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## N.C. State celebrates Earth Day

*College of Design students combine art and landscape*

◆ CrowsField is an art project designed to include the community in its creation and implementation.

News Staff Report

On Earth Day, people worldwide are encouraged to participate in promoting a healthy environment and a peaceful world. Events, demonstrations and art exhibits are just a few of the many ways individuals and organizations have decided to celebrate Earth Day and its goals.

CrowsField, an N.C. State student's daydream turned reality, will feature, after its completion, three thousand pie-plate scarecrows surrounding the grounds of the North Carolina Museum of Art.

"CrowsField will introduce people to issues of open space development and preservation and to aspects of design and landscape architecture," said Shawn Hatley, a landscape architecture student in NCSU's College of Design and conceiver of the project.

Hatley and a handful of other design students have recently completed the placing of wooden stakes around the museum grounds. The next step in the project, said Hatley, is for the public to bring their used pie plates and place them on the wooden stakes with the hay-baling twine provided at the site.

Hatley and his team have already attached nearly 1,000 pie plates to stakes "to give the public an idea of what the project could look like."

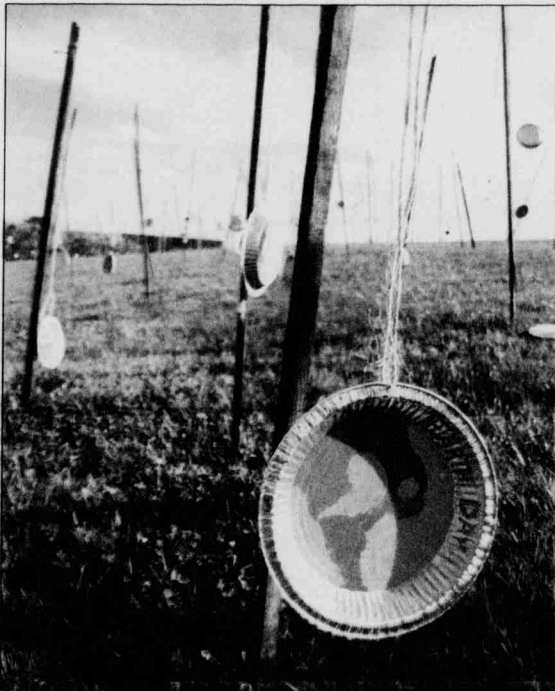
The project, which began on Earth Day, has already been described as "a giant windchime," "night-time glitter" and "a giant playground for children."

But for Hatley, the project is "a playful daydream, blending labor and whimsy."

After creating a press kit, Hatley and other design students had to distribute it and gain support for the project. Hatley notes that though setting the project up was difficult, seeing it all come together is well worth the labor.

The project, in addition to being a new place for people to visit, will feature information panels on open space development, preservation and other environmental issues.

In addition to celebrating Earth Day on Monday, CrowsField also celebrates National Landscape Architecture Week and North Carolina Landscape Architecture Week.



ERICA TUEBIST/STAFF

The creators of "CrowsField" hope to introduce people to issues of open space development and to aspects of design and landscape architecture.

## Freshmen bring 'Second Chance Day' to State

◆ On May 4, Earthworks will create a drop-off zone for reusable goods and educate about environmental issues.

Carie Windham  
Assistant News Editor

During the last decade, North Carolina has been pursuing a lofty goal: to reduce landfill use by 40 percent.

Since 1991, however, North Carolina's disposal rate is projected to have increased by 40 percent, including a 26-percent increase in Wake County alone, according to annual reports issued by state solid-waste officials. These increases account for over 10-million tons of waste thrown into landfills in 2000 alone.

These startling statistics have propelled a group of N.C. State students to take action.

Earthworks, a coalition of four NCSU students, will be holding "Second

Chance Day" on May 4 with the help of NCSU Recycling and the Inter-residency Council. The event will be an opportunity for students, faculty and the community to come together to learn more about environmental issues.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day, Harris Field will serve as a drop-off point for re-usable goods including gently used clothing, bedding, furniture, office supplies and non-perishable foods.

Their hope is that by giving these items a "second chance," they will be contributing to less waste in area landfills.

The environment is not the only thing that will benefit. Free food such as bagels, donuts and pizza will be on hand, as well as information booths highlighting environmental issues and organizations.

The team is made up of four NCSU freshmen: Robin Wilson, Jodee Ruppel, Kristin Melton and Kerry Robinson, who all came together during a leadership seminar that required

students to design a service project that would address needs in the community. They identified a need for environmental awareness.

"We were all really interested in environmental issues," explained Wilson. "We wanted to get involved and find out how we could have the greatest impact."

The group then learned about "Second Chance Week," an annual event held in California. During the week, local governments, community groups, businesses and citizens come together to hold local activities geared towards promoting reuse, repair, resale and donation. In doing so, they offer reuse opportunities outside of the existing establishments like thrift stores and repair shops. These opportunities include citywide garage sales and reuse art contests.

In its inaugural year, the program held more than 95 activities and reached 20,000 participants. Over 90 tons of

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## AIDS: Researching a killer

◆ Today, researchers in laboratories and clinics are developing new treatments and building on their already extensive understanding of the virus.

The Daily Cardinal (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Understanding of Human Immunodeficiency Virus, the virus that causes AIDS, has increased dramatically since the 1980s. When the disease first noticeably appeared in the U.S. population in 1981, the Center for Disease Control dubbed the new illness "gay-related immune deficiency." In 1988, Cosmopolitan proclaimed on the cover, "Woman, you do not need to worry — You can't get AIDS."

Today, researchers in laboratories and clinics across the globe are developing new treatments and building on their already extensive understanding of the virus.

"There is more knowledge about HIV than any other virus," said Miroslav Malkovsky, a University of Wisconsin-Madison professor of Medical Microbiology and Immunology. "We know the shape [of the virus], the genes, how it replicates. There are literally tons and tons of information," Malkovsky said.

Learning about HIV has come at a price.

Two billion dollars have been spent on AIDS research to try to understand how the disease progresses, according to Malkovsky.

That research has led to innovative drug therapies, such as protease and nucleoside reverse transcriptase

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## Man arrested at Duke for trespassing



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Samuel Ferebee, 62, was arrested at Duke University on Friday and charged with harassing women at Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill.

According to reports, this has been Ferebee's second arrest in the last month. He was arrested at UNC on March 27 for two counts of simple assault and one count of misdemeanor stalking.

Ferebee is set to appear in an Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday and in a Durham court May 27, according to reports.

N.C. State Campus Police encourage students to be aware of their surroundings and to implement safety on campus.



CARL HEDGECOCK/STAFF

The Inter-Residence Council Napfest was held in the Brickyard and offered students snacks and a sleeping bag. The project was designed to support Project SafeChild.

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## Faces in the Pack



MATT HUFMAN/STAFF

◆ Student senator Melissa Price fights to make N.C. State more accommodating for disabled students.

Kara Rowland  
Assistant News Editor

Freshman Melissa Price doesn't sit back and wait for what comes. She makes things happen.

But it is no coincidence that Price, a political science major and student senator, is involved in her community-family has a legacy of political activism.

Her mother is a member of the Johnston County School Board and her father ran for a seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives in 2000 in addition to serving as Student Senate President at ECU, where he helped start the ASG.

"We're pretty much a political family," said Price. "After you hear the stories [about your parents' involvement] five million times, it's like

'yeah, I want to be in student government!'"

After walking into the N.C. State Student Government office last year, Price met Student Body President Darryl Willie and became involved in the WolfAides program.

"I told Mom and Dad, 'I met the Student Body President!'" remembers Price. "WolfAides was a really good learning experience."

Afterwards, Price decided her next step would be to join the Student Senate, and was appointed earlier this semester by Senate President Michael Anthony to fill a vacant seat for the College of Management.

Once a senator, Price focused her efforts on an issue that is especially pertinent to her family. Her younger sister Victoria, a sophomore at Clayton High School, is hearing impaired.

"She calls [NCSU] the 'wolf school,'" said Price. "She absolutely loves it here, everybody treats her so nicely."

But, in order for her sister to eventually attend NCSU, Price recognizes that reforms in the university's disability policy must be made. Specifically, she cites the 201 Foreign Language requirements.

"That is basically a barrier to graduation," said Price, who emphasized the impracticability for hearing impaired

students to learn foreign languages.

To address this problem, she is working on a senate bill which would make it possible for hearing impaired students to substitute a cultural diversity class in order to satisfy the foreign language requirement.

"If they can't truly learn a language, at least they can learn the cultural aspect of it," she explained, adding that, "I would really like to see the school have more American Sign Language classes offered."

Despite her determination to improve conditions for hearing impaired students, Price has encountered setbacks.

After originally seeking assistance at the Disability Student Services office, she was then sent to the foreign language department. "It was basically like, 'that's a great idea,' but they weren't really enthused," she said. "I thought that I would get more help if I went to an administrator."

However, she hopes to have her bill passed by the Student Senate after introducing it early next semester.

In her quest to make a difference, Price has also had time to have fun. "I worked on Michael Anthony's campaign," she said. "[Mike] is a great person to work with and I really enjoyed being able to get out into the brickyard and be out there and be visible."

## AIDS

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inhibitors. The inhibitors can drop the amount of HIV in the body to undetectable levels. In the mid-1990s, those drugs, given as a combination or "drug cocktail," gave HIV-infected individuals healthier and longer lives.

"[These] treatments, in the short term, have really made a difference," said Dr. James Sussman, the medical director of the Midwest Training and AIDS Education Center.

In 2000, almost 40,000 more people were living with AIDS than two years before. And the number of deaths in the United States from AIDS-related illnesses dropped under 17,000 — a number that had not been

seen since the mid-1980s, according to the CDC.

But there remains cause for concern.

Because the drug therapies are not fully effective, researchers are still searching for better ways to prevent AIDS. Scientists are investigating whether vaccines could be a useful option. According to Malkovsky, many different kinds of vaccines are currently being tested on human volunteers in the United States.

Another cause for concern was recently presented at the American Society of Microbiology. A study showed that about half of HIV patients carry a strain of the virus that is resistant to at least one drug. And among newly infected patients, 20 percent carry a strain that is resistant to at least one drug. The study has

increased fear that the drugs may lose their potency in the future.

Furthermore, the side effects of these powerful drugs can be difficult to live with.

Even with all the current knowledge of AIDS, researchers still do not understand what causes the disease to progress from the initial HIV infection, which can be symptomless, to full-blown AIDS, which is when a patient is susceptible to infections because of the damage HIV does to the immune system.

But an effective AIDS treatment will only be discovered if there is another breakthrough in HIV research — a breakthrough that could take months or years.

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Price, who has epilepsy, also credits Anthony for taking swift action after she had a seizure. "He was smart enough to go through my cell phone and find Mom and Dad and call them, and they called the ambulance," she said.

Wearing a Shakespearean dress during the interview, it is clear that not all of Price's life revolves around politics.

"We just did the scene with Ophelia where she goes crazy," said Price, who has recently been thinking of double majoring in Political Science and Communications. "I've always loved acting. That was sort of my dream, to run off to Broadway."

In addition to doing theater, Price also started the first chapter of the Junior Statesmen of America at her high school after attending a summer program at Stanford University.

The club, which she estimates had initially 13 members, now has around 50. During a convention in Washington, D.C. her senior year, Price fondly remembers the moment she showed up Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

About 1,100 students were present to listen to speakers and ask questions during the convention. Citing the fact that many voters attributed George Bush's win to a detraction of votes from Al Gore by votes for Nader, Price asked Nader if he gave significant financial donations to Bush.

"I've never seen a politician literally sit there and freeze-and that was the last question," said Price. "[The Junior Statesmen of America Foundation] is so awesome. They get students involved with these political leaders like that."

Price admits that, although it has always been "sort of planned that I was going to be a lawyer," she is not completely set in her decision. After graduating from NCSU, she is consid-

ering getting a master's degree at Duke's public policy school and then doing lobbying work.

When asked if she had a role model, Price credited her father. He served as the appointed defense attorney in the case of Terence Garner, a North Carolina man who was wrongly convicted for armed robbery.

"I'm really proud of what my father has done and been through," she said.

After Garner was convicted, a man named Terence Delouch confessed to the crime and thus the fight for an appeal to release her father's client began. The case was featured on the PBS program Frontline and eventually Garner was freed.

"Sometimes I would never even see my father," said Price. "Or if I wanted to, I'd have to turn on the 11 o'clock news."

"I've always learned good ethics from my father. He had to go through a lot with that trial, but he persevered," she said.

"And I'm grateful for having learned that."

"Compared to other campuses," Wilson said, "N.C. State is really lacking in that area."

Earthworks hopes that "Second Chance Day" will fill in that gap.

According to Wilson, the goal for the day is to target 200 people in hopes of expanding in the future years. They hope that the free food and scheduled band will help increase participation.

"In the future, we want to do other activities," Wilson said. "We want to make it more of an issue and bring people together."

She acknowledges that real change will only come with behavioral changes.

"Increasing awareness and involvement will eventually lead to behavioral changes," she said, "and that will improve things on both the personal and university levels."

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used goods and materials were reused.

Earthworks realized that creating a North Carolina "Second Chance Week" was too steep a goal so they set their sights on creating a single day for the NCSU campus and community.

"We wanted to create a 'fusion' of awareness and actually doing something to make a difference," Wilson said.

They chose to launch the project, though implementation was not required by their course, at the end of the year.

"This is a time when people are really clearing out things," Wilson explained. Instead of throwing these things away, the day will offer a way for people

to drop the items off for reuse rather than waste.

In addition to the drop-off area, there will be booths set up educating about various environmental issues and organizations at NCSU that target those issues.

The group implemented a survey during planning to identify the need for the program on campus.

"We found out that while many people are concerned about issues, they also feel that people aren't doing anything about it," Wilson said.

A high number of people concerned were not involved in environmental groups, as well. Many people said that they did not know about any existing groups.

In addition to the surveys, the group looked at neighboring campuses and their environmental efforts.

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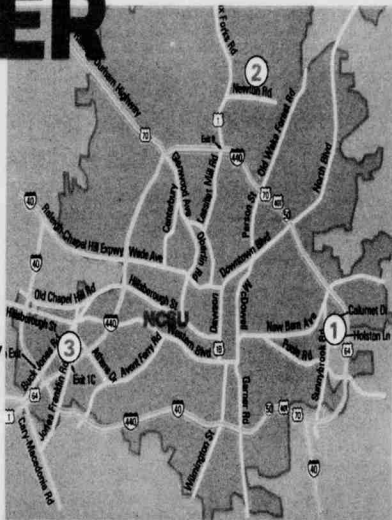
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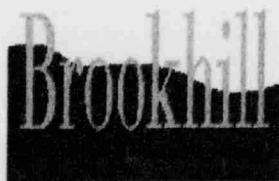
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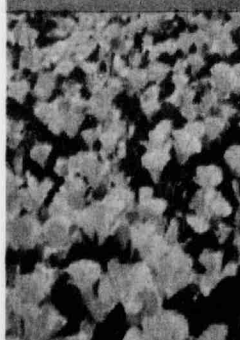
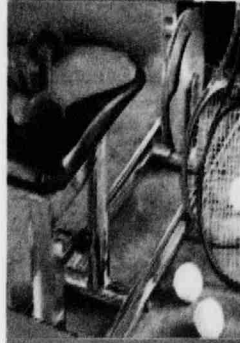
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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### United Way denies Scouts funding

THE UNITED WAY IS WITHIN ITS RIGHTS AS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION TO DENY LOCAL BOY SCOUTS 62 PERCENT OF FUNDING.

On Tuesday, Triangle United Way board of directors voted against an appeal submitted by the area Boy Scouts council asking the United Way to reverse a March decision to exclude the Scouts from its list of member agencies. The decision effectively takes away all United Way funding from the Occaneechee Council of Boy Scouts, which has 21,000 members and spans 12 counties. Triangle United Way provided 62 percent of the Occaneechee council's funding.

Ever since the Supreme Court's June 2000 ruling that the Boy Scouts could exclude gays from serving as scoutmasters, United Way chapters throughout the country have been reconsidering support for the group. In North Carolina, the Orange United Way adopted a non-discrimination policy for gays that applies to members, volunteers and employees. Currently, Triangle United Way has a policy that only prevents discrimination against members. The national United Way organization does not take a stance on nondiscrimination policies, leaving it up to local chapters to decide the standard for membership as an official agency applies.

Triangle United Way is perfectly within its rights to exclude the Scouts,

as it is a private organization applying a unilateral non-discrimination policy. Its position should be one with which the Boy Scout council should easily identify because this is exactly what the Supreme Court held when it ruled in favor of the Scouts in 2000.

While current debate over the United Way's funding does not require a discussion of the Boy Scouts' policy of excluding gay scouts, the Scouts' current dilemma fundamentally stems from its discriminatory practices. If the Scouts are not willing to change the anti-gay membership practice, then there is nothing stopping other United Ways across the country from further denying Scout councils funding.

The United Way is one of the largest nonprofit organizations in the country, commanding an annual budget that exceeds \$4 billion. While citizens can donate to the Scouts directly and can even specify that United Way donations go directly to the Boy Scouts, Scout councils across the country still risk losing funding. Thus, for the Boy Scouts, the issue shifts to whether their anti-gay policies are worth councils across the country losing significant funding.



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The opinions in this cartoon are not those of the cartoonist, but rather the values being suggested to children by the Boy Scouts of America. Thanks, BSA.

## Aborting environmentalism



**Greg Volk**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

This past Monday was Earth Day. Did you notice? Maybe. Maybe not. What did you do in honor of Earth Day this past Monday? I didn't take notes to save paper, and I didn't go to class to save gas.

Earth Day seems to gather more and more support each year. Ralph Nader and his Green Party made a legitimate (meaning official) run in the 2000 presidential election. As congressional support for drilling in the National Arctic Wildlife Reserve indicates, however, environmentalism remains far from mainstream.

Earth Day and environmentalism as a whole rely on the tenet that intrusion on nature (the Earth, wildlife, etc.) is fundamentally wrong, even in contradiction with natural law. We cannot manipulate resources because they are not ours. They are not anyone's. They are just there for everyone.

Food stores like Wellspring Grocery emphasize their organic, natural products. Extreme environmentalists believe genetically altered or engineered food is bad. Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream advertises that no dangerous

growth hormones are used on their cattle.

This is all well and good. It's great to save the environment. But I want to examine the relationship between environmentalism and another heatedly debated topic: abortion.

Environmentalists champion a holistic, organic and non-intrusive approach to the environment and to life. Don't intervene with nature, they say.

We don't have a right to take away the habitat of the spotted owl. We don't have the right to drill in the arctic to get cheap oil to make money or fuel our SUVs. But what could be more of an intrusion on nature than abortion? Abortion is a decision, for whatever purpose, by one human to control another human's life. (Of course, on some level, all forms of birth control are as well, but let's not focus on that here.)

Environmentalism also holds that, although humans have been given superior intellect, they do not have the right to use this intellect to exercise superior power over other species or the environment. Humans have no inherent preference or privilege over other animals. A sound argument. But also along those lines, humans do not have the right to intervene with humans.

For whatever reason (I'll let you ponder that because I don't have the answer), abortion and environmentalism tend to

be bundled beliefs. That is, many people who are environmentalists are also pro-choice. If you divided it strictly along party lines, Republicans would be anti-environmentalism and pro-life (anti-death), and Democrats would be pro-environmentalism and pro-choice (anti-government-oppression-of-personal-freedoms). Of course, it doesn't pan out this neatly in real life.

This is one of the reasons this is not a discussion of abortion itself. Rather, it is a discussion of the discrepancies in logic between people being environmentalist and pro-choice.

I cannot begin to tell readers what is the correct belief about abortion. Attempting to do so would be pompous and off base. I'm not sure exactly where I even stand. The abortion debate is such a complex issue with severe social and psychological ramifications on both sides. I aim simply to point out that hard-line environmentalism and pro-choice support are, at base, in contradiction with each other.

I doubt this discussion has changed anyone's opinions about environmentalism and its link with abortion, but maybe, just maybe, you were able to waste a couple of minutes before class or on the Wolfline with this column.

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## Litterbug



**Shawn Barnes**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

I've been wrong. I don't know when it started or even how it started, but I've noticed that I would sooner throw trash out of the window of my car or sit trash on the ground when getting out of the car instead of taking it to a trashcan that I am sure to pass on the way to my destination.

I don't want trash in my car. Trash often leaves smells and just makes a car look messy. I don't want my passengers to be afraid to sit in my car because it is so trashy that they think their clothes will get dirty just from sitting in my car. I also don't want to risk having to carry trash around in my hand until I find a trashcan that I can just toss the trash right out of my life.

I figure that throwing trash in a parking lot means that some employee will come by and gladly dispose of the trash that I was too lazy to put away myself. I never really thought about what I was doing or how wrong I was for doing it until I noticed how trash-filled the Aventura Ferry Complex parking lot is. As I was driving around looking for a parking place, there were crumpled fast food bags and soda cans taking up several parking spots. I wasn't sure if it would be safe to just drive over the trash or if some hidden object inside of

a brown paper bag would puncture my tires.

Beer cans, soda cups, food products, napkins — all of this wasn't my trash, so I know I'm not the only one with a littering problem. Littering is a problem both on campus and off campus. Parking lots littered with trash can be seen everywhere.

There are many people who consciously or unconsciously litter. Whether you litter occasionally or every day, it's still just as wrong. Truth be told, I don't think there really are employees who "gladly" pick up other people's trash. Throwing a half-eaten apple on the ground isn't feeding starving wildlife — it's making a mess.

I recognize my problem. I've admitted my problem. Now, I'm going to try and correct my problem. I'm going to resist the temptation to sit my empty ice cup on the white line that separates my car from the neighboring car. Instead, I'm going to walk my trash to the trashcan and feel good about doing it because I know it's the right thing to do.

Being more conscious of our actions and the effects of our actions will make us better people all around. For those of us who live in dorms and apartments where the first thing you see is the parking lot, proper disposal of trash will make our living environment look a lot nicer, and we will probably feel better about ourselves in the process.

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**Abbie Byrom**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

and hurting our hearts. We have family members who, not living up to their societal and moral duties, and loved ones who cheat.

We, at times, live in a world of hurt. Yet, in the end, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. That light is the children of our world. Their innocence. They remind us of how innocent we once were. They make us remember what it was like not knowing pain bigger than a bee sting or your brother not letting you ride his new bike. Watching children and being around children lets us be children again. With them, we can pretend that, no matter what, people all have good hearts. We can pretend that the world is not as mean of a place as it seems.

Today, that image was shattered for me. I read in the News and Observer a story about a five-year-old girl who was caught carrying two suitcases of heroin in a New York airport. She had been put on a plane in Bogota,

Columbia, and was caught because a customs inspector felt that the sides of her suitcases were too thick.

There has been no decision on whether charges will be filed against the little girl, and she has been placed in child services for the time being. Investigators are searching for the person responsible for using the little girl as a drug trafficker.

As I get to the end of the story, I think in amazement that if we are using a child to transport drugs — then, at this point, the world cannot get any worse. Then there is a small clip that says a 12-year-old boy was caught earlier this month flying from Nigeria to the United States with 87 condoms filled with heroin in his stomach.

I could cry reading the stories of these two children being exploited for drugs and money. I can only imagine that they were both scared to death and had no choice in helping. What's worse, can you even imagine what it would be like to swallow 87 condoms? Not to mention 87 condoms full of heroin. My heart goes out to these two children as I wonder what they went through.

The so-called X and Y generations are always criticized about being the next generations to take over the world, yet we have not been able to prove our worth. We are told that we are too wild, have too many privileges and do not work hard enough because everything is handed to us.

Now people are using us to carry drugs. What is next, Osama bin Laden using an innocent child from

Afghanistan to carry a suicide bomb into the United States and walk into the Rockefeller Center?

Every day, we students have to think about the fact that we are going to be the leaders of tomorrow. We are going to be the ones dealing with foreign policy, terrorists and policing drug traffickers, but it is discouraging to look in the paper and read stories about kids being used for drugs. Any one of us could think of a child who could have been that five-year-old or that twelve-year-old.

There is a public service announcement running on TV right now, and it tells you that if you buy drugs, you probably pay for terrorist guns. Well, to put it a little more in perspective for you, if you are a college student and you go to raves and "roll," those pills have heroin in them. You bought that five-year-old girl's plane ticket.

If you are one of the many students who celebrates the self-proclaimed holiday, 4-20, then you supported the person who sent that little girl or little boy to another country carrying drugs. You helped put the drugs in either their suitcase or, in the case that saddens me the most, 87 condoms in a 12-year-old child's stomach.

It could have been your brother; it could have been your sister. Either way, it is the saddest thing I have heard of, by far.

If you have any thoughts or opinions, you can e-mail Abbie at [pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu).

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All students have right to Clark

The new Clark Dining Hall has barely opened its doors to the NCSU community, and already it has created a heated sense of "regionalism" in East Campus. I am glad to be part of Central Campus community, and I do not feel that my location has put me at an advantage over East Campus and West Campus residents for dining options.

Paige Fisher Sophomore Psychology

Baptist's goal is not publicity

I've been following the opinion articles in the Technician ever since Darren O'Conner voiced his opinions about affirmative action in February, and I must say that I find a lot of articles that are being printed very disturbing, because it is our right. It is time for narrow opinions like Mr. Winner's to subside because we are a part of something larger, the NCSU community, not just the East, Central or West Campus community.

I'm a black male in my junior year of majoring in biochemistry here at NCSU. I felt compelled to write this because of recent articles and comic strips that have belittled the situation with Najja Baptist. For some reason, I've been hearing from white students that Najja is making a big deal out of the comments made in class to get publicity. It's funny to me because everybody who is making these comments just found out about these events when they appeared in the Technician! These events happened in February, people! They only know one person's take on the situation, and that's what they are basing their comments on. It's not even a first hand source! I for one am glad that Najja has brought this situation to the forefront because N.C. State is starting to believe its own hype about being a diverse and tolerant campus. Najja just brought them back to reality, and

now, they're mad about it. Every person on campus knows that if a black person called a white person a "cracker" in class, he or she would be suspended, if not expelled, THAT DAY for making a racial slur. As a matter of fact, the university would probably make a huge deal about "not tolerating any racial slurs on campus and how they want the campus to be a comfortable environment for everybody." Lord knows they don't want to lose those generous grants from the government by not doing so. (They are already under pressure trying to explain why African-American enrollment is going down.) The real issue should not be "Is Najja doing this for publicity?" It should be "Why did Najja have to make his situation public just to get a decent response from the administration?" Let's answer that one people!

Kwadwo Owusu-Ofori Junior Biochemistry

Real solutions required for race problems

With the ongoing debate about racism (yes, I'll be blunt here), I have found myself appalled by ALL of the opinions presented thus far, editors and reader submissions alike. (Editor's Note: Technician has not taken a stance on the PS 205 incident involving Najja Baptist. Technician columnists have; the editors have not.) What I find most shocking is the fact that everybody keeps complaining and poses no solutions to the problem. Not to blast the provost, I appreciate his job, but his recent statement I find no value in; it does not detail any plans that are REALISTIC towards achieving N.C. State's goal for diversity. Due to word limit, I cannot write much more, but I will not be hypocritical of myself, here are five REAL solutions that can help all around: 1) Open Discussions—I give credit to the organizations that have hosted them thus far; it educates and enlightens everybody. I wish they could hold them more frequently. 2) Diversity—voluntarily, people will not accept something if forced upon them. Encourage more events like the Pan-African festival and the Pow Wow (to name two of the larger ones). 3) Fix the Foundation—base beliefs are instilled when young and are difficult to change when one gets older. Go volunteer at a local elementary school and help kids experience a different flavor of life from an older individual. 4) Pay it Forward—pass your knowledge/thoughts onto others on an individual level; everybody can be reached on some common grounds and be shown new ideas. 5) Maturity—I know I can sit here and write how easy it should be to do this. It isn't. It will take a conscious act of all of us to step back, reexamine ourselves and change if necessary.

I would like to note none of these suggestions require money, only time (#2, information is free, go to the library if you are curious). I made this list very quickly while in class one day, and I know I'm not the only one with solutions. Please, if you have REAL solutions that could help, share with others.

Travis Cornwell Sophomore Computer Science

MDs a minority among minorities

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(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — In the United States, minorities make up only nine percent of the country's doctors. This disparity has been examined by a recent study done by the Institute of Medicine, an organization that advises Congress about medical issues. The study found that among minority patients who had the same medical coverage as whites, there existed many disparities in the quality of health care offered to them when compared to the care given to whites. The Bush administration said it plans to eliminate this racial gap by increasing both provider and patient education. What is lacking with such an approach is that it does not address the methods by which minorities may empower themselves to deal with the problem, as opposed to waiting for the government and medical schools to fix it for them.

A solution to the problem requires the help and co-operation of both these groups but will mainly require a strong effort on the part of minorities to accomplish one goal: increase the number of minority doctors in the United States. Minorities can achieve this goal through the creation of more high school pre-med programs and by putting pressure on their school districts to provide students with the scientific background needed to do well in pre-med courses in college.

One science and technology program for high school students, run by the Sophie School of Biomedical Education, part of the City University of New York Medical School, offers a template for the creation of institutions that will help do away with the lack of minority doctors coming out of American colleges and universities. Introducing adolescents to the necessary steps one must take to become a doctor at an earlier stage than the junior or senior year of high school makes them more prepared to deal with the pressures of being a pre-med student.

The Sophie School pre-med high school program fulfills this important requirement by being four years long. It starts in the ninth grade and, as stated on its website, "prepares inner city minority students... for college and careers in medicine, science, engineering and technology." Another advantage is that, by requiring a relatively long commitment from its participants, it acts as a valuable precursor to the long-term commitment needed to obtain a degree in medicine. Although many minority high school students have a favorite subject and sometimes study it outside school, they do not make a long-term commitment to one particular area of study until college.

The idea of studying a subject intensely for sev-

eral years can be daunting and can dissuade potential minority doctors from pursuing a medical career. Pre-college programs such as the Sophie program assist in assuaging some of the fears these students may have by familiarizing them with a sort of mini-career in the medical field before college. Using programs such as these as a template is not enough, we must go one step further and create more programs exclusively for students interested in medicine. Since this is literally a matter of life and death, special attention must be given to the medical field.

For minority communities to churn out more doctors, they must also apply pressure to their school districts to provide students with courses specifically suited to prepare them for pre-med courses in college. A subject in need of special attention at the high-school level is organic chemistry. Organic chemistry is partly covered in many general chemistry courses offered in high schools, however, it is covered in a cursory manner. Two or three weeks on organic chemistry is simply not enough preparation for the more difficult organic chemistry courses offered at universities.

Organic chemistry is of paramount importance because it is one of the first, if not the first, tough pre-med college courses that determine whether a student will continue pursuing a degree in medicine. Too many minority students will drop the pre-med major after finding their first organic chemistry course in college too demanding. Instead of allotting a trivial amount of time to such an important subject, high schools should offer entire courses in organic chemistry. These courses will provide students with a sounder knowledge base in organic chemistry, as opposed to the more limited offering of general chemistry courses.

Of course, a parent must be involved directly in their child's education in order to make these needed changes a reality. It may be a cliché by now, but we really must get their parents, they're young. Pre-college programs such as the Sophie program require an applicant to have reasonably good junior high school grades (above a B average). This means parents have to push their children to do well in school from the time they start school, and even before then, so as to open up more opportunities in their academic careers.

An emphasis on increasing the amount of science education at an early stage, such as through the Sophie program, will do much to increase the number of minority doctors in the United States. By gaining an academic foundation in such subjects as organic chemistry early in their academic careers, prospective minority doctors will carry less of a burden when they take pre-med college courses.

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## Teenage fantasy

Features Editor **Joel Isaac Frady**

### Y Tu Mama Tambien

Starring **Maribel Verdú, Gael García Bernal**  
Director **Alfonso Cuarón**

★

There's something about the genius of "Y Tu Mama Tambien" ("And Your Mother Too") that many people were able to understand. Many people are even calling this "one of the year's best films." But I, being a lowly teen-ager, have no idea how anyone could like this boring, vulgar waste of film.

Which is strange, because the story can be better described as a "teen-ager's fantasy world" than it can "drama" or "comedy." It begins with something any teen-ager would want a movie to have: sex. We meet Tenoch and Julio, the main characters in this "epic movie," in the film's two opening sex scenes, as they are saying farewell to their girlfriends in the best way they know how before the girls head to Europe.

The next 15 minutes is devoid of girls, so the scenes instead consist of drugs and them "flogging the dolphin" by the pool. Then they meet Luisa, a slightly older, married woman they meet at a wedding. They invite her to join them on a trip to a deserted beach they call "Heaven's Mouth," ("Boca del Cielo"), and after her husband tells

her about his indiscretions, she accepts the invitation.

The plot sounds much more complicated than it really is, for it mainly consists of three things: sex, conversations about sex and strange moments where this older, possibly stoned narrator talks.

Save the narrator, the plot could be called a sexed-up, dumbed-down version of "Chasing Amy," one of the best films of the '90s. Like "Amy," this film features two male characters who are confused about love and sexuality; but unlike the smart, funny dialogue that builds the characters in "Amy," the characters here are built through lots of sex, talking about girls and yelling at each other. And for those people that found "Amy" too vulgar to handle, just know that "Mama" makes "Amy" look as innocent as "Schoolhouse Rock."

The production value also has a very unique look to it — one that many people like but what I refer to as the "we didn't feel like spending money" look. It's not that they couldn't get any — director Cuarón also made "Great Expectations" and "A Little Princess," so he could get backing. Not to say I even dislike the money-less look, for films like "Dancer in the Dark" and "The Blair Witch Project" proved to be great. But those films were able to create their feel successfully; while "Mama" does feel like you're on the trip with the trio, it also succeeds in making you feel like a virgin on the set of a porno.

Finally, there's the narrator, who



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admittedly is more entertaining than anything else in this movie, mainly because (I'm convinced) he's a little tipsy. Instead of a normal narrator who helps you through a movie, the one in this film sounds like someone doing a commentary track, turning the volume down at any given time and talking

like an idiot about whatever happens to be on the screen.

Maybe if I had watched this movie on Thursday, once I'm no longer a teen-ager, I'd have a better understanding of what it's trying to say or what makes it so great. Or maybe, just maybe, this really is a terrible film

about horny, unlikable characters that I didn't care about then and sure as hell won't care about later, whether it's Thursday or 10 years from now.

With that said, I can void any age rules and say that I *hated* this movie, and you should avoid seeing it at all costs.

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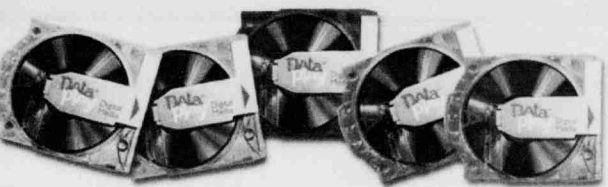


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Senior Staff Writer **Jon Morgan**

You know, recording companies are smart — really smart, and that's why all the ideas they come up with are so great. Copy protection, for instance. Everybody loves it, but nobody really knows the best way to go about it. If an allegedly copy-protected compact disc can be played on a computer, or in a DVD player or in a chicken, then it's not really copy-protected, is it? If an album is playable outside a vacuum-

sealed environment from which no sound can escape, I don't want any part of it.

That's where Dataplay, a Colorado electronics corporation, comes in. Dataplay, with perhaps the smartest group of people in the world, has developed a new audio format. Roughly the size of a Chicklet, Dataplay's music discs are literally dripping with copy protection.

In support of this new format, Dataplay has scored a deal with Zomba

Recording Corporation, "the world's leading and largest independent music company." Top recording artists, such as Britney Spears, Aaron Carter and R. Kelly, will be releasing albums on Dataplay discs this summer. Who would have thought Britney Spears was indie? Dataplay, that's who.

Sure, listening to the world's best independent music like Backstreet Boys, Michael Bolton and Mystikal is great, but what does it matter if your music isn't safe? Well, worry not,

because Dataplay discs come, at no expense to the consumer, with the iron-clad copy protection measures that one would expect from such a high-quality product.

In addition to the standard copy protection, Dataplay discs come with ContentKey technology, which is an interesting concept. Dataplay discs, which hold 250 megabytes on each side, can hold about five complete albums. Let it be further noted that the number five is bigger than the number one; therefore, it can be reasoned that several albums can be sold on a single Dataplay disc. Not only can this be done; it will be done.

Let's say you buy the critically acclaimed independent album "Oops, I Did It Again." It could come with as many as four other albums on the same disc, and you wouldn't have to pay a thing! Well, unless you want to listen to them. In that case, you should expect to pay \$8 to \$13 for the activation code to unlock the album.

This leads to some big questions. Let's say Best Buy makes \$11 billion each year selling CDs. Dataplay then takes off, becoming the most popular

format since Hit Clips. Best Buy then makes fat sacks of cash selling off their original stock of Dataplay albums in a single day, causing the stockholders to live in giant banks and swim around in their gold coins. Scrooge McDuck style.

Fast-forward a week, when Best Buy gets their next shipment of Dataplay discs, which, unlike a week ago, sit on the shelf and collect dust. What happened? Where did all the screaming teens with mom's credit cards go?

Dataplay.com, where the kids can find links to sites that allow them to buy more albums without leaving their homes. After selling off the original stock, Best Buy shut themselves in the foot by giving all their customers a reason to never set foot in a store again.

So, like DivX before it, Dataplay is doomed to failure by its greatest selling point: reusability. If Dataplay discs give consumers a way to abandon conventional stores, what store will sell them? Unfortunately for Dataplay, very few stores will be willing to destroy their main source of income, so the format will ultimately be a flop.

## The E3 phenomenon: Game Boy Advance

Staff Writer **Antonio Brunson**

For those of you who don't know, the Electronic Entertainment Expo (or E3) is the biggest trade show in the video game industry. Each year, companies from all around the globe show off their new products, most of which will be released in time for the holidays. Over the next two weeks, yours truly will be providing the goods about which titles to look for on each of the major systems.

First up is the Game Boy Advance. If you want to play the latest games while on the road, the Game Boy Advance is your only real choice (unless you want to download those lame TI-whatever calculator games). That's not a problem though, as the formidable, portable Game Boy Advance has plenty of quality titles on the horizon. Here's a quick rundown of what games to watch for:

**"Metroid IV"** — Easily the most anticipated Game Boy Advance title in development, information is scarce about "Metroid IV," but it looks like super-heroine Samus Aran will be merging with the barbaric Metroid creatures in her new adventure.

**"Sega Smash Pack"** — "Golden Axe," "Ecco the Dolphin" and "Sonic Spinball" are the three Genesis classics packed into this compilation title. Hopefully, they'll make a smooth transition to the small screen.

**"Castlevania: White Night Concerto"** — The follow-up to the

smash hit "Circle of the Moon," "White Night Concerto" promises more of the fun exploration and cool techniques that its predecessor delivered.

**"Kirby's Tilt 'n' Tumble 2"** — This looks to be the first game from Nintendo to utilize the Game Boy Advance's ability to connect to the Gamecube. On the Gamecube, players will be able to tilt the level Kirby is in, and when he falls off, he appears on the Advance's screen.

**"Super Mario Bros. 3"** and **"Yoshi's Island"** — Two more classic Mario games make the jump to the Advance. Hopefully, Nintendo will pack in some cool extras to justify purchasing these titles all over again.

**"Diddy Kong Pilot"** — Rare's been quiet about the details of this flight-racing title, but early footage showcased high-quality graphics that push the Advance to its limits. If it's anything like Rare's hit Nintendo 64 game "Diddy Kong Racing," portable gamers could be in for a real treat.

**"Mega Man Zero"** — Capcom is promising that this spin-off of "Mega Man X" will be the hardest Mega Man game ever. However, the real question is: Will it feature a new format, or will it rely on the same weapon collecting game-play the series has used for the last 15 years?

**"Grand Theft Auto III"** — The ultimate crime simulator comes to the small screen. Let's hope the free form

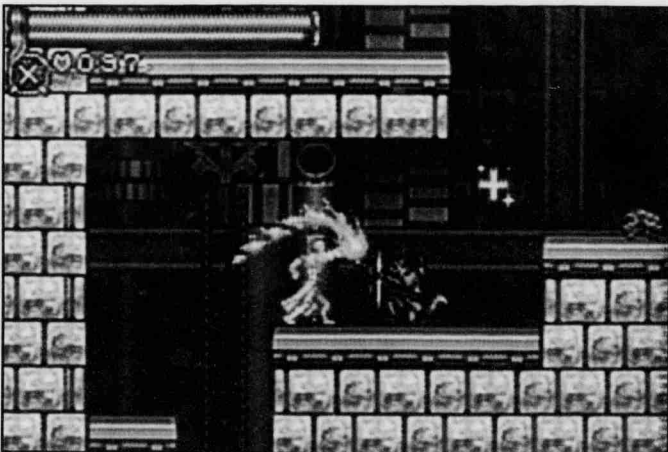


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gameplay of its Playstation 2 counterpart survives the trip.

**"Dragon Ball Z: Legacy of Goku"** — The ultra-popular anime

series hits the Advance in the form of a role-playing game.

**"Fire Emblem Advance"** — After debuting in "Super Smash Bros.

Melee," the long-running role-playing series makes its first appearance in America.

# 'The Hulk' film crew relocates to campus for more UC-Berkeley shots

Leta Shy  
Daily Californian (U. California-Berkeley)

**(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif.** — Filming for the movie "The Hulk" moved from the Berkeley hills to the University of California-Berkeley campus Monday.

After shooting scenes at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's Advanced Light Source, the film's crew shot a scene in the Berkeley hills before moving to Northside to wrap up their Berkeley stay.

"(Berkeley) is a good place to tell the story," said director Ang Lee. "There's a scientist, it's liberal -- it's Berkeley." The script set the movie's location in Berkeley. It was largely the doing of co-writer and UC-Berkeley alum James Schamus, said location manager Laura Sode-Matteson.

Sode-Matteson scouted places around Berkeley before the crew arrived and presented Lee with her top choices for filming.

Lee chose a hill near the Lawrence Hall of Science to film bicycle scenes because of its "great view," Sode-Matteson said.

But the hill was "way steeper" than many of the crew realized, said stuntman Sonny Tipton, who pushed actor

Eric Bana on a bicycle up the hill. Bana plays the lead role in the movie — that of a scientist who works at the lab. The scientist turns into The Hulk when an experiment goes awry.

"It was hard," Tipton said of the roughly 15 takes of the 10-second scene. "Eric's a trooper."

The Hulk must stop three escaped convicts who are also turned into mutants as a result of the experiment.

Since the hill Lee selected is part of UC-Berkeley property, campus building coordinator Barbara Duncan stayed on the set to answer questions nearby residents or filmmakers had.

"We provide the intermediary between the (crew and the university)," Duncan said.

After the hill scene, filmmakers moved to Northgate to shoot another bicycle scene. Berkeley police were on hand to provide traffic and pedestrian control during filming.

"A lot of (the job) is just waiting," said Berkeley police officer Frank Onciano. "You find out they're changing things, but it's OK."

Filming the two scenes took up most of the afternoon Monday.

The crew had also been at work all weekend, leaving them little time to tour Berkeley, but many said they

enjoyed their stay.

"(Berkeley) puts cities like Los Angeles to shame," said film medic David Knappick.

The crew's stay was only enough to get "just a taste" of the city, Lee said, adding, "it's been great so far."

Filmmakers shot two other scenes in the city before leaving for other Bay Area locations. Scenes will be shot at Treasure Island and in San Francisco over the next few weeks, before the crew moves on to Sequoia National Park.

Although the crew maintained absolute secrecy about the movie, some said the scenes filmed inside the Berkeley lab's Advanced Light Source involved actors Nick Nolte and Sam Elliott in an argument set in the past. The same argument is repeated in the movie in present time. The crew also shot footage inside and outside the building for a scene where "a ball comes crashing down."

Filming at the lab provided a unique opportunity to view technology many people do not get to see, said lighting technician Norman Ash.



image from marvel comics

"Everything was beautiful," he said. "There's a lot of history (at the lab)."

While Monday's filming was the first time the crew had to work with lab employees, most said there were no problems with the two groups.

A limited number of lab employees worked around Advanced Light Source's perimeter while filming took place inside.

"The Hulk," which began filming at Universal Studios in Hollywood, involves only one crew. This creates cohesiveness among the crew and cast members.

"(We have) 13-hour minimum days," said production assistant Steven Simon. "It's like a family for a little bit."

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The Union Activities Board's Issues and Ideas Committee presents Dr. Drew Pinsky, former co-host of the popular MTV television series *Love101*, at NCSU's McKimmon Center on Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available now and of the show, and one for the NCSU Student, \$5 for NCSU faculty staff, and \$15 for all others at Ticket Center (515-1100) on Friday's 2nd floor.

Booking is and from the show will be provided in front of the Union Student Center from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., and on the

McKimmon Center for one hour after the show. Shows will begin at 7 p.m. NCSU students may purchase Student IDs with these tickets and receive an guaranteed seating area (7:30 p.m.).

Dr. Drew's performance will consist of an array of health and social issues, from sex, mental and substance abuse, alcohol abuse and domestic violence. The show will be highly interactive, with Dr. Drew selecting the bulk of his time to address concerns from the audience. Dr. Drew poses a question on Monday, and select members identify and resolve, so participants can encourage Dr. Drew with an open mind and lots of questions.

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## Notes

## Yow up for Hall of Fame

N.C. State women's basketball coach Kay Yow has been named a finalist for enshrinement into the Ensmith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for the second consecutive year. The inductees will be named on June 5th in Los Angeles, Calif.

Yow, a native of Gibsonville, has a total of 625 career victories at Elon College and State — fifth best in women's basketball history. She has led State into the NCAA Tournament 15 times in the last 19 years — including a Final Four appearance in 1998. In addition, Yow has won five regular-season Atlantic Coast Conference titles and four ACC Tournament championships.

Yow has earned numerous coach of the year awards, including Women's Basketball Coach of the Year by College Sports News (1998), Woman of the Year in Sport by the National Organization of Women (1988), the Converse/WBCA Coach of the Year (1990) and the National Coach of the Year by Sports Illustrated For Women (2000). Yow, who is the only women's coach in history to win a Gold Medal at both the Olympics (1988, Seoul) and World Championships (1996), has compiled a 21-1 record in international competition.

Yow, who has been inducted into the Women's Sports Hall of Fame (1988) and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (2000), began her college-coaching career at Elon College in 1972.

## Smith signs with Bucs

Former N.C. State defensive end Corey Smith, who had 11

quarterback sacks during his last two college seasons, has signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. A native of Richmond, Va., the 6-foot-3-inch, 245-pound Smith started all 11 of the Wolfpack's regular season games last fall.

In his senior year at State, Smith was tied for the club lead in sacks (6) and was third on the team in tackles for loss (9). He also tied a school record by forcing six fumbles.

## Mastroeni selected for World Cup

Former N.C. State defender Pablo Mastroeni (1994-97) has been one of 23 players selected to participate in the 2002 FIFA World Cup. The U.S. National Team will be competing in soccer's most coveted tournament beginning June 5, hosted by Korea and Japan.

"I felt Pablo deserved to be on our roster because of the really outstanding showing he's had in 2002," said head coach Bruce Arena. "It validates the process."

Mastroeni was one of eight defenders selected to the World Cup squad and one of 11 first-time participants. Mastroeni has made eight National Team appearances, all this past year, and he is the only player on the final roster who did not make an appearance for the United States during World Cup try-outs.

Mastroeni joins Tab Ramos as the only two players in World Cup history to compete in the U.S. National Team in 1990, 1994 and 1998.

The U.S. will reconvene in Cary on May 1 for 10 days of training at the State Capital Soccer Park before embarking on the team's final three exhibition games.

## GOLF

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"I think the team thing is huge, and we really didn't have that in the spring," she said. "We definitely got into the team spirit, and we encourage each other. It makes us work harder."

The transition from high school to college is usually very difficult for many golfers, even the best. When Cobb and Wein faced that transition, head coach Page Marsh Lea and assistant coach Josh Gregory helped to ease the growing pains.

"They taught us how to practice with a purpose," Wein said. "It is not how much time you spend out there, but how much you get done in that time. We also learned how to utilize course management."

Added Cobb — "You can spend an hour and you could everything you need to do — that's good. But if you spend five hours and get nothing done, then it's wasted time."

Both finished with GPAs more than 3.0 last semester, which highlights their emphasis on education. But like all varsity sports,

the balance is very difficult. Cobb and Wein both noted that they get very few hours of time to do work or get sleep.

Both players have very different personalities when it comes to golf and life in general.

"I am a very moody, very sensitive person," Wein said. "There are some days that I am quiet, and some days I can't stop talking. I am also very patient. I believe that 'when something happens, it happens,' and you just have to let things go."

Cobb describes herself as a go-getting, finishing individual.

"Once I start something, I want to finish it," Cobb said. "I am very impatient when it comes to golf, but I have to be determined. You got to hunker down and just go."

Both have goals for college and for life, and both agree that they want to go to the NCAA Tournament and beyond.

"I want to get out of college in four years," Wein said. "After college, I would like to be one of those traveling salespeople for a large golf company, such as Ping or Titleist. I would like to sell golf clubs."

Cobb, meanwhile, sees herself either on the course or behind a

team yet again.

"I think N.C. State has pretty much got what they want in the program already, and it's all about filling needs at this point," said Francis. "With this class, they filled some needs at the guard positions and got some much needed help. And Levi is a blue-collar athlete, he has a lot of talent and [his return] will do a lot of good for N.C. State."

With the departure of Duke's Jason Williams and Carlos Boozer, and Maryland's Juan Dixon, Byron Mouton and Chris Wilcox, the ACC could be a wide-open race next season.

The athletic backcourt trio of Bennerman, Mejia and Platt will certainly help to cement the positive strides that Sendek and his program continue to take — and they could even help the Pack get back to the elite levels of the ACC in the near future.

television camera one day.

"I have had a dream to play professional golf for four years, so that is my main goal," Cobb said. "If that does not work out, I would like to be a golf commentator, maybe on ESPN or the Golf Channel."

They do not seem themselves as leaders, but as a part of the family.

"I don't think that anybody acts as a leader, but we act as equals," Wein said. "We have our little motivational speeches — our heart to hearts, and we just go and have fun."

"We help each other out, give words of inspiration to each other," Cobb said. "We are there for each other, support each other."

Both players know that they would not have gotten to where they are today without inspiration and support from those close to them.

"Elizabeth Hitchcock, our sports psychologist, has taught me how to relax and to breathe. She helps us out with everything," Wein said. "And also my golf teachers in New York. I can call them anytime; they are my second parents."



Erica Wein concentrates on draining a putt.

Cobb's parents have been most influential in her life.

"My mom and dad — they encouraged me to stay strong and focus," Cobb said. "Also, my friend Darby, who plays golf at Alabama, is always there for me. I can call her for anything."

Over the weekend, the Monarchs (18-20) defeated William & Mary 4-3 in 10 innings on Sunday to salvage the final game of a three-game series. ODU improved to 2-9 in the Colonial Athletic Association with the win, but it still sits last in the American Division of that conference with an 0-3 record against division opponents.

Two State players will get the opportunity to set new career records tonight. Senior outfielder Brian Wright tied Brian Bark for the school mark in doubles Saturday night with the 70th of his career. In that same game, Combs made the 73rd appearance on the mound of his career, tying Dustin Baker for the State record.

## BASEBALL

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home runs and two stolen bases.

In the final two games in Chapel Hill, the Pack grabbed early leads of 5-1 and 4-1, respectively. State was held scoreless for the remainder of both contests, however, and the Heels quickly took control at the plate.

"We've had many opportunities where we feel like a hit here and there would have blown some games open," Avent said. "We feel like we've had the right guys in the right situations. Unfortunately, it just hasn't gone the way we'd like."

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# Wednesday Sports



Colby Cobb helped the Pack win three tournaments.

## Coolness shines in Cobb and Wein

◆ The free-spirited women Wolfpack golfers talk about a successful season.

**Memie Ezike**  
Staff Writer

In the team-oriented game of women's college golf, there is the player who comforts, the sensitive player, the vocal player, the one who schedules everything, the one that constantly stays focused and the others that contribute in their own unique manner. Each one of these members supplements the others — not only on the golf course but also in everyday life.

One can see that freshmen Colby Cobb and Erica Wein, respectively, fit the vocal player and the sensitive player by the

demeanor that they take to the green. Both personalities are essential to keeping the golf team's chemistry together.

Both were first exposed to golf in different ways.

"When I was eleven, my dad wanted me to drive the golf cart, and he figured that if I was out there, I might as well be swinging the golf club," Cobb said. "When I realized that there were many golf scholarships not being used, I decided to focus on golf."

For Wein, the inspiration of her father catapulted her start in the game.

"I wanted to do what my dad did, and he played golf on Sunday morning, so I decided to start," Wein said. "Where I lived in New York, there were only boys playing, but it was fun to beat them."

The pair has shown that they can beat

people. The two golfers drastically improved along with their team this season, and with three years ahead of them, the future looks bright.

Being a team is what Cobb and Wein reiterated constantly, especially in their golf games. As roommates, one can practically tell what the other is thinking.

"I think the fact that we see each other every day, have the same goals and know what we can do with [Wolfpack golf] helps us to come together and understand each other," Cobb said. "I have played basketball since fourth grade, so I know how important it is to have a good camaraderie between your players."

Wein agreed.

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RADIO

## Addicted to smack

He sits in a Los Angeles studio for three hours every weekday, speaking a language that is understood by few.

If you're lucky enough to get through and on the air, he may run you, or he may rack you — depending, of course on whether your take sucks or not.

For him, cities and towns in America take on new names and meanings. Cleveland isn't Cleveland, it's "C-Town." Atlanta isn't Atlanta, it's "the ATL." Green Bay isn't Green Bay, it's "White Bay," named, of course, for its large white population and alleged racism. Athletes love him, especially his brother in smack, Jené Rose, and his Clones plead for four stops during their inane but often-hilarious takes.

His name is Jim Rome, the King of Smack, and you either love him or hate him.

Rome, who has many nicknames than Chris Berman could ever keep up with ("The Pimp in the Box," "Van Smack," "Tarzan," among others), has become the dominant figure in sports talk radio, a genre that has gained astounding popularity over the last decade. And I have to say, though I am not a Clone by any means, I've become addicted to smack.

I've thought about going to meetings for this problem. I've considered getting help. But I just can't stop listening to Rome, as I hope and pray for an O.J. or Butt-halt take.

I can't remember when my infatuation with "The Jungle," as Rome's show is known, started, but all I know is that somewhere during his numerous O.J. Simpson takes and Rosie O'Farrell references, I was hooked. Rome does for a living what most sports loving men could only dream of, chatting with high-profile sports celebrities and poking fun at the natural humor in everyday life, such as the fact that a jury actually set free double-murderer O.J. Simpson.

At times, it seems that the man gets a bad reputation, which undoubtedly stems from, as Rome refers to it, "The Incident," in which Rome and ex-NFL quarterback Jim Everett nearly came to blows on the set of ESPN's

"Talk for pure laughs and sports information, nobody in the business in better than Jim Rome. Sure, you may need a glossary of terms to understand what he is talking about, but who wouldn't find humor in someone that refers to Arantxa Sanchez Vicario as "a raunchy chick from the burrito." Or referring to former Pittsburgh Steeler running back Bam Morris as "Bong Morris" after a drug arrest.

Last Friday, Rome celebrated a day that has become sacred ground on his show. For the eighth consecutive year, The Jungle hosted the "Smackoff" — a competition of callers, known as Clones, to Rome's show in which the greatest prize is the right to brag of victory for whole year.

Grown, unemployed men spend weeks, and probably months preparing their takes for the Smackoff, which is, of course, by invite only. This year's version, Rome says, was the best Smackoff ever, as at least four of five Clones delivered takes that, not only didn't suck, but were also worthy of victory. In the end, Jeff from Richmond won the coveted Green Jacket, much to the dismay of Jeff on a car phone in Phoenix, and Silk, last year's Smackoff champ.

Though many would surely disagree, Jim Rome and his show represent the epitome of public service. Every day, for three hours, unemployed goons sit at home, glued to their radio. Some claim to listen The Jungle at work, but that's impossible. You'd be laughing too hard and would eventually lose your job, as many people proclaim to have done through the emating of The Jungle.

It seems as though I'm not the only one addicted to smack. In classic Rome style, I'm out.

Jim Rome would probably refer to Andrew Carter as a "fishback," which means "poor print journalist." Oh well, nevertheless, Andrew can be reached at [andrew\\_b\\_carter@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew_b_carter@hotmail.com), or 515-2411.



Andrew B. Carter

## Packing in the talent

◆ Herb Sendek's latest recruiting class adds backcourt depth and versatility to a team that will lose two starting guards.

**Andrew B. Carter**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Before last year's basketball season began, before N.C. State made a triumphant return to the NCAA Tournament, before anyone ever knew just how good Julius Hodge and the rest of State's freshman would become, Herb Sendek stood at a podium and attempted to describe his young, inexperienced team that would eventually win the hearts of many.

It was, as Sendek said then in October, a team of "interchangeable parts."

It turned out coach was right. Sendek's team of interchangeable parts, one that featured a quick, crisp motion offense and a multitude of ball handlers, won 23 games, danced in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1991 and came disturbingly close to making the Sweet 16.

It was a bittersweet end to the most successful season in years for the Wolfpack, as senior guards Anthony Grundy and Archie Miller bid adieu to a program they helped turnaround, while rising sophomore Julius Hodge vowed that the Pack would indeed be back in 2003.

Though State does hold much promise for next season, the loss of Grundy and Miller only meant that Sendek and his coaching staff would have to work twice as hard to recruit talented prospects to the program.

And that's exactly what they did. With the addition of North Carolina natives, Cameron Bennerman and Adam Simmons, who both committed in the fall, and Justin Flatt and Dominick Mejia, both of whom signed in the spring, the Pack has commitments from four solid incoming freshmen.

"We believe that we met our needs and really helped ourselves with the addition of these four versatile student-athletes," said Sendek. "I'm cer-

tainly looking forward to coaching them."

Though there may not be a top-10 high school prospect among Bennerman, Simmons, Flatt or Mejia, the four prospects make for a solid class as a whole. Bennerman, Flatt and Mejia will all help at the guard position, while Simmons, a 7-foot center from Burlington, has the potential to develop into a solid low-post player in the future.

"I think it's a good class," said noted college basketball recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons. "I think they filled in nicely with areas that need strengthening, specifically at the guard positions."

Bennerman, a 6-4 guard who played at Greensboro's Grimsley High School for three seasons, averaged 15 points and eight rebounds at Hargrave Military Academy last season. A finalist for the McDonald's All-American team, the athletic wing player averaged a double-double for Grimsley his junior year, getting 21 points and 10 rebounds a game for the Whirlies.

He might be the most heralded of State's four-man class, as Bennerman is generally ranked among the top 75 prospects in the nation.

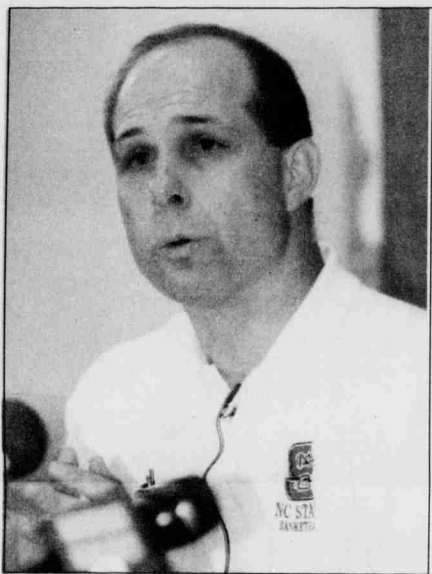
"Bennerman is a top-50 player," said Clark Francis, editor and publisher of hoopsonline.com.

Gibbons agrees with that assessment, adding that Bennerman reminds him of an N.C. State great from the past.

"He's got some Rodney Monroe abilities," said Gibbons. "Now, I'm not saying he's going to be as good as Rodney Monroe, but he can be a very explosive scorer, and he's a super athlete. He can really get to the rim, and he can shoot deep."

As it did last season, the Wolfpack added somewhat of an unexpected member to its class this year. A year ago, it was Ilian Evtimov, a tall kid from Winston-Salem that not many had heard of at the time, that Sendek took a chance on. Evtimov turned out to be the surprise freshman in the ACC and missed making the All-Freshmen team by a single vote.

This year, that surprise player could



Herb Sendek, one of the top recruiters in college basketball, believes that the Wolfpack met its needs with a solid four-man recruiting class. Bob Gibbons ranks the Pack's class fifth in the ACC.

be Mejia, who originally verbally committed to Rutgers in the fall and but later signed with State in the spring. A 6-4 guard from Voorhees, N.J., Mejia led Eastern Regional High School to the South Jersey Group IV Championship game. He averaged 23 points, four assists and nearly six rebounds per contest, numbers that garnered him first-team all-state honors.

"I think Mejia is the best talent that [Sendek] brought in," said Gibbons. "I really thought a lot of ACC schools were missing the boat with Evtimov, and he turned out to be very good. I think Mejia could be the Evtimov of this class, he has that potential."

Gibbons also sees a little bit of Grundy in Mejia.

"He's a guy that should be rated among the top-50 high school seniors," said Gibbons. "He can play like an Anthony Grundy, although he's not as explosive an athlete. He can

play some point guard and some second guard, and I think he has more overall guard skills than Bennerman. He's a very valuable player."

Also valuable will be Flatt, a Savannah, Tenn. native who was named Tennessee's Class AAA Mr. Basketball. A 44 percent three-point shooter, Flatt was a second-team all-state selection and averaged nearly 28 points, nine rebounds and four assists per game at Hardin County High School last season. A noted sharpshooter, Flatt fits the mold of a bigger, faster version of the departed Miller.

"Justin Flatt was a late developer, he really came on nicely at an evaluation clinic I held at Clemson last October," said Gibbons. "I think he can develop into the type of player that N.C. State had hoped Adam Harrington could become a few years ago. He's an excellent shooter with a lot of range."

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## Baseball attempts to rebound vs. ODU

◆ N.C. State takes on Old Dominion before embarking on a seven-game road trip.

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Senior Staff Writer

With a long week of baseball in the past and a long road trip in the future, N.C. State is in need of a break.

The Wolfpack enters tonight's game against Old Dominion having lost four of its last five games. Following Wednesday's tilt, which is set to begin at 7 p.m. at Doak Field, the Pack will play its next seven games on the road. A pair of weekend series with ACC foes Florida State, ranked in the top 10 in all three major polls, and Maryland will bookend a Tuesday evening game at UNC-Wilmington.

As its latest road trip looms on the

horizon, the Pack could use a win against the Monarchs.

"It'll be a game where we need to get back on the winning track and get some things going," head coach Elliott Aved said following Sunday's loss to North Carolina. "We just need to get back on the winning side."

ODU won the first meeting of the season between the two teams 5-4 on

**WHAT:** March 27, Norfolk, Va.  
**BASEBALL VS.** The Pack (25-17) scored four runs in the top of the seventh to take a 4-1 lead, but the Monarchs got two in the bottom of the inning and one in the eighth off

**WHEN:** TONIGHT, 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** DOAK FIELD

With one out in the ninth, junior



Colt Morton and the baseball team hope to capture a victory tonight.

Demarque Hairston singled to bring home freshman Jess Schoendienst with the game-winning run.

"We had a great game with them in Norfolk," Aved said. "We lost a heart breaker when we really felt like we outplayed Old Dominion the whole game."

The Pack struggled all weekend

against the Tar Heels, who are currently ranked 19th in the Baseball America poll. Carolina outscored State 34-11 in the three-game series and was led by ACC Co-Player of the Week Adam Greenberg, who finished the series 9-for-14 at the plate with nine RBIs, two

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