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NCSU student body candidates gear up

◆ With five Student Body President candidates registered, the election books officially closed yesterday.

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

With a motivated and renovated election committee backing them, Student Government officials are confident that there will be a large turnout at the polls this election year.

This is not only because of new trends in advertising the elections, but also bringing the election process as a whole to the students, and demolishing the stigma that elections do not pertain to them.

According to the election committee, what sets this year's election process apart from others in the past, is the way the candidates are introducing themselves to the rest of the student body and thus allowing the student population to be well aware of when the elections are and who the future student leaders will be.

The election's books officially closed on Monday, March 4.

So just who are the potential student leaders for the 2002-2003 school year? The candidates running for Student Body President are: Michael Anthony,

Andrew Payne, Joss Marr, Larisa Yasinovskaya and Clarence Davis.

Though the elections process has just begun, each of these candidates holds different ideologies about what their term in office will entail and how they will impact and empower N.C. State.

However, behind the sharp lines of contrast in these candidates the one defining mark that all of them bear is that that they here and ready to serve.

Michael Anthony, who currently serves as the Student Senate President said, "My term in office would be different than others because of the knowledge and experience I bring to the table. I have been fortunate enough to hold so many leadership roles and be in a position to closely examine the office of Student Body President."

He added, "there is an African bird, Sankofa that can fly forward while looking back at the same time. I want to keep this amazing ability in mind when planning ideas for a potential term as Student Body President."

Larisa Yasinovskaya, current director of extension and outreach on the executive branch of Student Government, admits her campaign will take on an individuality and normality stance. "I'm running for Student Body President because I want Student Government to get in touch with nor-

mal students. I think Student Government should find out what students really want and work to provide those things for them, instead of wasting time trying to convince students that they care about what Student Government wants to do."

She added, "I want to get ideas from everyday students about what they want to come out of SG, instead of imposing my ideas on them."

Joss Marr said, "I believe that NCSU students have been underrepresented. The vast majority of students can't even name their student senators, those who are 'responsible' for addressing their needs and concerns. I feel that the blame lies with the current Student Government."

He added, "Somewhere in the mix, 'glory hungry' senators have silenced the voice of the students, and I want to give the power and voice of Student Government back to the students."

Other Student Body President candidates Andrew Payne and Clarence

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U.S. continues airstrikes on al-Qaida holdouts

◆ At least one American soldier and five Afghans died during the first day of fighting.

Alissa J. Rubin
Los Angeles Times

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. bombers hammered al-Qaida positions deep in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan for a second day Sunday after an attempted ground assault on the area was repulsed.

The ongoing attack, which U.S. officials say is the largest joint ground offensive of the war, involving hundreds of Afghan government soldiers as well as U.S. troops, is encountering heavy resistance from al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.

The al-Qaida forces have fortified their positions in the rugged mountains and cave complexes in Paktia province, about a four-hour drive south of Kabul, the Afghan capital, according to local commanders and Afghan intelligence sources.

No major ground action was reported Sunday. One Afghan commander said that the Americans had shifted their strategy after encountering heavy resistance from the al-Qaida troops.

"Americans wanted to start with a ground attack, but as soon as they had casualties they changed their mind and they've just been bombing," said Wazir Khan, who is helping to lead a 600-man contingent that is attacking the hide-out from the south.

At least one American soldier and five Afghans died during the first day of fighting. Officials at U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., said in a written statement Sunday that "an unspecified number of U.S. and Afghan forces have been injured." The U.S. officials described all of the American injuries as "non-life-threatening."

Residents of Gardez, the city nearest to the fighting, could see streams of black smoke rising from the snowy mountains to the west and hear the constant drone of bombers overhead.

According to the Central Command statement, no American aircraft had

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Faces in the Pack



Sarah Roers, a freshman majoring in foreign languages and literature is an Airforce ROTC cadet.

◆ Air Force Cadet Sarah Roers enjoys being a part of the N.C. State ROTC program.

Josianne Lauber
Staff Reporter

It's 5:30 a.m. and Sarah Roers's day is about to begin.

While most of us are still buried under our blankets at this hour, Roers is "up and at it."

As an Air Force ROTC cadet, "the group is required to meet at least twice a week for [physical training], but I usually go four times a week," said Roers.

During physical training, the cadets run, do push-ups, sit-ups and other physically strenuous exercises.

Roers returns to her room at 7 a.m. to get ready for class, a time when the rest of her peers are only peeping their eyes out from under the covers, figuring out whether they should skip their class or not.

A freshman majoring in foreign languages and literature, Roers wants to study German, Spanish, French and Italian, but she also has an interest in Russian.

She said she always knew she wanted to be in the military and go to a school with good military and study abroad programs.

Her parents were both in the Navy, and Roers said, "ROTC is a good way to pay for school and a great way to serve your country."

Originally from Connecticut, Roers graduated from Killingly High School. Some of her initial college choices included the University of Maryland, Pennsylvania State, the University of Connecticut and the University of New Hampshire.

But she decided to come to N.C. State. "State really just impressed me all around," said Roers.

"I was also looking for good weather and distance," she joked.

Although the ROTC program is quite rigorous, the transition from high school to college was not a difficult one for Roers to make.

She said that in high school she was involved in almost every school activity that fit into her busy schedule. Her duties ranged from the student government class president to being part of the entire music program at her high school, including marching band, symphonic band, jazz choir, concert chorale and being drum major.

In addition, Roers also participated in indoor and outdoor track and field.

Her full schedule in high school has proven to be helpful in college because she has that "time management thing" down, she said.

Roers is very pleased with her experience at NCSU so far.

She's especially impressed with the ROTC program. Even though only one-fifth of the Air Force's cadets are women, Roers said this fact doesn't really pose a problem to any of the young women in the program.

"Everyone is equal," said Roers. "I love it, it's like joining a family."

Roers explained that all the cadets are pretty close.

"It's a place to belong; it's a way to grow," she said.

She added that all her fellow cadets, male or female, are always there to support one another.

"All the cadets are willing to lend a helping hand whenever you need it."

Though Roers is just a freshman, she is already looking forward to her future.

"As soon as we [cadets] graduate, [we'll] be officers and have a guaranteed job," said Roers, "but my ultimate goal is to be an ambassador."

But before all of this, Roers admits that she has to go through a few more years of PT at 5:30 a.m.

New tuition plan offers flexibility

◆ Starting this fall, students will be allowed to space out tuition payments over a 12-month span.

Colin Hickey
Staff Reporter

A new plan is being proposed at N.C. State that will allow students to pay tuition in monthly installments.

Currently, NCSU and UNC-Chapel Hill are the only schools in the UNC System that do not have monthly payment plans for tuition.

Although the NCSU Board of Trustees approved the plan last week, some concrete details are still being discussed, including which private company should be chosen to handle the accounts.

The present proposal will enable students to divide their tuition payments for fall and spring semesters into 10 payments over 12 months, beginning in June and ending in October for the fall semester. Students choosing the payment plan will also pay a \$60 flat fee to the company handling the lease.

"This is something people have been requesting year after year," said Nicole Taylor, supervisor of student accounts at the NCSU Cashier's Office.

These student and parent demands were the impetus for change, according to George Worsley, NCSU vice

chancellor for finance and business.

"This is something both students and parents have asked for — instead of one lump sum, students can spread it out over time," said Worsley.

Worsley also said the economic slowdown was a contributing factor in influencing the move to create more payment options.

"With the economy the way it is, we need to be sensitive to families in North Carolina," he said.

The proposed plans will still allow students to pay tuition in one lump sum at the beginning of each semester.

"Basically, all you're doing is taking out a loan," said Alex Anderson, a senior in philosophy from Greensboro. "I've got no qualms with that."

Campus officials say the different payment proposals are unrelated to the proposed tuition hike of \$400 being sought by trustees from both NCSU and UNC-CH.

Nevertheless, the payment plan change is being received more positively on both campuses than the tuition increase proposal. The new plan may help soften the blow of the increase, though it was not directly designed for that purpose.

If the plan solidifies, payments for next fall could begin as early as June 1.

The BOT must decide which private company to go with by mid-March.



Tricia Bair, a freshman in chemical engineering, works in the greenhouses on Central Campus on Monday afternoon. She usually comes in for two hours a day to maintain the plants and work on projects for the Plant Pathology department.



On Wednesday, the Board of Governors will be meeting at the General Administration building in Chapel Hill. The BOG will be deciding and finalizing the tuition and fees for the UNC System schools for the 2002-2003 school year. Students interested in attending this meeting are asked to meet in front of the Witherspoon Student Center at 12 p.m. Transportation to and from the meeting will be provided. For more information, call 515-2797.

The elections books closed on Monday.

The following candidates are running for seats in Student Government:

Student Body President

- Larisa Yasinovskaya
- Michael D. Anthony
- Clarence Davis
- Andrew Payne
- Josh Marr

Student Senate President

- Tracy J. Smith
- Josh Cox
- Brad Dixon

Student Body Treasurer

- Dan Gilligan
- Jonathan L. Ducote
- Jabari Bell
- Student Chief Justice
- Wortham Boyle
- Brent Rowe

Senate

- Melanie Zink- CALS sophomores
- Jamie Pendergrass- CALS juniors
- Jonathan Thompson- Design
- Lynette Sanders and Abdullah Tharpe- Education and Psychology
- Mital Patel and Brian Onorio- Engineering sophomores
- David Sheehan, David Joyner and Philip Denton- Engineering juniors
- Dustin Choe, Matthew Frazier and Lucy Tatum- Engineering seniors
- Beth Plummer and Jacklyn- Natural Resources
- * Laura Kovalchick and Janet Ogbon- CHASS sophomores
- Nick DiColandrea, Mark Matthews and Wes Gray- CHASS juniors
- Ted Gellar and Stuart Wright- CHASS seniors
- Allison Watkins and Meagan Langdon- Management sophomores
- Jeff Ennis- Management juniors
- Brian Carty- Textiles
- Karthik S., Prasad Rao Kollipara, Matt Keith and Ken Hoy- Graduate
- Shane Pinson- Life-long Education

Student Media Authority Board

- Danny Pydynowski
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- Decker Ngongang
- Senior Class Vice President
- Kevin McAbee

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Davis were both unavailable for comment.

Andrew Payne is the current ASG President and Clarence Davis is a junior majoring in political science.

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were shot down, although some AH-64 Apache helicopters were damaged by enemy fire. The statement said that, from 6:30 a.m. Afghan time Saturday through Sunday, "more than 270 bombs have been dropped in support of Afghan, U.S. and coalition forces."

Targets have included enemy troops, caves, vehicles, mortars and anti-artillery sites. However, the coalition nations participating in the fighting near Gardez are Norway, Germany, Canada, Australia, France and Denmark, the statement said.

The Central Command reiterated its estimate that the enemy force near Gardez was made up of "several hundred" fighters. Speaking on a condition of anonymity, one defense official said that the Pentagon believed the enemy fighters near Gardez were the last major pocket of al-Qaida holdouts in Afghanistan. Smaller pockets, he said, probably remain elsewhere.

The American death was the second during the war attributed to hostile fire. Wazir Khan said that the U.S. soldier was hit by a mortar shell as he drove a pickup close to the front lines.

It is uncertain how many al-Qaida and Taliban fighters are hidden in the mountain region. The area is large, and some estimates before the fighting began put the figure at about 600. But Sunday, some people were saying there could be as many as 1,000 to 2,000, Wazir Khan said. The cave complex where they are hiding was built during the Afghans' war against the Soviet occupation in the 1980s.

The area has been under surveillance by Americans since early January, and they approached it several times after reports that Taliban and Arab fighters were amassing there, an Afghan Interior Ministry official said in a recent interview.

The ministry official said the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters in the Shahi Kot district targeted Sunday by airstrikes are well-armed with Stingers, mortars, cannons and antiaircraft mis-

siles. Despite the renown that the position of Student Body President entails, current Student Body President Daryl Willie was quick to note that there is a balance that must be maintained and the very nature of the position calls for the selected individual to be not only a leader but also a down to earth and truthful student representative. In addition, Willie said that the Student Body

President should be a strong advocate of student affairs.

"I hope the candidates will go all out," said Willie. "I hope the candidates challenge each other to make this a high quality election for the students."

For more information on elections, visit the student government website at <http://students.ncsu.edu/>.



Customers at the bazaar in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, ask about U.S. Special Forces sleeping bags, which cost about \$13. Other items for sale are Army combat boots and fatigues. Bombing escalated in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan over this past weekend.

Neither the Taliban's former supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, nor al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden was believed to be in the area.

As fighting continued, an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 at its epicenter in the Hindu Kush mountains shook Kabul about 4:40 p.m. local time

Sunday. Concrete buildings swayed, some brick and mud structures crumbled, and people ran into the streets.

There were conflicting reports on how many people were killed and injured, but at least two people — an older man and an infant — appear to have been crushed when brick walls fell on them.

Study shows teens comprise 25 percent of alcohol market

◆ The 145-page report revealed that approximately 5 million high-school-age children binge drink at least once a month.

Fitz Vo

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. - Binge drinking among teenagers may be more common than previously projected, according to a report released Tuesday by the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. Among other findings, the 145-page report revealed that approximately 5 million high-school-age children binge drink at least once a month and that underage drinking comprises nearly 25 percent of all alcoholic purchases in the United States — figures some say are disturbing, but not unexpected.

"I'm not surprised [about the findings]," said Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control spokesman Carl DeWing of the studies. "It's unfortunate, [and] it leads to problems, sometimes problems that result in incidences that have a major impact on the lives of minors. There is [more of] a propensity to become an alcoholic [as a teenager] than those who consume alcohol after 21. Unfortunately, the public doesn't seem to be aware of them — doesn't want to pay attention to them — until it affects their families in very negative ways."

The report also found that 87 percent of adults had their first drink of alcohol before they turned 21, those who drank at 15 became four times as likely to become alcoholic before they turned 21 and that the prevalence of alcohol abuse was greatest among those who began drinking at age 14. In addition, the gender gap between girls who drink versus boys who drink has narrowed, the study reported.

Combined, these findings paint a troubling picture for America's youth, said Susan Foster, CASA vice president and director of policy research and analysis.

"There are enormous consequences to underage drinking to drinking and driv-

ing issues," Foster said. "Alcohol is the leading factor to three leading causes of death: accidents, homicide and suicide. It damages the young brain, interferes with mental and social development and it hinders academic progress. We're concerned just at the face of it because it's a huge problem."

There are several factors that contribute to the rise in teen drinking, the study reported. According to a survey conducted in the study, 70 percent of teens say that alcohol is easy to get. Many teens in the survey said they obtain alcohol from their own homes, and most drink at their friends' houses.

"The alcohol industry has a vested interest in drinking," Foster said. "Because the younger you drink the more likely you have alcohol problems, and teen market is their recruits for heavy drinking. Those people are important to total consumer expenditures."

Foster said that there is a conflict of interest for the alcohol industry, which does not want to encourage underage drinking but needs a stable source of revenue for future profits. Media messages glamorizing alcohol consumption — such as those from the Budweiser talking frogs — are becoming more familiar for children ages 9 to 11 than other popular cultural icons like Mickey Mouse.

"Children have more positive attitudes toward drinking," Foster said. "Alcopops" like Rick's Spiked Lemonade and S'mimoff Ice have the same content as beer, and 41 percent of 14- to 18-year-olds are likely to try these drinks."

CASA said the media is not the only entity responsible for an increase in underage alcoholism. Nearly 75 percent of adults surveyed in the two-year study felt that there should be parental responsibility for underage drinking, and over half supported a reduction of the legal DUI standard for the blood alcohol content of an underage drinker from .02 percent to zero percent.

The organization made several recommendations pertaining to the prevention of alcoholic sales to minors, chief among which was a sales tax increase on alcoholic beverages. Television commercials for alcoholic beverages should also be banned, they said.

According to CASA, a more proactive enforcement procedure should be implemented to curb underage drinking.

In California, the Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control has several programs that are aiding in the battle against teenage alcohol consumption. Through programs such as the Decoy Shoulder Tap program — in which a youth "shoulder taps" an adult to secure an alcohol purchase — and liquor store license seminars that help store owners determine false identification, ABC hopes to have done its part in stemming underage drinking.

"Across the state, we have six ABC investigators who try to encourage liquor stores to be aware of our current state laws," DeWing said.

Soon after the CASA study was released, The New York Times published an article disputing the data, claiming the actual proportion of alcohol consumed by teenagers to be less than half the Columbia Center's figure.

The Center for Consumer Freedom has also questioned the accuracy of the findings and the research methods used to generate them, saying that CASA has lost much of its credibility regarding its studies.

CASA's defense, Foster said that both the 11 percent figure and 25 percent reports underestimate the proportion of alcohol consumption teenagers actually represent, due to the fact that much of the data was self-reported.

"Since it is self-reported data, it happens where parents give permission for interview; there is a lot of research that documents the fact that household data underreports substance use," she said.

She said the survey drinking numbers are based on how much a teen drinks on a typical day. Since teens are more likely to binge drink than drink regularly, those numbers are inaccurate.

Additionally, no children under 12 were included in the survey, which Foster said could raise the percentage of underage drinkers to 30 percent or more.

"Regardless of the figures, the national debate here is to focus our attention to the problem," she said. "A lot could happen if parents took [these numbers] seriously."

Duke U. condemns ESPN show about lacking academic standards

◆ A recent segment on SportsCenter, entitled "Duke's Double Standard," implied that Duke's academic standards have fallen in the last 10 years as the basketball program has tried to recruit top players.

Kevin Lees

The Chronicle (Duke U.)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — After two ESPN segments criticized the academic rigor of Duke University athletes late last week, administrators are chiding the programs for their unfair bias.

A Thursday night segment on SportsCenter, entitled "Duke's Double Standard," implied that Duke's academic standards have fallen in the last 10 years as the basketball program has tried to recruit top players.

Friday night's "Outside the Lines" special on graduation rates and college athletics, said basketball players choose to concentrate in sociology more than any other major and cited criticism of Duke's summer courses, independent studies and other popular classes for athletes.

"Both programs were heavily tilted towards a particular version of the story the journalists wanted to tell," President Nani Keohane said in an e-mail. "The interview segments presented were disproportionately with those who are critical of our admissions and academic standards... whereas the other side of the story, and those who wanted to tell it, were given shorter shrift."

In response to the show, John Burness, senior vice president for public affairs and government relations, sent a memo to administrators. He noted that Duke has one of the highest graduation rates in Division I athletics.

Chris Kennedy, associate director of athletics, said he, Director of Undergraduate Admissions Christoph Gutentag and sociology department chair Kenneth Spenner were all interviewed for the program, but only a short piece of Kennedy's interview was part of the Friday segment.

"I don't know why people have to make things up," said men's basketball head coach Mike Krzyzewski.

"It's that old thing — is the glass half-full or half-empty? I didn't understand why we were in the show, because the show was titled, 'Zero

Percent Graduation Rates,' and we were in it and they said we had a 100 percent graduation rate."

Stuart Rojstaczer, an associate professor of earth sciences who appeared on the programs as a critical voice, also said he thought the program was biased against Duke.

In addition to Rojstaczer, ESPN showed interviews with Duke guard Jason Williams, former players Crawford Palmer and William Avery, former admissions officer Rachel Toor and Brody Greenwald, who served as the sports editor of The Chronicle last year.

Most administrators said standards have not been lowered for athletes at Duke over the past 10 years but that the perception might exist since standards for non-athletes have become more stringent.

"So if the athletic standards remain pretty much the same as they were in 1990, I think relative to the general admissions standards, it could be perceived as a lowering," Kennedy said.

But ESPN noted a long string of basketball players who have had academic troubles, including Avery and Andre Sweet, who was on academic probation last year before transferring from Duke. "It would be a double standard if they didn't flunk, if they weren't punished," Krzyzewski said. "It shows that if you're a basketball player and you do something wrong, you're going to be punished."

Kennedy said it is natural for athletes to have a hard time with schoolwork, but Rojstaczer said there are not enough hours in the day for revenue sports athletes to succeed in the classroom.

Avery, who left Duke after his freshman year in 1999 to go to the NBA, said in the report he was at Duke for basketball, not academics, and that even if he was interested in academics, he would not have had time to study as much as other students.

Kennedy said it may be ESPN, however, and not Duke that has the double standard.

"The most ironic thing about [the Thursday segment], as far as I was concerned, was the next promotion was a game on ESPN that night," Kennedy said.

"They just finished talking about Duke's double standards and then — boom — there's a promotion, 'Watch Duke play Virginia on ESPN tonight.' They're trying to have their cake and eat it too."

— Kevin Lloyd contributed to this story.

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Many women are first in family to attend college

◆ Two students in California tell their stories of being the first women in their family to attend college.

Rachel Makabi

Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — For the parents of many first generation female students, college was never considered since marriage appeared the only viable option for a woman.

Yet times have changed for women, said Caribbean Fragoza, the first woman in her family to attend college.

Fragoza, a third-year Chicano/a studies student, balances her schoolwork with her position as editor of La Gente News magazine, but other women in her family were more limited in their options.

Although her mother wants her to get married, Fragoza said, she emphasizes the importance of securing an education and a job beforehand, mainly because she never had the option herself.

Fragoza said she never questioned the importance of going to college, mainly because American culture pushed it so much, adding that women are afforded more options in the United States than in Mexico.

Still her parents treat her differently than they would treat a boy, she said, citing they wouldn't let her play softball or take art classes because she is a girl.

In addition, her father refuses to teach her how to drive and will not permit her to get her driver's license, though Fragoza said he would probably be less strict with her brother.

Though her parents were happy when she decided to go to college, she says her father would still prefer her to attend a junior college near her house because he is against living away from home and makes sure she is home after classes every Friday.

Overall, Fragoza said the situation is changing for Chicanos, and more of them are deciding to pursue their educations now than before.

Iranian women are also beginning to attend college in greater numbers, said fourth-year psychology student Sandy Sabet, who is also the first woman in her family to attend.

Like Fragoza, Sabet's mother married young instead of going to college.

But Sabet, who is currently awaiting responses from various graduate schools, said she never thought twice about the importance of attending college and the value of getting an education.

Though it is not the norm, Sabet says there are still many Iranian girls who want to get married and do not want to get a college degree.

Usually, when Iranian women have pressure to get married, Sabet said, it doesn't come from their parents but from seeing their friends get married young.

"Women have to think on a long-term basis because it is their life and if you don't like something, why spend your whole life doing it," Sabet said.

Looking at their experiences, both Fragoza and Sabet said they hope women in the future will never feel restricted by their gender.

Fragoza said, "I'd let her take art, or softball, things that I wasn't allowed to do. I'd just let her know that she can."

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ASG fee too much to ask

THE ONE-DOLLAR FEE SOUGHT BY THE UNC ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS MUST BE PROVEN TO BE NECESSARY.

One dollar. According to today's collect-call commercials, a dollar can buy a lot. In the case of the one-dollar, across-the-board fee raise sought by the UNC Association of Student Governments, one dollar is both a lot and hardly anything at all.

ASG president and N.C. State student Andrew Payne told the News and Observer this week that a \$1 fee increase is being sought from every student in the UNC system to help the ASG become more effective by being able to employ three full-time employees and have a \$10,000 travel budget.

Payne says that ASG needs this fee raise in order to become more effective at representing student interests, which, in the past, have included fighting tuition increases from the General Assembly. A dollar does not seem like much more to pay, especially considering tuition at NCSU will probably be raised by several hundred dollars next year.

So if a dollar is not a lot to ask for, then how this dollar from each student, totaling \$165,000 for all students in the system, will be used becomes the true issue. And at base, the general feeling from NCSU and

UNC campuses as a whole is that ASG is ineffective and that \$1 is not going to change that.

The ASG proposal should be given proper consideration; however, under no circumstances should they be granted this full fee increase. The best compromise would be to grant ASG a reduced fee of about half what they seek for a provisional time period. At the end of this period, the campuses in the system would evaluate how this money has been used and whether it has been worth it.

As another UNC tuition increase becomes more and more likely, students are reminded that all increases are final, in that they will never be repealed, and indefinite, in that each year could bring an onslaught of new tuition hikes. ASG's campaign here seems like a cursed case of the chicken and the egg. Since students and, to some extent, legislators don't believe in the efficacy of the organization, they won't be granted the money. But, ASG says, their effectiveness will not improve until they have a larger budget.

Only time will reveal the right decision. For now, even a dollar is a lot to ask.



How little is too much?



Darren O'Connor
STAFF COLUMNIST

With the Bush administration expected to make a decision tomorrow about protection for the steel industry, the issue of free trade is a hot topic. Thousands of steel workers rallied outside the White House last

Tuesday demanding a 40-percent tariff on foreign steel. This administration generally favors free trade and is trying to find a solution that will appease the politically important steel industry but avoid harming the economy. Steel-producing states like West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio are considered crucial to Bush's reelection and to the GOP in the upcoming Congressional elections. The industry claims that 31 steel producers have declared bankruptcy in the last three years as a result of cheaper foreign imports. However, a tariff is just a tax on imports and would lead to higher prices for steel. This would raise the prices of anything made with steel, thereby hurting the American consumer. The effect is a transfer of wealth from the rest of the country to a few steel producers, who are apparently not efficient enough to compete on the world scene.

The same applies to other industries: agriculture, textiles, autos, etc. Tariffs, subsidies, quotas, regulatory barriers and any other form of protection all harm consumers by raising costs and

limiting choices. The only reason these industries have been successful throughout the past century in getting such protection passed is that they have powerful, easily organized lobbies that can easily identify the costs to those industries of free trade; consumers, on the other hand, make up a large group that is difficult to organize and cannot readily see the connection between an increase in the cost of goods they buy and protectionist legislation.

It has just come to my attention that lobbyists for the textile industry pressured the administration to reject a lifting of tariffs and quotas on Pakistani textiles. These lobbyists, along with votes from legislators (even North Carolina Republicans who should know better), have succeeded in angering a key ally in our war on terrorism. It is estimated that tens of thousands of Pakistani textile workers, who, in a free trade environment, would have been making clothes to export to the United States, have now lost their jobs with, as Franklin Foer of "The New Republic" notes, "nothing to do but take to the streets, cheer on Osama bin Laden, and burn the American flag." I hope the textile lobbyists and N.C. Congressmen are proud of their sabotaging of U.S. foreign policy in a time of war.

Free trade is best for everyone (at least in the long run), and there is no excuse for the country that champions trade liberalization around the world to engage in such backward policies of protectionism, especially when we're trying to pull ourselves out of a recession. Even Arizona Senator John McCain, whom I normally don't think of as much of a Republican, brought

attention to a study that concluded that "tariff increases could cost 86,000 American jobs in industries that use steel — 13 times the number they would save." Furthermore, protecting an uncompetitive industry only prolongs the inevitable and results in the industry falling ever further behind its global competitors. Free trade should be allowed to occur with the beneficial results of creating competition, which lowers prices for consumers.

It doesn't matter where we get our goods and services. Our individual welfare is best improved by getting what we want at the lowest price. Likewise, our national welfare is best improved by the free flow of money, goods, services and people. Contrary to the typical view in the media, a trade deficit is not inherently bad, nor is a trade surplus inherently good. If people are trading freely (free of government controls, taxes and restrictions), then it doesn't matter which way goods are flowing because they wouldn't be going there if they weren't desired by someone for their efficient market price, thus increasing the welfare of both the seller and the buyer.

A case can perhaps be made for some kind of temporary government assistance to workers who lose their jobs as the result of global competition, but we already have unemployment insurance and other ameliorating policies. However, the interests of a few politically powerful industries should not be allowed to run over the interests of America (or any other) consumers.

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My quarter-life crisis



Kate Lingerfelt
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In less than a week, I will turn 22 years old — the big double-deuce. This probably doesn't sound old to most of you, nor does it sound like a very meaningful birthday. It's not like 16, where you finally obtain freedom with a driver's license, and it's not like 18, where you finally gain your ticket into adulthood. And how can you possibly top turning 21? Even though I don't remember much of that birthday celebration, I know that I could never relive that experience (that's probably a good thing). Nope, 22 is hardly a milestone on the birthday map.

Still, I feel as though I am on the precipice of something great by turning 22. I am graduating in May, and I will finally get a chance to put 18 years of knowledge to work. Unfortunately, I am more scared than excited. My stomach even starts to do flip-flops when I think about my impending graduation too much. Currently, I am in the midst of my own mid-life crisis: I don't have enough money to buy a little, red sports car, and I can't start dating a supermodel half my age. (I'd have to start dating an eleven year old, which is just creepy and slightly nauseating.) That is why I am having a quarter-life crisis, nothing more than a broke college student evaluating her life.

Did I live my life to the fullest, taking advantage of all it had to offer? Sadly, no. There were many times when my lazy butt sat on the couch just watching life pass by. Sometimes it took a big event to kick me into gear and appreciate all that I had. Have I missed out on life's opportunities? Of course. I didn't always answer the door when something knocked. I was not a person in those Mountain Dew commercials, lying on the edge and pushing death. For the most part, I lived a fairly quiet life in suburbia with my SUV, my family and my two dogs.

I don't regret anything because I am happy with who I am today. In fact, I like who I am and all that I have accomplished. Sure, sometimes I wish

I had gone on that trip or studied a little harder for that test, but in the end, I might have affected the course of events that led me here. There are many things I have done and said that I am not proud of, and I am probably not the best person I could be. I accept the faults I cannot change, and as for the ones I can change, I am still working on those. That little voice, however, still creeps up on me at night. The doubts and insecurities manifest themselves as something bigger, almost overpowering me.

When I graduate, I might not have a job at all, much less the dream job for which I have always hoped. Many times, I have absolutely no idea what I am doing, and I wonder did I make the right decisions in my life. What if I had decided to go into biological engineering instead of zoology? What if I had gone to school in Georgia instead of going somewhere out of state? Perhaps I would be better off with my career, working a more prestigious job. My biggest fear is that that life will be meaningless — that it is all for nothing. There is a huge pressure on me from myself to not screw up and accomplish all these crazy goals I have.

In my wallet, I keep a to-do list. It's not a list of things to do today or tomorrow, nor of errands to run or groceries to pick up. This list reminds me of all the goals I have set for life — what I want to accomplish before I die. Some of the items include learning to surf, finding a good recipe for sweet iced tea and the more outlandish one of becoming an Iron Chef. Some of the goals I have already accomplished, but most are still waiting to be tackled. These goals keep me focused, and they keep from living a couch potato's life.

Will I complete all the tasks I have set for myself? Maybe, and that's all right with me. Regardless of my apprehension for the future, it isn't going anywhere. My future will always be right ahead of me, and I will work my hardest at not wasting it. All I want is to grab hold of my life so it won't pass me by, and life will eventually lead me to where I need to be.

One of Kate's goals is to be a guest of Conan O'Brien. If you know how she can accomplish this, email her at kjlinger@unty.ncsu.edu

Government should steer clear of the fuel economy issue

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Congress is about to consider increasing the "corporate average fuel economy," or CAFE, standards provisions first enacted in 1975 as a policy response to the 1973 oil shock. The idea is to conserve gasoline by making automobiles more fuel-efficient. But why is it important to reduce gasoline consumption? As long as consumers pay the market price for gasoline, why should the government dictate how much a vehicle uses?

The CAFE standards now mandate that the fuel economy of new cars sold by companies equal or exceed 27.5 miles per gallon for passenger vehicles and 20.7 mpg for light trucks, a category that includes minivans and SUVs, vehicles that didn't exist in 1975. These standards are enforced by imposing large fines on automobile manufacturers.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., has proposed increasing the standard to a 35-mpg average for all vehicles by 2013, and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has proposed a 36-mpg standard by 2016. The Bush administration opposes Congress mandating fuel efficiency, preferring to let the Transportation Department set fuel standards.

The underlying premise of the existing system, as well as the new proposals, is that it is important to reduce gasoline consumption, and increased CAFE standards can achieve that.

Supporters of CAFE have argued that it would reduce our vulnerability to oil shocks.

But disruptions in world oil markets affect prices everywhere, regardless of our level of imports, because oil is traded in world markets. Besides, increased fuel economy has not led to reduced dependence on imported oil. Since the CAFE standards were introduced, the average fuel economy has increased by 114 percent for new cars and by 56 percent for new light trucks, but the U.S. consumption of imported oil has increased from 35 percent to 52 percent.

A more relevant impact is the effect of gasoline consumption on air pollution or global warming. But if

Congress believes that gasoline costs are too low because they do not include funds to pay for environmental damage, then it should increase the gasoline tax and leave decisions about vehicle design and gasoline consumption to the normal interplay of car manufacturers and consumers.

In contrast to a tax on gasoline, CAFE standards are an imperfect and inefficient method of signaling drivers about the true costs of the gasoline that they consume.

First, the standards put a damper on new car sales by increasing vehicle price or reducing size, and they reduce the per-mile cost of using cars because the vehicles use less fuel per mile. The lower sales of new cars mean longer retention of existing cars. These older cars pollute more and use more gasoline, undermining the purpose of the CAFE standards. The new cars would use less gasoline per mile, which leads people to drive more. The current best estimate is that every 10 percent increase in the mpg standard results in a 2 percent increase in vehicle miles traveled.

A second inefficiency of the CAFE standards arises from the interests of the auto unions. The United Auto Workers does not want unionized U.S. auto makers to comply with CAFE by importing small cars that use less gasoline. Under CAFE rules, gas-frugal imports only offset the gasoline use of

other imports. To offset the gasoline use of low-mpg U.S. cars, high-mpg cars must be made in the United States, presumably with higher-cost UAW labor that would increase the price to consumers.

A third effect of CAFE is to tax the production of low-mileage vehicles differently depending on the product mix of the company. Low-mileage vehicles, for example, produced by a company that does not exceed the standards or has accumulated mileage credits face a different tax than identical mileage vehicles produced by a company with a different vehicle mix.

Our conclusion is simple: If we want drivers to pay for the cost of their pollution, increase the gasoline tax. CAFE standards are an inefficient method of reducing gasoline consumption and have undesirable side effects.

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Mel goes to war

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We Were Soldiers

Starring **Mel Gibson**
Chris Klein
Barry Pepper

Directed by **Randall Wallace**
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Wow, there have been a lot of war movies released recently. "Black Hawk Down," "Hart's War" and now "We Were Soldiers." The trailer for "Soldiers" leads one to believe that it's just a lot of sanctimonious patriotism, but actually it's a brutal look at the first major engagement in the Vietnam War. Mel Gibson stars as Col. Hal Moore, who leads 400 American troops into the Ia Drang Valley, only to be surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers. But the movie is more than that. It shows what these soldiers left

behind, how those left behind deal with life without their loved ones and what those soldiers experienced on and off the battlefield.

The filmmakers set out to do justice to those who fought in the battle, and they actually seem to get it right. These men didn't want to go to Vietnam, but they were ordered to, so they did their duty.

Gibson stars with an excellent supporting cast. Greg Kinnear, Sam Elliott, Chris Klein, Keri Russell, Barry Pepper and Madeleine Stowe are just a few of the stars of this ensemble. All of them do a good job, except for Klein, who isn't that good to begin with. His role is limited almost to what you see in the trailer.

But who cares about the story or the acting or anything like that? In this age of movies that are 30 minutes of talking and then two hours of fighting, people want to know how this one measures up. Well, it measures up wonderfully.

The fighting is about as constant as it was in "Black Hawk Down," only it's better. Writer/director Randall Wallace does an excellent job of giving all of the characters some kind of identity, so instead of just watching gruesome fighting, you're watching gruesome fighting with characters you care about.

The fighting is more gruesome than recent films. There's a lot more blood, and a few scenes are too disturbing to even bring up. War is hell, and this is the best example of that since "Saving Private Ryan," which has become the basis by which all war films are now being judged. It gives some films bad



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names, but it was the best war film ever, so it's understandable.

"We Were Soldiers" may be the latest in a long line of brutal war films. But with its good script, good acting and surprisingly good directing from the man that brought us "The Man in the Iron Mask," "Soldiers" shot its way up near the top of the list. It may be more cathartic than entertaining, but "We Were Soldiers" is definitely worth the price of admission.



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Upcoming shows

Staff Writer **Ghassan Hamra**

Though it looks like we're halfway through the semester, there are many great artists coming to the area for you to check out after this horrible week of tests, papers and whatever else the teachers throw at you. So, let's look at our options.

And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead, March 6 at Cat's Cradle.

Trail of Dead recently switched over from Merge records to Interscope, a change that was quite a surprise for fans. Nonetheless, they managed to put together what is already being called one of the best albums of 2002. Trail of Dead is from Texas and has already been banned from three of the clubs in their hometown because of their extraordinarily chaotic shows. In fact, when Interscope was e-mailing college radio stations about sending in their newest album, "Source Tags and Codes," for airplay, they were offering a random piece of an instrument with every package. This is one that nobody should miss.

The Death and Dismemberment Tour, March 11 at Cat's Cradle.

Two great bands on one great tour. Death Cab For Cutie and The Dismemberment Plan are co-headlining this tour. Cutie's "The Photo Album" was a surprisingly enjoyable album, and Plan's "Change" was just that when compared to their 1999 release "Emergency & I." In essence, it was a more pop-friendly version of the 1999 release. Both albums were excellent, and both bands put on a good show, especially Plan. Cex will be opening. All I know about Cex is that he is quite the showman.

Cub Country, March 12 at King's.

Cub Country is the project of Jets to Brazil bassist Jeremy Chatelein. With the help of his fellow bandmates, he has put together a full-length album on Jade Tree Records entitled "High Unta High." The album resembles the early work of Wilco, circa late 1994, with a very all-country sound that everyone can enjoy.

Bats and Mice with The Moldy Peaches, March 21 at Cat's Cradle.

Bats and Mice is the aftermath of the famed hardcore band Sleepytime Trio. They released on EP a while back and are supposed to be releasing a full-length album entitled "Believe it Mammals" in the near future, so consider this a chance to preview the album. The Moldy Peaches will be playing with them. If you've ever heard a song called "Who's Got The Crack," then you know the Moldy Peaches.

Anti-Flag, Good Riddance and Strike Anywhere, March 23 at Cat's Cradle.

Do you like chaotic, fast and political punk-rock? Well then, there isn't a single reason you should miss this show. This is a chance for you to run into people and them not care. So, if you happen to flunk a really important test on March 23 or if your girlfriend/boyfriend dumps you, and you need to take out your aggression, this is the place to be. Not only do you get to run around in a mass of people for a couple of hours, but you get hugged for it afterwards.

Fugazi, March 23 at the Ritz.

Go to this show! Yeah, I know I just talked about the Anti-Flag show, but who cares? This is Fugazi, one of the most influential, amazing bands that has graced our generation. Ian MacKaye is already a legend to many punk rockers for his work with Minor Threat in the early '80s, and Fugazi has been rocking our lives since the late '80s. Their newest album, "The Argument," was about as awesome as albums get, and this show is going to be awesome. Rumor has it that the last time they played the Ritz, they did three encores as a result of audience satisfaction. Again, do not miss this show.

DJ Spooky, March 30 at Cat's Cradle.

DJ Spooky's quirky take on electronic music has been the subject of much praise from electronic musicians, as well as fans of hip-hop. This show should be more than enjoyable.



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Something special from Canada

Staff Writer **Ghassan Hamra**

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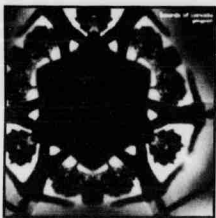


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Being an influential artist can be hard to deal with. People try to emulate your sound; they want to be your best friend; they even want you to produce their albums. However, I can only imagine that these drawbacks are dwarfed by the fact that you can call yourself the s--- and know it's true.

Take the electronic duo Boards of Canada. Since their 1998 full-length debut "Music Has the Right to Children," a little piece of the duo has been seen in the work of artists such as Air, Super Furry Animals and even Radiohead. In fact, every now and then on ebay.com you'll see a Boards of Canada LP going for hundreds of dollars.

Four years after their first full-length on Matador Records, Boards has released a couple of EPs, including the treasure that is "In a Beautiful Place Out in the Country." So, now is more than a good time for the duo to put out the much-anticipated "Geogaddi" LP on the more-fitting Warp Records, which is home to artists such as Squarepusher, Aphex Twin and Autechre.

To get an idea of what Boards sounds like, imagine you're in a beautiful place out in the country. Perhaps an open field in Iceland, covered in grass with a little breeze against your skin. You're sitting there and suddenly you look to your left and notice a dance club. Not a dance club like the ones you see in teeny-bop movies like "10 Things I Hate About You." Rather, a dance club where IDM (Intelligent Dance Music) is the standard that those inside the club enjoy.

You enter the club, and instead of being surrounded by drunken pseudo-



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modernists, you are surrounded by a pleasant crowd of music aficionados who are there because they actually appreciate the music.

This would be an ideal setting for the music that Boards of Canada produces. Their take on IDM is a pleasant one, and you might recognize it on Radiohead's "Everything in Its Right Place" or even "Idiotique" from the album "Kid A."

However, you shouldn't start listening to a Boards album expecting standard vocals. These guys are big fans of random voice samples and computer-manipulated vocals. For example, track four, "Gyroscope," features a computerized voice track that sounds much like a child's voice, counting down numbers over an excellent beat that just about anyone can groove to.

For most of "Geogaddi," tracks alter-

nate between short (roughly one minute) tracks that seem like transitions to the more elaborate tracks like "Sunshine Recorder" and "1969."

"Geogaddi" provides a soundscape that will mentally take each listener to a pleasant place while simultaneously providing them with an album that you can groove to when the situation presents itself. This album is worth every penny.

On a side note, if you do check this album out and enjoy it, feel free to check out label-mates Plaid and/or Anti-Pop Consortium in their upcoming tours. Anti-Pop Consortium is a unique blend of electronic and hip-hop. Plaid is a duo from Europe that rarely comes to the United States. Their album "Double Figure" is nothing short of astounding.

How Green(e) you are

Senior Staff Writer **Grayson Currin**

I am a self-proclaimed fan of the independent spirit — of the man who can turn his back on the behemoth and the overwhelming grasp of the corporate mindset in order to realize his own potential in his own time. Some believe that, by way of America's free trade system of dog-eat-dog capitalism, the spirit that once gave that system the life of individual innovation has fallen by the wayside. Conglomerates have taken a bite out of thought in exchange for a large and guaranteed paycheck.

I like to hope that such is not the case with music. Inevitably, it is. Many musicians, pushed by the avaricious wants and demands of record label heads, seem to have forgotten what it felt like to learn a G-chord or program their first loop. They seem to become remiss in their duty to their music — to use it as a nearly divine and especially sacrosanct vehicle of personal expression.

It is this ability of expression that has nurtured music over centuries. Paychecks are spent. Feelings of identification and relevance felt when audience and artist connect are indelible

relics of moments felt and earned by lives lived. They do not fade.

Oddly enough, Wednesday's Grammy Award ceremonies saw Michael Greene, president and CEO of the National Academy of Recording Artists & Sciences, recognize a connection between the "fan and the artist" as one of great importance and historical magnitude. Alas, we do not speak of the same relationship.

In Greene's eyes, the relationship between musicians and music lovers is one of a contract built upon financial terms only. Greene is not shy about his pecuniary interest. In fact, on Wednesday, he attempted to draw pity for new artists, saying that they "were being marginalized out of our business." On the contrary, new music is able to gain loads of exposure through the Internet. A host of new artists has found their primary vehicle for financial gain indirectly by way of Audiodogalaxy and Napster. New artists are finding new audiences (by way of bandwidth) who are willing to pay artists for what they do.

The music industry is not intended to

be like other industries. Mr. Greene. It doesn't provide a good that increases a man's standard of living, and it doesn't heal disease by way of some documented chemical interaction. It is of the soul. It is of the heart. It's not of state research laboratories operated by contractors of more dollars than sense. Music grows in clubs with beer-soaked floors and poor ventilation. When coats and ties enter music, you find a man like Michael Greene at the 44th Annual Grammy Awards saying things such as, "Ripping is stealing their livelihood one digital file at a time... in this World Wide Web of theft and indifference."

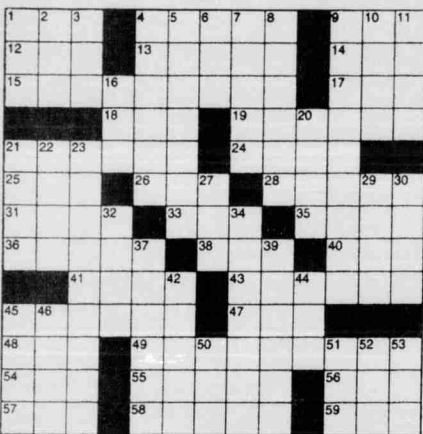
Take note, Mr. Greene. I attend college at a university with some of the finest and fastest computer networks in America. If I were compelled to become an all-out pirate of music via the Internet, I have that power at my fingertips. But I, like most, do not.

Do you know why? It's because I truly connect with the music. I love to hear artists breaking boundaries with their intuition and skill. College students today will not refuse to buy the

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new Britney Spears or Linkin Park album because it can be downloaded.

College students will refuse to buy these albums because they are drab, unoriginal and uninspired cookie-cutter efforts. Give us something worth \$15. Please, sir, give us something worth our time. It is manifest that artists are disgruntled with a recording industry that opts for a quick buck by way of an absence of art that is intrinsically risky.

One needs only to look to Amy Factor of Enjoy Records, who left the upper echelons of Virgin Records to put his time and money into something in which he believed. Look to the darlings of musical independence, Dispatch. Nearly every prominent record company has been coldly turned down after offering the Boston rock trio multi-million dollar recording contracts. Dispatch has not been destroyed by the Internet. Whereas you and your record companies, Mr. Greene, could

only help them after they proved their worth time and again, the Internet immediately led the music to the people.

Architect Records, ATO Records, Aware Records, Everfine Records, Sugar Hill and Yep Roc are all giving artists that try their first, second and — sometimes — third chances at a music career. The darlings of the record industry did not consider bands such as Government Mule or Nickel Creek to be acceptable financial risks.

Music rebels Lost Highway took the rebellious soundtrack from "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and made it the graceful humpkin that, ultimately, became the belle of your own ball, Mr. Greene. Find artists that hope to make a life and not a living (or fortune) out of their art. Sign these artists and RIAA and the Academy will get music back. Digital music can be a scouting tool for the record labels. It is a finger on the quickening pulse of American mindsets.

and it will warn you of future musical movements long before industry insiders could even hope to do so.

Dr. Dre has often been quoted lamenting that he cannot feed his children without funds from his music. Other artists use similar arguments, invoking pity in their Versace or Dolce and Gabbana outfits. If it is the case that big stars are slowly losing their profits due to Internet sharing, perhaps they need to be more concerned with their music than with the music system.

After downloading two album tracks from some of today's pop candy and finding them to be even more inane than the radio singles, what same person would purchase the album itself? Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day recently said, "I do not think it's OK to preview music before you hear it because people ... are tired of buying crap records with no substance."

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GRUNDY

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outstanding, career-best season," said State coach Herb Sendek on Monday in a press release. "He has displayed marked improvement over the course of his career, culminating with a consistent level of excellence this season."

"Obviously, this is a great honor, and I'm very excited about it," Grundy said. "But any success that I've had this season has come because of my great teammates, my coaching staff and the other people who support us. There have been many people who have been behind me and supported me through my career, and I want them to know that this award is theirs as much as mine."

The 6-2 Williams leads the ACC in scoring at 21.9 points a game heading into this week's ACC Tournament in Charlotte. He is also third in the league in 3-point percentage, fifth in steals and sixth in assists.

Williams' 1,968 career points ranks third all-time in the ACC among juniors. Only Antawn Jamison of North Carolina (1,974) and Dennis Scott of Georgia Tech (2,115) have better scoring numbers through three seasons.

The 6-3 Dixon becomes the 23rd player in ACC history to be named to the first team three times and just the second Maryland player to accomplish the feat. John Lucas also did it in 1974-1976. The first unanimous pick from Maryland since the late Len Bias in 1986 is averaging 19.5 points, an ACC-leading 2.8 steals and an ACC-best 90.8 percent from the foul line heading into postseason play.

Dixon, a senior, has also

scored in double figures in 46 straight games in leading the Terrapins to their first outright ACC regular-season crown in 22 years.

"Juan is valuable in a lot of ways," said Maryland coach Gary Williams. "He gives you that veteran player as a senior who has been through everything."

The 6-9 Dunleavy, arguably the most versatile player in college basketball, was three votes shy of being a unanimous selection. The junior is tied for fifth in the ACC in scoring (17.7), is tied for second in steals (2.41) and is fifth in 3-point shooting (37.5 percent).

The 6-9 Booser has had a remarkable ACC season, going 110-for-156 from the field in 16 league games for 70.5 percent field-goal shooting. He has made 56 of his last 67 shots to place fourth in the ACC in scoring (18.4). Booser is also third in rebounding (8.7).

Dixon, Dunleavy and Grundy were also named to the ACC's All-Defensive team.

Lonny Baxter of Maryland garnered the most votes for the second team. He was joined on that squad by Virginia's Roger Mason Jr. and Travis Watson, Wake Forest's Dariusz Songaila and Georgia Tech's senior point guard Tony Akins.

Maryland's Steve Blake, the top assist man in the league, and Wake's Josh Howard head the third team. Clemson's Wilcox Scott, Maryland's Chris Wilcox and Carolina's Jason Capel were also named.

It was the first time since 1990 that North Carolina did not place a player on the first or second teams.

The only team to be shut out in the All-ACC picks was Florida State. The Seminoles' Monte Cummings received the most votes among those selected for honorable mention.

TENNIS

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blistering Bullard in straight sets 6-1, 6-3.

Bawono took little time to put down Solc at the No. 3 spot. Jassawalla moved into the No. 4 spot for the first time this year to defeat Kimberly Barnett 6-2, 6-0. Stadelmann and Strader both dominated their opponents and put them down in straight sets.

The men's squad didn't fare as well, losing Saturday to No. 33 Rice 6-1.

The Pack (3-7) got its lone point from senior Matt Lucas, who knocked off 54th-ranked Richard Barker in straight sets 7-6 (7-4), 6-1. State also recorded a victory at No. 3 doubles when Bryce McGorky and R.J. Murray defeated Barker and Prakash Venkataraman of Rice 8-6.

Beyond those two wins, how-

ever, State didn't have much success and fell to the Owls.

The women's team will travel to Clemson for ACC play Saturday, while the men's team will try to right the ship at North Carolina Friday at 3 p.m.

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defensive lineman for two years. Locklear will now try to learn the offensive guard position at spring practice.

Amato will turn to junior quarterback Phillip Rivers and senior safety Terrence Holt to become leaders of this year's team. Rivers, who is already being touted as a Heisman hopeful, is still learning, according to Amato, and will have a steady backup in redshirt freshman Jay Davis. Holt will try to repeat his All-ACC performance in 2001 and be a leader on the defense while still making big plays on special teams.

With the expected addition of a 13th game to the 2002 schedule, State would begin its season even earlier than expected, meaning spring practice could become more important.

Amato is excited about the three spring scrimmages and the outlook of the upcoming season, which he hopes will conclude with a third consecutive bowl game. He describes this time between winter workouts and summer practice as "a fun time of year."

morning edition every day. But the people associated with it have yet to remember that it's about sports first.

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Associated Press Top 25 Men's Basketball Poll

The Associated Press Top 25 college basketball poll, with number of first-place votes and record in parentheses, total points and previous ranking: (Records through March 3, 2002)

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. Kansas (57)	(27-2)	1,761
2. Maryland (14)	(25-3)	1,717
3. Duke	(26-3)	1,615
4. Oklahoma	(24-4)	1,553
5. Cincinnati	(27-3)	1,489
6. Gonzaga	(28-3)	1,362
7. Pittsburgh	(25-4)	1,306
8. Alabama	(24-6)	1,197
9. Oregon	(22-7)	1,177
10. Illinois	(23-7)	1,010
11. Florida	(21-7)	1,006
12. Kentucky	(20-8)	1,001
13. Marquette	(23-6)	979
14. Oklahoma State	(23-7)	831
15. Arizona	(19-9)	769
16. Stanford	(19-8)	690
17. Georgia	(21-8)	536
18. Western Kentucky	(26-3)	482
19. Connecticut	(21-6)	474
20. Miami, Fla.	(23-6)	427
21. Ohio State	(20-7)	351
22. USC	(20-8)	348
23. Indiana	(19-10)	180
24. Xavier	(22-5)	175
25. California	(21-7)	104

Others Receiving Votes: Wake Forest 84, Texas Tech 69, Mississippi State 65, Hawaii 59, Kent State 51, Pepperdine 41, Michigan State 38, UCLA 23, Tulsa 18, Wisconsin 15, Texas 14, Virginia 10, Southern Illinois 8, N.C. State 7, Mississippi 6, Wyoming 5, Central Connecticut 4, Notre Dame 4, Butler 3, Louisville 3, Memphis 3, Pennsylvania 3, Missouri 2

Associated Press Top 25 Women's Basketball Poll

The Associated Press Top 25 women's college basketball poll, with number of first-place votes and records in parentheses, total points and previous ranking: (Records through March 3, 2002)

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. Connecticut (44)	31-0	1,100
2. Stanford	30-1	1,052
3. Duke	26-3	993
4. Oklahoma	24-3	970
5. Vanderbilt	27-6	917
6. Tennessee	25-4	896
7. Baylor	24-4	823
8. Louisiana Tech	22-4	759
9. Purdue	23-5	721
10. Colorado	21-8	685
11. Iowa State	21-7	634
12. Texas	19-8	626
13. Kansas State	23-6	574
14. South Carolina	22-6	492
15. Old Dominion	22-5	426
16. North Carolina	24-7	399
17. Texas Tech	17-10	351
18. Colorado State	23-5	339
19. Minnesota	21-7	266
20. Boston College	21-6	250
21. Cincinnati	25-4	231
22. LSU	17-11	162
23. Penn State	21-10	119
24. Florida	18-10	97
25. Fla. International	24-5	88

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 74, Arkansas 47, TCU 45, Georgia 41, Villanova 32, UNLV 23, Arizona State 17, Mississippi State 13, Drake 8, New Mexico 6, Tulane 5, Wisconsin 5, Alabama 3, Indiana 3, Saint Joseph's 3, UC Santa Barbara 3, Syracuse 2

WolfpackNotes

Sendek named District 5 Coach of the Year

N.C. State head coach Herb Sendek has been named the District 5 Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The NABC honors coaches from 15 districts across the country who have "shown exemplary skill in teaching and guiding their student-athletes to meet their fullest potential."

Sendek, who guided the Wolfpack to a 20-9 record and a third-place ACC finish, is now eligible for the 2001-2002 National Coach of the Year Award, which will be presented March 31.

which is the 13th contest on the State's regular season schedule, will be played Aug. 24 in Raleigh.

"We are excited to be able to add another home game for next season," said Director of Athletics Lee Fowler. "We will now have seven home games in 2002 and 2003, which will give our great fans more opportunities to see the Pack in action."

The BCA Bowl benefits post-graduate scholarship opportunities for minorities interested in coaching and administration, as well as developmental programs for members of the BCA.

"Competitors like to compete, and we're happy to have the chance to play a 13th game against a quality opponent," said head coach Chuck Amato.

State adds 13th football game

The Black Coaches Association has announced that the Pack will host New Mexico in the 2002 Black Coaches Association Bowl. The game,

Women's soccer inks five

The State women's soccer program has signed five student-athletes for the fall of 2002, head coach Laura Kerrigan announced Monday. The group

is composed of three players from North Carolina, one from New York and one from Virginia.

Erin Ardler, a senior at Mimsink Valley High School in Greenville, N.Y., was a member of the Olympic Development Program in New York for four seasons. She was also a member of the Region 1 ODP team for one year and in the Region 1 pool for two seasons. Ardler was an Orange County all-star for four seasons and amassed 40 goals in her first three seasons of high school.

Away from the field, Ardler has compiled impressive track credentials, ranking 25th in the nation in the 55-meter sprint. Ardler recently broke the New York state record in the event, finishing the race in 7.0 seconds.

Michelle Crocker is a senior at Millbrook High School in Raleigh. She gained all-state honors as a junior and All-Cap 6 and all-region honors as a sophomore and junior.

Lindsey DeLorenze is a senior

at Apex High School in Apex. She has been a member of the North Carolina Olympic Development squad for four seasons and a member of the regional pool for one year.

DeLorenze was also invited to the Elite Soccer Program, reserved for the top 150 players in the United States. At the high school level, DeLorenze became the first player in Apex history to earn Region Six Player of the Year, all-state and All-Southern Conference honors as a sophomore and junior.

Lydia McBeth is a senior at Hickory High School in Chesapeake, Va. She has been a member of the national pool and regional Olympic Development team during her career.

Ashley Zandian is a senior at East Wake High School in Wendell. During her high school career, Zandian claimed All-Coastal Plains honors while at St. Timothy's Hale School and was named the conference's Co-Player of the Year as a sophomore.

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be battling for playing time. At tailback, senior Cotra Jackson is listed as the starter on the spring depth chart but will have to compete with sophomore Josh Brown and heralded recruit T.A. McLendon, who will also be competing for the job this summer when he arrives.

Some players will not be participating in spring practice for various reasons. Junior tackle Chris Colmer, an anchor on the offensive line, will miss practice with an ankle injury. Reserve tailbacks K.J. Stone and Carlos Doggett will be absent at spring practice for other reasons. Stone has withdrawn from school, while Doggett is improving his grades. Amato stated that he hopes both will be back and ready to play by the time fall comes around.

A definite position change in the works this spring involves junior Sean Locklear, who will be switching sides of the ball. A



Landis Strader knocks one out over the net for the women's tennis team.

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"That's one plan that has been advanced, but I don't see that that would solve the problem because officiating at the college level has always been an avocation rather than a vocation," said Guthrie. "If you do it for men's basketball, do you do it for women's basketball, football and so on? I hardly see that as the solution to the problem."

Guthrie makes out the referee schedule in the fall by putting together groups of six to eight officials he calls "pods." In the pods, there are usually two lead officials, and teams are formed from the pods to make up three-man crews.

While the crews are usually familiar with each other and work together as a team to ensure the game is called properly, it is still possible for officials at any level to have an off night.

Just as the Mike Dunleavy, Juan Dixons and Jason Williamses of the world have sub-par performances some nights, even the best and most veteran officials can have a nightmare game that directly affects a team's performance.

Mike Wood, currently working his 14th year in the ACC, probably remembers Feb. 16, 1997, all too well.

The scene was Lawrence Joel Coliseum and Wake Forest was a heavy favorite over State,



The ACC is trying to figure out ways to cut down on the number of games its officials work.

which had admirably forced overtime and somehow managed to stay close in the extra frame with reserve Luke Buffum guarding Wake's All-American center, Tim Duncan.

State had the ball and was down by two with a few seconds remaining when C.C. Harrison launched an off-balance 19-footer that banked in just as the horn sounded. Wood, standing at a bad angle in relation to Harrison's feet, put his arms in the air signaling a 3-pointer, but later replays would show Harrison's foot was clearly off the line.

The lost sent Wake into a late-season tailspin, while the Wolfpack lost just two games the rest of the season.

"We have a good crew on every game," said Guthrie. "Sometimes they don't perform

up to their standards; we have errors in every game, but you just try to minimize them."

Ted Valentine, a well-traveled official who has worked Division I for more than 20 seasons and has recently become a more frequent ACC official, was a part of the most memorable coach-reference exchange in college basketball history.

In late February of 1998 during a Big Ten game, Valentine handed Indiana head coach Bob Knight the rare penalty of three technical fouls, and following his ejection, Knight continued to scream at an imperturbable Valentine with a series of expletives. Knight would later call Valentine's officiating the "greatest travesty" he had seen in his basketball coaching career.

Few people realize that Valentine made the correct ruling on the call in question, yet because of the magnitude of the incident, Big Ten representatives barred the West Virginia native from working Big Ten nonconference games for an entire season.

Fowler contends that if a game is viewed objectively by fans and coaches alike, the officiating really is excellent.

"It's human nature that if your team is playing, you automatically have to blame someone for your frustrations," said Fowler. "Officials are the ones who get the blame."

"I haven't seen very many missed calls when I don't care who wins."

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rounds of 75 and 76 are tied for the third- and fourth-lowest rounds of the season. Bonner now owns two of the top four rounds of the year and four of the top 11.

Freshman Colby Cobb fired a season-low round of 76 in the second round, as he finished the tournament in 15th place, her highest finish since placing 10th at the Hatter Golf Classic on Oct. 21.

Freshmen Erica Wein and Leslie Stubblefield fired their best rounds this season to finish tied for 17th. Wein fired a first round of 74, which broke her previous low round by four strokes and was good for the second-lowest round for the Pack this season. Stubblefield tied her season-low round by firing a 76 in the final round.

The Pack travels to Winter Park, Fla., for the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational on Monday and Tuesday.

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M. Tennis @ North Carolina, 3/8, 3
W. Tennis @ Clemson, 3/9

Amato talks up spring practice

◆ **Head football coach Chuck Amato talked about spring practice and the upcoming 2002 season in a press conference Monday.**

Ryan Baucom
Staff Writer

There are a lot of questions concerning the 2002 N.C. State football team going into spring practice, and head coach Chuck Amato is looking forward to having them answered.

The main concern would be the vacancy at the defensive coordinator position. The search for a replacement has been on since former coordinator Buddy Green accepted the same position at Navy on Jan. 10 after a two-year stint at State. Amato hasn't disclosed the names of any potential replacements, but said Monday during a press conference that he is waiting to find a coordinator who will fit the right pieces into the puzzle.

In the interim, Amato said he will direct the defense in spring practice with the help of his staff and that they will run a basic defense that will focus on fundamentals.

"All the scheming can come later," said Amato. "I think spring practice is just a time to improve yourself fundamentally and get better at the 'meat and potatoes,' which in football is the blocking and tackling."

Amato is also focused on the issue of replacing 10 starters from the 2001 team that finished 7-5 and went 4-4 in the ACC. The open starting spots can only create competition, which Amato has come to appreciate.

"The more competition we have out there, the better we're going to be," said Amato, who looks forward to the competition bringing the best out of his players in spring practice, which begins March 18.

The starting spots at tight end, defensive end and tailback are the positions that Amato believes are going to be focused on the most during spring practice.

Senior transfer Sean Berton and senior Joe Gray will compete to get the coveted starting tight end job left vacant by Willie Wright. The linebacker corps will be tested with the loss of Levar Fisher, but senior Daanonio Burnette is expected to step into a leadership role.

There is plenty of competition at the defensive ends, where four seniors will

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Head coach Chuck Amato is looking forward to spring practice.

Grundy named to All-ACC team

◆ **Anthony Grundy joined three Duke players and Juan Dixon on the All-ACC first team.**

Sports Staff Report

Anthony Grundy, N.C. State's leader in scoring, rebounding, steals and assists this season, has been named to the Associated Press All-ACC men's basketball team, announced on Monday.

Jason Williams and Juan Dixon were unanimous selections to the first team,

while Duke became the first school in league history to place three players on the squad.

Williams, Duke's All-American guard, and Dixon, Maryland's top scorer and one of the best defensive players in the nation, received all 84 first-place votes cast by members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association for 252 points. Teammates Mike Dunleavy and Carlos Boozer joined Williams on the first team.

The Blue Devils placed two players on the first team each of the last four seasons during their record-setting

ACC regular-season title runs. However, no school in the 49-year history of the league had placed three players on the top team prior to Monday.

Grundy is the Wolfpack's first All-ACC first-team pick since Todd Fuller in 1996. The 6-3 guard helped his team tie for third place in the ACC by averaging 17.4 points, 5.5 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.2 steals a game.

"Anthony's selection is a well-deserved tribute and recognition for his

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Anthony Grundy (2) became the first N.C. State player under Herb Denton to make the All-ACC first team.

LIFE in STRIPES



ACC Coordinator of Basketball Officials John Guthrie said referees are hired by the conference on a night-by-night basis. During the rest of the week, officials are free to cover games outside the ACC.

◆ **Conferences like the ACC are examining whether or not officials are working too many games.**

Matt Middleton
Senior Staff Writer

They are often the most hated people on the floor.

In the eyes of the fan, they are the direct cause of a beloved team's downfall. They hold one of the most thankless jobs in the American working world.

They are college basketball officials. A majority of them hold other jobs in the off-season, but in late November, their performance is under an intense microscope for almost four full months. When they make a mistake, everyone notices, which has caused a recent uproar. Some coaches contend that officials are working too many games, thus negatively affecting their ability to appropriately call a game.

It's a problem that needs to be examined more closely, according to ACC Coordinator of Basketball Officials John Guthrie.

"I would say that many of them probably need to examine how many

times they are officiating," said Guthrie, who is in his second year with the league. "Without a doubt, some of them are probably working too frequently."

But the officials will not cut back their games unless commanded to by a higher authority. After all, they get paid based on how many games they work; consequently, in order to make more money to support themselves, they must

work more games. Conferences like the ACC simply hire the referees for the night and have no control over how many games they work on other nights of the week.

"If we hire them for the night, then that's all we get them for," said N.C. State Athletics Director Lee Fowler. "It's hard for conferences to demand when they work and when they don't. They're paid by the ACC, but they don't work for the ACC; they're independent contractors."

Experienced officials like Larry Rose, Duke Edsall and Doug Shows work several nights a week for confer-

ences like the ACC, SEC and Big East. They then pick up extra games from smaller conferences like the Colonial Athletic Association or the Atlantic Sun on nights when the major conferences are not playing, which is where the problem lies, according to Guthrie.

"Conferences like the ACC, SEC [and] Big East have a group of top-quality officials that are committed to them first," said Guthrie. "Some of the other conferences out there that do not have as good [of] officials tend to borrow those [top-quality] officials on nights when the ACC, SEC or Big East don't play."

"Officials are offered top dollar to come in and work on nights when those conferences are not playing. The conferences don't have control over the frequency an official [works]."

One possible solution that has been discussed is for every conference to have their own group of officials that exclusively work their games. Guthrie said the logistics of such a conversion would be difficult because most college officials do not referee as their exclusive occupation.

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ATHLETICS Boo-no

ESPN's "SportsCenter" used to be the best show on television.

Every morning, I could turn to ESPN and count on getting all the scores and highlights while being amused. It was the perfect blend of sports and entertainment. That's just not the case any more.

Somewhere along the way "SportsCenter" lost sight of what it was meant to be — a show that reports the sports-related news of the day. In recent years, its focus has shifted from the sports it covers to the anchors covering the sports.



Jeremy Ashton

A classic example of this came during Monday morning's broadcast. On the way to a commercial, Stuart Scott teased the upcoming highlights for the North Carolina-Duke game, which was something I was obviously interested in.

When the show returned, Scott was standing behind a microphone with a sign hanging up behind him that read "SC Poetry Jam." He then recapped the game in the form of a poem, while the highlights ran on a TV screen that was set up behind him and to his left. I couldn't figure out whether I was supposed to be concentrating on him or the action that was going on behind him, which was what I really wanted to see in the first place.

In the past, "SportsCenter" could show a normal highlight package and add entertainment value to it without having the anchors dominate what was being shown. Dan Patrick, who's still the best anchor the show has, and Keith Olbermann were masters at this. When they co-anchored the Monday morning "SportsCenter," they knew when to insert a comment that would add to a highlight and make it funny rather than completely taking it over.

Right now, the people associated with the show are trying too hard to be entertainers.

One of my favorite segments is "Plays of the Week," a conglomerate of all the best highlights during a given week. In the last couple of years, the plays have sometimes been wiped out because of the fancy special effects the producers have thrown in. Just imagine a little kid playing around with a new toy and showing off all the neat things he can do with it.

The same thing can be said of the normal highlight packages, like the one featuring Scott on Monday. Recently, there have been too many themed packages where the viewer doesn't get to see what actually occurred because the producers are running highlights like silent movies or as still photos to poke fun at the way the Olympic coverage was done.

The major problem, however, lies with the on-air personalities. The show's anchors, especially some of the newer ones, will spend half a highlight trying to spit out all their catch phrases. Meanwhile, the highlight has come and gone, and the only way I can tell what happened is by checking out the graphic afterward.

Scott might be the worst about this. Aside from stealing all the attention from the athletes he's supposed to cover, the constant reminders about where he went to school have gotten old. I don't need to be reminded every time Vince Carter or Michael Jordan gets a dunk that they, like Scott, went to Carolina. It reminds me of one of those long-distance commercials that's mildly amusing the first time it comes on but makes me want to throw my shoe through the TV after I've seen it a hundred times.

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Women's golf wins second tournament ever

◆ **The women's golf team won its first tournament since being reinstated last season.**

Sports Staff Report

LAKELAND, Fla. — The N.C. State women's golf team won its second tournament title in school history by firing a tournament-low 300 in the final round of the Lady Mox Classic at the Imperial Lakes Country Club Sunday.

From 1980 to 1986, State fielded a women's golf program before the ACC stopped sponsoring women's golf. Last season, the ACC began supporting women's golf again, and the Wolfpack is improving in every tournament.

After placing in the top 10 of a tournament only once in the last two years

(10th at the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in 2001), the Pack has now done so three straight times, placing fourth and sixth in its previous two tournaments this season.

Led by sophomore Malin Claesson, who finished tied for sixth, the Pack placed all five of its golfers in the top 20 individually. Claesson shot a school-record 70 in the final round to finish with a three-day total of 229. The sixth-place finish tied for the highest finish of her career when she fired a 155 (78-77) in the two-round Carolinas Classic last season.

Freshman Sarah Bonner lowered her team-leading stroke average to 78.5 with her three-day total of 232 (75-81-76). Bonner finished tied for eighth, matching her season-high finish. Her

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Women win, men fall in weekend tennis action

◆ **The N.C. State women's tennis team swept UNC-Wilmington, but the men's team lost to Rice.**

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State tennis teams each hosted matches this weekend with mixed results.

The 75th-ranked women's team continued its winning ways Friday afternoon, defeating UNC-Wilmington 7-0 on the courts of the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

The match was originally scheduled to be played on Saturday in Wilmington, but due to the threat of inclement weather, the teams held the match in Raleigh.

The Wolfpack (5-4) grabbed the doubles point to get things started. Katrina

Gildemeister and Kristen Nicholls hammered the Seahawks tandem of Mandy Bullard and Kathleen Bowles 8-2. Jennifer Jassawalla and Myrna Bawono handed UNCW's Hunter McRae and Sallie Keiser a loss at No. 2 doubles, and at No. 3, partners Loni Worsley and Landis Strader took down

Women's Tennis

NC State	7
UNCW	0

Men's Tennis

NC State	1
Rice	6

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