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## NCSU gets bad marks from AASAC

◆An AASAC report card pins two F's, a D and a B on the university in African-American issues.

Carie Windham  
Assistant News Editor

Almost two years ago, Kim McNair, Kristen Ricks, Curtis Hill and Robert Atkinson III watched as Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and then-Provost Kermit Hall were handed a report detailing problems the African American Student Advisory Council felt were not being met by N.C. State.

Last night at a town meeting held in Witherspoon Student Center's Multipurpose Room, those same students released another report card called "N.C. State University's African American Student Issues;

Spring 2002 University Report" that grades the university's progress in minority issues.

So how did a university that prides itself on its diversity stack up?

According to the report card delivered by the executive board of the AASAC, N.C. State earned one "B," one "D" and two "F's."

This was not the first time the university has been graded by the AASAC, but it was the first time the information was revealed publicly.

In the past, the committee's concerns and findings were revealed behind closed doors with members of the administration. This year, the AASAC presented the results at a public meeting attended by students, faculty, staff, members of the community, and several media representatives in a move they hoped would prompt the university to improve its efforts.

At the meeting, McNair welcomed the crowd followed by an introduction of the AASAC Executive Board and the administration. Administrators attending the event included Provost Stuart Cooper, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford, Vice Provost for Diversity and African-American Affairs Rupert Nacoste and numerous faculty members and college deans.

The purpose of the report card, according to Atkinson, was to "inform the committee of concerns that African American student have."

Finally, a slide show presentation revealed the actual findings of the committee.

The grade report was generated in four separate areas: enrollment of African-American freshmen, the Chancellor's Leadership Award, African-American



Robert Atkinson III addresses Thursday's town hall meeting.

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## Student Senate opposes a likely tuition increase

◆Senators react to the rising costs of higher education.

Kara Rowland  
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate meeting on Wednesday was largely centered on a proposal to express the body's opposition to any campus-based tuition increase recommended by the administration.

Student Body President Darryl Willie encouraged senators to attend one of the town hall meetings scheduled on Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. and the following day at 10:15 a.m. at Stewart Theatre to address the serious lack of state-appropriated funds.

Two weeks earlier, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox invited senators to come and share their opinions on the matter, stressing the importance of student participation in the decision-making process.

Sen. Gary Palin, academic committee chair, introduced the Tuition Increase Stance Act (R 71) as a bill to express that "a tuition increase is not necessary at this time." Palin further explained that the resolution was designed to give leverage to senators arguing against the possibility of a tuition increase at next week's town hall meeting.

"We need to have something passed in the senate to express our will," said Palin. "I don't understand how anyone can be opposed to this bill at this time."

"The reason that tuition opposition has failed in the past is because we let the chancellor take care of it and then the ball's in her court," said Sen. Natalie Duggins, tuition and fees committee chair, in concurrence.

However, Sen. Jeffrey Ennis was part of a minority who disagreed.

"I put the quality of my education here above the cost," said Ennis. "We are a research institution. Things that we do cost money."

"There are reasons people come to this school," said Sen. Amanda Devore in response to Ennis's point. "This is a public university and should be funded by the public."

In dissent, Sen. John Cooper questioned the idea of imposing additional burdens on taxpayers.

"The money is going to come from somewhere—it's reality. If they don't increase our tuition, they're just going to increase somebody else's taxes," said Cooper. "Why is it fair that they have to pay for my education?"

Echoing Devore's sentiment, Senate President Pro Tempore Brad Dixon said, "We have constantly been harping on the need for a consistent tuition pol-

icy. Before long, access is going to be a thing of the past."

"That is not the North Carolina I want, with a bunch of indebted people in a state where only one-fourth of adults have college degrees," said Dixon. "I'm sure we can find common ground."

However, Cooper pointed out the need to be taken seriously by the administration, and suggested a more moderate stance at opposition to any increase over \$100.

"To say that we don't support [any increase] at all, they're just going to throw us aside and pay no attention to us," he added.

But despite the objections, the senate adopted the bill. In addition, they also passed the Library Support Act (R 61) and a bill slightly amending the recently adopted Student Body Elections Act (R 58).

Due to the basketball game, the senate chamber was noticeably less populated and those senators who were present requested that the score be updated periodically.

Guest speaker and Staff Senate Chair Rosalind Thomas offered some background on the Staff Senate, stating that one of its goals was to further a cooperative relationship with the student senate.

Formed in 1995 to represent the some 3,700 on and off-campus employees of NCSU, the Staff Senate seeks to "promote and facilitate staff participation in the university community," said Thomas.

Among the issues discussed by staff senators are health and salary benefits and the review of policy proposals made by the chancellor. According to Thomas, the body strives to "continue to enhance existing and formulate new means of communication with our constituency."

Student Senate President Michael Anthony notified senators of an emergency meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 6 to approve the elections commission.

Computer science major Brian Osoorio was approved as a freshman senator and Devore was appointed as the Elections Commission Chair.

"We're going to make this election the biggest ever," said Devore, noting that in the past, "we don't really get good voter turnout here at NCSU."

Organization guests at the meeting included representatives from the African American Student Advisory Council (AASAC), the Native American Student Association (NASSA) and the Muslim Student Association (MSA).



Rena Beicher and Ngan Do, freshmen in business management, relax and enjoy another day of unseasonable temperatures.

## Showcasing our very own

◆University Author's Days gave NCSU affiliated authors a chance to exhibit their work to the community.

Lauren Deere  
Senior Staff Reporter

Tuesday marked the beginning of the third annual University Author's Days at D.H. Hill Library. The two-day event, presented by the Friends of the Library of N.C. State, included readings and lectures by 11 authors, who are all affiliated with NCSU.

"This gives us a great opportunity to showcase talent here at N.C. State," said Mary Kate Keith, director of Friends of the Library. "Over the two-day period we can show how successful our authors are."

As part of University Authors Days, a reception was held on Tuesday for an exhibit opening featuring the work of the late Richard G. Walser.

Walser was a member of the Department of English from 1946 to 1970. He became a leading advocate for literature and the arts in North Carolina.

Although there is not usually an honorary reception during the event, Keith said that honoring Walser, "just happened to fit."

Kaye Gibbons, the NCSU Libraries Author-in-Residence, hosted the reception.

One of Wednesday's featured authors was Floyd W. Hayes III, an associate professor with the Division of Multidisciplinary Studies. His presentation, "Africana Studies: Trends, Developments, and Future Challenges," was based on his book *A Turbulent Voyage: Readings in African American Studies*.

"This book is an anthology of materials that give an outline and direction of African studies," said Hayes.

The participants came from a diverse mix, either

## Buddhism broadens horizons

◆An introductory Buddhist meeting opened its doors to new members and answered questions from NCSU students.

Carlton Newsome  
Staff Reporter

Have you ever wondered about Buddhism and what Buddhists believe?

Such questions can be answered on campus now, without having to sign up for a religion or philosophy class, thanks to Soka Gakkai International-USA. As an American Buddhist association, it currently has a few members on campus, which include students and faculty. The group held an introductory meeting Monday night at 7 p.m.

Zip Irvin, a Ph.D. student in sociology, gave a short presentation on the Soka Gakkai and the essential Buddhist prayer at the beginning of the meeting.

"Soka Gakkai, which means 'value-creation society' in Japanese, exists to support the core practice of this Buddhism, the recitation of the prayer contained in the phrase Nam Myoho Renge Kyo, and the application of Buddhist principles in everyday life and in the community," said Irvin.

Nichiren Daishonin, a Japanese Buddhist scholar and activist who lived in 13th century Japan, has passed down the phrase to modern times through his teachings such as the meaning of devotion and the emergence of life in Buddhism.

"Nichiren Daishonin revealed the essential truth hidden in the Lotus Sutra, the last teachings of Siddhartha Gautama," said Kathryn Corbin, an attendee of the Buddhist meeting.

According to Corbin, Siddhartha Gautama is the historical

## New East Campus dining hall pushes back opening day

◆Clark Dining Hall, the old health services building, will be convenient for East Campus residents.

Emily Brewer  
Staff Reporter

In the fall of 2001, N.C. State had originally planned on having another dining hall for students on East cam-

pus. However, heading into the spring of 2002, there is still no dining hall on East campus.

Clark Dining Hall was scheduled to finish around Sept. 7, but due to numerous contracting problems, the university is still not been able to approve the finished dining hall.

And now University Dining Manager Randy Lair has been told they can finally start putting equipment in the dining facility on Feb. 7.

"I will believe it when I see it, as they have been given numerous dates like

this in the past, and were disappointed each time," said Lair.

According to Lair, the contractor hired to complete the dining hall has continuously failed to comply with the construction schedule. In addition, the contractor has now been told that if the job is not completed, he will be evicted from the work site.

"Complications with the construction schedule occurred often," said Lair.

Parts of the facility were built unacceptably, which resulted in the building having to be rebuilt in several areas.

Despite all the delays, the university is still purchasing kitchenware, hiring employees, planning menus and completing other required tasks to get ready for Clark Dining Hall's approval.

The \$3.5 million project will be especially convenient to students living on East Campus, including those living in Becton, Berry, Baywell, Watauga, Syme, Gold and Welch halls. However, the facility is being built to serve the entire university community.

Clark Dining Hall will be located in Clark Hall, the previous location of

Student Health Services, and will have a comparable menu to that of Fountain Dining Hall.

Clark, however, will have more display cooking in the serving area and will be much smaller than Fountain with a more modern, intimate atmosphere.

However, Clark Dining Hall is not the only piece of construction that NCSU students have been anxiously awaiting for.

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## BUDDHISTS

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Buddha who lived in India about 2,500 years ago.

"It gives me hope because it is a religion that does not dictate rules in an authoritarian way in the manner that most religions do," said Corbin.

In addition, those from the Raleigh community who have a belief in Buddhism were invited to share with others how Buddhism helps them in their daily lives.

"Through my practice of Buddhism I have achieved an amount of calmness that allows me to deal with people in my workplace better," said Jacqueline Theodore, a worker at Dorothea Dix Hospital.

Padmini Hands, a visiting professor of computer science at NCSU, is the Soka Gakkai's local representative on the board of the Wake County Interfaith Alliance, and was present at the meeting on Monday. Interfaith Alliance is a group that maintains and encourages dialogue and activities between the different religions represented in the Triangle.

The guests at the meeting posed a range of questions. The most common query concerned the content discussed at a Buddhist meeting.

Corbin said that "while chanting Nam Myoho Renge Kyo is the primary practice, we also do gongyo which consists of reciting excerpts from the second and sixteenth chapters of the Lotus Sutra."

"We also have small group discussion meetings at our homes and have larger meetings at our local Soka Gakkai International community center. This way, we have plenty of opportunities to deepen our understanding of Buddhism and to help each other with the application of this Buddhism in our daily lives."

## DINING

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In D.H. Hill Library, the Hill of Beans coffee shop is now underway. It is slated to open right after spring break and will be located just inside the main entrance

and in the community," said Corbin.

What is the mission of SGI-USA? Theodore said, "to promote world peace." According to Theodore this is done by searching into the internal soul for individual happiness then sharing this happiness with others.

The SGI has twelve million members in 163 countries, with its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. In addition to fostering an environment where individual happiness is discussed, it works as an organization with a vision and a mission for world peace.

The SGI is a licensed NGO (non-governmental organization) with the United Nations. The organization's president, Daisaku Ikeda, presented the Earth Charter to the U.N. in 2000. The Earth Charter is a document that contains several principles designed and intended to help guide humanity towards a better way of life that can be passed on to future generations.

In addition, the SGI has sponsored "Violence, Which is a grassroots movement spearheaded by young people in the SGI-USA that aims to help people recognize and counteract the sources of violence in their lives. In Raleigh and the surrounding area, SGI members took place in the Prayer for Peace, an ecumenical gathering that included Jews, Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims, and Christians from Protestant and Catholic traditions. This Prayer for Peace, an initiative spearheaded by Pope John Paul II, brought leaders of all world religions together to emphasize that all faiths contain within them the power to pray for a peaceful world as central tenets.

To learn more about the SGI, Buddhism, or the movements mentioned above, students are invited to a series of discussion meetings, which will be held on the last Monday of each month in the Talley Student Center.

of the library.

The shop will feature coffee products from Seattle's Best. These include lattes, cappuccinos, pastries and numerous other treats for students who are studying. For the late nights at the library, Hill of Beans will be open from 7 a.m. until midnight.

## AASAC

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graduation rates, and African-American faculty.

The committee's greatest concerns seemed to be the enrollment of African-American freshmen and African-American faculty. Areas where NCSU scored an "F".

To begin with, the report cited a poor recruiting effort and insufficient financial aid as reasons why NCSU's African American freshmen enrollment fell below standards.

The report supports this claim using statistics from last year's applications process. While applications from black students increased 18 percent from 1995, the amount of applications in general only rose 10.49 percent since then. However, when the University's acceptance rate went up by 0.4 percent, the acceptance rate for black students decreased by 6.55 percent.

In addition, black enrollment rates took a 10 percent blow while overall enrollment increased over 5 percent.

To combat these dropping rates, they suggest increasing financial aid, the visibility of African-American students on campus, and improving student/alumni relations.

The retention and recruitment of black faculty also received an "F" stating that while the number of white, Asian, Hispanic, women, and Native American faculty increased, the amount of black faculty members saw a 2.7 percent decrease.

"Everyone else is increasing," Atkinson said.

To battle these falling percentages, the board recommended increasing the marketability of the University and increasing efforts to recruit, retain, and graduate more African Americans with doctoral degrees.

Graduation rates, according to the committee, only earned a "D."

The graduation rates for black students are 5 percent lower than the rates for Native-American students, and the lowest in all demographic groups.

Between 1994 and 1999, 47 percent of black students who were enrolled at NCSU graduated, compared to a 68 percent graduation rate for white students. While the graduation rates of other minorities also decreased, African American student rates fell below 50 percent.

To explain these differences, the report suggested a lack of financial aid and scholarship opportunities for black students.

"It might not be so hard to get through school if our number-one worry wasn't money," Atkinson said. The board also suggested race awareness class and workshops, the hiring of more African-American faculty, and an increase in funding efforts for student retention programs.

One area where NCSU scored well was the Chancellor's Leadership Award, coming off with a "B." Previously given only to black students, the award is now given on a need basis, but more awards given to black students over the past two years. In 2001 67 African American students were honored with the award.

In addition, there was also an increase in black students who enrolled after being awarded the scholarship. In 1999, 48.9 percent of black recipients enrolled, while last year that number increased to 60 percent.

The sources for this data were University Planning and Analysis and the Chancellor's Leadership Award Report, developed by the office of financial aid.

Following the slide show, administrators were given the opportunity to address the crowd.

"When we compare ourselves to other schools, we get a very different picture," Cooper said. "It's not to say we don't have a long way to go."

He agreed that if NCSU deserves a low grade, it should be in graduation rates but argued against a low grade for enrollment and faculty recruits.

He compared NCSU to 16 peer schools, Research I institutions including Duke University, the University of Georgia and UNC-Chapel Hill. According to Cooper, NCSU is third out of the 17 in enrollment and second in faculty recruit-

ment.

"I feel like we didn't deserve an F in enrollment," he added. "I feel we deserved, maybe a C."

He could not ignore the dropping graduation rates, however. "We are not in the middle of the pack or the top of the pack," he acknowledged.

Although Cooper may not have agreed with all of the findings, he was proud of the student's initiative.

"I'm happy these students brought this problem to our attention." A question-and-answer period came next, followed by closing remarks.

Although the presentation of the report card was concluded in one night, the work behind it was the culmination of many months of hard work.

The report card was generated by the AASAC, an organization at NCSU comprised of the heads of 37 black student organizations. Throughout the year, the AASAC advises the chancellor and administration on African-American issues.

In addition to advising, the committee has devoted months of research and debate to forging the new report card, the second to be released by the report card committee in recent years. Both report cards were discussed and debated at general body AASAC meetings by black student representatives until a final, amended version was created.

The final copy, a five-page report, went beyond merely grading the university to offer statistical evidence and suggestions on how the university can improve.

While improvements are a necessity, there are already many existing programs offered at NCSU, including the Office of Equal Opportunity, the African-American Cultural Center, the Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs, Gender Affairs, general diversity programming, and a curriculum diversity project.

Efforts are being made to improve recruitment include an African-American visitation day and a freshman initiative.

News Editor Ayven Jackson contributed to this article.

# Group extends execution deadline for Wall Street Journal reporter Pearl

♦ The group claiming to have kidnapped a Wall Street Journal reporter said it will extend its execution deadline for 24 hours.

Tyler Marshall and Geoffrey Mohan

Los Angeles Times

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — In an e-mail to Pakistan and Western media organizations, a group that claims to have kidnapped U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl said Thursday it was extending its execution deadline for 24 hours.

"We will give you 1 more day," said the e-mail, the third such oddly timed communication in four days from the purported abductors. "If America will not meet our demands we will kill Daniel. Then this cycle will continue and no American journalist could enter Pakistan."

Pearl, 38, the Wall Street Journal's South Asia bureau chief, disappeared last Wednesday in the teeming southern port city of Karachi. He was apparently investigating a possible link between a Pakistan-based Islamic militant group and alleged "shoe bomber" Richard C. Reid.

Thursday's e-mail came as a senior Pakistani government official admitted

that the country's law enforcement agencies were still baffled by the group's identity and its objectives. The e-mails have included photos of Pearl with a gun at his head.

"It doesn't smack of any group we know," Tasneem Noorani, the second-ranking official in the Pakistani Interior Ministry, said in an interview. "There's no tradition in this country of internal terrorism or terrorism directed against foreigners."

"Our problem so far has been sectarian terrorism," Noorani added, referring to the near-nightly warfare that unfolds in Karachi between members of militant Sunni and Shiite Muslim sects.

Although the kidnappers have e-mailed news organizations, they have so far made no contact with the Pakistani government or shown any visible interest in beginning a negotiation, according to Pakistani military and civilian officials.

Noorani confirmed reports that intense questioning Wednesday of militant Islamic leader Sheikh Mubarak Ali Shah Gilani had proved disappointing. Gilani had been considered an important figure in the case because he was the person Pearl was trying to contact when he was abducted.

Meanwhile, Pakistani military intelligence sources said their investigations have begun to focus on small terrorist

cells within a movement called the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (Mohajir Nationalist Movement) that draws its support from within Pakistan's Muslim minority. The Mohajir are Muslim families who migrated mainly from the Hindu-dominated states of central British India to Karachi and other southern cities in Pakistan when the British agreed to partition the subcontinent into a secular India and the Islamic state of Pakistan in 1947.

The Mohajir, who aspire to their own autonomous area within Pakistan, include a cluster of small but militant cells, at least one of which is staunchly anti-American, according to a Pakistani source familiar with the group.

Two MQM members were sentenced to death by a special anti-terrorist court in Karachi 3 1/2 years ago for their role in the November 1997 killings of four U.S. oil workers and their Pakistani driver.

Still, many questions remain unanswered, those involved in the investigation said Thursday.

Pearl's kidnapping is atypical for Karachi, a fractious multiethnic port city known more for the snatching of business figures and VIPs for ransom, as well as hired killings for sectarian motives.

As far as authorities know, there was no gun-to-the-temple hustling off of

Pearl, who instead simply disappeared after setting up an appointment at a hotel restaurant in downtown Karachi.

Noorani termed the kidnappers' objectives "shifty." They have included a demand that U.S. military authorities release Pakistani prisoners among the al-Qaida suspects held in Guantanamo Bay naval base in Cuba and complained of collateral damage done to Afghan citizens during U.S. bombing runs.

Despite a professed lack of knowledge on the group's origin, motives or operations, Noorani played down the seriousness of the kidnappers' threat to begin killing U.S. journalists in Pakistan.

"I really wouldn't take that very seriously," he said. But he cautioned Pakistan-based correspondents to be careful of where they travel and what they investigate.

In an open letter to the kidnappers Thursday, the Wall Street Journal expressed gratitude for the deadline extension, but also offered a possible way out of the crisis, saying, "Journalists are, by definition, trained messengers. Danny can be your messenger."

"A freed Danny can explain your cause, and your beliefs, to the world. His record as a journalist is proof that he can do this honestly and effectively. A captive or killed Danny cannot speak for you, cannot help you or your cause."

The most recent anthrax outbreak was this summer. Scientists from A&M's lab examined dead livestock and identified the bacteria's presence in cattle.

Anthrax is highly fatal in animals; by the time livestock show outward appearances of illness, it's too late to treat them, Gayle said. Unless directly exposed to the bacteria, anthrax typically spreads to humans from contact with fluids from the carcass of an infected animal or from eating infected meat.

In humans, symptoms of anthrax arise one to six days after initial exposure to the bacteria or spores. Antibiotic treatments must begin prior to the onset of symptoms, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Department of Defense reports that almost all cases of inhalational anthrax, regardless of post-exposure treatment, have resulted in death.

## AUTHORS

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professors at NCSU or adjunct. Represented were: Cooperative Extension Service; Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Education; Division of Multidisciplinary Studies; and the departments of English; foreign languages and literature; textile engineering, chemistry and science; music; and educational research, leadership, and counselor education.

Keith said both fiction and research was shared during the presentations. Some authors used PowerPoint or overhead projectors, and others simply read excerpts from their work.

A student that frequents the library saw a flyer for University Authors Days, and his schedule allowed him to view a presentation by Tracy Robinson of the College of Education. She was sharing a reading based on her book *The Convergence of Race, Ethnicity and Gender: Multiple Identities in Counseling*.

"I just wanted to see what it's like," said Didier Deshommes, a junior in computer science.

A blend of students, faculty and staff attended both Tuesday's and Wednesday's events, and were able to purchase the author's work after each event.

The event was sponsored by TIAA-CREF, a company that provides faculty members with retirement funds. This is the first year the company has sponsored the event.

Although this is the first year TIAA-CREF sponsored the event, it is not the first year it was held. University Authors' Days began in 2000, and continues to promote the work of NCSU authors.

"This was just an idea, and it has blossomed," said Keith.

# Anthrax strain originated at Texas A&M

♦ The anthrax strain responsible for five deaths is said to have originated at the university's Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The strain of anthrax that caused a nationwide scare and led to the deaths of five people in the months following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has been traced to Texas A&M University's Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

In the three-month search for the perpetrator and his or her biological weapon, authorities have found the original source of the anthrax strain named "Ames" in a May 1981 transaction: workers at the A&M lab identified, sealed and shipped a field strain of anthrax to the U.S. Army Medical

Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in Fort Detrick, Md.

Fort Detrick has maintained Ames, one of 89 strains of anthrax, for testing purposes since the 1980s. The FBI determined that the strain found in tainted letters in Florida, New York and Washington, D.C., in October and November of 2001 originated from the Army research center at Fort Detrick.

Anthrax delivered through the mail to media offices and politicians led to 18 confirmed cases of anthrax, 11 from inhaled spores and seven from cutaneous, or skin, anthrax. Two of the five who died were postal employees, and all had inhaled anthrax, the deadliest version of the bacteria.

Authorities originally believed the source of the lethal Ames bacteria was a town of that name in Iowa. But after recognizing a paperwork error that had led Army researchers to believe the strain was from Iowa, FBI lab tests of origin of the strain to Texas, which in

1980-81 was experiencing a livestock anthrax outbreak.

The Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab's job during the outbreak was to collect samples and identify that the livestock affected had contracted anthrax, said Dr. Lelwe G. Gayle, the lab's associate director.

Scientists in Fort Detrick contacted the lab asking for a culture of a virulent field strain, and in May 1981 A&M sent the culture and destroyed the remaining bacteria, Gayle said.

"We don't keep anthrax here, we destroy it," Gayle said. "We didn't have the strain after 1981."

"It's been up there [Maryland] for 20 years. We sent it to Fort Detrick and nowhere else."

The lab destroys all anthrax strains it identifies by burning them, Gayle said. Anthrax spores, which Gayle said thrive in Texas' hot and dry weather, make a regular appearance in Texas livestock and can lead to outbreaks every five or

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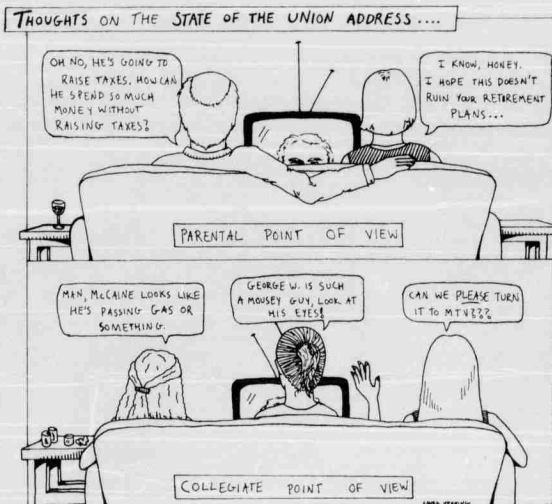
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IMAGE OF WILLIAM "BULL" PICCALL, FAMOUS AMERICAN COWBOY

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**doughboy** by marko

"WELL, ART IS ART, ISN'T IT? STILL, ON THE OTHER HAND, WATER IS WATER! AND EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST AND IF YOU TAKE CRANBERRIES AND STEW THEM LIKE APPLESauce THEY TASTE MUCH MORE LIKE PRUNES THAN RHUBARB DOES. NOW, UH... NOW YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW." - GROUCHO MARK

**M**axine and the samurai cat **Matajuro** have dealt a blow to their enemies in the wasteland of the once proud city of **Achillia**. Maxine has decided to read the mind of the evil demon spirit who she has now defeated. Matajuro looks on as she practices her handiwork on the conquered soul.

**M**eanwhile, **Chalkhydri** and **MekaOscar** have collected the body of the cigar-smoking feline **Oskar** and are now having a conversation with the shell-shocked young soldier, **Zathael**, who is as confused and depressed as ever. Seems though, Zathael has lost his shadow.



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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## AASAC effectively presents black concerns

AASAC PRESENTS A REPORT THAT SHOWS CLEAR PROBLEMS IN N.C. STATE'S BLACK COMMUNITY, HOWEVER, MORE INFORMATION — AND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION — IS REQUIRED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS AASAC FOUND.

On Thursday, the African American Student Advisory Council (AASAC) presented statistics to support a report card it issued grading N.C. State on its progress in addressing African-American issues. The report gave the university a D for black student graduation rates, F's for black faculty recruitment and enrollment of black students, and a B for financial aid given to black students.

The particularly dismal grades on faculty and student enrollment are based on figures showing negative or stagnant growth in each against the backdrop of increased enrollment in all other racial groups. The comparatively high grade for financial aid efforts is based on the exceptional funding provided by the Chancellor's Leadership Award as well as figures that show blacks were the only group to receive an increase in percentage of financial aid received in 2001.

NC State Provost Stuart Cooper argued that the university's grades on black faculty and student enrollment should be higher, citing numbers that show N.C. State at the top of its peer group with regards to black enrollment. Cooper acknowledged the black retention rate was an issue where the university was weak, comparing poorly to peer universities and showing flat growth.

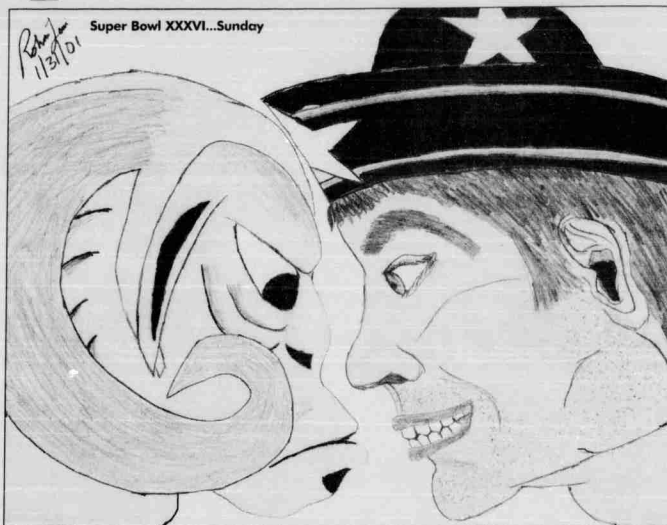
AASAC's presentation on Thursday did an important and effective job of taking black concerns to the administration. The evidence the group presented shows there are legitimate problems affecting blacks at N.C. State. Provost Cooper's acknowledgment of a black retention problem and the university's creation a year and a half ago of Rupert Nacoste's Vice Provost of Diversity and African

American Affairs position signals that the administration is, to some degree, paying attention to black problems.

However, in moving to remedy problems regarding diversity and the black community, significantly more research needs to be done to investigate why blacks seem to be facing problems, where specifically the problems lie (which departments and which colleges are particular problem areas?) and what works to solve these problems. For example, while AASAC pushes for greater hiring and enrollment of black teachers and students, there is hardly enough evidence to show that such moves affect other problems facing blacks at NCSU, such as retention. The administration is similarly quiet on the effectiveness of past solutions and specific identification of the source of black problems.

In addition to providing macroscopic solutions to problems that begin at lower levels in the university, AASAC along with the administration must work now to look at what has worked to address past ills, such as special advising and tutoring programs for retention, and at what hasn't.

All parties involved in the diversity issue have shown their intentions to improve the dispositions of blacks on campus — AASAC through its report card and the university through myriad efforts, including the creation of the Office of African-American Affairs. But to the administration, we say: follow through on black issues, by seeking additional information that exposes the sources of black problems and suggests programs that produce results.



Super Bowl XXXVI...Sunday

## Make room on the couch for the women



Holly Bezant

STAFF COLUMNIST  
etc. All of that is rapidly changing, though.

Currently, women make up 43 percent of the NFL's fan base, and more than 375,000 attend games each weekend. Thirty-three million women watched last year's Superbowl, and the same amount, if not more, are expected this Sunday.

Recently, a book explaining football to women was released and is producing rapid results. Carol Stout, the author of "The Chick's Guide to Football: A Complete Guide to Tight Ends," admits that the attractiveness of the players first interested her in football, but as she matured and developed, she began to appreciate the physical fitness and ability of the player to endure tackles and adverse weather, among other things.

Her book attempts to bring to women the stories behind the statistics and includes recipes for

Superbowl parties, but the main thing she tries to convey is how the game is played. Referee signals, plays and other aspects of football make up the main aim of the book, and that is to explain to women how football is played so that they will be able to understand and watch with their friends, boyfriends or husbands. The latter group is not going to be willing to explain to the woman what the call the referee made means while a game is going on.

This book has been long overdue. As a young girl in late middle school, I had no idea how football was played. Since I love sports, I made it my goal to learn, and so, I asked my brothers and father what was going on during the first few games that I watched. When I finally got the hang of it, I started playing backyard football with my brothers and friends and started predicting what the final game scores would be every week. However, I did not care about statistics. I still don't, unless I'm playing a fantasy football league. I enjoy the game for what it is. I do not need to know the number of touchdowns that John Elway walked in or how many Joe Montana threw. I know it's a lot, but that's enough for me to know to love the players. And I love the game — it's my favorite professional sport to watch and play (tied with volleyball).

Many men may believe that a

woman does not belong at a football game or a sports bar watching one. I have experienced many remarks from friends of mine in that respect. Other women have experienced similar discriminatory remarks made toward them. Some men may ask a woman what the call was on a certain play, and, in the process, she'll be embarrassed because she doesn't know every single call yet. On the other hand, if a woman asks a man why the quarterback is scrambling, the man has an uncanny way of making her feel stupid. This is because he doesn't want to be bothered while watching the game.

That kind of scenario is childish. Unless the game is in double overtime and one of the teams is on the three yard line and it's fourth down, then please take the time to explain to whoever asks what happened. The situation should be changing soon because the number of women watching the NFL is steadily climbing to make up half of the NFL's audience. Now, if this were to occur in college football, the Wolfpack's fan base would be complete.

Holly is having difficulty deciding who to root for in this year's Superbowl: "she likes the Patriots, but the Rams have Torry. Email her with your picks and plans for the Superbowl at [p02\\_rata@yahoo.com](mailto:p02_rata@yahoo.com)

## RULE OF THUMB

### U.S. bobsledder suspended



United States bobsledding suffered a tragic blow this week when a member who reportedly took a banned steroid accidentally was suspended for nine months. Bobsledding fans worldwide are saddened... wherever they are.

The former U.S. attorney general fainted while giving a speech in Rochester, N.Y., Wednesday. Doctors say neither alcohol nor pretzels were involved.

### Bush in Winston-Salem



Delivering a stunning reincarnation of his State of the Union address from the night before, President Bush stirred a crowd in Winston-Salem into seldom-seen patriotic frenzy with words like "victory," "freedom" and "war."

### James Brown lawsuit



James Brown appeared in court Tuesday to face a \$2 million lawsuit from a woman claiming Brown fired her after she refused his sexual advances. This would not be the first time the "Godfather of Soul" has been called a sex machine.

### This weather



As a terrible winter storm enveloped the Plains and Midwestern states this week, Carolinians debated about whether to wear a light jacket in case we got a bit chilly in the air-conditioned classrooms, or a long-sleeve shirt and just roll the sleeves up.

### Saturday morning cartoons cut



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### Reno faint



## Diversity makes the difference



Shelly Lea

STAFF COLUMNIST

school says to check only one race instead of all that encompass one individual.

I personally grew up and socialized with several different cultures. When I made the decision to come to N.C. State, I thought I would continue this ritual.

However, readily available information of clubs around campus was not sent to me. I found myself searching ardently in order to get some information on several clubs on campus and how I could become a part of them. It took me a while to figure out that the environment I was acquainted with did not exist anymore.

On this campus, I realized that everyone goes to "their" meetings and supports "their" people." There are several stereotypes and racist remarks I hear from every culture almost every day. I believe that, for America to

advance into the new millennium and for hate crimes to cease to exist, students have to realize that they need to bond with each other. Most people do not learn about other people's culture because fear and criticism lurk around them at the moment. Therefore, it is easy for a person to simply not try to learn about someone else's culture.

One thing I miss from home is being able to go to my friend's house and try some Philippino food, then to my Salvadoran friend's house to eat some Salvadoran food.

I also miss the trips to the Buddhist temple for the celebration of their New Year and the Muslim celebration of the end of Ramadan. I miss participating in the annual International Day and carrying the American flag, as well as watching my friends perform their countries' rituals before a student body of more than 1,000.

I remember having international food from 50 different countries that were present at my school. During these years, I learned to distinguish between Guatemalan and Venezuelan, Chinese and Japanese, and Palestinian and Iraqi. I was able to indulge in the many dances and celebrations of my friends. These things encompassed my world for several years prior to coming to this school.

After being relocated to Raleigh, I realized that I lost a rich tradition I had been accustomed to for so long. I

met some new people of different races here on campus; however, most students are so preoccupied with their own religions and cultures that they do not venture out as I do to learn about someone else's beliefs. And this has hindered me from recapturing the memories I had left behind in Greensboro. It seems hard to ignore other cultures here on campus because there are several international days throughout the semester, but it happens.

Within my lifetime, I most likely will never be able to figure out why, but one point I am certain of is this: if members of every race had the privilege to experience another race's hardship of being "different," then they will look at that race in another point of view.

Most people will never have the opportunity to understand another culture, and this will inevitably keep people in the world culturally distant from each other forever. For me, having friends from different cultures just makes everything perfect. It is sad that I had to leave behind a fond memory from my adolescent years, but maybe before I graduate, I will be able to develop the friendships with people from different cultures like I had before.

Any suggestions? Email them to [Shelly at sleda@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:Shelly at sleda@unity.ncsu.edu).

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C A M P U S F O R U M

## O'Connor's Meeker criticism lacks evidence

Darren O'Connor writes that Mayor Charles Meeker "has lied to us" without a single quote to support his case? But what did Meeker actually say as a candidate? Show me a quote, please. Because he's repeatedly called for postponements and delays, and he did state his support for the proposed rail system during the campaign. For example, "Do you support the proposed regional rail system?" "Yes. The next City Council needs to approve the locations for the rail stations..." Darren, show me an actual lie and we'll talk. We'll talk about other things, too. Like

whether or not our mayor actually believes that developers "build subdivisions in an effort to degrade the environment" as you claim. That is indeed a crazy notion — don't you think you ought to point out when and where he made clear that view? We can talk about how this isn't a partisan complaint, as you suggest by your solution of attending a conservative rally and signing a petition. Don't make it a partisan issue. If Meeker lied to us, then tell us what he said, but don't imply that Conservative Coming Out Day will make it all better. As for the merits of the rail system, O'Connor stated that what "this issue comes down to is certain people in positions of power believe they can make better

decisions for growth and development than you or I." Oh? Is a government-funded regional highway system any less an interference in the free market than government-funded rail? Have those politicians so eager to build the 540 "been gifted with a god-like ability to plan and control the course of development?" Rail or car, it doesn't matter. Either way, it's taxpayer funded. Either way, it's actually a growth subsidy. I'm so pleased to hear a conservative explaining why we should "facilitate [the] economic development" of the "little guys south of us." If I didn't know better, I might have thought O'Connor was encouraging the confiscation of wealth to redistribute among the less fortunate! If I didn't know bet-

ter, I might have thought the "rational," "free market" approach would be to let these people either find jobs closer to their place of work or move closer to their jobs. Our conservative instructor tells us, however, we should subsidize their decisions to live so far from work by building the loop. Thank you, Darren, for educating us all on the wonders of limited government!

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## Altered anthem is a tradition

On Friday, Jan. 25, Karen Wichard wrote that Wolfpack fans need to "start showing a

bit of class and appreciation during 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'" Whose definition of class do we have to follow? Perhaps Karen could refresh my memory as to where in our Constitution it says, "America must be honored by staring silently at your feet during the national anthem." To say that we dishonor America by yelling "RED" is shameful in itself. Changing the words to "Home of the Wolfpack" does not mean I have no respect for those Americans who fight for my freedom. If fans were yelling "America sucks," I might concede that this was disrespectful. The last time I checked, our university is located in the United States. Why can we not honor America

by cheering for our school? In my opinion, (and I am betting some others would agree with me) this is a tradition which should continue. We can show pride in our school and our country at the same time. So until George Washington (or the other George W.) requests that I not yell "RED" or "WOLFPAK" during the national anthem, I will continue to do so. I have the greatest respect for this great nation we live in, and I will honor them in a method of my choosing. I choose to yell.

Bobby Buntin  
Senior  
Electrical Engineering

## Computational cool, from IBM



Karl Smith

It's the very quintessence of computational cool. That's how Apple CEO Steve Jobs described the new iMac. This device, which resembles a Star Wars droid more than a desktop PC, is what Jobs hopes will rescue Apple's slowly eroding market share. He's taking a big gamble, but if he wins, he may not only save Apple but also alter the personal computer as we know it.

Traditionally, personal computing has been about work. It's been about spreadsheets and databases, word processors and pagemakers. Of course, in recent years, the Internet has livened things up a bit, but still, computers have remained the big nerd in the schoolyard of consumer electronics.

The iMac is anything but a four-eyed geek. Bouncing a design that makes the new PDAs look downright square, Apple makes no bones about the fact that the new iMac is first and foremost a toy. A "digital hub," as Jobs likes to call it. A place where you can plug in all your other toys and become master of your own electronic universe.

Movies, music, incredible photo handling. You practically have the whole DreamWorks SKG lab on your desk. You can burn your own DVDs and produce prints that put Eckerd to shame. At its heart, the model comes with a UNIX-based operating system that has actually won some converts from the Linux crowd. However, the windows users encounter as elegant and aesthetically pleasing as ever.

Yet, without a doubt, the most notable feature of this new machine is its case. Gone is the lifeless box, which has constrained PCs since their inception. The iMac's guts sit in an 15-inch dome, and its monitor sits atop a chrome arm extending out of the dome's top. At first glance, it's, well, weird. Its Jersonesque styling will almost certainly intimidate those used to more humble display from their desktop machines.

However, the design quickly starts to make sense. Why waste precious space sitting even a flat screen on the desk?

And though towers save space sitting on the floor, they are notoriously hard to plug accessories into, something Apple is hoping you'll do a lot with the iMac.

The iMac couldn't have come at a better time, either. Not only is it poised to turn around the ailing fortunes of Apple, but it may save the PC itself. In case you have missed the most recent clamorings by industry experts, the PC is dead. The next wave is Internet appliances and smart tools. Even Microsoft has diversified into gaming systems and smart-phones.

Apple refuses to accept that fate. Instead, Jobs sees a future where the PC, in this case the iMac, simplifies the jumble of smart devices, which are ironically making our lives more, not less, complex. What good are digital cameras and camcorders, PDAs and MP3 players if you can't organize all that wonderful digital information you have collected?

In truth, though, as wonderful as the new Apples are, it is unlikely they will wrestle a significant market share from the world of IBM drones. Most of the world will continue to pound out spreadsheets and reports on their beige or black boxes. The computer will still be most readily identified as an office machine, and sitting down in front of one will mark the beginning of work rather than play.

In fact, one has to wonder whether the business world would feel comfortable putting such a fun device on every tax auditor's desk. It seems as if they have enough distractions as it is. And as IBM cleverly predicted, what consumers get for free at work, they will buy for their homes. Such is the nature of human habit and routine.

However, Steve Jobs reportedly compared Apple's place in the computer market to BMW's in the world of automobiles. Sure, most people will continue to drive their Honda Accords and Ford Explorers, but you can bet the world would be a more boring place without the MS. At least in this columnist's eyes, Apple certainly makes the Ultimate Computing Machine.

Karl's not accepting anymore boring e-mails from PC users, but if you think you're cool enough, tell him how much you love Mac OS X at [kwsmith2@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:kwsmith2@unity.ncsu.edu).



Jamar Owens

Guest Columnist

The Union Activities Board is in the middle of another outstanding year of programming. This year, the UAB set forth a mission to revamp its method of programming and community relations and to move each to higher heights. Though it has not been an easy year, it has been a step in the right direction. We have been able to establish a working relationship with student organizations that normally would not participate in UAB events and continue growing with student groups already affiliated with the UAB. As the major programming body for the university, we strive to put on "Activities for the Union, so you don't get Bored."

The Union Activities Board consists of four committees: Leisure and Entertainment; Issues and Ideas; Films; and Diversity, and two sub-committees: Black Students Board and International Activities Council. These six groups strive to put on credible programs for the entire

campus community.

The student involvement within UAB is on the rise and we are trying to keep up with the numbers. The more active students we receive, the better the programming will be. Setting a standard for events on this campus is what we are here to do. If we are unable to give the people what they want, then we have failed, but if the student population feels that they are involved with the campus life here at N.C. State, then we have reached our goal. Our goal is to continue the academic achievements at NCSU and to set a new level for campus programming.

The spring semester has jumped off to a wonderful start and will be jam-packed with activities for the student body. Some upcoming events to look for this semester are International Weekend (Feb. 2-3), Spring Speaker (Feb. 26), Unity Week and Pan-African Festival, to name a few.

Being that we are an organization completely funded on student fees, we have decided to treat the campus to an evening of elegance. On Feb. 16, we will be sponsoring the Red and White Charity Ball at the Entertainment and Sports Arena. Shuttle services will be provided from Talley Student Center to the ESA. There

will be food, music, keepsakes and a silent auction throughout the night. This event is FREE for N.C. State students and \$15 for non-NCSU students.

This is a Charity Ball, so students must bring two non-perishable food items to the UAB office and present their ID for an event voucher.

These are just a few of the high-profile programs that we are going to be bringing to the campus life. The UAB programming board has gone beyond the call of duty and should be commended for that. These students have strived hard to give their fellow colleagues alternative events and are still working to do so.

This is just a warning that there have been changes made and NCSU is on its way to "The Next Level." A new leader is in town for student events and it goes by the name UNION ACTIVITIES BOARD.

Jamar is president of the Union Activities Board. He is a senior in industrial engineering, and he can be reached via email at [union\\_president@ncsu.edu](mailto:union_president@ncsu.edu).

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## Track preps for ACCs

◆ The bulk of the indoor track team will participate in this weekend's George Mason Invitational.

**Todd Lion**  
Senior Staff Writer

With the ACC Championships a mere two weeks away, the N.C. State indoor track and field team is treating this weekend's meet at George Mason as a tune-up for the conference finals.

Katie Bolac has set two school records in the pole vault in as many competitions and is capable of jumping higher this weekend. She will be joined by freshman Teresa Reed.

Sophomore Kristen Pace will compete in her second meet after missing most of last year with an injury. Pace was an All-American in the high jump her freshman year.

Destree Mittman will compete in the triple jump.

Sophomore Felicia Fant and freshman Ebony Foster will both race in the 60- and 200-meter dashes. Fant was State's top sprinter last year as a freshman and recorded a 10th-place finish in the 60 at last weekend's competition at North Carolina.

Rene Robinson placed 10th in the 400 last weekend, and she will compete in this event again as preparation for her eventual switch to the 800, which she will run at the conference finals.

The men's sprinters will concentrate heavily on the 60 and 200. Monterio Adams, Tyrone Dozier,

Derrick High and Troy Graham will all compete in both of these events. These four also make up State's talented 4 x 400 relay team. Senior Joseph Brent will also compete in the 60 and 200.

James Rowell, Ryan Furlough and Randy Cass will make up State's throwing team. All three will compete in both the shot put and the 35-pound weight throw.

David Kessler will pole vault in his first meet of the season. Justin Farmer and Eric Hovestad will also compete in the vault.

Sophomore Jason Vieira will compete in the triple jump after finishing eighth at last weekend.

Like last weekend's meet at UNC, most of State's distance squad will be sitting out this meet. The exceptions to this are Joe Iaturo and Nick Mangum in the men's mile, and Janelle Vadnais, Karen Medlin and Leslie Jimison in the women's mile. Karen Sykes will race in the women's 800.

Five of State's top men will travel to Arkansas, however, with hopes of qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

Andy Smith and Chad Pearson, both cross country All-Americans, will race in the men's 5,000. A time of 14:18.15 is needed in the 5,000 to provisionally qualify for Nationals, while an automatic qualifying time of 13:58.15 must be run to insure a spot at nationals.

Chris Dugan, Ryan Woods and David Christian will all attempt to qualify in the 3,000. The qualifying times in the 3,000 are 8:00.00 for automatic and 8:10.7 for provisional.

Dugan finished 11th at last year's indoor championships in this event and boasts a personal-best time of 7:58.49. Woods and Christian boast personal highs in the 3,000 of 8:16.02 and 8:17.62, respectively.



Chris Dugan and some of the distance runners will be at Arkansas attempting to qualify for NCAA's.

## GYMNASTICS

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on the Governor's Cup, which will be loaded with competition as always. State has finished first in the competition twice, in 1998 and 1999.

As with every Governor's Cup over the past six seasons, State will be joined in competition by East Atlantic Gymnastics' League rivals North Carolina, Maryland and Towson.

The teams compete individually for first-place honors but also for a little bit of state pride. That means that the Pack and Tar Heels will be teammates — sort of. State and UNC will square off against Maryland and Towson, as the teams' combined scores will determine which state wins the prestigious cup.

"Derek [Galvin, UNC's coach] and I came up with the idea a while ago, way back," said Stevenson. "It was just a question of Maryland and Towson, and Carolina and N.C. State. We've always been good rivals, we all like each other, we all get along and like being around one another, and I know that's unusual."

And while the competition may be between friendly rivals, make no mistake: The Pack is focused on winning and improvement as a critical stretch of meets approaches.

In its last outing, the Pack was defeated by Kent State by a little more than a point. There were, however, positives to be taken from Ohio. For one, senior Kelli Brown had another exceptional meet, taking first on the uneven bars and finishing tied for second on vault. Another senior, Laura Jazab, won the first event title of her career on beam.

Several others — Alison Bundy, Stephanie Southard, Aimee Pantan and Marlyn Madey — also had solid meets. Though Stevenson certainly would have liked to see his team perform better, he wasn't disappointed.

## WRESTLING

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dermental effect," said Guzzo. "We have some people that we're going to put in to try and take up the slack, and I'm sure we're going to do well."

State has dropped four of its last five head-to-head matches. The Pack has faced some difficult teams during that stretch, dropping two of those matches to Iowa State and then-No. 3 Oklahoma.

"Iowa State provided some valuable experience for us," said Guzzo. "They're the No. 4 team in the country.... Dustin Kawa won and beat a nationally ranked wrestler, so obviously, it speaks volumes for the experience that he got out there."

## SWIMMING

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freshman Jared Bench has had some "really fine performances and a few off-color ones," according to Candler. "We're just trying to get him ready so he's on at ACC's," Candler said.

In the Carolina meet, Teal knows that State is probably another good recruit-

"We weren't displeased with how we performed," he said. "Our goal at this time of year isn't necessarily to win or lose meets. It's to see which of the skills that we're competing are going to stay in when we have to be good. We'd like to be really good when we hit the Hearts Invitational on Feb. 15."

The Governor's Cup is another chance for the team to get settled in before the toughest and most crucial part of the schedule begins. State would like to polish its combinations and work on the performance aspect of its routines, as well. Plus, the team is still searching for the competitive lineup it will use for most of the year. "We haven't set a solid lineup yet, but we're getting pretty close," Stevenson said.

The Pack might tinker a tad with the lineup this weekend. Senior Angie Welch will be unable to compete due to a minor shoulder injury, meaning that Pantan will likely compete on beam in her place. Also, Amy Langendorf will probably see more action on a few different events.

The Pack would like nothing more, though, than to return from College Park with a top finish and its share of the Governor's Cup. But at this point, there is only one certainty — the meet will be a tough test.

"I think you just flip a coin in this meet," Stevenson said. "The team that hits is the team that's going to win, and Maryland is obviously going to have the edge because they're at home. It's very similar to what you do in ACC basketball. If you win a road game in ACC basketball, that means you had an awesome night because generally that's not going to happen."

But even if State comes up a tad short this weekend, the future of this season is perhaps without a limit. "We've probably got the best team we've ever had," said Stevenson. "Now it's just a question of us getting to a higher level, performance-wise. We've got better skills on this team than we've ever had."

"Davis got a fall for us at 133 pounds. Again, that's the caliber that we're trying to get to, so for our relatively young team, it's a valuable experience."

The Dukes have been 3-2 in their last five matches, recently losing to VMI 28-7. Earlier in the season, JMU lost a match to Maryland 33-7. State also wrestled Maryland earlier this year and won 24-13.

Guzzo knows this is no guaranteed win, though.

"They're not going to be as strong overall as Iowa State but they always have a very strong team," said Guzzo. "Over the years, the matches have been very close. We're going to have to wrestle very well to beat them, but again, I think that the fact that we wrestle the caliber schedule that we have and that our young kids are starting to mature, we will do very well."

ing class away from competing with the Heels from a team standpoint, but he will look for excellent individual performances.

In the Clemens meet, the seniors will hope to shine in the last home dual meet of their State careers. Teal believes that from a team perspective, the Pack is in for a competitive match with the Tigers, and it has a chance to "get it down to the last relay and come up with a victory."

## WOMEN'S

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from the field for nearly seven minutes. The Deacs took advantage and clawed their way back to cut the lead to 54-49.

"In that stretch, we really had a let-down on both ends of the court," Yow said. "We went seven minutes without scoring, and then defensively, we weren't sharp."

Fifteen seconds later, Labador's exploits began, and the Pack managed to hold off the Deacs.

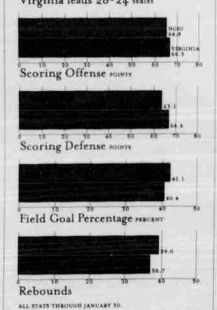
"They came out in the second half and did a good job of doubling down in the post," Chones said. "We couldn't get it inside, but that's when the guards stepped up."

State's win creates a logjam near the middle of the ACC standings. Duke leads the league by four full games after beating Georgia Tech Thursday night. But after the Blue Devils, every spot in the standings is up for grabs.

"Everything from second all the way to ninth is wide open," Yow said. "It could come down to the last game of the season for everybody. But we'll try to get out of this bunch and get up to a higher level."

State's next opportunity to climb in the ACC ranks comes at noon on Sunday at Virginia. The Cavaliers rolled over the Pack 68-52 in the teams' last meeting on Jan. 2.

N.C. State vs. Virginia women's basketball  
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## Men's tennis collides with Cocks

◆ The N.C. State men's tennis team travels to take on South Carolina this weekend.

**Memie Ezike**  
Staff Writer

As the 2002 spring season gets into full swing, the N.C. State men's tennis team has proclaimed its desire to be fearless.

The team has started the season well, going 1-1 during a road trip to Oklahoma. The Wolfpack lost its first match to 48th-ranked Tulsa but quickly turned around to trounce Oral Roberts 6-1.

State now faces its toughest test of the year as it heads to Columbia, S.C., to face South Carolina Saturday at 1 p.m.

State was impressive in its match against Oral Roberts Sunday, losing only the No. 3 singles match. The Pack won the doubles point by defeating Oral Roberts in two out of the three doubles matches. Sophomore Reinaldo Valor won both his singles and doubles matches Sunday.

State will have to play well to compete with the Gamecocks, ranked No. 29 in the nation, at South Carolina. South Carolina comes in with a formidable collection of players, who

will likely be ready to play because the match with State is their first of the season.

This will be the second consecutive year that State has faced the Gamecocks. Last year, South Carolina defeated State 4-3 in a hard-fought match in Raleigh.

This year, State is more prepared and will focus on that fearless attitude that head coach Eric Hayes has instilled in his players this year.

Valor and senior teammate Matt Lucas will be counted on to help continue the Pack's good start. Sophomore John Davis could also play a key role if the Pack hopes to upend the Gamecocks.

South Carolina coach Kent DeMars, a 17-year veteran, will have his team prepared to start its season successfully. South Carolina made it to post-season play last year after losing in the second round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament. The Gamecocks received an invitation to the NCAA Tournament but lost in the first round.

The Gamecocks are not strangers to postseason play, having made the NCAA's last eight years. South Carolina returns most of its players from last year's squad.

The team's top-ranked singles player, sophomore Seth Rose, is ranked 61st in the country. The Gamecocks also have two newcomers, freshman Ben Atkinson and junior transfer student Angelo Niclescu, who are expected to make an immediate impact.

Getting into a transition game will be the key for State.

"If we can get stops and get two-on-ones and three-on-ones, that's when we're at our best," said Miller. "It's hard to just walk the ball up or face a set defense every single time because they scout you so well in this league. So if we can run the floor and do our thing, we'll be OK."

The Pack leads the overall series 67-62 but has lost five straight and hasn't fared well in Cole Field House. State went into Cole two years ago sporting a 5-3 ACC record, but the Tiers handed the Pack a crushing 78-73 loss, the first of seven straight. The Pack, however, has played extremely well on the road this season.

"We've been playing real well on the road, so we're just going to have to go up there and get ready," said Grundy. "I think we'll just have to go up there and play like we have been on the road. Maryland's a great team, so we have to go up there and give it our all."

## MEN'S

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If State hopes to win, it will have to slow down All-American Juan Dixon, a serious offensive threat and a crafty defender. Through Wednesday, Dixon was atop the conference in scoring average at 21.9 points per ACC game and steals with 4.57 per ACC game. He also leads ACC players in 3-point percentage, knocking down 43.8 percent from behind the arc in conference play.

State can counteract Dixon with a confident and consistent Anthony Grundy, who's been on a tear through the first half of ACC play. Grundy, who scored a game-high 24 against Wake, averages 19 points per ACC game and has scored 20 or more in five consecutive games.

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# Friday Sports



## No. 3 Terrapins waiting for Wolfpack



Archie Miller scored 22 points in Wednesday's loss to Maryland.

◆ **N.C. State continues a grueling five-game stretch Sunday against third-ranked Maryland.**

**Billy Freeman**  
Staff Writer

Things just aren't getting easier for the N.C. State men's basketball team. The Wolfpack travels to College Park, Md., Sunday at 4 p.m. to take on the third-ranked team in the country, Maryland. This is the second contest in a stretch of five games that will have a huge effect on how the season will end for the Wolfpack (16-5, 5-3 ACC). Four of those games, the first of which was an 82-81 loss to Wake Forest on Wednesday, will be against ranked conference opponents.

The Terrapins (17-3, 7-1 ACC) are riding a four-game winning streak since a loss to Duke. In its most recent action, Maryland came back from a

late nine-point deficit to beat No. 8 Virginia 91-87 Thursday night.

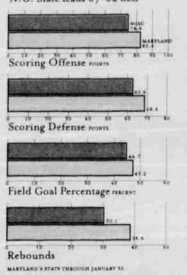
"It's going to be a rough game for us on the road down there," said senior Archie Miller, who scored 22 points against Wake. "We're going to have to defend them real well and stay out of foul trouble."

This will be a matchup of one of the ACC's best offenses in the Terps and one of the ACC's best defenses in the Pack. Through Wednesday, Maryland was averaging 82.4 points per game, the second-best mark in the ACC, while State was yielding just 62.6 points per game, the lowest figure in the conference.

In the first meeting between the two teams, the Pack used gritty defense to hold Maryland without a field goal for nearly eight minutes. But Maryland won the game 72-65 by knocking down 35 of its 49 free-throw attempts.

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N.C. State vs. Maryland men's basketball  
Sunday, 4 p.m., Wake College Park, Maryland  
Fox Sports Net vs. N.C. State leads 67-62 series



## Swimmers take on two ACC foes



The swimming teams have their final two dual meets this weekend.

◆ **The N.C. State swimming and diving teams travel to North Carolina before facing Clemson at home this weekend.**

**Ryan Baucom**  
Staff Writer

The turnaround time for the N.C. State swimming and diving teams will be little to none this weekend as they take on two conference rivals in back-to-back meets.

The teams will first travel to Chapel Hill Friday for a 5 p.m. meet against the nationally ranked teams of North Carolina.

The Wolfpack will then return to Raleigh to host Clemson at 1 p.m. Saturday. State will be in for quite a challenge this weekend, but it will hopefully prepare the teams for the rigorous swimming schedules of the upcoming conference championships.

"Quite honestly, where our biggest focus is right now is preparing for the ACCs," said head swimming coach Brooks Teal. "This is a great opportunity; in the ACCs, we've got to be ready to swim fast three days in a row, two sessions a day, and this is great preparation for that."

The State men (3-3, 2-2 ACC) are in for a particularly challenging weekend. They will first face the No. 21 ranked team in the country in the Tar Heels (4-4, 2-2) before returning to face the No. 22 Tigers (5-4, 2-2).

In the last outing vs. Georgia Tech, freshman Peter Pessagno was victorious in the 1,000-yard freestyle in a time of 9:27.76. Junior Chris Swank had the best time of the year for a State swimmer in the 50 free in 21.32.

The State women (4-2, 3-1) on the other hand, are coming off a solid victory over the Yellow Jackets. They face Carolina, the No. 12 women's team in the country, before their meet against Clemson (5-4, 2-2).

The leading performers from the women's side in their last meet include Caroline Curran in the 1,650 free in 17:23.89 as well as Katie Sheridan in a time of 1:55.04 in the 200 free. Erica Newell was also triumphant in the 100 backstroke as she completed it in 58.30.

The diving teams have "been steady this year but have a ways to go before the ACCs," according to head diving coach John Candler.

On the women's side, Candler said junior Erin Bailey "has had the most consistent performances this year, and she has been a leader." For the men,

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## WAKE FOREST



## N.C. STATE

## Labador sets career high in win

◆ **The women's basketball team staved off a Wake Forest rally with the help of Amelia Labador's long-range shooting.**

**Jerry Moore**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Amelia Labador retrieved N.C. State's fifth ACC win of the season just when it appeared to be slipping away.

The junior guard came off the bench to score a career-high 16 points as the Wolfpack (11-9, 5-4 ACC) held off Wake Forest 69-57 in women's basketball action Thursday night in Reynolds Coliseum.

Labador's most timely contributions came as she connected on a trio of 3-pointers to quell a Demon Deacon run that twice turned the Pack's 20-point lead into a two-possession game.

Moments after Wake (9-11, 3-7 ACC)

cut the deficit to six on an Adell Harris pull-up jumper with six minutes remaining. Labador nailed two consecutive shots from beyond the arc.

"I was open a couple times, so I shot it," Labador said. "I've been working on my shot a lot in the last few practices. It just felt good."

Three minutes later, Wake pulled to within five when Tonia Brown, who led the Deacs with 17 points, converted a three-point play. On the ensuing possession, Labador struck again from downtown and gave the Pack an insurmountable 63-54 lead.

"The thing I liked about her tonight was that she didn't hesitate," said State coach Kay Yow. "That's what a good shooter has to do. She shot in a great rhythm tonight."

Redshirt sophomore Kaayla Chones added 15 points and nine rebounds. It marked the first time in eight games that Chones did not lead the team in scoring. She did, however, lead the team in rebounds for the eighth straight outing.

Fellow post player Carisse Moody contributed 13 points in her second game back after missing three weeks with a sprained ankle. Nanna Rivers also set a career high with 11 assists.

"It feels really good to get the first win in the second round [of ACC play]," Yow said. "And conference



Rachel Stockdale and the Pack fended off a late run by Wake.

games at home, you definitely want to get those."

After the first eight minutes of the contest, it certainly didn't appear the Pack would need any late-game heroics.

The Deacs misfired on their first eight shots and didn't scratch in the scoring column until State had scored the first 13 points of the game. Wake shot a paltry 23.5 percent in the first half.

"We played 12 minutes in the first half," said Wake coach Chiffene Curtis, who has never beaten State. "The first eight, we weren't even on the court."

Even after State built the double-digit lead, however, it couldn't put the game out of reach. The Deacs finally began to find the basket, at least sporadically, cutting the Pack advantage to 22-15.

Near the end of the half Moody converted on two plays inside and Labador hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer as State lifted its cushion to 37-21.

Rivers opened the second stanza with a triple, and the Pack pushed its lead to a game-high 20 on a Chones basket three minutes into the half.

But State wouldn't hit another shot

	1	2	Final
Wake	21	36	57
N.C. State	37	32	69

### Statistical Leaders

Points	Brown (Wake)	17
Rebounds	Chones (NCSU)	9
Assists	Rivers (NCSU)	11

### Player of the Game

Amelia Labador scored a career-high 16 points, including a trio of 3-pointers that stopped a Wake run late in the game and helped the Wolfpack hold on for the win.

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## Governor's Cup next for gymnasts

◆ **The gymnastics team will once again face stiff competition this weekend at the Governor's Cup.**

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The N.C. State gymnastics team just can't stop moving.

The team spends all week practicing hard, executing its routines and perfecting its technique on the balance beam and uneven bars, on the floor exercise and the vault.

But the movement doesn't just stop with the hours upon hours of practice.

Three weeks ago, the team

was on the move to the Bahamas for the early season Bahama Breeze Invitational. A week later, the Wolfpack was on the road again, traveling to Ohio for a meet with Kent State. And after a week off that has allowed a little rest and a lot of preparation, the team will be back on the road in Maryland for the seventh annual Governor's Cup on Saturday afternoon.

For coach Mark Stevenson and his gymnasts, the Governor's Cup will provide yet another early season test.

"We gear this whole early part of the season to finding out what we have to do to [improve]," said Stevenson. "There's some routines we might have to take out, or change, and we try all the new combinations in the early part of the year."

After a break last weekend, the last off-weekend for the Pack until early March, the team is squarely focused

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◆ **The Wolfpack is banking on recent experience Saturday against the Dukes.**

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N.C. State wrestling coach Bob Guzzo deemed the Wolfpack's loss to No. 4 Iowa State Friday "a valuable experience."

The Pack will begin learning exactly how valuable on Saturday when it takes on James Madison at Reynolds Coliseum. The match, scheduled for 2 p.m., is a big one for State, which needs to bounce back

from a loss at Iowa State. A win would put the Wolfpack (5-6) back at .500 for the season.

"It looks like we should win the match," said junior Clarence Davis. "They have a good team, but we have a far better team. We have a lot of talent here."

"Hopefully, we can get some good people in to fill up some spots. I'm looking forward to winning this match."

The Pack has been shuffling its lineup in recent matches. Against JMU (5-4), Guzzo plans more changes, but he still hadn't solidified a lineup by Thursday.

## Wrestlers square off against JMU

State, however, will be without two of its usual starters Saturday. Neither Pierre Pryor nor Kevin Gabrielson are scheduled to compete due to injury.

"Obviously, when you have some of your starters out, it's going to have a

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The wrestlers are confident about winning Saturday.