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Heated debate ends senate meeting early

Disorderly debate surrounding reapportionment issue halts meeting and prompts one senator to resign.

Kara Rowland
Assistant News Editor

In a late meeting on Wednesday, the Student Senate met to discuss several bills, one of which resulted in an early adjournment after a lengthy deliberation grew out of hand.

The deliberation revolved around the Corrective Reapportionment Act (GB 67), which proposed that seats be reallocated to create more graduate student seats.

Staking a claim that graduate students are underrepresented in the senate, the authors suggested that the seats be reapportioned so that the number of graduate seats would be increased from five to fourteen to reflect the some 6,400 students.

Many senators reacted strongly to such an unprecedented idea. "Fourteen seats is a lot in a body of 64," said Sen. Philip Denton, sergeant-at-arms. "Graduate students just have such different needs, they just work so differently."

An amendment was then posed in favor of reverting back to the original form of the bill, in which seats would be reallocated but the result would not impact on the number of graduate seats.

Several senators disagreed with the amendment, maintaining that the Student Body Constitution provides that the seats be apportioned in accordance to the percentage of the student body enrolled in that particular college or recognized program.

"What we should have done is waited on the bill and sent it back to committee and pushed legislation through [amending the constitution] so that we can pass it legally," said Denton, recognizing the potential unconstitutionality of the proposal.

"Historically, the graduate students have been underrepresented," said Sen. Gary Palin. "It's just such a contentious issue."

Debate was heated and some senators were called to order. Eventually, graduate Sen. Nicholas Stoute was removed from the chambers for being out of order and subsequently submitting his resignation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was approved soon after, before a vote

on the amendment could take place.

Earlier in the meeting, the Teaching Assistant Act (R 70) was passed. Designed to address the case of 34 graduate students who lost their position as electrical and computer engineering teaching assistants in the middle of the semester, the bill focuses on the mismanagement of funds among academic departments.

"This bill needs to be sent out as a message," said Sen. Ken Hoy.

In an emergency meeting last week, senators approved nominees for the Elections Commission and passed a bill declaring their opposition to any campus-based tuition increase, asserting that "any tuition increase would jeopardize the university's promise to the citizens of the state."

"We're going to fight this to the end," said Darrel Willie, student body president, in Wednesday's meeting.

Sophomore Mital Patel and junior David Joyner were approved to fill seats representing the College of Engineering.

The senate also went into closed session early in the meeting to discuss an investigation of possible senator misconduct.



Nathan Finke, a former NCSU student, waits patiently for customers at his "Kissing Booth."

Institute for Emerging Issues names new chairman

Former Gov. Jim Hunt will serve as chairman of the board for the new Institute for Emerging Issues.

Carie Windham
Assistant News Editor

An announcement Monday by Chancellor Marye Anne Fox named former Gov. Jim Hunt as chairman of the board of the new Institute for Emerging Issues at N.C. State.

The announcement came Feb. 11 during the opening session of the 17th annual Emerging Issues Forum.

In addition, the chancellor also announced that Noah Pickus, formerly a faculty member at the Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University, has been named the director of the Institute for Emerging Issues.

The program will develop the Emerging Issues Forum into a public policy institute that organizes expertise in the sciences, engineering, humanities and social sciences to help solve public policy problems and address questions of economic and civic development.

The new institute, supported by the Kenan Institute for Engineering, Science and Technology, will be located on Centennial Campus.

Centennial Campus is home to over 66 corporate partners and university units. Since its creation in 1984, it has grown to encompass more than 1,330 acres and has become a model research and technology area.

The Institute for Emerging Issues will combine the expertise of scholars at NCSU, other Triangle universities, private research corporations and the community to address areas in public policy debate.

During her announcement at the forum, Chancellor Fox stated, "For 16 years, the annual Emerging Issues Forum has attracted internationally known speakers and experts, as well as hundreds of leaders and citizens from across North Carolina, to our campus for two-day conferences. This new Institute for Emerging Issues will significantly expand the civic and policy dimension of the university and the Centennial Campus by creating ongoing collaborations between leaders in academia, government, business, non-profits, foundations and the media."

In accepting the position, Hunt said, "I am tremendously excited by the potential the institute offers to focus attention on the emerging issues that will face our state and nation in the 21st century, such as biotechnology, demographic changes, technological development and globalization."

Hunt also said, "The institute will provide additional opportunities for established and emerging leaders in public life to discuss these and other critical issues."

As a former faculty member at Duke University, he realizes that he has not had to travel far to come to NCSU, but he is excited about the opportunity.

"I left Duke and came here because I am excited by what I see," he said.

What he sees is a university that is constantly rethinking and re-imagining what it means to be an engaged university.

In addition to the allure of the university, Pickus was also strongly attracted by Ruben Carbonell's commitment to adding a public policy dimension to the cutting edge engineering, technology, and science that takes place at NCSU.

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Engineers' Week set to begin

National Engineers' Week will link N.C. State engineering students and Wake County students.

Try Godwin
Senior Staff Writer

Sunday afternoon's forecast calls for sunny skies, temperatures in the mid-50s and an isolated egg or two dropping from the sky.

Engineering organizations across campus will be promoting the ideas of science and technology to interested youth across Wake County in their 4th annual Egg Drop contest.

This event will mark the beginning of N.C. State's kick-off party for National Engineers' Week that will be held this Sunday outside of Bostian Hall.

Throughout next week, some NCSU engineering organizations will form an alliance with local engineering companies to conduct seminars at various Wake County elementary schools. Others will simply chat with friends and other interested parties to improve public image and respect among business, government, media and the general public for the purpose of sustaining and building a technological base.

But before these demonstrations and exhibitions commence, a celebration comprised of an estimated 200 entrants from all professions and trades will conceal their expertise for a few hours and put their math and engineering skills to work. Each entrant will design protective cases for eggs before dropping them approximately 18 feet onto a waiting bulls-eye.

Egg Drop contestants will earn points based on a number of factors, including minimizing the number of parts making up the case, accuracy to the target center, how much the case weighs and, of course, whether the egg lands safely.

The top 10 entrants from the initial drop, as calculated from the equation, will then drop their eggs from a 32-foot balcony. The top three scores from this drop, as calculated by using the same equation, will determine the contest winners.

A grand prize of \$300 is awarded to the winner, \$150 is awarded to the second place contestant and \$75 is awarded to the third place contestant.

Ewan Pritchard, a graduate student in mechanical engineering, is in charge of the 2002 Egg Drop contest, which begins at 2:30 p.m. and he expects nothing but excitement during the event.

"We will have a DJ (Joe Bunn) out there broadcasting the whole thing, and

there will be games, awards and prizes to get everyone involved," said Pritchard.

At first thought, one might expect Engineers' Week, which is designed to acknowledge and respect engineers and their contributions to improving the quality of life, to be organized by the industry's top leaders. But according to Nicole Kaufman, vice-chairwoman for NCSU's chapter of American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the planning stage for Engineers' Week, particularly the Egg Drop contest, took a total team effort.

"Getting brochures and T-shirts printed, food organized [and] corporate sponsorships planned really was an expansive effort and took a lot of cooperation from all [of] the engineering organizations here on campus," Kaufman said.

In fact, Kaufman, a junior in mechanical engineering, said the planning stage for the Egg Drop contest, which is being co-sponsored by the Eastern North Carolina ASME Chapter, began in July.

"We started by finding sponsors, and then once we knew our budget, it all fell in place," she added.

An approximate budget of \$5,000 allowed the event's organizers to display advertisements in a number of locations, such as stores near campus, in school hallways and in various publications around the community.

According to Pritchard, organizers are expecting around 200 entrants for the Egg Drop contest, which would top last year's total of 130. Teams, as well as individuals, will compete. For example, Kaufman knows of a couple aerospace engineering majors who plan to partner up. However, sheer strength in numbers isn't necessarily the key to success. The intangible factors, such as zeal and competitiveness, can play a winning role, too.

Kaufman's younger brother, who is in tenth grade, signed up as an individual contestant.

"When I came home with the brochures in August, he was already thinking of protective cases. He started working on it last month," said Kaufman. "Does that mean he has a better chance of winning? No. But it can't hurt."

Then again, for those potential contestants who don't have the luxury of time, there's still hope. Late entrants can stop by, pay a \$2 entry-fee and try to put "the brakes on breaks." "We leave it open for last minute entries for convenience purposes," said Kaufman.

Roundtable talks to focus on goals of the Hugh Shelton Initiative

All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the roundtable discussions.

News Staff Report

The Hugh Shelton Initiative for Leadership Development will be hosting a series of roundtable discussions in the following weeks for interested students, faculty and community members.

Coordinated by the N.C. State Office of Extension and Engagement, the roundtables will allow for open discussions and are scheduled as follows:

Monday, Feb. 18 at 3-5 p.m., Chancellors Conference room —

Holladay Hall;

Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:30-9:30 a.m., Farmers Market Restaurant — Lake Wheeler Road; Monday, Feb. 25 at 10-12 a.m., 308 Ricks Hall Conference Room.

Shelton announced the initiative on Jan. 14 during a leadership seminar held in Stewart Theatre.

As former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the NCSU alumnus will now share his experiences and insight into leadership development with the university community through the initiative.

The initiative, under Shelton's leadership, will focus on developing stronger and more effective student, community, business and government leaders by using interdisciplinary

approaches.

By developing more effective leaders, the initiative will strive to provide human capital to tackle significant needs in North Carolina and beyond.

The roundtables are meant to serve as brainstorming meetings for generating ideas.

To encourage participation, the roundtable forums are scheduled at different times and all students, faculty, organizational representatives and the community are invited to participate.

Following the roundtable discussions, an appointed advisory board will guide the planning and implementation of the initiative.

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The winning Clemson vouchers are from 1424 to 4124. Tickets will be distributed in Random order in front of Reynolds on Friday, February 15th, 2002 from 10am to 6pm.

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U. Montana community rallies to support gay couple

◆ Nearly 500 people attended a rally supporting a lesbian faculty member whose house was gutted in an apparent arson.

Kellyn Brown

Montana Karmim (U. Montana)

(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. - On a crisp Wednesday afternoon nearly 500 people gathered on the Oval at the University of Montana — young and old, students and non-students, heterosexual and homosexual.

They all came together to rally around lesbian faculty member Carla Grayson, her partner Adrienne Neff and their son. Their house was gutted last Friday in an apparent arson.

People wore pink triangles on

their jackets and suits, and Amy Midgett, a senior in psychology, explained why.

"The pink triangles date back to the Holocaust," she said. "People who were suspected of being gay had to wear them."

Midgett added that they are using the symbol to make a statement about their identity. Mayor Mike Kadis pinned a pink triangle to his chest when he reached the Oval and he later spoke of love to the crowd.

"It is not acceptable to burn people out of their house because of what they believe or who they love," Kadis said.

Members of the Lambda Alliance, the gay and lesbian support group on campus, held two flags at the front of the crowd. One was blue with two yellow stripes and stood for equality. One was rainbow col-

ored and stood for gay pride. Rev. Jim Hogan, of Christ the King Catholic Church, challenged everyone to look into their hearts and condemn violence.

Hogan later hugged Amy Martin after she sang her rendition of the song "This Little Light of Mine." Her version included the lyrics "You can tell the Board of Regents we're gonna let it shine."

Carol Snetsinger, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the Board of Regents, told the crowd through a microphone to "take fear, anger and confusion and turn it into a positive."

ASUM Student Christopher Peterson stood in front of the group with a pink triangle pinned to his chest. "I am the student body president and I am gay," he announced.

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Carbonell is the director of the Kern Institute for Engineering, Science, and Technology.

He was also attracted by the work of Chancellor Fox and Vice Chancellor for University Extension and Engagement, Steven Jones. This work included their dedication to realizing the history of a land-grant institution and propelling the university forward.

Lastly, the opportunity to work with Gov. Hunt added more attraction.

"Governor Hunt's Emerging Issues Forum offers a uniquely democratic public policy program that also reaches to the highest level of decision makers," he said.

"I am enthusiastic about the governor's interest in expanding that forum to a year-round set of programs," added Pickus.

He believes that the institute will be an "enormous opportunity" for NCSU.

"In an age of specialization

our job is to synthesize ideas, to bridge the gaps that exist in our public life.

"We can be a catalyst for debate discussion, policy recommendations and policy programs," he said.

The institute will also serve as an "honest broker" of different people's ideas and will help to provide synthesis.

For the community, he believes the institute will foster debate and work to advance public policy. He believes it is necessary to use multi-disciplinary approaches when dealing with areas such as technology, science and public policy; the institute will work to link these areas and enhance the process.

For students, it will be a "vehicle for engaging students in the hard work of actually forging public policy."

In the future, the institute will try and connect students into the forum, get them involved in debates over public policy and try to connect the forum to students work.

It will be "a way for researchers to speak to and to understand more about public

policy," said Pickus.

They will be able to "bring their expertise to the public and understand how public policy is affecting their work."

"The problem is not that there aren't good ideas," he said. Instead, "it is often difficult for people from different sectors of public life to reach across institutional and intellectual divides."

The institute, Pickus believes, will help to bridge those divides.

Furthermore, "the institute hopes to be part of the larger university's effort to reclaim and advance the full meaning of a land-grant institution," he said.

Nonetheless Pickus realizes that the institute is still a work in progress and admits that, "I have a lot to learn about the university and the state."

Still, he believes, "we have a remarkable opportunity here."

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Pairs skating debacle highlights judging flaw

LONG-STANDING BLOCK VOTING PRACTICES AT THE SALT LAKE OLYMPIC GAMES SHOULD PROMPT REFORMS OF ISU JUDGING POLICIES.

Touted as a skating scandal with the potential to rival the Nancy Kerrigan-Tonya Harding scandal of a few years ago, the hubbub over Russian figure skaters Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharidze's win over Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier should spur reform in the International Skating Union's judging policies. To most figure skating observers and commentators, it's fairly clear that the Russian team, who faltered while performing a double axel, was not more deserving of a gold medal than the Canadian team who made an essentially flawless performance.

The judges voted by a margin of 5-4 to award the Russians the gold, giving them seven 5.9s (out of 6.0) while only giving the Canadians four 5.8s. The voting apparently split along Cold War political lines, with the United States, Canada, Germany and Japan voting for the Canadian pair and with France, Russia, the Ukraine, Poland and China voting for the Russian duo.

The Russian win continues Soviet or former-Soviet Union dominance of the pairs event since 1964. However, the streak comes on long-held and even accepted suspicion of block voting in figure skating. Through the ISU reformed judging rules in the 1990s, block voting between east and west and even between traditional and contemporary styles has been apparent in modern competition.

In light of protests from the Canadian contingent, the ISU should launch an investigation to prove or disprove any irregularity in voting. Supporters of the Russian position assert that, despite

fudging the landing of a jump, the artistry of the Russian performance did warrant the higher score. Investigation will hopefully shed light onto what reasoning went behind the scores.

Unfortunately, if any wrongdoing is found, there is little that can be done to satisfactorily remedy the current debacle. One option, stripping the Russians of the gold, unfairly punishes those who presumably had nothing to do with any cheating on the part of the judges. Moreover, if the Russians were deemed unworthy of gold, then is the question of whether they should be awarded some lesser medal. Taking this course of action, though, effectively means re-judging the performances, which violates even more figure skating policy.

The proposed Canadian solution also doesn't do much to rectify the situation; they propose that the Canadian team also be awarded gold. Aside from cheapening the top honor, awarding two gold medals passive-aggressively says the Russians were not deserving of their medal without actually saying so. The ISU needs to be clear in whatever decision it makes.

Ultimately, the issue isn't over the Russian pair's performance so much as ISU judging. Hence, the ISU should be looking inward, with an eye toward reforming its judging policies. The union needs to implement policy that shifts away from judges who have a record of voting in a block and picks judges from countries that are not a part of the old east-west alliances.

Increase in reproduction needs to stop soon



Holly Bezat
STAFF COLUMNIST

Women in the United States are at all-time high fertility rates. They are having, on average, 2.1 babies per, and in 2000, there were over four billion births—the highest since the early 1970's.

Meanwhile, teen pregnancies have decreased significantly. The teen pregnancy rate dropped from 49.6 for every 1,000 in 1999 to 48.5 in 2000. An overall drop of 22 percent happened during the past decade. This is believed to have occurred as a result of the economy and sexually transmitted disease awareness. This is coupled with teens realizing the need to develop their education and occupational skills and postponing marriage. The age bracket for teen pregnancy is 15-19 years.

While it is great that teen pregnancies have decreased a lot, it is not great that there is such a high number of births occurring. I am all for you having as many children you want to have, but the population growth projection of the U.S. keeps increasing until it may hit the carrying capacity of the country's resources and space, among other things, and level out. Such leveling will not occur, though, unless there is a disaster or disease or some other sort of big killer.

There is greater education and technology available for women who want to rear children. There are also fertility drugs and techniques that help. Even with these things, there should be the education of what is safe. The child-bearing age bracket is 15-49 years, but in order to birth a healthy baby and to keep mom safe, mom needs to realize that after the age of 30-35, there is a significant increase in risks of birth defects and diseases. To cut as many risks possible, children should be had during the ages of 19-33. Many people say until 35, but that's pushing it.

This does not mean that you won't be able to work and earn money and that you'll end up being a housewife your whole life. You could work for a cou-

ple years, have a child or two and return to work a few years later. As for the fear of not having enough money later on to live off of in retirement years, stash one of your year's salaries, or half of it, into an investment. If you do it right, you could have a million bucks or more, even before you reach retirement.

Many people do not get out of college until they are 21-26 years old. This still gives you about seven years to have children. If you are in college until you are 26, chances are you either worked, were in the army before attending school or you are in a graduate program. As a graduate, you most likely will have a full-time job, so you'll have been working already by the time you get out of school and most likely will have the financial ability to start a family.

Population growth is a serious problem right now. The U.S. fertility rate is much higher than other developed countries. While we have one at 2.1, Australia has one at 1.8, England at 1.7 and Spain at just 1.2.

Along with the proposed idea of having children during a certain age bracket, you could adopt. There are many kids out there waiting for families. I personally would like to have two children, but if I want any other that, I plan to adopt. That is a good way to not contribute to the population growth rate. The kids that are up for adoption are already there. Adopting one would not be increasing the birth rate, and thus would not be increasing the growth rate. If all women who wanted children had only two, it would not increase the rates either, because the average 2.1 is based on some families having one child and some having six or seven.

Overall, even though the technology and resources are available, that does not mean we should reproduce like rabbits. At no point do I ever want to see reproductive policies similar to those of China has, but we ourselves should set limits on the amount of children we bring into the world so that they will have a world to live in and bring children into themselves.

Holly is from a family of four kids, so she knows what it is like to want that many. E-mail her with your thoughts and ideas at paz_rata@yahoo.com.

Republican geopolitics: not what it used to be



Karl Smith
STAFF COLUMNIST

I loved Reagan, cheered for H.W. Bush and even voted for Dole — not because I believed in their handmaiden tale-type religious oppression, or even because they had ever so slightly more economic sense than the democrats. No, I supported the

GOP presidential candidates because they got the one thing right, which the president must get right: geopolitics.

When I heard Bush the younger face off against Gore in the presidential debates, I suddenly had my doubts about whether or not he could keep up that tradition. However, I thought, he'll have Colin Powell and perhaps even John McCain, on his staff. How badly can he do? Well, pretty badly so it seems.

I have no idea what Bush's advisors are thinking when they let him speak up at Security Council meetings, much less present his warped view in public. The man is driving us head long into the most dreaded military situation in history — protracted war in Central Asia.

These are not people to be toyed with. They live in the some of the most despicable land on earth. The nations are caught between the largest desert and the largest mountain range on earth, and what's in-between is no picnic either.

The people who survive life in that

region are rugged, tough and determined. They have to be to survive. Their religious beliefs are intense, and they are often willing to die for them.

However, most importantly, their sense of pride is legendary. Calling them evil desert people and then trying to find "diplomatic solutions" is about as culturally aware as the Japanese believing the Americans would make peace after Pearl Harbor. They just don't do business that way.

If anything, we should take a lesson from the Arab Empire, which was the last to sweep through that region. Stay really quiet, then show up one day with a huge army and say, "Oh yeah, by the way, we're taking you over." Or, equally as effective would be the classic British tactics of double-talk and trickery. Tell the Iraqis we like them best. Tell the Iraqis we really like them best. Let them duke it out and then come in and clean up the mess.

However, what we shouldn't do is give them a reason to unite against us. Even if we win in the end, this strategy only serves to make them more prepared, more determined and more likely to oust any leader considering making peace with the U.S.

Armed conflict should be the last resort and is wholly ineffective unless we have the means to convert the enemy or annihilate him. Otherwise, the conflict will repeat and repeat and repeat. The Panic and World Wars should have taught us that.

Worst off all, however, this type of rhetoric is moving the nation back to the simplistic jingoism of the '50s and '60s. It was that narrow view of world affairs that brought us to the brink of

nuclear war under Kennedy and embroiled us in a worthless conflict under Johnson. Back then, it was the Republican presidents who understood the depth of geopolitics, and it was Nixon who made peace with China and more peaceful relations with the Soviet Union.

Yes, both Reagan and Bush Senior had their bouts with jingoism. However, they were against far more clearly defined enemies in a far more clearly defined context. The Kremlin knew that Reagan could not out the "Evil Empire" by conventional means, and they knew he was not about the use unconventional ones either. Though Bush labeled Saddam Hussein as evil, it was only after he acquired support from nearly all Arab nations to engage Iraq.

Bush the younger is not only prematurely declaring an Axis of Evil, but has even announced that the U.S. will act unilaterally to defeat not Hussein, but Iraq itself. How are the Iraqi people supposed to react to that?

It is time that the Republican Party turned to its roots in understanding foreign policy and not cheap patriotism designed to win votes. As the greatest geopolitical president of our time reminded us, we must strive to understand foreign relations enough that "peace can settle at last over the Middle East and so that the cradle of civilization will not become its grave."

Karl wrote in Nixon for president. Let him know his hero is dead at kwsmith2@unty.ncsu.edu.

That incredible manila folder



Shelley Lea
STAFF COLUMNIST

During the course of their college careers, most college students decide to change majors at least once or twice. Last summer, I became one of these students. I made a trip to Raleigh to do this with one of my friends. I changed my major from Botany to Mass Communications.

I had to experience the unforgettable ritual of waiting for the two colleges to get my student information transferred. When I thought I had completed this arduous journey, I ended my trip by taking the documents to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Department. I handed the secretary my work and, to my dismay and hers, there was one pertinent journey I had not taken prior to my completion.

I simply followed her directions to the Communications Department in Caldwell Hall in hopes of being rewarded with some extraneous information not found at the place I just abandoned. Upon my arrival, I was given a manila folder and the important documents I had in my hand were placed in the folder. I was flabbergasted that something as a manila folder delayed me a good ten minutes from my entrance into the CHASS Department. A MANILA

FOLDER! I began to ponder this more and actually became outraged of the fact.

I have attended this school for three semesters and twenty-five days. Over this time, I have realized one thing — N.C. State is an illustrious academic haven, but it has its shortcomings. The manila folder made me think about other similar instances where I was not ready to voice an opinion. However, the manila folder was the straw that broke the camel's back.

There have been several times where, for one reason or another, I had to go to the Cashier's Office because I had questions about the billing statement or needed to sign a financial aid check. Repeatedly, I have called the Cashier's Office to ask if my financial aid had come in or about a refund check, but the monotonous answer I was given was "no." Within a week, however, my mother called me to tell me that my checks were sent home. I have had so many complaints about such problems at school that one of my best friend says jokingly that they have a "screw-Shelley-Ov Department" here on campus.

However, much to my surprise, several students like myself have the same complaints. There is no doubt that Chancellor Marye Ann Fox does an outstanding job here at N.C. State. Frankly, I personally believe that she strives for the best for all students. However, that is simply not enough for the students who have had countless problems. They range from bad roommates, small

rooms, the so-called food in the Dining Hall to the long waits at the Health Clinic, the Cashier's Office and Registration & Records. Add to that overpriced books and lousy buyback rates at the bookstore, small, far away parking, getting class schedules late, being locked in the bathroom (because I still have not gotten over that) and every other inadequate thing here on campus.

I think it's time for the voices of students like myself to be heard because there are really unsettled problems here on campus that should not go ignored. In order for N.C. State to continue being the best school and to stay way above Carolina, the administration should address our needs and resolve them in an expedient fashion.

I must say that I was pretty heated when I left the CHASS Department building that summer day, but some things need to be voiced in an appropriate manner. I love this school and I will actually miss it when I am gone. Not! But for real, I have met some very valuable people while attending this school, and, hopefully, my next article will reward these people for the tireless work they have put into this school, becoming unsung heroes (but not for long). Until next week, I will still stick to my opinion that that manila folder was not worth the hassle it gave me in order to be admitted into a department here on campus.

Are you fired up just like Shelley is? E-mail her your responses at slelea@unty.ncsu.edu.

C A M P U S F O R U M

Bezant's column proves need for ethnic observances

Editor's note: The word limit for this submission has been waived because of continuing coverage on the topic.

In her Feb. 8 column, Holly Bezant writes, "There are many things in which the issue of equality plays a part." That is quite true. Equality plays its largest role in life. Bezant's usage of the word "rough" in describing African-American history is a complete understatement. The fact she even used that word proves she obviously did not learn enough in high school about African-American history. Maybe Ms. Bezant should be attending "Black Awareness" forums, as she refers to them.

Bezant claims, "This is mostly because black Americans have had a rough history, one that is known by everyone, and if it is not, it will be by the time they exit high school." What about African American history is taught in high school? The basic one page about Dr. Martin Luther King? The basic paragraph about Harriet Tubman? The paragraph about Rosa Parks or the two sentences about Malcolm X? What do you know about Medgar Evers? What do you know about Bobby Seale, Mary McLeod Bethune, Fannie Lou Hamer, Septima

Clark, Fred Hampton Jr., Carter G. Woodson or Thurgood Marshall? What do you really know about black history? Does Bezant attempt to step outside of her box or is she complacent in what she knows?

I take issue with Bezant's reference to various types of programs as simply "awareness programs." Placing all events into one category and simply calling them "awareness programs" is disrespectful. What programs has Holly attended? There are cultural programs, forums and lectures. These programs are not meant for us [blacks] or other groups to separate themselves. They are educational programs meant to educate us about our people, teach us about pride in our race, issues that relate to us, empower us, and to educate those who are willing to learn.

The struggle who simply described as "rough" continues for blacks today. The struggle Bezant attempted to describe of Native Americans and Hispanic Americans continues today. She wrote, "Speaking as a white American, it is somewhat difficult to understand every aspect of what different races went through." If you cannot understand it, do not criticize it!

Bezant continues, "Their accomplishments are forever acknowledged in the form of respect from others, friendships and in personal success." How did you

celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day? Do you think having a few black, Hispanic, Native American, Muslim, or Asian friends proves that you acknowledge their history?

Do you know what pride is? Do you know what nationalism is? Post-September 11, thousands of people were celebrating American culture by showing pride in their country. How is that right, but it is wrong for Asian Americans to show love for their culture? How is it wrong for me to show I love my people? In Milwaukee there are a series of festivals: Polish fest, Italian fest, Indian Summer, Afro-fest, German fest and other festivals. Pride is not about saying you are better than other cultures or peoples. It is about showing love and pride for your heritage.

The title of Bezant's editorial states "Equality is too sensitive an issue," but too sensitive an issue for whom? For those who need to question their own racist feelings? Too sensitive an issue for those who are scared to discuss issues of race?

There was an article written by Rudi Williams for the American Forces Press Services, titled, "Ethnic Observances Create Better Understanding." From Respect! This article explains the necessity of ethnic and gender observances. Another writer, William Lettwich, observes: "Ethnic and gender observanc-

No defense for racial preferences



Darren O'Connor

As promised, here is my bonus column countering some arguments attempting to defend racial preferences. Fellow columnist Karl Smith, in a clever attempt at irony, put forth a free market defense of preferences. Indeed, I would not suggest that private employers should only take certain, non-racial qualities into account when hiring. If they want to hire minorities that are not as qualified as whites who are applying, that is their right. However, to have goals and set-asides enshrined in law is antithetical to the ideals of equal opportunity and color-blindness. The facts of the reality we live in are that most employers today who use racial preferences do so out of fear of civil rights lawsuits, stemming from affirmative action laws spelling out goals and timetables, which have wiped out other companies.

Regarding the all too common argument that racial preferences are needed because diversity is essential to a good education, I disagree. A case can probably be made that diversity of ideas is beneficial to a well-rounded education. However, diversity of skin color is not, as some claim, the same as diversity of ideas. In my experience, there is greater diversity of ideas among age groups than among ethnic

groups. Should we then start favoring 50-year-olds over high school graduates? What about making sure that there are certain numbers of liberals, conservatives, libertarians, socialists and anarchists on campus? Maybe we should limit the number of Protestants admitted to N.C. State and start giving preference to Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and even Wiccans and Satanists (I don't often hear their ideas).

I think there's a bit more diversity of ideas among these groups than among different races. If this university were really interested in exposing students to many ideas, they would make more of an effort to hire conservatives and libertarians in the humanities and social sciences.

What about the argument that affirmative action is owed to blacks? Yes, the institution of slavery existed in America for over 200 years. Yes, there has been discrimination against blacks and other minorities since the abolition of slavery. The point is, though, that slavery was abolished, and it was white Americans and Europeans who led the abolition movement. Only a small portion of Americans ever owned slaves, and they are all long dead, as are the slaves. Hundreds of thousands of Americans died in the war that ended slavery here.

It took most other nations around the world much longer to end slavery, and the African nations who had been enslaving and selling their own people throughout history) strongly resisted abolition and were finally forced to accept it only through European pressure. So, how can it be that, in the

country that helped lead the way in wiping out an institution that had been accepted without question since the beginning of time, people who never owned slaves are asked to confer by law special privileges on people who were never slaves? Past discrimination cannot, from a moral, ethical or even practical standpoint, be remedied by legal reverse discrimination.

I have room to address one last defense of racial preferences that keeps coming up. Many people have been arguing that blacks (and other minorities) are disadvantaged when it comes to grades and test scores because they are poorer and have to devote time to working instead of studying. This is completely absurd. Not all blacks are poor and have to work all the time, and not all whites are wealthy enough to not have to work. Everyone has certain obligations that take time away from studying. What about someone who lives on a small family farm and devotes time to chores instead of studying? What about someone who has a sick parent and thus has reduced studying time? I personally worked long hours in high school that could have been spent studying. The color of your skin is not an indication of your economic hardship. No one is equal in the circumstances of their lives and that will always be the case. The promise of America is that, by law, each of us should have an equal opportunity to achieve success in life.

Send your comments and grievances to Darren O'Connor at djocorno@unity.ncsu.edu.

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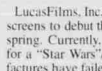
Wolfpack in the top 25



Hand pointing up

The team's 24th ranking in the AP poll Monday already makes this season better than last, in which we were never ranked. And with our ranking comes more bragging rights over UNC and the University of Southern California. Haha! It would suck to be number 25 ... or number nothing.

'Star Wars' debut problems



Hand pointing up

LucasFilms, Inc. hoped there would be 2,000 digital movie screens to debut the next high-tech "Star Wars" episode this spring. Currently they and our ranking comes more bragging rights over UNC and the University of Southern California. Haha! It would suck to be number 25 ... or number nothing.

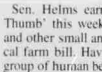
Figure skating scandal



Hand pointing up

The Olympic world is up in arms resulting from the controversial decision to award the Russians the gold in figure skating over the Canadians. Rumors of vote-selling run rampant as Olympic officials grut their teeth and Tanya Harding breathes a sigh of relief knowing that, finally, the figure skating world may forget her scandal in favor of a new one.

Jesse Helms



Hand pointing up

Sen. Helms earned yet another appearance in "Rule of Thumb" this week when he blocked the protection of rats and other small animals from experimentation under a critical farm bill. Having succeeded in offending almost every group of human beings, Helms feels it necessary to move on to varmints.

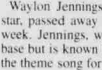
Garnett the philanthropist



Hand pointing up

Feeling their games needed a little pick-me-up, NBA All-Star and Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett agreed to buy drinks for the first 10,000 fans at the game Wednesday. The \$50,000 tab is pocket change to the multimillionaire Garnett, and besides, buying beer for thousands of people makes him "feel all warm and fuzzy inside."

Late outlaw



Hand pointing up

Waylon Jennings, long-time country music bad boy and star, passed away from diabetes-related complications this week. Jennings, with 16 No. 1 hits, has an incredible fan base but is known best to the public as "that guy who wrote the theme song for 'Dukes of Hazard.'"

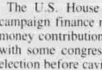
Kitty klone



Hand pointing up

Doctors at Texas A&M announced the first successful cloning of a cat this week. With this accomplishment, the cat joins the ranks of famous cloned animals like Dolly the Scottish sheep. Researchers are still theorizing about how the division of nine lives between two cats will pan out.

Campaign finance bill



Hand pointing up

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a landmark campaign finance reform bill that will drastically limit soft money contributions. The session lasted way into the night, with some congressmen hoping to filibuster until the next election before caving in after realizing they would be missing reruns of "The West Wing."

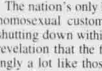
Boy band talent



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In addition to doing their own writing and producing, they also do their own clothing design. "NSYNC member Chris Kirkpatrick debated F.U.M. Skeet, his own line of clothing this week. Kirkpatrick described the fashion as kind of Cronch Day artsy/fruity-ish. "Well, actually a lot like the way we already dress, I guess," the "singer" said.

G&L Bank closing



Hand pointing up

The nation's only bank tailored specifically to the needs of homosexual customers announced Tuesday that it will be shutting down within 90 days. This decision comes after the revelation that the firm's needs of homosexuals are surprisingly a lot like those of heterosexuals. Huh, who would've known?

ing these three nations should have undoubtedly been introduced by extensive coalition building in the Far and Middle East. President George W. Bush made a mistake.

The right-wing war hawks that dominate the President's ear understand hardly anything about fighting, unlike the Bronx-bred and well-tested Secretary of State, Colin Powell. Powell, like all of us schooled in the art of combat, understands that you do not bluff if you are not ready to "throw down." America is not ready to throw down. Iraq is not Afghanistan, and neither are Iran or North Korea. This is why Powell has been on the phone assuaging our allies in Saudi Arabia, Turkey and elsewhere in the Middle and Far East that the U.S. is not prepared to act unilaterally, that we need an effective coalition to dismantle the "Axis of Evil."

The reason why we are not ready to act unilaterally is not because we lack the military might. Rather, our military is strong and capable. Instead of the U.S., like any great and mighty giant, needs help, let our strengths become our weakness.

We need Turkey's air bases to launch air strikes against Baghdad. We need new command on the ground in Turkey to prevent a Kurdish uprising along the Turkey-Iraq border that would further destabilize our efforts. We would need the resources, aid and possibly military bases of Saudi

Arabia. We would need to broker a peace deal in Israel that creates a Palestinian state or else we risk losing credibility among friendly Arab states.

Finally, in North Korea, all we need is a revitalization of the negotiations begun by former President Bill Clinton. Clinton had it all but finished a deal with North Korea to stop their production and development of nuclear and other dangerous weapons but because of the Camp David talks, he was unable to travel to North Korea to finish the negotiations as planned. All President Bush's team had to do was simply seal the deal. However, it seems much of Bush's team were too eager to assert the U.S. "tough guy" stance instead of pursuing peace. Furthermore, there is no way we can act unilaterally in that region without the assurances of both China and Russia, two nations that would not be pleased with short range artillery causing a major commotion over the 38th parallel.

We have taken the first step and called these nations out. Now, we must bare our knuckles and put up our stance but not before looking left, right and behind us to make sure somebody has our back. That is how you fight more than one person.

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es are needed as long as discrimination and bigotry exist and the contributions and achievements of women and minorities are overlooked and misrepresented. If the contributions and achievements of minorities aren't brought to the attention of the nation during the observance months, most people wouldn't know of them.

Basically, there will forever be a need for ethnic observances. Editorials written by Technician writer Darren O'Connor prove that need. Holly Bezan's opinion column proves that need.

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O'Connor fails to sustain a logical argument

Darren O'Connor continues to prove he cannot sustain a logical argument. At first, it appears that he questions the claims made on the NCSU Recycling Program web page, but he confuses scale and distribution and mischaracterizes the fundamental purpose of several environmental protections. In the case of energy savings, O'Connor presents only one fact — one that admittedly points in favor, not against, recycling. Absent the space to go in depth on all of these problems, I will focus on issues of scale and distribution.

Does recycling save resources? Of course it does. As recycling becomes commonplace, the process may benefit from the economy of greater scale, thereby becoming cheaper to perform, as well as reducing the cost of the recycled resource through greater abundance. O'Connor misses the point completely by suggesting that the low price of resources is relevant. Recycling is generally important, not because of resource shortage, but waste, abundance and sustainability.

Let's examine these three elements. First, waste. As finished products are not recycled, we are stuck with the waste. The cost of waste storage is not reflected in the price of products, because manufacturers do not bear the burden of disposal and storage. Those costs are borne collectively. How generous of us!

Second, abundance. Abundance does not mean that a resource is inexpensive. How much money have we collectively spent, and how many lives have we lost securing these resources? Oil is a prime example of such a resource. Our military protection of oil in the Middle East and South America collectivizes the cost of securing the resources to the benefit of oil companies. How expensive would oil be if not for our generosity? Worse, it is the abundance of resources that makes the market irrelevant. O'Connor should know that the free markets efficiently distribute scarce resources. Abundant resources, on the other hand are as free as the cost of extraction. Yes, if the cost of careful resource consumption internal to manufacturing is sufficiently low, a firm could thereby save money. However, recycling consumes communal consumption. The public has every right and responsibility to deplete our resources conservatively, rather than wastefully. This ties in directly to the third element, sustainability. The true cost of depletable

resources is hidden while the resource is still plentiful and available. During that time, inexpensive resources drive down prices, stimulating even greater output. The economy literally feeds off the resource and grows. The exponential GDP/GDP growth so admired overakes the sustainable rate of resource depletion, and resources become scarce. What then? As the prices of resources rise, so do those of finished products, depressing the economy. All the while, the "free market" is working to the extent it ever does, but uncontrolled growth is incompatible with sustainable economic development. Recycling is about our collective responsibility regarding the scale of our economy — whether resource input and refined output will be relatively large or small. The free market ideal persists regardless of that scale, and it's best not to confuse the two.

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A higher standard

Chris Hinkley's "Never insult teammates" (Feb. 11) article is well-written, however, I do disagree with a lot of it. There is no question as to my loyalty to this school, and I am a "diehard" fan. My roommate and I were at the Virginia game Wednesday night; his sign read "NIT No Illian in Team," and mine, which I still have, says "NC STATE MATL Herb - Evtimov." Another sign says "Herb - Evtimov - Another Loss." This sign was grabbed in a rush and torn up by a number of people. An ESA official confiscated my sign after much controversy. It seems someone high up at the university made a call to the head of the ESA to take my sign down immediately. This happened the night we upset Virginia for the second time.

The reason my roommate and I held up such signs is that we have a higher standard for this team. We want the best players on the court at all times. I feel that Iljan Evtimov has seen entirely too much playing time for the freshman that he is. I just don't see how people like Scooter Sherrill, Clifford Crawford or Marcus Melvin can stand watching him from the bench. Great players like these produce whenever they are in the game. For some unknown reason, Evtimov stays in the game no matter how bad he plays. I have been to a number of practices and have seen what goes on. Iljan tries as hard as anyone out there, and I am truly glad he is on the team. However, simply trying your hardest does not mean that you should be out there playing. Herb Sendek needs to realize the talent he has on his bench.

Iljan's field goal percentage is 33%, the worst on the team, and his countless turnovers merit him a seat on the bench. Recently against FSU, Evtimov played 6 minutes more than Scooter Sherrill's 24, but somehow managed to get outscored 16-9 by Scooter. Does he have a "bitch" Look at Maryland for example. The fans there will go as far as to blow a player off the court if they think he shouldn't be playing. What are they ranked again? They believe their team is the best in the land, and will do whatever is necessary to keep their status.

The fact is we have a great team this year, but I believe we could easily be a hell of a lot better. Fans: Don't be happy with the 24 ranking; it is a slap in the face

after what we have done. Let's bring back the glory days and remember our man over us: "Don't give up, don't ever give up."

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O'Connor "confused or misleading"

Darren O'Connor is either confused or misleading on the use of odds ratios. Using his numbers (apparently obtained through the Center for Equal Opportunity's NCSU data browser for acceptance odds of 550/5502.5 students) the odds ratio is a whopping 176. Clearly, this doesn't mean a black candidate's probability of being accepted is 176 times that of a white, does it? If one white student applies, and is accepted, but two hundred thousand blacks apply, and only one hundred thousand are accepted, the odds ratio is infinite. Does that mean that the odds of acceptance for blacks are zero? No statistical "significance" is actually given for these numbers, either. If O'Connor bothered to find out what odds ratios are, then perhaps he wouldn't have to qualify his interpretation of the study. Suggesting that "statistical significance" and "measurable" are the same is a disservice in itself. Apparently, O'Connor should have said "statistically significant," but just because he concedes this point, it fails to address the question of whether the numbers are actually statistically significant, or merely "measurable." Besides, a program of racial preferences that fails to provide a statistically significant correlation between race and acceptance is not much of a preference program, is it?

Need I even mention that the CEO data browser for NCSU lists the odds of a student scoring 400 on the SAT, and a 0.0 GPA has a 111% chance of acceptance to our fine school? Or that a white student scoring 600 on the SAT with a 1.0 GPA has a 799% chance of acceptance? It's not exactly clear where these numbers come from ("an independent contractor" prepared the formula, which, if published, is not readily accessible), but I'm pretty sure these numbers are not accurate.

The CEO's study of North Carolina higher education is fraught with it's own deceptions (such as unexplained switching between medians and means and citing p-scores without correlation data). Besides, the point of the study was to show that there exist preferences, something that is hardly in dispute. The debate ought to be why there should or should not be preferences, and to what extent they should be encouraged or discouraged. Odds ratios aren't necessarily the appropriate measure of the preferences, but citing big numbers without understanding what they mean hardly aids maturity to the debate.

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Unilateral action irresponsible

The U.S. stands alone against the newly defined "Axis of Evil" composed of the rogue nations Iran, Iraq and North Korea. Such a rash move as rhetorically isolat-

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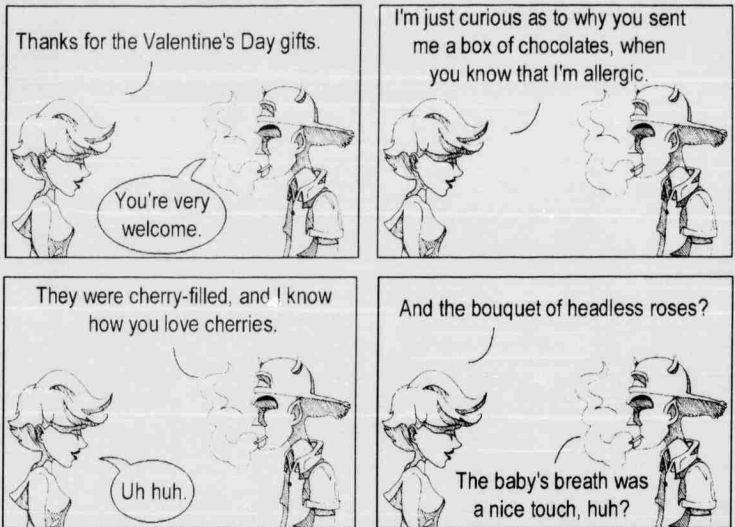
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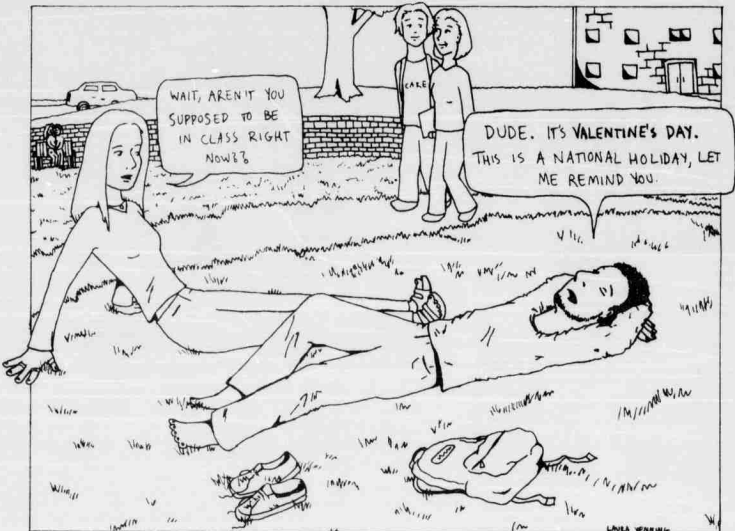


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—GROUCHO MARKS

Maxine and the samurai enemies in the wasteland of to read the mind of the evil as she practices her psychic
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Diaz joins football coaching staff

◆ N.C. State graduate assistant Manny Diaz has been promoted to a full-time position.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State head football coach Chuck Amato has hired Manny Diaz as a full-time coach for the Wolfpack staff.

Diaz, who spent the past two years as a defensive graduate assistant, will coach a position to be determined at a later date.

"Manny is a very talented young coach with a great deal of enthusiasm," said Amato. "He has been very loyal to me for last five years, both at N.C. State and at Florida State, and I know that he will be a great asset to this program. He has a bright future in the coaching field."

Diaz has spent the last two sea-

sons working with the Pack linebackers, running the offensive scout team in practice, assisting coaches with special-teams preparation, breaking down opponents' offensive game film, preparing scouting reports and overseeing computer scouting programs. He came to State after a three-year stint working in various capacities with the Florida State football program.

With the Pack, Diaz has also served as assistant camp director for the Chuck Amato football camps every summer. He also started the Wolfpack Leadership Council, a committee made up of State football players, to give them a voice on campus and to help develop their leadership skills.

Diaz's involvement with college football began as a volunteer in the recruiting office at

Florida State in 1997. He helped maintain a high school videotape library, assisted with database entry and helped with game-day recruiting operations. In 1998, Diaz was promoted to defensive cinematographer, and his duties included breaking down opponents' offensive game film, preparing scouting reports, overseeing computer scouting reports and also filming FSU's practices.

Before getting into coaching at FSU, Diaz worked for the ESPN production staff out of Bristol, Conn. He worked on professional football shows such as "NFL Countdown" and "NFL Primetime." He produced short features, logged game film and produced clips for on-air analysts.

trying to improve on is just focusing on the match on Saturday," said Olsen. "We feel like that is going to prepare us for the match on Sunday better.

That way we can narrow our focus and just think about spending these days now getting ready to play Coastal on Saturday."

Olsen, in his first year of coaching at State, isn't too worried about the play of the team last weekend. He felt that although the women didn't

dominate the competition, they did do a lot of the extra things that will lead them to victory in the future.

One thing Olsen is excited about is getting the team their first chance to feel comfortable on their home court.

"We've played a couple of matches away where the fans have made a difference," said Olsen. "Hopefully, they'll come home and receive some of the same treatment."

Stevenson, though, was pleased that his team was able to pick up its performance.

"Kelli is obviously one of our team leaders; there's no question about that," Stevenson said. "[But] she actually didn't have a very good meet last weekend. She missed floor, which is very unusual, and she missed beam. But the two events she did, she finished first in one and second in the other. We're getting such great performances right now out of Aimee Pantion and Marilyn Madey, Laura Jazab and Stephanie Southard. They were able to pick it up in those events that Kelli missed."

The Pack is also happy that, despite not competing at home yet, it is still ranked in the top 25. Usually a team does its best at home, where it has its own

equipment to compete on and its own fans to compete in front of. With that in mind, State believes that it's in really good shape as it approaches the meat of its schedule.

"We're expecting the same things we do every time out," Stevenson said. "We don't think about wins and losses; we think about doing our routines. If we do our routines, we feel like we can compete with any team in the country."

Several weeks ago, before the Pack traveled to Ohio, Stevenson said that the goal was to have his team ready for tonight when State feels its real season begins. And it will be tonight when the Pack finally gets its chance at home, against some of the best in the nation.

BASEBALL

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while combining for seven RBIs thus far.

The Pack's senior captain, Brian Wright, has continued to build on his success from a year ago. Although he didn't have a big game against Gardner-Webb, Wright is still batting .375 and has already accounted for a double, a homer and seven RBIs, making him a lethal weapon for State.

Nevertheless, the Pack will surely be tested to its limits, and it will need strong effort all around, especially on the defensive end in order to come away with four quality wins.

"We've still got to get better every day," said head coach Elliott Avent. "There are still a lot of things we have to work on, but we're improving. We

won't be able to afford as many mistakes this weekend, against three good teams, that we have had in the past two games."

Richmond's strength will be seen more at the plate than on the mound. Led by Vito Chiaravallotti and Bryan Pritz, the Spiders should provide a good test for State's defense. Chiaravallotti had a batting average of .328 last season and led Richmond with 17 home runs and 60 RBIs, while Pritz is coming off a stellar freshman year where he hit .349 and stole 22 bases.

James Madison won't be a pushover either. Double-heads take a pretty good toll on a team, not to mention when the opposing team was 36-23-1 last year and only lost by one run in the Colonial Athletic Association Championship game. Returning all of its starters except for two, the Ducks will look to first baseman

Eddie Kim to get its lineup going. Kim led JMU with a batting average of .397 and 50 RBIs.

Similar to what it saw against Gardner-Webb, the Pack again will more than likely face several different pitchers when it meets The Citadel. First on the mound for the Bulldogs will be sophomore Raymond Jenkins (2-1, 6.66 ERA last year) followed by All-America closer Randy Corn (8-3, 2.50 ERA last year), who will be waiting in the bullpen.

"The main thing I'm concerned about is that our pitchers are moving forward in conditioning and throwing strikes," said Bulldogs head coach Fred Jordan. "We hope they can throw strikes and that we can make the routine plays behind them and just compete well this weekend. That's the first thing we want to do."

TENNIS

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starts winning. The team then ran into trouble at Furman, falling 6-1. Sophomore Jassawalla was the only singles player to come out with a win.

Olsen thinks the team needs to change their outlook on playing two teams in two days on weekends.

"One of the things we've been

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Marilyn Madey and Cara Dougherty helped lead the Pack to an overall score of 194.6. State also scored more than a 194 the week before in capturing second place at the Governor's Cup.

What made last week's match even sweeter was the fact that the team won without clicking on all cylinders. Senior Kelli Brown, who has probably been State's best overall gymnast throughout the early season, didn't have the meet that she is accustomed to. Despite that, Brown was still Brown, and she still placed sixth in the all-around.

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"But [Olanrewaju] came in and picked it up inside, and then everybody else just followed along."

"The Pack got off to a quick start and appeared ready to run the Seminoles' ragged. Stockdale hit a 3-pointer from the wing to cap a 12-0 run that gave her team an early 18-7 advantage.

"It was a really tough game," said State head coach Kay Yow. "We started off strong, but then we got a little sluggish."

Despite a weak rebounding effort and 11 turnovers, State managed to hold the lead for the rest of the half. FSU's Genesis Choice kept the Seminoles close by scoring the last six points for her squad before the break.

The teams combined for only 12 fouls and eight free-throw attempts in a fluid first half.

A 3-pointer by Shinniki Whiting and a layup from

Choice cut State's lead to one as the second frame got underway.

Yow turned to her bench, inserting Olanrewaju and freshman Liz Bailey to give the Pack a boost. The pair combined for all of State's points in a 9-2 run that pushed the lead back to eight.

"They gave us a big lift with their aggressiveness and their hustle," Yow said. "Until they went into the game, we weren't getting our hands on any loose balls. Suddenly when they went it, that started to happen for us."

Morris answered with 12 consecutive points for the Seminoles as they again closed the gap. State's lead fluctuated never forgo enough of a run to pull ahead.

"They had beaten us at Florida State, and there was nothing within them that said they couldn't come in here and beat us," Yow said. "They were never going to give up; they were not going to give it to us."

State prevailed despite shooting only 26.5 percent from the floor in the second half. The

Pack held its own on the glass, however, pulling down 21 offensive boards to the Seminoles' 19 and committed only three turnovers.

Carisse Moody, a member of last year's All-ACC first team, played only eight minutes off the bench in Thursday's win. Moody missed three weeks earlier in the season with a sprained ankle, and the injury is apparently still hampering her on the court.

"We're a team that really needs to pick up the pace," Yow said. "When you have an injury and have to sit out for a period of time, you often lose your rhythm. Tonight we needed the quickness and explosiveness that [Olanrewaju] could give us."

The Pack will face a serious challenge in its next game against Duke. Despite fielding a roster of only eight players, the Blue Devils are a perfect 13-0 in the ACC and lead the conference by four games.

The State-Duke contest will tip at 7 p.m. Monday in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

wound up scoring in double figures. Duke's attack began inside, as the experienced and large-bodied Boozer had his way with whomever State put on him.

"Having a big guy like that, 6-9 and around 265-270, [makes him] such an easy target," said Williams. "Sometimes a lot of teams are worried about whether I'm going to shoot or not and that leaves Carlos open."

"It'd be tough to ask a seventh-year senior in some cases to guard Carlos Boozer," Sendek said. "He's a great player, and obviously the candidates that we have to guard him are exclusively freshmen."

Three Pack players reached double figures. Grundy and Ilian Evrimov led State with 16, and Melvin added three more to his initial nine points to finish with 12. Despite being plagued with tendinitis in his right foot, Grundy hit 8-of-11 shots from the field and played 25 minutes for the Pack.

"We've really been watching it this week," Grundy said of his foot. "At the Florida State

game, it was a lot worse than it was today. It's been getting better."

The turnaround is short for the injured Grundy and the Pack, who must regroup and prepare for Clemson on Saturday. The Tigers are coming off a double-overtime win over Wake Forest Wednesday night. Earlier this season, State narrowly escaped defeat at the hands of the Tigers as Josh Powell tipped in a Grundy miss in the closing seconds to give State a 90-89 win.

State will look to get back to establishing the defense that had stung the Pack as the stingiest team in the ACC, allowing only 64.1 points per game before the Duke debacle. The 108 points scored by the Devils were the most points ever allowed by a Sendek-coached Pack team.

"They have talent; there's no question about it," said Grundy regarding Clemson. "You have to be ready for them. I think it'll be easy for us to get up for them. We get up for everybody because this conference is so competitive that you can't lay back."

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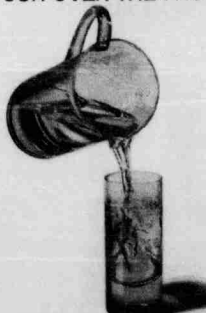
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W. Basketball @ Duke, 2/18, 7
Baseball @ The Citadel, 2/15
Gymnastics, Hearts Invt., 2/15, 7
W. Tennis vs. C. Carolina, 2/16, noon
Indoor Track, ACCs, 2/15-16



Rachel Stockdale (2) and the Wolfpack got back to .500 with a win over Florida State.

Olanrewaju steal seals win over Noles

◆ The women's basketball team used a balanced attack to beat Florida State Thursday night.

Jerry Moore
Assistant Sports Editor

Adeola Olanrewaju stole it and Nanna Rivers iced it, but they weren't looting and decorating any pastries.

Instead, the pair preserved N.C. State's narrow 64-60 win over Florida State in women's basketball action Thursday night in Reynolds Coliseum.

The Wolfpack (12-12, 6-7 ACC) controlled the game throughout, but the Seminoles (13-12, 4-10) chipped away at the lead until the final frantic moments.

Trailing 61-58, FSU guard April

Traylor sank a floater to cut the margin to one with 1:15 to play. After a State miss, the Seminoles got the ball back with a chance to take their first lead since three minutes into the game.

Tasheika Morris, who led all scorers with 16 points, received a pass at the top of the key and tried to lob it inside. Olanrewaju quickly stepped into the passing lane, intercepting the ball with 26 seconds remaining.

"I saw Morris pick it up to pass, and I just ran at it and brought it in," Olanrewaju said.

FSU chose not to foul immediately, hoping to wait and send one of State's shakier free-throw shooters to the line. Finally, with 11 seconds left, the Seminoles were forced to hack Rivers, who entered the game shooting 86.5 percent from the charity stripe.

The sophomore guard stepped up to the line and swished both shots. On the ensuing possession, FSU's Lauren Bradley was called for an offensive foul as she attempted to set a screen to get the Seminoles one last 3-point try.

Rachel Stockdale, who was one of three State players to reach double figures with 11 points, made one of the free throws as the Pack escaped with the win and got back to .500 on the season.

Olanrewaju also contributed 11 points on 5-of-7 shooting, and center Kaayla Chones led State with 13, though she only managed two in the second half. "They were clogging up the paint and making it hard for passes to get in to me in the second half," Chones said.

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	1	2	Final
Florida State	32	28	60
N.C. State	38	26	64

Statistical Leaders

Florida State			
Points	Morris		16
Rebounds	Whiting		8
Assists	Traylor		4
N.C. State			
Points	Chones		13
Rebounds	Chones		8
Assists	Rivers		9

Player of the Game

Adeola Olanrewaju added intensity off the bench. She scored 11 points, and her steal in the winning moments preserved the Pack's win.

Home is where 'Hearts' is

◆ The gymnastics team will finally have a home meet, as it hosts the Hearts Invitational tonight.

Andrew B. Carter
Senior Staff Writer

After nearly five weeks, N.C. State's gymnasts are finally coming home.

They've competed in the Bahamas and in Ohio, gone through College Park, Md., and Rhode Island. But now, finally, they will return to compete in their first home meet of the season when they host the Hearts Invitational tonight at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

For coach Mark Stevenson and his 24th-ranked team, the friendly confines of Reynolds will be a welcome change.

"I think they're really excited," Stevenson said of his team. "It's a lot of fun to be in front of people that are loud and cheer for you. But we've had good crowds travel with us, about 50 or 60 at each meet that have traveled to watch N.C. State, which has been good for us, but it's not the same as what we should have for tonight."

Stevenson said he hopes as many as four or five thousand will be in attendance for the Wolfpack's first home meet of the year. The Hearts Invitational, in addition to providing local fans with the opportunity to see State in action, will also showcase some of the top teams in the country. No. 5 Nebraska, the top team from the Big 12, and Auburn, a top-20 team, will join William and Mary in rounding out the four-team field.

"This is probably some of the best gymnastics that we've had at N.C. State, as far as visiting teams," said Stevenson. "For anybody that comes to this meet, the quality of it will be exceptional."

State is returning to competition after getting its second first-place finish of the year last week in the Rhode Island Invitational. Senior Aimee Pantion, freshman Andrea Petrocelli and juniors

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Aimee Pantion and the gymnastics team have their first home meet tonight.

N.C. STATE DUKE

Boozer, Duke blow past State

◆ Carlos Boozer scored a career-high 32 points Thursday in Duke's 108-71 win over N.C. State.

Steve Thompson
Assistant Sports Editor

DURHAM — Not much went right for the N.C. State men's basketball team Thursday night.

Playing on Duke's home floor, the

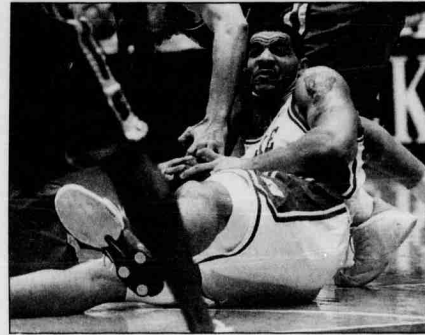
INSIDE No. 1 team in the nation manhandled the upstart Wolfpack, grabbing more rebounds, forcing more turnovers, generating more assists, hitting more free throws and, of course, scoring 37 more points.

Duke center Carlos Boozer put up a career-high 32 points on 13-of-14 shooting from the field, and the Blue Devils (23-1, 11-1 ACC) netted their highest scoring output of the season to hand the No. 24 Pack (18-7, 7-5) a 108-71 defeat. The 37-point win was the largest victory a team has had against State since 1998-99, when Maryland defeated the Pack 94-48.

"There are No. 1-ranked teams in sports and in given years, and then there are awesome No. 1-ranked teams, and tonight we witnessed an awesome basketball team on all cylinders," State head coach Herb



Julius Hodge (24) and the Pack couldn't hang with No. 1 Duke.



Carlos Boozer was all over the floor for Duke Thursday night, scoring a career-high 32 points in the Blue Devils' 108-71 win.

Sendek said. "I thought our guys did some exceptionally good things, especially in the first half, but were outmanned and outplayed tonight. Certainly in the second half, we had no ability to respond to Duke's dominance."

As in the teams' first meeting of the season in Raleigh, State hung with the Devils early. Marcus Melvin

	1	2	Final
N.C. State	39	32	71
Duke	49	59	108

Statistical Leaders

N.C. State			
Points	Grundy/Evtimov		16
Rebounds	Hodge		10
Assists	Miller		4

Duke			
Points	Boozer		32
Rebounds	Dunleavy		9
Assists	Three tied with		5

Player of the game

Carlos Boozer scored a career-high 32 points, totally controlling the interior for the Blue Devils. He missed only one shot all night.

scored the first nine points for the Pack, and State used an array of backcourt cuts to take an early 13-6 lead.

Duke stormed back with an Daniel Ewing 3-pointer starting an 11-2 run that saw Duke take a 17-15 lead with 11:46 remaining. State guard Scooter Sherrill responded with four quick points to put the Pack back up.

State held on to its tenuous lead until the eight-minute mark when a Boozer layup gave Duke a 26-25 lead. State would never lead again. "I think it's our ability to keep that level of intensity the whole game [that makes us a good team],"

Down five with less than a minute to go, State was unable to score, and Duke capitalized. The Devils scored the final five points of the half, including the last two on a buzzer-beating put-back by Boozer, to give Duke a 10-point cushion heading into the break — its largest lead up to that point. The worst was yet to come.

If Boozer's put-back to end the first half wasn't a sign of things to come, his dunk to begin the second half certainly set the message.

"Duke plays 40 minutes; their intensity is there all the time," State guard

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Pack readies for busy weekend

◆ The women's tennis team takes on nonconference foes Coastal Carolina and Charlotte this weekend.

Ryan Baucom
Staff Writer

The N.C. State women's tennis team will look for the homecourt edge this weekend as they take on two tough teams from the Carolinas.

The State women (2-2, 0-1 ACC) will first host Coastal Carolina (3-0) at noon on Saturday.

They then turn their focus to a match against the 49ers of Charlotte (2-1) at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Both matches will be played at the Wolfpack Tennis facility, the first time this season that State has played in Raleigh.

"I feel like we've been stepping forward with every match that we've played," said head coach Hans Olsen. "I've seen all the girls in winning and losing situations. We're working in the area of responding, when we're down or up in the score, and deciding on how the match is going to be played."

Seniors Katrina Gildemeister and Kristen Nicholls lead the way for the Pack as they carry the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots on the team, respectively. They combine to form a stellar doubles team that has only one loss in a tough match at North Carolina.

The rest of the team will remain at the same singles spots they played in the first four matches, but Olsen said he was planning on experimenting with the doubles partners. No. 3 singles player Lori Worsley will now be paired with freshman and fifth-seeded Danielle Stadelman. In the other doubles pairing, No. 4 Myra Bawono will now be teamed with Jennifer Jassawalla, who carries the No. 6 seed. The Wolfpack women started last weekend off successfully with a 6-1 win at Wofford with five of the six

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The women's tennis team plays its first home matches this weekend.

Baseball has tourney in Charleston

◆ The N.C. State baseball team heads to Charleston, S.C., for four games over the weekend.

Justin Sellers
Senior Staff Writer

With a successful offensive start to the 2002 season, the N.C. State baseball team is hopeful that its power, along with an improving defense, will yield it victorious this weekend in Charleston, S.C.

The Wolfpack (2-0) will head south for four games against three different opponents as it plays in the Charleston Crab House Challenge. State will first face The Citadel on Friday afternoon, then turn around and play a double-

header with Richmond and James Madison on Saturday and finally close out with the

WHAT: BASEBALL — Since the 2002 season began, the Pack has had little trouble lighting up the scoreboard. In only two games, State has welcomed contributions from up and down its lineup, as it has managed to outscore its opponents 40-13.

On Tuesday, the Pack found itself in a close game with Gardner-Webb by the

midway point of the fourth inning with the Bulldogs tying it up at 5-5. But that would be all the runs State would allow as its defense stepped up, making a pair of acrobatic catches in the outfield and shutting down the Bulldogs.

State didn't waste its defensive effort, as the Pack poured in the runs to take control of the game. Right fielder Matt Butler led the attack, going 4-for-6 on the day and finishing with a career-high five RBIs and five runs scored. State rolled to a 23-5 win.

Along with Butler, designated hitter Mike Prochaska and shortstop Chad Orvella have also proven to be pleasant surprises for head coach Elliott Avent. The two are currently tied for the team's best hitting percentage at .667.

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