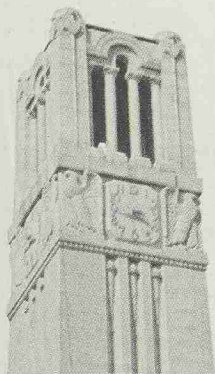


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WORLD

China addresses U.S. human rights violations

A U.S. report examining human rights in China earlier this week led to the Chinese release of "The Human Rights Record of the United States in 2002" on Thursday.

The Chinese report accused the United States of ignoring its own homeland problems of poverty, homelessness and hunger while "pretending to be the world's judge of human rights."

The report also claims Americans' rights have weakened after Sept. 11, 2001, through the government's racial discrimination policies, the Patriot Act and even the war in Iraq and military action against Afghanistan.

The Chinese government stated fundamental human rights like food and clothing come first, but individual rights are placed after the welfare of society as a whole.

U.S. Forces near center of Baghdad

U.S. troops in Iraq reached Baghdad's airport Thursday, an area just 12 miles from the capital city's center. Power in the city went out around noon EST yesterday, but U.S. officials claim not to be responsible for the outage.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said troops have captured cities around the Baghdad area, and he added that Iraqi troops appear to be facing difficulty because they are "forced to backfill its Baghdad defenses with regular army units — forces that have historically considered less reliable."

Along with reports of these difficulties, U.S. officials say there comes a "high" potential for the use of chemical weapons, and the possibility of Iraqi forces attacking areas in Baghdad, killing civilians and blaming the United States.

NATION

Nation likely to stay on high alert

Law enforcement officials told reporters Thursday that the United States will probably remain on high (orange) alert throughout the situation in Iraq, even though there have been no credible terrorist threats issued since the war began.

Attorney General John Ashcroft remains convinced a "hidden network of cold-blooded killers" still exists in America, although authorities admit to being surprised no terror groups or "lone wolf" extremists have launched attacks.

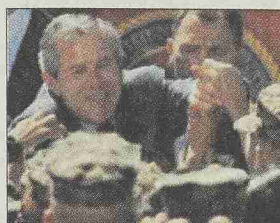
To provide clues for identifying possible attacks, the FBI has interviewed more than 9,000 of the 11,000 Iraqis living in the United States who officials believe recently traveled to Iraq or have some ties to the Iraqi military. None have been arrested on criminal charges, and FBI spokeswoman Susan Dryden believes, "Within a matter of days, we'll have that completed."

STATE

North Carolina tax system may see increase

North Carolina may increase the local food sales tax by .5 percent to match that of the local non-food sales tax. This is an effort to convince Internet and catalog retailers to collect state taxes for North Carolina.

N.C. Representatives are considering this increase so there will be no confusion between food and nonfood products if retailers outside of North Carolina begin to collect taxes. There is concern that taxpayers will be angry about the tax increase, so they will consider putting an end to a local sales tax on food.



Bush visits Camp Lejeune

President Bush, accompanied by first lady Laura Bush, spoke to the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune on Thursday. Already feeling the effects of war, the Marine Corps has deployed 17,500 Marines to Iraq, have lost 11 Marine lives to the war and more are missing.

"No one who falls will be forgotten by this grateful nation," Bush said.

Camp Lejeune was President Bush's third visit to a military installation since the beginning of the war.

President Bush gave the Marines a progress report, which included that the U.S. troops were on the outskirts of Baghdad.

Powwow celebrates Native American heritage

Various Native American groups on campus are staging an annual powwow on Saturday.

Anthony Exum
Senior Staff Reporter

Every individual culture has a way of celebrating its heritage. For people of Native American descent at N.C. State, Saturday is one such event.

On Saturday, the Office of Native American Affairs, along with the Native American Student Association and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, will hold the 13th Annual Powwow in Harris Field.

A powwow means many things to Native Americans. It is a way to celebrate the Native American heritage, for Native Americans of all tribes to come together and interact and for non-Native Americans to witness Native American tradition.

Brett Locklear, director of Native American Affairs, said, "Powwow is a celebration of hope; it links people to their home. Many students come to school and have ties cut to home; this is a way for them to have some connection to home and for them to be proud of who they are. It is also a way to educate non-Native American students on Native American traditions that are sacred and important in our lives."

Students around campus seem to be interested in the event. Computer science freshman Derek Gatlin comments, "Since this is my first year here, I get to experience a lot of new things, and I think that this is one of them. College is all about learning new things and getting to know other cultures, and I know fewer Native Americans than any other race. In fact, I can't say I've seen two Native Americans standing next to each other in real life, so this will be a great chance for me to experience their culture and learn more about them."

The free admission to the powwow grants people the opportunity to browse through handmade crafts, purchase traditional foods and learn more about Native American culture.

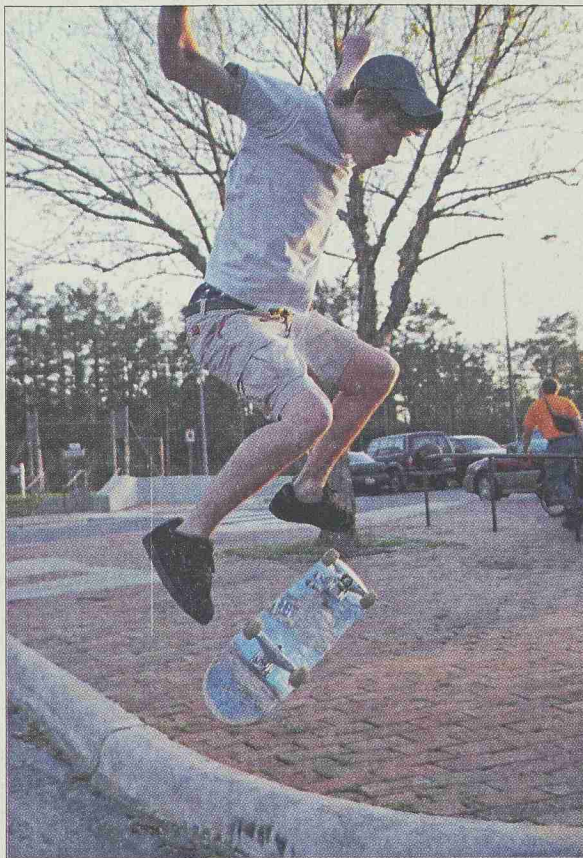
Spectators are encouraged to bring their families. People are also asked to bring blankets to better enjoy the festivities. Spectators are also warned that photographs cannot be taken unless the master of ceremonies announces that it is OK to do so.

The event is very scheduled and meticulous. The powwow begins with what is called "grand entry." For this, Master of Ceremonies Sandon Jacobs blesses the field. Each direction — north, south, east and west — is given a blessing. After the blessing, the host drums begin to play the calling song.

For this powwow, there will be two host drums, Southern Suns and Stoney Creek. The drums are special to the ceremony. A northern drum — the Stoney Creek host drum is an example — is

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Airborne



Dan Squire, a freshman in graphic design, pops a nollie kickflip near Carmichael Gymnasium. Squire has been coming to State's campus for around five years now to have fun skating. Photo by Ben Austin

Donahue to address N.C. State graduates

N.C. State announced its 2003 commencement speaker yesterday, selecting award-winning journalist, Phil Donahue.

News Staff Report



Phil Donahue, a nationally acclaimed journalist with 20 Emmy awards to his credit, will address the 2003 N.C. State graduates at the commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May

17, beginning at 9 a.m. at the RBC Center.

Donahue has won nine Emmy awards for outstanding host of his syndicated talk show, "Donahue," which ran from 1967 to 1996. He also garnered a George Foster Peabody Broadcast Journalism Award for "sensitive, yet probing interviews on issues relevant to today's society" and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Lifetime Achievement Award.

Donahue hosted a weeknight news program on MSNBC, but its seven-month run was cancelled in late February. A 1957 graduate of Notre Dame, Donahue has authored several books including, "Donahue: My Own Story" and "The Human Animal."

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Student Government Elections

Casey, Shah run unopposed for respective positions

One candidate each seeks the positions of student chief justice and senior class president.

Anna Edens
News Editor

While Student Government elections on April 8 draw closer, there are two candidates who aren't concerned about their opponent.

Sean Casey, a senior in biochemistry, is running for Student Chief Justice while Anup Shah has applied to run for Senior Class president. Both candidates are running unopposed.

The role of Student Chief Justice is to facilitate the hearings of the Judicial Board, the student government body that conducts academic and non-academic cases concerning violations

of the Student Code of Conduct. The board hears cases where students face suspension or expulsion, and while the Student Chief Justice does not vote, he or she would serve as a tiebreaker in the case of a deadlocked decision among voting board members.

The race is only for one candidate this year largely because of the requirements for the position, including

service two full semesters as either an Assistant or Board member or Student Chief Justice.

The Senior Class president is responsible for overseeing activities of the senior class, such as coordinating some aspects of graduation, the senior class gift and class trip. The position constitutes one member of the Student Body President's Cabinet in Student Government.

Sean Casey Casey uncontested in race for student chief justice

Sean Casey uses his Judicial Board experience to solve and bring awareness to academic integrity problems.



Sean Casey
Senior
Biochemistry
Judicial Board member, judicial assistant
Ethics Bowl
Wolf Aides

Technician: Why did you decide to get involved with Judicial Board initially?

Sean Casey: When I was in Wolf Aides, we had a mentor for every student that was involved — someone that was high-

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Anup Shah Shah eyes position of senior class president

Anup Shah anticipates creating a bigger role for the senior class president on campus and unifying the senior class.



Anup Shah
Senior
Electrical Engineering
Student Government, Judicial Board
Phi Delta Theta member
Senior Class Board of Trustees

Technician: What made you decide to run for senior class president?

Anup Shah: It was pretty much the idea that I did want to serve Student Government. I really stepped back, looked at

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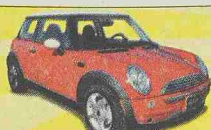
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Career outlook proves challenging but not impossible

Graduate school and jobs are on the minds of graduating students as the school year draws to an end.

Rachael Rogers
Senior Staff Reporter

As May draws closer and graduation approaches, students are making post-graduation plans. Some are finishing out their final semester with ease, having already acquired jobs, graduate school placement or other plans. Others are still frantically searching; feeling the pressure build and time run out. But, the economy has made an impact, and students should know about the career outlook whether they are graduating this May or four Mays from now.

Students graduating this year face a very different market from even just a few years back. "It's a challenging market. The number of employers coming to campus is 50 percent of what it was two years ago," said Carol Schroeder,

interim director of the N.C. State University Career Center.

Fewer employers are coming, and those employers that are coming are hiring fewer students. For example, IBM, which used to be the largest employer of NCSU graduates, is not hiring as many students.

Several years ago, they hired 105 students for a variety of fields such as finance, engineering and public relations. However, last year they only hired 65 students, and so far this year, they have only hired 40 students.

But the acceptance rate of graduates was 100 percent, displaying that students are not getting as many offers and are more apt to take their first offer.

"I'm not going to say the economy hasn't lowered the amount of available jobs. But in my opinion, there are plenty of jobs out there. You just have to spend a little more time looking," said Michael Everett, a senior in computer and electrical engineering.

With a tougher market, students are finding that they have

to be more resourceful. "Students need to go to career fairs and not just talk to the big companies that everyone is talking to. Look for companies that have few people around them. You will have more time to talk," Everett said.

Career service centers around the university also provide resources.

"We see ourselves as a part of the educational mission of the university. Preparing students for the world outside is an important enterprise, and we want to be a part of that," Schroeder said.

National averages of job placement and salaries are skewed because of "Fortune 500" reporting, giving students a false sense of security, according to Woody Catoe, assistant director of the University Career Center. "It underscores the importance of starting the job search early and knowing that it's

going to take longer. We encourage students to start early so that they have a sense of the connectedness."

Starting early doesn't mean beginning half a year early or a few months before graduation. Part of the process involves gaining valuable experience to help shape interests, career goals and, of course, to include on resumes.

"Students should define internships broadly as any experience that puts you in the work environment where you can experience and observe the work you're interested in. Also, understand that your audience may not understand internships," Schroeder said.

Schroeder and Catoe also suggest co-op opportunities. "Whatever gives you the best experience is what you should do," Schroeder said. "It makes you more mar-

ketable."

"These experiences are an investment in your future because you go into the field with real-life experience," Catoe said. "These experiences also give you a foot in the door, and you can expand networks and contacts by establishing relationships and you can go back to these people for job openings."

Schroeder and Catoe believe finding jobs in today's market is more about who you know. The job search is a much more personal process because students and employers are establishing relationships, and later they find these people the most comfortable, and these are the people that they hire.

Finding a job may also be a little bit of luck too. Dwayne Baker, a senior in economics, has already found a position with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. "I feel that part of it was luck and the other part was being well prepared. I would suggest for students to be proud of their experiences and emphasize how they mesh with the com-

pany and the job. Also, at an interview, it is also your chance to interview the employer and make sure the job fits what you want too," Baker said.

Schroeder also believes that students should not give up if they feel that finding a job is impossible. "If you haven't found something by mid-April, don't give up."

Catoe agrees. "In a difficult economy, companies will delay recruiting. Don't make any assumptions."

Often companies will collect resumes and sit on them and wait until they have the work and the money to support a new hire.

Schroeder and Catoe believe that even with a tough economy, NCSU students will do well. "Employers love NCSU students because they have a well-developed work ethic. They are known to be hard workers and don't have an attitude about entitlement," said Schroeder. "They are also realistic and knowledgeable about the work environment, and employers find this enticing."

Her story: a successful failure

The following article is a real-life account that is part of a series established to give background information on eating disorders. These stories are in conjunction with EveryBODY's Beautiful Week, an eating disorder awareness week that will be taking place Monday through April 11. The interviewee's name has been omitted in order to protect the identity of that person.

"Every morning I would wake up and the first thing I would think about would be food. I was obsessed with everything about it. Oddly enough, I wouldn't eat it. For me, it was a contest to see if I could eat less that day than I did the day before. I counted a day as a success if I could run nine miles, walk another three, work a six-

hour shift and only eat a bagel all day.

Every calorie counted; every fat gram haunted me. I stared at food labels and memorized them. There was a time when I could tell anyone the exact number of calories and fat in any type of snack food. Looking back, I see how much time I wasted and how much of my life was lost to anorexia.

I didn't know that what I was doing was wrong until I was at the starting line of a race that I should have won. After the gun went off, my legs gave out. The muscles that I had worked so hard to define and tone had failed me.

My body hit a wall, and that was when everything changed. Yet, like most anorexics, things got worse before they got better.

I was losing my hair in handfuls, yet I was covered in a fine body hair that my body made to try to keep my organs warm. An electrocardiogram showed that my organs were beginning to slow down and this was an attempt by my body to save itself. My nails would not grow, and often turned purple in the winter. I wore gloves whether I was indoors or outdoors. My skin was dry, and I formed little patches of hard spots because my skin was not getting the right nutrition. My hipbones

stuck out and were often bruised. I could count every rib, and I could touch my thumb to my middle finger at the top of my arm. I was literally skin and bones.

Unfortunately, I did not think that I looked bad; in fact, I wanted to lose more weight. It was al-

most like a game was being played between my mind and my body. Yet, it was a game that neither one would win. I was put on anti-depressants (which later were found to be appetite suppressants) and sent to a woman to discuss my eating disorder.

The doctors didn't understand that I was so proficient in lying. I convinced my therapist that I wanted to get better. She let me go after only two sessions. So, I was enrolled in an eating disorder support group to help me along. The only support that the group gave me was how to become a better anorexic and how to "become" bulimic.

Whenever I thought I was winning the battle with my weight, I was really losing. It was the battle for my life. I was outpatient, which meant that I went to see my team of doctors three afternoons a week. I was weighed by the ounce. For me that meant that I had to gain as many water ounces I could on weigh-in days.

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I knew I was successful if the look on my mom's face was a smile. I hated to lie to her or to let her down, but my mindset at that time was very selfish. I didn't care that I was slowly killing my relationship with my family. My family and friends lost all trust in me, and many people gave up

hope that I could ever get better.

Then, it all changed. My dad had a heart

attack, my grandfather died and then I had the chance to start my life over in a new state. Whatever it was, the weight slowly came back. After a few months, I was able to say that I was "getting better." But the weight gain scared me and that began a whole new problem. I had heard of people bingeing and purging to "cancel out" calories. So I was able to eat and to please everyone and then get rid of almost everything I ate.

There were nights when I would eat my trigger foods in mass quantities then make myself throw it all up. I would kneel beside the toilet — my whole body shaking, with tears running down my face. I couldn't stop until I thought that I was done. My throat would be bleeding, my knuckles would be blistered and cut, and my stomach would be knotted up. I hated the way I felt while doing it, but the sense of satisfaction when it was over just


consumed me. I swore to myself that I would stop, but almost every night I was back at it again.

I thought I would have another chance to change when I left for college. My first year at college was wonderful. For once, I felt that I had things under control. I had an amazing group of friends who knew of my past but never had to deal with the person who I was. For a while, I even stopped making myself throw up. Finally, I had beaten bulimia, or so I thought.

When the spring semester came to an end, I realized that I had gained the famed freshman fifteen. Here I was again, fighting with the numbers. It was then that I realized I would always fight with the numbers. I would always be concerned with what size I was, what I weighed and what I ate. I may never win this battle, but I know I can fight it.

My mom ran across old pictures of me the other day and asked me if I ever still thought about it. I told her that it is a battle I fight every day — every morning and every night. I have good days, and I have bad days. I can honestly say that I have not binged and purged in weeks. I count the good days that I don't throw up like an alcoholic counts the days that he or she doesn't drink. I have come to terms with my disease. Was I successful at beating it? No. But was it successful at beating me? Not yet."


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characterized by a high pitch. In contrast, the southern drum — illustrated by the Southern Suns host drum — is extremely low in pitch.

Another special aspects of the powwow is the dancers' outfits, called regalia. These outfits are mostly handmade with bird feathers, bells and adornments.

After the grand entry, the powwow conducts six different types

of dances. Each dance has its unique type of song that accompanies the dancers. There are also songs that signify different meanings.

The flag song is played to indicate the time to present each group's flag. The veteran's song is played to honor all servicemen in the past wars. And the closing song is played to signify the end of the powwow.

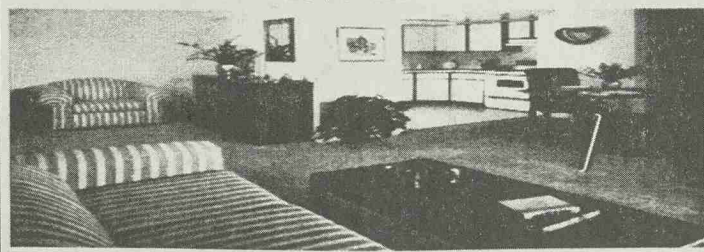
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er up in Student Government. Mine was Matt King, who at the time was Student Chief Justice.

• **He** just really got me excited about the Judicial Board and what they do and the ideology behind it. I just took it and ran with it and applied. I made it through the interviews and became a member of the board and grew to love it and it progressed from there through my involvement with my mentor.

Technician: So you said you grew to love it. What do you love about the Judicial Board?

• **Casey:** I think it's the most direct way to have an impact on the student body. We make direct decisions that affect people's lives in the hearing room, and when we make those decisions, we can help those people that come before us in the hearing room. A lot of peo-

ple look at it just as a punishment, but we look to help the people that come before us as much as we can, as well as looking out for the best interests of the university. We want to make it so when people go out into the real world, their degrees are worth that much more because of the steps we've taken to ensure things like academic integrity and a safe environment for learning.

Technician: So why run for Student Chief Justice?

Casey: Student Chief Justice is something I've always really wanted. Right now as judicial assistant, I'm getting to help people out more directly who are preparing for their cases, but I really want my voice back on the Judicial Board and to be that moderator. I've learned a lot in the last few years about lines of questioning and how to find the points that are necessary to make sanctions beneficial to both the person and the community. I

want to try to take the board in a different direction as well as where we're set to do a lot of things in the community. We're looking into doing an Integrity Week next year where we're going to have a week full of different awareness programs going on, maybe a big-name speaker and mock trials to try to promote interest and — more importantly — awareness into what constitutes academic integrity or integrity in general. A lot of people don't realize what really constitutes things like plagiarism, or they just don't realize how they should go about avoiding it with citations and things like that. There are so many suspensions and cases that haven't been necessary because it's someone's second offense that could have been avoided if some kind of academic integrity training had been done.

Technician: What do you think qualifies you to be Student Chief

Justice?

Casey: I've had as much experience as you can have on the board. I've sat in on numerous cases. I was both a board member and an assistant, so I've seen several perspectives. The one that you gain initially, simply as a board member, is one from that side of the table when you don't get to know anything about the people in advance or what happens to them afterwards and stuff like that. So I've learned how to do a lot of accurate questioning and analysis through that. This extra stuff I've gained from being a judicial assistant this past year has really just lent me so much in being able to interact with the people, both complainants and respondents, that come in front of the board before the actual hearing goes on. Through those experiences, my perception is a lot more in tune and that will definitely come across to the people that sit in front of the board.

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what offices there were and which one was best suited for me. As far as what I saw in terms of ideas, relationships with people and my personality, senior class president was just perfect for me. It's been an office that — up until the last three or four years — I know a lot of people haven't even heard about, and its starting to take an even bigger role on campus now, and I just really want to be a part of that.

Technician: You just touched on my next point. Senior class president has, in the past, not really had a specific role on campus. Do you have a direction you'd like to see the office take?

Shah: One of the big things I've always seen is that when we become seniors we're ready for that degree, and we're ready to start our own lives. Senior class president can, and I know this sounds corny, really unify the senior class. I want a huge involvement in the Senior Class Board of Trustees. From what I've seen so far, it's really good to see a diverse group of seniors just taking an active role in what their school is involved with. One of the defined roles is its relationship with the Alumni Association. I would like to see more seniors right out of college becoming members in the Alumni Association. I think there's so much we can give back to the school. Many people want to wait 10 years to be established, but if we can somehow get everyone as soon as they graduate to get involved a little bit, we can

achieve that. Again, with the Senior Class Board of Trustees, one of the defined roles is being the head of establishing the senior class gift and regular planning of trips. One of the things I've put on my "platform" is the fact that I really want to see a good relationship among the heads of all student organizations. I only know engineers, but I know that each school has a council. Just so that as far as information about graduation, information about grad school or anything like that, we can give it out to them and be more efficient.

Technician: What about the senior class trip? Would you plan to continue that?

Shah: Definitely. I think it's already planned for Atlanta. I've always noticed that by the time we get to senior status we already have the fixed groups that we hang out with and don't ever say, "Oh, let's go hang out with the seniors." So one of the things I plan to do is talk to local bars and clubs around here and see if we can get a "Senior Night," so we can advertise it on campus and just go out and meet new people. I really want people to be excited

about being a senior.

Technician: As you mentioned, many seniors are focused on getting their degrees and leaving N.C. State. What would you say to those seniors to get them involved in the Senior Class Board of Trustees or to get them going on the senior class trip?

Shah: It's only four or five or six years of school, so enjoy the time we have right now because we have the rest of our lives ahead of us. So just get excited about NCSU while we're here and hopefully that will continue into the future wherever we go.

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A committee chaired by Louis Hunt, the coordinator of commencement and a university registrar selected the speaker.

Yet, some graduating seniors are not very pleased with the university's selection. Laura Phillips, a senior majoring in multidisciplinary studies and business management said, "He seems so removed from our generation. While he might address current events pertinent to the world we're in now, I don't see our graduating class identifying with him as a speaker. He's a rather random choice for our commencement speaker since he has no ties at all to our university nor our area."

Decker Ngongang, senior class president, also voiced his concern and said, "I don't have any problem with Phil Donahue as the speaker, but I think in the future the university needs to take the necessary steps to ensure the student body's voice is heard in the speaker selection process."

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Commencement speakers should reflect the university

Commencement is a formal occasion that allows the university to celebrate and recognize the effort and achievement students have invested to earn their degrees. It is a time for the university to shine and be proud of its achievements. Inviting a commencement speaker to speak to the graduating class is a long-standing tradition and is an honor for whoever is invited to speak. Likewise, the commencement speaker should be distinguished so as to bring honor and respect to the university that hosts the speaker. With this in mind, Phil Donahue is not an appropriate choice for N.C. State's Spring Commencement.

Phil Donahue is a journalist, not an engineer or distinguished scientist. His syndicated talk show created a new genre of talk shows and is the precursor to shows like Jerry Springer and Geraldo. Even though Mr. Donahue has many awards for his reporting, including 20 Emmy awards and the George Foster Peabody award, he would not have as large of an impact on the graduating class or the university as would a famous engineer or public leader. Other journalists, such as Walter Cronkite and Bob Woodward, whose journalistic integrity is legendary, would be better choices for commencement speakers. This winter, Lou Gershner, Jr., former CEO of IBM, spoke at the Emerging Issues Forum at the McKimmon Center. At the end of

the month, Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer, is coming to speak. These are more appropriate speakers for commencement. Even Jane Goodall, a scientist known for her study of chimpanzees, would be an excellent choice. All of these individuals represent a field in which N.C. State excels. To have one of them come and see what we are doing here is an affirmation of faith in the university itself. Even though the university doesn't have a journalism school, it is acceptable to invite a journalist, but one that has a good reputation and high standards. Phil Donahue does not fit that description and does not represent N.C. State or what we stand for.

Duke University has invited Kofi Annan, United Nations secretary-general to speak at their commencement this year. Public figures of the stature of General Annan would bring any university honor and acclaim. If a university cannot swing a public figure, then it should go for a well-known figure in the fields that the university is recognized for. Mr. Donahue may be a well-known public figure, but his reputation is questionable. N.C. State can do better than Phil Donahue for a commencement speaker. We are an advanced university of science that deserves accomplished individuals to speak at commencement, not second-rate "damaged goods."

War journalists must preserve integrity

Staff Editorial

The Pitt News
(U. Pittsburgh)

Fox News' mustached maverick, Geraldo Rivera, has left Iraq after possibly jeopardizing American troops by drawing a map and diagram of maneuvers in the sand on a live broadcast. Jesse Lynch, a 19-year-old Army private, was rescued from a hospital where she was imprisoned and possibly tortured. U.S. troops are closing in on Baghdad, foot by painful foot.

This week, TIME Magazine dubbed NBC's Patricia Sabga "Satellite Dish" and gave her a three-out-of-four microphones rating. All these factoids, so urgently impinging on our daily lives through CNN, the Instant Messenger ticker or e-mail headline updates fall under the rubric of micronews, flashes of humanity from "over there" that have little to do with the reality of conflict.

This is a new age of war. Since even the last conflict in Iraq, technology has expanded with a velocity no one could have foreseen, bombarding us with information every second of the day. The media are experiencing growing pains getting acclimated to this barrage of knowledge. In many cases, they are failing to prioritize. The amount of news available to journalists is almost unlimited, and Americans at home are suffering their own battle fatigue, watching every gruesome detail of war from the couch, without any framework into which we can set the violence and horror. Media outlets have a responsibility, not just to starkly report every item they ferret out, but also to make some judgment calls, to place sound- and video-bytes into context.

As much as pundits, legislators and

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Take a whack, vote for me!



Michele DeCamp
Staff Columnist

the insurmountable task of reaching as many students as they can with a limited budget and a short amount of time. I can only imagine how difficult it must be to effectively get students to first care about the elections and, second, get them to vote for you. However, I feel that some of the campaigning has gone from relevant to ridiculous.

I know that these candidates cannot win because they have some people calling for serious mudslinging while other sources have suggested that they should utilize creative means of advertising. I fall somewhere between these groups, because I get tired of watching candidates attack one another as demonstrated by Bowles and Dole in the Senate seat election last November, but I also think that beating up a car has very little to do with a person's ability to be the president of our student body.

Yes, candidates have to resort to attention-getting tactics to reach a large number of students at one time, but I found it incredibly distracting to walk through the Brickyard on Wednesday and hear someone hitting a junkyard car with a sledgehammer. I did not think that college was so stressful that we need to start taking out our frustrations on innocent vehicles that stopped working in the

1980s. I equate a crowd gathering to watch someone beat a car with the same mass hysteria that takes place when two people get into a fight in a high school cafeteria. Violence, mayhem, things breaking, yeah! I am not going to vote for someone because they actually took the time to drag a car into the Brickyard so they could spend their free time further destroying it and telling bystanders to vote for him or herself.

The problem is that this type of advertising may detract from a candidate's abilities. I've researched some of the major candidates' activities, and a lot of these students have spent their time at N.C. State working for our school. I actually feel pretty lazy when I realize

that someone younger than I am has been working non-stop with major organizations at NCSU to improve student life. But then those same hard-working students dance the electric slide to get people interested in the upcoming elections. I realize that a broadcast debate is only going to reach students who are actively interested in finding out more about the election. And there is no way to tell how many students read Technician's interviews with the different candidates. So, I can see how major publicity stunts can help spread student awareness. But why dance moves and car beatings? Elections tend to be on a grander scale in college because there is more at stake. The winners have the opportunity to enact change on the most populated campus in North Carolina rather than just petitioning for a drink machine in their high school. However, I wonder if we have really come a long way from

cookie giveaways and "vote for me" buttons. I wish that our student elections were presented in such a way that they would be able to operate on a stronger, maturer scale. For example, the student body president is going to have to interact with administration, faculty and alumni. Students will only begin to be taken seriously by these groups if they present themselves as articulate adults who wish to fairly represent their peers. If I were a professor teaching in Harrelson on Wednesday, I would have been pretty frustrated when I heard the loud commotion going on outside.

I think that beating up a car has little to do with a person's ability to be the student body president.

Our student election candidates are not going to be able to please everyone, and I may be the only person on campus who avoided the electric slide hoopla taking place in the Brickyard. If I could offer any advice to the candidates, it would be to try to campaign in an original (e.g., no more fliers) but professional manner (e.g., leave the poor cars alone). I think that candidates definitely deserve to have their campaign budget increased because more money might be able to be used to create better publicity stunts. In the end, I hope that the most qualified student for each position will win, and I wish them the best of luck. They have the almost impossible task of reaching and pleasing the entire student body, and I can only imagine the dilemmas they must face in trying to do both.

Michele knows that she will not win any write-in votes for her opinion on this issue, but she welcomes all comments at Michele@technicianstaff.com.

Why it matters



Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

most exclusively those who are already involved with it. What about Joe Average? Does he really care about who wins student body president or Union Activities Board president? What about his Student Senate representative? Does he have any idea who exactly will be representing him from his college in the senate? Unfortunately, most people have no clue.

Four thousand people vote. That is actually a pretty large number, larger than the student body of a lot of colleges and universities in the state. Then again, it's 13 percent of OUR student body. When interviewed earlier this week, several students said that they weren't going to vote because they did not really care who won or understood how it affected them. Student Government is seen as relatively meaningless, and its members do little that affects the university. There's more to it though.

We've got the weekend left, and then it's going to be here. All the fliers, sandwich boards and free expression paintings have added up to this. Student elections are an exhilarating part of the Student Government process ... for al-

Student body presidents don't just sit with the chancellor in their big chairs, smoking cigars and laughing about how powerful they are. They actually affect change on a day-to-day basis. How many of you have benefited from the UPASS system that lets us take the CAT bus for free? I, for one, would not have been able to make it to school otherwise (darn traffic violations). This would not have been possible without Mike Anthony (our current student body president), his staff and the senate. Ticket distribution is another responsibility of Student Government. The senate chooses how to give out the tickets and makes sure the policy is fair. If you think it is currently unfair because you always seem to get seats on the upper level, then find a representative who sees it your way. Thanks to Student Government, we were able to find a compromise to bring back campout. Sure, you can't have burning trashcans and kegs full of Jagermeister, but it doesn't matter. It just means you get drunk beforehand!

Student Government is our voice! Remember earlier this year when the Raleigh City Council tried to kick students out of houses around campus? Stu-

dent Government was the organization that stepped up and spoke out. They mobilized the campus to fight the ordinance, and thanks to their hard work, things got accomplished. The ordinance didn't pass.

It's a fact of numbers that one vote can win an election around here. Every vote counts. As long as I've been in school, we've had amazing leaders in charge. This is a tradition I hope continues this year. Our school needs strong leaders to usher in a new age of Wolfpack Pride. It's important. Dy-no-mite!

So in conclusion, you can do a lot with your vote. Try to get out there, check out the candidates' Web sites and see who you're really voting for. Sure, it may seem easy enough to just fill in a ballot and turn it in. What's the point though, if you don't really care about whom you're voting for? I am incredibly pro-voting but is there any point in voting for a random person on the ballot? That's why you need to learn the differences about the candidates. Vote what you know.

It's a fact of numbers that one vote can win an election around here. Every vote counts.

Zack wants to wish his girlfriend a happy birthday Tuesday. She's so fly. E-mail zack@zack.com.

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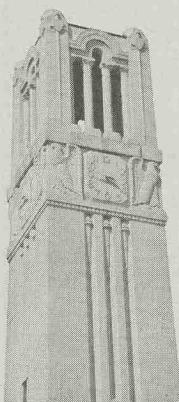
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Prohibition in the 21st century



Heather Cutchen

Staff Columnist

In everything we consume, there is the possibility of it either harming or helping our bodies. Caffeine is known to be addictive, yet soft drinks are very tasty and therefore are consumed frequently. Cigarettes contain tar that coats the lungs and causes respiratory problems, but the tobacco is grown by farmers and helps them put food on the tables of their families. Even alcohol, as deadly as it can be, has the redeeming qualities of lowering stress and helping to prevent heart attacks. All of these things are dangerous, yet legal. So why do we keep marijuana, another dangerous yet potentially helpful drug, illegal?

California is one of eight states that have legalized the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. By doing so, cancer patients have been able to seek relief from pain and regain their appetites. Also, patients with glaucoma and those with AIDS can use marijuana to alleviate pain and discomfort. These eight states may have legalized marijuana for this purpose, but they are not the only states with cancer patients. True,

there are other pain relievers and appetite builders, but they can cause side effects much worse than the pain the patients are going through. Alcohol can cause many health problems, yet it is still legal to buy and consume at age 21. Cigarettes and other tobacco products cause problems for users, as well as those experiencing second-hand smoke. We are taught from early on in our lives that tobacco products have no real value to the user except for stress management. Marijuana,

though it has the potential to cause health problems, is seldom related to these problems. Rather, it is known as a victimless crime drug, one that if it does cause problems, they are only to the user. It is true that countless lives are taken every day because of the category of drugs (by which I mean illegal) that marijuana has been placed in. But the drug does not take these lives; they are taken by the actions against those using it. Because buying and selling marijuana is illegal, dealings with the authorities often result in

huge fights, leaving many dead. If marijuana were legal these types of fatalities would not occur, because people could get the drug from legal sources. Authorities could regulate the marijuana, ensuring that it was not cut with any other drugs that could be harmful to users. These other drugs, such as cocaine and heroin, are the ones that have health-related problems. These highly addictive

drugs are deadly even if used in minuscule amounts. If used responsibly, marijuana just gives a buzz much like alcohol. Having marijuana legalized for medicinal purposes was a great step, but not good enough. There are people out there that enjoy the recreational use of the drug just as they do smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages. Denying them the pleasures of marijuana is comparable to the Prohibition of alcohol in the 1920s. Jails were filled, and many arrests were made because an active people were going to do regardless of legality was made illegal for a short period of time. When the Prohibition act was first enacted, the crime rate went through the roof ... but immedi-

ately fell again after it was amended. The valuable time and lives of our law enforcement are taken up by needlessly arresting marijuana users and battling the drug war when there are alternative ways to dealing with more harmful drugs. The argument is made that marijuana is a "gateway drug" that leads to use of other more deadly and dangerous drugs, therefore it should stay illegal for that reason. But what if it was legalized? Then people could use marijuana recreationally, drug dealers would be taken out of the picture and the pressure to use the more harmful drugs would be gone. Marijuana would no longer be a gateway drug. I still believe that there are drugs out there that should be illegal, but marijuana is not on that list. If used sensibly and rationally, marijuana can serve the same purpose as soft drinks, alcohol and tobacco products. As with these substances, it is up to the user to be responsible while under the influence of marijuana and to conduct themselves appropriately.

Heather is often under the influence of caffeine to help her through the day. E-mail her at hcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu to let her know what you are influenced by.

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RULE OF THUMB



Osbourne cancer-free

Parents and teachers nation-wide be at ease. Sharon Osbourne, the matriarch of America's role model family, is apparently cancer-free. Husband Ozzy smoked a cigarette and indulged in a gibberish, profanity-laced rant in celebration of the good news.

Geraldo Rivera

The Fox News' correspondent got in trouble this week when he revealed U.S. military strategy by drawing in the sand. It's hard to imagine the man who once hosted talk shows with themes like "Girl, don't go there," would someday lose his journalistic integrity.



Metallica tribute

MTV announced this week some of the bands set to perform in a Metallica tribute concert. The list includes Limp Bizkit, Sum 41, Avril Lavigne and a bunch of other musicians who managed to sell out much quicker than Metallica.

Phil Donahue

In other irrelevant talk show host news, Phil Donahue was announced yesterday as NCSU's commencement speaker for this May's ceremony. We know why Gerald's tied up, but evidently, Bill O'Reilly, Alf and that Dell dude were already booked too.



Hussein wagering

Internet gambling sites are taking wagers on Saddam Hussein's head. One site alone has already logged over \$1.25 million in bets. President Bush is urging Americans to let their tax return ride on it. Who said war would be bad for the economy?

Jobless claims

The government reported that jobless claims this month were the highest in a year, or since last April when things sucked just as bad. Fortunately, though, we hear there are openings for ex-journalists to speak at commencements or start yet another failing talk show.



Edwards leads fundraising

North Carolina's John Edwards announced that his \$7.4 million leads all democratic presidential candidates in fundraising. As a comparison, North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Meg Scott Phipps would have to have been committing campaign fraud since Michael Jackson was a black man to get that kind of loot.

Doherty 'resigns'

A little bit of all us died this week when UNC men's basketball coach Mike Doherty resigned. As fellow North Carolinians and residents of Tobacco Road, we share the Tar Heels' pain. Wait ... No we don't. Woo-hoo! Carolina's screwed.



Bush stops at LeJeune

President Bush and first-lady Laura stopped at Camp LeJeune this week to thank Marines for their dedication to the military campaign in Iraq. Bush, however, was a little puzzled about how the Marines can launch all their boats from a landlocked base.

'Jay' in rehab

Jason Mewes, the actor who played "Jay" in Kevin Smith's movies, including "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," was ordered into rehab this week. The judge's formal explanation cited Mewes' failure to appear in court for a previous charge and his extensive consumption of "snoochie boochies."

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A rebuttal against claims of animal cruelty

In response to Jared P. Milrad's opinion article entitled: "Use of Animals in Agriculture Week Cruel and Unnecessary," I submit the following as an avid supporter of agriculture and as the president of a student organization criticized in the article. A picture was painted of negligence and cruelty to the animals that were on display during Agriculture Awareness Week (AAW). This story was very one sided and I would like to enlighten the readers, as Paul Harvey says, to the "rest of the story."

The abuse of an animal is a very serious matter and something that we will not tolerate. The dictionary defines abuse as "to hurt or injure by maltreatment." Any time a live animal is used in a display or shown, every effort is made to keep the animal healthy and safe. The article failed to mention that students were on the Brickyard taking care of the animals, feeding and watering them, and making sure that no harm came to them. It failed to note the straw bedding that was provided for warmth and comfort; the tent that was set up to protect the animals from the

weather; the windbreaks that were provided to the animals; or that #5108 only spent a few hours in a blocking chute and spent the rest of her time in a nearby lounging area. The organizations that participated by having animals on display as part of AAW put the animals first and foremost during the 32 hours that the animals were on the Brickyard.

Our purpose of having such displays was to make more people aware of agriculture. Many people take for granted our country's supply of high quality agricultural products and never stop to think of all the hard work it takes to get the crop, anything from corn to cows, from the field to the table. Any concerns over the animal's well being should have been addressed during the event, where students were available to entertain any questions, rather than painting only a partial picture to the press. We are proud of our involvement in agriculture and the production of high quality animal products as part of the world's safest food supply.

Laura E. Pugh
President - NCSU Animal Science Club
Brother of Alpha Zeta

Black Panthers a bunch of criminals

The "news" article on Bobby Seale's speech is the most utterly biased article I have ever read in any newspaper. Even worse is the article's complete ignorance of history. The Black Panther Party (BPP) has been linked to at least a dozen murders, including the murder of police officers and Betty Van Patter. Even Mr. Seale believes that the BPP probably killed Ms. Van Patter. The BPP was also involved in robberies, prostitution, and drugs. In fact, Mr. Seale himself has been charged with murder. In the future, it would be nice if Technician at least pretended to cover both sides of the story.

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armchair generals have been chomping at the bit to provide a pat analysis of our current conflict, it's impossible to overlook a basic fact of history: Responsible analysis is a product of hindsight.

Only after years separate us from this war can we begin to make sense of it, to judge mistakes and triumphs in the full light of history's progression. That fact does not excuse current journalists, embedded or otherwise, from attempting to make some on-the-spot conclusions.

That's known as responsible journalism. When a Fox News correspondent who no longer has an incendiary talk show to play with makes news himself by potentially dooming the division he's informally embedded with, journalistic integrity suffers. When a bright, ambitious young woman being saved from the clutches of terror becomes tokenized by overreporting, journalistic integrity suffers. No journalist can be perfect, but each one must sift through the innumerable items they encounter before dumping them on our plates here at home.

We will always be fat

Staff Editorial

Swathmore

On average, Americans are the fattest people in the world. Surprise. A recent CNN Special Report claims that nearly 60 percent of American adults would be considered obese and that the percentage of obese children in our country is also climbing steadily. The report attributes the tubbiness to our cultural obsession with shortcuts, specifically fast food and pre-packaged, televised entertainment.

If we sit on our butts stuffing our faces with Big Macs and super-sized fries while watching "Friends" reruns, we're going to get fat. Big shock. But then we see McDonald's for making us fat because our portliness alienates and depresses us because, paradoxically, our culture does not like the chubbiness it creates. We all want to be lithe and luscious like the supermodels plastered on our billboards, busty and small-waisted like the Barbie dolls we stuff down our daughters' throats,

chiseled with rippling abdominal muscles like the Nordic Trac guys who interrupt our prime-time television viewing. This is the image our culture promotes, the representation we are told we should desire for ourselves. But the endorsement of muscular or non-existent tummies directly conflicts with the equally zealous campaign for Wendy's (open 24 hours a day), McDonald's (ditto) and Pizza Hut (soon to be open 24 hours a day). What's a torn American to do?

Ignore the ads, supermodels and super-sized value meals alike. This is a simple but improbable solution. Advertising moguls are masters of their craft. They know how to manipulate. American television viewers, magazine readers and billboard glancers are mostly defenseless against the contradictory barrage that now begins before their third birthdays (toddlers are the latest target audience). The effectiveness of this solution would require an intense national overhaul, the undoing of decades of mass-marketed brainwashing, re-

alization, meditation and dedication on everyone's part. If this were the only solution, we'd all stay fat.

Exercise. Turn off the television and go for a run. Eat your Big Mac, but spend two hours in the gym afterward. This is perhaps more unrealistic than solution A. The American Heart Association recently increased its recommended exercise dosage from half an hour three times a week to an hour to 45 minutes five times a week, because that's what our fat-packed diets require. And they don't mean power walking for an hour. They mean intense, vigorous workouts. Honestly, who wants to do that? It's exhausting, arduous and, frankly, not quick 'n' easy. Nothing in our lives is particularly tailored to it. A regular fitness regimen isn't nearly as accessible or inexpensive as a Big 'n' Tasty hot off the dollar menu.

Enter pharmaceuticals, the miracle cure. As the weeks of consistent Big Mac consumption start to show themselves lamentably on our waistlines and we start to get depressed and lethargic from our

(nationally sponsored) overindulgence and resultant (nationally condemned) corpulence, all we have to do to eliminate our sour moods and our extra poundage is make a quick beeline (in our SUVs) to our friendly neighborhood physician. With a little Prozac and a little prescription Ephedra in our systems, we'll be simultaneously smiling and slimming. Never mind that neither drug offers a true cure, that both are only temporary symptom reducers. Once you stop taking Prozac, your uplifted mood will steadily deplete. Once you stop taking Ephedra, your trimmed waistline will steadily expand. And if you continue taking Ephedra, contrary to your doctor's claims that it will help you (he's trying to compensate for income-squeezing managed care by selling products like Ephedra on commission ... never mind his Hippocratic oath, his budget's getting a little tight), it just might kill you. But you won't do so flabby. And you can keep chewing your cheeseburger right up to the sudden end.

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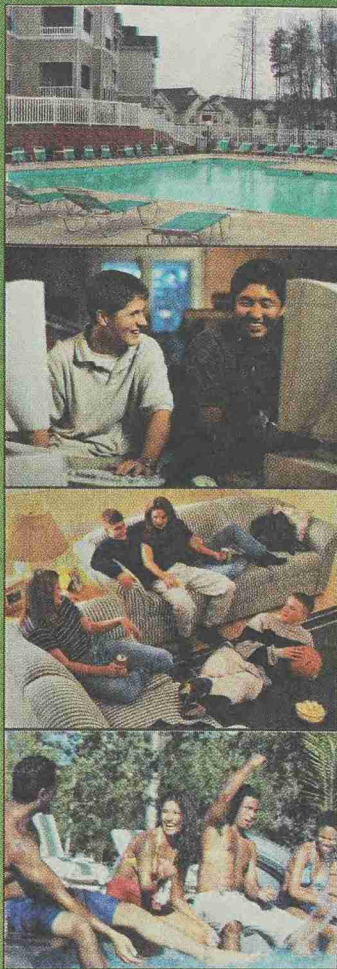
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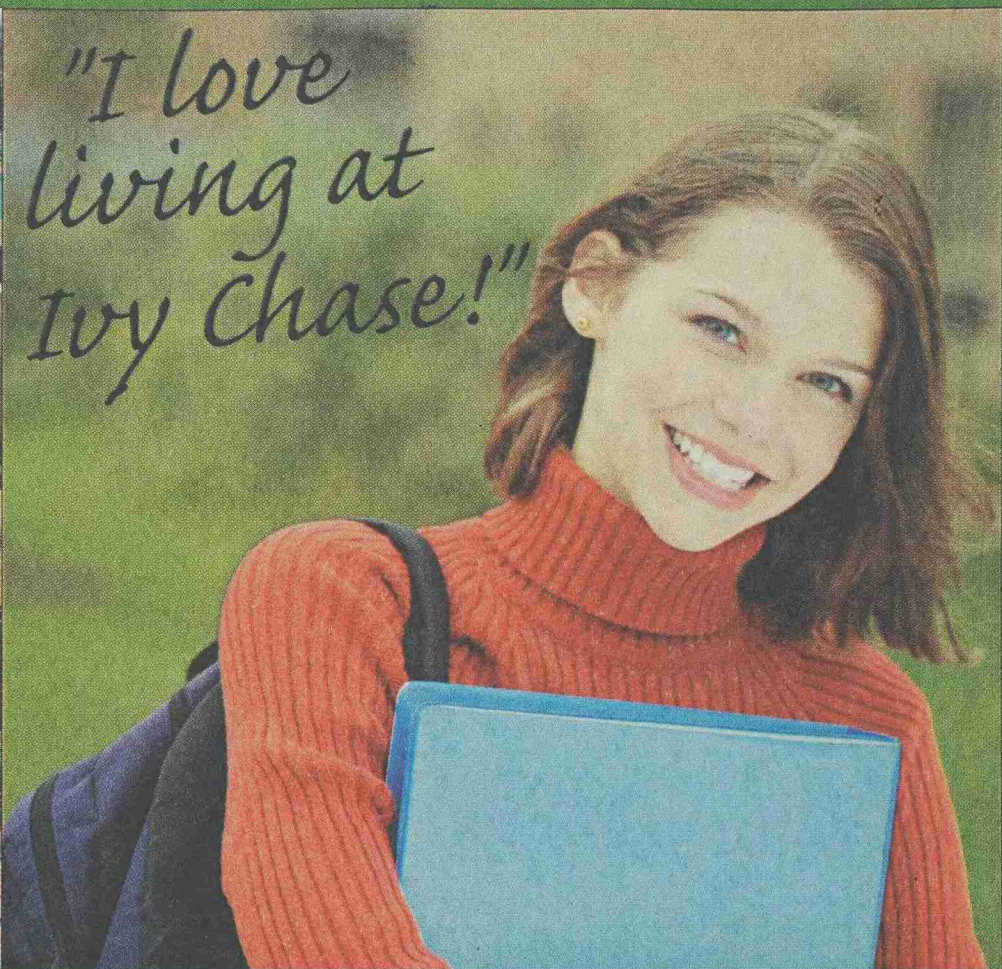
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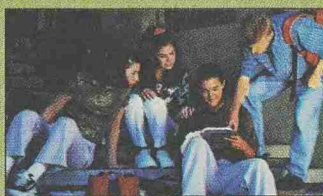
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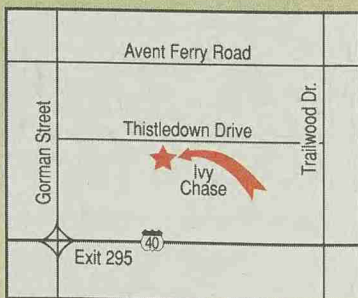
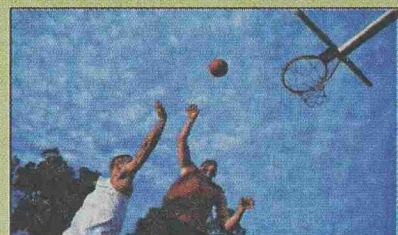
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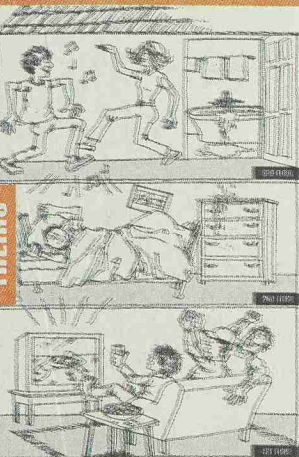


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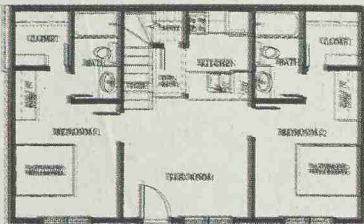
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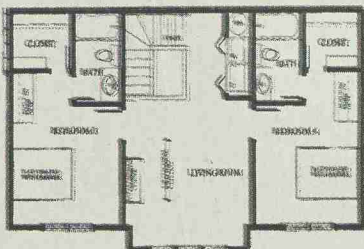
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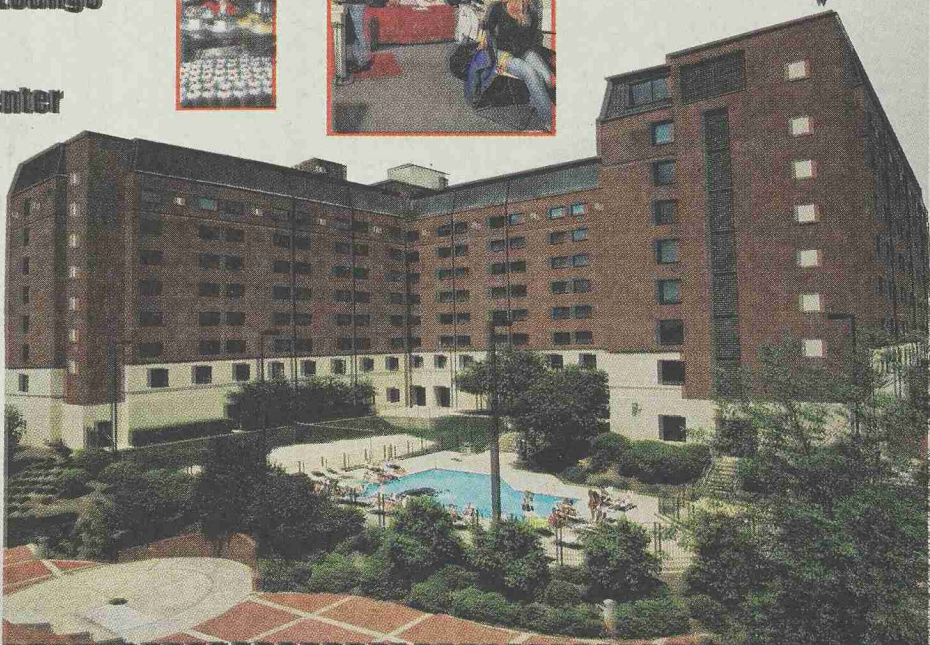
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crucified by the (transparent) media (note his cruciform stance). The media saturates our lives and destroys all genuine feeling! The government controls us and strips us of our capacity for individual thought! And then there's fluoridation! And all the stupid preppies! And the Man! He's always trying to keep me down!



M. Grey

doughboy by marko



Mayor Christopher Weltanschauung of Achillia. Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn

The electric woman continued to read her story aloud to Chalkhydri and Maxine.

THE HISTORY OF THE METROPOLIS OF ACHILLIA AND ITS FIVE NEIGHBORING CITY-STATES CHAPTER ONE THE POLITICAL MUSINGS OF MAYOR CHRISTOPHER WELTANSCHAUUNG

Christopher Weltanschauung grew up in a poor part of the city of Achillia and worked many jobs through his childhood and teenage years. He earned enough to afford tuition so he could attend the distinguished University of Operose. When his studies were finished, he came back and got a job with the Achillian government. He rose through the ranks of civil services and was elected Mayor of Achillia. Though he was mayor, he wasn't in charge. In reality, a cabinet ran the government. It was a cabinet that had long fallen under influence of capitalists and generals, who were obsessed with Achillia staying strong both economically and militarily. The public loved Christopher as a figurehead, but fell in line with the cabinet's train of thought.

"Truth is," Christopher thought, "there isn't enough space on this planet for a million kings, if they are all meant to own a thousand automobiles a piece. Surely there would be no air to breathe if they somehow accomplished it in the first place."

But he went along with the cabinet, because he felt a system of laws was the best way to govern a group of people in an area where there was limited space. There needed to be systems of commerce and transportation. There needed to be schools and health care. There needed to be police and fire departments. All of these things he understood to be necessary and the responsibility of the government.

But he hated the way the cabinet was always trying to split and divide the people of the city of Achillia. It was a mechanism of the rich and powerful in to remain at the top of the ladder of control. If they were perpetually splitting up and categorizing various groups of people, then those on the lower rungs could never climb up and threaten them.

Christopher believed in a forced social gathering, where a rich man was forced to live in between the poor and the middle class, where people of all different cultures

and backgrounds would be forced to deal with each other's experiences. He had no urge in taking away or giving out any additional monies or governmental power, he just wanted to make them all neighbors.

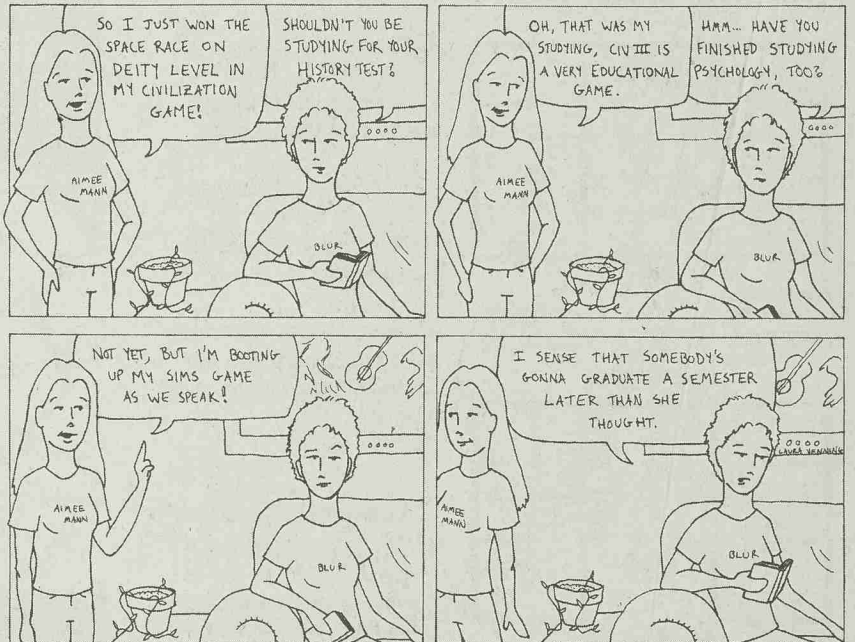
Christopher thought that this method would be the best way to break down barriers of prejudice and mistrust between groups. He estimated that the biggest problem wasn't the color, religion, race or sex of a person, it was the illusion of self-worth, weighed with a scale of "how much useless crap you can own."

Perhaps this theory wouldn't eliminate the causes of economic disparities and cultural mistrust, but he did think it would go a longer way in preventing animosity between the social groups. As time progressed, if these people's babies grew up next door to each other, then some of these long held grudges would begin to break down. As they started to realize that even though their pocketbooks had different amounts and that they looked and practiced different religions, they all needed to share some love with each other; otherwise they would be subject to a miserable human experience.

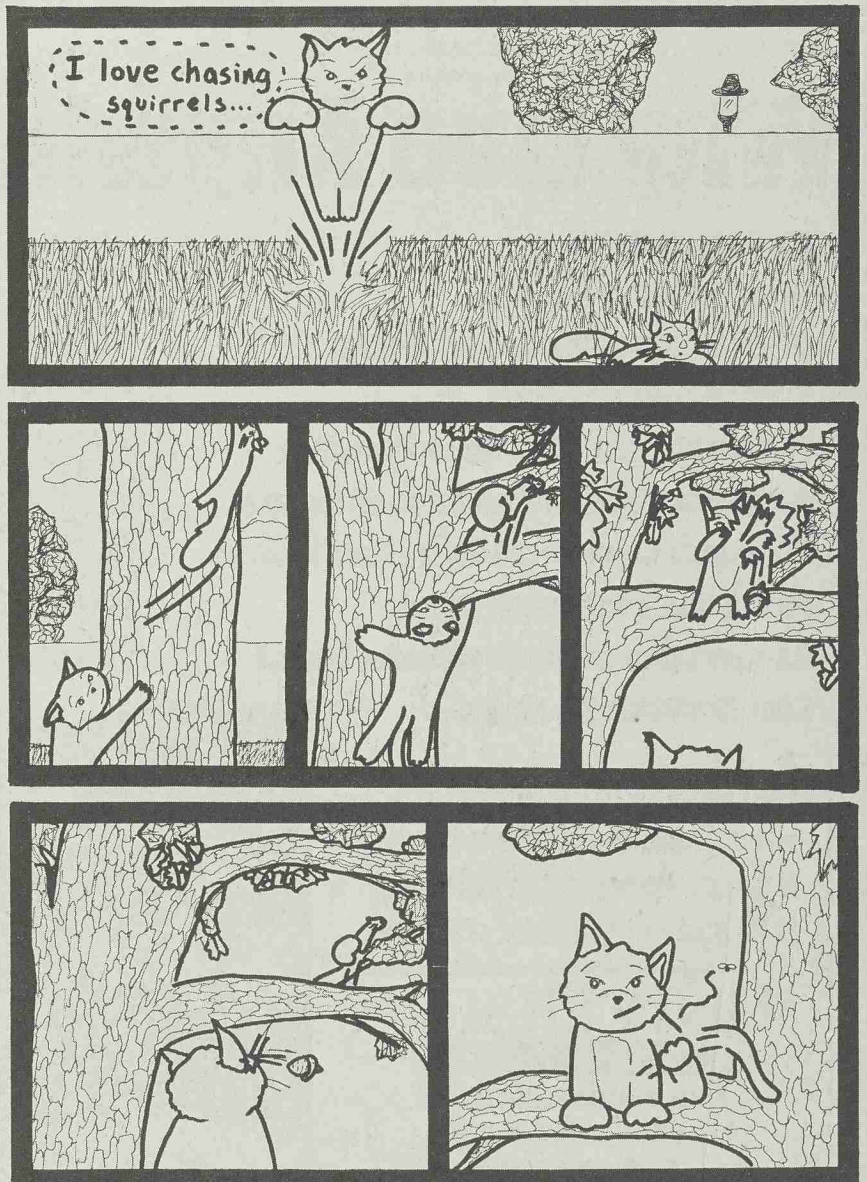
Christopher likened it to putting two dogs in a pin. He figured you could have these two dogs that would either fight to the death, or they would be forced to get along. He hoped to give people more credit than to be stupid and fight like dogs.

He felt that there were indeed social ills, like notions of good and evil that transcended the material. These were the morals that he had an intention of enforcing as mayor. He wondered why people felt the constant urge to squander time on petty differences such as color, religion, race, sex where there more important things to worry about such as sickness, pollution, famine and war. Sometimes he wondered why people were even in this city, if they were only going to waste their entire existence on excess, there was nothing to truly gain by it. But what was he to do? The cabinet was in control of the money and the might. He controlled the hearts of the people and wanted to make it a better Achillia for them, but he felt his idea was too totalitarian to be a reality. As much as Christopher felt that the population wanted to get along, he was sure that they wouldn't go along with the idea of "assigned seats." He knew he would have to do something else to capture the attention of the Achillians and force them to wake up from their ignorance.

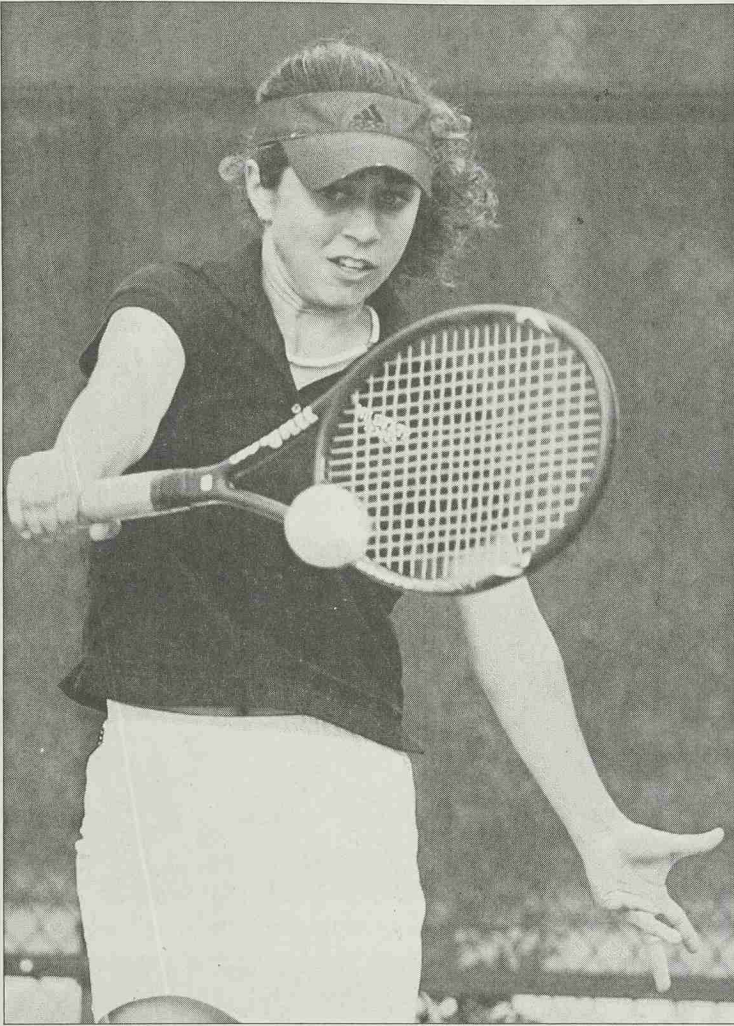
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Jennifer Jassawalla won the clincher in Thursday's match. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

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sawalla at No. 5 singles. The junior downed Emily Kohl, 7-6 (5), 6-1, while acknowledging that it was not one of her better performances of the year.

The day's longest match was also the most competitive, despite the fact its outcome had little if not nothing to do with the final team score. At No. 1 singles, ECU's Kirsten Buchanan and

State's Kristen Lam traded rally after rally and moved each other all over the court the entire afternoon.

Lam, however, continued to frustrate Buchanan as the match progresses. Buchanan became more and more perturbed at her heavily taped right wrist, before eventually falling to Lam, 6-5, 6-4.

Lyndall Jordan picked up the only singles win for the Pirates, downing State's Danielle Stadel-

mann, 6-4, 6-1.

The Pack will jump right back into action this weekend when it holds Senior Day on Saturday before traveling to ACC foe Wake Forest on Sunday. Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be served to all spectators during Saturday's match that begins at 11 a.m.

"We're really excited about Saturday in order to give these girls sort of a celebration; we hope to see a lot of fans out there," said Olsen.

BASEBALL

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rankings right now," Riley said. "We've got to go to Duke, focus and play our game like we did against Florida State and Clemson and try to take all three."

The Pack has been close to sweeps in conference play in both of its series thus far. Against top-15 competition Florida State and Clemson, State fell just short taking all three, losing the final game of each series by a mere two runs. NCSU's early performance in conference has confidence riding at perhaps an unprecedented high under coach Elliot Avent's reign.

It's not coincidental that the rise in confidence comes with State's great strides in pitching and defense. Going into this weekend's series, which begins tonight at 7, the Pack has received stellar efforts from a starting pitching staff led by junior Vern Sterry (7-0, 2.16 ERA) and freshman Michal Rogers (6-1, 2.16). Rogers will open the series tonight, and Sterry will close it out Sunday. Nate

Cretarolo (2-2, 6.59), who allowed just one earned run and struck out seven in his last outing against Clemson, is scheduled to take the hill Saturday afternoon.

State's workmanlike offense, which is deceptively ranked second-to-last in the ACC, according to team batting average, will try to expose a solid if unspectacular Duke pitching staff. Junior catcher Colt Morton, who leads the ACC with 10 homeruns, isn't paying any attention to the Devils winless conference record.

"Duke is very important. Every ACC game is very important really," he said. "Going into Duke we're playing really well. We played great against Florida State and Clemson and we'll try to come out strong and give Duke everything we've got and come away with three."

Morton will be helped offensively by the surge of senior third baseman Jeremy Dutton, who had a boiling hot effort vs. Clemson to be named ACC Player of the Week on March 31. In four games the previous week, Dutton was 6-for-11 with two dou-

bles, two homers and 11 RBI. It kept the Pack's streak of having conference players of the week alive too, as State has had a player honored the last four weeks.

Duke will counter on the mound with Jeff Aleva (2-3, 2.92) tonight, Russell Durfee (0-1, 4.50) on Saturday and Kevin Thompson (2-5, 3.21) on Sunday. Motivation for the Devils shouldn't be a problem, as Duke has been pummeled by a combined total of 46-8 in its five ACC games this season. Despite the ugliness, Duke's stats suggest the Devils are better than a winless ACC team, a fact that makes Avent and his team a bit wary.

But the coach has promised to approach these three games like any other series.

"Another conference series and they're all important," Avent said. "It doesn't matter if it's Florida State or who it is really. They're all tough. It's going to be on the road and that's equally tough, but we've been on the road a lot this year and hopefully we'll be up to the task."



Catcher Colt Morton is leading the ACC with 10 homeruns. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

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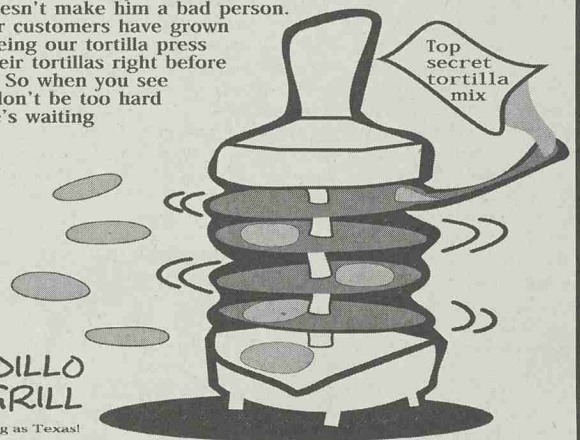
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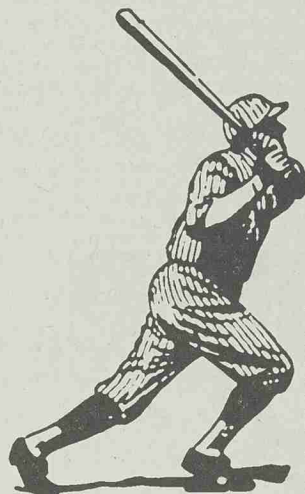
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time in the region in the 400-meter dash, but he will only compete in the 200-meter dash.

Monterrio Adams, who specializes in the 400, will compete in the 100 and 200 at Duke.

"I'm not expecting a whole lot," said Reese, "but there's still the possibility that we might see some good performances because they're going to get to recover a little bit this week from the last two weekends. I wouldn't be surprised if I see something decent."

State's distance team will see very limited action this weekend, and head coach Rollie Geiger is using this time to train hard for the conference finals.

"We're training through this meet, and then we're going to run

in Charlotte next week," said Geiger. "ACC's in two weeks, so the idea is to train hard through this meet and get a fair bit of a taper next week heading into the conference championships. Jesse Rhodenbaugh will run his first 1,500 [meter] of the year, and we might run Janelle Vadnais in the 3,000 [meter]."

State's jumping team will be limited at Duke, due to injuries and travel to Texas.

"Our triple-jump guys are banged up right now," said Olsen. "Also, all the football players are doing spring football right now. Once football is done with their spring game, we should see three or four kids come out and help us out in areas we'll need it most."

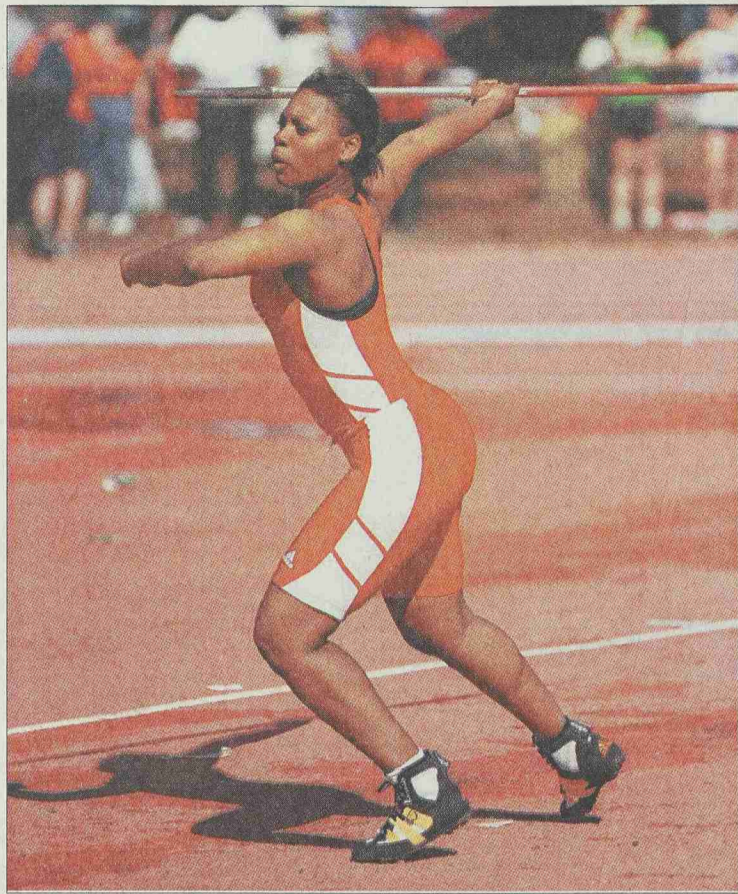
Freshman Jesse Williams will head to Texas to compete against some of the nation's best in the

high jump. Williams is coming off of a successful indoor campaign, where he finished third at the NCAA championships, and he is currently ranked second in the nation in his signature event.

"Jesse is going to a high-caliber meet to compete with a lot of All-Americans from indoor," said Olsen. "It's going to be a good test for him to see where he's at outdoors. He's been jumping decent outdoors, but this will be his first real test."

Pole vaulters David Kessler and Eric Hoverstad will also compete in Texas.

"Penn Relays is not a great place to vault, so we're trading that out and going to the Texas Relays," said Olsen. "That's a good place to vault, so we'll just see how things turn out there."



Only two weeks remain for the Wolfpack to prepare for ACC outdoor championships. Photo by Rob Bradley

WOLFPACK NOTES

Football team returns to burned practice fields

N.C. State's brand new football practice fields are not damaged after suffering a fire on April 1. According to the university, sparks resulting from construction of a new scoreboard ignited the Bermuda grass, and fire spread across the fields in a matter of minutes. The conditions of the day - dry and windy - were conducive to brush fires. The scorched fields could have been used the day of the incident, but the team instead practiced at Carter-Finley Stadium.

According to reports, the fire could prove beneficial to the fields since it helped in ridding the grass of excess material. The team is expected to return to the practice fields today.

Rowe and Cass are scholar-athletes of the month

N.C. State volleyball player Melanie Rowe and track and field team member Randy Cass are the Wolfpack Scholar athletes of the month.

Rowe played a valuable role on the volleyball team and maintains a 3.33 GPA in Biological Sciences. The sophomore from Ramsey, Minn. has made the Dean's List twice and was also named to the ACC Honor Roll.

Cass, who finished 10th at the

2002 ACC Championships in discus and 14th at shot-put, has compiled a 3.33 GPA in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences. A senior from Union Grove, N.C., he has been on the ACC Honor Roll three times and has made the Dean's List four times.

The scholar athlete of the month is sponsored by Caterpillar, as each month, two athletes are named as members of the Caterpillar Scholar Athlete Team. To be named to the Caterpillar Scholar Athlete team, a student-athlete must maintain a 3.00 GPA

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Men's golf heads to Georgia

The N.C. State men's golf team will head to Georgia for the Cleveland Golf - ASU Invitational this weekend. The team will try to improve on its last two finishes of fifth and sixth place, in the Chris Schenkel Invitational and Las Vegas Intercollegiate, respectively.

The team will look for Justin Walters and Fernando Mecherhoffe to continue their solid play.



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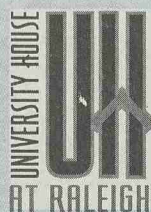
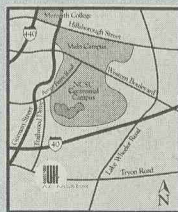
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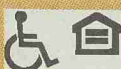
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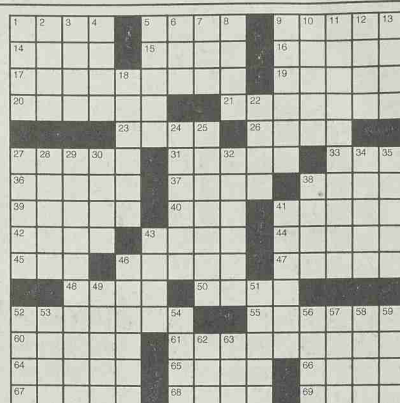
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Track @ Duke Invitational, 4/5
M. Golf @ Cleveland Golf - ASU Invite, 4/5
W. tennis vs. Furman, 4/5, 11

Scores

W. tennis 5, East Carolina 2



TECHNICIAN

State wants SWEEP

Off to its best start in years, N.C. State isn't taking bottom-feeder Duke lightly.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

Consider this sweeps week for the N.C. State baseball team.

Or, make that sweeps weekend for the Wolfpack nine. Similar to the television industry, in which sweeps week means big-time gags in attempt to gain big-time ratings, the Pack is hoping to parlay a three-game series with Duke into three big victories, which could only help its No. 12 national ranking. But Wolfpack players and coaches know a sweep in the ACC is almost as tough as turning on the tube and avoiding a reality TV show.

"Duke's a big weekend," said Pack senior Justin Riley. "We've got to concentrate hard. They've been giving us fits for my past two years here. We've got to be able to focus on three games."

Instead of gags and foolery to boost its performance in Durham, State isn't going to change the formulaic approach — immaculate pitching and defense — that has garnered a 24-7 (4-2 ACC) start, its best in years. The Blue Devils (13-16, 0-5), as Riley knows, has given the Pack all sorts of trouble in Durham. State hasn't won a series at Duke since 1995, two years before the end of the Ray Tanner era, and then it barely won two of three from the Devils. State has never swept a three-game series in the Bull City.

"Sweeps are really big, especially in the



Freshman Collin Brown and the N.C. State pitching staff has performed well this season. State is trying to win its first series at Duke since 1995. Photo by Tim Lytvinenko

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The final weeks

State's track teams travel to Duke and Texas in preparation for the upcoming conference championships.

Todd Lion
Senior Staff Writer

With only two weeks remaining before the ACC outdoor track and field championships, both N.C. State teams are shifting their focus away from the current competitions and toward the conference finals.

Much of State's teams will be competing in the Duke Invitational, which will be held at North Carolina Central University because of track renovations at Duke, while a few members will be traveling to the University of Texas to compete in the Texas Relays.

"Hopefully, the kids going to Duke can continue to improve," said assistant coach Gail Olsen. "The conference meet is coming up really fast, and we have two more meets to get ready. Hopefully at Duke, the kids who need to improve and get better and kids we're going to count on for the conference meet will start to get better."

Sophomore Kelly Smoke leads the women's team into Duke, as she is ranked in the top 10 in the conference in three events. Smoke is fifth in both the hammer and discus throws and is seventh in the shot put, with a regional qualifying mark in the discus.

James Rowell leads the men's throwing squad with a regional mark in the hammer, good enough to place him third on the conference leader list.

"James and Kelly are performing well," said Olsen. "They're just coming off of indoor, so a lot of the implementations of throwing are different. Throwing the 35-pound weight is a little different than throwing the 16-pound hammer, so there's a few technical changes that we need to make. As the meets go along and they get more throws under their belts with the hammer and discus, we should see some improved performances."

Randy Cass is also in the conference top ten in the hammer throw.

Sprinting coach Terry Reese is using this weekend to rest his runners and race them in off events in preparation for the conference championships.

"This is kind of an off week because of the way I've been training them," said Reese. "We just trained through the first two meets, and I'm kind of backing up this week. They're running off events this week."

Felicia Fant has the second best mark in the conference in the 100-meter dash and is also ranked in the 200-meter dash. She will only compete in the 100 this weekend.

Derrick High has the third best

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Women's tennis stays hot at home

N.C. State won all but one singles match and stayed undefeated at home against nonconference competition.

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

In order to defeat visiting East Carolina Thursday, the N.C. State women's tennis team was not only going to have to beat the Pirates on the court, it was also going to have to conquer recent history.

Since head coach Hans Olsen took the reigns of the program last season, the team had yet to win a match after it had dropped the doubles point.

That all changed Thursday afternoon at the Cary Tennis Center.

After the Pirates won the doubles point at the start of the match by posting wins at the No. 1 and No. 3 positions, the Wolfpack (7-6) won all but one singles match to post a 5-2 vic-

tory to up its nonconference home record to an astounding 6-0.

"Today was a real confidence booster for us, because we won a match for the first time since I've been here after losing doubles," said Olsen. "I was really proud of our team and how we fought back; we needed that."

Down 1-0 at the start of singles play, the Pack quickly reclaimed the lead thanks to a win at No. 3 singles by Loni Worsley and an easy victory by Carmen Torres at the sixth position.

Worsley, who has rapidly risen in the ITA national singles ratings all the way to the cusp of the top 100, downed Raluca Bacia 6-0, 7-5. It was the senior's seventh win in eight matches.

"I came out today and was just really ready to play singles after I lost in doubles," said Worsley, who continues to recover from tendinitis in her shoulder. "I just got off to a good start and was able to con-

fuse her [Bacia]."

Oblivious to the sweltering heat that was pounding down from the cloudless blue sky, State continued to roll up singles wins without dropping a set. Senior Myrna Bawano stymied ECU's Paulina Sierpinski with a plethora of well-placed topspin forehands and backhands while refusing to surrender her perch on the baseline. The match ended in Bawano's favor, 6-2, 6-0.

The weather conditions were by far the hottest that the Pack has endured during a home match this year.

"We played a tournament down in Florida where the weather was similar," said Olsen. "I think our girls have trained well, and it's going to continue to help us as the weather gets hotter and hotter."

The Pack needed just one more win to clinch the match, and it came from Jennifer Jas-

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Some members of the N.C. State track and field team will compete in Durham, while others will be in Texas. Photo by Matt Huffman



Kristin Lam picked up her biggest win of the season at the No. 1 singles spot. Photo by Tim Lytvinenko