography captures. Reynaldo's mother carrying him in her arms. For these first two minutes, this film is understandable and easy to follow. Then his childhood comes about, which consists of his life in a strict family, his shiften as writer and his blooming sexuality (which blooms VERY young.). The three items are mixed up through short, ten-second seenes, and you really have to hold on to know what's going on. A quick 'I forgot to use the balthroom before the movie' break will leave you with no clue what 'section A' was about.

The rest of the film jumps from here to there as Reynaldo grows; the central conflict is hard to pick up on, and instead three emerge. The first of these is his fight to stand strong as a homosexual in 1974 Cuba. The revolution that's taking place

in Cuba, and the third is his love for writing and the problems he has not only getting it published, but not having it taken away. Each of these conflicts leads to an interesting scene or so, but these scenes are few and far between, and the film rambles in between them.

What the film does have going for it is an outstanding performance from Javier Bardern, who plays Reynaldo. Bardern hits every single note correctly here, covering every aspect of Reynaldo's life, from his days as a Cuban party animal to his outlaw days.

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tring every aspect of Reynaudos file, from his days as a Cuban party animal to his outlaw days.

There are also two very big star carneos that are thrown in here, mainly for attention, and both are distracting and hurful to the film. Sean Penn carneos early on as a wagon driver, while Johnny Depp has two roles back-to-back later on in the film. While Depp is interesting, especially in the cross-dressing role, his presence is still too distracting for the big picture.

"Before Night Falls" is from director Julian Schanbel, who four years ago made the outstanding biographical film "Basquiat." In the misses that key storyelling element that was vital in "Basquiat." In missea of an intriguing, crafted tale makes a mess. This is sad, for this film has everything in the film-making department going for it, the cin-ematography is gorgeous, the music is ceric and adds a new layer to the film's mood and the performance from Bardeni is more than anyone could ask for. But unlike a drunk's story, where the opportunity arises to walk away and find conversation elsewhere, Schnabel's story winds on for 133 long minutes (which felt longer than "Braveheart") and leaves you drained (this critic was physically utred) and lost as to what the point of this film is.



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Sports

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but it will also be important for Rivers and new offensive condinator Marty Galbraith, Rivers is already familiar with
Galbraith, as Galbraith was the
offensive line coach last season,
but working out the kinks now
ean't hurt.

Remiember, only 176 days
until football season starts.

Congratulations are also in order to the wrestling team, who became the second Wolfpack team to win an ACC championship this year (women's cross country was the other).

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first reported the story. The list ranged from \$1 to \$20,000.
"It's not a surprise to see Jordan's name in the paper—but it was among this list of names," Moore County Tax Administrator Eddle Parris said, Jordan camed \$37 million last year, according to Forbes magazine, ranking him 17th on its money list. His overall worth is much greater because of endorsements.

Estee Portnoy, a spokeswoman

for Jordan in Washington, said the unpaid taxes were a minor oversight after the bill was sent to a Chicago address meant for his fan mail, not his bills. She said the mistake was dis-covered Tuesday evening and that a check had been sent to Moore County to cover the bill. "Mr. Jordan takes taxes very seriously and makes sure his bills are paid on time," Portnoy said. "It will be there tomor-row."

row."

Jordan is a native of Wilmington and graduated from North Carolina, where he led the Tar Heels to the 1982 NCAA championship.

Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA titles is presi-

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dent of basketball operations and part-owner of the Washington Wizards. He plays golf at Forest Creek about twice a year and typically brings some high-profile guests with him, including lohn Elway, Mario Lamieux and Charles Barkley.

Parris said there was no phone number for Jordan in the country's records, and his tax bills are mailed to an address in Chicago. Parris added that he had never had a problem with Jordan paying property taxes in the past.

"We figured there must have been a mix-up." Parris add.
"But if he has moved or changed addresses, he didn't tell us."

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Next Stop:



Wolfpack women look to host the NCAA **Tournament**

Rob Godfrey

March is her month, tourna-ment play her tonic.
N.C. State head coach Kay Yow, fresh off a 12th appear-ance in the Atlantic Coast Conference final, is eager to begin NCAA competition in what will be her 16th appear-

ance.

Even more, she's hoping that she'll be able to celebrate her March 14 birthday close to home, something she can do if State (20-10) is a preliminary round NCAA tournament box sight.

Immary round NCAA tour-nament host sight.
"It's my favorite month,"
Yow said. "It's just so excit-ing. Like I said, I have a birthday in March and to be able to be a part of such a special team is even more exciting."

exciting."
The Wolfpack, loser of six of eight in January, has won

nine of its last eleven, including two games in the ACC tournament. With a Ratings Percentage Index (a formula similar to one the NCAA selection committee uses to seed teams) of 13 and a national ranking of 18, the likelihood that the team will get one of the top 16-host-sight-seeds is high. "We have come together a played well when we needed to," senior guard Tynesha Lewis said. "We have done our part and I think we have a very good chance of getting the NCAA tournament at our place."

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According
CollegeRPLcom, the Pack played the fourth toughest schedule in the country. Non-conference opponents for State included No. 5 Texas Tech, which it handed a 59-51 loss, Arkansas, a Southeastern Conference



Kay Yow went to her first ACC Tournament finals since 1991 this past weekend.

NCAA bubble team, and No. 13 Iowa State.

Last season, an injury to Summer Erb and the search for a compatible lineup down the stretch were factors in the NCAA's relegating the team, once No. 3 in the nation, to a fifth seed in the East Region. Southern Methodist inpped the Pack 64-63 in the opening round at Old Domintion, a disappointing end to a promising season.

This year, pre-season

appointing end to a promising season.

This year, pre-season injuries sidelined Kaayla Chones and Terah James for the season, but the Pack is peaking in the face of single elimination, a prospect that pleases everyone, players and coaches included.

"We had a goal, and we focused on it," Lewis said the pleases everyone, players and coaches included.

"We had a goal, and we focused on it," Lewis said win." Our confidence has grown, and even though we've won six in a row, we want more now."

Second team All-ACC and first team All-ACC and first team All-ACC and for the property of the p

nament seed. She finished the regular season as the team's leading scorer (14 points), only to pound ACC tournament opponents Maryland and Clemson for 21 and 22 points respectively.

Monstrous on the glass, Moody is averaging 7.2 rebounds per game. She outsitted Clemson's Erin Batth. All-ACC defensive team member, for 13 rebounds on Sunday in the ACC semifinals.

nals.
Second team All-ACC honoree Lewis moved to point guard and in some ways ignited the seven game tear through the second half of the conference season. Her scoring has been streaky, but Lewis has been steadfast in her leadership.

Lewis has been steadfast in her leadership. "Tynesha really has been great all season," Yow said. "She's a scorer and she's our leader."

leader."
Early projections have State as a No. 3 seed in the West Region, the championships of which are scheduled for Mar. 24 and 26 in Spokane, Wash.
ACC teams could receive

six bids to the big dance. No. 5 Duke, the ACC regular season and tournament champion, is in the running for a No. 1 NCAA seed. Clemson, like State, is eligible to host a sub-regional. Florida State, Maryland and Virginia are all bubble teams that should get nods though they will each have to travel in the first and second rounds. "Our conference is one of the best in the nation, if not the best," Jim Davis, Clemson's head coach, said. "I would like to think we are a lock to host, but we'll have to see what happens. I look for the ACC to get six bids this year; anything less wouldn't be giving it the respect it deserves."
North Carolina and Georgia Tech remain in the hunt for a Women's National Invitational Tournament bid. Invitational Tournament bid. Usually strong, UNC suffered

Tech remain in the hunt for a Women's National Invitational Tournament bid. Usually strong, UNC suffered through a losing conference season, only to be bounced out of the ACC tournament by Clemson. Tech can return to the WNIT after making the Final 16.

athletics ACC Tournament

Teams

As the Atlantic Coast
Conference Tournament looms,
the award tilt for the regular
season blooms.
So here is my choice for some
of the honors.
Player of the year should be
Duke's Jason Williams, regardless of what one Dick Vitale
might say. Sure. Shane Battier
had a greatl
season, but
Williams'
was far
superior.
Vitale and
others who
vote for
Battier are



honoring the fact that Battier's a senior and lignoring the play on the court.

As for Joseph Forte. Sunday's game between Carolina and Duke showed why Williams wins the battle: Williams bad 31, while Forte had 21. Duke beat Carolina.

Coach of the year belongs to Georgia Tech's Paul Hewitt or Carolina's Matt Doherty, depending on what happens at the ACC Tournament. Yeah, that's a cop-out, but as of this point, I can't decide between the two. Doherty does dress better, though, for what that's worth.

Rookie of the year is clearly Duke's Chris Du-Du-Duhon. The guard from Sidell. La, is going to be a star in Durham. The thought of him and Williams in the Blue Devils' backcourt next year is seary.

As far as the first-team All-

and Williams in the Blue Devils' backcourt next year is scary.

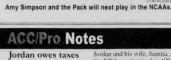
As far as the first-team All-ACC, Williams, Forte and Battier are the obvious picks. Maryland's Juan Dixon and Georgia Tech's Alvin Jones would be my other two picks. Second team: Maryland's Steve Blake, Clemson's Will Solomon, Virginia's Travis Watson, UNC's Brendan Haywood and the Terps' Terence Morris.

Third team: Virginia's Chris Williams, Wake's Josh Howard, Duhon, UVa's Roger Mason and Maryland's Lonny Baxter. State MVP: Archie Miller. ACC game of the year: not the consensus Duke-Maryland, rather the exciting Duke-Virginia contest.

Congratulations to N.C.
State's women's basketball
team. Head coach Kay Yow has
done an outstanding job
rebuilding the squad halfway
through the ACC season.
Her efforts were rewarded
with the Pack's first trip to the
ACC finals since 1991. The
Pack will also likely host the
first two rounds of the NCAA
Tournament in Reynolds
Coliseum.

Tournament in Reynolds Coliseum. Obviously that's a tremendous advantage.

It's hard to believe that this year's team will likely advance further in the postseason than last season's, which was ranked No. 3 in the country at one point before losing in the first round of the NCAAs.



taxman is calling Michael

The taxman is cating suchaes Jordan. He is two months delinquent in paying \$2,400 in county and municipal taxes on property he owns along a North Carolina golf course, officials say.

A spokeswoman for the NBA team owner insists the check is in the mail. The country's tax administrator acknowledges the matter is probably a mix-up. The property in debt includes

The property in debt includes two vacant lots along the Forest Creek Golf Club in Southern Pines. They were purchased by

dan and his wife, Juanita, after NBA great retired in 1997, he lots overlook the 16th hole forest Creek and are valued at

a STOLES Creek and act valued as a STOLES Creek and act valued as According to Moore County records, Jordan owes \$1,106.50 in Southern Pines property taxes. \$1,283.54 in county property taxes and \$83.63 in interest. The taxes became delinquent Jan. 5. Jordan's name was included among a list of delinquent taxpayers and the amount owned put out by Moore County and published Wednesday in the The Pilot of Southern Pines, which



Chuck Amato opened his second spring prac-tice at N.C. State Wednesday afternoon.

The Pack will be get-ting used to a new offensive coordinator, Marty Galbraith, who replaces former offen-sive coordinator Norm Chow. Chow left the Pack for USC.

Spring football practice has started, and with the incompe-tence of the men's basketball team, that's a relief for some of

team, that's a rener jor some on us.

It will be interesting to see how the month training helps blue-chip recruit Tramain Hall, who graduated high school a semester early in order to participate. If participating with the team early helps Hall as much as it helped Philip Rivers last year, Hall could be a key contributor at wide receiver next season.

next season.

A lot of the other big names

— Levar Fisher, Cotra Jackson

... OK, maybe Cotra's a stretch

— will sit out spring practice,