



Senators greet election results, debate bills

◆ **Senate ends term with new leaders and adoption of several new pieces of legislation.**

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On Wednesday, a large crowd gathered in the Student Senate chambers for the last meeting of the semester. Candidates and visitors alike waited in anticipation for this week's election results, which were announced by Sen. Amanda Devore, chair of the Elections Commission.

After a voter turnout rate of 14.5 percent, Devore cited a 90-percent increase since last year and appeared pleased.

"You guys made this happen," she said, thanking members of the Elections Commission and other senators.

Election results are as follows: Brent

Rowe, student body chief justice; Dan Gilligan, student body treasurer; Josh Cox, student senate president; James Reed, union president.

Although student body president candidate Michael Anthony received more votes than his closest opponent, Larisa Yasinovskaya, a run-off between the two will be held next week in accordance with student body statutes, which state that a candidate must have an overall majority to win.

In other business, senators adopted all bills up for consideration except for one. Among these, a bill calling for a moratorium on capital punishment and a bill to impeach a senator provided sources for controversy.

Supported by the N.C. State chapter of Amnesty International, Resolution 94 encouraged senators to support a state moratorium on executions until it has been established that the administration of death penalty cases properly follow due process laws and the risk of

executing innocents is reduced.

"This is not asking anyone to get rid of the death penalty," said Sen. Gary Zeigler, one of the bill's authors, submitting the purpose as only to re-evaluate the current system. "This is fairly important because people's lives are in jeopardy."

According to Andy Wingo, president of NCSU's chapter of Amnesty International, Raleigh is the last major city in North Carolina to have not passed a resolution in favor of a moratorium. In their next efforts, the group plans to proceed to the Raleigh City Council.

"It's an issue of universal human rights," Wingo said, referring to figures provided on the bill. "There are some statistics that really stand on their own."

However, many senators disagreed that the issue coincided with the Student Senate's responsibilities.

"I contend that this resolution is irrelevant to the purpose of this body," said

Sen. Jeff Ennis, one of the bill's most outspoken opponents. "It's a waste of our time. Get it out."

In defense, one of the authors, Sen. Charles Jones, said, "These are students who care enough to contact their senator and government officials. This is what we are here for."

Despite this assertion, Ennis appeared offended at the outside group's influence, adding, "I will not stand for Amnesty International to use this institution as a rubber stamp."

The discussion became heated as debate expanded to more general questions of whether the death penalty should or should not be legal.

"How can you put innocent people to death?" said Sen. Mark Matthews, one of the bill's authors. "After many countries in Europe abolished slavery, we continued to have it. We need to step up to the plate and catch up."

Sen. Gary Palin addressed the issue of

deterrence. "So we're going to ruin these people's lives and kill them to reduce crime for everyone else," he continued. "What it boils down to is that if you kill one person who is innocent, the system is broken."

After much debate regarding the validity of the statistics from Amnesty International, they were eventually struck from the bill and a simple resolution calling for a moratorium was passed.

"This is propaganda as far as we know. Amnesty International is an organization with a clear and stated agenda," said Ennis.

Senate Resolution 44, the Palin Impeachment Act, prompted further divisions within the senate.

Stating that "Sen. Palin has continuously undermined collegiality among the Student Senate and its leadership," the bill called for an impeachment trial.

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Pan-Afrikan Festival invites students to a 'family reunion'

◆ **The 31st annual Pan-Afrikan Festival will take place today through April 14.**

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Yearning for a battle? Aching for a good laugh? Hungry for some soul food?

N.C. State's 31st annual Pan-Afrikan Festival is slated to offer many new events unique to the festival.

The theme for this year's festival is "A Family Reunion Celebrating the Accomplishments and Milestones of African Americans." According to organizers, this year's festival is sure to culturally comfort and/or shock the NCSU campus.

"If you want to learn and experience part of the African-American culture, without being in a lecture hall, the festival will provide you with that," said Tim Teel, president of the Black Student's Board (BSB) and a junior in industrial engineering. "If you come out to the events, you will see how and why we like to socially interact with each other. It's going to be like a family reunion: dancing, cook-outs, happiness and enjoyment."

According to Felicia Jackson, adviser for BSB and a first year graduate student in higher education, a goal of the Pan-Afrikan Festival is to reflect and depict historical and contemporary aspects of African-American culture.

The festival is loaded with various events that begin today and continue until April 14.

"This year there [are] more events, more days and more variety," said Teel. "We sent out e-mails and letters to different organizations on campus asking for their ideas on some possible events."

Teel added that because the organizations were so different and each had their own perspective on the festival, the organizers were able to make the festival much more diverse than any other year.

"Because BSB was excited about the Pan-Afrikan festival, this year and years past, other different organizations

also became enthused about it and decided to participate and help us," said Jackson.

Both Teel and Jackson agree that there is something for everybody at the festival, and they note that "your ethnic background doesn't matter."

A hip-hop battle will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the Tally Student Center, with an after party following. In addition, a basketball classic on Saturday morning, soul food on Sunday and a number of other events are slated to take place during the 10-day festival.

Though the events will be numerous, organizers say that the purpose of Pan-Afrikan will not be overshadowed. The Pan-Afrikan Festival at NCSU originated from Pan-Africanism. The purpose of Pan-Africanism was to link the global struggle of African people across all diasporas.

"Pan-Africanism at NCSU was originally used as a tool to bring black students to State," said Teel. "It showed perspective students that there is a loving, brotherly-sisterly support system here for them."

Teel sees the festival as a 10-day experience in black America.

"No matter what the event is, everything will be traced back to Africa: from stepping [April 12] to worship service [Sunday], and from dancing [today and April 13] to especially laughter [April 13]. After all, laughter got us through many hard times. All these things go back to the homeland," said Teel.

According to Jackson, the planning for the 10-day event was a difficult task that posed challenges, but those challenges proved to be "learning experiences." Because of these experiences, he feels that BSB's leadership, communication and balancing skills have "elevated to another plane."

Teel said that this year BSB is taking the festival "to another level."

"We just can't stop; this was our motto coming into the year," said Teel. "My experience with all the past Pan-Afrikan celebrations is that during and after activities, I felt empowered and reunited with individuals on campus; to

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Pan-Afrikan festival events April 5-14

Sat, April 6
Black Hole
TSC Ballroom, 10 p.m.

Sun, April 7
Ushari
TSC Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.

Mon, April 8
What is Pan-Afrikan?
Witherspoon CC, 7 p.m.

Tues, April 9
"No More Drama"
Stewart Theater, 8 p.m.

Wed, April 10
Pan-Ali
TSC Ballroom, 4 p.m.

Thurs, April 11
Running 10, Running From,
Running For...
Stewart Theater, 8 p.m.

Fri, April 12
Step-Off '02 Step Show
Stewart Theater, 7 p.m.

Sat, April 13
Black Out
Harris Field, 10 a.m.

Sun, April 14
New Horizon Gospel Fest
Stewart Theater, 4 p.m.

Web: ncsu.edu/pan-afrikan



Many students find that shopping around is the best tactic for finding the lowest book prices.

Tuition hike puts stress on textbook sales

◆ **Area bookstores anticipate book sales to be affected by recent tuition hikes.**

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Staff Reporter

With the \$300 campus-based tuition hike equaling the average price of textbooks, many N.C. State students are going to have a harder time buying their textbooks next year.

Unfortunately for students with budget problems, textbooks are like any other commodity — it's all about the money. And yet, with four local bookstores and various Web sites fighting for students' attention, it's hard to find affordable books.

In general, students don't hold a strong consensus on which bookstore is best; it seems to be more a matter of personal convenience. That's the case for Duke Cooper, a junior majoring in history.

"I buy my books mostly from NCSU and Addam's because it's convenient,

you can just go from class to the bookstore. Other bookstores are usually out of what I'm looking for," said Cooper.

Location wise, the NCSU Bookstore is the most convenient, being directly on campus; PackBackers and Hillsborough Street Textbooks are located on Hillsborough Street directly across NCSU campus, and Addam's University Bookstore is in the Mission Valley Plaza on the corner of Avenet Ferry Road and Western Boulevard. But cost wise is a different story altogether — one that is very competitive.

"In an environment of rising book costs, we try to keep those costs down and have fair prices," said Adam Bliss, assistant manager of Hillsborough Street Textbooks. "Since we're not obligated by corporate pricing policies, we can adjust our prices to the local market needs and wants."

Herb Duncan, manager of PackBackers, holds a similar view. "Campus affairs really don't affect us

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The Men's Program taps into social issues

◆ **A three-hour course offered by the Student Health Center trains men to be peer educators.**

Lauren Deere
Senior Staff Reporter

Men coming together, honestly and intelligently, to deal with current social issues from a man's perspective. This is The Men's Program mission statement.

Once a week, for about two hours, seven men take a credit-only course with this mission in mind. Through lectures, readings, class trips and an occasional assignment, the men are training to be peer educators.

"We give people facts about legality, looking at rape from a legal standpoint and a male standpoint," said Andrew Farr, a junior in business.

Farr signed up for the class after learning about it through his work with Improv, a peer educational group. Through improvisational skits, they raise awareness about different social issues, such as alcohol, drugs, sexually transmitted diseases and diversity.

Farr has been involved with Improv for two years and saw The Men's Program as another way to get the message out about rape and sexual assault, as well as other social issues.

"We [The Men's Program] see rape as a male issue; most perpetrators are male, and most victims are female," said Farr. "The perpetrator is the only person that can stop it. Females can take steps to protect themselves, but they aren't always going to be effective. There's not lights everywhere on campus."

"As long as there are perpetrators,

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◆ **A pow wow will be held Saturday at Harris Field.**

News Staff Report

The rhythmic beating of tribal drums. The colorful movements of Native Americans dance. The comforting sounds of traditional song.

These scenes may appear to be moments from the past, but two groups at N.C. State are bringing the traditional and the fellowship of the Native American pow wov to a new generation.

The Native American Pow Wov, sponsored by the Native American Student Association and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, will be held Saturday from 1 to 5 at Harris Field.

This annual event will feature the music of native drums, traditional dances and a variety of native products for sale. Home-cooked food and raffle tickets will also be sold.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is an opportunity for students of all backgrounds to take part in the Native American heritage.

Jason Locklear, a senior in pulp and paper technology, has attended the pow wov in the past and believes it is an interesting event for any person because it is something they have likely not seen before.

"I was amazed," Locklear said of his first pow wov experience. "I didn't understand or know what it was about ... once you do," he said, "you get an appreciation for it."

For him, the pow wov is about tradition and heritage.

"It's about being able to connect with your past," he said.

He describes a past scene filled with traditional dances performed in regalia, the clothing of their ancestors, and the music of tribal drums. The songs, he said, are a mixture of styles that incorporate both traditional men's and women's dances.

In addition to the pow wov, N.C. State will also be hosting its second annual Native American Visitation Day from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. as an opportunity for prospective students to visit the campus and learn about the opportunities for Native American students. These students will also have the opportunity to participate in the pow wov as well.

The rain location for the event will be Price Music Center.

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"I have really exhausted all options in this situation," said Sen. Natalie Duggins, one of the bill's authors. "I cannot stop this person from damaging this body."

However, many fellow senators criticized possible motives of the bill.

"I don't like people in here. People don't like me. But it doesn't mean I don't have the right to be a senator," said Sen. Jesse Elting. "People elected me."

After a lengthy debate during which time several senators were called to order, the bill failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority votes.

The remaining bills were, in contrast, adopted swiftly with few disputes.

Resolution 43, the Commitment to True Equal Opportunity in Athletics Act, advocated Title IX compliance through expanding women's teams rather than eliminating men's.

Two bills concerning tuition were passed, the first of which proposed that Chancellor Fox make need-based financial aid the top priority in allocations of the campus-based tuition increase. The following resolution urged the General Assembly to include public higher education in its continuation budget.

Three bills regarding Student Government business were also passed, including the 2002-2003 student body budget and an act eliminating the election of senior class vice president that would reserve the right to appoint a vice president or support staff to the elected senior class president.

A bill commending the NCSU wrestling team on its successful season this year was also adopted.

Guest speaker Paul Cousins, director of the Office of Student Conduct, presented senators

with potential policy changes for next year, requesting feedback. Among the office's key concerns when designing the changes was the provision allowing former students not currently enrolled to go unpunished for certain infractions upon the law, while current students are subject to university policy.

However, Cousins offered a realistic view of NCSU policy. "An incident off-campus would have to impact the health, safety or community of this university."

Carolyn Argentati, associate director for public services, NCSU libraries and her colleagues were also present to notify senators of potential changes in library policy with regards to access, security and overdue materials.

Most notably, the hours restricting library access to NCSU students would be expanded by beginning at 10 p.m. rather than midnight. Vagrants and others who wished to take advantage of resources and pose disturbances were cited as reasons for this change. "I think once the word gets out that we are doing this, we will have less people coming in before 10 p.m. who don't belong here," said Argentati. "We've had people in there pan-handling and soliciting — doing a variety of things not related to research."

Due to a court case late last year requiring NCSU to hand over all revenue gathered from fines to Wake County Public Schools, the library is rethinking its policy. Currently, it has been suggested that advanced notices be mailed before materials are overdue, followed by a 10-day grace period.

Nominees for "Outstanding Senator of the Year" and "Outstanding New Senator of the Year" awards were also made, the winners of which will be decided in a future online vote.

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there will be victims," added Farr.

Vegas Maddux, a senior in biochemistry, has been involved with The Men's Program for two semesters. He became interested in taking the course after viewing a presentation as part of his resident-assistant duties.

"I hoped it would make me a better person, if at least a better boyfriend," said Maddux.

He thinks all men need to learn about rape and sexual assault.

"Just because it happens to women doesn't mean it's not a man's problem," said Maddux.

One of the class objectives is to educate other men in efforts to end rape, sexual assault and other forms of violence toward women. So, students in the class go out into the community to put their training to use.

They have gone to local high schools, residence halls, fraternities and the football team.

Already Maddux said that he and other class members have

begun to notice certain things that they would not have noticed before. He also said that his residents feel more comfortable talking to him about rape and sexual assault.

While The Men's Program focuses on the prevention of rape and sexual assault, they cover many different issues. This semester they have discussed how society raises males, gender variance, diversity issues, relationship violence and the effects of media.

"Males are raised to be in control, from a social perspective,"

said Farr.

Farr considers the class helpful in many ways. He has learned about social aspects of masculinity, acquired leadership skills and picked up something else to put on his resume.

As an upcoming graduate, Maddux tells his residents to sign-up for the class.

"It just changed me as a person," he said.

To sign-up for The Men's Program for fall 2002, the course code is ECI 4961, section 003.

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because PackBackers is privately owned," Duncan said. "But I do think we do a better job of pricing books."

That is something Jason Wright, a senior in environmental engineering, looks for at the beginning of every semester. He goes to both Addam's University Bookstore and Hillsborough Street Textbooks because "they tend to be cheaper — generally the NCSU Bookstore prices are \$10 to \$15 more than the others, in my experience."

Chris Temple, a junior in sports management, agrees. "I try to avoid the NCSU Bookstore because it's the most expensive, the wait is ridiculous and the staff is generally unfriendly. I usually go to PackBackers because I've found them to be generally the cheapest," said Temple.

Saving money is on the top of his mind — "I fully support myself," Temple said, "and money I had saved up for books now goes to tuition, so I'm stuck. I'll have to work harder."

In response to such negative comments, Richard Hayes, the director of NCSU Bookstore, points out that in a book-by-

book evaluation done by Technician a few years ago, the bookstores all came out relatively the same.

"What students don't understand is that we're required to have every book, so we can't cherry pick books and have as many used books on hand," said Hayes, explaining the NCSU Bookstore situation. "The [students'] perception is reality. We appear to be more expensive, but when evaluating book to book, we are all about the same."

The NCSU Bookstore also says, in light of the tuition situation, they "will do everything [they] can to hold down prices."

Cooper agrees with Hayes' assessment — "I honestly haven't noticed a price difference. Either way, you end up paying more than the books are probably worth. That's how it feels anyways."

Cooper also tends to order books online from amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com, especially when the NCSU Bookstore runs out of the books he needs because it feels like less of a hassle.

While the prices are about the same as the bookstores, these Web sites offer the incentive of free shipping if you spend over \$100 or buy a certain number of books, which is easy to do when buying most of your books at one time.

There are additional ways to save money, but students have to pay attention. Bookstores, like PackBackers and Hillsborough Street Textbooks, have special coupons. Others have a pre-ordering system that allows students to get first dibs on used books, which both the NCSU Bookstore and Hillsborough Street Textbooks have, and some will even match any competitor's price for the same product, which Duncan said PackBackers does.

Ian van Buskirk, a senior in math education, had a more creative approach to save money when buying books. "If possible, I bought books from students in the class the semester before because it's even cheaper than buying used books."

But still, many students rely on the conventional and time-consuming method of comparing prices.

Senior Jon Nickel, majoring in Spanish and business, said "I've shopped around and found that Hillsborough Street Textbooks is the cheapest."

"Just make sure to go early in the semester because used books disappear quickly, and then comparing prices is a waste of time."

In addition, Nickel complains about the books his professors have chosen — "almost all of my professors are using new editions next year. Not only do

they cost more, but it's hard to sell my old books back for decent money, and then I have to turn around and buy new books."

Most professors are rarely restricted to departmental book guidelines or requirements, according to Veronica Norris, a secretary in the English department. She also noted that many professors do know how much their books cost.

But, as Dr. Nunez, a lecturer in the engineering department, points out, "there are basic references and bibliographies that are necessary for class." Also, he does not feel that the increase in tuition will affect his choice in books next year.

However, there are some professors who are more sympathetic to the upcoming plight of many NCSU students.

Dr. Meyers, a lecturer in the English department, says that he tries to assign the least expensive books to his classes every semester, but with the tuition increase for next year, he plans on being more sensitive to his students' situation.

"I plan on using more in-class assignments and handbooks, rather than the more expensive textbooks," said Meyers. "I personally feel embarrassed when books cost \$50 or \$60 for my classes."

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have different aspects and expressions of African American culture celebrated in your backyard was mind-blowing."

"Each day of the festival, an aspect of our culture will be represented," said Jackson. "Because there are so many different facets to our culture, there is something every student can relate to."

He added that the variety in events is to encourage a variety of people and backgrounds to attend. It is his goal that the participants and the audience will leave with a "sense of pride" and non-African-Americans will leave with a better understanding of their culture.

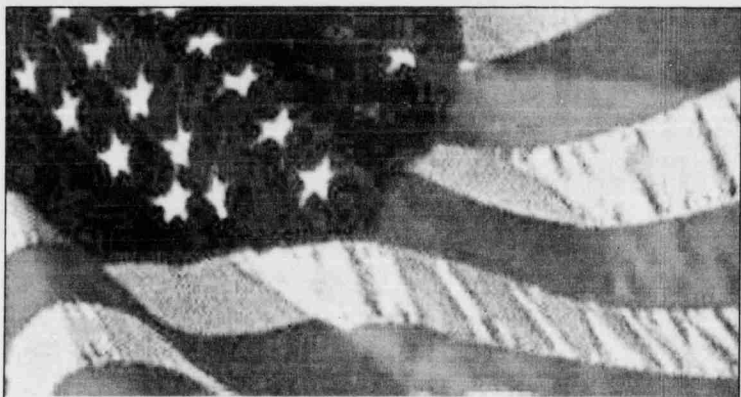
Teel feels optimistic about this

year's festival, explaining that although a lot of work went into making it, he feels the hard work will pay off.

"I am so unbelievably thankful and grateful for anybody and every body — campus organizations and agencies that made the 2002 Pan-African festival what it is."

Jackson also encourages all students to participate in this anticipated celebration.

"Students have nothing to lose by stepping out to some of these events and everything to gain. This event will promote and accept open-mindedness and supply you with memorable and cultural experiences," said Jackson. "You go to State to encounter and grasp collegiate and life-long experiences; participating in festivals and celebrations like this is only another way to enrich it."



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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

A vote of confidence in voter turnout

THIS YEAR'S SLIGHT INCREASE IN VOTER TURNOUT FOR STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS IS FUNDAMENTALLY A GOOD THING, BUT IT CAN BE MISLEADING.

N.C. State's Elections Committee set out this year to do anything and everything it could to increase voter turnout in student body elections from last year's horrendous 10 percent turnout. Aside from the ensuing runoff for student body president to be held next week, the verdict is in: an approximate five percent increase over last year. This increase, although slight, is the beginning of a good trend, but there are many more dynamics to consider about student voting, specifically, students' motivations to vote.

In last year's race for student body president, 2,449 votes were split among five candidates. This year, a total of 3,301 votes were divided among three candidates. Considering that any number of students will vote simply because they are friends with a candidate or know a candidate, this increase seems quite significant. Furthermore, this year's five percent increase in voter turnout is an increase of 50 percent over last year's.

Even so, NCSU's election turnout pales in comparison to other North Carolina schools. According to Elections Commission Chair, Amanda Devore, 40 percent of Appalachian State University's students cast a vote last year. And down the road in Chapel Hill, turnout was double NCSU's at 25 percent.

It's difficult to discern why students vote or choose to refrain from voting. Some students argue that student government has little power to enact positive change on campus, thus making the elections irrelevant. Still others

claim there is not enough information out there about the elections; this year, the Elections Commission covered the information base and covered it well.

The elections were well publicized with seven poll sites supported throughout the two-day elections by people from the NCSU Male Dance Team to varsity sports coaches to Chancellor Mary Anne Fox. In addition to online voting, the poll sites included heavily traveled areas like the Atrium, D.H. Hill Library and Fountain Dining Hall. T-shirts advertising the elections were given out the first 450 students voting at a poll site. These T-shirts, however, may provide insight into one of the reasons students vote every year and may explain why more voted this year.

If the average student does not care about the student body elections, he may be inclined to vote only through the use of incentives. And when these unrewarded, uneducated students vote, decisions are often made on physical appearance or, even worse, whim. This is not an environment conducive to the healthiest elections.

Even so, any increase in voter turnout is a good. Whether students vote because they care, because they know someone or because they are given a T-shirt, at least they are voting. Though our voter turnout has a long way to go before it becomes satisfactory, Student Government and the Elections Board should rest assured that their efforts are moving our campus in the right direction.

Double standards for minorities hurt equality

Frank Wu
(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — Equality. What does that mean in today's society?

Www.dictionary.com defines equality as: "The state or quality of being equal." We find that it is "having the same quantity, measure or value as another," or "having the same privileges, status or rights." Equality, however, is a touchy subject, and can be misconstrued in a variety of ways. Equality means that everyone is treated with the same rights and privileges, no matter their race, religion, sex or affiliation. It means that everyone is measured with the same set of standards.

One of the most striking examples of how equality has been skewed is the recent case of Ami Condit. In the class-action lawsuit, Ami sued for a scholarship that she should have received and didn't, but would have if she was a minority. The standards for the test were lower for non-whites, based on race and gender, with African-American females having to score the lowest on the test for the scholarship, while white and Asian males had to score the highest.

This not only makes it harder for Caucasians to receive the scholarship, but what does it say about how this society views its minority population? Are we saying that someone who has a different skin tone is not as good as someone with a lighter tone? Or not as smart? Or that they cannot even expect to measure up to higher expectations?

When these standards were first lowered, it was done so that more minorities could receive the scholarship. But how does that make the minorities feel about how other people see them? Has our ego become so inflated that we feel

that if someone's not of our race they cannot compete with us? We should just give it to them because they tried and got close. It is this patronizing attitude which generates this rift.

There is another form of "equality," one that is used by people in the workplace. This kind, using programs such as affirmative action and quotas, forces companies to hire based on, not qualities or experience, but on race and gender. This causes qualified people to not get hired, because the company is expected to hire a certain number of individuals from the minority population. This has been construed by some even further to advance their careers.

Women complain that they cannot move past the "glass ceiling" because of their race or gender. They claim that people have a problem with them in places of authority. They end up taking their cases to court as well, but with the intention not of achieving true equality as in the example above, but so that they will get the position over a potentially more qualified person.

We live in a world where people want double standards. They want everyone to be equal, as long as that equality places everybody else on a lower level than themselves. If they are the best for the job, then they deserve the position. But if they are not, then they shouldn't scream racism or sexism and drag everyone associated with it through the mud.

The ways to fix this problem are not easy, as they rise from a mental picture that each individual has of how each race and gender should be treated. To alleviate this problem, we must change our way of thinking. The only way is to teach the children and to show them that race and gender are not things to hide behind or to look upon as an asset or impediment.



AND WE NEVER WANT TO LEAVE

Where did the days go?



Shelly Lea
STAFF COLUMNIST

Over Easter break, I found myself busy making my class schedule for the fall school year. During this time, it dawned on me that the end of the spring semester is rapidly approaching. I began to wonder just exactly where this semester has gone. It seems as if it is melting like snow after a winter storm.

I started to reminisce on the past three months and exactly where I was. I remember beginning this semester just like it was yesterday. Unfortunately, like other students, I had to endlessly wait at the long line in the bookstore to get refunds from old books that roughly put \$50 in my pocket to buy new books that roughly cost \$400. Like almost every student, I was shocked to see the obvious discrepancy in not getting at least a 50-percent refund. After having the realization that book prices will leave me broke as long as I attend this school, I started going to my classes and receiving syllabuses that seemed to be in incomprehensible, foreign languages. Endless tests, midterms and

work lay ahead of me. For a minute, I thought I had entered the Twilight Zone, and the teachers were the mummies from "The Mummy Returns," throwing a whirlwind of assignments and deadlines at me. At this point, I thought the year was going to drag by like a hot summer day.

However, after the Martin Luther King, Jr. break, I thought the year was going to be even worse; mainly because there was no break in between then and spring break. I found myself staying up late at night to finish assignments after I had procrastinated the whole semester. I eventually began praying for spring break to arrive and grant me a reprieve. But, boy, was I wrong. After spring break and Easter break, I realized that this was my best semester and school year ever. My first semester here was not exactly a really big thrill. I spent most of the time getting adjusted to college life and being an independent person without my parents. Therefore, I should have spent the 2001-2002 school year cherishing every important moment that I have had with special people since the beginning. These wonderful moments people made what seemed like demise actually an epiphany in my life.

I will never forget the countless memories of two students in my German class and how they made it a

little more interesting with their cynical jokes and games. I also will remember the people at my job and how I always bugged them to read my columns. Yet, they swore to me that, somehow, they never have seen a Technician newstand in a convenient location for them to pick up my articles on Friday. But I promise them, one day I will be famous, and then they will wish that they had picked up the paper. I will also remember the Arabic that I learned and how I then tried to talk with every one on campus who speaks Arabic. There is so much that I will miss that I cannot begin to state it all right now.

So this month, besides dedicating myself to finishing my studies, I will value the impressionable moments that my fellow classmates have given me here. I will try to make every moment of these last few weeks of school wonderful — not just for myself, but for everyone who was embraced by my presence. I will definitely try to make sure that these last weeks are as valuable as the first three months, and I will make sure that my presence is felt throughout every place I go. I can only hope that everyone else does the same.

Are you going to miss N.C. State this summer, too? E-mail Shelly suggestions on how to cope at sdlea@unity.ncsu.edu.

Can anyone replace Jesse?



Darren O'Connor
STAFF COLUMNIST

vying for Jesse Helms' seat.

Of course, there's Elizabeth Dole, who gets most of the media attention, but there are also six other Republicans in the primary. In the interest of the spirit of democracy, I had planned to say a little about each of them, but without the space to do them all justice, I opted for the two whom I consider most worthy of replacing one of the greatest American statesmen of all time. I evaluated these candidates based on their principle commitment to freedom, limited government, free markets and personal responsibility. Dole comes in at a close third after these two, based on the limited information available from her and her campaign.

Starting with the second best choice, Dr. Venkat "Ven" Challa (www.flattaxamendment.org), a professor at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, is among the most conservative/libertarian of the candidates, second only to Jim Parker. Challa calls himself "perhaps the first American of Asian-Indian origin ever to run in a primary for U.S. Senate." He's running primarily on a platform of a flat tax amendment to the Constitution.

He also proposes a system of "teacher owned/operated private schools" (TOPS) and free-market health care

reforms (mainly fighting federal regulation and over-regulation in general). Regarding the status of minorities, he suggests a multi-faceted approach to improving the situation for minorities and poor whites. This includes vouchers for TOPS system schools and decriminalization (not the same as legalization) of drugs for medically documented addicts (designed to cut the criminal activity associated with the illegal drug market).

Finally, he calls for the need to balance the politically charged and single-minded United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, (which "studies" and makes recommendations regarding the global climate), with a more skeptical panel of scientists who could help provide more neutral and reality-based recommendations.

The best choice is Dr. Jim Parker (www.parkerforrosenate.org), a Lumberton radiologist who attained the rank of major during eight years of active duty service in the Army. He appears to be the most conservative/libertarian candidate in the running.

He's in favor of phasing out our current, messy tax code and replacing it with either a flat tax or national sales tax. Like Challa, he argues for removing the federal government from our health care decisions. Parker is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment. He says he will "re-evaluate every existing federal gun law in terms of its constitutionality and effectiveness in reaching the goal for which it was originally intended." He also plans to improve Americans' ability to carry concealed handguns for protection and push for the longest sentences possible for violent offenders. (Basically, he wants to punish the criminal, not the law-abiding gun owner.) Dr. Parker advocates the importance

of policies that encourage personal responsibility in the poor, as opposed to continual welfare handouts. He says he'll work towards ending the drug war, "which has cost taxpayers billions of dollars and done nothing to curb substance abuse." He believes in the sacredness of human life, is adamant that abortion should be a state issue and feels that Roe v. Wade is unconstitutional since it violates the Tenth Amendment.

He "opposed the legal assault on the tobacco companies" since smokers have known the eventual consequences of their choices for decades and must take responsibility rather than trying to litigate the tobacco industry out of existence. Parker also believes education should be a state issue. He supports school choice and will fight efforts to eliminate home schooling.

He knows the importance of keeping promises to those who defend our country and will fight to improve veterans' benefits, especially health care. He is a strong believer in free market and wants to privatize Social Security so workers can invest their payroll taxes the way they want. Parker also calls for using new, safer nuclear power plants to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

The only issue on which he runs counter to his otherwise impeccable libertarian credentials is globalization and free trade. He argues against free trade agreements like NAFTA because of his impression that they send "American jobs to countries where workers are treated like peasants" (which is, of course, because they ARE peasants, a condition from which free trade tends to lift them — but that's a whole other column).

Who do you support? Let Darren know at djconno@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Racism allegations alarming

After reading [Thursday's] article about the events in Dr. Munoz's class, I am concerned about what appeared to be several shortcomings. Primarily, that the article fails to give sufficient explanation of Dr. Munoz and how his teaching style could lead to such an incident. People who have taken his classes know that Dr. Munoz goes through great pains to encourage class discussion about topical social issues. In my experience, such discussions have always been conducted with dignity and maturity. More importantly, it is this effort to push and expose his students to new ideas that is invaluable to the class. College students should be consistently challenged in their beliefs or else we are all just wasting our time and money. Dr. Munoz is one of the most talented and challenging young teachers I've had at N.C. State. Traits, I might add, that characterize much of a political science department that is absurdly under appreciated. Regardless, Dr. Munoz should be praised for trying to facilitate what is obviously an important discussion. It is not his fault the students handled responsibility poorly. Perhaps such incidents are the price we pay for demanding a marketplace of ideas. Clearly, America has a long way to go, but what is equally clear is that people like Dr. Munoz are our best guides on that journey.

Jeff Kucik
Political Science
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Racism article one-sided

I read the piece in [Thursday's] paper about the charges of racism from one Najja Baptist and I want to say that he is the racist. It's amazing how only one side of the argument is represented (it's also amazing that the contributing writer to the piece is from the blatantly racist Nubian Message) and still Baptist's own whining and ignorance shines through. People in this country are allowed to voice their opinions whether you disagree with them or not. Evidently this fundamental idea has not caught on with every body. From my understanding of the article, Mr. Baptist seems pretty upset about the fact that others do not share his myopic opinion on the matter of blacks and Native Americans. Frankly, what does he know about what "his people" suffered through? He was not a slave. Nor is anybody else he knows. And who is he to judge and dismiss the persecution that other cultures have gone under? It seems to me that this fellow is baiting the university for his own ignorance and overt racism. And given that, he should be laughed at or ridiculed, whichever comes to mind first. People like Mr. Baptist are attention-getters who thrive on the ignorance of others to advance their own agenda. I applaud the university for standing up for the professor and for not sinking to Baptist's level. His level is reserved for the Jesse Jacksons and David Dukes of the world.

Colby Carter
Political Science
Senior

RULE OF THUMB

Ashcroft the performer



Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Thursday that he will sing his song "Let the Eagle Soar" next Tuesday on "Late Show with David Letterman." The segment will be a special edition of Letterman's "Stupid Human Tricks" series.

The News and Observer reported this week that Gale Force Holdings, operators of the ESA, overcharged NCSU by \$132,000 for use of the facility last month. NCSU is relieved to recover the money and plans to celebrate by erecting utilitarian brick structures.

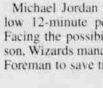


New York City Fire Department



The FDNY announced its new campaign to recruit a diverse staff through commercials and advertisements in an effort to become as diverse as they were going to say they were with the proposed Sept. 11 memorial. Oh, and taxi drivers need not apply.

Jordan grounded



Michael Jordan scored a career-low 2 points in a career-low 12-minute performance against the Lakers Tuesday. Facing the possibility of Jordan missing the rest of the season, Wizards management is looking into bringing in George Foreman to save ticket sales.

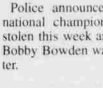


Gumbel stepping down



Bryant Gumbel announced Thursday that he will be leaving CBS. When asked to comment, CBS execs said that Gumbel's departure from "The Early Show" is coming way too late.

Hurricanes' playbook stolen



Police announced Thursday that the playbook for the national champion Miami Hurricanes football team was stolen this week and some of it was placed on the Internet. Bobby Bowden was not available for comment on the matter.

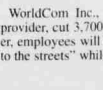


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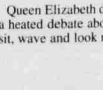


China in space



Joining the ranks of America and Russia, China successfully launched its first spacecraft this week. They can put monkeys in space but are still working on basic human rights for their citizens on Earth.

Death of the Queen Mother



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record.

But whereas most players just practice particular aspects of their games in the off-season, Caldwell has stretched his horizons, upping his level of experience through summer baseball by participating in the Coastal Plain League.

"Experience, that's the key right there," Caldwell said. "Seeing all kinds of situations. I've been playing this game 10 years, and every game is a different game. I'll see things happen that I've never seen before. That's why I love it — because you never know what'll happen."

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son. It's going to be a huge challenge for us, and we're excited about going down there."

But as incredible a team the Tigers may seem, they are fallible. Since the Tigers lone loss came at the hands of South Alabama, then there's nothing saying that the Pack can't do the same.

"It'd be huge to grab a win down there," said N.C. State pitcher Daniel Caldwell. "We all know we can do it. We're going to go down there, and it's pretty hostile atmosphere down there in Clemson."

"That's something a lot of guys on this team thrive off of. That might even make us play harder. But if we can go down there and take 2-of-3 from the No. 1 team at their place, our season — could skyrocket real quick."

The Pack remains confident about its chances to upset the top-ranked team in the nation and for very good reason.

After 31 games, State has managed to

His work in the CPL has allowed Caldwell to develop several aspects of his physical game. Meanwhile, with the help of first-year pitching coach Bill Kernan, he has also developed a more solid mental game.

"I worked hard a lot this summer with my pitching coach in the Coastal Plain League," said Caldwell. "He spent a lot of time with me and helped me out a lot. That got me physically pitching better. Then when I got here this fall, our new pitching coach, Bill Kernan, introduced all of our pitchers to so much more about pitching than what we ever thought there was to know."

"He's helped us out with confidence, which is so important as a pitcher. He's told us so many things that we've never thought of before. He really knows what's going on, and he's one of the

smartest people I've ever known around baseball."

It's the mental aspect of being a pitcher that can make them great. Caldwell knows that no matter how hard the opponent is, there's always a chance to win. He has learned to keep his mind in the game and stay focused on his job, but more importantly, he's always remembered that baseball is supposed to be fun.

"The most important thing that I try to think about when I go out there [on the mound] is to have fun," Caldwell said. "I'm not out there, playing because it's my job. I'm playing this game because it's something I've played since I was a little kid, and I love it."

"I'd like to keep playing as long as I can. You've just got to keep it in perspective. As long as you go out there

and have fun and compete — that's what it's all about, competing."

But to Caldwell, it's not just about having fun when out on the field that makes the game special to him. It's also the constant camaraderie among the team and the ability to keep learning that has allowed him to get where he is today.

"Every time I see coach [Billy] Jones' two kids running around out here before and after games, it reminds me of when I was that age," Caldwell said. "It reminds me of when my dad was a coach, and I was that age."

"We try and take good care of them because I remember how important that was to me, for the players to look after you and have someone to look up to, because I always wanted to be a baseball player when I was little. That's the

good part about baseball; there's a lot of people that take care of each other."

With the Pack sporting a 20-11 record midway through conference play, Caldwell being on the mound has played a huge role. Posting a 5-3 record of his own, including a 4.79 ERA thus far, Caldwell is set on helping his team to improve even more, and in his mind, the best is still to come.

"We've lost a couple of games lately, but there's been no change in attitude in the dugout," said Caldwell. "Everyone's still positive because everyone knows what we're capable of."

"Our record may not show how good we are, but there's still half the season left and three-fourths of the conference left. I believe we're going to surprise a lot of people."

NCAA pushes up recruiting schedule

◆ New NCAA regulations will allow high school athletes to commit earlier to schools.

Kevin Lees

The Chronicle (Duke U.)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Shavlik Randolph, who will come to Duke this fall, did not declare his college choice until fall of his senior year, but new NCAA rules may cause high schoolers to commit earlier.

New NCAA legislation that took effect Monday may significantly affect the recruiting timetable for Division I men's basketball programs.

One of the major provisions, which were approved by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors last November, moved up the date when a recruit can make his first official visit to a school from the first day of classes his senior year to Jan. 1, his junior year. The legislation, designed in part to make valuable advice from college coaches available to potential players, will likely mean earlier commitments from prospects.

Christopher Kennedy, Duke's associate director of athletics, said the recruiting change may have an impact on Duke's program. The University does not have a set point at which it begins its admissions process for ath-

letes, he said, but rather it varies with each case. Many schools, including Duke, often accept athletes earlier than regular students.

"It's reflective of the way everything is getting pushed earlier," he said.

Kennedy added that he expected an equilibrium point to emerge, when schools would demand a certain level of achievement from high school before admitting students.

The NCAA legislation also strengthens the certification process for summer basketball events, and allows for a telephone call to prospects in March of their junior year.

Basketball programs pursue most recruits throughout their senior years and often earlier. Recruits usually verbally commit to a school and then sign a national letter of intent in November of their senior year. A growing handful of recruits, however, choose to make their verbal commitment during their junior or even sophomore years.

"You have two years of grades, five semesters, not even a test score," Kennedy said of admitting high school sophomores, a practice he said most institutions are wary of.

Johnny Dawkins, Duke's associate head coach, did not rule out the practice. "It's not totally out of the realm of possibility that you'll see [commitments from sophomores]," he said.

The NCAA proposals were recommended by the Men's Basketball Issues

Committee, of which Duke men's basketball head coach Mike Krzyzewski is a member.

Doug Fullerton, commissioner of the Big Sky Conference and a member of the committee, said the new rules reflect concerns about how prospects are informed.

"We've created an interesting situation in men's basketball, where we protect the student-athlete from contact with the coaches so that the only people they can rely on for information are the people who we don't necessarily want them to rely on," he said.

Recruits are getting advice, Fullerton said, from less authoritative figures, such as summer coaches and individuals who follow recruits.

Fullerton said the legislation had little to do with the growing number of high school students who opt for the NBA instead of college. He said he does not mind when high school students go to the NBA, but that he worries about students who get bad advice, fail in their attempts at a career in the NBA and are then no longer eligible to play in college.

"The advantages it has for recruits is if you have an inclination and narrowed it down, it gives you an opportunity to be able to make the decision earlier and get it out of the way," Dawkins said. "When you're being recruited by every school in the country, it's daunting."

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Alabama-Birmingham, the College of Charleston, Duke, Georgia Southern, Louisiana State, North Florida, South Carolina, South Carolina-Aiken and Tulsa, all of which are top-40 programs.

The Wolfpack is coming off two solid performances that should have it heading to Augusta with plenty of momentum. On March 13, the Pack placed third at the Las Vegas Intercollegiate — its highest finish of the year. In that tournament, State tied Georgia Tech, the No. 1 team in the country, in the final round.

In its next outing, on March 24, State used an awesome individual perform-

ance from junior college transfer Justin Walters to storm another third place finish — this time in the Schenkel E-Z-GO tournament in Statesboro, Ga.

Walters, who shot a 68-72-67 (207) in defeating four of the top five collegiate golfers in the country, was named Golf World Magazine's Player of the Week for his performance.

The Pack would love to see Walters have a similar performance this weekend, as all eyes in Augusta will be on some of the top teams in the country. Wolfpack golfers Garth Mulroy and Jason Moon, two veterans, will also need to turn in solid efforts.

After this weekend's competition, the team plans on staying in Augusta until Tuesday to watch the opening rounds of the Masters. When it returns, the team will have a matter of days to prepare for The Intercollegiate in Chapel Hill, which is slated for next weekend.

The Bryan National Collegiate is the last tournament that the women will play in before the ACC Tournament three weeks from now, and Lea is ecstatic that her team is peaking at the right time.

"It's been fun coaching these girls, and I have had a lot of enthusiasm for them," Lea said. "They are really working well together."

Lea also notes that the demeanor they have shown in practice has played a huge part in the team's success.

"Finally, the way they practice is paying off," Lea said. "The way they practice is exhibited in the way they are playing in tournaments."

Still, in spite of the three wins, Lea and her players know that to be the best at their season's end, everyone must continue to play hard and improve.

"Wins are wonderful, but that is not what our main goals are," Lea said. "The players must be knowledgeable of the scores they are putting up. They must continue to lower their stroke averages and post good scores; if they do that, we can compete in any field of teams."

W. GOLF

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Freshman Sarah Bonner finished with a season-best of 72 in the first round to card a 224 for the three rounds, finishing a season-high seventh place. Sophomore Malin Claesson again provided strong play for the Pack, carding a season-best 226 and finishing tied for ninth for the event. Teammate Colby Cobb shot a season-low 73 in the first round that resulted in a tournament total of 226, tying Claesson for ninth.

The hero of the day was freshman Erica Wein. Being the fifth golfer, Wein's consistent scores in the high 70s allowed State to have a lower five-player total of 1140 to the Seminoles' 1144. She finished 37th with a total score of 233.

It is only fitting that the Pack comes in with an air of confidence. In its history, State women's golf has won four tournaments, with three of those wins coming in the last three matches.

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Pack goes after top-ranked Clemson

◆ The N.C. State baseball team heads to Clemson to take on the No. 1 Tigers in a three-game series this weekend.

Justin Sellers

Senior Staff Writer

With added confidence after breaking a four-game losing streak, with an 8-1 win over North Carolina A&T Tuesday night, the N.C. State baseball team is ready for its greatest challenge of the season thus far.

WHAT: BASEBALL AT CLEMSON

WHEN: THIS WEEKEND

WHERE: CLEMSON, S.C.

Already dropping 5-of-6 games in ACC play, the Wolfpack (20-11, 1-5 ACC) knows it won't get any easier as the team travels down to Clemson this weekend for a three-game series with the No. 1 Tigers.

At 25-1 and a perfect 3-0 in conference play, Clemson is off to its best start since 1977 and has earned the top ranking in all three major collegiate polls.

A big reason behind the multitude of success that surrounds the Tigers in 2002 is that two of its best players, right-hander Steve Reba and shortstop Khalil Greene, both turned down professional contracts to return to Clemson for their senior seasons.

Reba sports a perfect 7-0 record while on the mound, as well as a 3.35 ERA and 37 strikeouts. As for Greene, a 476 batting average has established him as

the team's most dangerous offensive weapon. In 105 appearances at bat, Greene has managed to rack up 50 hits, 12 of which were doubles and 10 home runs for 39 RBIs and 35 runs scored.

Clemson features strength in both hitting and pitching, and furthermore, it appears to match up with State's power at bat better than any other team has in 2002. The Tigers have a .352 average, while the Pack is slightly higher at .373. But the important area is that of the play on the mound.

Clemson has a multitude of depth at the pitcher position and with a team ERA of 3.29, it will surely offer a hard riddle to solve for State.

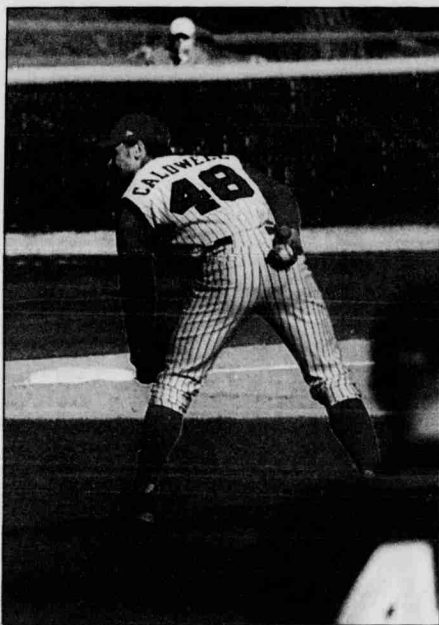
"At Clemson, we're going to see great pitching," said head coach Elliott Avent. "Obviously, they're the No. 1 team in the country, and that's for a rea-

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State's batters have a tough assignment — hitting Clemson's pitchers.

For the love of the game



Daniel Caldwell leads all N.C. State pitchers in wins.

◆ N.C. State pitcher Daniel Caldwell's love for baseball has shaped his career.

Justin Sellers

Senior Staff Writer

It's the feeling of not entirely knowing what will happen in the game that has kept N.C. State right-hander Daniel Caldwell around the sport for so many years.

The son of former great Mike Caldwell who wore the red and white of the Wolfpack back in the late 1960s and early 70s, Caldwell has grown to be a pupil of baseball and all it entails. But he'll be the first to tell you that it wasn't because his dad pressured him into the game.

"I learned a lot about baseball from my dad," said Caldwell. "One thing about my dad though — one of the things I can thank him for the most — is that he never really pushed me to play baseball. A lot of fathers can bug their sons about playing, but that was something my dad never pushed me to do. He just wanted to make sure that I was doing something that I was happy with."

Instead, what has made Caldwell strive off of baseball is his love of the game.

Last year, Caldwell was a versatile player for State and found himself often called upon to start on the mound. Many times, he would also enter into the game out of the bullpen. Either way, one thing remained the same, his focus on getting the job done. He finished 2001 with a 5-5

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With just five games remaining in the regular season and a division title well within its grasp, the Carolina Hurricanes enter the final stretch of its season with no guaranteed playoff berth.

The Canes can finish anywhere from third in the Eastern Conference to completely out of the playoffs — a scenario that would not bode well because of the recent announcement that ticket prices would increase in a market where the game of hockey still hasn't fully sold itself.

Failing to qualify for the playoffs, however, would take a severe stroke of bad luck for a team that has dropped its last two games, both to playoff teams: New Jersey and Ottawa.

Carolina currently holds a four-point lead over the Washington Capitals in the Southeast Division and plays four of its five remaining games against teams with losing records. Such is the luxury of playing in the worst division in hockey that includes three teams (Tampa Bay, Florida and Atlanta) with records well below the .500 mark.

Furthermore, the Canes play two of their final five games against the lowly Atlanta Thrashers, who boast the worst record in the league.

Barring an all-out collapse, the Canes should lock up their second consecutive playoff appearance sometime next week.

Carolina will officially know its fate in a little over a week, after the road trip to Atlanta concludes the season on April 14.

Ageless Carolina center Ron Francis is enjoying a Hart Trophy-caliber year, leading the team in points and assists at the tender age of 39. Francis' leadership, coupled with the youthful, solid play of Jeff O'Neil and Sami Kapanen, has allowed the Canes to lead the division for virtually the entire season.

The only Carolina opponent left on the slate without a losing record is the New York Islanders. The Islanders, winners of 37 games, have defeated the Canes in all three contests they have played, and ironically, if the playoffs were to begin today, these two teams would be first round opponents with Carolina holding home-ice advantage.

The two teams skate off Monday in New York after the Canes host the Thrashers Sunday at 1:30 at the Entertainment and Sports Arena. — Matt Middleton

Men's golf travels to Augusta

◆ The N.C. State men's golf team pays a visit to the holy land of golf this weekend in a key invitational.

Andrew B. Carter

Assistant Sports Editor

Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park, Wrigley Field, the Los Angeles Forum, the Boston Garden, Cameron Indoor Stadium — For baseball, professional basketball and college basketball

lovers, the ball-parks and arenas listed above carry much more than just a name. The buildings themselves are almost synonymous with the sport that called them home, and the memories and

magic that were created there.

The N.C. State golf team will travel this weekend to another sports mecca. Though the team won't actually compete on the famed Augusta National Golf Course — home to the Masters Tournament — just being in Augusta, Ga., this time of year should be enough to light the Wolfpack's competitive fires.

While the Masters begins next Monday, the Wolfpack will begin the two-day Cleveland Golf/Augusta Invitational on Saturday.

The invitational, which will be held at Augusta's Forest Hills Golf Club, features stiff competition. In addition to State, ranked No. 19 in the country by Golfweek magazine, eight other Top 25 teams will be in attendance: Clemson, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Tennessee and host Augusta State.

Rounding out the 18-team field are

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Garth Mulroy is one of the more experienced Wolfpack golfers.

Women's team aims at four-peat

◆ The N.C. State women's golf team vies for its fourth straight victory.

Memie Ezike

Staff Writer

The N.C. State women's golf team continues to dominate the world of women's collegiate golf.

State will make additional headway in its march to the ACC tournament at the Bryan National Collegiate Golf Tournament this weekend in Brown Summit, N.C.

WHAT: W. GOLF AT BYRON NATIONAL

WHEN: THIS WEEKEND

WHERE: BROWN SUMMITT

When head coach Paige Marsh Lea inherited a fledgling golf program in 2001, she imagined that, one day, her team would exude dominance like no other in the history of women's collegiate golf.

In just two short years, Lea is already seeing her dream come to life.

At the Lady Seahawk Invitational on March 25-27, the Pack won its third straight tournament on the sensational hitting of its players and the confidence that has built up within the team.

After the 54 holes of regulation play, State and archival Florida State were tied for first with team scores of 904. The Pack golfers won by way of having the lowest total score including the fifth golfer. Only the top four golfers' scores are usually counted as the team score, barring a tie.

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APPRECIATION

Thanks from Sendek

Editors note: The following is a letter sent to Technician by N.C. State head coach Herb Sendek.

Dear N.C. State students:

On behalf of our men's basketball team, I want to thank you for your tremendous support this past season. You provided encouragement when our young team needed it most. Six months ago, as we prepared for our 2001-02 season, I shared with you my excitement about our team.

I believed we were capable of having a special year; but I also knew our young squad would need continued support from our Wolfpack family if we were going to reach our potential. I tried to assure you only of what I was sure of, that we would play with passion and never give up and that this team just might win the hearts of our fans before the season was over.

Our coaching staff could sense a fresh spirit of optimism, togetherness, and enthusiasm in our players. I knew we had talent. But, given our overall inexperience, I just didn't know how much or how quickly we could develop. Could we mature fast enough as a team to face the rigors of our non-conference schedule and the ACC season?

Success is a continual challenge, not a destination. But, I think we can say that our young team, motivated and energized by the leadership of our two remarkable seniors, Anthony Grundy and Archie Miller, achieved a measure of success this season.

And while our players were greatly disappointed that we didn't go as far as we wanted in the NCAAs — but in most cases further than many thought possible when the season started — N.C. State basketball took a major step forward on the national scene. Because of their tenacity and courage, this team captured the hearts of thousands of fans in a way reminiscent of so many of our great Wolfpack teams of the past.

Here are the hallmarks of this team that I'll remember: 1.) They were fun to coach and had fun playing; 2.) They consistently improved, continued to learn, and were playing their best basketball at the end of the season; and 3.) They played hard, smart and together. They played with poise, composure and confidence. And most importantly, they believed in themselves and refused to set limits on what they could accomplish.

What does the future hold?

Well, you simply don't replace a unique backcourt like Anthony, an amazing player who led our team in virtually every category, and Archie, who, arguably, was the finest leader in college basketball. You adjust and move on with new players who can be successful in their own way and with their own style. That's what makes college athletics so special, helping young people develop.

Our players and coaching staff couldn't be more upbeat about the future of our program. We will return with still young, but experienced players who have been battle-tested. And the noteworthy part, they are on a mission to improve. They've experienced some success and understand the commitment required and are willing to make it even better.

Perhaps most important though, is their spirit of teamwork. Maybe Archie Miller said it best after one of our tournament games when he told a reporter, "We're a basketball family. I know a lot of people say that. We mean it."

We want you to know how vital you are to our success. Your support at the ESA and through the Student Wolfpack Club make you a key member of the Wolfpack basketball family. In large part because of your loyalty, our players, coaches, and I have a greater passion than ever to build on the rich tradition of N.C. State basketball. There will always be challenges to test us, but together we will be successful — and we can also take satisfaction in the journey. Go Pack!

Sincerely,
Herb Sendek
Head Men's Basketball Coach