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## IN THE KNOW

WORLD

### Two journalists killed in Iraq since Thursday

Two American journalists, Washington Post columnist Michael Kelly and NBC News correspondent David Bloom, have died in Iraq since Thursday.

According to the Associated Press, Kelly, 46, was killed Thursday when the Humvee he was traveling with in Iraq came under Iraqi fire. Attempting to avoid the hail of bullets, the Humvee ran off the road and into a canal, where Kelly and the soldier driving drowned.

Kelly was embedded for The Atlantic Monthly, a magazine for which Kelly once served as editor-in-chief. Kelly was also a former editor of The New Republic.

Bloom, 39, co-anchor of NBC's weekend "Today" show, died of a pulmonary embolism Sunday, according to Reuters. Bloom, like Kelly, was embedded with the U.S. Army's Third Infantry Division. A former White House correspondent, Bloom had been with NBC since 1993.

Kelly and Bloom are the fifth and sixth journalists killed in the Iraqi war and the first embedded reporters to die in the war.

### College dropout arrested for impersonating Indian president

The AP reported Sunday that Prasanjit Kamble, a 24-year-old college dropout, had been arrested for impersonating Indian President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Kamble sent a series of e-mails to Indian businessmen claiming to be Kalam. The e-mails solicited fiscal support for a promising young scientist, ironically named Prasanjit Kamble.

According to the AP report, Indian officials did not divulge the total amount Kamble collected, saying only that an Indian national working in Bahrain had sent him 132,000 rupees, equal to \$2,750.

Kamble was charged with cheating, forgery and impersonation; if convicted, he faces a seven-year prison term.

NATION

### National prison population tops 2 million

Tougher sentencing policies, particularly for drug offenders, have pushed the U.S. prison population to about 2.1 million inmates as of June 30, 2002, according to an AP report.

The updated figures were a part of a report from the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics. According to the report, federal convicts filled 162,000 prison beds; no single state had that many inmates.

Other noteworthy statistics from the release: 12 percent of black males between ages 20 and 39 are in prison, the highest percentage of any demographic group; more than 96,000 women are among the federal and state prison population, an increase of 1.9 percent over 2001; 474 of every 100,000 Americans were in prison in 2002, up from 472 per 100,000 in 2001.

STATE

### Former UNC-CH employee accused of embezzling \$49,000

A former employee at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Medicine has a warrant out for her arrest. Susan Katz, who allegedly used a university purchasing card to make \$49,000 worth of personal purchases, resigned from her position at the school on March 26.

The UNC police department reported that the purchases were discovered during a routine auditing of the card. As a result Jeffrey L. Houpt, dean of the School of Medicine and CEO of the UNC Health Care System, ordered an inventory to be taken of all School of Medicine-issued purchasing cards. The university will also strengthen the control over the access to and number of cards.

### Rise in SARS cases brings caution to Triangle

A jet at Raleigh Durham International Airport was delayed for two hours on Saturday so that an ill passenger could be examined for the severe acute respiratory syndrome. The passenger was reported to have been traveling in Asia recently, where all previous victims are reported to have been before contracting the volatile virus.

Although this passenger tested negative for the disease, four reports of SARS have occurred in North Carolina — two in Wake County, one in Orange County and one in Mecklenburg County.

SARS cases have been reported in over 2,000 victims across the world, and new cases are reported daily in Hong Kong. It has killed dozens worldwide, and there is currently no cure.

## Student Government Elections

# Student government polls open today

*The Elections Commission originated various programs on campus and in the community to stress the importance of voting.*

**Josianne Lauber**  
Senior Staff Reporter

Along with creating the slogan, "Vote: It does the student body good," and featuring the student body president candidates doing the "electric slide" in the Brickyard, the Elections Commission planned several activities to stress the importance of voting to students.

Sarah Schafer, the elections commissioner and secretary, said the publicity committee came up with many ways to get students interested in voting.

"Our slogan will be featured on free T-shirts to be given away at the Atrium on Monday and Tuesday," said Schafer. N.C. State's surrounding community has also become actively involved in getting students interested.

"Local businesses such as pizza places and other restaurants have allowed us to put flyers on pizza boxes that are being sent out to remind students to vote," said Schafer. "There will also be coupons for various restaurants and hopefully free food on the day of elections."

The vice chair of the Elections Commission, senior Brian Carty, believes students have a voice; they just have to be willing to use it.

"I believe a student's vote is

## Voting Sites:

Atrium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Fountain and Clark dining halls from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Centennial Campus from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Mann Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Carmichael Gymnasium all day  
D.H. Hill Library all day  
Caldwell Lounge  
Neilson Hall  
Talley Student Center Macintosh computers will have a link to the voting site.

their voice, much like in our national elections," said Carty.

Garrett Bugg, a senior in English education and the elections commission chair, feels students should be aware of what is going on at N.C. State. He wants students to realize they have a voice in everything that happens at the university.

"Students should vote because they have a vested interest in this campus; after all, the university provides [us] with a degree and gets a large portion of [students'] money," said Bugg.

The number of students who voted went up about 10 percent last year, and Carty hopes that number will increase even more this year.

"In past years, turnout has hovered around 3 to 5 percent, but last year's commission was very successful in its endeavors and was able to raise voter turnout to about 15 percent," said Bugg. "The establishment of online voting was a big help in this accomplishment, along with very good publicity."

The Elections Commission will have online and traditional ballot voting available for students all around campus. Schafer explained that the "VoteMobile" will be back this

year. "We plan on having a roaming poll site with laptops to make voting convenient wherever you happen to be on campus," she said. "There will be computers at the Atrium as well as in the library. Online voting has become increasingly popular. Less than 5 percent of the votes last year were the traditional paper ballot."

NCSU students are responding to the voting frenzy. Courtney Davis, a sophomore in public relations, hopes more of her peers will vote.

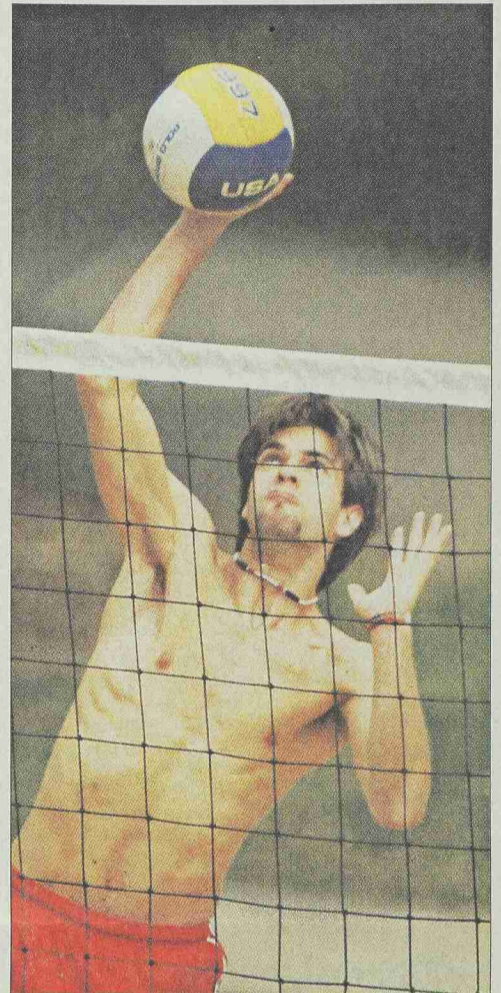
"I am voting because I care about the future of this university," Davis said. "A good student body president can really help our school grow and develop, and I think it is really important that as many students vote as possible."

Thomas Royer, a sophomore in political science, feels that a student's vote is very significant.

"Voting is one of the only sources students have to let the Board of Trustees know how we feel on current issues," he said. "It is important to vote for a candidate who is dynamic and compassionate about NCSU and the student

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## Spike it



Andrew Hawley, a freshman in parks and recreation management, takes advantage of a sunny weekend to spike the ball on Tucker Beach. "Any time it's sunny we'll play volleyball. Tucker Beach is the place to be." Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

## Fire safety awareness could be critical to students' safety

*Students may not like restrictions banning candles in residence halls, but these rules can prevent serious fires.*

**Mary Garrison**  
Staff Reporter

While most students are busy discussing GPAs, searching for summer internships or simply looking for the next party, an important, yet overlooked, topic remains relevant to students' everyday lives — fire safety.

In January 2000, a fire set at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, took the lives of three students and injured 54 others. The fire, which was started at freshman dormitory Boland Hall, spread quickly from the third floor to the sixth floor.

Andrew Landers, former resident of Boland Hall, saw some women trying to escape from a window. "They were screaming and they were trapped," Landers said. "They looked like they had nowhere to go and they were hanging out the window because the whole floor that they were in was filled with smoke, black smoke."

Fortunately, N.C. State has not had any deaths result from fires here on campus. That is due, in part, to the excellent Fire Protection Division here on campus, under the leadership of fire marshal Russ Bisbee and deputy fire marshals Reno Vello, Billy Barnes, Brian Polk and Michael Fickel.

The departmental focuses are to prevent the loss of life and property at the university. They strive to protect students, faculty, staff, guests, and property during hazardous and life threatening incidents while providing efficient and courteous response in emergency situations. The group also promotes fire safety through awareness education.

For the prevention of fires, smokers who live in smoke-free dorms should never smoke in bed or near flammable materials. They should use ashtrays and ensure that ashes, matches and lit cigarettes are cold before disposal. Appliances should be attended at all times while cooking, and appliances should remain clean from grease and flammable substances. Circuits should never be overloaded with appliances, and damaged wires should never be

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## Service Raleigh reaches record turnout

*Service Raleigh brought a record 2,700 students out to perform service projects throughout Raleigh.*

**Jessica Gluck**  
Staff Reporter

Doughnuts, laughter, free T-shirts, music by Wolfgrass — all these kicked off the beginning of the sixth annual Service Raleigh event held Saturday. More than 2,700 people met at the Brickyard Saturday morning to help in city-wide service.

"We hope a seed is planted in each of you to keep up the service," said Service North Carolina Co-chair Brad Adams during the 9 a.m. kickoff to the event.

In particular, a large number of Greek Life students found themselves in the Brickyard at 8 a.m. Saturday. Service Raleigh is one of the events of Greek Week, in which each organization that has at least 10 percent participation receives points towards the Greek Week competition. Greek Life was assigned to "campus cleanup." Split into numerous smaller groups, tasks such as picking up trash, clean-

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Kristen Weaver, Yee Thao and Sarah Sawyer represent N.C. State as they volunteer with Service Raleigh on Saturday. Their group cleaned up a roadway at Lake Crabtree near the airport. Staff Photo by Carl Hudson

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WEATHER



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## Student Government Elections Voter Guide

### Student Body President

#### Cliff Ray



Junior  
Business Management

I would first like to thank everyone that has helped to make this experience enjoyable for myself and everyone else involved. I look forward to seeing our Student Body United, and once again re-implementing the activities that bring our diverse campus community together to establish a cohesive and welcoming Student Body. Lastly, I hope that our campus has been made more aware of how to get involved not only in Student Government, but most importantly events on and off campus such as Dance Marathon and Service Raleigh.

[www.votefcliff.com](http://www.votefcliff.com)

#### Dustin Choe



Senior  
Aerospace Engineering

First of all, my number one priority next year is to serve the students of NCSU. Next is getting students "in the know." I feel that the biggest problem on campus is that people don't know, and when you don't know, you really can't do anything about it. Also, we need to bring back and start traditions to this university. I am currently working to start a campout for the UNC football game this fall.

[www.dchoe.com](http://www.dchoe.com)

#### Amanda Devore



Junior  
Accounting

After over three years of continued tuition increases and budget cuts at our University, students need a leader that will approach the problem with feasible solutions and will be tough on the administration. I want to fight for the concerns of each student at NC State and work tirelessly for improvements. I would encourage all of you to read my ideas and experience on my website, [www.voteamanda.com](http://www.voteamanda.com), and vote Amanda Devore, a candidate of substance.

[www.voteamanda.com](http://www.voteamanda.com)

#### Tony Caravano



Junior  
Criminology

I hope to stand out from other candidates because my platform includes the major themes discussed by my other three competitors, while also branching out to cover new areas of student life. I am passionate about this position and I will bring great energy and dedication to the office of Student Body President, as I hope you saw last week in the Brickyard. Last, I would like to thank all of those who have worked with this campaign and also those who have shown their support in the past two months! Remember to vote and X Tony Caravano in the ballot box today or tomorrow!

[www.votetony.com](http://www.votetony.com)

### UAB President

#### James Reed



Masters Student  
Textile Engineering

Students, friends, voters, I have begun and wish to continue to forge the resource of the UAB as the programming body for the campus, not a student organization that you are in competition with over student involvement but a body that is a tool for students. The Union president presides over BOTH the Union Activities Board and the UAB Board Of Directors for the all student centers and annexes. The office garners the importance of the SBP. Reed, then vote.

#### Ted Gellar



Senior  
History

What has the union done for you? This year, most students answer "nothing," "not enough," or "I don't know." It is time for change in the union, and I will bring it, through accessible, well-publicized, programming featuring student participants, through increased support of the arts program, through reorienting the student centers on the students, and through the encouragement of a broader conception of diversity. As union president, I will put the YOU back in union.

### Student Senate President

#### Lock Whiteside



Freshman  
Political Science

I am committed to unifying the Senior Class as well as keeping up with existing traditions. I have already mentioned plans such as an e-mail list and "Senior Night" which I intend to implement. We've all come a long way toward graduation, and I intend to make our senior experience memorable. Regardless of whether you vote for me or not, PLEASE VOTE!

[www.votelock.com](http://www.votelock.com)

#### Erich Fabricius



Senior  
Chemical Engineering

The senate must be a knowledgeable body. It must continue to improve its relations with other decision-making and representative groups in order to respond to emerging issues effectively. If elected, I look forward to working with the senators to accomplish that as they tackle the issues of their constituencies. It's not about one president telling 64 senators what to do; it's about 64 senators telling one president what to do.

[www.efab.org](http://www.efab.org)

#### Jamie Pendergrass



Junior  
Biology

Please vote, even if you don't elect me, please vote. Keep in mind when you vote that if you would like a senate president that will serve the students' interests, talk to the students and get senators to talk to students, and be a powerful voice to the administration, then vote Jamie Pendergrass for senate president.

[www.jamiep.net](http://www.jamiep.net)

### Student Body Treasurer

#### Seth Lester



Lifelong Education

By voting for me, you're voting for a qualified and experienced treasurer candidate who will not only excel in the role as student body treasurer, but will also remain dedicated to the student body, working for students on many fronts, including, of course, being the best darn chief financial officer I can be. Please feel free to visit my Web page at [www.sethlester.com](http://www.sethlester.com), and don't forget to vote informed!

[www.sethlester.com](http://www.sethlester.com)

#### Abdullah Tharpe



Sophomore  
Marketing Education

My platform to serve the office of treasurer is to simply bring NCSU together, from the students to the faculty and university administration. As treasurer, I will make it my sole duty to guarantee that every organization, regardless of race, creed or purpose, is fairly given student body funds for the organizations. Finally, as treasurer, if I don't do anything else, I make it my sole privilege to have an open-door policy to all students at this university.

[www4.ncsu.edu/~aatharpe](http://www4.ncsu.edu/~aatharpe)

### Student Chief Justice

#### Sean Casey



Senior  
Biochemistry

Hey kids. I simply want to express my desire to work with you, the students, as well as faculty and administration to create a comfortable environment in which to live, learn, and grow. Please know that in the forthcoming year, any of you can come up to my office in Witherspoon if you have any questions about the Student Code of Conduct, NCSU's judicial process, or how to get involved with the Judicial Board.

### Senior Class President

#### Anup Shah



Senior  
Electrical Engineering

I am committed to unifying the Senior Class as well as keeping up with existing traditions. I have already mentioned plans such as an e-mail list and "Senior Night" which I intend to implement. We've all come a long way toward graduation, and I intend to make our senior experience memorable. Regardless of whether you vote for me or not, PLEASE VOTE! Thanks.

# Government may grade colleges

#### Natalie J. Mikhail

Badger Herald  
U. Wisconsin

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — A new proposal to the Higher Education Act may require colleges to submit an annual "institutional report card" that would measure a college's performance. The Career College Association, the major lobbying group representing for-profit colleges, is asking Congress to force colleges to publish a report assessing their successes in retaining and graduating students and in preparing students for life beyond the campus.

The organization also says the report cards would give students and parents a new guide to colleges when going through the application process.

The information would be slightly more than the data already found in college guidebooks by providing "tangible" information about a particular school, its mission, goals, and objectives; what it purports to do; and its success in doing that. Colleges would also have to present "outcome measures," which would list factors such as job-placement rates, average starting salaries, graduate- and professional-school admissions data, passage rates of students on competency tests, student and alumni satisfaction surveys and employer-satisfaction surveys.

University of Wisconsin sophomore Amy Snyder had mixed feelings about the overall value of a more concrete grading system for college applicants.

"It would probably be a good thing for colleges to have to self-evaluate themselves," Snyder said. "But overall, things like that didn't make much of a difference to me. I think you're going to go where you want to go regardless."

The emphasis on accountability has alarmed higher-education lobbyists and leaders who suspect the Bush administration intends to crank up the govern-

ment's oversight of colleges. While the leading higher-education associations say they would support efforts by the government to make data more widely available to students, they do not offer their own proposals to answer concerns from the administration and some lawmakers about the quality of their institutions.

College officials and lobbyists' reactions to the association's proposal have been tepid. Some say they are not concerned about the plan because it would not impose major new reporting requirements on colleges. Others object to the notion of the federal government's ranking or grading colleges, especially when its judgments would be based on a small set of variables that officials say fail to capture the true strengths of their institutions.

Snyder agrees, saying she worries about how such specific information could be distorted.

"A bad year could skew the performance of a school that really does have a good reputation," Snyder said.

Jacob Stampen, UW professor of educational administration, said the general concept is good, but the way it stands now can lead to several dangers for higher-education institutions. He fears the proposal is too narrow and could be counter-productive.

"A narrow interpretation of this stuff is a rigid definition of what it means, and can do more harm than good for everyone," Stampen said. "It puts arbitrary expectations on institutions that they will behave that way when that would be the wrong way to behave. Flexibility is important to delivering good outcomes and this proposal removes flexibility."

Stampen thinks the grading system will have minimal effect on UW and could have good or bad implications, dependant on how it is implemented.

Monday's clue for the Medallian Hunt is:

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body?" Carty and others feel students can have a significant impact when it comes to campus and state issues.

"With 30,000 students in union, we could elect city officials and have a significant voice in state elections," Carty said. "A strong Student Government, backed by a significant por-

tion of students, can act with a greater influence to bring the opinions and concerns of students, who are citizens of Raleigh and [North Carolina], to the administration, the city and the state."

Students can vote at D.H. Hill Library, Centennial Campus, Caldwell Lounge, Nelson Hall, Mann Hall and outside Carmichael Gymnasium by the tennis courts. Computers will be set up at polling stations at

the Atrium and in front of Mann Hall. Fountain and Clark dining halls will also be voting sites during the evening hours.

Computers in Talley Student Center (Macintosh computers on stands) will have a link to the voting site. Polls opened at midnight last night and will continue through April 8. Students can also vote online at <http://vote.ncsu.edu> by logging in with their unity ID.

# Supreme Court considers affirmative action

Carolyn Polinsky  
DC Bureau

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — A landmark Supreme Court ruling on whether race can be used in university admissions processes could come in July.

That comes as the Court heard arguments this week from lawyers representing students who say the University of Michigan's ranking system, in which minority students receive higher priority in the admissions process, is unconstitutional.

Thousands of protestors rallied outside the Supreme Court Wednesday as justices spent two hours debating admissions policies and questioning lawyers for each side.

Inside, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who is considered a swing vote, wondered why race couldn't be a consideration in determining who gets into law school, since many factors are given weight.

"I think we have given recognition to the use of race in a variety of settings," O'Connor said.

However, she noted that there didn't seem to be an end to the University of Michigan's policy and said other affirmative action programs upheld by the court had a "fixed time period ... (where) you could see an end to it."

The cases Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger challenge the university's law school and undergraduate admissions policies in which African American, Native American and Latino students are given special consideration or extra points on a ranking system. The University maintains that affirmative action is used in order to ensure a more diverse student body.

Plaintiffs believe that the University of Michigan has gone too far in making allowances for race. The White House lent its voice to the debate earlier this year by filing a brief against the university's policies.

Justice Antonin Scalia did not sympathize with the university, saying that it had created an institution so hard to get into that "the Constitution's prohibition of distribution on the basis of race" had to be disregarded for a diverse student body to be in place.

The upcoming ruling will be the first ruling by the Supreme Court on affirmative action in 25 years. In addition to having an impact on all federally funded education institutions, it will affect businesses and the armed forces. Some former military officials say that affirmative action is necessary to ensure that all races are represented in military academies and it may also be vital for national security, they believe.

Dr. Holly Brasher, a political science professor at George Washington University, said it is hard to predict the outcome of the case. She said while it may be hard to determine how O'Connor will vote, she thinks the Court will side with those seeking to end the University of Michigan's policy.

She believes "most universities are committed to diversity and there are other ways of ensuring it" besides affirmative action. She added that schools have the option of creating systems similar to the one in Texas in which the top 10 percent of students from individual high schools are guaranteed admissions into college.

## SAFETY

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in use. Immediately replace damaged cords and wires.

The use of candles and incense is not permitted on NCSU's campus. A fire in Berry Residence Hall in 2001 resulted from the illegal use of candles. Fortunately, no students were injured. Outdoor barbecue grills should be attended at all times. Furniture, materials or storage items should never block exits.

All exits must remain clear in case of a fire or an emergency.

In case of a fire, the fire alarm should be activated upon discovery of the fire. Residents in close proximity of the fire should be alerted also. If a fire alarm sounds, the building should be evacuated immediately, and all doors should be closed to delay and prevent the spread of the fire. If there is any smoke, crawl to prevent the ingestion of smoke and other harmful substances.

Of the 54 injured student at the Seton Hall incident, the injuries consisted primarily of burned skin and complications due to smoke inhalation. If there is a fire on campus, contact public safety at 5-3333 or use a blue-light emergency phone in case of a fire. Once you have escaped a fire, do not re-enter.

For more information about fire safety on campus, visit [http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/public\\_safety/fire/](http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/public_safety/fire/).

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ing highways, and other community service duties were assigned.

Delta Zeta sorority was one such group. After one organization failed to show up, the sorority members were assigned to their task of putting up fliers advertising for United Way's newest service, "2-1-1," which provides free access to health and human services information and referrals.

"I don't get a chance to partic-

ipate in university-wide community service, and this was a great way to benefit my community," said Delta Zeta President Kim Vershave. "It was also a great way to get out and meet people outside of the Greek community."

"It's important for everyone to get involved on campus and show their care about the university and city," said Katie Blackwell, a member of Delta Zeta.

Phi Kappa Tau also was among the many organizations to participate.

"It's a philanthropy project we like to do each year," said Ben Edwards. "It's important for our fraternity to stay involved on campus."

About half the members of the fraternity cleaned the beltline, picking up trash for about two hours.

"It was a good way for us to all get together and be helpful," he said.

The PAMS college council painted the exterior of a local charity, Owen Hall residents cleaned up trash around campus. Many organizations served the city in various ways, including a group that planted flowerbeds at Doreatha Dix Hospital.

The Park Scholars organized the event in conjunction with Student Government. Event Co-chairs Kate Dulaney, Allison Hauser and Daniel Pickett have been organizing the project since this summer. Their efforts include the work of five different committees and numerous behind-the-scenes volunteers.

"[The objective was] to get everyone out there that could and to provide a service to the city of Raleigh," said Hauser after the kickoff ceremonies.

Hauser said there is always room to improve, especially with the logistics of registration, but



Elham Barick (right), a sophomore in biology, and Rachel Craft, a sophomore at Enloe High School, help out with Service Raleigh by picking up cigarette butts outside Harrelson Hall this past Saturday. "I'm glad to be helping out," says Craft. Staff photo by Carl Hudson



Dan Roberts of Cary cleans up the sidewalks outside of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in downtown Raleigh on Saturday. Dan said Service Raleigh is "A worthwhile cause. It's the least I could do." Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

to have more than 2,700 students involved was great.

Already, though, Service Raleigh has spread out to the rest of North Carolina. The project Adams co-chairs, Service North Carolina, is an extension of Service Raleigh that was held Saturday across the state involving more than 15,000 students at different college campuses. Service North Carolina is

modeled on the ideals and objectives of the successful Service Raleigh. This year, Service North Carolina involved private and public campuses. UNC-Chapel Hill did grounds work, while East Carolina University worked with the children's cancer ward at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the Build-a-Bear Corporation. Groups at N.C. State spent most

of the day outside planting trees and flowers and helping out area partners. More than 70 area partners were involved with the city-wide project.

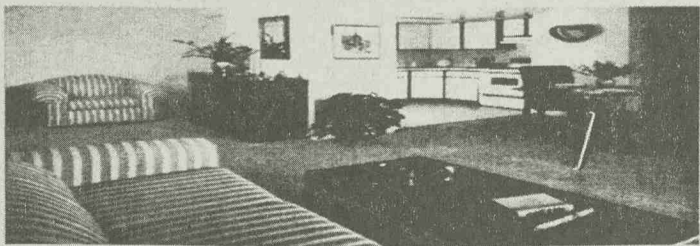
Before the groups separated to complete their projects of the day Saturday, Hauser echoed the sentiment that has made Service Raleigh such a success: "I hope you keep coming back!"

## CORRECTION

Friday's Technician incorrectly identified Registrar Louis Hunt as chairman of the committee responsible for selecting a commencement speaker. In fact, Hunt is the coordinator of commencement.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Technician Endorses...

**Editor's Note:** Five Technician editors with the backing of the editorial board met with each of the student body president and Student Senate president candidates on Sunday to decide upon the following endorsements. The editors in attendance were Carie Windham (Co-Editor in Chief), Thushan Amarasiriwardena (Co-Editor in Chief), Anna Edens (News Editor), Joel Isaac Frady (Arts & Entertainment Editor) and Michele DeCamp (Opinion Editor). After meeting with the candidates, they discussed and came to a consensus to endorse the following students:

#### Student Body President: AMANDA DEVORE



This is not going to be an easy year for students to vote on a student body president. Hopefully, most of the student body has become at least minimally familiar with each candidate's platform, and, if so, they have probably come to the conclusion that our university has turned out four very qualified individuals for this one position. It is our hope that whichever candidate wins will invite his or her opponents to work for the executive branch of Student Government. Together they could become a strong core of student representatives and leaders for N.C. State.

But one student must win and with that in mind, Technician would like to formally endorse Amanda Devore for student body president. She has spent her three years at NCSU becoming involved with the very organizations that she will need to communicate with in order to be an effective student leader. She has also campaigned with a platform that will be possible for her to work on during her time in office.

Devore's position as vice president of finance for the UNC Association of Student Governments has given her a real-

istic outlook on how NCSU can keep tuition costs at bay but also continue to avoid budget shortfalls that negatively affect students.

She intends on taking real student stories to the UNC Board of Governors, so they will hopefully see the implications of their decisions on NCSU students. Her platform also stresses the importance of student traditions such as Homecoming, more communication between Student Government and its peers and the relationship between major North Carolina governing bodies and NCSU.

Devore has also participated in a number of activities that have helped her maintain a well-rounded understanding of the importance of different groups on campus. She has done everything from play a varsity sport to help manage major community service initiatives. Her time with such activities has given her a full perspective of student life at NCSU.

She is a confident and driven student leader who is both frank and knowledgeable about her background, campaigning and goals. She presents herself as someone who will be able to network with both alumni and administration to enact change for NCSU. She is truly "working for students," and we believe she is the best candidate for the student body president position.

#### Student Senate President: JAMIE PENDERGRASS



The Student Senate has received the sometimes unfair but sometimes accurate stereotype of spending a lot of time arguing over parliamentary procedure during senate meetings. Technician believes that Jamie Pendergrass will work toward eliminating the unnecessary motions and inner turmoil occurring in the senate chambers. We believe that his experience and sincerity will make him an effective president.

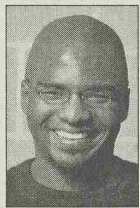
He has addressed the fact that the senate does not generally represent N.C. State's student body. All of the colleges have senators, but many students are not even aware that these positions exist. Pendergrass plans on going to major organizations on campus and informing their members about the opportunities that exist in the senate and hopefully spurring new students to try to obtain positions.

He is also concerned with making his position a bigger part of the executive branch of Student Government. Many students may not realize that the Student Senate president acts as the vice-president of the student body. He plans on fostering communication by creating a Senate President Roundtable that will combine the senate leaders and committee chairs with the College Council presidents in an environment where they will be able to directly address issues. Pendergrass also wants to hold senators accountable for meeting with their respective college councils and peers to ensure that they will be true representatives.

It is so easy for candidates to present well-articulated platforms, but it takes someone with experience and true sincerity to enact change. Pendergrass said in his Technician interview that he was a "2 for 1" deal; he had the experience of one of his competitors and the communication skills of the other. We concur that Pendergrass combines the best traits of his fellow candidates, and we choose him as our pick for Student Senate president.



### Final thoughts on race



**Decker Ngongang**  
Staff Columnist

My last column caused a lot of controversy, and I received almost 50 credible e-mails, which I am slowly trying to reply to. I think the feedback and the anger my article elicited is a sign that there is a real need for a dialogue on race. Not some political forum organized by the administration but something that will allow people to let it all out. Many people vented their true feelings in the aftermath of my article, and I expect many more to do so. I don't apologize for anything I said in my article, as it is my opinion and no terms within my article were used outside of their dictionary reference.

White males are ignorant; I still stand by this statement (clearly the one which got me in "trouble" with people). Many have asked why I didn't say that people of color and women are equally as ignorant to the "plight" of white males. I am a black person, and since this is an opinion column I am writing from my perspective that social institutions are created to imply whiteness as innate and in that I may not know being white, I must "know" it to navigate this country's institutions.

The remnants of slavery, Jim Crow, women's rights abuse, and educational segregation are very real issues that almost every level of our society recognizes as a cause of inequality today. Since in our school systems we are not taught the very essence of these atrocities, we cannot fully understand the effect they have on our current society. I assume people of color "know how it is" because they are the ones who suffer the effects of these educational and social inequalities within today's society. This is where I derive my concept of ignorance (destitute lack of knowledge:

Webster's dictionary). Yes, I make an assumption, but no greater an assumption than saying racism or sexism is over when you are a part of the dominant class. It's like a doctor who says you are OK, yet you still feel pain.

To those who have said that my article was horrible and a disgrace to their student fees: I suggest you find a different university. This university's policy on "diversity" recognizes a fundamental need for the inclusion of certain underrepresented races and genders within the educational environment. My editors informed me that a student plans on taking some sort of action on my article. I ask him or her to read the First Amendment.

Chancellor Fox and her office of equal opportunity have both reiterated the legal right for me to write my article, and they also acknowledge the differences I assume through my breakdown of diversity as privilege and non-privilege.

To those of you who have a problem with me calling white males ignorant, I suggest you take issue with the national classification of diversity. I believe it exists under the premise that there are certain groups that have experiences not had by others. As Peggy McIntosh said so eloquently in her piece she presented on campus last week, "As a white person, I realized I had been taught about racism as something that puts others at a disadvantage, but had not been taught to see one of its corollary aspects, white privilege, which puts me at an advantage." I think those angry about my assertions probably take issue with the role of the Women's Center, the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs, the Chancellor's Office, Center for Student Leadership and Ethics and the Union Activities Board. They all receive parts of your tuition money and they all supported this event, which

provided the foundation and impetus for my article.

As a male I am taught through the little history they present on the women's rights movement that women were disadvantaged, but until I truly understand that I now have an advantage, whether or not I participated in the subjugation of women, it is destined to repeat itself. Many e-mailed me saying I had no idea what women go through, and my article last week assumed I did. I understand that sentiment, but I never said I would know what it is like to be a woman every day. However, I DO understand the advantage I have being a

male, and I continuously work to acknowledge and to divest as much as I can of that unjustified birthright for the betterment of disadvantaged females.

White males that I called ignorant, it is true that a lot of you didn't do anything to contribute to slavery, Jim Crow, or sexism within our society's history. I am not advocating racism against whites, and I make no assertions of superiority. I simply want the boundaries of our American experience broadened to include those who are underrepresented. I love this country; it is one of the best in the world, but it is in no way perfect. Isn't challenging my country part of making it better? It's not a matter of doing some community service or getting rid of material possessions. It took me studying the men's program in health promotions to realize my male ignorance and the almost innate advantage I have. And it will take those in power in our society to create institutions that break down the perpetuation of ignorance by truly being educated on our country's past and its connection to our future.

*I don't apologize for anything I said in my article, as it is my opinion.*

If you would like to add any comments to Decker's growing e-mail box, respond at [dngongang@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:dngongang@unity.ncsu.edu)

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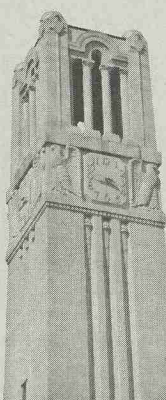
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### N.C. State needs a general college



**Andrew Payne**  
Staff Columnist

N.C. State's graduation rate is always a hot topic among administrators. Our graduation rates pale in comparison to those of UNC-Chapel Hill and our peer institutions around the country. The university administration has been working to improve these rates, which ultimately have tremendous impacts on rankings like The U.S. News and World Report's. Unfortunately, the major initiative that has been the product of this effort is the Progress Toward Degree Policy.

The policy reads as follows: "The objective of this regulation is to encourage timely matriculation into degree programs and reasonable progress towards graduation. The records of students not meeting minimum university require-

ments for satisfactory progress will be flagged and notification will be sent to the student and to relevant academic college(s)/department(s), that a progress review resulting in a final determination of satisfactory or unsatisfactory academic progress must be made at the department level. If it is determined in the progress review that a student has failed to make satisfactory progress toward undergraduate degree completion, the student will be placed on 'Progress Warning' status for one semester. Failure to reinstate satisfactory progress status during the semester on progress warning will result in loss of status as a degree-seeking student."

This sounds great, but will it really improve graduation rates? The policy appears to be another bureaucratic hurdle that students will have to face in order to graduate. Why are we trying to reinvent the wheel?

Why not look to our peers and sister institution down the road?

The answer is there — NCSU needs a general college.

Please do not get this confused with a general studies degree, which I do not support. My proposal would mean that all NCSU undergraduates would spend their first two years in the general college, which would include a curriculum of general education requirements and classes in the field(s) the student wishes to matriculate to. This would be an ex-

stensive expansion of the First Year College, but with a new name. Unfortunately the First Year College has a stigma attached to it which simply is not true. Statistics have shown that students in the First Year College do as well as, if not better than, their counterparts in the other colleges. Our methodology at NCSU is flawed,

*When a high school senior fills out an application, the university is setting that student up for failure.*

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## No fun if you're under 21



**Abbie Byrom**  
Staff Columnist

Every weekend, my roommates and I set out to find something mildly entertaining in Raleigh. One would think that since this is a city with several colleges and thousands

of students under 21, there might be something on the weekends to do that doesn't only apply to the 21-and-up crowd.

Now, I know that there are things to do. There are always movies, a play, a nice dinner out, and even a few nightclubs that allow students under 21 to come in on weekends. Those clubs however, are few and far between.

I think this is a problem in our town, and many others for that matter. I am a junior who has not yet hit that great birthday of 21—neither has either of my roommates. The problem is that most of our friends are already 21 or older. When the weekend comes around, it means fun for them, and hopefully we'll find fun as well.

Unless I am looking at it the wrong way, this seems like an easy problem to solve. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, there are many clubs that have a College Night for those who are 18 and up. If you are under 21, everyone knows the drill because we have all been there or still are. We walk around branded with the great big black Xs, but at least we get to hang out with all of our friends.

However, some students don't necessarily want to start their weekends on Wednesday or Thursday, and we would prefer to be able to hang out with our friends on Friday and Saturday. There are numerous clubs and bars to visit on the weekends, but only if you are over 21. Why can't these bars and clubs just put the Xs on our hands and charge us more?

We're willing to pay it, because we have been paying more just for being younger since our freshman year anyway. The result of not having anything to do is that people end up looking for ways to entertain themselves, and usually find trouble.

This past weekend, some of my neighbors decided it would be fun to push over the dumpsters in our parking lot and then throw cases of empty beer cans all over their front yard. It has been proven for years that when teenagers and adolescents don't have anything to keep them actively engaged for a period of time, they go looking for something to do. Sometimes they may become involved with drugs, getting into trouble and anything else they can think of to keep themselves entertained. I have learned that it is the same way for college students.

My suggestion is that the clubs

and bars around here open up to those of us who are under 21. Draw all over our hands, watch us all night long to make sure we don't do anything wrong—but let us have a good time with all of our friends. It makes better weekends for us, and the clubs and bars can make more money.

Of course, we could always stick with the fake ID plan—which may not always work, but it works more often than not. Then all of these businesses that don't let us in unless they fall for our fake

IDs just put themselves at risk. Sure enough, if a fake gets someone in, that person will most likely use it to drink, and if the underage person is caught then the nightclub or bar's liquor license could be revoked and the business possibly forced to close. It seems like just letting us in with the Xs is a better, much lower-risk idea.

The fact remains though, no fun if you are under 21. I doubt we will see solutions to any of these problems in the near future, but my roommates and I definitely hope so.

*If you have any ideas of things to do on the weekend if you are under 21, e-mail Abbie at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.*

*Draw X's all over our hands, but let us have a good time with our friends.*

### PAYNE

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and our graduation rates will not considerably improve without dramatic changes. When a high school senior fills out an application, the university is setting that student up for failure. It makes entirely no sense for someone in high school to choose a major before that person has had the opportunity to experience all the programs and disciplines the university has to offer.

Some would argue that, by allowing freshman to choose their degree program, NCSU puts them on a faster curriculum track. This would be accomplished in a general college. New students identify a degree program that they are interested in, and then the students and their advisors tailor each student's class schedule to meet the matriculation requirements for that department.

If a student is trying to decide between two disciplines, the general college offers the student the opportunity to create a plan to

take classes in both subjects, with the classes ultimately counting toward both degrees. Students in a single college now have difficulty in doing this because college-specific advisors know very little about other departments.

To make matters worse, college-specific freshmen are placed in large introductory classes like E 100 or ALS 100 where they are asked to narrow down their degree even further. Often, the only information conveyed in those classes is so broad based that students walk away more confused than they were when they began. When I took E 100 (introduction to engineering for freshmen), the instructor displayed an overhead with the starting salaries of the different engineering types and then asked us to choose which one we wanted to do. Never did the instructor offer detailed explanations on the specific engineering degree programs. This is no way to introduce new students to NCSU.

So, in the end, students matriculate into a degree but find out that is not for them and then

they change majors, which ultimately throws off their graduation date. Although I have not seen statistics on this, I would venture to say NCSU has one of the highest internal transfer rates among its peers.

Besides improving graduation rates and lessening internal transfer rates, a general college also would improve the allocation of resources, allow greater management of program growth and be a platform to more fully integrate diversity into the curriculum. I would even go as far as to say that with a general college the entire undergraduate experience would be enhanced which, in the end, would increase alumni giving to academic programs.

Let's embrace the general-college concept and enhance it with the unique and best qualities of the First Year College program. It's time for change in NCSU's approach to the first two years of an undergraduate's tenure.

*E-mail questions and comments to andrewpayne@wknc.org*

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#### Ode to Matt D.

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Dean didn't want you, said, "don't lose your players." Instead of a team

you created naysayers. Not PC to dis your players to the press, And blame THEM completely for lack of success.

But cheer up, big guy. You're a helluva feller. In 3 short years you put the Heels in the cellar. And we're honestly sorry to see you go, Cause against UNC,

we were 2 and 0.

There once was a coach named Matt, Who basically s--- in his hat. To the press, "They're not trying, In spite of my crying." Kept losing, he's gone. And that's that.

*John David Reece, Jr.  
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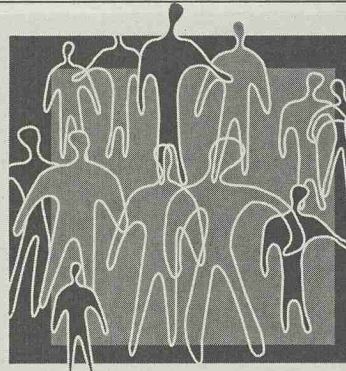
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## Golf cards top-10 finish

In a talented field at the Cleveland Golf/Augusta Invitational, N.C. State finished seventh overall behind the individual play of Justin Walters.

Sports staff report

Seniors Jason Moon and Justin Walters fired rounds of 69 and 68, respectively, in the final round of the Cleveland Golf/Augusta

Invitational to lead N.C. State to a seventh-place finish.

Walters, a Ben Hogan Award candidate, tied for fourth place overall with a 205, the third-lowest tournament total in school history. Walters holds the school record with a 202 at the Nelson Invitational this past fall, and he now has four of the six best tournament totals in the Wolfpack's prestigious golf history. Moon tied for 42nd with an even-par 216.

Stephen Lewton fired his second 70 in as many days to finish tied for 28th with a 213. Fernando Mechereffe carded a 75 to finish 5-over-par at 221 and in 67th place. Sophomore Rodney Thomas, who played his first tournament since breaking his arm, finished tied for 75th with a 224.

State returns to the course to co-host the 2003 Intercollegiate, which will be held at the Raleigh Country Club April 12-13.

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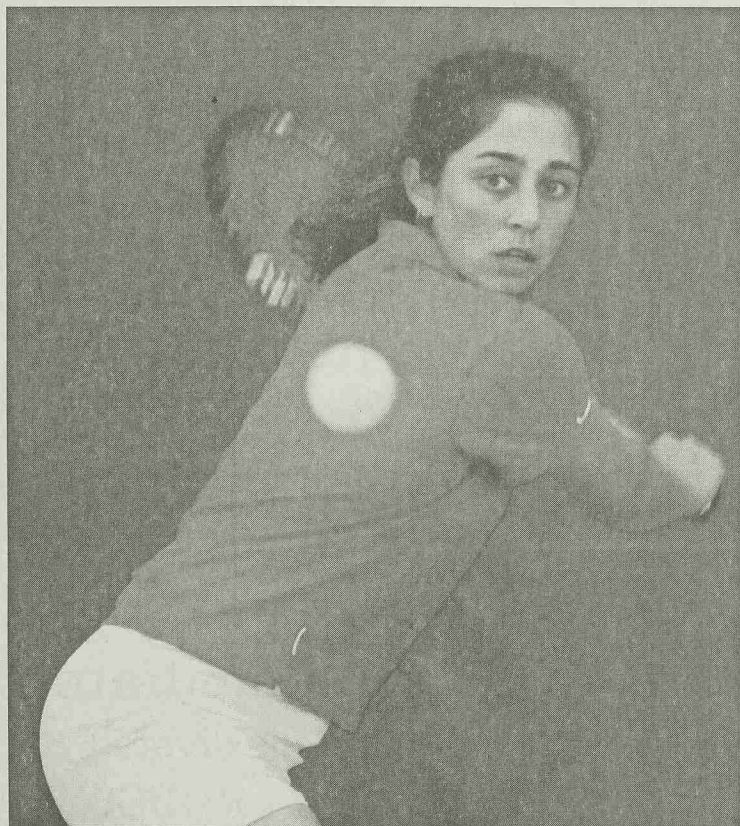
but they executed better."

Despite the loss, Olsen was pleased with the Pack's play, and praised the hard work and determination of his seniors, who he hopes will keep up their spirit as the season comes to a close at the end of April.

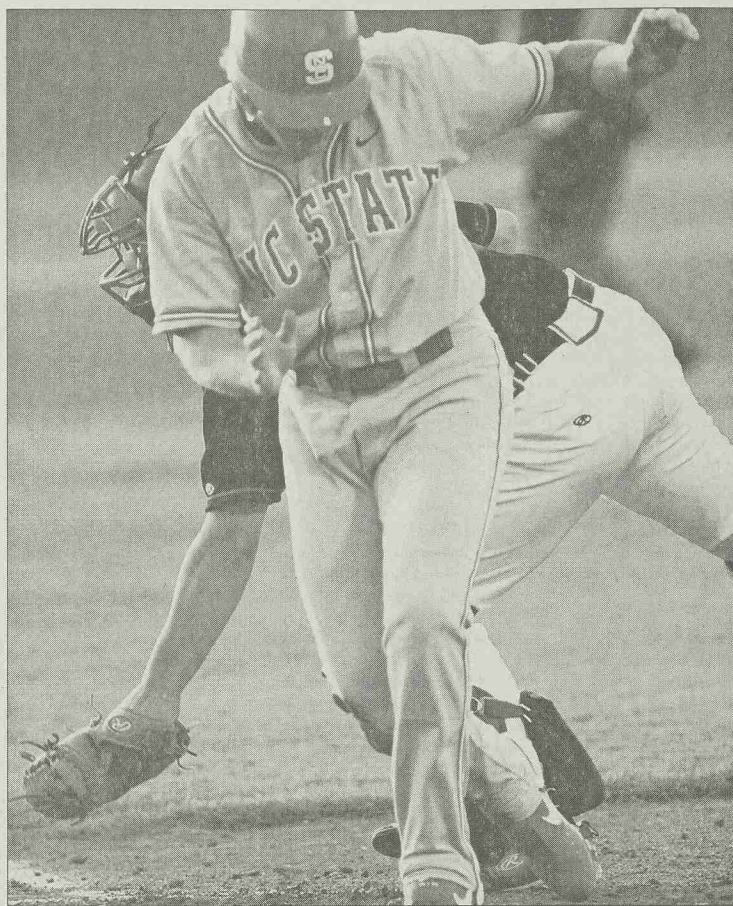
"I think the girls need to get a little bit more ready with their energy level right before the match starts,"

said Olsen. "Other than that I think everyone is playing well. We look good and with a slight adjustment [we'll be ready for our remaining matches]."

Sunday, the Pack bounced right back and took ACC foe Wake Forest to the brink before falling 4-3. Worsley rebounded for an easy singles win, as did Jassawalla and Bawono. The difference in the match proved to be the doubles play of the Demon Deacons, who swept all three matches to pick up the pivotal point.



Jennifer Jassawalla smacks a one-handed backhand in her team's loss to Furman. The junior rebounded to pick up a singles win against Wake Forest. Staff photo by Rob Bradley



Joe Gaetti notches one of State's 36 runs during the weekend series against Duke. Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

## BASEBALL

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actly what we wanted," said head coach Elliot Avent.

With a handful of professional scouts on hand, the right-handed Sterry continued his remarkable season despite having what he called just his "average stuff."

After Sterry pitched a perfect first inning, State jumped on Devils starter Kevin Thompson for two second-inning runs. Colt Morton led off the inning with a double before scoring on a David Hicks single to center field. Hicks, who later scored on a Matt Camp single, had 10 hits in the series.

The Devils (13-19, 0-8) battled back in the next two frames to take their only lead of the day, due in part to a slew of stolen bases and a costly Camp error.

State would not let that lead stand for long, however. Down 3-2 in the top of the fourth, J.R. Riley led off the inning with a

towering homer to left field, his fourth of the series.

Colt Morton was up next, and the catcher greeted Thompson with similar results — another home run to left.

"I was just watching [Riley] up there at bat and trying to get a feel for the pitcher...and it worked," said Morton.

After obtaining the two-run lead, Sterry hit cruise control and didn't allow another run, even managing to get out of a jam in the fifth inning after the Devils put runners on the corners with no outs.

"Even his average stuff is better than most people's great stuff," said Morton.

Sterry yielded to closer Joey Devine in the seventh, and the sidewinder then surrendered two hits and a run. With an RBI single by Tim Layden, the Devils drew to within 7-4 entering the final two innings.

State put the game away in the

eighth by batting around and scoring four runs in the process. Hicks led off the inning with a double before pulling up lame after an awkward slide into second base.

Two walks, a balk, several passed balls and a throwing error later, the Pack held an 11-4 lead. Devine pitched a perfect final two innings to seal the win.

"I wanted to put Joey in a situation that he's not very used to — having the lead," said Avent. "I wanted him to step in and see what he could do."

Devine picked up his ninth save of the season in Friday night's 9-6 State win to preserve a solid outing from Rogers.

State followed that squeaker with an all-too-easy 16-3 win on Saturday.

The Pack will venture back to Doak Field Wednesday night for a night affair with North Carolina A&T. The first pitch is slated for 7 p.m.

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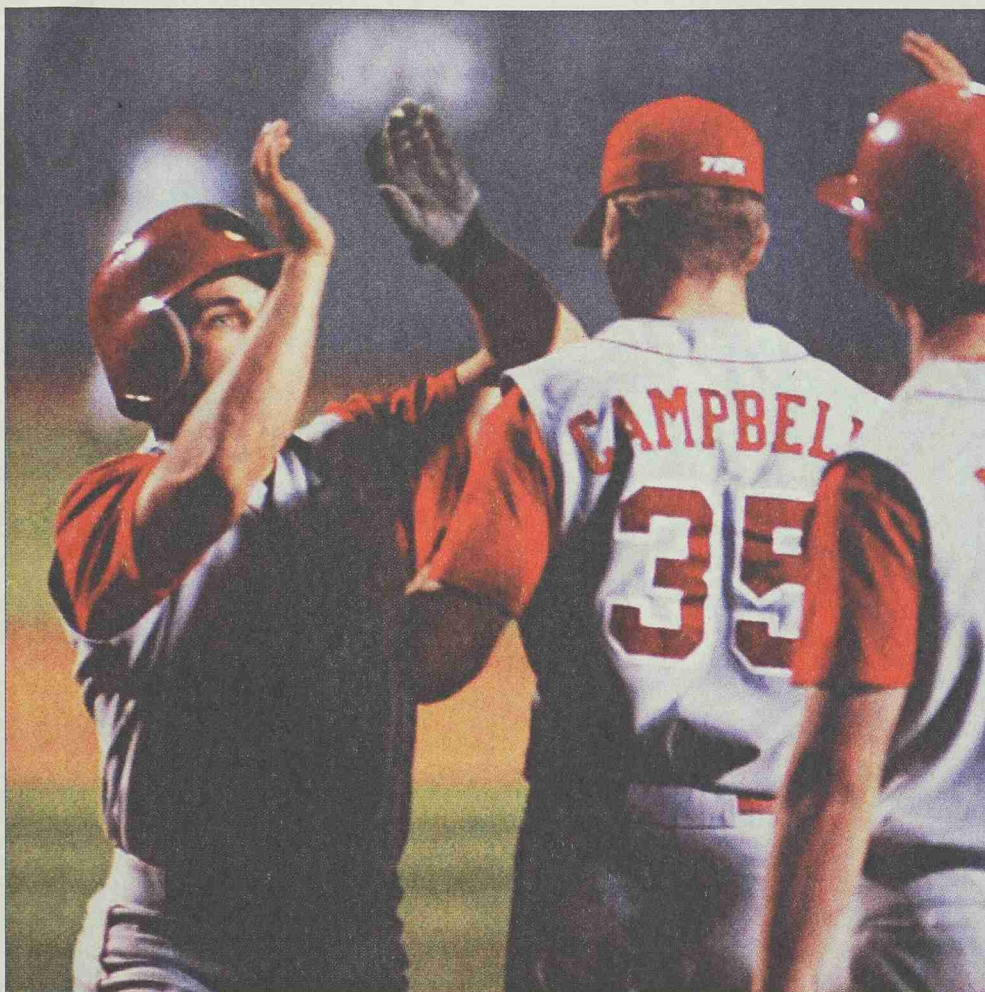


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## TECHNICIAN



J.R. Riley (far left) celebrates with his Wolfpack teammates after hitting one of his two home runs Friday night at Duke. Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

# Successful sweep for Wolfpack

**Matt Middleton**  
 Sports Editor

DURHAM — Duke's Jack Coombs Field is quietly nestled amongst the evergreen pine trees on Duke's West Campus just a half-

court shot away from historic Cameron Indoor Stadium. The facility holds a modest crowd of 2,000, most of which chooses to sit in the spring sunlight on the grassy hills rather than in the perma-

nent blue seats behind home plate.

As was the case Sunday afternoon, visiting fans generally outnumber the throng of Blue Devil supporters during ACC games; hence, it's not what

you would call an intimidating place to play. It feels more like a suburban park than an intimidating college baseball environment.

Yet the N.C. State baseball team has had all sorts of problems recently against a team that has exactly two winning ACC records since 1962. It has never swept the longtime cellar-dwellers of ACC baseball in a three-game series. Never, that is until Sunday.

Wolfpack pitcher Vern Sterry (8-0) struck out eight Devils and scattered seven hits in six innings of work, and State plated 11 runs on 14 hits to complete a three-game sweep of the Devils with an 11-

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4 win Sunday afternoon.

The Pack (27-7, 7-2 ACC) notched 36 runs in the three games, and each of its starting hurlers — Sterry, Michael Rogers and Nate Cretarolo — picked up a win. With the victory, the Pack moved into the upper third of the always-powerful ACC, behind only Georgia Tech (5-1) and Florida State (9-3).

"We had clutch hitting all weekend from pretty much everyone in the lineup, and our starters continued to give us ex-

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# Men's tennis topples Terps



Sophomore R.J. Murray had a come-from-behind win Sunday against Maryland. File Photo by Carl Hudson

The N.C. State men's tennis team picked up its first ACC win of the year Sunday against Maryland.

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The N.C. State men's tennis team looked shaky at times Sunday afternoon against Maryland, falling behind in many of the matches, yet it managed to come back and record a 5-2 victory over the Terrapins.

For State, it was the first conference victory of the season, moving its record to 5-12 this year. Maryland remains winless in conference and falls to 9-9. The Wolfpack victory avenges last year's loss to the Terrapins, the only conference victory Maryland has had in the last 11 years.

"It was good to win the match," said head coach Jon Choboy. "We had good efforts today to turn around matches."

Choboy made some changes in his doubles tandems for the match, switching the usual combination of freshmen Will Shaw and Chris Mills, pairing Shaw with junior Jon Davis and placing Mills with freshman Rehman Esmail.

"I think it creates better combinations for us," said Choboy. "But we didn't play as well at times today because people were still getting used to playing together."

The new combinations, however, proved effective in securing the doubles point for State. Esmail and Mills were successful in their first doubles match together, defeating Pierre Rudder and Greg Chambers in the No. 3 spot, 9-7. In the second match, Freshman Val Banada and sophomore R.J. Murray easily put away the Terrapins' Scott Peters and David Reichsfold, 8-2. Shaw and Davis dropped their doubles match 9-7 to Maryland's Chris Chiu and Troy Demers.

The singles matches proved to be a fight for State. Maryland came out and took early leads,

which energized a team that has struggled in conference play for several years.

"Maryland played with more energy and less fear than we did today," said Choboy. "They came out with a lot of positive emotion; that's something we talked about trying to do before the match."

State may have been slightly rattled, but the team came back strong to secure four of the six singles matches. The most impressive comeback of the day came in the No. 1 singles position when Murray found himself down 5-1 in the second set against Rudder after taking the first set 6-3. Murray then rallied to claim the victory by winning six straight games to pull out a 7-5 win.

"I always thought I could come back," said Murray. "I was pretty confident after I got that point from being down 5-1. I just took it one point at a time from there."

Banada was an exception to the comeback theme of the day, putting away Demers in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4. The win gave Banada a 9-11 record in singles play on the season. In the No. 2 singles match, Shaw fought hard but fell in the first set, losing the tiebreaker 7-6 (7-5) to Chiu. Shaw never really regained his composure in the second set and fell 6-4.

Davis needed three sets to pull out his victory over Peters in the fifth position, winning 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Mills fell in his first set in the sixth match but took control in the other two to secure a win against Rory Theis, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2. Esmail fell in his match at the No. 4 spot, dropping a closely contested battle to Reichsfold, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5).

State will travel to ECU this Friday to take on the Pirates at 2 p.m. State will then play two ACC matches at home over the weekend to conclude its regular season.

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**Dependable starters:** N.C. State's weekend rotation of Vern Sterry, Michael Rogers and Nate Cretarolo improved their combined record to 18-3 over the weekend.

**J.R. in charge:** Senior Justin Riley belted four homers in the series, including two in Friday's game.

# Women's tennis drops a pair

After rain ruined senior day, the women's tennis team then lost to Furman and to Wake Forest over the weekend.

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The thunderstorms that were not expected to wash away the two-inch accumulation of pollen on the ground until afternoon arrived early Saturday, spoiling senior day for the women's tennis team, which lost to Furman, 5-1.

Fans were invited to the Cary Tennis Center to cheer on State's three seniors (Myrna Bawono,

Landis Strader and Loni Worsley) as well as the rest of the Pack, and to enjoy a free hot dog and hamburger lunch.

The match was then moved to the Chapel Hill Tennis Club, State's home away from its home away from home. The free lunch was cancelled and Furman had just as strong a contingency as State, but Worsley said that the move didn't affect the outcome of the match.

"The rain pretty much sums up this whole year," said Worsley. "We've had rain for almost half our matches, so we're used to it."

In fact, State head coach Hans Olsen felt the Pack may have

caught a break from the downpours.

"We started just a couple of games," said Olsen. "Most courts played two, maybe three games, and then it just poured so we switched over here to the indoor courts."

"Actually, Furman started off really well, so we thought it was a good thing that the rain came."

But when the match resumed, twenty miles away and three hours later, Furman dominated the Pack.

The loan win came from sophomore Carmen Torres, who outlasted Furman's Lauren Welch, 7-5, 6-2.

Playing in the No. 1 singles spot, Kristin Lam fell to Mary Kovaric, 6-0, 6-1, and at No. 2, Danielle Stadelmann lost 6-2, 6-1.

Worsley and Natalie The played a marathon of a match. To decide the winner, a final tiebreaker was played, and although Worsley played well, she was bested 10-6.

In the four spot, Bawono fell 6-1, 6-4, and Jennifer Jassawalla had similar results in the five spot, losing 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles matches were not played.

"I think Furman just played a little better than we did today," said Olsen. "It was an even match,

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Senior Loni Worsley rolls her eyes in frustration during her closely contested match Saturday against Furman. Staff Photo by Rob Bradley