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Students debate affirmative action

Members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and SAAC organized a forum on affirmative action last

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A community can, oftentimes, bond a group of different individuals together. However, the current affirmative action debates, which are present in many different circles, have caused separation within many of these communities — some as small as a classrroom.

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N.C. State's chapter of Kappa Alpha
Psi Fraternity, Inc., in conjunction with
the Society of African American
Culture (SAAC), organized a forum on
affirmative action Wednesday in the
Multipurpose Room of Witherspoon
Student Center, prompting a heated
debate on the subject.

The forum was organized primarily to
discuss recent Technician opinion
columns that addressed affirmative
action and to discuss other ongoing
controversies at NCSU.

In addition, the forum was held in an
effort to allow students to voice their
concerns and their own opinions and in
order to get feedback on what students

are thinking about the issue.

"When we talk about diversity, a lot of people bring up affirmative action," said Jolon Shields, member of Kappa Alpha Psi. "Does affirmative action contribute to diversity."

After showing a brief video that defined affirmative action gave real life examples of affirmative action and pros and cons on the issue, Shields fielded various questions like the aforementioned to the audience in order to spark conversation.

The forum participants — supporters and opponents of affirmative action — had varied opinions on the subject.
"I think affirmative action just makes a lot of people mad," said one student, who opposes affirmative action is being shoved down people's throats."
Similarly opposing affirmative action, another student said, "I believe that affirmative action is legal attempt at remedying a social problem." He added, "It's the government stepping in saying, "we are going to use laws to control you'cat who supports affirmative action said," I think that if affirmative action and, "I think that if affirmative action did not exist, then I wouldn't be at this university."

action due included at this university."

Echoing this student's support for affirmative action, another student said, "If it was a 'utopia,' everyone could be

happy. But the reality is that we do not live in a 'utopia.''

Affirmative action is a set of public policies and initiatives designed to help eliminate past and present discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

And according to the vision statement of NCSU's Office of Equal Opportunity, 'It is important for members of the N.C. State community to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and non-discrimination is based not only on legal requirements, but also on the belief that a University community that is representative of the larger community provides an excellent chance to teach and understand the value associated with diversity and equal opportunity.'

In addition the vision, ''N.C. state strives to be a university community where people of diverse backgrounds can productively study and work together.'

Originally, civil rights programs we enacted to help African Americans

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Originally, civil rights programs were enacted to help African Americans become full citizens of the United States.

States.

The 13th Amendment to the Constitution made slavery illegal; the 14th Amendment guarantees equal protection under the law; the 15th Amendment forbids racial discrimina-

tion in access to voting. And the 1866
Civil Rights Act guarantees every citizen "the same right to make and
enforce contracts... as is enjoyed by
white citizens..."
Following these amendments were
various Supreme Court decisions,
including Brown vs. Board of
Education, which emphasized everyone's right to equal opportunity.
Other equal protection laws passed
over the years to make discrimination
illegal have included the 1964 Civil
Rights Act that forbids racial discrimination in "public accommodations" and
race and sex discrimination in employment, respectively: the 1965 Voting
Rights Act, which was adopted after
Congress found "that racial discrimination in voting was an insidious and pervasive evil which had been perpetuated
in certain parts of the country through
unremitting and ingenious defiance of
the Constitution."
Each of these laws, acts and Supreme
Court decisions has had its own share
of debate and conversation.
And now the debates on affirmative
action ensue in all facets of society—
government, workplace and higher
education.
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After some discussion, the forum dis-cussion topics branched off into discus-sions on equal opportunity and racial profiling.

"The only way to have equal opportu-nity in education without affirmative action is to not ask for race on admis-sions applications," said one forum participant.

Technician Co-Editor in Chief Jimmy Ryals also addressed the audience's concerns with the opinion columns that recently appeared in Technician. He informed students that the opinion columnists' job is to write down their

informed students that the opinion columnists' job is to write down their own opinions. He also told the audience the difference between an "opinion column" and an "article."

After the forum was over, Brandon Buskey, Student Government's vice president for diversity, announced that he and his committee are currently in the process of organizing a diversity survey for NCSU.

According to Buskey, the goal will be to develop a "racial climate survey" periodically every one or two years.

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"We want to bring more attention to the issue of diversity," said Buskey.

The committee hopes to get an objective measure of the racial climate at NCSU.

Currently, the committee is going to different campus groups and organiza-tions to get students active in the

"We need people to go out and push for this," said Buskey.

Dorm rooms evoloved

Fairy-tale roommates Robyn Hale and Dee Jones of Owen 304 are just having a good time.

Editor's Note: Living in a dorm room is a very unique experience. But, do the dynamics of a certain room change as the roommates themselves change each year? For this four-part series, a fechnician reporter randomly chose a dorm room on N.C. State's campus— 304 Owen. The reporter will contact all of the people who have lived in 304

Find Your Place

Events being held by student organizations for the week of March 4-.7

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The Campus Arts Council
Arts Lunch at Tally (ALT)
NCSU Dance Co. will perform
Wednesday, March 6, 12:30 p.m Talley Student Center, Stewart Theatre Free event

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Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.
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Theatre. Extra seating offered in
Talley Ballroom

Department of English hosts
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Maxine Kumin will read from her
work and judge the poetry con-

test Thursday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. Caldwell Hall, room G-111

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Off-white painted cinderblocks, flimsy towel-holders made of chrome, prickly ceilings and drab tiling. All right, so maybe the physical appearance of a typical dorm room is nothing to write home about.

But have you ever rested on your bed and looked up at that prickly ceiling, wondering what life was like for previous inhabitants of your current 18-by-11-foot box?

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Freshmen Robyn Hale and Dee Jones
join 374 other students, all of whom
live in Owen Hall, constituting just a
fraction of the total 6,700 N.C. State
students who live on campus.
These well-mannered but lively roommates can be heard giggling all the way
down the hall. Like those who have
made room 304 their home, adoming it
with colorful collages and personalized
mementos.

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"We stay up half the night just laughing," said hale. "Neither one of us gets mad; we're just happy."

"We're a lot alike," added Jones.
One of the things the two shared when registering was uncertainty in their career choice. Both members of First Year College, Hale and Jones have since gained some idea of the interests they might pursue.

Jones wants to major in Communication and Public Relations and subsequently attend law school. Hale expressed a desire to study Psychology and teach elementary school. The latter requires her to take classes at nearby Meredith College, because NCSU does not currently offer elementary education.

because NCSU does not currently offer elementary education. Both have 8 a.m. classes each between However, Jones said that she is "getting used to it."

"A lot of times one of our alarms doesn't go off and the other person's wakes us up," said Halle. Jones explained that she is always busy during the day. "I don't find myself having a lot of free time because

there's always something I can do," she said.

The girls appear to have trouble keeping track of their keys now and then. While Hale has left them in the door, lones frequently misplaces them.

"I once locked myself in the room," and Hale, laughing, "I had to get someone to come let me out."

On the back of the door, lones keeps a note to her roommate letting her know when to leave the door unlocked may that she can't find her keys.

But while something as commonplace as misplacing keys happens every year, tragedies that shape the lives of a genation are quite rane. Hale and Jones remember the morning they heard the news about the Roy. If a tatked, with the said Hale, "A girl across the hall came and told us."

"She ran in here and turned on the

and told us."
"She ran in here and turned on the TV." continued Jones, who said that the whole experience "made us come a little bit closer together. Everything could be fine one minute and the next minute it could be a tragedy."
Although they went to class, the girls attended the vigil on Tucker Beach later that night.

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"There were a bunch of people upset when I came back from class," said Hale. "It's something that I'll always remember."

Jones, from Clinton, N.C., and Hale, a native of Raleigh, agreed that they are lucky to have each other.

"That was the searnest thing coming to college," said Hale regarding the anticipation surrounding roommates. "I feel really lucky."

Jones returned the compliment. "Robyn is really seed," she said.
"I'm really messy and she's really clean," said Hale. When asked to reveal the secret of their chemistry, she added, "We both agreed if anything bothers us, we'd talk about it."

On the weekends, the girls' activities vary.

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"I switch around what I do," said Hale.
"My boyfriend goes to Carolina, so I'm usually hanging out with him," said Jones.

They are very level-headed when dis-



Roommates of 304 Owen Hall, Robyn Hale and Dee Jones, always try to keep their door decorated. During the fall semester they won a Halloween door design competition.

Halloween door design competition cussing their friendship. Hale explained, "We're really close but we each have our group of friends," "You're constantly meeting a new person every day," said Jones, describing the difference between her small town and NCSU. "I just talk, I'm really talk-arise."

ative."
Even though Hale is from Raleigh, she considers herself independent. "I don't feel like I'm close to home here." she said. However, that doesn't stop her from going home occasionally to do laundry.
As for next year, Jones is rooming at North Hall and Hale at Turlington. Both agreed that they will look back on this

year's experience fondly.

"I love Owen," said Jones. "There's always something going on, some-body's always playing music or talking in the hall." She also emphasized the convenient location. "It's on central campus and near everything."

"I wish I could stay here again next year." added Hale.

However, the roommates did single out a few pet peeves about the dorm. Both expressed dissattsfaction with the bathrooms and the three flights of stairs to the top floor.

"I'm out of breath by the time I get to my room," said Jones, laughing.

Technology challenges copyright law

The U.S. Supreme Court recently announced it would hear the case of Eldred v. Ashcroft, a dispute against the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act of 1998.

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - While the framers of the Constitution's main purpose regarding copyright law was to "promote the progress of science and the useful arx;" they could not have envisioned the legal repercussions that a technology, such as the Internet, would bring.

On Feb. 19, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would hear the case of Eldred v. Ashcroft, a dispute against the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act of 1998, within the year.

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Challengers of the latest copyright extension claim the law is unconstitutional on the grounds that current copyrights, which grant inventors the rights to their work 70 years after their death, do not comply with the phrase "for a limited time," found in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

The Bush administration however.

The Bush administration, however, said Congress promotes progress by allowing inventors the rights to their material, and also defended Congress'

1998 decision to apply the 20-year extension to current as well as future copyrighted material. But Internet libraries, as well as other libraries, are hurt due to literature being withheld from the public sector as a result of the extension, said Brewster Kahle, director of the Internet Archive, one of the groups challenging the current law.

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University of Wisconsin-Madison law professor John Kidwell, who specializes in copyright law, said one the main reasons copyright laws have increased is those who are affected most by the rules have been successful at lobbying Congress.

Laudati said violations of copyright laws are not uncommon when dealing with sheet music, course tapes, streaming sound bytes on computers and arrangements for performances.

But the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which previously heard the Eldred case, said the challengers "lack any cognizable First Amendment right to exploit the copyrighted works of others."

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Kidwell said he agreed with the legality of the situation

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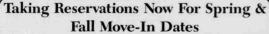
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'Shadow government' a scary necessity

IN TIMES OF CRISIS, THE UNITED STATES WILL NEED THE NEW "SHADOW GOVERNMENT."

Until recently, the thought of a rival of any dilapidated Cold War-era gov-remment policy would have made Americans cringe. Then again, U.S. citizens couldn't have imagined what happened on Sept. II and how it would make the U.S. government's "shadow government" scarily necessary.

"shadow government" scarily necessary:
Last week, the Washington Post broke a story about the shadow government that has been operating in the United States since just hours after the first terrorist attack on Sept. 11. The "shadow government" plan was developed during the presidency of Dwight. D. Eisenhower but is just now being implemented. This new government provision, aimed at keeping the country functioning and communicating in times of nuclear or other serious attack, is part of the classified "Continuity of Operations Plan,"

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It is a bit disturbing that it took months for the public to find out about this body's existence.
Obviously, disclosing too many details would contradict the shadow government's purpose, but, in addition to its name, the existence of such a plan can be scary to the public in this time of tight governmental control over information. Nevertheless, we trust and believe that such a program like the shadow government is necessary in post-Sept. 11 America. Members of the shadow

government are selected from a broad range of existing government offi-cials: one from every Cabinet depart-ment and some independent agencies. They live and work underground 24 hours a day for approximately 90-day intervals.

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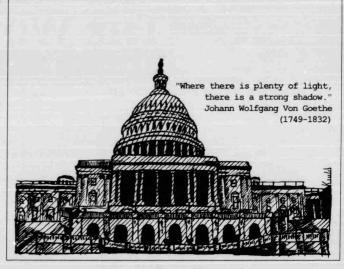
One government official told the Post that the size of the shadow government varies from 70 to 150 people depending on the level of expected threat. The idea is that this government would be able to maintain control over the nation's food and water supplies, transportation links, energy and telecommunications networks, public health and civil order.

It is important to note, however, that President Bush has indicated that the shadow government will only be used for operations in times of crisis and will not supplant the regular government unless it is absolutely necessary. This is somewhat of a reassurance, though with each new regulation, law or secret intelligence agency, we move more toward an Orwellian society.

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The government was smart to organize this shadow government. They must treat it and all other covert oper-ations, however, with the utmost respect for justice. If the United States can conceal even just the exis-tence of this government from the public for months, just imagine what else they can do and are doing right now.



Fast for food



If you are reading this early in the morning, walking to that 8 a.m. chemistry lab, you probably just had breakfast. Nothing dramatic—a howl of cereal, maybe a piece of fruit. Perhaps you prefer your daily dose of Technician in the affection of the property of Technician in the affection of the property of Technician in the affection of the property of Technician in the affection of Technician in the affection of the proper comes late at night. You sit down to watch "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and read the opinion page during the commercials, sipping on a soda and eating some crackers.

Regardless of when you read, you probably eat a few times a day. Why shouldn't you? You have food, you might as well eat it. Meals aren't anything special — in fact, people seem to complain about food on campus, whether they are unhappy with the selection at the dining hall or the price at the C-Store, food isn't something that dominates conversation.

This week, however, you will think about food, because this week, there is a food drive in the Brickyard. On Tuesday, when you stop by Harrelson to take that calculus midderm, you will think about food. Wednesday, when you are walking through the Free Expression Tunnel, you will think

about food. Thursday aftermoon, when you go to the library to brave the stacks, you will think about food Whether you like it or not, you are going to think about food this week. You are going to think about food because every day, 800 million people have to think about not having food. The United Nations reports that 24,000 people die each day of hunger-related causes. According to the World Food Project, 11,000 children die each day — that is one child every eight seconds. Hunger exists in 4,2 million households. From 1996-1998, 0-43 percent of American households suffered from hunger. In contrast, over that same time period, 2.6 percent of North hunger.

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Why don't we just grow more food, you might ask, Quantity isn't the issue; the problem is in its distribution. The Department of Agriculture reported that 27 percent of food gets thrown out each year in this country. That translates into over 300 pounds of food per person, sitting in a landfill.

That is where the Food Bank comes in. It serves 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. When you bring a can into the Brickyard this week, they will take it and distribute it to one of hundreds of organizations in their area. When you donate, you are helping the youth; 47 percent of their distribution is to children aged 18 and younger. When you donate, you are helping the olderly; 17 percent goes to those 65 and older. When you donate, you are helping the homeless; 25 per-

cent of the distribution goes to those without a home. The word is donate. When you give the Food Bank one dollar (one tax-deductable dollar, I might add) they will be able to buy \$10 worth of groceries.

This campaign is symbolic of how hunger must be fought — together. The organizers of this food drive come from the Chaplain's Cooperative Ministry, an interfaith group here at N.C. State. Jews, Muslims and Christians standing side by side, united to fight hunger. Some of your fellow students, including yours truly, will be fasting during their volunteering time. For 24 hours, from Wednesday to Thursday night, I will eat nothing and drink only water. The organizers can only do so much. Now that you know, it is your turn. That can of creamed corn that you got at the start of the year, just to prove to your family that you would be eating your vegetables while at college? If you aren't going to eat it, (and my guess is you haven't) bring it to the Brickyard. While you are shopping toget supplies for spring break, grab some extra cans of soup.

Since its founding in 1980, the Food Bank has had to move out of its warehouse due to increases in food donation. Let's make them move again.

Media misrepresent foreigners' views

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Collegian AMHERST. Mass.
One of the top news stories on CNN.com Thursday read. "Poll:
Muslims Call U.S. Ruthless, Arrogant." The story detailed how a follup poll of residents in numerous Muslim countries showed that a majority of them found the United States to be vengeful, shortsighted and materialistic. The percentage of the respondents that found America's attacks on the Taliban to be unjustifiable was greater than the percentage that found the Sept. 11 attacks to be unjustifiable.

that found the Sept. II attacks to be unjustifiable.

These statistics are certainly enough to give pause. But the most shocking factoid lay buried in the middle of the article. Sixty-one percent of Muslims, according to the survey, refused to believe that Arabs were responsible for the World Trade Center attacks. The group most commonly cited as being truly at fault? Israelis.

Many Americans heard of the vicious rumors circulated after the attacks that Jews were somehow responsible for them. A commonly circulated e-mail claimed that the four thousand Jewish employees who worked in the World Trade Center failed to show up to work on Sept. II, presumably because the "real" perpentators had warmed them. Most Westerners rightly shrueged off these rumors as implausible. (One is tempetot as who whese employees caught wind of the rumors without anyone else hearing them, or why the Jews would be interested in bombing American buildings.) However, the theory seems to have caught on in a number of Islamic nations.

It should come as no surprise that the survey's respondents would be opposed to the bombing of Afghanistan if they don't see Osama bin Laden (or any other Arabs, for that matter) as being responsible for the attacks of Sept. II. It should also come as no surprise that some of the regimes of these Islamic nations are eager to cast blame on Jews and on the nation of Israel, rather than on the actual culprits.

Anti-Semitism figures prominently into another of the major news stories of the day, as well. The videotape of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl's death shows that shortly before Pearl's murder, he was forced to make statements such as, "My father is Jewish. My mother is Jewish. I am a Jew," and to describe family trips to Israel. It should come as no surprise that the

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The fact that Pearl was Jewish was rarely mentioned in early reports of his kidnapping, but it has proven to be one of the kidnappers' crucial motivations. Originally, they claimed that Pearl was an agent of an Israeli intelligence group.

If we have learned anything, it is that the anti-Semiltism of extremist Islamic groups cannot be underestimated. While we concentrate on the terrorists' hatred of Americans, it appears that their hatred of Jews may trump any other prejudices they have.

In the United States, it is easy to forget about the anti-Semitism that exists in many other parts of the world. But as the case of Daniel Pearl proves, we cannot afford to forget it. Important news about anti-Semitism, wherever in the world it may exist, should not be buried in the middle of an article.

What kind of alum will I be?



One sign of the strength of a uni-versity is the sup-port of its alumni. Strong alumni are the ones who come to football and basketball

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Intervention of the balance of the strong group of alumni we have representing N.C. State: Torry Holt, arguably the best wide receiver in the NFL: Hugh Shelton, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Tom Gugliotta, the very rich NBA player. These are just a few famous ones, there are about 100 others who have achieved just as much in various other fields.

Universities count on these alumni to help support the school in their yearly financial burdens, and they tell alumni that their gifts are what keep the school great. The question I have, I guess for myself, is whether I will give this school a dime after I graduate. Don't get me wrong. I enjoy the experience I am having and appreciate the education, but I am not sure the experience I am having and appreciate the education, but I am not sure the experience I am having and appreciate the education, but I am not sure the school necessarily appreciates me the same way. When I graduate, they will want me to join the Alumni Association and give money each year, but I wonder, will they take my suggestions and work on them as much now while I am a poor 20 year-old?

My tenure here has been that of the tradition killed. The university got rid of the Delta Sigma Phi Lawn Party, though I didn't know what it was all

about. They helped kill the annual Brent Road Party, and, to make it even better, they sent a letter to my mother letting her know that college students can't make their own common-sense decisions. The next tradition to go was campout; though it was spoiled by irresponsible students who resorted to vandalism, the university failed to take a clear stance admitting that they also weren't prepared.

Another little-known tradition that was killed was the apparent fairness with which the transportation system ran. Since my freshman year, it has been crazy trying to park, let alone get a permit. The price of permits rises each year, the tickets will soon be \$100 for simple violations, and instead of boots, they might as well just blow your car up.

Traditions are a large part of the experience we reflect upon when we leave school. They are what we tell our kids about when we get older and what we talk to potential applicants about. It is very important that the university thinks about the way it is treating our "traditions" and us. I am not saying they should allow things that are hamful or destructive, but they should respect and recognize ways to meet us halfway on certain issues.

Today, the single biggest reason many current students aren't going to give is one thing: the tuition increases every freaking year. We feel like we are being hung out to dry for things we won't ever see. They take my money to pay for renovations that will happen in two years. They take my money to pay for these old classrooms many of us never will see renovated. We marched on behalf of our professors' jobs, fought for our chancellor's initiatives and

fought for our financial well being. The very next semester, these same people come at us with more tuition increases. I am an intern with Bank of America in the mutual fund division of Capital Management, Inc. When the mutual funds we manage dip below our peers' funds, I print out the status of our fund in the form of a current prospectus sheet, along with the way the tund is run and the recent buys and sells. This should be the same with the university. If you are going to ask me every year to pay more money and receive less and less in dividends, then I want some financial answers.

You sent my parents a letter saying that I was going to get drunk at Brent Road — send my parents a financial areport for why the university can't budget itself. Hell, send them one for the entire UNC System, and then you can ask me to pay more. I sure as hell know the powers that be treat this as a business; if its time we did as well. Treat me fairly now, and when I graduate, I will do the same.

I love this school and the experiences I have had here. But when I break it down, all these experiences are a result of the people I have met, not the school itself. I am not trying to bring down, only lift up, this university through criticism. The university has had a turnal-tuous month and currently has the opportunity to show its student interest like never before. Take the time to appreciate our experiences and try asking us what we think. Make us a priority, and you will see the reciprocal benefits in years to come.

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Sports

BASEBALL

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we had a lead, and we kept tacking it on:"
Junior Jeremy Dutton went 4for-5 at the plate with a double,
two runs scored and five RBIs.
Sophomore David Hicks, who
has hit safely in all 14 of the
Pack's games and is batting 508
for the season, was 3-for-5 and
drove in two runs. Sophomore
Junior Derek McKee (2-1)
overcame a shaky start to pick up
the win. McKee threw six

innings, yielding seven runs on eight hits while walking two and striking out seven. McKee seemed off to an easy start, retiring the first two batters he faced, but he quickly got himself into trouble. The Patriots loaded the bases and scored their first run on a single, two walks and a hit batter. Designated hitter Robbie Robertson forced a full count on McKee before droping a bases-clearing double into center field to put George Mason ahead 4-0.

nead 40.
"[McKee] is one of our better itchers," Dutton said. "We new he'd settle down and hold nem to the six runs."

Trailing 6-0 in the bottom of the second, State got some help

from the Patriots. The first two batters of the inning reached on errors by shortstop Jeff Palumbo, and the Pack took full advantage. The next three hitters singled, and Dutton lifted a sacrifice fly into center field to cut the gap to 6-4.

6-4.

With runners on first and third
and still only one out, left fielder
Brian Wright lined a pitch off
first baseman Nick Shimer for an
infield hit and an RBI. David
Hicks followed with a double to
center field, plating Chad
Orvella from second base. Hicks
was thrown out after going too
far around second, but Wright
scored from third while the
Patriots were occupied with
Hicks.

DEACS

point halftime lead. Wake saw its advantage evaporate in the second half. Led by freshman Julius Hodge and senior Anthony Grundy. State tied the game three times in the second half only to see the Deacs respond with points of their own.

All told, the Pack sent 11 bat-ters to the plate in the second, scoring seven runs to go up 7-6. "There was nothing said." Dutton said of State's early deficit. "Nobody was panicking. We knew we were going to get the job done; it was just a matter of getting in the box and getting their hits. We were really confi-dent."

State wasted little time cush-oning the lead in the bottom of ioning the lead in the bottom of the third, batting around for the second inning in a row. After the first two batters reached on base hits, Dutton singled to extend the margin to 8-6 and chase George Mason starter Chris Murray (1-2) from the game. The next three batters reached

rebound with his right hand.

The Pack wouldn't recover.

"The rebound was on the rim for about 10 years," Hodge said." It just kept on bouncing on the rim, and I lost sight of him, and he got the dunk."

In the first half, Wake blazed out to an II-2 lead in the initial two minutes. Scott scored Wake's first five points, including a three-point play off an offensive rebound, which would prove to be a recurring theme throughout the contest.

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State countered with a 10-0 run to take the lead at 12-11, but Wake responded with a 7-0 run of its own. The game was tightly played until the 5:13 mark of the first half, when Wake pulled away from the Pack with a 9-0 run to increase its lead to 13.

Marcus Melvin, who finished with 18, was State's top score in the half, leading the team with 11 points and shooting a perfect 3-of-3 from 3-point range. He kept the Pack in the game even with Wake's ability to slow down penetration by Grundy with sevenior Archie Miller.

Grundy, who keyed the sec-

for senior Archie Miller.
Grundy, who keyed the second-half rally and finished with 16 points, only shot 2-of-7 from the field and scored just six points in the first half, due to the

defensive play of Howard, who was able to use his long arms and height to disturb Grundy's

against reliever Stacen Gant without hitting the ball out of the infield, pushing two more runs across. Designated hitter Tim Coffield added a sacrifice fly to make the score 11-6 and effectively put the game out of reach. "All during the week, they stay in the batting cage a lot and learn how to perfect the pitches they drive well and know when they get it to take a cut at it." Avent said of his team, which entered the game hitting. 401 for the season." Hink their plate discipline and their work ethic right now has been very, very good."

State took both games of a doubleheader from George Mason on Friday, winning the first 9-0 and the second 8-3.

and height to usuary supportation.
"It played him for the drive firms and "My teammates had my back, and we did a good job on him."
Miller was also hounded on the offensive end, as he never found his usually accurate 3-vaint shot.

the offensive end, as he never found his usually accurate 3-point shot.

"We had some things go backward on our end, and they did some good things." Miller said. The game was tense much of the way, and tempers flared when State center Jordan Collins and Songalia exchanged elbows after a dead ball midway through the first half. Both players were called for technical fouls, and Collins was also charged with a personal foul. The Collins foul proved costly for the Pack, as Songalia dominated State's big men later in the game, drawing fouls and sending players to the bench with foul trouble.

With Songalia sitting out most the first half due to foul trouble, Wake senior guard Broderick Hicks stepped forward, scoring 11 of his 15 points in the first half.

Unlike its previous loss at Georgia Tech, Wake was able to

In the opener, freshman Michael Rogers (2-1) tossed a four-hit shutout, his second in as many starts. Rogers struck out a career-high 11 while walking just two. Orvella was 4-fors-5 with three runs scored, while Gaetti went 2-for-4 and drove in four

The Pack scored four runs in the second inning of the nightcap on its way to another win. Junior Daniel Caldwell went the distance, giving up three runs on 10 hits. Gaetti and sophomore Colt Morton each homered for State.

State returns to action Tuesday at Doak against William and Mary. The first pitch will be thrown at 3 p.m.

dominate the boards and capital-ize on several second-chance points. For the game, State was out-rebounded 48-28, including 17-8 on the offensive end.

17-8 on the offensive end.

"When you play against an aggressive defense, you can't back down," Songalia said. "We put a lot of effort in rebounding during practice."

Deacs coach Skip Prosser said afterward that his team practiced hard after struggling in its rebounding efforts at Tech.

"We were humiliated on the

"We were humiliated on the backboard against Georgia Tech." Prosser said. "We had an extremely combative practice, and hopefully, that was mani-fested in the rebounding totals."

fested in the teronization of the Songalia's presence, however, proved to be the biggest problem for Sendek's team. Songalia was either passing out of the double team for open shots on the perimeter or he was taking the defender to the rim, causing extreme foul trouble for State's his mon.

Melvin, Collins and Ilian extimov all fouled out as a Evtimov all fouled out as a result of, at one time or another, attempting to guard Wake's big

Anthony Grundy (2) only managed 16 points in N.C. State's loss at Wake Forest Saturday. The Wolfpack will open ACC Tournament play Friday at 2:30 p.m. against Virginia.

WOMEN

and its lowest half of output for the season, yet the Pack was still unable to pick up a victory.

Still unable to pick up a victory.

State contained the backcourt
duo of Coretta Brown and
Nikki Teasley, limiting them to
a combined 21 points. Brown
and Teasley, both first-team
All-ACC selections, scored 23
each in the teams' most recent
matchup, an 80-71 Carolina
road victory.

For all the things the Pack did well on the defensive end, it was a multitude of turnovers and a long offensive drought that ultimately spelled defeat.

An Amy Simpson 3-pointer with 15:41 remaining in the game pushed State's lead to 12 points going into the first tele-vision timeout. Simpson's bucket would be the last State score for more than six min-

GYMNASTICS

because of the mental toughness and the focus that this group of kids has to be successful. State picked up its highest scores of the year on bars and floor. The Pack fell 25 points shy of a season best on vault, but Stevenson said vault, which has traditionally been the team's weakest event, "looked as good [Friday] as I've seen it in three years."

years."
"I'm really happy with how
we're progressing as far as bigger vaults and better landings
and better look in the air,"
Stevenson said.

utes. During that span, the Heels took control of the contest with a 17-0 run keyed by freshman Nikita Bell and the all-around play of Teasley, who came alive with 10 points and six assists in the second 20 minutes.

inutes. "During halftime we knew we out," said Candace Sutton, who scored 12 points and had eight rebounds for Carolina, "In the second half we just had patience, and we ran our offense."

By the time State center Kaayla Chones ended the drought by converting a three-point play with just more than nine migrators.

drough by convening a ma-point play with just more than nine minutes remaining. Carolina had a lead it would not relinquish. State would creep to within two on a pair of free throws by Carisse Moody, but Teasley quickly responded by cor-ralling a loose ball and finding a wide-open Brown at the top of key. The junior quickly

meet that its beam routines looked good, and State would have received high marks for those gymnasts had they been able to maintain their balance.

able to maintain their balance.
"We were really aggressive,
and it showed in our scores
even though we fell." Brown
said. "We need to go back and
try to figure out a way to get the
jitters out, which is about what
they amounted to. People got a
little nervous at the wrong time.
I think we just need to go back
and do exactly what we've been
doing."

Aside from Brown, four State.

doing."

Aside from Brown, four State gynnasts finished with scores of 9.9 or better and appeared on the awards podium. Senior Aimee Panton and junior Aimee Panton and junior Aimee Panton in McCalla for second on bars with a 9.9 Senior Laura Jazab took second on beam with a career-high 9.9. And freshman Cori Goldstein finished in a three-way lie for second on floor with a 9.925, also a career high.

The Pack will be at home for

half only to see the Deacs respond with points of their own.

"We cut into the lead, but towards the end, we just couldn't stop them," said Hodge. "They kept scoring baskets, and we weren to."

The Deacs were doing more than just making baskets in the second half. They were scoring on dunks off offensive rebounds and beating the smaller, less physical Pack to the glass seemingly every time.

Midway through the half, with the Pack desperately attempting to the the game, the Deacs' Antwan Scott wice put Wake back in command with thundersous jams. With Wake up five with a little more than three minutes to play, Songaila put up a shot that missed and then seemed to freeze in midair. Josh Howard leapt up, glided to the hoop and smoothly dunked the drained her only 3-noniter of

Howard reaps up, gross and hoop and smoothly dunked the drained her only 3-pointer of the day then let out a scream followed by an adamant fist pump, perhaps knowing how big that shot ruly was. "I want a ring," said Brown. "Why put it off another year?" Saturday's quarterfinal game between State and Clemson pitted two teams that had squared off less than five days ago at Reynolds Coliseum. The outcome, however, would be exactly 20 points different from that contest, as the Pack was able to shake off Monday's 11-point loss to the Tigers and open the tournament with a 61-52 victory. State started the tilt by repeat-edly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to Chones, who scored nine first-adly feeding the ball inside to the part of the first and the part of the first and the ball the first and the ball the first and the ball the ball the first and the first and the ball the ball the ball the first and the ball the first and

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The second half, which had spelled disaster for the Pack in Monday's game, began favorably for State when the Tigers missed three consecutive layups, and the Pack got back-to-back 3-pointers from Rachel Stockdale and Simpson to open up a 12-point cushion.

up a 12-point cusmon.

As the Tigers chipped away at the Pack's lead, which reached 15 points at one time, State was able to clamp down on Floyd, holding the junior scoreless for the final 8:12.

Despite not making a field goal for the final 7:49 of the game, State was able to hold on for the victory by going 8-for-8 from the foul line over the last 2:19.

The Pack is still eligible for the postseason WNIT and will await its fate to see whether or not it is selected for the 32-team field.

Kendra Bell and sophomore Nanna Rivers have been State's primary ballhandlers. Sunday, no State player was immune from the turnover bug. Forward Amy Simpson gave it away seven times, guard Amelia Labador had five turnovers and Stockdale and Rivers fumbled it four times anicce.

apiece.

The turnovers started immediately after the game's opening whistle. The Pack committed four turnovers in its first five possessions of the game.

UNC, aided by State miscues,

went on a 17-9 time learly in the second half to grab a lead it would not surrender. While alternately employing a trapping defense on the interior and a full-court press, the Heels got steals and layups at will.

Once State relinquished the ead, it couldn't pull even, lead, it couldn't pull even, mainly because it couldn't hold onto the ball. Trailing by four midway through the second half, the Pack went through another stretch with three straight mishane. straight mishaps.

UNC never held a double digit lead, but State's offensive woes prevented it from pulling even down the stretch.

SWIM

Pessagno (17th, 15:54-40) also took part in the event. Kevin Barkley led the way for State in the 2000 backstroke with a time of 1:51.85, placing 17th overall. Cristian Rojas finished 17th (1:52.00) for the Pack. Ben Humphrey took 18th in the 100 free with a time of 46:52. Jorge Gutterrez took 24th in a time of 47.86, and Justin Smith finished 26th in 48.85. In the final event of the competition, the team of Rojas, Haley, Chris Swank and Andy Seitz finished seventh in the 400 free relay in 3:03.76. State started the event

400 free relay in 3:03-76. State started the event Thursday on a positive note when the 200 free relay team of Swank, Seitz, Rojas and Kevin Devine finished fourth in a time of 1:22.36.

of 1:22.36.

In the next event, Deal made the finals in the 500 free, taking seventh with a mark of 4:28.11.

Chris Nixon also swam for the Pack, finishing 16th (4:35.07), followed by Pessagno (17th, 4:29.61) and Kesler (24th, 4:36.40).

Haley led the charge for State in the 200 individual medley, taking 12th in a time of 1:50.77. Rojas took 16th in the event

"Songaila was playing big for them," Hodge said. "But we did-n't capitalize when he was out."

(1:54.04), followed by (19th, 1:52.98), Hill 1:54.75) and Akman 1:54.91).

1:54.75) and Akman (29th. 1:54.91).
Swank was the highest State finisher in the 50 free, finishing 14th with a time of 20.91.
In the sixth event of the day, Bench finished 12th in the 1-meter diving (242.85), followed by Steven House (14th. 165.30).
The best performance of Friday's competition was turned in by the Pack's 800 free relay squad with a fourth-place performance in a time of 643.67. The team consisted of Smith, Deal, Seitz and Haley. State also fared well in the other relay event of the day, the 200 medley relay. The team of Barkley, Yeager, Devine and Swank recorded a fifth-place showing with a mark of 1:31.85.
In the very next event, Haley

1:31.85.
In the very next event, Haley turned in a seventh-place finish in 3:55.83. Meanwhile, Devine led the way for the Pack in the 100 fly with a seventh-place finish in 49.22.

Yeager was the Pack's top fin-isher in the 100 breast with a time of 56.52, followed by Suha Akman in 18th with a time of 57.97.

eitz took 13th (1:40.59) 200 free to lead State, at the 200 free to lead Sta Barkley led the charge for in the 100 back (51.31).

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and better took in the air, Stevenson said.

As well as it performed Friday, State easily could have picked up an even higher score. Three Pack gymnasts fell on beam, and State was forced to count two of those scores, ulti-mately costing the team as nuch as a point afficulties on beam, the Pack ended the meet feeling pleased about where it stands. Brown said the judges told the team following the Technician: Kid tested, mother approved.



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Songaila, Deacs rip State

N.C. State rallied in the second half, but Darius Songaila was brilliant for Wake Forest on Senior Day.

Andrew B. Carter and Memie Ezike

WINSTON-SALEM—It was a game of runs. And when the final buzzer sounded, Darius Songaila and his Wake Forest teammates had run N.C. State clear out of Lawrence Joel Coliseum Saturday.
Thanks to a 21-9 spurt over the last 5:25, the No. 24 Demon Deacons (19-11, 9-7 ACC) turned a 62-62 tie into a hard-fought 83-71 victory over the

Pack (20-9, 9-7). Songaila was every bit as brilliant as he has been all year, dominating the low post in scoring 20 and pulling down a career-high 18 rebounds.

rebounds.

State coach Herb Sendek described it simply, but perhaps most fittingly:
"Songaila was dominant," Sendek

said.

Wake's win gives it the third seed in this week's ACC Tournament. State finished the regular season in a third-place tie with the Deacs but will be seeded fourth, facing Virginia in the first round of the tournament on Friday.

It took a warrior-like effort from the seeinor from Lithuania for the Deacs to win on this day. After racing to a nine-

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Final	Brown matches
83	school record

Kelli Brown led the gymnastics team to its highest score yet this season at the Wolfpack Invitational.

Jeremy Ashton

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

N.C. State senior Kelli Brown could seemingly do nothing wrong at Friday night's Wolfpack Invitational in Reynolds Coliseum.

Brown calmly went through each one in succession. On one event after another, she impressed the crowd and the judges with her skill and athleticism, drawing scores of 9.825 or better each time. In fact, by the time the Wolfpack Invitational was over, Brown had done something that's almost become common for her — she made team history.

Brown, a two-time East Atlantic Gymnastics League Gymnast of the Week this season, won the all-around competition Friday with a score of 39.55. That mark tied the school record, which was set by Chrisi Newton in a 1996 meet against James Madison.

"She's put it in her mind that she's a senior team leader, and she's going to do the job," head coach Mark Stevenson said.

Brown established season highs on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. In addition to her second victory of the year in the all-around. Brown lied for second on vault with a 9.825 and won the event titles on uneven bars and floor exercise with scores of 9.925 and 9.95, respectively. For her career, Brown has now scored 9.9 or better on an event 20 times, more than any other State gymnast.

"It was actually really exciting, but it was funny because I did what Mark tells us to do every meet, and I took every event at a time," Brown self.

"It hink as a team we did that, too. We took one event at a time," Brown self.

"I think as a team we did that, too. We took one event at a time and did as best we could on that event as we

went." Behind Brown's record-tying effort, the Wolfpack (14-5) finished with a season-best score of 195.55, each elipsing its previous high of 5 easy leelipsing its previous high of 194.9 set Feb. 24 against Towson. State placed econd behind North Carolina, which won the six-team meet with its best score of the season, a 196.15.
"We can sit here and hash over, well, we didn't win, and we didn't do this, but this is the best team we've had—and they will prove it." Stevenson said. "There's no doubt in my mind about it



N.C. STATE

Tale of two halves for Pack

♦ The Wolfpack squandered a nine-point halftime lead against North Carolina, falling one game short of the ACC Tournament final.

Matt Middletor

GREENSBORO — The opportunity was there Sunday afternoon — that best ext on to speak — for N C. Is that to have a date with top-seeded Duke in the ACC Tournament final and, more importantly, a chance to salvage its season by picking up the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament to the NCAA

son by picking up the conterence's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Pack had defeated third-seeded Clemson a day earlier and was leading North Carolina by 12 points early in the second half. But the Tar Heels cruelly intervened, changing the flow of the game by switching to a trapping zone defense that gave the Pack's guards fits and turned that 12-point deficit into a 58-52 victory in the second semifinal game of the 25th ACC Women's Tournament.

winning team in tournament history. Carolina was also held to its lowest point total in an ACC game this year

Wake Forest 45

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Statistical Leaders

Player of the game
Darius Songaila made the most of his
Senior Day in Joel Coliseum, scoring
20 and pulling down 18 rebounds.

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Player of the game

Nikki Teasley overcame a slow start to score 14 points and swipe five steals in UNCs comeback win.

Nolfpack lost its semifinal game to North Carolina 58-52 State throws away spot in final

♦ Turnovers cost the women's basket-ball team a chance to reach its sec-ond straight ACC title game.

Jerry Moore

GREENSBORO — N.C. State committed 13 turnovers in the first half stunday, but it didn't seem to matter. Despite getting off 16 more shots than the Wolfpack, North Carolina couldn't hit the broad side of the Greensboro Coiseaum backboard. The Tar Heels shot 17-9 percent, held a slim two-point advantage in points off turnovers and trailed by nine at the

different for the Heels. UNC capitalized on State miscues to catapult back from a 12-point second-half deficit and earn a spot in tonight's ACC Tournament final vs. Duke.

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In a tight, defense-controlled game that was decided by only six points, the Heels scored 18 of their 58 off Pack tumovers. By game's end, the Heels had only raised their field-goal percentage to 29.4 percent but had taken 23 more shors than the Pack, mainly as a result of tumovers.

State finished with 25 tumovers, its second highest fotal of the season. UNC swiped 14 steals, including five by guard Nikit Teasley.

"It definitely seemed to slow us down." said State coach Kay Yow.
"We got catulous; we were hesitant. We just moved out of a real attack

State lost despite holding UNC to its lowest ACC offensive output of the year. The Pack's defense played tough, but the offense couldn't hold onto the ball.

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This wasn't a new problem for the Pack, but it certainly reared its head at an inopportune time Sunday, as the team tried to reach its second consecutive ACC Tournament final. In State's 14 regular-season losses, it averaged 20.8 turnovers per outing. For the season, the Pack ranked last in the conference with 20 giveaways per game.

The problems could be explained by the Pack's youth in the backcourt. Freshmen Rachel Stockdale and

Men place seventh

 The men's swimming and diving team rounded out competition at ACCs with 259 points.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The N.C. State men's swimming and diving squad finished seventh at the ACC Swimming and Diving Championships Saturday at College Park, Md. The men compiled 259 points in the competition. Virginia won the event for fourth consecutive season with 872 points, Georgia Tech took second with \$60.5 points, while North Carolina placed third with 501.5.

Senior Tim Haley finished his career trong with a fourth-place performance

in the 200-yard butterfly in a time of 1:48.09. Ed Hill (14th, 1:50.55), and Charlie Hughes (24th, 1:54.86) also competed for State.

Jared Bench recorded the other fourth-place finish for the Wolfpack Saturday in the 3-meter diving competition with a score of 499, ahead of teammate Steven House, who finished 14th (313.50).

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14th (313.50). Rob Yeager made the finals in the 200 breaststroke for the Pack, taking seventh overall in 2:02.15. Senior Suha Akman also took part, finishing 14th with a mark of 2:02.97. Freshman Jack Deal led things off for State in the 1.650 freestyle, taking eighth with a time of 15:30.56. Dan Kesler (11th, 15:41.94) and Peter

The baseball team scored a combined 11 runs in the second and third innings to defeat George Mason 16-8 Sunday.

Jeremy Ashton

After weathering a 40-minute rain delay and an early six-run deficit, the N.C. State baseball team poured on the runs. The Wolfpack (11-3) batted around in the second and third innings and crossed the plate I1 times on its way to a 16-8 baseball baseball



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The baseball team finished a weekend sweep of George Mason Sunday with a 16-8 win.