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## Student volunteerism stretches south

A group of students completed service projects in the Dominican Republic, and N.C. State Habitat for Humanity volunteers built a house in Columbus, GA, over Spring Break.

Spaine Stephens News Editor

When they left Raleigh, a group of N.C. State volunteers knew they were going to perform manual labor that would change peoples' lives. When they left Paraiso, Dominican Republic, they packed a lifetime of lessons learned from people who altered their own lives.

The 21 NCSU volunteers embarked on the 3rd annual alternative Spring Break experience, sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service (CSLEP). While in the Dominican Republic, the students and staff members completed two concrete roofs, dug two foundations for houses and began to lay block for the foundation of one house.

"It's going to take a long time to process what we've experienced," said Mike Giancola, associate director of CSLEP, who was a team leader. Giancola recognized the Women's Center, Caldwell Fellows and University Housing for their support of the trip. Ann Howard Banzet of the Caldwell Fellows Program was also a team leader.

The participants varied in construction ability, but it came together for everyone involved, as each member gave "the best of their physical ability," said Tracey Walton, office manager of the Women's Center, who also served as a team leader. "For some people, just going out of the country was a new experience."

The group quickly learned that the construction projects pushed added challenges upon them, since construction is very different in third world countries because of the lack of power tools and other conveniences.



The volunteers made progress on two different houses. PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE GIANCOLA

The students were touched by the personal experiences that awaited them. Katie Harper, a senior in biology, was enthralled by the generosity of the impoverished

community. She said she was helping to build a roof on the first day of work, and a family invited her and another member of the group into their home for a meal. The Dominican woman sent her children to the store to buy the volunteers a bottle of

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## Student Senate makes revenue recommendations

The Senate made proposals for the use of unallocated tuition money Wednesday night.

Andrew Buchert Assistant News Editor

Student Senate determined the fate of \$2.3 million of unallocated revenue resulting from the 2001-2002 tuition increase Wednesday night.

The Tuition Priorities Act "strongly recommends" that university officials allocate the tuition-increase revenue to several N.C. State programs and departments, including the visual and performing arts department, the University Scholars Program, the Honors Program and the First Year Inquiry program.

"This is quite possibly the best bill that I have ever seen come before Senate in my four years here," said Senator Seth Whitaker, one of the authors of the bill. "This is the best work we've ever done."

Senator Melissa Wicks, also one of the bill's authors, presented a petition containing 1,091 signatures of students who support the resolution.

The resolution allocates \$294,000 to the music department for faculty salaries and \$70,000 to the visual and performing arts department. It also allocates \$46,000 to the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service, \$44,000 to Multicultural

Student Affairs and \$7,000 to the Office of African American Student Affairs.

The University Scholars Program will receive \$90,000 to fund the remodeling of the program and N.C. State Libraries will receive \$272,000 for subscriptions to research periodicals. The Office of International Studies will receive \$207,000, \$40,000 of which will fund academic travel grants for students.

The First Year Inquiry program will receive \$100,000. In addition, the Office of Financial Aid will receive \$75,000 for an enrollment management research position, and Information Technology will receive \$385,000. The African American Cultural Center will also receive \$100,000 to fund a project in Africa and a visiting professor position.

The resolution also allocates \$510,000 to the Graduate School.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, Senator Mike Mimeo challenged the university's constitution after announcing to the senate his recent discovery that he is not considered in "good standing" with the university due to a dorm violation in Sept. of 1999. According to the university's constitution, an elected official must be in good standing with the university in order to serve.

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The final list of candidates for the April 2 and 3 student body elections has been completed. The candidates for Student Center President are:

- Student Center President**
- Brandon Buskey senior, psychology
  - Jamar Owens senior, industrial engineering

## Ladies in Red hold concert

The a capella group will also be having auditions for three open spaces this spring.

News Staff Report

The N.C. State women's a capella group, Ladies in Red, will hold their annual spring concert this Saturday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. The concert will also include the Brown Debates from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and the Spartans from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Tickets may be purchased from Ticket Central in Talley Student Center for \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty and \$6 for the general public. This concert is considered to be a forum event for First Year College students and the Scholars program.

This spring the Ladies in Red, a group of 11 girls, will open auditions to the general campus to fill the three open positions. The group is especially seeking

altos, said Ladies in Red Director Megan McNulty. Members of the group are also required to join the NCSU Women's Choir.

The group sings at other smaller concerts throughout the year, among these the Brook Hill Steeplechase, Durham Bulls games, banquets and campus events.

Some members of the group participated in a recent spring break trip to Italy with the N.C. State Concert Choir. They sang at a mass in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, as well as visiting Florence, Venice and Milan.

The group currently has three CDs: Simply Red, Laser Red, a live CD from their Fall 2000 concert, and soon to be released Turning It In.

Any students interested in joining the group should contact Megan McNulty at 859-2682 or mancnul@unity.ncsu.edu.

## Silent films coming to NCSU

The Union Activities Board is hosting a silent film festival this weekend at Witherspoon Cinema.

Diane Cordova Staff Reporter

N.C. State students will get the opportunity to experience a unique event taking place this weekend. From March 23 to March 25, the Union Activities Board (UAB) Films Committee will be featuring a silent films series at the Campus Cinema in the Witherspoon Student Center.

The films featured are "Nosferatu," the all-time classic silent horror movie; "Phantom of the Opera" and "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari."

"These three films being shown are silent film classics, some of the best old films," said UAB Films Chair Scott Litzelman.

"[The silent films festival] is a different type of entertainment," said Assistant Director of Student Activities Larry Campbell. "It's an experience most young people haven't had, seeing a silent film with live music."

Another film being shown this weekend is the fictitious "Shadow of the Vampire," which is not a silent film, but it is based loosely on the classic "Nosferatu." "Shadow of the Vampire" stars John Malkovich and Willem Dafoe.

According to Campbell and Litzelman, "Shadow of the Vampire" is a modern spin on "Nosferatu," the first screen version of Bram Stoker's "Dracula." "Phantom of the Opera" is about a phantom at the Opera of Paris who falls completely in love with the understudy, a substitute for an actress, in the production. In order for her to take the stage, the phantom eliminates all obstacles that would stand in her way.

"The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" is a horror film from Germany. The evil Dr. Caligari hypnotizes Cesare, the somnambulist, in order to force him to commit murders during the night. Cesare is ordered to kill a beautiful girl, but instead he kidnaps her.

For the Friday night films, "Nosferatu"

and "Shadow of the Vampire," members of the English faculty will introduce each film. Larry Jones is expected to speak about the music accompaniment before the films are shown.

The first 30 years of film were silent. "Nosferatu," "Phantom of the Opera" and "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" are some of the three finest silent films ever made," said Campbell.

"The whole point [of the silent films festival] is to see things and be exposed to things you don't normally get at a regular theater," said Litzelman. "This is really unique and different for N.C. State. I think it will be a great experience."

For those interested, the following are the show times for the films: "Nosferatu" will be shown March 23 at 7 p.m., "Shadow of the Vampire" will be shown the same night at 9 and 11 p.m., "Phantom of the Opera" will be shown March 24 at 7, 9 and 11 p.m. and "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" will be shown on March 25 at 3 p.m.

Admission for the films is \$1.50 for students and \$2 for all others.

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Coke. This hit Harper hard, since the family barely had enough food and money to take care of themselves.

Harper said she left for the trip with the impression that poverty

comes hand in hand with a lack of generosity, but this thought was disproved by the actions of the citizens she met.

"They give so much," she said. "And they have so little."

Tomas Carbonell, a senior in chemical engineering, felt like he did not give up his vacation over Spring Break.

"I knew I wanted to do service

over Spring Break," he said. "It combines fun and work."

Carbonell said the work was satisfying, but the lights, electricity and water went out a lot during the group's stay in the Dominican Republic. The bond they formed with the citizens, however, burned as brightly as the bonfire lit on the beach on the Tuesday night of that week.

Through activities and interactions the same night, the group was able to build relationships with people they knew for a short time, when language barriers and other differences threatened to maintain the distance between them.

Carbonell said the opportunity to communicate with other cultures is the chance of a lifetime,

and a priceless experience to witness firsthand.

"I would love to do something like this again," said Carbonell. "I'll definitely look for more opportunities."

Other students had similar thoughts.

"The relationships and friendships that I established while there only for a short period will

be everlasting," said Carla Bowens, a senior in chemical engineering, in a reflective statement. "It was amazing to see how friendly and appreciative the Dominicans were of our presence in helping to build their homes."

On the home front, family, friends and members of the NCSU community awaited the group's return. When they got back, they shared stories and pictures with interested students, faculty and staff.

"It is gratifying to see such enthusiastic response and commitment to the less fortunate," said Evelyn Reiman, associate vice chancellor for student affairs. "It is a gratifying experience to see students involved in that magnitude."

Reiman said the division of Student Affairs submitted proposals for further funding next year, which would increase the number of service trips from one to three. More students would be able to participate in the program. Further funding is being sought from the \$2.3 million that would be available for different uses from the 2001-2002 tuition increase, and proposals went before the Student Senate.

Wednesday night, the Senate passed a resolution "strongly recommending" that the new CSLEP program receive \$33,000 of the funding, and that \$13,000 be used to support the expansion of the position of associate director of CSLEP.

If approved, the funding would enable CSLEP to offer more trips in the future and wage "an all-out recruitment campaign," said Reiman.

"This is an incredible opportunity for students in Student Government to make significant and influential recommendations to Chancellor Fox for future spending," she said.

Other student groups also completed service projects during Spring Break. The NCSU chapter of Habitat for Humanity took part in a Blitz Build in Columbus, Georgia, where the group gathered to build a house with others.

The 24 volunteers built the structure of the house, added roof trusses, walls, shingles and vinyl siding. This job typically takes two to three months. The group completed it in 35 hours.

"We worked pretty hard and had a good time," said Jason Hedrick, president of the NCSU chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Hedrick said the students realized that although they are students, they can still "make a huge difference in the world."

Hedrick himself has participated in Habitat for Humanity for approximately eight years. The other team members did not have much experience prior to the trip to Georgia, though several had moderate experience.

"They all worked extremely hard," said Hedrick.

He said that while he was working on the roof, he had no idea how much work had been accomplished on the ground. Once, he climbed down and saw that the ground crew had been working diligently and were progressing rapidly.

"I said, 'What in the world! This is awesome!'" he laughed.

Hedrick said the result came out of the crew's dedication.

"This is what comes out of it." Habitat for Humanity builds homes for families in need, who pay fully for the house and physically assist with the labor. The families are required to put in 500 "sweat equity hours" on their own home and the home of another Habitat family.

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## SENATE

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After a brief closed session, Mineiro resigned his seat.

"We have a constitution that we have to uphold," said Whitaker. "It is not just words on a piece of paper, but it has been handed down to us and it is how we operate."

Student Senate President Conen Morgan blamed the oversight of Mineiro's standing on himself, but he said that the error can ultimately be attributed to the senate.

"I messed up," he said. "That's why we have confirmation hearings [for new senators]. You [as senators] are supposed to ask the tough questions."

Senator Gary Palin said that the incident was not a "witch hunt" to remove Mineiro.

"We can't question our constitution, which is our means of being here," he said. "There is a very good reason to have a good standing clause, both judicial and academic."

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Are you like Mike?

#### MIKE MINEIRO'S RECENT RESIGNATION FROM SENATE DEMONSTRATES THE INTOLERANCE OF ZERO-TOLERANCE.

In his early years at N.C. State, Mike Mineiro made a mistake that put him on Conduct Probation for the remainder of his career at NCSU. In the interest of protecting Mineiro's privacy, the exact nature of the mistake is not public information. Still, Mineiro applied to the Senate in the fall session of 2000 along with 47 other non-election senators and was appointed by Student Senate President Conen Morgan in September 2000.

Senate oversight allowed Mineiro his office when the candidates' academic records were checked for probation, suspension or expulsion but their judicial records were not.

Mineiro went on to serve as vice-chair of the Academics Committee, with his key issues including plus/minus grading, the honor code and student body involvement. He served in the words of SSP Morgan, as an "outstanding senator."

So why was action brought against him in Wednesday night's meeting? Earlier this semester, Mineiro filed as a candidate for Student Body President. It was at that time that his judicial record was brought up and he was forced to withdraw from the race. Senate punishment soon followed.

Mineiro was in violation of the "student standing in good conduct" clause of all Student Government officials, which is defined in the Code of Conduct as "a student who is not presently under a penalty or probation such as Academic Warning or Academic Probation and includes all forms of judicial probation, suspension or expulsion."

But Mineiro's Senate career - even if it was a mistake - clearly demonstrates that students with black marks on their record can redeem themselves and participate in honorable service to the student body through Student Government.

"A number of senators have expressed that they believe a person can make one mistake at N.C. State and still perform as a student leader," Morgan admitted.

Indeed, the rigid absolutism of current conduct stipulations seems only to create a Senate environment of zero-tolerance.

Where that decision errs, however, is in its basic assumption that students not in "good standing" are completely incapable of benefiting the student body.

Senate, of course, made the right decision in confronting Mineiro. And Mineiro, to his credit, took the high road by withdrawing himself from Senate through a resignation. "It's human nature to have compassion to want to change the rules in a situation like this," Morgan explained. "But I have no choice but to follow the rules - not just for Mike, but for everyone."

In the same way that, for example, the 1998 Higher Education Act unfairly condemns previous drug offenders to a life without financial aid, the "good standing" clause chooses to be blind to the possibility of character reform.

Of course, the notion is a good one; Senate should not be run by failing delinquents. But the current standards are set too high. The only difference between Mineiro and dozens of other Senators past and present is that he was caught.

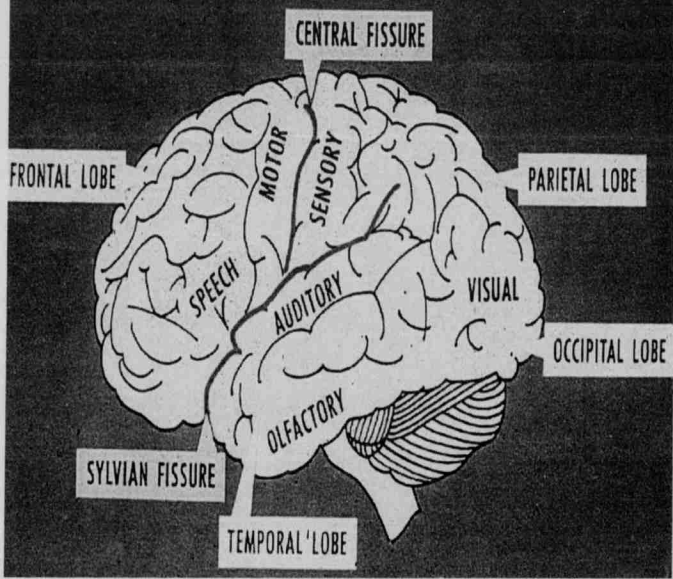
If our own national president can be a recovering alcoholic and convicted drunk driver, can NCSU's Senate not be equally human? Equally fallible?

"If the offense is minor enough, then the person should be forgiven," agrees Morgan. "The question I don't know how to answer is what is 'minor enough'."

That is a question Senate needs to confront, especially now that former Senator Mineiro has demonstrated the fallacy of Senate's assumption of "once bad, always bad."

And, if Student Government hopes to escape the accusations of running a witch trial, it should immediately recheck the academic and judicial records of its entire body as well - not just Mineiro.

Student Government, already struggling with a shamefully insufficient number of students gaining their seats through true elections and an even more pitiful voter turnout, should loosen its collar a bit and open its arm to welcome all students - even the fallible ones. Such a move would not corrupt Student Government; it would only make it a truer reflection of the student body it claims to represent.



## Truth is elusive



Robert Jallil

STAFF COLUMNIST

Humans use only 10 percent of their brains. If human beings could find a way to use more of their brains, humanity would undoubtedly be able to do even more extraordinary things. If people were smarter, we could go to Mars, cure cancer, unify quantum mechanics and relativity, end world hunger and, last but not least, be rational enough to know that "humans use only 10 percent of their brains" is utter nonsense.

A simple test: pick up a pencil and jab it into your forehead. If the popular little "10 percent" factoid is right, there is a 90 percent chance you won't hit anything you are using. Of course, anyone who actually uses more than 10 percent of their brain knows that this little pencil experiment will have significant negative effects. Simple CAT scans also confirm humans use their whole brains for a variety of daily activities.

The "10 percent" factoid is a myth, exploited on television and in the movies because it raises the interesting question, "What if humans could use the other 90 percent?" By simple repetition, the myth has spread throughout the population, and an alarming number of people have accepted it as fact.

In February, the Navy submarine U.S.S. Greeneville struck a Japanese fishing vessel while performing a rapid surfacing maneuver. The accident destroyed the fishing boat, killing nine

Japanese citizens, including four students. While their deaths are tragic, the maneuver was routine. The odds of the submarine hitting a boat in the vast Pacific were incredible; therefore the incident, while tragic, was still only an accident. The Navy or the crew should not be faulted for such an improbable convergence of events.

Until this week, this was the truth one would have heard from many who were aware of the incident. Many people believed with full confidence that the crew could do nothing to prevent the accident. However, this week a military inquiry into the incident revealed that the fishing vessel did indeed show up on SONAR, but the crewman monitoring the station did not report the vessel's presence as required. Contrary to vehement claims earlier in the year, the accident was completely avoidable if the ship crew weren't derelict.

The "10 percent" myth and the story of the Greeneville both illustrate the same point: information travels down a perilous path before it reaches most people. The truth rarely reaches the average American, as it is repeatedly reinterpreted for the layman, subject to the personal agenda of the disseminators and subject to the desires of the recipients.

Despite the flawed nature of information transfer, most people still trust the flawed information they receive. They make decisions based on it. As an "information society," America functions by its perilous reliance on dubious information.

Do people lack the smarts to filter information? Do people not care about truth? The answer to both of those questions is most likely "yes."

Oftentimes, decisions that require specific expertise are placed in the hands of people who aren't qualified to make such decisions - judges, patent officers and voters, just to name a few. America's increasing dependence on potentially erroneous information supplies the answer to the second question. It doesn't matter that truth moves society, but only that society moves.

The desire for constant "movement" is perhaps a distinctly American feature. Phenomenal wealth relative to other countries is also a distinctly American feature. To maintain such a vibrant economy, something has to spur consumers to be good consumers. America is the information society; information provides this movement. Thus, the only real feature information dissemination preserves is "excitement," its ability to stimulate Americans into perpetuating the information society. Truth is of no consequence in information transfer.

In fact, information dissemination is more like a transaction than anything else; it happens when the desires of the receiver converge with what a disseminator can supply. Just as the value of a good can vary wildly between individuals, so does the desired truth. The result of this kind of information trade is a highly relativistic society, interested only in what provides immediate satisfaction. The truth, which cannot be described as satisfying or dissatisfying, has no role in the functioning of American society.

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## CAMPUS FORUM

### Campus voice or campus business?

I picked up the March 21 edition of *Technician* and saw the top two pages with leaders for Opinion, A&E and Sports, a reference to "Apartment Finder: Technician offers information on area living spaces." What I found on page 2 was not *Technician* content but four and a half pages of ads by the largest of the student-farm apartment complexes. Perhaps it was naive to expect insightful, well-researched commentary on how to find the right house, what the downtown options are, what to be wary of, what the renter's rights are and other such information. Is "strongest and farthest reaching media available for business to reach campus consumers" (page 1 advertising promo) what we really mean when we say "student newspaper?"

Andy Wingo  
Senior  
Nuclear Engineering

### Technician 'blind from its own arrogance'

The only idiotic opinion that came across in your article critiquing David Horowitz's arguments against reparations for slavery was your own. If you think that it is moral, legal or intelligent to try to seek some kind of financial windfall from people who had nothing to do with slavery to be paid to people who are not - nor ever have been slaves - it is not worth the time or effort to enter into a logical or moral

discussion of Horowitz's view point with you. Obviously *Technician* is too proud from its own arrogance, latent racism and sheltered little college community atmosphere to be able to achieve any level of objectivity or honesty in this matter.

Mc Lawler  
Wilmington, Delaware

### Reparations solution: \$100 billion

Editor's Note: Due to the nature of the content, the word limit has been waived.

Nathan Lintner, a staff columnist, reported in *Technician's* Opinion section on March 22, 2001 that Reparations for Blacks in his view was "ridiculous" ("Reparations ridiculous"). He bases this claim on the grounds that blacks should submit the claim to Europe or Africa itself because, after all, blacks were sold into slavery by Africans to Europeans. Furthermore, he said such a figure (\$7 trillion) was without warrant because it didn't provide a plan for using those monies to improve the lot of black Americans, and that at the core of the settlement is greed.

First things first, America should apologize for slavery! For without an apology that can never be reconciliation and personally you could keep your reparations without an apology and what we would have is what got now - heightened tension and not amelioration, but a bad situation waiting to implode -

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## Cliche is the best thing since siced bread



John Sico

STAFF COLUMNIST

Since our earliest English classes, our teachers have been directing us to avoid cliché statements at all costs. They say it cheapens the quality of our writing and causes it to be dull as dishwater. Innumerable papers have been handed back to students, marred with the awful words "cliché - change" scrawled across their carefully crafted work. But, I say if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Clichés, instead of making a paper less interesting, actually serve to add to the flavor of the writing. They make it more interesting and more fun to read. In some cases, these literary spices may cause the writing to be as interesting as two blind men having a conversation in sign language.

If you're worried that your use of clichés may go over as well as a pickle in the punch bowl, think of it this way: If someone has ever conversed upon your topic before you have, it stands to reason that they would have stated

something in a better way than you could think of. It is for this reason that we bother doing research at all and use quotations in our works. The cliché is simply a tried and true quotation that has been used so effectively throughout the history of communication that it has become common knowledge. If someone in the past has used a set of words to describe something in exactly the way that you were attempting to describe it, why not employ it? Everyone and their mother know the value of a well-placed adjective. What better adjective to use than one that has proved its worth by years of successful point-making?

Now, don't get me wrong; there are some ways that using clichés can make your writing rotten to the core. If you use many clichés that are old as dirt, you may find some people accusing your writing of being trite and saying they were bored to tears. Triteness is an accusation that should be avoided like the plague. However, triteness and cliché are not one and the same. The word "trite" comes from "detritus" which means, more or less, something to be discarded. And, as we all know, clichés are things that keep on ticking. If you're not careful, and you overuse clichés, you may even be charged with

plagiarism, which is nothing to sneeze at.

Another problem that may arise is that a few clichés that might make you happy as a pig in [poop] might make across as offensive to others. You certainly do not want to give your reader the impression that you don't care about his or her feelings. So be mindful of these points as you begin your foray into the successful use of clichés. Don't be scared, though; it's easy as pie to use them correctly.

You may even want to start making a list of clichés to keep on you at all times. After all, a bird in the hand (or a cliché in the list) is worth two in the bush. Even better, keep the list in your head, so that they can be brought out at a moment's notice in daily conversations with your friends. In no time you'll have a list as long as your arm. You'll be sure to impress. When meeting someone for the first time, demonstrate for him your mastery of the cliché. You don't get a second chance to make a first impression.

John's just happy as a clam that you read his column. Tell him if you thought it was worth its weight in gold at Riseason@aol.com.

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## Coming out of the comfort zone

**L. Jeannette Banks**

*STAFF COLUMNIST*

To show my support for N.C. State's Unity Week, I was asked

to sign a pledge printed on a white-ribbed card. The message on the indexed-card read: "As a member of the NC State community, I pledge to keep an open mind to differences, to accept all people regardless of race, religion, lifestyle, sexual orientation, culture or economic status, and to work towards unification of all people." How could anyone disagree with that? However, I had to remind myself that I was asked to sign the pledge and wear the ribbon because I am known to be a member of organizations that support diversity. My life revolves around people who affirm my lifestyle and beliefs. I exist at a comfort level where I don't have to deal with those who do not share my beliefs. And I don't think there is anything wrong with that.

Diversity-related organizations often become places where people can reaffirm their beliefs and identities without crossing the boundaries of their comfort zones. Educating the masses is often a secondary concern. In the case of the BGLA (Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies), we are often put in the position of not being open, and I need "say out," because we don't want to upset our own — much less other people's — comfort zones. In fact, that is often the explanation BGLA and transgendered people get from non-gay people when we become open about our lifestyles.

"What's the big deal?" people ask. So, what is the big deal? Even the gay-friendly Bill Clinton said, "Don't ask, don't tell."

Why don't queers just follow those rules and keep their little secrets to themselves? Because by not telling and not affirming your own lifestyle, you imply that you're ashamed of it. And gays have no reason to be ashamed. Homosexuality is not a disease or a sin. It is just another way of being. Modest estimates claim roughly 10 percent of the population is gay. That's 10 in every 100 people, one in every 10. This is the same percent of people that are left-handed. How many lefties do you know? I assume quite a few; unless you are one of those people that have decided that being left-handed is a sin and an illness. Or maybe you think that, if only all those southpaws would just learn to use their right hands, the world would be a better place. What if certain basic privileges did not apply to people who wrote with their left hands? What if lefties could not be seen in public favoring their left hands and fathers told their sons, "If I ever see you holding that shotgun in your left hand, you're no son of mine." "Lefty" would become an insult, etc. I need not go any further, because if you cannot see how badly I have beaten this metaphor to death, then you are not getting the point at all.

This is how it is if you are gay. Because you were born (and it is genetics, not choice or aberration) with an ability to live outside of the norm, you are no longer a member of society. There are still laws on the books in many states that make it illegal. People are even killed for this difference — no one should ever forget Matthew Shephard. Because gays are a marginalized portion of the population, laws and standards that apply to the rest of society do not apply to us.

All we have to do to maintain everyone's comfort level is keep our mouths shut and make sure no one knows we are "that way." All we have to do is let people assume that we are straight. All we have to do is refrain from leaving our comfort zones of silence and not upset the comfort level of non-gay people.

It is still very hard to be gay these days. If mainstream straight culture doesn't hate us, they think we are amusing. Just look at all the new sitcoms with zany, fun-loving queers. However, on the other end of the spectrum, we have the straight world that not only does not find us funny but is actually afraid of us. The Southern Baptist church is the most vocal of the gay-bashers, but there are many religions that feel the same way.

Non-straight people in America have two basic options: to uphold the status quo and keep their gays hidden, or to live their lives as themselves and risk it all. It is a hard choice to make. And being out is not easy, but for many, being closeted is even harder.

So, here is a note for all those who are afraid to leave their comfort zones, gay and straight. Just as you have come to accept people of other nationalities, color or even Lefties, come to accept that homosexuality is just another shade of diversity.

**India**

Hyderabad-based Hetero Drugs Ltd is offering low-cost AIDS drugs to Doctors Without Borders. Not to be outcasted, Hetero's chief competitor Homo Pharmaceuticals is offering low-cost AIDS drugs — except with tassels and a sexy silk number.



**Canada**

The Toronto Star reported Canadian parliament may look into banning human cloning. The law would be important for two reasons: 1) avoiding the danger of cloning and 2) avoiding the double danger of cloning a Canadian.



**Penn State**

They defeated Carolina in the NCAA Tournament. Wow: Penn State ... Weber State ... it seems like all the State schools are beating Carolina. Oh wait ... never mind.



**Sheep**

Reuters reports an Egyptian Bedouin shepherd was shot when his flock "accidentally" bumped into his loaded shotgun while he was sleeping. Now on the lam, the flock is known for its pattern of fleecing rich old shepherds out of their money. Ovine enclosures should be handled with care and never put in the dryer.

**Three's Company**

MSNBC reports an episode of the much-repeated '80s sitcom where Jack Tripper, John Ritter's character, mistakenly reveals his scrotum in a Ritter. Ritter's response to the *New York Observer*: "I've requested that [Nickelodeon] air both versions, edited and unedited, because sometimes you feel like a nut, and sometimes you don't."



**The handsome, healthy and strong**

Tom Ammanno, the president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, said Thursday he had called for an April 12 hearing on a proposed ban of ads for HIV/AIDS drugs that misrepresent infection as something only "beautiful and happy." He also expressed a campaign to portray the pills as "frosty" and "magically delicious."



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## Remember nostalgia?



**Kelly Marks**

*STAFF COLUMNIST*

I'm writing a book. Well, actually, I'm not so much writing as compiling. In two weeks or so, I'll be publishing an anthology of a lot of the dribble I've managed to dribble out during my time here at NC State. I mention this because I have a little self-promotion never hurt.

But really, it's a lead-in to something else. Looking back, that's how I always seem to start these things anyway. Later, I've been getting all nostalgic. Perhaps this has something to do with the fact that my time here is almost up. But I think it also has a lot to do with sorting through four years of my own musings and mumbblings and at many times, mental mush. Since a lot of my columns deal with my reflections on life around me, I've been getting hefty doses of old me. Issues I thought past mingle with memories sweet and strong. I like to think that I've learned things about myself — I think we all learn things about ourselves — I'm not just lucky enough to have a lot of mine on paper.

With all of the columns though, I've been remembering other things too. And there's something I feel kind of bad about. Throughout the past few years, there have been people nice enough to write me nice things (There have been people nice enough to write me bad things, too, be assured). But, for whatever reason, I haven't always been nice enough to respond.

again! Lintner and Technician (one would have to read the *Technician's* view on Black History Month or Reparations or both) are doing just what they accused the *Nabian Message* of doing: race baiting. Is this sleazy sensationalism or what? Your paper all but maligned Black History Month! Now this trash! For the last time, many Europeans in the United States didn't own slaves; I agree with history. But if our government did this, the figurehead of that government should ask for forgiveness. Any economist worth his or her salt will tell you that this nation would not be the powerhouse it has become if not for free Labor. Imagine if all the companies firms we all work at were ordered and berated by those same enterprises to report to work without pay or any benefits. An apology for slavery is one step for a President toward reconciliation and a giant leap for a nation with a sordid past. What would drive humans not to offer a decent apology or to right a wrong? One word: misanthropy. In solution, I propose a Major Education Fund endowed with a \$100 billion. This would be considerably less than what is owed. A problem arises about flat out giving each person monies to spend how they wish; the problem is should black posterity get a per diem? My solution benefits the country as a whole: any black citizen could access

I could cite lots of excuses. I get nervous. I don't know what to say. Some things are so personal, I'm at a loss to reply. Some don't seem to need responses. Some kind of weird me out. Some really mean a lot but get lost deep in my inbox as college life makes its demands. I'm lazy. I'm forgetful. I'm busy. I'm scared.

There are all sorts of reasons and none of them are very good. I've been trying to think of what a good one would be. But all I can manage is an honest one. "See, I'm very good at writing columns. Now, before you think I'm a real nut, the adjective "good" isn't necessarily intended to cover the actual content of those writings. I won't go so far as to say I'm good at writing good columns. What I mean is, I'm good at inflicting all sorts of random views upon a large population of people I don't know. Big numbers don't scare me when they don't have names and faces.

What I'm learning is that I can be very bad at sharing even little thoughts with smaller groups. This includes most especially individual people on the other side of my inbox. But it extends into my daily face-to-face life, too. There's so much to say to so many people — good and bad. Sometimes, I can't quite work up the moxy to do any of it.

This can be excusable at times. Refraining from telling people what you really think of them might be viewed as a pretty sensible trait. But there are other times when it's not acceptable, and I'm working hard to get better. There are times when you have to be confrontational. There are times when you have to say a thing, even if it might hurt someone — even if that someone is you. But most importantly, there are times when you

these funds to pay for a post-secondary education. This way the only thing holding one back would be a lack of determination and not access to education. This has been found out to be the number one obstacle for African Americans continuing beyond high school. At least it's a start! We all could complain but it takes leadership to bring about a resolution to a country's pressing dilemmas.

**Technician sets double standard**

*Editor's Note: Due to the unique nature of the writer, the word limit has been waived.*

"Technician's View" Wednesday ("Student Government, Student Media Inappropriately Tied") charges that until the Student Body President's (SBP) vote is removed from the Student Media Authority (SMA), that "connections, or threats of connections" will result in the relationship "[being] held suspect — and rightly so — in the eyes of the student body." As a member of the SMA, I feel that arguments made need a little more thorough

need to be nice. When you've handed something so wonderful or funny or it just makes your day, you need to say thanks. When people give, you should give something back.

There have been people who have taken the time to read my ramblings. They've taken time out of their day to tell me something that makes me happy. They've made me feel good, they've made me write when I didn't want to, they've made me think about my views and question my own words. But in many cases, I haven't been able to tell them that much. And that's when it's inexcusable.

I came to college with some specific goals. Get an education, study many different fields, meet new people, prepare for work, yadda yadda yadda. There were fuzziar, less-defined goals as well. One of them was to be less passive and more proactive. To stick my neck out more, to seize every opportunity that came my way, to work hard to make the things I want happen. I have gotten better at these things. But I leave here with more goals still — to speak out, to speak up, to make sure that people mean as much as they should, and do.

So this is maybe a little start. I'm not sure if there's a time limit on gratitude, or whether its effects can spoil after so many years. I hope not. I'm constantly thanking the people that I know. It's time that I start thanking the ones I don't.

*Kelly really is writing a book, and you can have one of your very own if you'd like. More information can be found at <http://www4.ncsu.edu/kmarks>. You can email her as well ([kmarks@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:kmarks@unity.ncsu.edu)). Just be patient. She is trying.*

examination. The premise of the article is that the SBP — not just the current SBP but any SBP — has the ability to affect the various media. The claim is that a malevolent SBP could install on the board powers to do his bidding as voting members and create an evil dictatorship over the entire SMA. Get real. The student body elects members of SMA. If a seat is vacant, the SBP can nominate a member; that nomination is then confirmed by the Student Senate, and then the SMA votes whether or not to accept that member. But the SBP can use his already established powers on the SMA to bring in anyone he likes, right? Wrong. If there is just one open seat, then there are not 12 voting members, but 11. Six of those are media heads. The SBP cannot install his/her own supposed pawn without at least two media heads consenting. The media heads rule the SMA. It's as simple as that. The SBP may be one of the elected officials. Just like when you vote for U.S. President, you are also voting for Commander-in-Chief of the military; when students vote for SBP they also vote for a voting member of the SMA.

I agree politics should not rule the SMA. I don't think politics should rule politics either. When I go into an SMA meeting, I don't use *Robert's Rules of Order* in order to get things done. However, I think the SBP has a

**Unity Week**

The week-long celebration taught the entire student body — and really the whole Raleigh community — the importance of mutual respect for and understanding of unity. The most promising aspect of Unity Week is its hint at a second coming in the fall, as a bigger, better festival: "Eos Week."

**U.S. Government**

In response to spy charges on Robert Hanssen, the United States expelled 50 Russian diplomats as punishment to Russia for employing the U.S. spy. In an expected "Cold War"-style reaction, Russia will retaliate with a fight of Cobra Commander and Mumrah vs. MacGyver and the A-Team.

**Louisville, Kentucky**

The owner of the Vancouver Grizzlies has been offered \$100 million to move to Louisville and change the team to the Kentucky Colonels and begin playing at the KFC Bucket arena. While a 70's ABA team has already used the "Colonels" name, this new team would be crispier and tastier and come with a choice of two side orders.

**Classes**

Thanks for starting up again. Didn't professors know we were on break? Is this week some sort of punishment for the fact that they worked on midterms while we worked on tans? That's mean. We should have longer breaks, shorter exams, and just general easiness in all aspects of student life. After all, this is college, man — not school.

**Wortham Boyle Junior Biology**

right to vote. The argument that "what does government know about how to run the WKNC or Technician" argument is slightly valid, but in reality what does Agromech know about running WKNC? As a representative of the students and governor of the student body, I feel the SBP should have a say in what goes on with the student fees allocated to the media, as well as a voice on the appointment of new members and new media heads. Working for four of the six media organizations of the SMA, as a member of Student Government, and most importantly as a concerned student, I feel that Technician should reconsider its view. If it truly feels the same way, then I encourage Technician not to set a double standard, to follow through on its crusade to separate the two, and to not endorse Student Government candidates. That is a true abuse of power, because Technician has no competitive daily newspaper to conflict its choice. No other member of the SMA endorses candidates anymore, yet Technician still does. If they truly believe what they said, I challenge them to prove it.

**Reparations rebuttal**

A few of the assertions in Nathan Lintner's "Reparations Ridiculous" article (March 22) have important weaknesses. First, the comparison between Holocaust survivors and victims of slavery might be more apt than he thinks. Lintner writes, "Jews had their property confiscated and their

**Wortham Boyle Junior Biology**

wealth stolen," and asserts the same is not true of slaves. Forcible seizure of your person and removal from your family, home and possessions may not be exactly the same as Nazis taking your gold, but it's awfully close. The inability to easily put a value on your losses or to associate them with physical items does not diminish the crime or exonerate the criminal from reparations. By far the most egregious of Lintner's (and Horowitz's) claims is that blacks should actually be happy about the wealth they have here in America, as opposed to the poverty of many inhabitants of Africa. Consider this analogy: if you are wrongly imprisoned and while you are in prison your house burns down, would you then be grateful to your captors? Now think of the direct, ongoing role that the West (particularly America) has played in preventing development in Africa through colonialism and what is now called neo-colonialism. The prison analogy then becomes: if you were wrongly imprisoned and while you are in prison your captors go and burn down your house themselves, how would you feel if they had the gall to say, "Wow, it's a good thing you weren't in that house! Now quit your complaining and be grateful!" We derive better reasoning than that exhibited by Lintner and Horowitz. As we approach Human Rights Week here at NCSU, let us strive for well-informed, thoughtful discussion rather than hurtful rhetoric.

**Jon Williams Senior Philosophy, Environmental Engineering**

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**April 2-3, 2001**

Student Government has grown to become a large organization comprised of both the three fundamental branches (Senate, Judicial, and Executive) and various auxiliary entities such as the Wolf Aides.

The primary purpose of the student government is to advocate the interests of the student body to both the administration and to other groups on and off campus. To this

end the Student Senate and its committees are constitutional charged to establish policy and distribute Student Body Funds, while the Executive Staff assists implementing the policies and executes special projects. A noteworthy element of the Senate is the Office of the Student Body Treasurer which oversees use of all Student Body Funds. The Judicial Boards operate fairly independent-

ly, hearing both cases relating to academic integrity and to general student misconduct. The Judicial Board operates under the Student Code of Conduct, and they work to ensure a responsible campus community.

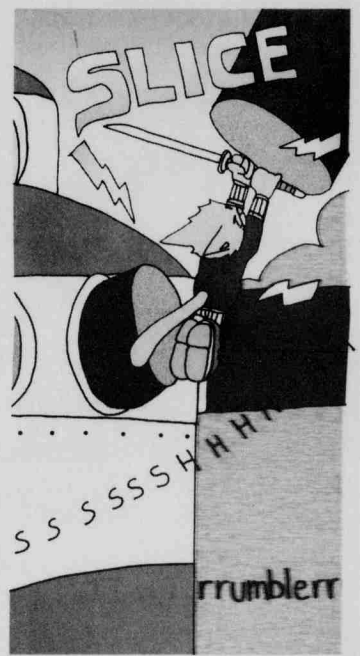
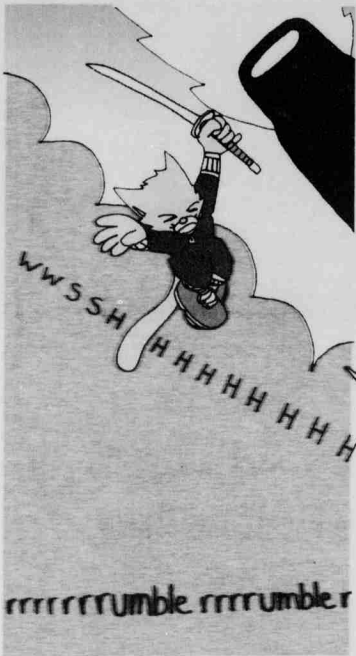
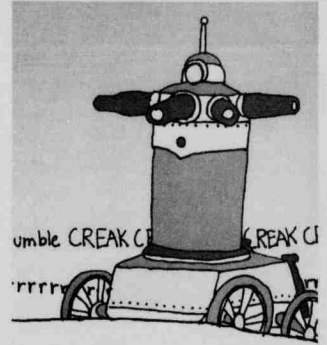
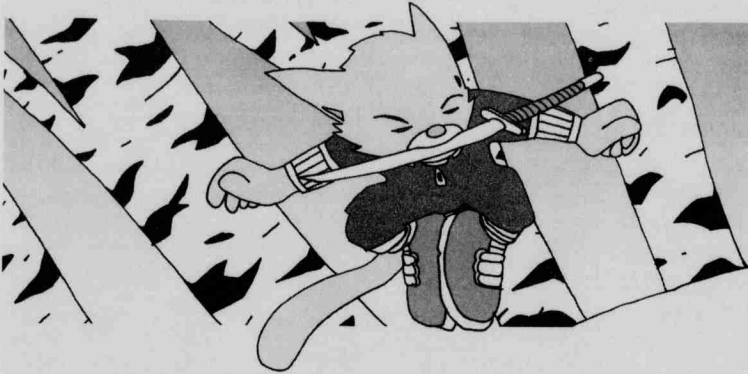
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MATAJURO'S PULSE QUICKENS AND HIS EYES NARROW AS HE DARTS OVER THE SNOW BANK... IN THE DISTANCE HE SEES AND FEELS THE GIANT MULTI-CANNONED WAR-MACHINE RAPIDLY HEADING HIS WAY...



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 DAN BALLENGIER

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 SLOSH SQUISH SLOSH

WAIT A SECOND. WHAT'S THAT SMELL?  
 SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

SIR, WHY DOES THAT WATER SMELL SO BAD?  
 THAT'S WHERE THE ISLAND'S SEWAGE USED TO BE DUMPED.

CRAP!

packers by daniel

# Serious

es muy bien *spring cathedral* by jackson brown

Spring is in the air.

The time has come to capitalize on the subtle seeds of romance that I've sewn all semester

The girl on my floor who smiles everytime I pass her in the hall...

The girl in my history class who I talk to during those long, boring lectures

That hottie at the coffeshop who I always tip for being so friendly...

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Do I know you?

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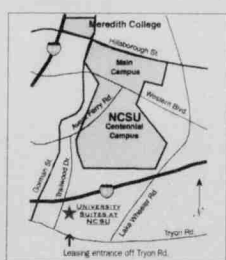
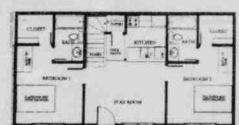
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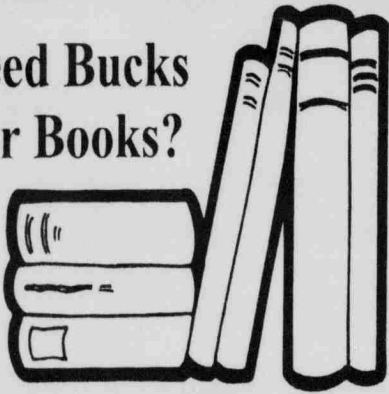
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<p><b>NOVICE:</b></p>  <p>Excuse me. Does Anyone Know where they keep the clean cups?</p>	<p><b>EXPERIENCED:</b></p>  <p>I brought my own cup from home.</p>	<p><b>EXPERT:</b></p>  <p>I found this one on the floor in the bathroom.</p>	<p><b>PROFESSIONAL:</b></p>  <p>I HAVE NO PANTS.</p>
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<p>Just as I feared.</p> 	<p>I'm not the ladies man I thought I was.</p> 
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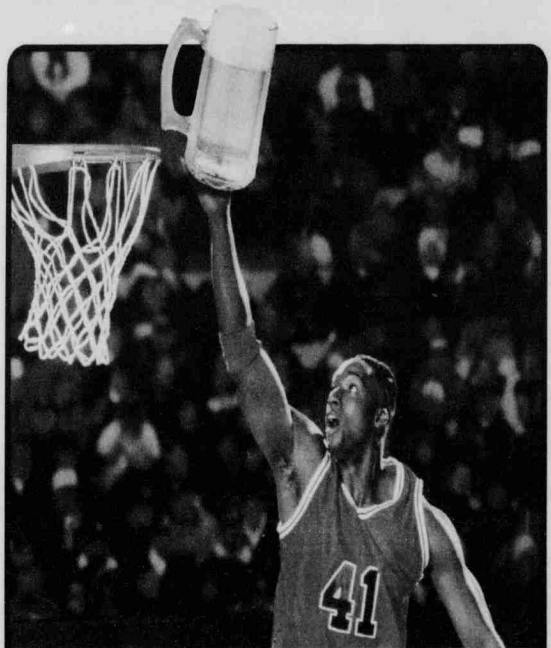
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## HUSKIES

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points and 7.1 rebounds per game.

Ivy Gardner, a member of the All-ACC Defensive Team, has scored in double figures in seven out of the last nine games. Before Gardner's hot streak, she had only reached double-digits three times all season.

In its opening round matchup with Delaware, the Pack got major contributions from key reserves to put away the Blue Hens 76-57. Amy Simpson came off the bench to lead the team with 17 points, and Christen Greene added eight.

Two days later against Villanova, the Pack turned to its season-long leaders, Lewis and Moody, for a boost. The duo combined for 43 points as State held on down the stretch and escaped with a 68-64 win.

UConn's pounding of Colorado State on Monday set up a meeting with the Pack. The teams have split four previous meetings.

The Huskies' potent offense will face off with the Pack's defense. UConn averages almost 88 points per game while shooting over 50 percent from the field.

Bird, Taurasi and Swin Cash all average over 10 points per game for the Huskies. Cash also pulls in an average of 7.3 rebounds per contest. State boasts one of the nation's top defenses, holding opponents to 57.4 points per contest and 38.6 percent field-goal shooting.

The Pack isn't nearly as effective as the Huskies on the offensive end, averaging only 65.5 points and connecting on only 41 percent of its shots. When State does manage to shoot at least 45 percent from the field, the team is 11-1.

Yow believes her team can make up for its lack of offensive firepower by concentrating on other aspects of its game.

"The one thing I hope is that we play our system, offensively and defensively," Yow said. "We have to box out, and we



JOHN WESTERDAFF

The Wolfpack will need to play one of their best games to defeat the potent offense of the University of Connecticut in the Sweet 16 game in Pittsburgh.

have to take care of the ball. That's what concerns me the most about the next game, period."

Against Villanova, State committed twice as many turnovers as the Wildcats. The Pack seems to have found its shooting touch, however, in the first two games of the tournament, connecting on 54.4 and 51.2 percent from the floor.

Missouri and Louisiana Tech will meet in the other East Regional semifinal game on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The winners of Saturday's matchups will square off on Monday at 7 p.m. for the right to go to the Final Four in St. Louis.

## UConn

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has come from the Huskies' roster for seven years in a row. Winners include Rebecca Lobo, Jennifer Rizzotti, Kara Wolters, Nykeshia Sales, Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph.

This season, the Huskies' stiffest Big East challenge came from Notre Dame. The Irish, led by Ruth Riley, is responsible for one of UConn's two regular-season losses. The Huskies' other loss came at the hands of always-powerful Tennessee.

"I'd like to see a weakness in Connecticut, but I just don't," Yow said.

## BASEBALL

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which is currently coming off of a disappointing loss to in-state rival Virginia Commonwealth on Tuesday, is looking to get back on the right foot against State.

The Cavs jumped to an early 1-0 lead at the beginning of the first inning, thanks to a sacrificed fly ball by Dan Street that enabled Robert Newton to score. It didn't take long, however, for VCU to make up for its deficit, scoring four runs in the second to take a commanding 4-1 lead. From that point on, the game was owned by the Rams, which would go on to an 8-2 win.

Coming on strong for the UVA are senior shortstop Hunter Wyant, junior left fielder David

Stone and senior left-hand pitcher Brandon Creswell.

Wyant is currently batting .382 on the season, while being the team leader in several categories, including hits (34), runs (25) and slugging percentage (.685). He also has five triples to his credit, which is the best in the conference.

Helping UVA to a record of 5-1 last week, Wyant went 15-22 (.682) at the plate, racking up 12 RBI's, 11 runs scored, four triples, three doubles and one homerun. But the Atlantic Coast Conference Co-Player of the Week didn't stop there, stealing two bases (4-for-4 this season) as well.

Meanwhile, Stone leads the Cavs with a batting average of .386, while adding 34 hits and 18 RBI's. Stone's 20-game hitting streak up until the loss to UVC, where he was 0-4, proves that he

will be a tough opponent for the State pitching staff.

Creswell, who is 2-0 and has an ERA of 3.71, became the first UVA pitcher in two years to record at least 10 strikeouts in a single game. In a March 18th game with Duke, Creswell struck out 11 Blue Devils players to seal a 4-3 victory for the Cavs.

"All I know about Virginia, as a team, is what I saw when they played FSU earlier in the season," said Avent. "They did a great job in that game against a very good ball team in FSU. They've got good talent all around and coach Womack has done an excellent job with them."

Last season, the Wolfpack won two games of a three game series during the regular season with the Cavs. Later, however, UVA got its revenge, eliminating State from the ACC Tournament.

like this one."

With the win, State improved to 3-1 in Raleigh, and luckily for the Pack, the next three matches are at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex. State takes on Campbell on Saturday and Furman on Sunday before facing North Carolina next Wednesday.

"The ball's in our court," said Jackson. "We have these next few matches at home, and the guys can now settle in and play our game, be a little more aggressive. We really weren't doing that on the road."

## TENNIS

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give the Spartans the doubles point.

State thus entered the singles portion needing to win four matches to pick up the victory.

Things again started slowly for the Pack, with three players losing the first set; however, things soon began to fall State's way.

Sixth-seeded Boward won 7-5, 6-4 over Tanner Haddon to

give State its first point of the day, and No. 2 Lucas soon followed with a 6-4, 6-3 win. No. 5 Bryce McGroarty then delivered perhaps the biggest point of the day, winning 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 over Paul Goode.

"I felt I played pretty well," said Lucas. "It was really windy out there, but I just concentrated on moving my feet and hitting the shots."

"The win was very important. It's been a frustrating start to the season, as we've had one of the toughest schedules in the nation. We've come close, but we just need to pull out more victories

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## HUMBING THE HUSKIES

◆ N.C. State wants a repeat of 1998, when it beat UConn on the way to the Final Four.

**Jerry Moore**  
Staff Writer

In 1998, N.C. State upset Connecticut in the East Regional final of the Women's NCAA Tournament on its way to the Final Four.

In 2001, the Wolfpack is hoping for a little déjà vu. No. 18 State (22-10) will face its toughest task of the season, however, when it takes on the No. 1 Huskies (30-2) Saturday at 2 p.m. in Pittsburgh. Defending national champion UConn is a favorite to repeat and holds the top seed in the East Region.

UConn won the Big East title game over Notre Dame with a last-second

shot from Sue Bird. The victory proved to be costly, however, as 2000 Big East Player of the Year Shea Ralph suffered a season-ending anterior cruciate ligament injury.

The Huskies were already playing without leading scorer Svetlana Abrosimova, whose season was cut short by an ankle injury in February. Despite losing two senior Kodak All-Americans in Abrosimova and Ralph, the Huskies are ranked first in the nation. Juniors Bird and Diana Taurasi have stepped up to fill the void left by their injured teammates, and UConn hasn't skipped a beat.

"They're still playing great," State coach Kay Yow said. "If I didn't know they had two players out, I wouldn't be able to tell. They had other players that were just waiting to step in, and now they're taking advantage of their opportunities."

Most recently, the Huskies ran roughshod through their first two games of the NCAA Tournament. They wiped out 16th-seeded Long Island 101-29 and rolled over Colorado State 89-44. UConn appears to have a distinct advantage over State, the region's fourth seed.

There is precedent for an upset, however.

In the 1998 East Regional Finals in Dayton, Ohio, then-freshman Tynesha Lewis scored 11 points in the Pack's 60-52 upset win.

"Honestly, I think we're a better defensive team than we were then," Yow said. "But we're not at the same level on offense. Plus, I think UConn is even better now than then."

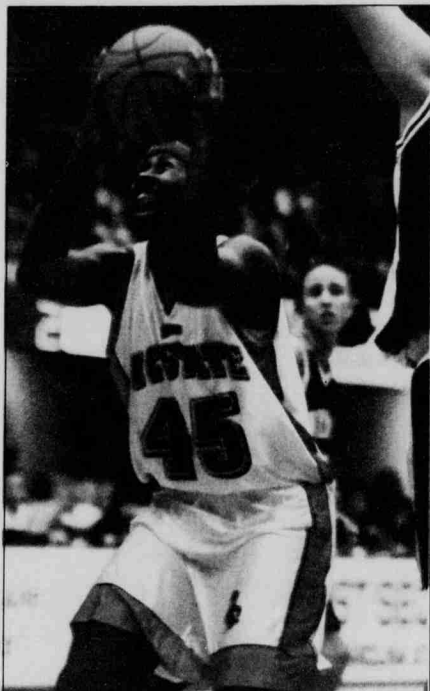
Lewis, now a senior, directs the Pack from her point guard position. She assumed the point guard spot midway through the season, and the change sparked a winning streak that carried State to the ACC Tournament Final and a fourth seed in the NCAA field.

Lewis knows about the mystique that comes with facing a national powerhouse such as UConn.

"We've got to play UConn and not the name," Lewis said. "A lot of teams are beat before they even step on the court because they hear how great a team like UConn is."

Carisse Moody continues to carry the banner for the Pack in the paint, leading State with an average of 14.8

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Talisha Scates has helped the Wolfpack Women progress to the Sweet 16.

## UConn at the pinnacle



Ivy Gardner and the women's basketball team travel to Pittsburgh to take on the University of Connecticut.

◆ The Huskies are at the top of the women's college basketball world.

**Jerry Moore**  
Staff Writer

A few giants consistently stand out on the landscape of women's college basketball.

Over the last decade, Connecticut has become one such behemoth.

Coach Geno Auriemma has guided the Huskies to 13 consecutive NCAA Tournaments, four Final Four appearances and two national championships.

This year, UConn is again a favorite to capture the NCAA Tournament crown in St. Louis. In the latest Associated Press poll, the Huskies are the No. 1 team in the nation. They are also the top seed in the East region of this year's NCAA Tournament.

"To have the opportunity to play a team like Connecticut, that's what it's all about," said N.C. State coach Kay

Yow, whose squad will face the Huskies on Saturday.

Auriemma took over the reins of the program in 1985. In 11 seasons before his arrival, UConn posted a winning record only once.

But Auriemma righted the UConn ship in only three years, and the Huskies finally had a break-out season in 1988-89, going 26-4 and qualifying for their first NCAA Tournament. They've been back every year since.

UConn reached its first Final Four in 1991 but failed to advance to the title game.

Then in 1994-95, UConn fielded one of the most dominant teams in history. The Huskies won their first NCAA championship and finished the season with an unblemished 35-0 record. They almost repeated the accomplishment a season ago, losing only one game en route to their second title.

"Connecticut has a lot of things

going for it," Yow said. "The national championships, the players they've had, all of that."

With victories in the first two rounds of this year's tournament, the Huskies have now advanced at least as far as the Sweet 16 for eight consecutive years. UConn's success over the last decade is eclipsed by only that of Tennessee, a team with four NCAA Championships since 1991. Tennessee and Louisiana Tech are the only schools to have qualified for every NCAA Tournament.

The Huskies have not been outscored in a season since Auriemma's first year at the helm, a span of 15 seasons. UConn has claimed the last eight Big East conference championships, dating back to 1994.

Numerous outstanding players have graced the UConn campus in recent years. The Big East Player of the Year

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## Baseball will look for sunny skies against Cavaliers



The baseball team will take on the UVA Cavaliers in a weekend series.

earlier in the week, an anxious N.C. State baseball team hits the road to Charlottesville, Va., in hopes of obtaining some quality wins over Virginia.

It's been almost a week since the Wolfpack UVA (11-11, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) has competed in America's pastime.

While most of the student body was enjoying Spring Break, the Pack had little time to relax, playing eight games in 10 days, which saw it go 4-4, including two impressive wins over then No. 1 Georgia Tech and another over No. 16 Florida State.

"We are looking forward to getting back out there and playing this weekend," said head coach Elliott Avent. "Not being able to play earlier this week because of the weather hurts us as it would any team because it's a long, long season and we are still finding out where we are as a team. We all go through adversities and hard times, but the more experience we get against any team, the

better we'll be."

Junior outfielder Brian Wright's play is hotter than ever. Two weeks ago, Wright received the honor of being named the ACC Player of the week and National Hitter of the Week by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) for his efforts against the Yellow Jackets and Ball State. Wright batted .571 and totaled nine runs scored on the week, capped off by a 6-for-6 effort during a March 11th game at Georgia Tech, in which he had two home runs, seven RBIs and five runs scored.

On the mound, Dan D'Amato has proven to be a powerful asset for State as well this season with a 4.21 ERA and 32 strikeouts.

In his most recent appearance, D'Amato allowed only two runs, walked four and struck out five over eight innings to raise his record to 3-2 and give the Pack a 4-2 win over the Seminoles.

Now State faces the Cavaliers, which aren't as dangerous as the Yellow Jackets or FSU, but nevertheless after winning six of its last eight games, are certainly not a team the Pack wants to overlook.

Virginia (13-9, 2-4 ACC).

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## State's men's tennis team rolls past Spartans

◆ The Pack picked up a much-needed win against UNCG Thursday in a non-conference matchup in Raleigh.

**Steve Thompson**  
Staff Writer

A return to Raleigh proved to be the proper medicine for the ailing N.C. State men's tennis team.



Reinaldo Valor and the Wolfpack tennis team defeated UNC-Greensboro.

The Pack (3-11, 0-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) took five out of six singles matches to defeat UNC-Greensboro (8-3) Wednesday afternoon at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex. The win snapped a four-match losing streak and gave State a solid start to a crucial five-match home stretch.

Top-seeded senior Eric Jackson clinched the Pack victory with his 7-6, 6-2 victory over Tony Mule, and Reinaldo Valor completed his 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 comeback victory over Marco Torres to

prove the final 5-2 tally for State.

"My match was a little rough today," said Jackson. "I just had to focus on winning single points instead of the whole match, and that's what the team needs to do as well. Although I didn't play my best, I'm glad I contributed at least one point to the team."

Although the match ended well, things did not go as planned early in the day.

The Spartans picked up the first match of the day by having their No. 1 doubles team of Mule and Torres ride an early break to an easy 8-3 victory over Jackson and Reinaldo Valor. The other two doubles teams for UNC-G also broke first, and the Spartans seemed ready to cruise for the doubles' point.

Down 3-6, however, the second-seeded duo of John Davis and Brad Kilgore responded to win the final five games of the match, evening the doubles score. Third-seeded Matt Lucas and Ryan Boward attempted to complete the doubles comeback. They broke serve to level at 6-6; however, UNC-G responded to win the final two games to

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◆ After a week of rainouts, the N.C. State baseball team takes its record to Virginia.

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Finally, after delaying and eventually canceling games against would-be opponents The Citadel and Howard due to unwelcomed weather conditions