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TOWN HALL MEETING

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To discuss the proposed budget
cuts and the impact on NC State

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ASG president: 'We have no fat to cut'

◆ Students met Thursday night to discuss plans of action in protests of the proposed budget cuts.

Richard Morgan
Staff Reporter

Student response to the state Legislature's demand for a seven percent UNC system cut involved discussing everything from a march on Raleigh to lobbying individual state representatives to more extreme actions like lockdowns, which would involve students chaining themselves to buildings, free-standing structures, or each other.

"We need to plan, mobilize and take action," CALS Senator Natalie Duggins said at the beginning of an organizational meeting held

Thursday night in Student Senate Chambers. "The Students' Day at the Capitol took damn near three months to put together. We have damn near six days [for the March on the Capitol]."

In order to get that action happening, Student Government is joining efforts with UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. Central as well as various N.C. State student organizations, including Campus In Action, Engineers Without Borders, University Housing, the Greek Life Office and religious and professional groups.

Plans involved putting together a town hall meeting next Tuesday, May 1 at 6 p.m. in the Campus Cinema of Witherspoon Student Center, and organizing a large-scale march from the Bell Tower to the General Assembly at the Capitol Building in downtown Raleigh. The

March on the Capitol would start at the Bell Tower at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

The meeting Wednesday should preface Thursday's General Assembly deadline for sub-committees to get their budgets recommended to Appropriations Committee chairs.

Students will also be in force on Monday and Tuesday in the Brickyard to spread informative flyers about the rally.

Chancellor Fox is scheduled to appear at Tuesday's town hall meeting, where she will be available to answer questions about the implications of budget cuts from concerned students, faculty, staff and parents. After Chancellor Fox leaves, all people concerned about the issue will discuss exactly what they want to see happen in the following days

and how they can best accomplish those goals. This in-depth discussion must occur after Chancellor Fox has left because state law dictates that the Chancellor is not allowed to officially promote or support these kinds of student political movements.

Among other issues affected by the proposed budget cuts, the protests will be fighting massive losses to financial aid, the termination of faculty and course availability, which will also affect students' fall schedules, and a proposal to end overnight and weekend library access.

NCSU is taking the largest hit because it receives the largest state appropriations. For 2000-2001, NCSU received \$372,919,458 in state appropriations. For points of

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Far Too Jones not far from NCSU

◆ The popular band will be performing at N.C. State.

William Stufflebeam
Staff Reporter

Far Too Jones and two other local bands will be performing in front of the Witherspoon Student Center on April 29 as part of an end-of-semester event sponsored by the Union Activities Board.

The event will run from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Harris field on the corner of Dan Allen and Cates Drive.

There is no charge to attend and everyone is invited.

"We're doing it as our last event of the year to give people the chance to relax and enjoy the sun before exams hit," said Union Secretary Vinney Kalra.

Far Too Jones is a Raleigh-based band that has been together for eight years. They recently released their newest album, "Shame & Her Sister" on their own independent label, Aszams Records. They are the band behind the hits "Juliana," "Skin Suit" and "Blown Away."

"We started researching bands a long time ago and we thought Far Too Jones had a good sound for a lazy afternoon concert," said Kalra. "You could call it kind of a mainstream Rock/Pop mix." She said that the UAB also liked the fact that Far Too Jones was from this area.

The other two bands, which are also local acts, will be opening for Far Too Jones. Parmalee will be on from 2:00-2:50 p.m.,

Revelation Darling will perform from 3:10-4:00 p.m. and then Far Too Jones will be on from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

"Parmalee and Revelation Darling came recommended to us, and we listened to their stuff and thought it fit in," said Kalra. For refreshments, there will be free snow cones and popcorn provided by the UAB, and Domino's Pizza will be selling pizza and drinks.

Kalra also mentioned that the UAB would have other merchandise available at the event.

"We'll be selling some UAB shirts from previous events for real cheap — maybe a buck or two — so if people are interested in scoring some cheap new shirts, they could get them there," she said. She also said that people were welcome to bring things like Frisbees to toss around during the day.

"I think it'll be a great time to relax and enjoy what college should be like, fun and free," said Kalra. "And, it's supposed to be sunny and 80 degrees, great weather for an outdoor concert."

The UAB is also looking for concert volunteers. They need people to work the snow-cone machines and the popcorn machines, and the website claims that helpers will get a free t-shirt for their efforts. More information about the concert can be obtained through the UAB website at: <http://uab.ncsu.edu/events/sprng01/concert/> or by emailing Vinney Kalra at union_secretary@ncsu.edu.

All in a Daye's work

◆ NCSU Coordinator for Diversity Programs Eureka Daye is trying to heighten awareness and stimulate dialogue about diversity.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

The paths of students and other members of the N.C. State community cross invisibly over the brick sidewalks on campus every day. Plans carried out by Eureka Daye, coordinator for diversity programs, ensure that those paths intersect more visibly on diversity issues.

Daye, working out of the office of Diversity and African American Affairs, takes requests from different campus departments in need of a more defined recognition of diversity issues in everyday affairs. She becomes a part of that department when she trains its faculty and staff; she can interact with them and find out what kinds of programs fit the department's needs for dialogue on evolving diversity issues.

"The timing is now," she said. "The university is very much in query around issues of diversity. There is a microcosm here on this campus."

She takes the training sessions to a personal level, presenting specific situations surrounding diversity and showing how these examples intermingle with a group's central goal. In addition to faculty and staff, student organizations are embracing new thoughts by being stimulated into conversation about diversity.

"Train the Trainers" is one program that has resulted in such dialogue. Thirty-five participants were chosen from a pool of 160 to take part in the eight-week sessions, which taught students how to implement plans to stoke diversity talks on campus.

The students who participated in this spring's program received certificates of



RACHEL MARTINEZ/STAFF

Coordinator for Diversity Programs Eureka Daye

completion for "competency in race relations" at their recent graduation, said Daye, which will be valuable when they branch out and look for jobs.

The workshops at the fire under the students, some of whom are using Daye as a resource to get their own ideas for diversity awareness projects, the creation of

which is part of the program, underway. "I try to be a part as much as I can," she said.

The students came away with honed leadership skills and fresh ideas that they could take back to their own student organizations. Daye said this will be a

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World famous geographer to address commencement

◆ Harm de Blij will address NCSU graduates and will receive an honorary degree.

Susanna Smith
Senior Staff Reporter

N.C. State students and faculty, who learn and work at a university without a geography department, stand to learn a lot from this year's commencement speaker, Dr. Harm de Blij, a renowned geographer who has written over 130 books and articles on geography.

Known for his promotion of geography in mass media, de Blij will receive an honorary degree in humane letters at the ceremony on the commencement address on May 19 at 9:00 a.m. in Raleigh's Entertainment

and Sports Arena.

As the geography editor of ABC's "Good Morning America" from 1990-1997, de Blij was part of the team that received an Emmy in 1993.

He has also been the senior editor for the PBS series, The Power of the Place, as well as the geography analyst for NBC news.

Born in the Netherlands, de Blij received a bachelor's degree in Johannesburg, South Africa from the University of Witwatersrand. He went on to receive his master's and doctoral degrees from Northwestern University in Illinois.

Known as an expert in geopolitical and environmental issues and a popular lecturer, he often uses maps to provide background to news events during his speeches.

Previously he has been awarded

honorary degrees from Marshall University, Rhode Island College, Michigan State University and Grand Valley State University.

In 1980 de Blij became a member of the Research and Exploration Committee of the National Geographic Society; he is also the founding editor of *National Geographic Research: A Scientific Journal* and a former editor of *The Journal of Geography*.

He has served as visiting professor at Northwestern University, Hawaii University and George Washington University and was appointed the Presidential Professor at the Colorado School of Mines from 1981-1982.

In 1989, de Blij became an

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DAVID KILGUS/STAFF

Jed Edwards, a senior in computer engineering, hangs ten on a surfing simulator outside Fountain Dining Hall Thursday evening. The dining hall occasionally offers special theme nights to attract students and give them a change from the normal dining routine.



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valuable asset in corporate America and will have an impact on the global economy. She said employers appreciate applicants who can see many sides of an issue.

"It spoke highly of the university that students were at a level to volunteer their time to learn about diversity and disperse it into their organizations," said Daye.

The "Train the Trainers" program will be continued next fall, and Daye hopes that in the near future, it will have academic

features and students will receive class credit for it. She also wants to see the program draw in as many students from different backgrounds as possible, and reach out to all groups on campus.

Daye is a sort of mediator for group discussions on diversity issues and conflicting ideas within groups of people in the NCSU community. She works to find a common thread among groups with specific challenges and needs, and she coaches them on how to interact and communicate with other groups.

Daye acts as a caretaker of the university on diversity issues that challenge the community's way of thinking.

As coordinator for diversity programs, Daye must "keep a pulse on the issues in surrounding areas," she said. "A lot of attention is being paid to all levels of diversity at the university."

She also takes action to "assess the health of the institution, in academic terms," she said, "and how vibrant it is to discussing issues of conflict and ideas that not everyone shares. I ask, 'Is it conducive for that to happen?'"

Daye's background in psychology gives her knowledge and insight to study and observe how people react to conflicting ideas and interact with one another. Because of this, her

role as facilitator excites and motivates her to get as involved as possible in the groups she works with.

However, she knows that she cannot come up with answers to problems that are evaluated in different training sessions, but she can create an awareness.

"I can't solve everything," she said. "It's not for me to resolve. The departments and colleges take them and come to a consensus."

Daye serves as more of a coach, a mediator who strategizes plans of attack. These plans for action maintain a respect for integrity and culture. She said that every group has their own common language and terminology to define issues on diversity. She aids people in identifying those issues.

Diversity is not an altogether new idea at NCSU. Daye said a "diversity timeline" at the university goes back about 20 years.

"The concept has always been here, sort of like a pendulum swinging far right of the center," she said.

The difference is that now, voices are rising to meet the occasion, to cross signals and to challenge other voices.

"The entire state is paying attention," said Daye.

There is a twist of irony involved with being coordinator for diversity programs.

"The idea is to work yourself out of a job," she said. "When is that?"

Not any time soon, as long as the need for a helping hand is necessary. With so many different views comes conflict, but these differences can also be celebrated. Daye focuses on teaching people to appreciate others' perceptions and ideas and pay attention to the way different lives and backgrounds intersect.

She is currently working with a group of senior citizens from the Encore Center.

"It's an honor to be among them," she said, noting the richness of their history and beliefs and the insight they have to offer.

Appreciating similarities and sorting out differences is what Daye assists the NCSU campus with on a daily basis. The rise of conflicting voices is a sign of success.

"It's exciting work," she said.

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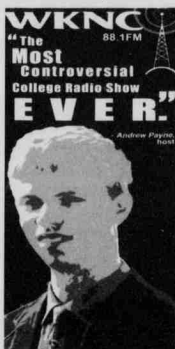
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reference, UNC-Chapel Hill received \$306,861,767 and Appalachian State University received \$114,614,740.

"It's tough on everybody," admitted Association of Student Governments president Andrew Payne. "Over the last 10 years, we've had continual budget cuts, so now we have no fat or frills to cut. Maintenance and administrative monies have been out, and now academic

programs are all that's left and they're taking the brunt of the hit."

The task ahead is difficult, a delicate balance must be struck if all concerned parties are to create a united front.

"We need to make sure we don't create rifts between the colleges," explained Student Body Treasurer Roberta Hansman.

Students also discussed acknowledging the point that budget cuts are an issue that put students, faculty, staff and administration all on the same side. Neither of those groups wants to see the kind of finan-

cial cuts demanded by the General Assembly's Joint Appropriations Sub-Committee for Education.

The co-chairs of that committee are Sen. Walter Dalton (D-District 37), Sen. Linda Garrou (D-District 20), Sen. Jeanne Lucas (D-District 13), Rep. Flossie Boyd-McIntyre (D-District 28), Rep. Eugene Rogers (D-District 6) and Rep. Douglas Yongue (D-District 16).

Payne and other rally organizers urge students who are constituents in those districts to voice their concerns to their representatives.

Geographers and a position as an Honorary Fellow of the American Geographical Society, and he is a life member of the Royal Geographical Society of Australia.

In 1989, de Blij appeared daily for one week on "Good Morning America" to talk about the problem of geographic illiteracy in the United States.

During his time teaching at Michigan State University, de Blij wrote and produced two internationally aired television shows on geography.

As a prominent figure in pro-

moting geography literacy, de Blij was a part of a push that led to a joint resolution of Congress to establish "Geography Awareness Week" on November 15-21.

In 1990, de Blij served as Marshall University's John Deaver and Elizabeth G. Drinko Distinguished Chair in Liberal Arts, delivering the commencement speech at the university in May of the following year, entitled "Geography and Geopolitics."

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Honorary Fellow of the American Geographical Society and was later appointed Distinguished Professor of Geography in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

He has also been awarded for his work with the Outstanding Service Award from the Association of American

Attention concerned community members

MARCH ON THE CAPITOL

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March on capitol a must

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE UNC SYSTEM'S "MARCH ON THE CAPITOL" TO PROTEST THE DRASTIC BUDGET CUTS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IMPOSING.

Clear your calendar for next Wednesday. All concerned students, which should be every single one at this university, should participate in the "March on the Capitol," Wednesday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. The march is being organized by students, faculty, and parents of the UNC system in response to the seven percent budget cut to be levied on all 16 state universities at the demands of the North Carolina General Assembly.

If students at N.C. State, think conditions are bad now, it makes one shudder to think the extent of the ramifications of this proposed budget cut. The General Assembly has demanded that the UNC system reduce their budget by \$125 million to compensate for the "state budget crisis." NCSU, along with the other public universities, is being asked to educate more and more students each year with minimal resources. A budget cut such as this could stall our university in its tracks. NCSU would be forced to eliminate a total of 105 full-time faculty positions and 211 full-time staff positions. In the College of Humanities and Social Sciences alone, 27 faculty members would need to be eliminated.

Think it's tough now to get that English (or any other class for that matter) you need to graduate? It'll only get worse. The College of Engineering would have to resort to cutting around 10 faculty positions. How will the university cope with this loss of personnel? Fewer sections with greater numbers of students,

making students and teachers alike, angrier than they already are. And you can forget cramming in the library before tests next year - if it be closed during the early morning hours. Chancellor Fox will be holding a town meeting for students next Tuesday at seven p.m. in Witherspoon Cinema to elaborate specifically on how the budget cut would affect NCSU. All students should attend this as well.

We, as students, must show that we will not allow the General Assembly's gross mismanagement of state funds to severely affect our education, the future of NCSU and the future of the UNC System. If your excuse not to march is that the cut will not affect you, you are sorely misinformed. If your excuse is that the march is in the middle of class and your professor would not approve of missing class or that you would miss valuable course material, consider how would it be to lose that teacher and that class altogether.

The General Assembly thinks it can take the easy way out by passing their buck to college students who, they assume, will stand idly by as their education is decimated. We need to unite as a community to show our legislators that we will not stand to pay for their mistakes.

The march will take barely an hour of your time but could affect you and NCSU for years. Take this only as seriously as you take your education and your future.

Opinion

Temperature rises, hair falls



John Sico
STAFF COLUMNIST

As summer and its consequent warm weather draw nearer, a phenomenon like no other takes place across the nation. This occurrence, like the upstream migration of the salmon, or the return flight of the birds from their winter retreat,

marks the passage of one season into the next and only happens once a year. This strange ritual, while beautiful in its own way, can be frightening to one who is not accustomed to it. The practice to which I am referring is that of the yearly shedding of body hair, which takes place annually before the summer months are upon us. In seemingly orchestrated unison, hair from all over the body drops with a resounding "plop" into drains across the country. Chests, legs, arms or backs...no part of the body escapes from the razor during this time of renewal. As sales of Drano and body oil rise simultaneously in great leaps and bounds, one must ask at such a point, "What is the reason for this sudden disdain for the human fur?"

There are actually several things that prompt humans to drop the winter coat that they have worked so hard to grow.

The first and most obvious reason is simply that the weather is beginning to get warmer. The extra warmth that comes from having a thick, lustrous coat is not as necessary as it was just a couple of months earlier. In fact, having too substantial a covering of hair could result in deterioration of health. As perspiration increases, so does the rate of dehydration. In order for humans to keep water in their bodies without drinking huge amounts of it, they have to sweat less. One solution to this is removing the winter coat. Doing this allows the skin to breathe more freely and, as a result, keeps body temperatures down and hydration up.

While temperatures during the summer are never as cold as they are in the winter, they can suddenly drop as the sun goes down. This, combined with the increase in water recreation that comes with summer, could equal disaster for someone who is covered with hair. If a hairy person places himself in the water to stay cool during the day, the fleece that coats his body becomes saturated with water.

Then, as the temperature drops with nightfall, this person could find himself out in the cold, soaking wet. A hairless person, on the other hand, dries much

more quickly and, thus, will not be as susceptible to this change.

A much less apparent reason for this shedding is the attraction of a mate. During the colder times of the year, we look for someone to keep us warm; thus, our priorities for body hair are different. In the summer, a mate with excess body hair would make us even more uncomfortably warm, which is obviously undesirable. On the other hand, a hairless and greasy partner is much less likely to make us thusly uncomfortable.

There are probably many more reasons that cause the shedding of hair from the human species that I cannot begin to understand. Perhaps no one will ever fully grasp the intricacies involved in this sacred procedure. Birds flying in formation, animals finding their way home against all odds, humans shedding their body hair: these are all examples of nature's mysteries that, instead of being picked apart and explained by science, remain the strange, wonderful spectacles that they always were.

John needs someone to wax his chest. If you want to help, email him at Riseasone@aol.com.

U.S. foreign policy 'underwhelming'



Robert Jallil
STAFF COLUMNIST

With his proposed \$45 billion defense spending increase, George Dubya Bush is quickly becoming a less graceful version of his predecessor, Bill Clinton. Like Clinton but driven by a more hawkish ideology, Bush stands to continue

important leaders in Washington abuse their perceived power to forcibly imprint their personal, selfish worldviews on Americans through foreign policy.

Thus, foreign policy endeavors toward the nonsensical goals of a few individuals: to fight communism, to police the world, to create peace. Given foreign policy's goal, leaders in Washington often don't have the power or mandate to achieve foreign policy goals.

A more general problem with U.S. foreign policy is its troublesome goal of being a "peacekeeper." In its "peacekeeping" role America most often bombs various countries (Kosovo, Serbia) and sends in occupying forces shortly after. When countries from almost all sides criticize the United States for its abusive use of military strength, many Americans wonder why so many countries are ungrateful for American help.

Simple-minded people will attribute this ungrateful attitude to jealousy, but, aside from having bombs lobbed all over one's region and having a completely foreign army occupy the area, countries mostly resent America's involvement in places where it doesn't belong (where its presence doesn't benefit Americans). Foreign policy makers seem to have forgotten why the American Revolution was fought: to secure the freedom of individuals from unfair foreign control. Why is it OK for America to want freedom from foreign powers, but not OK for other countries

to demand the same?

The poverty plaguing American foreign policy agitation almost everywhere else in the world. America is allowed to maintain large military forces while heavily regulating and policing arms buildup everywhere else. America champions free trade yet restricts many countries from participating in it via its position in trade organizations or sanctions. America's "peacekeeping" usually involves dropping several thousand tons of explosives on someone.

How is current foreign policy beneficial to national security or American interests if it upsets the rest of the world? It isn't. Foreign resentment of America has very real, very serious consequences to Americans, such as the bombings of the World Trade Center, American embassies and American ships. American foreign policy largely fails because it doesn't adhere to American principles: independence, freedom and equal opportunity. The billions of dollars presidents like Dubya waste on "defense" spending could be better spent at home or at least facilitating economic prosperity (the best creator of peace and freedom) worldwide. At the least, non-involvement in the affairs of other countries, as an antagonist or protagonist, gives other countries the same treatment American citizens themselves demand.

Issue a white paper on Robert's foreign policy opinions at evilhobNCSU@yahoo.com.

Friday Feature

THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER, TECHNICIAN HAS PROVIDED OPEN FRIDAY COLUMNS OF VOICE OPINIONS OF VARIOUS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. ALTHOUGH TODAY'S EDITION WAS TO FEATURE A COLUMN BY THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, MATERIAL WAS NOT SUBMITTED.

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Lintner's stereotypes false

I am writing in response to Nathan Lintner's article "Pretty Fly for a Frat Guy" (April 26). Let me start off by saying that I am in a fraternity at N.C. State, and I would like to defend myself and other fraternity members like me. First off, I do not own a single article of Abercrombie and Fitch clothing. I do not own any Croakies. I do not own a single pair of shorts that stop above my knee, and have a shaved head. I hate Dave Matthews, and have never seen him live. I listen to death metal, hardcore, ambient, and experimental music. I like bands such as Carcass, Tool, Botch, Samae, Aphex Twin and the Deftones (I liked them long before they were famous underground people put them on MTV). I'm also in computer science and have a 3.7 GPA, that's right. I'm smart, (gasp!). Second, Lintner may not be aware of it, but there are many other cool, original people around campus that are in fraternities, even on your staff at Technician.

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Sophomore
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Lintner's opinion misinformed

Nathan Lintner's "Pretty fly for a frat guy" (April 26) was a ridiculous and stereotypical. His attitude he promotes ingratitude. I'm tired of hearing people who are unaffiliated with the Greek community criticize it. Lintner misguidedly thinks he is somehow superior to people who are members of these organizations. He and others sharing a sentiment for whining try to project an image of individuality and intelligence. You could start the largest student organization on campus with all the cynical, self-important individuals who criticize something they so obviously know nothing about. There is nothing intelligent about judging people based on what they wear or even what organizations they belong to. My favorite part of the column was when Lintner stated he was writing as "an informed commentator." Was Mr. Lintner ever in a fraternity? I seriously doubt it. You can't knock it until you've tried it. Until one has pledged a fraternity, completed study hours, community service, intramurals, social events, personal development programs and all other aspects that are central to Greek Life, he can't call himself informed. In response to comments on low intelligence (i.e. "sole objective of college is to get drunk and laid, in need of an adult level or extensive vocabulary...you don't understand how

anyone can read for enjoyment..."). Lintner needs to check out a few statistics. A number of fraternities and sororities are above the all campus average for GPA (this fact should not be hard to find as they have been published in your paper). Speaking of fraternity members driving cars "courtesy of mom or dad," I know plenty of Greek members who work multiple jobs to afford cars, apartments and the fraternity or sorority, often on top of their academic scholarship. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have parents who can pay for our cars and other things do not deserve to be judged or ridiculed because we are blessed. Plenty of non-Greeks drive SUV's their parents bought them. I have never met anyone in the Greek community who runs around criticizing people who aren't Greek. Nor have I ever read an article written by a fraternity or sorority member that makes fun of any culture or lifestyle different from their own. I am also very disappointed in Lintner as a journalist for writing such a biased piece without having anything to back it up. It is an opinion, but such an incorrect and non-factual opinion is embarrassing to Technician.

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In praise of student government



Grant Jones
Staff Columnist

[The following account is recalled from an observation of a student government meeting. The name of the university to which it is attached will remain undisclosed to protect the anonymity of those involved. Likewise, all names, places and events have been changed to protect those who cannot take a joke. I would also like to apologize for the mention of the race of the minority student speaker who appears in the text of the column. Had not the aforementioned student government had a particular bias towards this particular minority, I would not have included it. No offense should be taken from the comments made about the minority student by the representatives. These comments were included to show the unfortunate bias that plagues many campuses across the nation, and how these biases are often reflected in student governments across the nation. These comments are harsh, but they reflect what I perceive to be the harshness of bias in many student governments. They in no way reflect how I or Technician feel about any minorities on campus.]

There has been a lot of bashing of the student government lately, and many of those accusations are based on the argument that student government officials are useless and a waste of student tuition. I could not help but wonder how they were using the \$226,204 budget allotted to them, but before taking a stand on the issue, I decided to investigate the matter. After obtaining an invitation, I attended a student government meeting at a university that may or may not be the one you attend. Here is what I observed:

Before the meeting began every representative took a seat at a solid oak banquet table. The Student Body President called the meeting into order and announced that there was a very special treat in store for the representa-

tives this week. Then a Latino student (whom everyone agreed afterwards was very well dressed considering) wished to address several issues concerning the government's support of the Latino community on campus.

His speech was interesting and covered topics ranging from scholarships for illegal aliens to funding for Latino student groups on campus. All the representatives agreed that his accent was funny and that he had good points. However, they assured him that things were a little more complicated than he and his Latino friends might think. One representative assured him that "The student government is fully supportive of the Latino community and I believe I speak for everyone here when I say we have been representing Latino concerns well." She then cited the recent renovations to the on-campus Taco Bell and the showing of Cheech and Chong films in the campus cinema. Murmurs rose about the unappreciative student body, who like the young Latino man, failed to see the good that the student government was doing. I was informed that the Latino student was quickly escorted out before he stole anything.

Afterwards a break was taken. Miss Ruth, the government's in-house maid, served tea and crumpets to everyone including myself. The tea was chamomile, and although I found it in need of sugar, most everyone else agreed that it produced a pleasing aroma and a good break from the hard work of representing the student voice. Suddenly, the break was interrupted by the late arrival of a student senator. He seemed in distress and several minutes passed before he could be calmed down enough to speak. Apparently, the Senator had been the victim of some heedless student who had parked in the Senator's reserved central-campus parking space. Consequently, the Senator had been forced to take the bus into campus, on which he feared he may have contracted a disease.

The Student Body President took immediate action. I was impressed with the selfless concern of the other representatives as they filed out of the meeting and reorganized outside in the street next to Senator's reserved space. After a motion that passed by a count of 28 to 4, the student government

broke the windshield and slashed the tires of the trespassing student's car. I could not help but be inspired by the prevailing of justice. I never expected such efficiency and justice to come from a group that is so often hushed by the student population. As the representatives made their way back to the boardroom, they spoke about the unappreciative students. For the first time, I began to feel sympathy for these people. I had just witnessed an act of pure selfless concern, the representatives had shown sincere concern for one of their own. Yet, I knew that as soon as the student body found out about it, the selfless act of love would be taken the wrong way and blown out of proportion. The student body would claim that the representatives were drunk with power. The students would demand that these well to do stop playing politician on their dollar.

But once in the boardroom again, safe in their home environment, the student government showed their vulnerable side; their forgiving nature. They did not blame the students for their unfounded hatred; no, like true saints they understood that true goodness is often not appreciated in its own time. They believe in what they are doing. One young man said to me, "No matter how much we are despised, we will continue to be proactive in representing the voice of those students we represent, even if we have to ignore them to do it." These people were not drunk with power. If they could not get support from the students, they would give it to each other. After the conclusion of the meeting I was invited to stay afterwards when, as always, the representatives rubbed each other down with baby oil and told each other in turn how wonderfully mature and responsible the are. One woman, while oiling the thighs of the student body president, confessed to me, "When you are as unappreciated as we are, you must stick together. If the students refuse to oil our backs we must oil each others."

That night I saw what separates the members of student government from myself and the rest of the student population: selflessness, hard work and, when times are tough, they stick together.

RULE OF THUMB

J-Lo



Music/film/whatever else star Jennifer Lopez announced plans to release a "sporty chic" line of clothes for Christmas 2001. J-Lo, humble as always and eager to share her fashion sense with others, said "It's time for the world to wear my look."

NC General Assembly



State legislators have not only directed the UNC system to make a ludicrous \$125 million budget cut, but they have now objected to the ways the universities' chancellors proposed to handle it.



Gender equity



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UNC-Chapel Hill



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NC General Assembly



Although the General Assembly already received a minus above, we figured it deserved another as it probably has done nothing to remedy the budget crisis in the time it took to read Rule of Thumb.



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More Greek response

Technician should issue an apology for the article Nathan Lintner's "Pretty Fly for a frat guy." As a fraternity member, I take great offense to that column. I did not know that Technician was allowed to print articles that are prejudice against certain groups of people. If somebody wrote a column condemning people of certain race, creed or origin would the column be published? I think not. It is my opinion that the Greek community deserves an apology.

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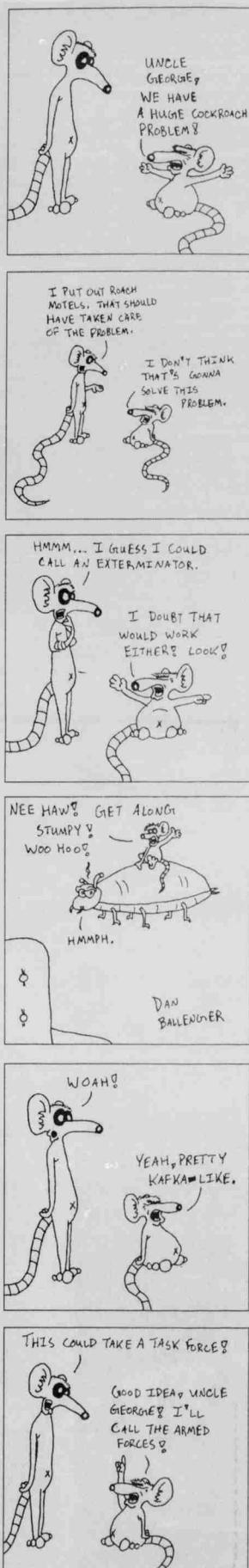
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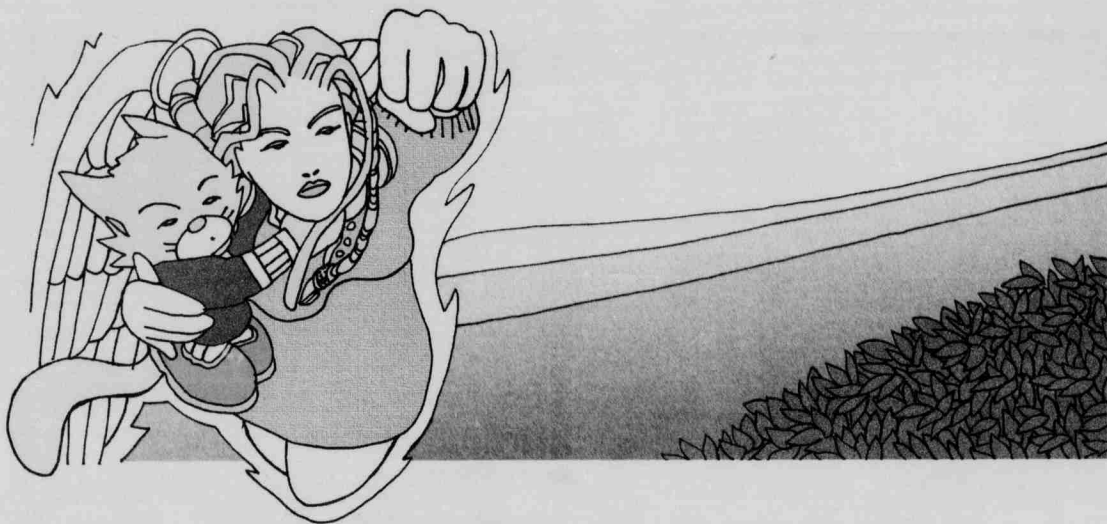
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Elliott Avent. "We played very well, but made some mistakes you cannot make against a very good baseball team. You can't make those types of mistakes, just simple, easy mistakes that you wouldn't expect. But, when you make those kinds of mistakes, you don't deserve to win. We just defeated ourselves."

Wright has been on the right track lately for State. He had his best performance of the week against ECU, when he had two key hits during the game, including his seventh home run of the season. On the year, Wright is batting .348 and has a team-leading 42 RBIs.

Making an impact of his own is Sean Walsh. Walsh, who went 2-for-4 against Davidson with one RBI, sports the fourth-best batting average on the team (.307) and has 23 RBIs to accompany that.

The Wolfpack, however, wasn't the only team to fall victim to the Pirates this week. Earlier in the week, Duke suffered a 16-3 beating by ECU.

In that game, the Devils

managed to get off to a quick 2-0 lead in the first half an inning. But that lead wouldn't last very long. With a couple of walks and a single, the score was tied at two apiece after one.

In the bottom of the second, ECU took control with a monstrous nine-run inning, giving the Pirates an 11-2 lead. ECU later added five more runs, sealing what would turn out to be its first of two wins against ACC schools this week.

The Devils (20-26) have six players with batting averages better than .300. Highlighting that list are David Mason and Troy Caradonna. Mason is the team leader with a .359 average and has 32 RBIs to his credit. Caradonna is second on the team with a .339 batting average, including 26 RBIs and one homer this year.

Meanwhile, Duke's pitching staff has struggled this year. Out of all the pitchers on the roster, the best record belongs to Zach Schreiber, who is 1-0 and sports the team's best ERA at 4.15. But with Schreiber as a relief pitcher, the Pack will more than likely face Kevin Thompson, Justin Dilucchio or Ryan Caradonna. Thompson (7-3) has an ERA of 4.50, while Dilucchio (2-

2) is at 4.75 and Caradonna, the older brother of Troy, is next with 4.93.

"Hard work and hard play doesn't guarantee you a win, it only guarantees the opportunity to win," said Avent. "We've gotten a lot better the last month of the season. We've played better this last month because of the effort we are getting. I see a lot more desire and hard work by our team as a whole now. We've got to continue to play well, big series at Duke, tough to play on the road. We've got to play extremely hard and extremely well and a little more smarter."

Currently, the Devils have a half-game lead on State for the sixth position in the conference. Duke is 7-10 in the ACC, while the Pack is 7-11.

"There are about five teams that are right there together and then there are four teams that have separated themselves from the rest of them," Avent said. "With those five teams, the way I see, you may not win the race that you anticipated when the race began, but there's still a race for pride and a race for fifth in the ACC. I think we will really test the character of our young men to see if that is good enough for them right now."



Colt Morton has been a solid replacement at catcher for Dan Mooney.

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State ready to deal with Blue Devils

◆The N.C. State baseball team travels to Durham to take on the Duke Blue Devils this weekend.

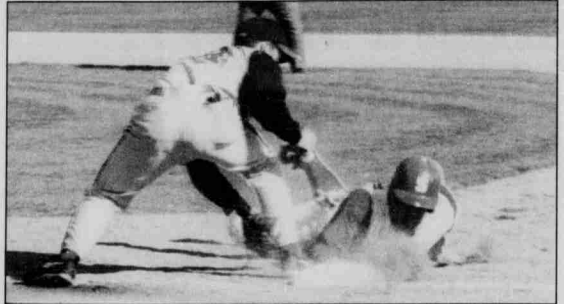
Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

After a week of back-to-back games against non-conference opponents, Davidson and East Carolina, the N.C. State baseball team will try to move up in the Atlantic Coast Conference standings with a three-game series at Duke this weekend. The Wolfpack (24-22) opened the week with a rain-shortened game against the Wildcats. Only playing five innings, State still managed to get enough play in to give it another win 10-2.

The Pack next took on a familiar foe in the Pirates Wednesday night. With the weather dark and gloomy all day long, the clouds stepped aside, allowing the Pack to play on. Unlike its game against Davidson, State found itself in a battle that went on into extra innings. With a Brian Wright infield single in the seventh inning, pinch runner Joe Gaetti was

able to score, tying the game at 4-4. The score would stay the same through the end of regulation and on into the 11th inning. The bases were loaded for the Pirates (38-10) and with a wild pitch by relief pitcher Josh Miller (1-3), ECU first baseman Joseph Hastings managed to run home to put the score at 5-4. Along with an RBI-groundout by Ryan Jones that resulted in another run, the Pirates went up 6-4. The Pack had a chance during the second half of the inning but couldn't get any production on the board and took another loss under its belt. "They [ECU] are a very good baseball team," said head coach

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N.C. State slides into action in a weekend series at Atlantic Coast Conference foe Duke.

Morton catching on with Pack



Colt Morton has stepped up to be State's starting catcher in his freshman season.

Steve Thompson
Assistant Sports Editor

Although it's been an up-and-down year for N.C. State freshman catcher Colt Morton, the future looks nothing but bright.

Morton burst onto the Wolfpack scene this year, equalling a freshman State

record in home runs by hitting 11. In the last 10 games, his production has fallen off, as the rigors of the season and the pressures of the position have mounted.

"Early on he hit 11 home runs to tie the State freshman record," said State head coach Elliot Avent. "And if Colt was the kind of person I thought really wanted that record, I'd say because he has struggled of late."

"But that's got nothing to do with it; he doesn't care about records. He wants to be a professional baseball player, and on the way, he wants to win some ACC Championships."

"I don't really care about that," Morton said. "I'm out here to first play for God and then to play for my team. That's all that's really important for me."

A two-time all-state selection in Florida and an honorable-mention All-

American, Morton was chosen in the 36th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Morton, however, chose to hone his talents with the Wolfpack.

Coming into the season, Morton was given a chance to start right off the bat, as the position was vacant due to the departure of starter Dan Mooney.

Because of his stellar early play and the rash of injuries to the Wolfpack, "What he's done behind the plate has been outstanding," said Avent. "We lost one of the best catchers in the country, if not the best catcher in the country, in Dan Mooney. As of late, his catching hasn't been as good, and I think that is because he is a little tired."

Morton has become a fixture at catcher — widely considered the most challenging position in baseball. In addition to coping with the transition from high school to college baseball, Morton also catches about 140 pitches a night for four games a week.

"I don't really think I'm getting tired," said Morton. "We're starting to play a

lot harder now, but it just comes down to execution. I don't think fatigue is setting in too much at all."

Over the first 36 games of the year, Morton's statistics were astounding, as he hit .300 with eight doubles, 11 home runs and 35 RBIs. Over the last 11 games, he's batting only .125 (5-for-40).

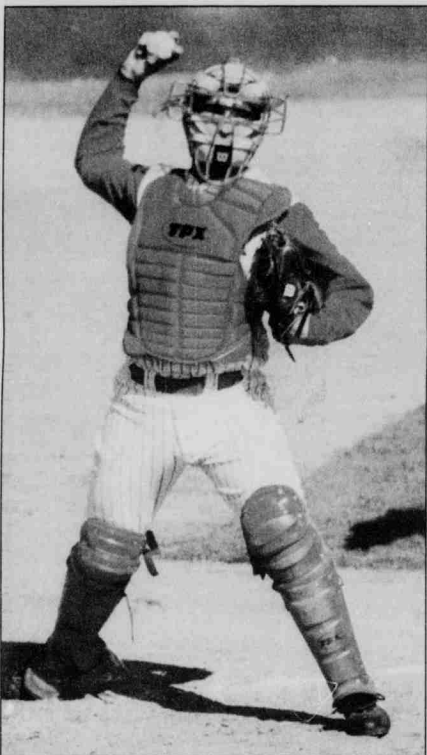
"In college baseball, they have scouting reports, they know the hitters a little better," said Morton. "They're more ready for you than you are for them. They know what you're struggling with and pitch to your weakness. The weakest pitch for me has been the breaking ball."

While Morton adjusts to the college breaking ball, opposing pitchers will continue to pitch around him and not challenge him. As a result, Morton has shifted his focus and become more patient at the plate. In the last five games, Morton has been walked seven times.

"I've been going out there trying to hit a little too much," said Morton. "I have to stay back a little, let the game come to me. With my early success, I tried to get a little ahead of myself, and I just have to stick back and not do too much and just play my game."

Once Morton starts playing his game, the sky's the limit. Next year, he'll return to State with a load of expectations — star catcher, big hitter. Considering how well he has done as a freshman, with an offseason's worth of work, he should only get better.

"He's a good, good, good person with great discipline," said Avent. "In the end run, if you want to be a professional baseball player — and he wants to be a professional baseball player — you are going to work hard with great discipline, and that's the first thing he brings to our ballclub."



Colt Morton already owns the State record for most home runs by a freshman with 11.

Water sports thrive as weather heats up

◆The water skiing and wakeboarding club is preparing for the summer months.

Jay Kohler
Staff Writer

Technician's look at N.C. State club sports rolls on today with a profile of the water skiing and wakeboarding club.

If you head out to Lake Wheeler as the summer quickly approaches, keep an eye out for the members of N.C. State's water skiing and wakeboarding club.

The club, which is celebrating a decade of existence at N.C. State, is going through a few changes for the future.

"[In the] past year, the club has been rebuilding," said Nathan Redman, the president of the club.

The club has recorded some recent success, with third-place finishes in the men's intermedi-

ate and men's advanced wakeboarding at competitions during last year's season.

Redman didn't mention any skiing competitions, but this makes sense, since he said that the club is "90 percent wakeboarders."

Competitions for wakeboarders usually hold events in four categories. They include novice, intermediate, advanced and open classes. These classes are, of course, divided on the basis of skill and are also limited by the number of tricks a competitor can perform.

Flips are defined as any trick in which the boarder loses contact with the water. Spins are exactly what they sound like, when a boarder rotates on the board while still holding onto the tow rope that connects them to the boat.

Novices are not allowed to perform flips, and the maximum spin they can do is 360 degrees. Intermediate wakeboarders can perform up to four different flips and spin 540

degrees. In the advanced class, competitors can do up to eight flips and spin 720 degrees. Finally, the open class has no rules or limitations; anything goes.

Redman is happy about the victories, but stresses the club is mostly a "social club." Part of the reason Redman isn't too concerned about winning titles and trophies is due to the age of the wakeboarders' boat, which is as old as the club.

"This boat can't meet our needs," Redman said. "We are unable to compete against the newer boats in competitions."

The cost of a newer boat that would better fit the club's needs would probably be priced around \$30,000, and "that would be for a demo boat, and not for something brand new," Redman said.

Club dues are kept low to ensure that getting into the club isn't a matter of having a stuffed wallet. Dues, which run about \$70 per session, pale in comparison to Florida State's

club, which charges members \$250 per session.

The club is still hopeful of getting a new boat sometime in the near future. It is currently looking for sponsors or donors to assist in a search for a boat. Redman is pleased with the direction the club is heading but acknowledges that the next big step "is buying a new boat."

Everyone from a true beginner to an expert at water skiing or wakeboarding is welcome to sign up for the club. Redman said that the club has a friendly atmosphere, which makes it easy to meet fellow water enthusiasts. Space, however, is limited to 30 members.

Spring semester to the end of the first summer session, and the second summer session into the fall are the club's usual dates of operation. There is no real definite date for the beginning and end of their operations. It will continue to trek out to Lake Wheeler until the weather grows too cold.

Jackson named tennis All-ACC

◆Senior Eric Jackson earned his second consecutive spot on the All-ACC team.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State senior Eric Jackson was selected to the 2001 All-Atlantic Coast Conference men's tennis team Thursday afternoon by a vote of the league's nine head coaches.

Jackson, a Stone Mountain, Ga. native, finishes his State career with 47 doubles victories, a mark that now stands third in school history behind Scott Dillon (50, 1976-79) and Roberto Bracone (50, 1996-99). In singles, Jackson amassed 59 triumphs, which ties him for ninth in school history with Bill Christy (1975-78).

"Eric finished very strong for us after a difficult fall," said

State head coach Eric Hayes. "He was able to recover nicely this season and showed a huge commitment to his game and his team. It is my hope that he can

continue that type of dedication to the professional ranks in the future."

This is the second All-ACC honor for Jackson, who also received the award in 2000.

Jackson finished the spring season 10-11 in singles and 3-5 in the ACC, playing all of his matches at the No. 1 spot. Jackson also teamed with Renaldo Valor at No. 1 doubles to go 10-9 overall and 5-3 in the ACC.

The Wolfpack ended its season April 19 in Orlando, Fla., with a 4-0 loss to seventh-seeded Clemson in the opening round of the ACC Tournament. State went 6-19 overall during the spring.