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## Symposium lends insight to future

◆ The fourth annual Parks Scholars Symposium addressed the future of the Internet age.

Avyen Jackson  
News Editor

Predicting the future is a virtue that many people dream of possessing. We want to know where we will be and what our lives will be like in the next 10, 20 or 30 years. We specifically want to know, among other things, if we will be married or not, if we will be rich or not or if we will be happy or not.

Though it is oftentimes impossible to predict the future in the aforementioned cases, Jim Levitt, the director of the Internet and Conservation Project at Harvard University, says that there are some things about the future that are predictable.

On Wednesday in the Witherspoon Student Center Cinema, Levitt presented a lecture for the fourth annual Parks Scholars Symposium. The focus of the

lecture was "Networks and Nature: Unforeseen Advances and Drawbacks of the Internet Age."

"The things that we can predict," said Levitt, "is that the population will continue to grow, wealth will continue to be created and networks will continue to proliferate."

During the discussion, Levitt explained the purpose of the Internet and Conservation Project. Ultimately, the project is focused on the "constructive and disruptive impacts of new networks on the landscape and biodiversity, as well as on the conservation community."

Through field research and discussions across the country, such as the Parks Scholars Symposium, the project is attempting to send a message.

Levitt, a conservationist, says that many other conservationists, entrepreneurs and politicians alike are concerned about the direct and indirect effects of newly emerging networks.

In addition, the project, to date, has caught the attention of a diverse cross-

section of public, private, non-profit and educational institute leaders. Many individuals and organizations have become involved in this project specifically to "better understand the changing demographics and network usage patterns of American households" in an economy that is greatly influenced by the Internet.

"The impact of the Internet and FedEx-style logistics systems on land use and biodiversity over the next 50 years may be comparable to the impact of the Interstate Highway System, passenger aviation and broadcast media over the last 50 years," said Levitt. "New networks are likely to have a mix of both disruptive and constructive impacts."

Amanda Parodi, co-chair of the symposium planning committee, said that though the student-led committee spent many late nights deciding on who to bring to lecture at the symposium, "Levitt's research is pertinent to our diverse audience."

Currently Levitt's work focuses on

"how new communications and transportation networks impact demography, land use, the natural environment and the conservation agenda in North America."

In addition to his work with the project, Levitt is also a proprietor of a tree farm in Maine and a contributor to the creation of several steam and electricity projects in New England and the southeastern United States.

During the lecture, Levitt, who holds a B.A. in anthropology from Yale College and a master's in public and private management, discussed his ideas on conservation issues and the ideas of other innovators.

"As a group, the innovations must be comprehensive in scope and bold in conception," said Levitt.

Levitt's innovative ideas have already been the topic of many circles of discussion. His notion that the Internet and the environment are intertwined is a unique one that many proponents agree will be crucial to the society in 10, 20 or 30 years from now.

## A soft night of 'Ushairi'

◆ Part of the Pan-African Festival, "Ushairi" was held on Sunday night.

Angelenia Thomas  
Staff Reporter

What's the Swahili word for poetry, beauty of the mind and high skill? Ushairi.

On Sunday night, as a part of the Pan-African Festival, the Union Activities Board Leisure and Entertainment Committee presented "Ushairi," an evening of poetry and jazz.

Participants in the event included N.C. State students as well as local artists from the community and surrounding areas.

When asked if she had any pre-performance jitters, Colleen Parker, a senior in Spanish language and literature, quickly replied, "No, I'm not nervous." Parker performed a poem entitled "Temporarily Mine."

The host for the event was poet E.A. The sounds of the band can be attributed to four North Carolina Central University students as well as a singer from Greensboro, N.C.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were served as guests enjoyed poetry, spoken word and smooth jazz music. Candlelight set the mood along with cultured art from around the area. To add to the elegance of the evening, each table was presented with a long-stem rose.

The goal of this year's Pan-African Festival is to "illuminate, celebrate and educate" the African-American culture and heritage, and Ushairi was designed with that in mind. Ushairi was also sponsored by The Cypher, Poetic Collections and Yancey's Arts and Blues.

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## 2002 Harrelson Lecture will tap into terrorism

◆ Gen. Barry McCaffrey will give a free lecture Monday about the "War on Terrorism."

News Staff Report

N.C. State will welcome one of America's most distinguished veterans to address the current challenges facing the United States during a time when terrorism is still a threat.

Gen. Barry McCaffrey will give the 2002 Harrelson Lecture on Monday at 3:00 p.m. in Witherspoon Student

Center. His lecture, "The War on Terrorism," is free, open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

The lecture will explore the repercussions of Sept. 11 and various ways that the United States can deal with those terrorist organizations responsible and those that still threaten national security. McCaffrey will also explain the effective counter-terrorism defense tactics in the country that are currently being used by law-enforcement agencies.

The lecture will go beyond Sept. 11 to highlight other topics in the news, such

as intelligence collection, the formation of multinational coalitions, global military operations and military, economic and political strategies.

McCaffrey is currently the Olin Distinguished Professor of National Security Studies at the U.S. Military Academy. At his retirement, he was the most highly decorated and youngest four-star general in the U.S. Army.

During his service, he twice received the Distinguished Service Cross for valor and was awarded three Purple Heart medals. The Purple Heart is given for wounds received in combat.

He served as commander-in-chief of the U.S. Armed Forces Southern Command, coordinating national security operations in Latin America. Afterwards, he became director of the White House Office of Drug Control Policy and currently serves as a national security and terrorism analyst for NBC News.

The Harrelson Lecture was created in 1961 to bring outstanding leaders to speak on campus. It was established by a bequest from the late Col. John W. Harrelson, who served as chancellor at NCSU from 1934 to 1953.



The cooks begin to arrive at Tucker Beach for the annual event. A free cookout was sponsored by the First Year College.

## Public Relations Day a first at NCSU

◆ N.C. State will host Public Relations Day on April 26.

Heidi J. Collins  
Staff Reporter

Success in the business world depends on more than just previous experience, know-how and a college degree. Knowing proper etiquette, having a great resume and making contacts before getting out of college can also have a significant impact on the prosperity of a future career.

To help students polish a professional appearance, the N.C. State chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America is hosting Public Relations (PR) Day on April 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Talley Student Center.

This is the first time NCSU has been chosen as one of eight schools in the nation to host PR Day. Twenty-nine universities from North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia were invited to participate in the conference, which includes speakers from all aspects of the public relations field. Resume critiques, a career expo and an etiquette lunch are also being organized for this event.

In addition, there will be enrichment

and networking opportunities available to all participants and all majors are welcome.

For non-PRSSA members, the conference is \$15 without the etiquette lunch or \$20 with the lunch. For PRSSA members, the fee is \$12 without the lunch or \$17 with the lunch. For anyone who registers on the day of the event, the conference is \$14.

The fee includes: a choice of three out of six speakers presenting on topics such as Health Care PR, Sports PR (event planning), Crisis Communication, Integrated Marketing, Non-profit and Life after College; two resume critique sessions (the second critique will be during the career expo); an etiquette lunch, which includes gourmet food and a lesson on business dinner etiquette taught by business manners professional Carol Schroeder; a free raffle ticket for the raffle that will be held during lunch; and a welcome packet for those that register on Friday.

To register, stop by the PRSSA bulletin board on the second floor of Winston Hall and pick up a form. After filling out the form and including a check (made out to NCSU PRSSA),

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## Wolfpack and Tar Heels to walk for fundraiser

◆ A fundraiser will bring N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill together to help an important cause.

News Staff Report

N.C. State students will join students from UNC-Chapel Hill tomorrow for a 27-mile walkathon to raise funds for Operation Sunrise Africa.

Walkers will convene at the UNC bell tower at 7:30 a.m. and are expected to arrive at the NCSU Bell Tower at 4:30 p.m.

The walkathon theme "Bell Tower to Bell Tower, Hand in Hand" signifies the impact the fundraiser has by uniting two rival schools, in addition to other Triangle campuses and volunteers. The walkathon is aimed at building awareness and raising funds needed to help in

the fight with AIDS.

Melody Gardner, associate director of the Impact Movement in the Triangle, said in a press statement, "African-American college and high school students, as well as business and professional leaders, are being challenged to join in an immense project called Operation Sunrise Africa."

Operation Sunrise Africa is one of the largest mission efforts in history. The mission began in Africa in an effort to unite Christians from all denominations. The aim of Operation Sunrise Africa is to deliver the message of Jesus Christ to 50 million people. The campaign lasts 50 days in 50 cities of eastern and southern Africa.

The Impact Movement, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, acted on the mission to bring the spiritual needs of African-Americans within the distinction

of the black culture.

According to Gardner, after taking into account the coordination of logistics, funds received from the walkathon will be evenly split between Operation Sunrise Africa and the AIDS Foundation of South Africa.

"We want to demonstrate as Christians our concern for meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the South Africans we'll be meeting this summer," Gardner said.

The goal of the walkathon is to raise \$100,000. More than 20 students and volunteers are expected to participate this Saturday to obtain this goal.

Campus Crusade for Christ is now the largest evangelical organization in the United States, according to USA Today. The organization is active in more than 191 countries and ministers on more than 1,000 campuses nationwide.

## NCSU and Meredith College host psychology conference

◆ Undergraduate students will present approximately 113 research papers at the conference.

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This weekend, undergraduate students from all over the Southeast will flock to N.C. State and Meredith College to take part in the 26th annual Carolina Psychology Conference.

This conference, the largest of its kind, will be an opportunity for students to present their research in various fields of psychology. A total of 113 research papers based on original experiments will be presented.

Research will not be the only thing on the agenda, however. Reid Lyon, a neuropsychologist and chief of the Child

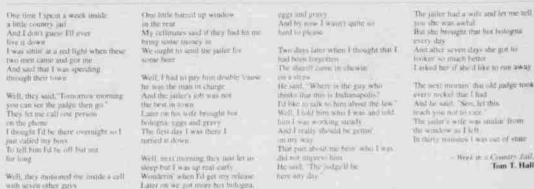
Development and Behavior Branch within the National Institute of Health and Human Development, will address participants, as well.

The conference will also host a Friday night social, a panel discussion entitled "What to do with a B.A. in Psychology" and an intercollegiate "Jeopardy"-style competition sponsored by the American Psychological Association.

The conference is open to all students and staff and begins with the social at 7 p.m. on Meredith's campus. The research paper session will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday in Ledford Hall at Meredith. Onsite registration is \$15. For more information, see [www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/cpr/Psychology\\_car\\_conf/index.htm](http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/cpr/Psychology_car_conf/index.htm).



**doughboy** by marko



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SO UM WHAT SORTA BAND ARE WE GONNA BE?

HAVE YOU HEARD MUCH DEATH METAL?

WAIT A SEC. I LIKE THAT!

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I CANT BELIEVE YOU'RE SERIOUS.

EXACTLY.

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That fool on the bike needs to hurry up and pay me my money.

How long has he gone without paying you?

Let's just say if I was a gangster, it'd be getting to the point where I'd have to break his legs.

Hey fellas, check out the new bike I bought today!

Where's my baseball bat?

Maxine and the samurai Matajuzo deal a blow to their enemies in the wasteland of the Iron Road city of Achilla. Maxine decided to read the mind of the evil demon spirit whom she defeated. Matajuzo looked on as she practiced her psychic handiwork on the coquered soul.

Meanwhile, Chalkhalk and Mc-A-Slick collected the body of the slain Yellow Oaker and had a conversation with the shell-shocked, young soldier, Zarbut, who

WELL, LET ME SEE...  
WHAT I GOT FROM  
ZATHAEL'S SHADOW SEEMS  
QUITE FRAGMENTED AND  
DARK... BUT THE NOTION  
IS THAT THERE USED TO  
BE SOME SORT OF  
CITY HERE...

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BY THE NAME OF ACHILIA.  
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OVER THAT HORIZON.

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...A BEAUTIFUL CITY...  
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POLITICS... DESTROYED BY  
A LACK OF OBSERVATION...  
... AND YOU'RE GOING  
TO REBUILD IT.

YOU REALLY GET MY GOAT. I'VE SPENT A LONG TIME BEING LOST... NOW I THINK I'VE GOT MY BUSINESS IN ORDER, AND **BAM!**

YOU SHOW UP OUT OF THE BLUE...

LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO...

...AND YOU WANT ME TO STOP EVERYTHING I'M DOING...

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BE SILENT.  
SIT DOWN.

AND LISTEN.







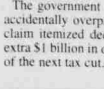
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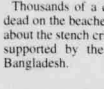
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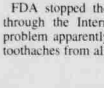
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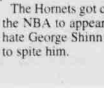
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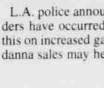
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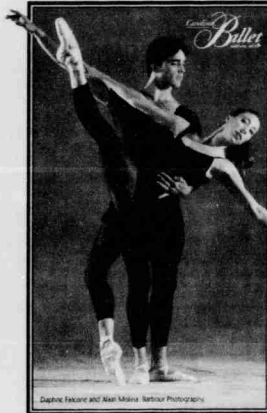
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## WolfpackNotes

**Prochaska honored  
as ACC Baseball  
Player of the Week**

N.C. State's Mike Prochaska earned this week's Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball Player of the Week honor after leading the Wolfpack to a 3-0 victory over No. 1 Clemson on the road, Saturday.

Prochaska, a sophomore left-handed pitcher, shut out the No. 1 team in the nation by scattering four hits, allowing four walks and striking out six of the 31 batters he faced. More specifically, he allowed just one base runner to reach scoring position and limited the Tigers to all singles.

With the win, the Raleigh native improved his record to 4-0 with a 2.27 ERA for the season. He was the second Wolfpack player to win the award this season, after Tim Coffield won the award for the week of February 25.

**Holt on Bronko  
Nagurski Trophy  
Watch List**

Senior safety Terrence Holt has been named to the 2002 Bronko Nagurski Trophy watch list, annually given to the nation's top defensive college football player. Holt was one of 33 athletes named and only one of four from the ACC.

Last season, Holt was a first-team All-ACC performer after finishing third on the team with 104 tackles. He also blocked four field goals last year, tying him for most in the nation. Within his career, he has seven career field goal blocks and two punt blocks. Holt also played more snaps than any other Wolfpack player in 2001 — 795 plays from scrimmage and numerous plays on special teams.

As a sophomore in his first season as a starter in 2000, Holt earned second-team All-ACC accolades after recording 89 tackles.

end, and I think there are times we've played very, very poor," said Avent. "I don't think we've put it together yet. I don't think we're very consistent. Until we become more focused and more consistent, I think we're going to continue to have ups and downs.

"That's something we must avoid in a conference like this, when every team is a good team and our non-conference schedule is as tough as it is from here on out. We need to learn how to be more consistent, and to accomplish that, I think we're going to have to learn how to focus better on everything that happens throughout the course of the game. Once we get that, I think we have the chance to be an outstanding team, but I haven't seen that happen yet. So obviously, that's something I'm looking for."

The matches start today with Daniel Caldwell (5-4) taking the mound at 7 p.m. for State on Friday. Mike Prochaska (4-0) pitches Saturday, and Derek McKee (2-3) will wrap up the series Sunday.

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confidence.

"I started thinking [that] I actually might be able to play this game," he said. "From then, I always wanted to go to the States, but I never really did anything about it because I thought it would be too expensive."

But then, when a friend who had contacts to Huntingdon College in Alabama suggested that he come to the United States to play, Walters found the opportunity too good to resist.

"I managed to get over there [to Huntingdon]," said Walters. "I started winning and showing that I could actually play. Then I really thought, 'Now I can do this.'"

And Walters has been doing it ever since. He won the NAIA National Championship last season while at Huntingdon, and after taking some time to adjust to the big-college environment, he has done exceedingly well for the Pack.

But still, despite the success on the court, Walters misses his life at home. He misses his parents, his friends and the familiar courses that he once played on. And it took time to adapt to America, especially when getting a late start in his first year in the United States.

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Amato said.

The Pack also has a plethora of wide receivers who are trying to separate themselves from each other and earn more playing time.

"There's a lot of them out there, which is good," Amato said. "You can keep them fresh — they're going to do a lot of running."

The spring usually offers some

"I arrived a week late for school. I showed up, didn't have any classes or anything," Walters remembers. "I got into whatever classes I could, and I just teed it up and started playing. It was quite hard at the beginning, and I'm glad it's over."

Being thousands of miles away from his homeland is, by far, more difficult than any hole on a golf course that Walters might encounter. His parents, Jeremy and Angela Walters, have had a giant impact on their son's life — on and off the course.

"[If] it wasn't for [my Dad], I wouldn't be here right now," said Walters. "He never really pushed me, but he always would give me opportunities to play golf if that's what I wanted. He would do whatever it took to support me and teach me. He helped me learn all the techniques, and the mechanics, and I was pretty fortunate to have a dad like that."

Walters says he talks to his parents once or twice a week and sends them the write-ups of his tournaments through the mail, because, according to the golfer, "They're not the most computer-literate people ever."

Walters credits his success this season to a change in attitude. After having a solid yet unspectacular beginning to his State career, Walters focused his energies on taking the course with a positive attitude each and every time.

surprises, and Amato said a few have popped up this year.

Sophomore Andre Maddox, whom Amato calls "a natural football player," is giving senior Julius Patterson a run at the rover position. Amato said sophomore linebacker Corrie Dawson, who spent last season on special teams, has stepped up his play in the spring. Sophomore wide receiver Dovonte Edwards has also impressed since returning from the basketball team.

In addition to working on the finer points of the game and examining the talent he has on

The top four scores each round count toward the team's score.

Last year at the Intercollegiate, State led Wake by one stroke heading into the final round of play, but a nine-over par Sunday doomed the Pack to a fourth place finish. Duke is the defending champion.

"In the fall, I didn't do anything, and I struggled with the transition," said Walters. "I finally found my game at the Nelson. I was just a different person that week and went out there and managed to win. Unfortunately, I had to sit down for four months because there were no tournaments, and I felt like I was starting over again."

"I worked hard on my game, [then] came the spring, and the whole spring I've hit the ball great. But at first, I just wasn't scoring well. I was beating myself up on the course, putting lots of pressure on myself, and a few teammates said a few words. Coach Sykes said, 'You can't do this; you're not going to get the results you want.' The last round of Vegas, I made a promise to myself to keep a positive attitude and keep my head up. Since then, I haven't shot over par. I think that's the main reason I've played better."

And for Walters, the results have been spectacular. He won the Chris Schenkel E-Z-GO tournament in late March and helped the Pack to a fourth-place finish in the Cleveland Golf/ASU Invitational last weekend by placing tenth.

The only thing that is missing for Walters so far this season is a team first-place finish. State will have two more opportunities, starting with The Intercollegiate in Chapel Hill this weekend. That

hand, Amato is looking for some of his seniors to step forward as team leaders. The Pack lost several important players from last season's team to graduation, including All-America linebacker Lev Fisher, one of State's more vocal leaders.

"We've got to get better leadership," Amato said. "I tell them ... about the leadership about this basketball team here at N.C. State, the leadership of those three seniors at the University of Maryland that led them to a national championship. Leadership, leadership, leadership — it's so very important."

"This tournament's big for us," said Sykes. "We're going against some good national competition. It's the last time up before the ACC Tournament."

In terms of head-to-head rankings, the Wolfpack stand even higher than ranked by the Golfweek/Sagarin poll.

will be followed by the ACC Championship in New London beginning April 19.

Before Walters begins a summer check full of individual tournaments, such as the Western Open and — Walters hopes — the U.S. Amateur, he would like to help the Wolfpack place first.

"The thing I'd like to see happen is to put in four good scores for three days," Walters said. "If we can manage to do that, I don't think there's many teams that can beat us. We've had some good days, but in tournaments, we've always had a day that's hurt us. I've never won a team event, and I'd love to win one this year. I think we're good, and I think we haven't lived up to our potential."

Walters certainly has, however. And he's still getting better. Perhaps his coach described Walters best, and even his description may have been an understatement.

"He's really a first-class young man," Sykes said. "He has goals, and it's easy to get close with someone who has goals and is willing to work for them. I think he's become a leader since he's been here, and sometimes that's difficult to do when there's already a bunch of guys who have been here awhile. He's done a good job."

One of the players who should step into that position this season is Holt, a first-team All-ACC selection last year. Holt already can get his teammates fired up with big hits like the one that separated wide receiver Jericho Cotchery from the ground during Saturday's scrimmage. Now, he's trying to adopt a more vocal role.

"I'm just getting used to that role of leading and trying to help the guys," Holt said. "I'm just trying to better myself so I can lead on and off the field."

According to Golfstat.com, State has a record of 276-10 while playing the 12th hardest schedule in the nation — good enough for a No. 9 ranking in the nation. The Pack has an average adjusted score of 72.92 and is 10-8 vs. the top 25.

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game yet. I think they're very hungry because they haven't had a win, but I think there's also reasons why they haven't had a win. I think we need to maintain what we know we need to do, and that's increased the intensity and the focus of how we play from inning to inning. I think there's a variance about how we play from inning to inning. We really need to increase the intensity and realize the importance of what we're going about and let things take care of themselves."

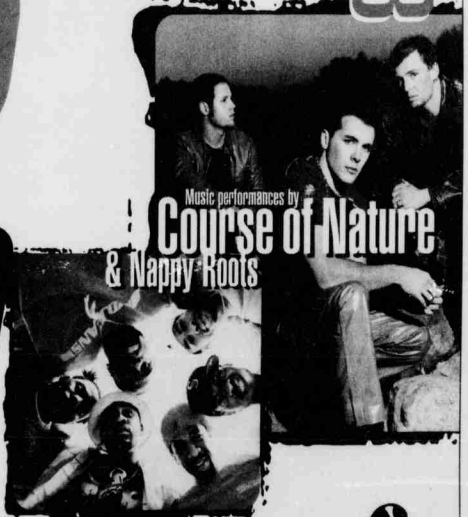
The State team, now 35 games into the season, needs to start pulling together as one cohesive unit in order to advance further in the conference. The team has been on the losing end of a few tight games, and in order to win those games, the team needs to focus on concentrate more on working together.

"There's times when I feel we've played very, very well, as we did with Clemson this week-

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# Friday Sports



## Lessons of spring on display

◆ The football team participates in the annual Red-White Game Saturday.

Jeremy Ashton  
Senior Staff Writer

The start of the college football season is still a few months away, but N.C. State is very much focused on it.

Like every other Division I team across the country, the Wolfpack has spent the last month working on fundamentals and getting in shape for the season opener against New Mexico on Aug. 24. The State players will get a chance to show off what they've learned this spring at Carter-Finley Stadium Saturday

at 1 p.m. when they participate in the Red-White Game.

The annual spring scrimmage will open with special teams drills. The offense and defense will split into separate teams for the duration of the event and run a series of situational drives.

"This sets the tone for the season," State head coach Chuck Amato said Saturday following a scrimmage at Carter-Finley. "This is where the team starts coming together."

For the younger players who didn't see much game action last season, the spring is a chance to improve and show what they can do in game situations.

"A lot of the guys are young, especially some of the freshmen that are getting a

chance to mature and getting most of the reps," senior Terrence Holt said. "The best get to play against the best, and that's when you get better. That's what you do in the spring — you get physical."

Although none of the players from this year's recruiting class are participating with the team, the spring also gives players an opportunity to fill holes or move up the depth chart. One of the key positions State has to fill is linebacker, where senior Dantonio Burnette is the only returning starter.

"I think they're doing fairly well, and that's why we're keeping it simple so they can get a little bit of confidence in what they're doing."

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**Sterling Hicks** will be one of many N.C. State receivers fighting for a job.

**WHAT:** RED AND WHITE SCRIMMAGE  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY, 1 P.M.  
**WHERE:** CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM



The Carolina Hurricanes were faced with an all-or-nothing proposition this week.

Carolina could either win the Southeast Division title and take the No. 3 seed in the NHL's Eastern Conference, or it could find itself sitting at home during the Stanley Cup playoffs. The Canes apparently liked the first option.

Carolina secured its second Southeast Division title in four years Wednesday night at the Entertainment and Sports Arena, defeating Tampa Bay 4-2. Ron Francis and Rod Brind'Amour each scored first-period goals, and goalie Arturs Irbe stopped 28 of the 30 shots he faced to lead the Canes to the win.

The Canes will enter the playoffs seeded third in the East despite having just 88 points, the seventh-best mark in the conference. While all eight playoff spots have been decided, Carolina is the only team that knows its seed.

Three teams — Ottawa, New Jersey and the New York Islanders — are in contention for the sixth spot in the East and a chance to face Carolina in the first round. Ottawa took three out of four regular-season meetings with Carolina and tied the fourth. New Jersey, which knocked the Canes out of the playoffs last season in a heated series that went six games, went 2-1-1 against Carolina this season. The Islanders also won three out of four against Carolina this season, but two of those wins came in overtime, and the Canes picked up their lone victory in the series Monday at New York 2-1.

With Wednesday's win, Carolina also eliminated the Washington Capitals from playoff contention. The Caps, the defending division champs, spent most of the season trying to catch the Canes and pulled within three points of the division leaders Friday after winning four in a row and tying Ottawa at home.

Carolina got a point back Sunday at home with a 1-1 tie against the lowly Atlanta Thrashers. The Canes went to New York the next night and defeated the Islanders on Brind'Amour's goal early in the third to put themselves in position for Wednesday's division-clinching win.

The Canes have two remaining games in the regular season, which they can now use to tune up for the playoffs.

— Jeremy Ashton

## Walters the winner

◆ N.C. State junior golfer Justin Walters is performing at a high level for N.C. State's men's golf team.

Andrew B. Carter  
Assistant Sports Editor

Who knows how old Justin Walters was at the time; surely, he doesn't. It is, of course, tough to remember such things that happened near infancy. What Walters does know, however, is that it was about the time he took his first steps that he first picked up a set of golf clubs.

"As far as I can remember, [I've been playing golf] since I was about five," Walters said. "But my mom says [that] as soon as I could walk, I had clubs in my hands."

That extra practice as a toddler must be paying its dividends.

Walters, a junior-college transfer to the N.C. State golf team, is in the midst

of putting together quite a season in his first year of major-collegiate competition. The South Africa native has placed first in two tournaments, was recently named National College Player of the Week by Golfworld Magazine and has emerged as the Wolfpack's top player in the spring season.

"Justin came here because he wanted to play at a higher level, and he thought he could play at a higher level," said longtime State golf coach Richard Sykes. "Well, guess what? He can play at a higher level. He's become our No. 1 player. I know where Justin came from, and I hope they got some more just like him that they can send over here."

Though Walters has been playing golf since early childhood, it wasn't until high school that the soft-spoken, polite business major began taking the sport seriously.

A six-sport athlete in South Africa,

Walters indulged himself with soccer, tennis, field hockey, rugby and cricket when not playing the sport he now excels in. Thanks to a shoulder injury that halted his cricket days, Walters was able to find his gift and discovered that he had the talent to go along with his passion for golf.

As opposed to the United States, where many high schools field golf teams, Walters' school in South Africa did not. Many tournaments were held during the school year, which meant getting excused absences was essential.

"My senior year, I went to the principal," Walters said, "and I handed him [a list of] 10 or 15 days that I just wasn't going to be in school, I said, 'I'm sorry, I'm going to be playing golf.' Fortunately, he liked me and he gave me full permission to go."

And the rest is history.

Walters used the opportunities that he could find and played as much as he could in South Africa. After making the



Justin Walters has moved into the No. 1 spot on the N.C. State team.

State's team, Walters and his teammates wound up winning nationals. As he played well and defeated numerous good players, Walters began to gain

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## Men's golf hosts Intercollegiate

◆ The N.C. State men's golf team will look to continue its strong play as it returns to North Carolina.

Steve Thompson  
Sports Editor

After months spent playing abroad, the N.C. State men's golf team finally gets to return home for a match.

The Wolfpack will be the co-hosts this week at the 13th annual Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. North Carolina is the other host, as the tournament will be played at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill.

**WHAT:** MEN'S GOLF AT INTERCOLLEGIATE  
**WHEN:** THIS WEEKEND  
**WHERE:** CHAPEL HILL

The field is stacked at the tournament, with nine of 12 teams ranked in the top 50 in the latest Golfweek/Sagarin rankings. State is currently ranked No. 19, while No. 3 Wake Forest boasts the field's highest ranking.

Other ranked teams include No. 23 Minnesota, No. 29 SMU, No. 36 Kansas, No. 37 Tulsa, No. 38 Duke, No. 43 North Florida and No. 50 East Tennessee State.

The Pack is trying to peak at the right time, as the Intercollegiate is the last tournament before the ACC Championships. State has finished in

the top five of its last three tournaments. Overall, the Pack has finished in the top five in six of nine tournaments.

"The season's going really well for us," said State head coach Richard Sykes. "We've been playing really well. We hope to have another strong finish this weekend."

Last week, Justin Walters, a week removed from being named Golf World Magazine's Men's College Player of the Week, led the Pack to a fourth-place finish at the Cleveland Golf/ASU Invitational in Augusta, Ga. Walters finished 10th individually after carding a 209 (71-67-71) for the three-round event.

"The whole spring I hit the ball great," said Walters. "But at first, I just wanted scoring well. I was beating myself up on the course, putting lots of pressure on myself, and a few teammates said a few words. Coach Sykes said, 'You can't do this; you're not going to get the results you want.'"

Walters has overcome the slow start to move to No. 36 in the individual Golfweek/Sagarin rankings.

Senior Garth Mulroy, currently ranked No. 41 in the individual rankings, finished just behind Walters, carding a 210 for the event. He also shot under par every round.

Mulroy has performed well at the Intercollegiate. Last year, his fourth-place was a career best up to that point. After two days he stood five strokes under par, but a 73 on Sunday knocked him back to a four-under 212.

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The N.C. State men's golf team enters the weekend ranked No. 19.

MATT HEPTMAN/STAFF

## Blue Devils come to visit Doak

◆ N.C. State looks to improve its ACC record this weekend at home against winless Duke.

Jay Kohler  
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the Wolfpack went to South Carolina for an ACC matchup against first-place Clemson. The Pack fought hard and managed to hand the Tigers their first ACC loss. State, however, still dropped two, which put their record at 2-7 in the ACC and 22-13 overall.

Today marks the beginning of a three game series between the Pack and the Blue Devils (17-17, 0-6 ACC). The series is a chance for the seventh-place State to pick of some more ACC wins against the ninth-place Devils.

"It's a big conference weekend," said head coach Elliott Avent. "We've started out the conference 2-7; we're at home, and we've put ourselves into position where we need to start taking series that we play. Somewhere along the way, if you can get a sweep, that's going to help too."

"I'm not saying that this is a situation where that will occur, but basically, I think we need to turn up the intensity which we play with and focus on the importance of every game and every inning."

The Devils are coming off a 12-10 loss to No. 20 East Carolina and were swept by No. 6

Georgia Tech, 15-7, 8-7 and 4-2, in the prior series. Duke's last victory came in March against Brown.

In the Pack's match with Clemson, State dropped the first and last games, 6-4 and 10-2, but put it together in the second for a 3-0 gem pitched by Mike Prochaska. A team like Duke, though, can be very dangerous since it is looking for its first ACC victory. Coach Avent, however, doesn't feel that a hungry team is more dangerous than a team like the first-place Tigers.

"Clemson is one of the best teams we're going to play all year," said Avent. "They're a great baseball team. I think they play very well, and I think they play very well at home. I certainly would like to see us play that well at our home field."

"I don't think there's any danger in playing a team that hasn't won [an ACC]

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Mike Prochaska was named ACC Baseball Player of the Week after shutting out No. 1 Clemson last weekend.

MICHAEL SCHWARTZ/STAFF