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Voter turnout up 90 percent

◆ This year, 3,790 ballots were cast. In past years, ballots cast were rarely higher than 2,000.

Carie Windham
Assistant News

It was after midnight when the Student Government Elections Commission finished tallying the votes from last week's elections. And despite days of working straight without sleep, the results sent shock and excitement through the room.

According to Elections Commission Chair, Amanda Devore, this year's election turnout had increased by 90 percent from years past.

"All of our jaws dropped," said Devore. Ballots cast for this year's elections totaled 3,790, compared to past years when the totals rarely broke 2,000.

"Everyone knew there would be some sort of turnout," Devore said, "but we didn't know how much."

Devore said she chose not to give any predictions beforehand so that she wouldn't be disappointed.

But when the numbers came in, disappointment was the furthest thing from her mind. "It was just unbelievable," she said.

Unbelievable, but a number of factors contributed to the success of this year's election.

The Elections Commission, composed of eight students appointed by the student body

president and confirmed by Student Senate, used a variety of methods to encourage student voting.

Before voting even began, members of the commission visited lecture halls and set up a table in the Brickyard to inform students about the upcoming elections and the opportunity to participate. They also visited various college councils to recruit help and get ideas on how to spread the word.

There were also changes in the ways that voting occurred.

The number of poll sites was expanded to include Case Dining Hall, Centennial Campus, Nelson Hall and a site run by the Association of Retired Faculty at D.H. Hill library. Devore believes the new sites offered "diversity" in the voting pool, as did the extended hours that most sites stayed open. The change was implemented to encourage more graduate students to vote.

Altogether, Devore estimates that the poll sites were open for over 100 hours.

And — similar to past years — in addition to the poll sites set up around campus, students also had the option of voting online from their dorm rooms.

With the poll sites in place, the commission's next task was to publicize the election.

The night before the polls opened, the election's candidates put aside campaign issues and competition for the night to come together with the Elections Commission to paint a unified message in the Free Expression Tunnel encouraging students to vote.

In the past, candidates used the tunnel to advertise their own campaigns.

"It was a unifying thing," said Devore. "It was a way for the candidates to come together to push student involvement."

The message was spread outside the tunnel and onto sandwich boards, flyers, chalk drawings and list-servers throughout the two-day voting period.

Their hard work didn't stop the morning the polls opened; they also held events last Monday and Tuesday.

A \$450 donation from Mitch's Tavern gave the commission the opportunity to hand out free T-shirts and "I Voted" stickers at free polling sites.

In the Brickyard, the Male Dance Team drew a crowd that Devore estimated to be about 2,000 to 3,000, while Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and student-athletes also came out to push the vote.

Student Body President Darryl Willie was also a "big help," according to Devore. Among other things, he helped decorate a car

Voting will be held today and tomorrow between Michael D. Anthony and Larisa Yasinovskaya. Votes cast last week ended with Anthony receiving 452 votes more than Yasinovskaya, leaving Anthony with 47.07 percent of the vote and Yasinovskaya with 52.93 percent. Because neither candidate won 50 percent of the population, a runoff is required by the Student Senate. Technician asked each candidate one final question.

Why do you want to be student body president?



Michael D. Anthony
Major: Business Management
Class: Senior
Years at N.C. State: 4

I want to be student body president because I want to take my past experiences and apply them to the future of NCSU. I know the issues, and when new issues arise, I am the person who knows best how to deal with them. I will specifically be tackling several issues next year: Tuition increases; Student Government and the office of the student body president will not stand for any more tuition increases. As early as June, we'll be moving against any future increases and helping to develop the university's five-year tuition plan. Diversity; Student Government will take an active role in pushing the diversity initiatives set out by the university and various student organizations. Education; the student body will be informed on issues pertaining to local and state governments that affect us here on campus. We will register and produce more voters from the NCSU area and send a message to our local politicians. Off-campus students — there will be an organized group to handle the issues and concerns of our off-campus population. From transportation to landlord-and-tenant matters, Student Government will be there to aid in our students' cause.

Larisa Yasinovskaya
Major: Political Science
Class: Sophomore
Years at N.C. State: 2



I want to be student body president for two reasons. First, I want Student Government to produce tangible results for everyday students. For me, this means things like the retention of student parking and a simplification of the permit system; the return of the Lawn Party to campus; a bonfire at campout; an increase in the funding and promotion of cultural festivals; an administrative commitment to an Asian and Middle Eastern cultural center; free rape packs and a men's health specialist; an outdoor purchasing point for Chick-Fil-A; a Homecoming Parade on Hillsborough Street and the first steps towards using All-Campus Cards on Hillsborough Street. More importantly though, it means addressing the day-to-day concerns of student organizations through such measures as restructuring and enlarging President's Roundtable and bringing on more student organization liaisons.

Secondly, I want to make Student Government more inclusive. I want to fight for an end to rules that exclude students from serving because of past mistakes. I want to actively seek out the inclusion of more graduate and international students, and I want to create a closer working relationship with the Greek councils, UAB and IRC. I believe Student Government should serve as the focal point for collaboration between student organizations and umbrella groups around campus.

An open letter to the N.C. State community

◆ The Office of the Provost responds to a recent racial confrontation and other campus diversity issues.

Editor's Note: In response to Thursday's Technician article, Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, on behalf of the Office of the Provost, has composed the following response to the N.C. State community.

As a vibrant and intellectually rigorous academic community, N.C. State strongly values and encourages academic discourse, free expression and debate as a means of seeking knowledge and understanding. We also are committed to the principles of civility, respect and tolerance that must guide our discussions and debates both in the classroom and in our larger community.

A discussion in a February political science class — and subsequent interactions about the event — have left some people concerned about the racial climate on campus and the University's commitment to diversity.

Our open letter to the N.C. State community is a renewal of our commitment to diversity in all its forms. N.C. State understand that in order to achieve our goals to be a premier university, we must encourage diverse perspectives, celebrating the diversity on our campus and working together to build a community that is inclusive and tolerant.

Following the discussion in the political science class, the university convened a series of

meetings between students, faculty and staff to listen to the students and faculty and to understand the situation. Our study continues as we investigate all complaints according to the existing and appropriate procedures.

The events in the political science class have challenged us all. It has caused us — students, faculty and administrators — to re-examine how we conduct debate. We are reminded that we must encourage and protect freedom of speech through civil discourse.

The political science class discussion and the interactions that have followed provide and opportunity to learn and grow. It has indicated to us a need to reaffirm our commitment to civil discourse, our commitment to diversity, and our opposition to any form of racial harassment.

Therefore, the Office of the Provost has been developing a proposal for a racial climate survey, which will be conducted in the fall. This survey will guide us in implementing any additional programs that can ensure a diverse and inclusive community.

Also, the Office of the Provost will soon sponsor a symposium that will focus on racial dialog. This symposium, conducted by experts in the field, will be open to faculty, staff and students.

We invite the N.C. State family to continue to work together to build an inclusive learning community characterized by respect and tolerance for all.

Thomas H. Stafford
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Service Raleigh volunteer turnout breaks records

◆ Students show up in record numbers to volunteer time and effort to various service projects as part of Service Raleigh.

Carie Windham
Assistant News Editor

"This is N.C. State."

Addressing a record crowd of over 2,200 volunteers, Raleigh City Councilman Benson Kirkman pointed out what many of the groggy volunteers already knew: Their participation in Service Raleigh wouldn't be possible on any other campus. That point highlights just one thing that makes NCSU and Wake County great: their dedication to service.

Kirkman spoke at this year's opening ceremony for Service Raleigh, an annual event co-sponsored by the Park Scholars and Student Government, that engages the NCSU and Wake County community in a day of service around the county.

Begun in 1998 by a group of Park Scholars, Service Raleigh has attracted thousands of volunteers, paired them with hundreds of Wake County organizations and contributed to thousands of hours of service for years. Just this year, April 6 was declared a Day of Service for the city of Raleigh.

"I keep waiting for the county to pay the university and the city what they owe us," Kirkman joked at the ceremony. Just last year, 2,000 participants came out to take part in the tradition. However, this year's event attracted over 2,200 participants and broke all existing records.

All participants were required to register, either as a group or as individuals, before the event and arrived in the Brickyard at 8 a.m. on a brisk Saturday morning. And although the hour was early to some, a performance by the Men's Dance team attracted cheers and snapped the sleepy volunteers to life.

Kirkman and Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker spoke next, recognizing the event's organizers and the volunteers for their contributions.

"This is what makes this city and this university great," Meeker said, "people going

PHOTO BY MARY HUGHSON/STAFF

Josh Cox (left), a junior in Textile Engineering, and Charles Arden, a junior in History, help build a handicap ramp for an elderly gentleman as a part of Service Raleigh.



out and helping others."

Meeker also acknowledged the hard work of the event's chairs, Melanie Chin, Brad Adams and Katie Wilson, in putting the event together.

Following the opening ceremonies, the volunteers embarked on their day of service and ventured to work sites reaching across Wake County. Activities included everything from landscaping and construction to folding

clothes and everything in between.

It was the hope of Service Raleigh founders that the volunteers would not only be excited by the opportunity to give back to the community for the day, but that they would forge lifelong commitments to service. Pairing participants with area organizations could provide a means for future service

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Find Your Place

Events being held by student organizations for the week of April 8-14.

Friends of the D.H. Hill Library

Reception and dinner for Robert Parker, author of the Spenser private-eye series. Thurs, 5:30 p.m. McKimmon Center.

Advance reservations required, tickets for the dinner and program are \$65, for the program only \$15

NCSU Libraries and the Scholarly Communication Subcommittee

Dennis Karjala, professor at Arizona State University, will discuss Eldred v. Ashcroft, the copyright term extension dispute recently accepted for review by the United States Supreme Court. Fri, 1:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate Chambers in the D.H. Hill Library. Free Event

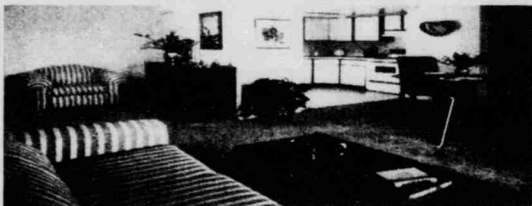
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ventures.

The opportunity to give back was not the only thing that they were given — all volunteers also received a free T-shirt and lunch.

But both volunteers and partner organizations felt the experience gave them much more.

"Having [Service Raleigh] volunteers gives us the opportunity to get things done that are difficult to do with middle school kids," said Sandra Hansen, a teacher at Daniels Middle School in Raleigh, where a group of volunteers did landscape work.

"It's an opportunity to get a lot done at one time," she added. "We really appreciate all the work."

Will DeWitt, who worked on the site, saw the day as an opportunity to "get down and

dirty in the name of service." For him, "service is a social obligation."

"It creates a community rather than just a place where we live," he said.

DeWitt also added that he would definitely participate in the event again.

"I really enjoyed working outside."

Anna Austin also volunteered at Daniels Middle School and echoed that same sentiment. "Though she said she wouldn't usually get up until 11:30 or so on a Saturday morning, she thought that Service Raleigh sounded like a good thing to do."

"It's nice to do something for the community and other people," Austin said. "Service makes me feel good, and it's a great stress reliever."

Surveying the work that the group had done — weeding flowerbeds, spreading mulch and planting azaleas, she said, "Everything looks so much better when we're done."

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dubbed the "VoteMobile," complete with a "Just Voted" sign and cans dragging behind, that was driven around campus. The honking car helped remind students that the polls were open.

The Brickyard wasn't the only place for election action. On the last night of the elections, Wolfpack coaches came out to Fountain Dining Hall to promote voting, and a live broadcast by WKNC brought "The Boiler Room" to students.

During the broadcast, students had the opportunity to listen as candidates brought the host, Andrew Payne, different items pertaining to their campaign. Student Senate presidential candidate Josh Cox, for example, brought Payne marshmallows to reinforce his dedication to campout. Willie served as a "roaming reporter," traveling the room and asking diners why they voted.

In the end, the incentives and tactics paid off with the 90-percent increase. Devore attributes the success to the hard work of the Elections Commission, Student Government, countless volunteers, the administration and the generosity of many colleges and the library.

Their work is not complete, however, as a narrow margin between student body presidential candidates Michael D. Anthony and Larisa Yasinovskaya will force a runoff today and tomorrow.

While the polls will not stay open as late, Devore said that the commission will still be making their presence known in the Brickyard and around campus to encourage students to vote.

"I think that most of the people that voted the first time are obviously interested in the election and will come out again," she said.

While the 90-percent increase in the first election is a giant gain for the Student Government, the 3,790 turnout still only represents about 15 percent of the student body, in comparison to the 7,067 voters who turned out at neighboring UNC-Chapel Hill's student elections.

While Devore acknowledges that there is still work to be done, she also pointed out that the commission received "zero complaints" and encountered "zero problems" with this year's election.

So for next year, the expectations will only get higher and the drive more intense in hopes of engaging more students in the election of their student leaders.

N.C. State employee slips in manhole

◆ After being rescued from a manhole, an employee gave a thumbs-up to the crowd that gathered around Poe Hall.

News Staff Report

Friday morning, after being stuck in a manhole on N.C. State's East Campus, near Poe Hall, for more than an hour, Chuck Wood, 38, was pulled out by rescue crews.

According to reports, Wood, an NCSU road maintenance employee, was doing electrical work beside Poe Hall when he slipped and fell more than 10 feet down a manhole.

The accident occurred around 9 a.m. on Friday.

After being rescued from the manhole, Wood was transported to Rex Hospital to be treated for injuries.

Wood could not be reached for comment.

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Possible military wrongdoing in Afghanistan under investigation

◆ A convoy of U.S. soldiers and Afghan allies came under fire, killing a Special Forces soldier.

Massachusetts Daily Collegian (U. Massachusetts-Amherst)

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass.—The military is investigating several incidents for possible wrongdoing during Operation Enduring Freedom. Among them is the March 2 attack on U.S. troops, possibly by an American warplane.

A convoy of U.S. soldiers and Afghan allies came under fire, killing a Special Forces soldier. A U.S. AC-130 gunship reported engaging a convoy at approximately the same time during Operation Anaconda, the recent ground offensive in eastern Afghanistan.

Gen. Tommy Franks is the commander in chief of U.S. Central Command, which is currently engaged in the U.S.-led coalition effort against terrorism in Afghanistan.

"I noticed on the 2nd of March was that, as Operation Anaconda kicked off and the forces were moving into position, there was reporting of one of our convoys, a friendly convoy of Americans and Afghans, being under fire. Simultaneously, on a different radio network, I noticed reporting by an AC-130 gunship that it was engaging a convoy," Franks said in a press briefing. "I put the two things together and said, 'OK, what we need to do is we need to find out the facts associated with that.' And so I've asked our Special Operations component to investigate the facts and circumstances and see if there is any connection between the two."

The military is also investigating the March 6 attack on a suspected al Qaeda leader's vehicle that resulted in 14 deaths and one person wounded. Eight men, three women and three children were killed in the attack near Shkin, Afghanistan. The investigation is not yet complete, Central Command said.

The bombing of an International Committee of the Red Cross compound outside of Kabul on Oct. 16, 2001, was the result of the ICRC not transmitting the coordinates of the warehouse to the military in time. The military said the compound had a long association with the Afghan military. The coordinates were received after the attack, Central Command said, but the area was bombed again on Oct. 26. The matter is now in the hands of the Air Force for further review. The Air Force is also reviewing the Dec. 6 bombing of friendly forces near Sayd Alim Kalay,

Afghanistan. Three soldiers were killed and 20 wounded in this incident.

In November of 2001, Central Command learned that a United Nations relief convoy "had suffered damage from aerial bombardment while traveling to Bamian, Afghanistan." Central Command investigated and determined that the convoy was not the target of the strike.

No one was killed or injured in the incident, which the military considers closed. The U.N. opened a new relief route the next day.

Two November friendly-fire incidents are also under investigation. Five American soldiers were injured when a Navy aircraft dropped a bomb close to their position near Mazar-e Sharif on Nov. 26. While the investigation is not finished, the military says it has already found errors in the way that "friendly and enemy coordinates" were transmit-

ted. A Navy Special Warfare Group came under fire from U.S. Army helicopters on Nov. 28. No one was injured or killed, and the investigation is closed.

The military found no procedural errors in the Jan. 23, 2002 raids on two complexes near Hazar Qadam, which killed 16 possibly innocent people.

"Fourteen personnel at one compound and two at the other were killed. One U.S. person was injured," the report stated. The military took 27 prisoners, who were later determined to be "friendly Afghans."

Filing procedures for detainees was changed after an inmate at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba base reported that he had been beaten by guards while being held in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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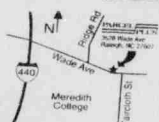


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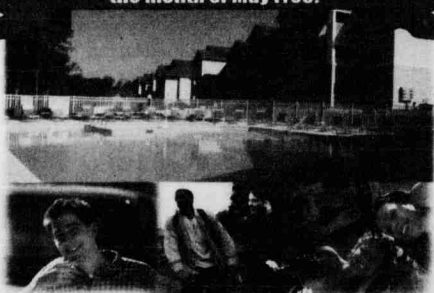
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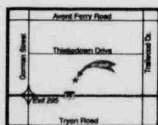
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Housing for Floyd victims poorly planned

AN OUTSIDE AGENCY HAS GOOD REASONS TO QUESTION N.C.'S SPENDING PRACTICES AFTER HURRICANE FLOYD.

Providing temporary housing for victims of Hurricane Floyd turned into an example of irresponsible behavior by North Carolina's government. To date, the housing program has cost the state almost \$60 million because of the state overpaying for travel trailers, motor homes and parks for the homes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the agency responsible for funding the efforts, has questioned the state since 1999 and has recently declined to comment on the situation. The News and Observer reported on the front page of Sunday's paper.

In the weeks following the flooding from Hurricane Floyd, the state chose to purchase trailers for victims from companies classified as "historically underutilized business (HUBS)." State law encourages business with these companies, operated by women, minorities or handicapped citizens, but the costs associated with higher prices have proved to hurt taxpayers. In fact, after six weeks of purchasing trailers from HUBs, FEMA stepped in and ordered the state to find more cost-efficient ways to house the 2,527 families left homeless.

Encouraging business with the owners of HUB companies is an important way to ensure that certain businesses are not discriminated against. Yet, the state should have also thought of the cost implications of this decision and supported HUB companies around the usual state business rate of 8.9 percent as opposed to 33 percent of the travel-trailer business associated with Floyd. Hurricane Floyd destroyed thousands of homes without warning, and the state did its best to provide temporary housing. It is understandable that the

first two weeks or so were hectic, and it would have been difficult to specifically search for less-expensive trailers. After the initial adjustment period, why did the state choose to continue over-ordering taxpayer funds until FEMA ordered them to stop?

In fact, FEMA reported that the state never searched for bids on more cost-efficient options and continued to spend nearly \$4,000 extra per travel trailer. John A. Leaston, the top purchasing officer for the state, told the News and Observer that he recommended buying homes from the four lowest bidders, but those recommendations were changed and a HUB company was added. This one decision alone cost the state over \$80,000.

These state agencies reported that they were concerned about finding homes for victims as quickly as possible. This is obviously the most important part of the project, but there were other important factors that needed to be considered by the government, already operating in debt. If the state is still concerned about housing victims, why are 137 families still living in state-supplied homes with no date given as to when they will be able to leave? Unless there are special circumstances involving these families, the state should have made progress toward finding them a place to live 2.5 years after the storm.

The state was right to support HUB companies to an extent, but they did a tremendous disservice to both flood victims and taxpayers by over-spending on temporary housing and not focusing on finding victims permanent homes as soon as possible after the flood.

Textbook cost alleviation?

Iowa State Daily

IOWA STATE

(U-Wire) In just a few weeks, the school year will come to an end. And with the end of another semester, flocks of students head to the Iowa State University and Campus Book Stores to sell back the books that put them in debt at the start of the semester.

That \$85 biology book? You'll be lucky to see \$10. All those \$15 English novels? A buck here, two bucks there. And that used history text? You got a deal on? Don't even bother bringing it to the buy back line; a new edition comes out next year.

The entire textbook process can put quite a strain on wallets and credit reports of college students.

After purchasing all those school supplies, course packets and textbooks for a half-dozen or so classes, rarely will you hear a student exclaim, "Wow! That was cheap. I feel as though I've gotten a deal."

Textbooks are expensive. That is the nature of the textbook industry. But some other universities use a flat-fee textbook rate policy that alleviates some of the financial problems the purchasing of textbooks can create. At Northwest Missouri State University, for example, such a policy has been in place for much of the school's history.

In such a system, students are charged a set amount of money based on the number of classes they have. They rent the textbooks and return them at the end of the semester. At Northwest Missouri State, students pay a fee of \$2.50 per

credit hour for each book rental. For a student taking 12 credits, that would mean a \$30 fee. For 18 credits, that would be \$45.

And if a student decides they want to keep one of the textbooks, they can pay for it and keep it for themselves.

Iowa State is a much larger university than Northwest Missouri State, thus making it an entirely different situation. The larger the school, the harder it is to get a policy like this off the ground. So it may be that implementing a similar policy at Iowa State would be hard to do.

In order for a policy to be implemented at universities, it would take a large amount of initial capital to get it off the ground. Here at Iowa State, it would take years and years of planning and preparation. Regardless, this is something that should be seriously looked at.

Tuition trends show little chance for lowered rates in upcoming years. Any extra costs for a new college student will put a damper on their financial situation. And textbooks are a very expensive extra cost.

Maybe the university should begin to look at the option of a flat-fee textbook policy. It would drastically help students who are already struggling to afford their college tuition. Imagine paying \$40 or \$50 instead of the \$300 or \$400 students pay now.

Those couple of hundred dollars saved each and every semester will add up, and can definitely make all the world of difference for an average college student.

Who's it gonna be?



I am a meat-a-tarian



Decker Ngongang
STAFF COLUMNIST

I am getting fed up with people telling me to stop eating red meat and now telling me to stop eating chicken. I understand the meaning behind their statements, but often they have no reverence for my reasons to eat meat.

There are many factors contributing to people not being vegetarians — information, finances and access to the proper food to eat. If those who are so passionate about this issue don't take these factors into account, they are losing out and losing listeners. I am poor and a big boy at that, and eating meat with my meal is a whole lot cheaper than getting full on nuts and beans. Yeah, I am making a generalization about the price of being a vegetarian, but it is interesting that you don't see many vegetarians or vegetarian-based food stores in America's low-income communities. When justifying your commitment to being a vegetarian and your will for me to join you, please take a minute, "oh wise one," and explain to me how exactly my broke ass is going to afford this stuff. Because last time I looked, tofu was a little more expensive per pound than my Perdue chicken breasts and that soy stuff gives me cramps. I hate to be the devil's advocate against vegetarianism, but it is very impractical for me to even think about doing that. I believe it would

defeat the purpose. First, if I became a vegetarian, I would be broke after buying all those new foods and having to shop for new sources of protein. I'd soon be homeless, and then I would be a vegetarian not by choice.

I notice how some people get angry at Gary for pushing his version of religion on college students and how he needs to respect our right to be who we are and believe what we believe. Well, I say that to my friends who must always lecture me when I am eating my Wendy's nuggets or when I am at a restaurant getting a steak. Just tell me why I shouldn't eat meat and explain your reasons for not eating meat and then leave me to make my own decision. Hounding me will do nothing except make me angry and more inclined to tune you out. Respecting my feelings makes me so more inclined to respect and listen to yours. Who knows, maybe then I might start reducing my meat intake.

If your reasoning for being a vegetarian is that you hope to save the animals, then tell me that when you aren't wearing leather Nikes. Not only are you killing animals just so you can have shoes, they are made with the hands of nearly slave-like laborers in Indonesia and other Far East islands. I find it hard to believe, let alone listen to, someone who spits off on a subject that they themselves continually perpetuate. So next time you feel the need to lecture me on the cruel treatment of the animals I am eating, turn around and take a look at the car you drive, the shoes you wear and even your wallet. Then, point the finger right at yourself and

say, "Damn, I am guilty too."

As an aerobics instructor, I meet many girls and guys that are vegetarians, and after talking with some of them, I realized they have some great ideas and beliefs. All it took was them being non-confrontational about the whole situation for me to really open up. They didn't necessarily want me to stop eating meat; they just offered the information that changed their minds on the subject. They acknowledged that they aren't perfect in their belief, as some of their cars have leather and most wear leather sneakers, but they acknowledged being a vegetarian as an active compromise for themselves.

To end, I don't want to piss off any vegetarians with my article. I just want everyone to realize that if you believe in something very strongly, and you want someone else to understand you, you have to understand where the other person is coming from and work from there. If we become so arrogant to think we are right and that's it, then we eliminate all chances of coming to a consensus. In my experience, those who automatically condemned me turned me off, and I never listened to them much anymore. Not until I was approached with information and considered conversation did I begin to analyze whether vegetarianism is for me. Right now it is not; I am a big boy, and I need my Wendy's chicken nuggets.

Decker is organizing a car pool to the Angus Barn. Want to join? E-mail him at dngongang@unity.ncsu.edu.

The sun is gone



Chris Hickling
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Eight years ago today, Kurt Cobain was found dead at his home. His lifeless body lay surrounded by his own blood. April 8, 1994, is a day that the world lost a great man. But the entire world didn't mourn; this was a loss felt by the youth. Our grandparents hadn't heard of Kurt, and if they had, it was probably in terms of "that loud music the kids listen to nowadays..." Our parents could see the grief but still didn't know what had just happened. A thirteen-year-old is ill-equipped to deal with the loss of an idol. We couldn't cry; we couldn't speak; we just knew that something huge had ended.

Kurt had been christened the voice of our generation, whether he wanted to be or not. Heavy was the head that wore this crown. For four years, Nirvana attracted the eyes and ears of youth, watching and listening to every note. And it just took four chords. Within two seconds, you knew it was on. "Smells Like Teen Spirit" didn't just launch a garage band from Seattle; it marked the beginning of a new era. "Nevermind" symbolically knocked Michael Jackson, "The King of Pop," off his throne. Glitz, glamour and over-production had been replaced with flannel shirts and distortion pedals.

Was he John Lennon? No, not political enough. Was he Elvis? No, he lacked shiny suits and sideburns. He wasn't Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin or Jimi Hendrix. Comparisons only belittle who he was, for he was one of a kind.

Kurt loved music. He listened to the Beatles and Black Sabbath, but he also listened to the Vaselines and the Raincoats. It was this genuine love of music that would eventually push him off the cliff that he had been inching toward as he became more famous. If you have an early copy of "Nevermind," you know the conflicting emotions that were tumbling in Cobain's troubled mind. After the subdued "Something in the Way," ten minutes of complete silence is followed by seven amp-shredding, cymbal-denting, string-breaking minutes of shrieking anger and fury. These dynamics are musical interpretations of where Kurt was headed. He was a lover of music but altogether uncomfortable in the spotlight. In his final words, Cobain lamented his last years. "I haven't felt the excitement of listening to as well as creating music along with reading and writing for too many years now. I feel guilty beyond words about these things... the fact is, I can't fool you, any one of you. It simply isn't fair to you or me. The worst crime I can think of would be to rip people off by faking it and pretending as if I'm having 100-percent fun."

Too often, a tragic death serves only to detract from the life of the deceased.

This dark cloud still hangs over the light that Kurt shone. As with any artist that is no longer with us, his body of work serves as a bridge between life and death. "Bleach," Nirvana's first album, still sounds as good through my ultra-slim Discman today as it did through my five-inch thick Discman more than 10 years ago. It just like their other albums, is about 40 minutes of raw, grinding guitars and passionate screaming vocals. It is rock that has been boiled down to a state of purity that simply isn't found anymore. That album was made for \$600. That will buy a few diamonds, but not enough for a bling-bling. That might buy a box of fireworks but not pyrotechnics at a show. Nirvana ended with Kurt's death, and in that wake, a void was left. Rock was not the same. Life (at least to many of us) was not the same. Just as Nirvana changed the world with song, a shotgun and a suicide changed the world again.

I miss Kurt because I never got a chance to see him in concert, and I never got to hear those songs that went unwritten. He lives through his words and his music, but his physical absence is still felt. The last thing Kurt told us in his note was "thank you all from the pit of my burning, nauseous stomach... remember, it's better to burn out than fade away." When Kurt burned out, his flames seared our skin. Our wound is healed, but the scar reminds us of what could have been. He wasn't Elvis or Hendrix, but for a few years he was you and he was me.

If you don't know who Kurt is, stop depriving yourself of some of the best music ever made. E-mail Chris at chwhickl@unity.ncsu.edu and he will give you the gift of music and knowledge.

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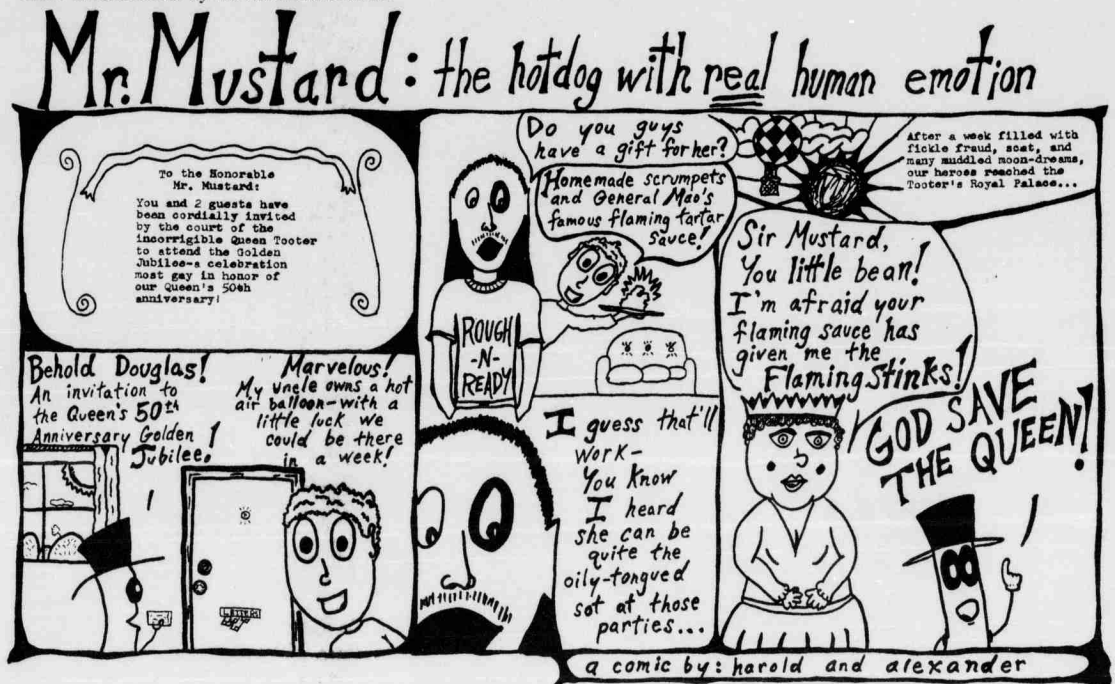
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Felicia Fant and Ebony Foster both made the finals in the 100 for the women's team. Fant finished sixth in the finals with a time of 12.39 seconds. Foster did not race in the finals.

Foster made her second appearance in the 100-meter hurdles after setting a school record last weekend in her first attempt at this race. She finished fifth with a time of 14.32 seconds while racing into a head wind, only .12 off of her school record.

Katie Bolac tied her school

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Despite taking wins in the top three singles matches against

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Winthrop is ranked No. 68 and is 12-3 overall and undefeated in the Big South. State has won two of its last three matches against out-of-conference opponents.

The match will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

Eric Hoverstad and Justin Farmer jumped well in the men's vault, finishing in the fourth and sixth positions — both with leaps of 15-1.

Katie Sabino and Megan Coombs recorded State's highest finishes in the distance

"That's a personal best for Megan and a good mark to open up with," said assistant coach Laurie Henes. "I think they

After narrowly losing the doubles point, the Wolfpack started out strong in the singles competition, winning the first set in five of the six matches. State took the lead when seniors Matt Lucas (7-5, 6-1) and Ryan Boward (6-3, 6-1) won the No. 1 and 2 matches in straight sets.

Shane Sealy dropped the first set in the No. 5 match, but battled back in the second, winning 7-5.

Junior Jennifer Modlizewski recorded a sixth place finish in the 5,000-meter run in 17:09. Beth Kraft finished ninth in the same race with a time of 17:22.

Kristin Price finished eighth in the 1,500-meter run in 4:27.

On the men's team, Chris Dugan and Andy Smith recorded State's top finishes in the 1,500, coming across the line in seventh and 12th place.

"A lot of the distance runners ran shorter events today," said Geiger. "As a coach, you like to have good times, but the conditions weren't really conducive for that, so you look at how competitive they are. I thought they were all pretty competitive this weekend."

The Wolfpack then went up 3-1 when freshman R.J. Murray won a tough three-set battle with UVA's Jason Romesburg 6-2, 3-6, 7-6.

However, the Cavaliers rattled off wins in the bottom half of the lineup, culminating with Gregg Alpert's comeback victory at No. 6 against State's Jon Davis, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

State will look to regroup against East Carolina on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

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In an effort to shore up the secondary, the coaching staff moved redshirt sophomore Troy Graham to cornerback earlier in the week. Graham responded during a half scrimmage Wednesday with an interception.

"It's going to take him a while," Amato said. "In a couple of days, we'll know a little bit better."



Cotra Jackson (25) and the rest of the Wolfpack will scrimmage again this Saturday.

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W. Tennis vs. Winthrop, 4/8, 2
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M. Tennis vs. ECU, 4/10, 2:30
W. Golf, ACC Championships, 4/19
M. Golf, Intercollegiate, 4/13-14

State drops two of three to No. 1 Clemson

◆ Clemson topped N.C. State's baseball team 10-2 on Sunday to take the weekend series.

Sports Staff Report

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson used a three-run sixth inning to take the lead and a four-run seventh to pad it on the way to an 10-2 win Sunday afternoon at Doug Kingsmore Stadium in weekend baseball action.

Baseball	
NCSU	2
CLEMSON	10

The Tigers (27-2, 5-1 ACC) bounced back from their second loss of the season and dropped N.C. State to 21-13 (2-7 ACC).

After being shutout on Saturday, the Clemson offense finally broke through with a big sixth inning. Singles by Jeff Baker and Michael Johnson started the inning, and the bases were loaded after Jarrod Schmidt reached on an error. Baker was thrown out at the plate on Jeff Hourigan's grounder, but Triplett singled in two runs to put his team ahead. Steve Pyzik's sacrifice fly-plated another run and gave Clemson a 4-2 advantage.

The Tigers added insurance runs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Greene singled and was followed by Baker's 12th home run of the season — this one to right center. Johnson then singled and was subsequently driven in by Schmidt, who hit a towering home run to left field for his seventh homer for the year.

B.J. LaMura (3-0) earned his third straight win for Clemson. The right-hander allowed two runs off seven hits while striking out six and walking three in 6.1 innings. Daniel Caldwell (5-4) picked up the loss for State.

State got on the board first in the third inning with a barrage of singles. After singles by Matt Butler and Dustin Murphy, Jeremy Dutton hit a grounder to the right side that was knocked down by a diving Russell Triplett but allowed Butler to score. Brian Wright took the next pitch to right field to score Murphy and give the Wolfpack a 2-0 lead.

Clemson answered with a run of its own in the third inning. L.J. DeMuno doubled to lead off the inning, advanced to second on a ground ball and scored on Khalil Greene's ground out.

After the big sixth and seventh innings, Clemson capped the scoring in the eighth with RBI hits from Greene and Baker. The duo, along with Schmidt, each had three hits on the day to lead the offense.

On Saturday, Mike Prochaska threw a four-hit shutout, and Colt Morton had three hits and a RBI to lead the Pack to a 3-0 win over Clemson at Kingsmore Stadium. The win snapped a 13-game winning streak for the Tigers.

In the series opener, four Clemson pitchers combined on a four-hitter, and Kyle Frank and Johnson both homered and drew bases-loaded walks to lead Clemson past State, 6-4.

State returns to action on Tuesday, as Winthrop visits Dock field. The game begins at 6 p.m.



The N.C. State track teams competed at the Duke Invitational.

Track properly utilizes Duke Invite

◆ The N.C. State track teams prepared for the ACC Championships at the Duke Invitational this weekend.

Todd Lion
Senior Staff Writer

DURHAM — Facing chilly temperatures and sustained winds, the N.C. State track and field teams completed one of their final meets before the ACC Championships over the weekend at the Duke Invitational in Durham.

"We use these meets to prepare for the conference finals," said head coach Rollie Geiger. "Overall, we had a good weekend, and we got what we wanted out of this meet in preparation for conference."

One of the biggest pieces of news from this meet was the return of State's top thrower, Isaiah Oglesby. Oglesby missed the indoor season with an injury.

In his first competition of the season, he threw the hammer 198-3 — a mark only 10 feet shy of his personal best and school record and less than two feet from an NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

"Coming in and throwing that well in his first meet is very encouraging," said assistant coach Gail Olson.

James Rowell and Randy Cass placed seventh and eighth in the hammer, throwing 179-11 and 176-3, respectively. Rowell also finished third in the discus, and Cass placed 12th in the shot put.

For the women's team, Kelly Smoke threw two new school records in the hammer and discus throws with marks of 152-11 and 150-8, respectively. She finished third in the discus and 12th in the hammer.

"In the throws in general, we are doing well," said Geiger. "Isaiah, James, Randy and Kelly are all throwing well. I think we're in good shape in the throwing events."

The sprinting team saw some fast times this weekend as well.

T.J. Giwa and Joseph Brent finished 15th and 16th in the 100-meter dash with times of 11.04 and 11.06, respectively, running into a head wind. Giwa also finished 10th in the 200-meter dash in 21.95 seconds.

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Offense takes control

◆ Quarterback Philip Rivers and tailback Cotra Jackson led the N.C. State offense to five touchdowns in a scrimmage Saturday.

Jeremy Ashton
Senior Staff Writer

In N.C. State head coach Chuck Amato's experience, one side usually dominates the action during spring football scrimmages. If that is the case, the offense took its turn Saturday afternoon at Carter-Finley Stadium.

The first-team offense reached the end zone five times against its defensive counterparts in a tune-up for next weekend's Red-White Spring Game, which will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Carter-Finley. The scrimmage capped what Amato termed "a good week of practice."

Quarterback Philip Rivers completed 11-of-17 passes, finding seven different receivers for 265 yards and three touchdowns. Rivers threw the deep ball particularly well, connecting on six passes of more than 20 yards. Two of those long throws went for touchdowns of 49 and 53 yards, respectively, on which Rivers hit his receiver in stride.

"Philip handled the passing game very well, very maturely," Amato said. "He should be — he's got 24 games under his belt — but he still can get better."

Wide receiver Bryan Peterson was the recipient of three of Rivers' passes, two of which went for touchdowns. Peterson also threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Hicks on a fake reverse during an overtime drill.

Tailback Cotra Jackson handled much of the rushing duties for the first-team offense, carrying 12 times for 73 yards and a touchdown. At the moment, Jackson is the leading candidate to take over for the departed Ray Robinson.

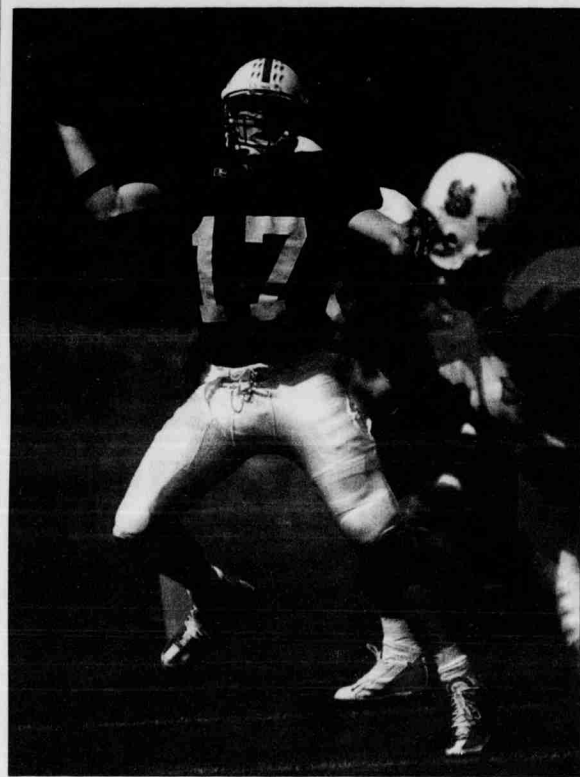
"It's his time this year, and we're looking forward to it," Amato said.

Despite the overall success of the offense, Amato was not entirely pleased with the unit's effort during goal-line drills run at the end of practice. The defense had something to do with the offense's ineffectiveness, ratcheting up its intensity level and delivering a couple of big hits. The extra intensity on the goal line led to a couple of spirited confrontations between several players.

"Coach puts a big emphasis on that and not letting them score," safety Terrence Holt said. "We just get up for that, and we know a lot is based on that..."

"It's just an intense time. We know what they're going to come with, what they're going to run, and they know what we're going to be in. It's just pin your ears back, get physical and hit somebody."

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Philip Rivers (17) and Cotra Jackson (25) look to connect on a short pass play during Saturday's scrimmage.

Deacons down State 6-1

◆ Loni Worsley posted a victory at No. 6 singles, but the Pack was unable to produce any additional victories.

Sports Staff Report

Winning two matches in the last week didn't provide enough momentum to allow the N.C. State women's tennis team to pick up its first ACC victory.

Women's Tennis	
NCSU	1
WAKE	6

No. 3 Wake Forest (18-3, 3-1) defeated NC State (8-11, 0-6) Saturday afternoon in Raleigh. The Deacons were unable to pick up the sweep, however, thanks to the efforts of State junior Loni Worsley, who demonstrated stellar play at the No. 6 spot for the Pack.

Wake Forest had the upper hand the remainder of the afternoon, picking up wins in the day's five other singles matches and sweeping the doubles matches.

No. 16 Janet Bergman, playing



N.C. State No. 4 Jennifer Jassawalla prepares to hit a backhand.

at No. 1 singles, defeated Katrina Gildemeister in straight sets 6-1, 6-1. Maren Haus took care of Myrna Bawono, while Karin Coetzee was able to hold off Kristen Nicholls in the No. 3 match.

Jennifer Jassawalla fell to Katie Martoff 6-3, 6-2 and Danielle Schwartz downed Danielle

Stadelmann 6-2, 6-0.

Worsley's play was the highlight of the day for the Wolfpack.

Worsley picked up a win in the No. 6 singles match versus Wake Forest's Elizabeth Proctor in straight sets of 6-0, 6-4. With the win, Worsley improves to 5-00 with an even 8-8 on the season. The win also marks her second in conference play.

The nation's No. 1 tandem of Bea Belik and Janet Bergman continued their successful run this season, picking up win number 18 of spring play by defeating N.C. State's Gildemeister and Nicholls. Amice Smith and Coetzee held off Jassawalla and Bawono in the No. 2 match by a margin of 8-5, while the Deacon duo of Martoff and Schwartz downed Worsley and Stadelmann.

The Pack now enters its last week of competition before the ACC Championships, which will be held on April 18-21.

The Pack will begin its week against Winthrop, Monday afternoon in its last non-conference match of the season. State

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Wolfpack drops a pair

◆ The N.C. State men's tennis team dropped two close matches this weekend, falling 4-3 to Virginia and Maryland.

Sports Staff Report

After coming close to winning time after time, the N.C. State men's tennis team has to figure out what will fall its way someday.

This weekend, however, the Pack just couldn't pull it out once again.

Men's Tennis	
NCSU	3
MARYLAND	4

lost close matches to Virginia and Maryland to remain winless in conference play. The win by the Terrapins was its first ACC tennis victory in 10 years.

Despite playing without any scholarship players on the roster, Maryland was able to edge the Wolfpack's point away from State and then split singles.

After Maryland's David Reichstedt disposed of John Davis of State, 6-1, 6-3, at the No. 6 singles position to tie the



N.C. State will look to get back on track against East Carolina Wednesday.

match up at three points apiece, the focus turned to the top singles position.

Freshman Haris Causevic and State's Matt Lucas were engaged in a seesaw battle at the No. 1 spot that came down to the last point. After a tiebreak back to force a tiebreak

er in the third and deciding set, but Causevic regrouped to win his ninth match of the season — securing a milestone victory for the Terps.

Senior Jonathan Murchison beat the Wolfpack's Bryce McGray, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, for his fourth victory of the spring season. R.J. Murray continued his hot play at No. 3, winning 6-4, 6-2. Ryan Boward picked up a win at the No. 4 spot in three sets, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. At the No. 5 singles position, State's Shane Sealy defeated junior Greg Chambers, 6-1, 6-1.

The doubles point came down to the last match as well. After each team won a match, with the Terps winning at the No. 2 spot while the Wolfpack captured the victory at the No. 3 spot, it came down to the third and final match. Maryland's top doubles team of Causevic and Murchison, ranked 50th in the nation, engaged in a hard-fought battle with Lucas and Murray but pulled out a victory in the match tiebreaker, 9-8 (5), to win the point for Terrapins.

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