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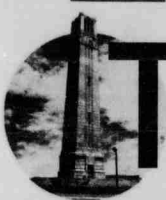
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## AACC celebrates Heritage Day

◆ The African-American Cultural Center sponsored activities to recognize its 15th annual Heritage Day Saturday.

**Ayren Jackson**  
Assistant News Editor

Heritage is the combination of all those things that make us, as individuals, the people we are.

On Saturday, the African-American Cultural Center celebrated that combination with its 15th annual Heritage Day in conjunction with its annual research symposium. The main purpose of the event was to educate and celebrate the richness of the African-American heritage.

"Heritage Day is usually celebrated in the fall, but because of flooding in the [African-American] Cultural Center, we had to push the day back," said Iyaltu Moses, director of the African-American Cultural Center. "The day has really turned out to be a big success."

Heritage Day was a celebration of African-American arts and cultural traditions and was free and open to the N.C. State community and the public alike.

The day began with workshops on African mask making, jewelry making, koutouche making, African head wrapping and storytelling by "Patti Cake."

DanceVisions, one of the student dance troupes on campus, not only performed traditional African and Caribbean dances, but they also gave a workshop on African dance.

Although they are usually separate, the AACC combined the Heritage Day with the Heritage Symposium in which students presented papers relating to African-American Heritage.

Some of the many paper topics included, "AIDS and the African-American Population," "Float Like a Butterfly, Sting Like a Bee — Muhammad Ali," "Shrinking the Digital Divide Among African-Americans" and "Know Thyself."

The winners of the symposium were Douglas Brooks and Jon Rolle in the freshman class and Dwight Foster and Sharmaine Sullivan, an N.C. Agriculture & Technology State University student, for the upperclassman. Second place winners received \$100, and first place winners received \$200.



During the welcoming ceremony, libations — ritualized water — were poured to welcome everyone to the event and to honor all deceased ancestors who, during their lifetimes, made a difference.

Before poet Nikki Giovanni, the keynote speaker, took to the stage, there was spoken word in which students and others performed their own original poetry. There was also an improvisation fashion show and a DanceVisions performance.

"This year's keynote speaker was mainly chosen by one of the AACC volunteers, Schanel McMillan, who will be graduating in May," said Moses. "She said she didn't want to graduate until she could see this woman speak."

McMillan not only got to see Nikki Giovanni, but also introduced Giovanni to the audience.

Many participated in the 15th annual African-American Heritage Day on Saturday.

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## Two NCSU undergrads win Goldwater scholarships

◆ Gregory Barlow and Catherine Ward are among 302 students nationwide to receive the \$7,500 scholarship.

**Andrew Buchert**  
News Editor

Two N.C. State students are among 302 undergraduate students from colleges and universities nationwide to receive a 2001 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

The \$7,500 scholarship is awarded annually to sophomores and juniors studying a curriculum in mathematics, engineering and the natural sciences, and it can be used to cover tuition, books, fees and room and board.

The scholarship will cover one or two years of the student's undergraduate education, depending on whether the student is a sophomore or junior at the time the scholarship is awarded.

"The Goldwater is a federal scholarship for students in science, engineering and mathematics who have lab research experience and who show a potential for excelling in research and academics," said Ward.

"The scholarship is targeted at people who want advanced degrees and are interested in research," said Barlow. "I thought it was a scholarship that I could do well in."

Barlow, a sophomore majoring in electrical and computer engineering, said that he has been working at the Center for Robotics and Intelligent Machines in NCSU's electrical and computer engineering departments since he was a senior at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics in Durham. He added that he would like to pursue a career in research outside of academia.

"I would like to do research in industry," he said. Ward also has extensive research experience at NCSU. A sophomore majoring in chemical engineering and biochemistry, she works 10 to 15 hours



Gregory Barlow



Catherine Ward

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## Student financial aid increases nationally

◆ In a recent survey, 38 states reported spending more on student aid in 1999-2000 than in the previous year.

**Sara Jeanblanc**  
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHAR-LOTTESVILLE, Va. — In one of the largest increases in two decades, state spending on student aid rose by 12.6 percent nationwide in the 1999-2000 academic year.

In Virginia, student aid increased about 6.7 percent in the 1999-2000 academic year. However, this only marked the latest addition to a series of rises in student aid spending. From 1994-1999, spending increased by 41 percent.

Officials released the results April 17 as part of a survey conducted by the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs.

According to the survey, 38 states, including Virginia, reported spending more on student aid in 1999-2000 than in the previous year.

Much of the increase in student aid may be because of recent economic prosperity.

We are "lucky we've had a good economy," said Yvonne Hubbard, director of financial aid to students.

Growing emphasis on the benefits of a college education also may be partly responsible for the increase.

"More and more, we start seeing college as another step as

opposed to an unusual step," Hubbard said.

Most of the increases in Virginia were in the area of need-based aid, even though merit-based aid was responsible for much of the student aid rise nationally.

"Affordability, that's the primary drive," said Lee Andes, financial aid manager for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

"I really hate to see the state getting involved in merit when it can't meet 100 percent of need," Hubbard said.

Virginia does not have any aid programs that are solely based on merit, Andes said. Gov. James Gilmore III (R) recently proposed a merit-based program, the New Century Scholarship Program, but the legislature did not pass the proposal.

But Virginia does have some aid alternatives that are not entirely based on need.

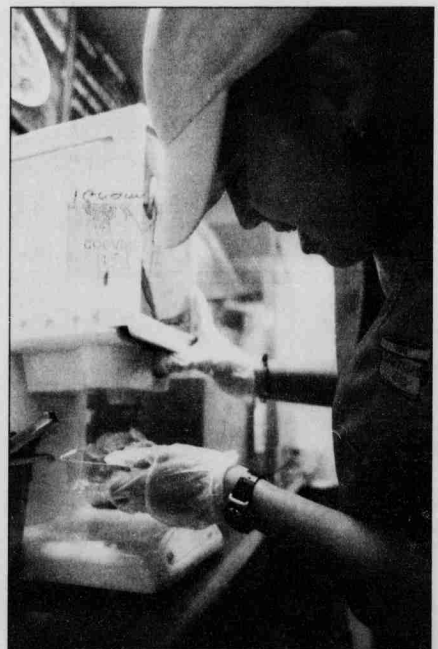
The Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program is a "need-based program that looks for some merit," Andes said.

Students must qualify for the program based on need. If they have certain merit standards, however, they might qualify for higher amounts of aid, he said.

The Tuition Assistance Grant program extends non-need-based aid to in-state students who attend private Virginia colleges, he said.

Undergraduates benefited most from the increases in aid around the country and in

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Rebecca Holt, a sophomore in computer science, prepares an order of nachos at one of the many concession stands at the Double-A Mudcats' Five County Stadium. Rebecca was one of many students from the Raleigh Wesley Foundation who ran the concession stand to raise money for a mission trip to Belize.

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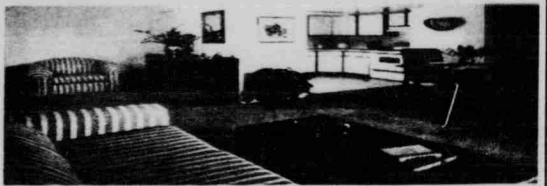
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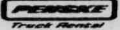
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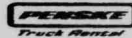
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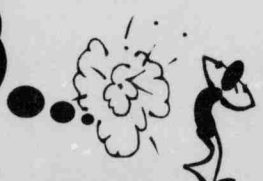
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## GOLDWATER

each week in Fred Gould's lab in NCSU's entomology department.

"I do everything from making solutions to chromosome mapping to PCR [polymerase chain reactions]," she said.

Like Barlow, Ward also sees herself working in the field of research as a career.

"I would like to do research in genetics or some field in biochemistry," she said.

Both Ward and Barlow plan to pursue doctorate degrees after finishing their undergraduate work at NCSU.

Barlow said that NCSU can nominate four students to compete in the national competition for a Goldwater Scholarship. The qualifications for the scholarship include U.S. citizenship, a minimum 3.00 GPA, standing in the top 25 percent of the class and an academic field of study within the areas of natural science, engineering or mathematics.

The Goldwater Scholarship is funded by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, a federally endowed agency established on Nov. 14,

1986.

"The scholarship is named in honor of Senator Barry Goldwater," said Barlow.

According to the 2002 Bulletin of Information, the goals of the scholarship are to "alleviate a critical current and future shortage of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers," and to "provide a continuing source of highly qualified individuals to those fields of academic study and research."

Applicants for the Goldwater Scholarship must include a statement of their interest in the pursuit of a career in the fields of mathematics, engineering and the natural sciences. Awarding of the scholarship is based upon the potential of the candidate to make a significant contribution to his field.

"I thought that the goals of the scholarship were really in line with my career goals," said Barlow.

Seven undergraduates in North Carolina received a 2001 Goldwater Scholarship, according to information available on the Goldwater Foundation's Web page. The other North Carolina recipients include two UNC-Asheville students and one student each from East Carolina University, Duke University and Davidson College.

## HERITAGE

Award-winning author, poet and activist, Nikki Giovanni is the author of "Racism 101" and more than 14 volumes of poetry, including "Black Feeling, Black Talk," "Cotton Candy On A Rainy Day," "My House," "The Selected Poems of Nikki Giovanni" and "Love Poems."

A professor of English at Virginia Tech, Giovanni travels all over the country and the world sharing her work with others.

She not only read some of her poems but also spoke on the importance of remembering one's heritage. Clever, funny and intellectual, Giovanni charmed the audience with her knowledge and dedication to her work.

Giovanni spoke about her family, particularly her son and grandmother, her travels and her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, among many other topics.

The final poem she read, one of her most well-known, entitled "Ego Trippin'," summed up the importance of knowing one's heritage.

She read the poem's closing lines, "I am so perfect, so

divine, so ethereal, so surreal, I cannot be comprehended. Except by my permission. I mean...I... can fly like a bird in the sky."

"One thing about obtaining a college education is that you have the opportunity to broaden your horizons — there are just some things that you can't get from a classroom," said Moses.

"Students should avail themselves to the many opportunities a university has to offer — such as listening to such remarkable speakers as Nikki Giovanni," she said.

## AID

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Virginia. Nationally, graduates received less than 1 percent of need-based aid and 6 percent of merit-based aid. Graduate aid rates in Virginia have remained "stagnant" in recent years, Andes said.

States want to "make sure students get their undergraduate degree," NASSGA president Cheryl Mapletorpe said.

Once students get to the graduate level, states let students "fund themselves," Mapletorpe said.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW NCSU scholars

### THREE STUDENTS WON PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Barry M. Goldwater, Harry S. Truman. Do these names ring a bell? Odds are they do. But now, with one student recently winning a 2001 Harry S. Truman Scholarship (Brandon Buskey) and two winning 2001 Barry M. Goldwater scholarships (Gregory Barlow and Catherine Ward), the names hold special significance for the N.C. State community.

These students have represented NCSU very well in competition for national scholarships — so well that Buskey was one of 80 students nationally to receive the Truman Scholarship while Barlow and Ward are two of 302 students nationally to be awarded Goldwater Scholarships. Brandon Buskey, a senior in psychology, will receive a total of \$30,000 from the Truman scholarship \$3,000 for the senior year of undergraduate study and \$27,000 for graduate studies. Barlow and Ward will each receive \$7,500 each year for two years of undergraduate study.

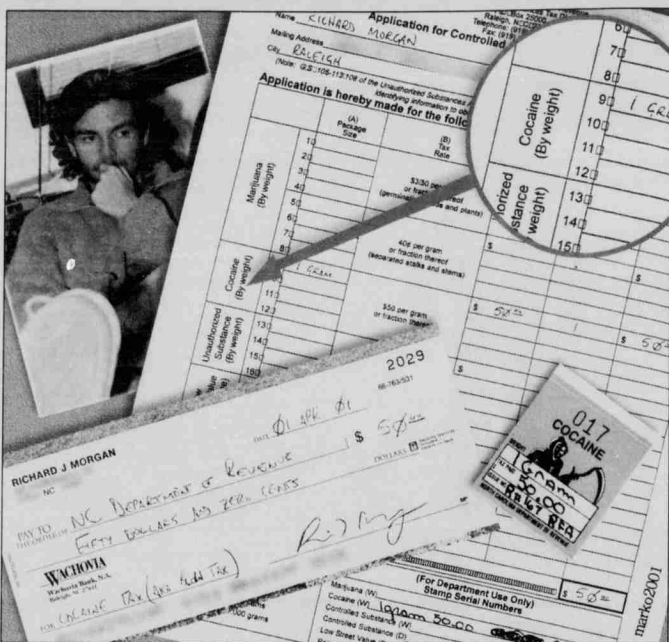
However, these students winning these highly competitive and prestigious national scholarships means more than just a dollar sign for them, their teachers, their family and the greater NCSU community. Both of these scholarships have special components separating them from other merit awards. Truman Scholars must have a strong commitment to community service or work in non-profit areas. Pat Lee, director of merit awards at

NCSU, said that Truman recipients are "people who are going to be change agents."

Likewise, separating the Goldwater Scholarship from other merit awards is its high emphasis on research. Barlow, a sophomore majoring in electrical and computer engineering, has participated in research in NCSU's Center for Robotics and Intelligent Machines department for several years. Ward, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering and biochemistry, has worked extensively in NCSU's entomology department.

NCSU has been encouraging students to aim high, to apply for these major scholarships and it's paying off, in scholarships and other intangible dividends. Of NCSU, Buskey said that "we have a good support system [for applying for national scholarships] in place at N.C. State." But simply providing students with the opportunities to apply for these types of scholarships bodes well for NCSU's learning community. Suzanne Burlone and Sarah Netzer, along with Buskey, competed in the national competition for the Truman Scholarship.

Judging by this year, NCSU probably has a few more scholarship winners in the works for next year. Until then, Brandon Buskey, Gregory Barlow and Catherine Ward will be representing NCSU well. Congratulations to you all — you deserve it.



## The struggle unifies



**Bryan Proffitt**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

It is a shame that the proudest I have ever been of this university and its students in four years has to come just a week before my last class at this institution, but I am swollen with pride right now. I feel as though the fight to save the UNC system has finally galvanized an active faculty and student body, which is not a normal phenomenon on this campus. But what is perhaps most profound and glaring to me is the interesting and powerful makeup of the people fighting this fight.

First and foremost, the general student body on the campuses is ready to mobilize. Last week, N.C. Central had a rally at the legislature and hundreds of students attended. As they drove by, honking, fists raised in the unifying symbol of shared struggle and chills inspired by the sheer magnitude of this fight overlooked me. Many of the campuses are planning to make the trip to Raleigh, and many are expecting thousands at their solidarity protests on their campuses. Here at N.C. State, the student population is buzzing in a way it hasn't in a long time, and students are understanding our responsibility to use that energy to contribute to this battle. Any campaign needs popular support, and NCSU students seem willing to step up. If you talk about the march and protest on Wednesday in all of your classes and everywhere you go, you will contribute to the thousands who should already be planning on making the trip with us — with all students, conservative, liberal, or radical, students of color and non, and women and men. There is no population that is not so proud, and it will be amazing to see how broad of a population is fighting on Wednesday.

Secondly, and equally awe-inspiring, has been the role of the Student Government. I admit quickly to the fact that I have frequently discredited them in their efforts to go to bat for students, but they are stepping up with a Louisville Slugger. The work they are doing at this very moment should be the cornerstone of their role on campus. They are committing tremendous resources (time and people) in a way

that is not self-promoting or dominating. Students from across the political spectrum need to be willing to embrace their support in a way that may feel very unnatural and uncomfortable. In a very real and very powerful way, they are providing quiet and appropriate leadership that will hopefully translate into a sustainable effort to force the legislature to accept that education is a right.

Next, the faculty is organizing fiercely in a dual role that is serving both their interests and ours. With a great deal on the line, a large percentage of the faculty is fighting for their livelihood. These people (particularly non-tenure track professors in colleges like the College of Humanities and Social Sciences) are denied respect enough as it is, and you can only back a rat in a corner so long before it will come out biting and clawing. Their energy has been beautiful. Likewise, they are also organizing because they too realize that, in order for a society to function and progress towards equality to be made, a quality education must be provided for all. Here, our elders are providing that it is often what a teacher can teach out of the classroom that is the most valuable. We must learn from them.

Finally, and perhaps the most strange of the bedfellows, we have the support of the administration of the university and the system. They realize fully that we must beat this budget cut, and it is up to us as students to let them know how they can legally help us (they can't support the march or protest). Many students have been writing the Chancellor and asking her to send an email home to parents about the budget cuts. This would be a tremendous gesture of support on her part, and all students are urged to continue with that request.

Ultimately, this fight is a good fight because it unifies. There are no socially constructed barriers that should separate those willing to battle for our education. I've been writing for this entire year to point out the wrong and evil in ourselves and our institutions, and I am proud to write my very last column about what is right and what is beautiful with all of us. You are all my comrades. Thank you.

*Bryan will be fighting on Wednesday, where will you be? Email him at bryanp33@yahoo.com.*



**Richard Morgan**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Yes, though possession of drugs is illegal regardless, the state still encourages drug possessors to "fulfill [their] civil tax obligation" by paying taxes on everything from marijuana (\$3.50 a gram) to cocaine (\$50 a gram).

The Unauthorized Substances Tax (N.C. General Statutes 105-113.105 through 105-113.113) is, as described by the N.C. Department of Revenue, "an excise tax on controlled substances, illicit spirituous liquor, mash and illicit mixed beverages." According to legal protocol, within 48 hours of possession, a responsible citizen should pay their fee and receive a sticker-stamp of compliance. The Department of Revenue assures, "Information obtained pursuant to the unauthorized substances tax law is confidential and may not be disclosed. ..."



**Jacquelyn Einsel**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Perhaps I should explain something here. I love my car. And that's with a capital L. This year for my birthday I asked for an "I Heart My Volvo" license plate. The quote typed to my door reads, "Volvo lives in the heart of everyone who embraces life." I got it off the Volvo Web site, which I visit often. My Christmas present in December was a 1988 vintage Volvo horn (as the previous owner had replaced the mighty Volvo bellows with a small, Honda-like hiccup). Three weeks ago I waxed my car — for two hours. By myself. In the garage because it was after dark. A boy I dated last summer called and my mom had to take a message.

So perhaps you can understand why I'm a little upset. My actual license plate reads "VLVO PWR." That was my birthday present last year from my little brother. You respect the Volvo if you wish to ride in it. You keep the floors clean, you deposit your trash in an appro-

## Responsible Addiction 101

A friend of mine recently was looking for a new car among the loot displayed at police auctions. When he asked the police why they sold the belongings of drug dealers, the police replied, "To pay the taxes, you ask? The taxes North Carolina imposes upon illegal drugs, of course."

But I was curious as to just how easy the process was. Certainly, the fear of police raids is what's keeping otherwise well-meaning junkies and dealers from paying their taxes. So, here's what I did: I printed the application for a drug tax stamp online, filled it out with the claim I was in possession of a gram of cocaine and also sent a check to the Department of Revenue for the reason of "cocaine tax (a.k.a. blow tax)."

[Sidnote for D.A.R.E. graduates: one gram of cocaine is not brag-worthy, but it gets the job done. In soda terms, a gram of coke is equal to about a six-pack of Coke.]

I waited diligently and, without incident, received my purple cocaine stamp with its menacing portrayal of the Grim Reaper on it.

Honestly, I was a little disappointed. I

Revenue employees who divulge information regarding stamp purchasers to law enforcement shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

I called up Rod Starling, who heads the drug tax for North Carolina. He said, since January 1, 1990, some 50 people have bought stamps — most of them stamp collectors. Thankfully, however, there are some responsible drug dealers using the system, too. In that same time, approximately \$50 million has been collected in busts of tax violation.

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would have liked to see a SWAT team rattle down my apartment complex and burst in through my bedroom window. I would have liked to see a friendly NARC agent conveniently move into the apartment next door. I would have liked an attractive undercover agent to ask me if I "like to party" or know how I can get them some "you know, stuff, man." But, alas, only the purple Grim Reaper.

It was rewarding, though, in an eerie way. It was as if I had received a giant poster with Uncle Sam pointing at me and saying "Good for you, son; you did your duty." It was just like that, in fact, except instead of a poster was a stamp and instead of Uncle Sam was the Grim Reaper and instead of "good for you" it read "R#167 RFA."

But what's my point? It is this: to all you drug users and dealers out there — including those of you who are "just experimenting" — put aside your dinner of pot, roast, and hash browns and take heed. The "pops" are not out to get you; they just want you to be responsible. Is that so wrong? Is "responsibility" such a devil term?

You get your drugs. The state gets its tax. And everyone's happy. Can't we all just get a buzz?

*Richard has never known the sweet, sweet tang of cocaine. But give him a buzz at ncsu\_writer@yahoo.com*

## Illness in the family

Somebody saved my Volvo. I don't eat in the Volvo unless you have reached inner circle status. You don't mock the Volvo's riding lawn mower-esque torque. And you never, ever, EVER rest anything on the paint.

The rules are many and strict, but regarding to those who follow them. My car is truly a piece of work. I can give you statistics about the gas tank (15.8 gallons) the horsepower (a mighty 116 ponies under the hood) and its popularity (only one half of one percent of straight drives in my year and model were shipped to the United States).

I Love My Car. So imagine my reaction when I looked over to change lanes and noticed that the passenger side rearview mirror was just gone. I pulled over right away, of course. I happened to be driving my girlfriend Julie home at the time, but she understood. She understands the Meaning of the Volvo. She understood when I shed tears of sorrow for the shorn rearview mirror, the clipped wire, and the scratches in the paint. She held my hand when I checked the front tire pressure and measured it at 22.0 psi. She tried to tell her, between sobs, that I usually keep the front tires at 34.5 psi, she merely pried the digital tire gauge from my clummy hand and handed me a glass of water. Julie understood. Which is more than I can say for the delinquent lowlife who took my rearview mirror.

LT. Parnley looked over the Volvo,

carefully and with a flashlight. He asked me the appropriate questions and narrowed his eyes thoughtfully in the general direction of the rearview mirror in question. He told me my case was not the only one, that vandalism had been going around. He shrugged his shoulders and said, "We've had similar reports on West Campus."

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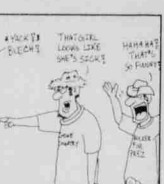
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**James Marshall Hendrix, Don't Live Today**

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WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR? SHE WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK A LONG WALK OFF A SHORT CLIFF!

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SHE'S GONE ZATHAEL, DEAD... MOMENTS BEFORE THE COMET HIT ACHILLIA, SHE JUMPED INTO THE OCEAN.

SO... if she's dead and i'm sitting here talking to you... THEN WHERE, PRAY TELL, EXACTLY ARE WE?!

WHY LIMBO OF COURSE.

BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE CAT... GISELLE AND I ARE GONNA SIT HERE AND DAMMITKID, YOU ARE NOT HERE! YOU'RE IN A COMA ON BOARD A SPACECRAFT DOCKED ON A SNOWY HILL IN DEVA. CHALKYDORI AND MEKAZCAR FOUND YOU UNCONSCIOUS IN THE COMET'S GIANT IMPACT CRATER...

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oh... this might hurt a little... ..but i suppose it'll feel better than a broken heart...

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HE HEADS OVER THE TUNDRA AND LANDS, ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT HIS EMOTIONS.

BUT ZATHAEL LOOKS DOWN AT HIS FEET.

...AND THE PURE WHITE SNOW SURROUNDED HIM...

ALL THESE TALENTS AND ABILITIES...

...AND THEY DO HIM NO GOOD.

THEY ONLY HELP HIM DESTROY THE THINGS HE LOVES.

OVER THE NEXT HILL, CHALKYDORI AND MEKAZCAR ARE EXHUMING A CORPSE.

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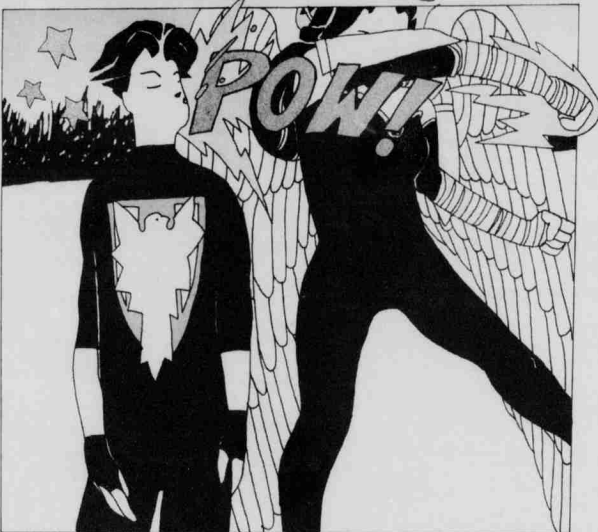
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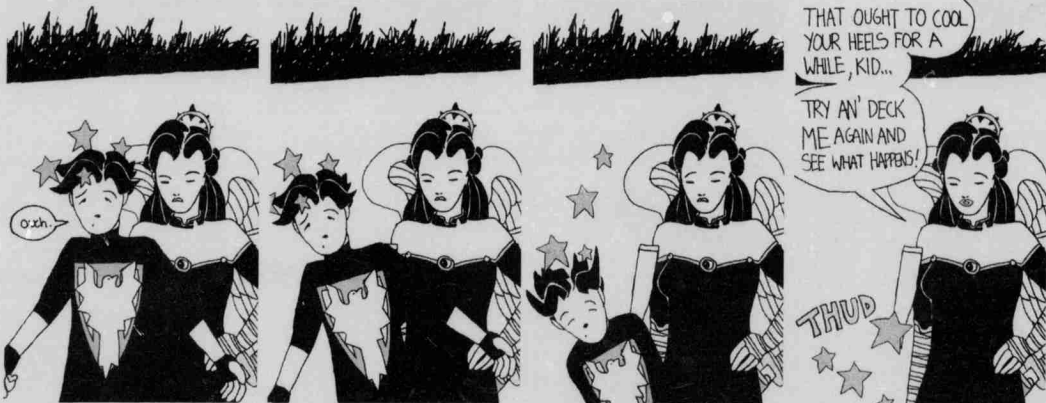


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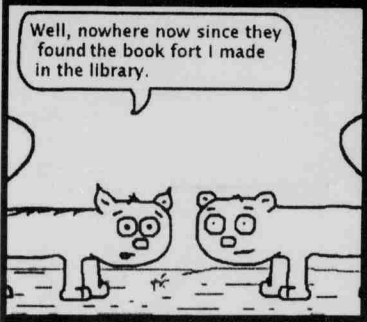
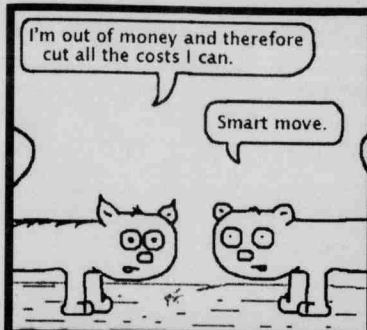
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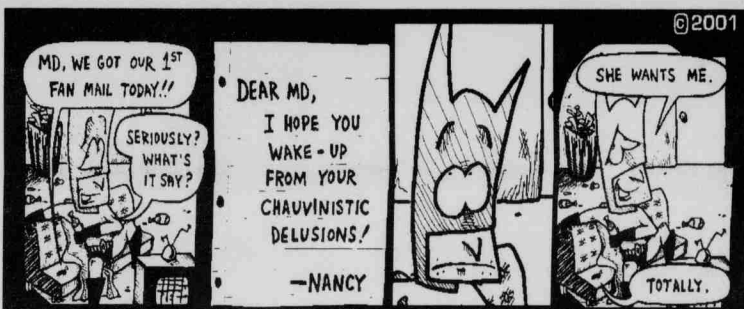
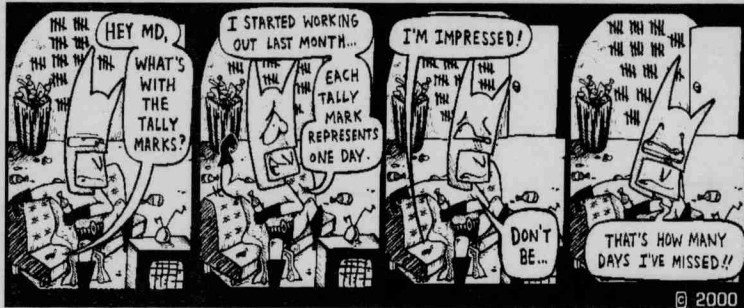




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with her team already trailing 1-0. In the eighth minute, Silvana Burtini headed in a cross from Hege Rise to score the first goal in the history of the Courage (0-2).

"It was just a nice ball over from Hege," Burtini said. "I think Danielle [Fotopoulos] went up, and she was early, and I could see she wasn't going to get the ball. So, I just filled the space in behind her and just put

the ball back where it came from."

Most of the action in the first half was spent in the Washington end of the field. The Courage fired five shots on goal in those 45 minutes at Freedom goalkeeper Siri Mullins, another former Tar Heel, but couldn't get anything else past her.

"The positive side is that we've created better chances. I think, than we've created," Carolina head coach Marcia McDermott said. "There were some really good combinations and creativity in the attacking third."

As the second half wore on, McDermott said the Courage gradually began to wear down.

Carolina wasn't able to put as much as pressure on the ball, which led to more chances for the Freedom.

In the 82nd minute, Washington finally pushed the game-tying goal into the net. Hamm served up a pass from midfield that found its way to Brazilian star Pretinha, who was standing in the penalty box. Pretinha promptly slid the ball past Nordby to make it a 1-1 game.

The Courage plays its next two games on the road against New York and the Bay Area before returning to Chapel Hill for a rematch with Washington on May 19 at noon.

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allow a Tiger runner to reach third base. He outdueled Clemson starter Steve Reba (8-3), who struck out five over 8 1/2 innings but was credited with all four earned runs.

Both pitchers dominated early and combined to allow only five hits in the first seven innings. North Carolina threatened to score in the fifth inning when

Russ Adams doubled, advanced to third with only one out and then attempted to steal home after a pitch got past Tiger catcher Seth Miller. Miller recovered in time to toss the ball to Reba, who was covering the plate and tagged out the sliding Adams.

The Tar Heels finally got to Reba with a two-out rally in the eighth inning. Ron Braun and Brandon Russell singled and then scored when Adam Clemens doubled to left field. Clemens attempted a two-out rally of its own in the bottom of

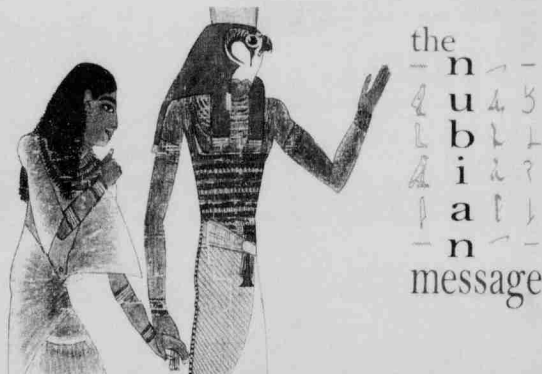
the inning after singles by Russell Triplett and Miller. The inning ended, however, after Casey Stone's ground ball was fielded by first baseman Jason Howell and flipped to Autrey for the putout.

North Carolina padded its lead in the ninth with a pair of runs. Ralph Roberts doubled and scored after a single by Howell that also knocked Reba out of the game. Chad Prosser plated Howell off of reliever Josh Gram and Autrey retired Clemens in order in the bottom of the inning to seal the victory.



Mia Hamm tries to take the ball away from Carolina's Silvana Burtini, who scored the first goal in Courage history Saturday at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill.

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Mia Hamm of the Freedom scored the game winner against the Courage.

## Hamm makes triumphant return to Fetzer Field

◆ Mia Hamm's goal in extra time gave the Washington Freedom a 2-1 win over the Carolina Courage.

Jeremy Ashton  
Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL — During her collegiate career at North Carolina, Mia Hamm never lost a game at Fetzer Field.

The most prolific goal scorer, man or woman, in international soccer history returned to the site of some of her more memorable triumphs Saturday.

She couldn't have scripted a better homecoming if she'd tried.

With the score of the Women's United Soccer Association game between her Washington Freedom and the Carolina Courage deadlocked at one in extra time, Hamm lined up for a free kick just outside of the Carolina penalty area. Her shot curled inside the left post, just out of the reach of Courage goalkeeper Benite Nordby, giving the Freedom (2-0) a 2-1 win.

"Let's just say we'll take it," Hamm said when asked whether or not she had planned the end of the game.

For Washington head coach Jim Gabarra, there was no question about who would take

the free kick with the game on the line.

"Actually, my assistant said to me, 'Oh, Jenn Grubb's going to take it; she's been hitting it really well,'" Gabarra said. "I said, 'No, Mia's going to hit it, she's going to score, and she's going to be a hometown hero.'"

Hamm's goal was the first scored by an American-born player in the brief history of the WUSA. For a league banking on stars such as Hamm, it was a pretty important goal.

"At something level, the media is here because of Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain and a couple of others," said WUSA Chief Operations Officer Tony DiCiccio, the former head coach of the U.S.

National Team. "This is one of the key things we have in star power. Every league needs to have that star power to get underway and really to generate the goals that they're after."

Hamm almost didn't have a chance to play heroine at the end of the game. Fifteen minutes into the first half, Hamm collided with a Carolina player, injuring her knee.

As the crowd of 6,012, many of which came to see Hamm, collectively held its breath, Overbeck, another former UNC player and a teammate of Hamm's on the U.S. National Team, came over to comfort her friend. Carolina's Carla Overbeck then helped Hamm to the sidelines before running back on the field to rejoin the

game.

"The first voice that I heard was Carla Overbeck's," Hamm said. "She just kept telling me to relax. I treasure my relationships here and definitely on the national team more than anything."

"We're both competitors; we're both going to go after it. But what that told me right there is she cares about me much more as a person than as a competitor."

Gabarra said his initial instinct was to substitute for Hamm. But after spending roughly 7 1/2 minutes on the bench, she returned to the game with the knee taped up. Hamm initially left the game

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# Blue Devils outslug State

◆ The Wolfpack was unable to come up with key hits in its contest with the Devils Sunday.

Matt Middleton  
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Coming into its weekend series with the Duke Blue Devils, the N.C. State baseball team was hoping to free itself from the logjam in the bottom third of the conference standings by taking at least two games from the Devils.

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Instead, the Wolfpack (25-24, 8-13 Atlantic Coast Conference), plagued by defensive troubles and poor clutch hitting, dropped two of three at the home field of the Devils (22-27, 8-11), including a 10-6 loss in the rubber game of the series on Sunday.

"Not taking anything away from Duke, this was as bad as we've played all year," said head coach Elliot Avent, commenting on the weekend series.



N.C. State dropped the rubber game of its series with Duke 10-6.

"From what I saw this weekend we can improve on a lot of things; we just didn't play well at all."

The Pack drew first blood thanks to a sacrifice fly by Brian Wright that scored Jeremy Dutton, who led off the game with a single.

State starter Corey Mattison (1-3) allowed just one hit in the first three frames before Duke started a rally in the bottom of the fourth that began when Devil infielder J.D. Alleve opened the inning with a walk. The Devils eventually loaded the bases with no outs, aided by an error on Pack third baseman Sean Walsh. Three singles later, the Devils had their first lead of the game at 3-1. Mattison, working on just three days rest, struck out two of the last three batters to avoid any further damage.

The Pack retook the lead in the top half of the fifth with a two-out rally that ended with a bases-clearing double by Wright that scored Eric Mosely. Dutton and Adam Miller Wright concluded an outstanding series Sunday, finishing with 10 RBIs and a home run in three games.

Duke took the lead for good in the sixth inning with a three-run homer from left fielder Doug Bechtold that chased Mattison from the game. Left-hander Dan D'Amato appeared in relief for just the fifth time this year and allowed another run before Mosely threw out Duke shortstop Kevin Kelly from left field as Kelly was trying to stretch a single into a double.

The Pack let a golden opportunity slip away in the seventh inning as it loaded the bases with no outs yet were unable to record a single run in the inning. The Duke bullpen tandem of

Kevin Perry and Greg Burke came up fresh in the inning for Duke, as they combined to strike out two and get the dangerous Wright to pop out harmlessly to shallow right.

In the eighth, State again was unable to bring runners in scoring position home. Catcher Colt Morton tripled over the head of Duke center fielder Wes Goodner that scored Daniel Pruitt, who had come into the game in the sixth inning to replace the injured Riley after he appeared to sprain his ankle running the basepaths.

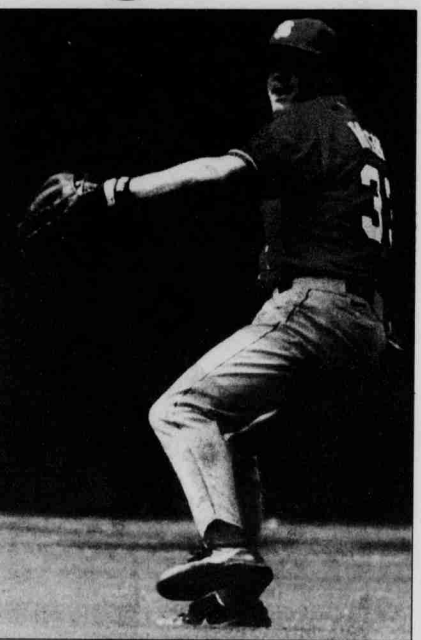
Morton would stay stranded at third as he watched Shearin and Mosely strike out before Dutton hit a shot to the warning track in center that was chased down by Goodner for the final out of the inning.

"[We had] the bases loaded, nobody out and a guy on third with nobody out, and when you don't score any runs out of that, you got no business winning the baseball game," said an understandably frustrated Avent.

In Friday's game, the Pack won an emotional extra-inning contest 9-5 thanks to a 10th-inning homer by Justin Riley that started a four-run inning.

The Pack seemingly had Saturday's contest wrapped up only to give up three runs in the bottom half of the ninth for a devastating 11-10 loss. In a trend that would carry over into Sunday's contest, State committed two key errors in the ninth that allowed Duke to snatch up the victory.

The Pack will get a much-needed rest this week by playing only one game, which happens to be at 17th-ranked East Carolina this Wednesday. Next weekend, State will host its final three ACC contests of the year at Doak Field when another top-25 club, Clemson, visits Raleigh for a doubleheader Saturday and one game Sunday.



Brian Wright finished N.C. State's series with Duke with 10 RBIs and a home run. The Pack lost two out of three to the Blue Devils.

## ACC Baseball Notes

### Bakker pitches Tech past Florida State

ATLANTA — Freshman Kyle Bakker tossed six strong innings and senior Bryan Prince added four hits to lead 10th-ranked Georgia Tech (33-14, 12-9 Atlantic Coast Conference) to a 12-2 victory over No. 8 Florida State (35-14, 15-3) on Sunday afternoon at Russ Chandler Stadium. The victory gave the Yellow Jackets a 2-1 victory in the three-game series, marking Tech's first series win over the Seminoles since 1995.

Bakker moved to 4-0 in four starts since joining the starting rotation two weeks ago. The 6-9 southpaw held the Seminoles to just one unearned run in five hits in six innings of work while registering six strikeouts. Kevin Cameron earned his second save of the season by tossing three innings to close out the game.

FSU starter Trent Peterson (4-1), one of six Seminole pitchers in the game, took the loss after allowing three runs in four innings.

After Florida State took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning on two Tech errors, the Yellow Jackets scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning. The Yellow Jackets stretched the lead to 5-1 with three more runs in the fifth inning high-

lighted by a two-run, two-out single from Derik Goffena.

Tech put the game away with six runs in the seventh inning, making the score 11-1. Tech sent 11 batters to the plate in the inning, highlighted by RBI singles from Goffena and Prince. The Yellow Jackets were aided by two FSU errors and a bases loaded walk to Mattow Boggs.

### Wake too much for Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Ryan Braun limited Maryland to no runs on just three hits in six innings as No. 21 Wake Forest downed the Terrapins 9-2 in the rubber game of a three-game series Sunday at Shiley Field. With the victory, Wake Forest improved to 34-15 overall and 16-8 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, while the Terps fall to 14-30 and 4-16 in the conference.

The Demon Deacons scored one run in the first to take an early 1-0 lead. Wake catcher Jason Aquilante walked and later scored on sacrifice fly by Corey Slavik.

Wake scored another run in the fourth and two in the fifth before scoring four runs in the sixth to build the lead to 8-0. Three Maryland errors in the inning and three Wake Forest hits led to the four-run outburst.

Jamie D. Antona had an RBI single in the frame as he went 3-for-5 with two runs batted in for the Deacs.

Wake Forest scored another run in the eighth inning to increase its lead to 9-0 before Maryland got on the scoreboard. The Terps scored twice in the ninth on two RBI doubles by sophomore Edwin Thompson and freshman Jeremy Suarez.

Braun improved to 3-1 with the win for Wake while Maryland starter Brad Lyons was tagged with the loss. Lyons is now 0-2 on the year for the Terps. Wake closer Dave Bush pitched the final three innings of the game to record his 13th save of the season.

### Tar Heels blank Clemson

CLEMSON, S.C. — North Carolina pitcher Scott Autrey limited the Clemson offense to four hits as the Tar Heels defeated the Tigers 4-0 Sunday afternoon at Doug Kingsmore Stadium. Clemson's record dropped to 31-17 overall and 12-5 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, while the Tar Heels improved to 27-23 overall and 7-14 in the ACC.

Autrey (2-3) struck out six over nine innings and did not

## State races at 107th annual Penn Relays

◆ Chris Dugan won the collegiate 3,000-meter steeplechase and automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships.

### Sports Staff Report

PHILADELPHIA — Chris Dugan paced the N.C. State track and field team as it competed at the Penn Relays this weekend.

The event, held at Pennsylvania, is one of the biggest meets of the year. Dugan, a senior from Scottsdale, Pa., placed first in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 8-minutes, 40.83 seconds. His mark was well under the NCAA automatic qualifying time of 8:43.

The NCAA Championships will be held on May 30 in Eugene, Ore. In the women's 3,000 steeplechase, State's Katie Sabino came in second at 10:20.01, narrowly missing the 10:20.00 automatic qualifying time. Arkansas's Lilli Kleinmann won the event, coming in at 10:01.52.

In the women's 3,000-meter

run, Janelle Vadnais was the Wolfpack's top finisher. She placed 21st with a time of 10:04.81. Sara Graybill came around in 24th at 10:12.95. Marjo Venalainen of Kennesaw State won the event with a time of 9:29.06.

Two members of State's squad placed in the top 10 of the women's 10,000-meter run. Diana Henderson came in fifth with a time of 34:58.39, and Josianne Lauber was ninth, finishing in 36:09.77. The NCAA qualifying time is 34:10, and the provisional mark is 35:15.

In the women's 5,000-meter run, State's Amy Beykirch finished in 17:06.59, which was good enough for 23rd place.

Katie Bolac was the Pack's top performer in the women's pole vault, placing fifth at a height of 11-5.34. State's Ryan Furlough finished 22nd in the hammer throw with a distance of 169-9. Doree Mitman's distance of 34-8 1/4 in the women's triple jump was enough to give her 24th place. State's next meet will be May 12 at the UNC Twilight in Chapel Hill.



The Pack had several athletes place at Penn Relays.