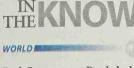
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Red Cross stops Baghdad operations

Operations Due to the "chaos" in Iraq, the International Com-titee of the Red Cross announced it would be temporarily halting its work in Baghdad. A Cana-dian Red Cross worker, Vatche Arlsarian, had been dilled in crossfire, and "clearly identified" Red Cross vehicles were coming under fire, accord-ing to ICRC official Roland Huguenin-Benjamin. The ICRC released a statement Weednesday saying,"delegates and local staff have been un-ble to move about in Baghdad since this mom-ing. Given the chaotic and totally unpredictable souther involves incalculable risks." Previously, the ICRC announced it would suspend visits to city hospitals due to dangers.

Bush calls for peace movements in Northern Ireland

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Stamp hikes postponed for three years

IOT INFEC YEATS In return for the legislation allowing the U.S. Postal Service to save billions of dollars that would otherwise go to pension payments, the USPS is agreeing to keep stamp prices at their cur-rent rate until 2006. The House passed the bill 420-0 on Tuesday, and it awaits President Bush's expected signa-ture. Rep.John McHugh, R-New York, believes the bill "certainly would go a long way toward boost-ing the economic activities of this nation as a whole."

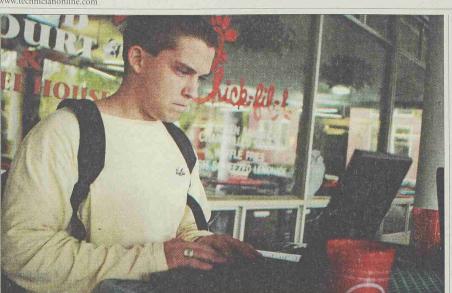
The USPS can now adjust its pension payments and use the saved money to pay off its \$11 bil-lion debt, and the bill clearly states the funds cannot go toward executive bonuses.

STATE

240,000 North Carolina taxpayers will procrasti-

nate by seeking extensions There will be a six percent increase from last year in extensions filed for tax returns due, mainly, to the bad economy that has left more than 200,000 people in the state unemployed. Many taxpay-ers had to sell their stocks or had to collect un-employment last year, and as a result, do not have funds set aside to pay taxes on their ben-efits.

efts. Filing for an extension does not give taxpay-ers more time to pay the government taxes. If payments are late, they are subject to a late charge of one-half of 1 percent of what taxpay-ers owed on their taxes for each month the tax is overdue. These late fees can be avoided if tax-payers pay an estimate of what then your but the payers pay an estimate of what they owe by the Wednesday deadline.



Nathan Davis, a sophomore in agriculture business, casts his vote at a kiosk set up outside of the Atrium. This years voter turnout broke records, improving by almost 50 percent over last year. Staff Ph

Student Voter Turnout Breaks Records

Over 6,000 students logged on to vote in the 2003 spring elections.

Anthony Exum Senior Staff Reporter

Spring is the time of warmer weather, dwindling class loads and — on college campuses - student body elections. Yet, with spring in the air and having so many distractions, it is hard to get college students to the polls. With only 15 percent of the student body voting in the last elections, the need to increase turnout is crucial to each campaign season.

Initially hoping to just bypass last year's turnout, the 2003 Student Government Elections Commission turned out nearly 2,000 more voters than last year alone. The Elections Commission did many things to gain voters, resulting in 6,019 votes cast on Monday and Tuesday. In return for those votes, many students received free T-shirts, coupons and cups.

The commission also attempted to make no excuse for a person not to vote. In addition to the at-home voting op tion, students had the use of several voting kiosks. Polls were set up in every dining hall, the Atrium, Carmichael Gymnasium, all central buildings for the respective colleges, Talley Student Center and Centennial Campus. The commission even set up the iMac kiosks in cam-

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Senate meeting ends hope of R-50

Resolution-50, the Student Choice Act, was struck down in the senate Wednesday night.

LaWanda Ray Staff Reporter

Five months of hard work and many hours of debate ended R-50, the Student Choice Act, which later came to be known as the Alternative Research Feasibility Act, as it failed in the Student Senate with a vote of 19-18.

Before the bill was finally voted down, it underwent many changes that affected the wording and other minor details in senate. The legislation began as a means for students at the undergraduate level to have alternatives to animal dissection, but due to many factors that would have to be considered, it was revamped to call for the formation of a committee to research alternatives to dissection and its effects.

Opponents of the resolution expressed concerns over accreditation, changing curriculum, lowering the value of degrees, raising tuition and the fact that there has been research on this topic already in place by faculty at N.C. State. Proponents of the resolution maintain that R-50 would only call for the formation of a committee to look into the alternatives and that this would only be additional research to benefit those on the undergraduate level with such moral reservations on the issue.

Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford informed students that R-12, the legislation to include sexual orientation in the university's discrimination clause, was still under consideration up on Holiday Hall, but a decision will be reached in the upcoming weeks.

From the committees, reports were giv-en that largely looked back over the past year and laid foundations for upcoming projects. Some of these include the by

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Do you think this is the end of the war?

Jefferson descendents visit campus

Two descendents of former President Thomas Jefferson hosted a discussion on Wednesday as part of the Union Activities Board's Diversity Series.

Shannon Holder

Imagine yourself as Julia Jefferson Westerinen, a middle-aged, white woman living a fairly normal life in Wisconsin. One day you get a phone call and learn that you are a living descendent of a former president.

You also learn that your heritage is from slavery.

The Union Activities Board hosted "Affairs of Race in America, a Conversation in Black and White" on Wednesday night in Talley Student Center Ballroom as part of the Diversity Series.

The featured speakers were Julia Jef-ferson Westerinen and Shay Banks-Young, both descendents of Thomas Jefferson and his house slave, Sally Hemings. Westerinen is white; Banks-Young is black

Banks-Young started the evening off by having everyone in attendance imagine that they were a 13-year-old African girl in a village. She told the harrowing tale of being taken from the village, shipped in boats and sold into slavery. This is the story that starts the family tree for Banks-Young and Westerinen.

A white sailor named John Hemings impregnated a female slave with no name on record. She gave birth to Sally Hemings, a historical figure who has sparked much debate between historians. Sally Hemings had more than five children fathered by Thomas Jefferson, ac-cording to Banks-Young. When Jefferson passed away, the family split apart. Some of the children chose to live as if they were white; others decided to live as if they were black.

Madison Hemings, son of Sally Hemings and the great-great-grandfather of Banks-Young, kept a journal of the family's history so that others could learn, vears down the road, the ties the Hemings had with Jefferson.

Eston Hemings, who later changed his name to E.H. Jefferson, moved away from the family and started a new life in Ohio, not telling anyone his black heritage. He was a brother of Madison Hemings' and Westerinen's great-greatgrandfather.

Westerinen was never aware of her See JEFFERSON page 2

What you said N.C. State students respond with thoughts on war in Iraq.

How did it feel to watch Saddam's statue drug through the streets?



Guilherme Oliveira Junior **Computer Engineering**

"I'm happy for the Iraqis because it's a beginning of a new era for them. At the same time, I understand their fear of having U.S. occupation for a while."



Sophomore Park, Recreation, and Tourism

"I think it'll be over when they know for sure Saddam Hussein is dead."

Opinion

flag and reads fantasy books. p. 4



Senior **Biology and Geology** "It reminded me of when the Berlin Wall came down. It looked like the same sort of thing with the statue."



Stephanie Crawford Sophomore **Busieness Management** "I thought it was very

symbolic. It showed that

our troops are over there

for a purpose and they

were happy for us."



Freshman

"No. I think this is the true b -inning. I think there is a lot more in store for the United States. We've been bullies for so





Senior **Computer Science**

"The actual big stuff is over. Now we're going to have to deal with the individual bands, and they can do considerable damage."

TODAY Features

gives you the calendar and shares some space with doughboy. p.3

Sports loves N. C. State, respects the

Previews baseball's key series in Winston-Salem. p. 8









"I think it'll be over when

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Latoya Ruffin

First Year College

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pus buildings to house the voting

Elections Commissioner Jason Smith said, "While I wish the **Elections** Commission could take all the credit for this year's turnout, I believe the true credit lies with the candidates that were running."

The candidates did their share in increasing the students' voting. Many candidates in their campaigning gave the message of voting even if their audience was not going to vote for them. The candidates themselves are

very pleased with the record turnout. "I think the voter turnout was

great. It's a record turnout, and I hope to see it continue to rise, said Jamie Pendergrass, a candidate for Student Senate president. Students showed this year that they want active and involved student leaders, and I'm sure it will continue to stay that way. Some students voted because

they felt that it was necessary 'Why not?," said Travis Little, a freshman in mechanical engineering. "It is so easy. You sit at your computer in your room, and it takes like a minute to do. Plus, you get to do cool things like bash a car in the Brickyard.'

Other students were coerced by the promotions. William Winspear, a junior in physics, said, "Voting is good, but the free Tshirts were really great.

"I don't think I would have voted if I hadn't known about the shirts," added Josh Miller, a sophomore in business.

The commission's task is not complete. Members have to fig-ure whether or not they will have the same turnout for run-off elections. With a turnout so high, voters may return to support their candidate with more enthusiasm.

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black history until members of Banks-Young's family contacted her. They were united for the first time on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and have been close friends ever since

"I have learned so much from my 'new' family," Westerinen said. "I took all the privileges (of being white) for granted, and my new family has helped me see that

It has been proven through DNA that Westerinen descended from Jefferson. Banks-Young's lineage is harder to prove through DNA because there are few male ancestors in the Madison-Hemings family. Banks-Young's proof lies in the stories of her family, backed up by pictures and historical documents.

Banks-Young and Westerinen spoke of racism that they have experienced in recent years.

Whenever we go into a store, cashiers will wait on me first and not Shay," Westerinen said.

Banks-Young also spoke of racism between members of the black community. "Slavery has put a scar and wound in my people that has now infested and is so inflamed that we treat each other like the enemy," said Banks-Young, continuing. "In my days, they had brown bag parties, and if you were darker than the bag, you couldn't come in.

More than 30 students attended the forum. "I thought it was very interesting," said Jessie Elting, a senior in computer science. They both learned something from finding out that they were

Banks-Young and Westerinen speak to different groups throughout the year about their special relationship. "She's my hero," Westerinen

said. "Shay Banks-Young is my cousin, and I love her."

Banks-Young replied, "Julia Jefferson Westerinen is my cousin, and I love her. She's also my best friend.

Golf tournament to raise funds for Lou Gehrig's disease

N.C. State's Phi Delta Theta fraternity will host "Lee Fowler Charity Golf Classic" on Saturday.

News Staff Report

With the warm weather fast approaching, students are gearing up to return to their favorite spring sports. For many, this means going to the golf course, and an N.C. State fraternity will do just that on Monday at 1 p.m. to raise money for Lou Gehrig's disease

Phi Delta Theta, a fraternity on campus, conceived the idea of reinstating their annual golf tournament — the Les Robison Celebrity Classic - held throughout much of the 90s. But when Robinson left the campus's athletic director position, the brothers of Phi Delt decided to forfeit the continuation of the event until a sponsor of equal

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laws for a campus crime-stoppers and working with a sight-impaired student's complaint.

A buzz in the air was the anticipation of candidates who eagerly awaited verdicts from the Elections Commission and many of their supporters. The prominence could be found.

The search ended this year with the announcement that Lee Fowler, NCSU's current athletic director, would lend his name to the event. After visiting with the chapter and talking with some of its local alumni, Fowler agreed to support the tournament.

"It's an opportunity to give back to the community, both the campus community and the larger community that supports our school's sports programs," he said.

With his agreement to lend his name to the event, the Lee Fowler Charity Golf Classic began to become a reality. Fowler, along with his wife, Carol, joined the tournament's board of di-

rectors, which is made up of several local business leaders and alumni. With the help of this board, the tournament was able to secure sponsorship from several large corporations, such as Pepsi and

meeting also allowed the current student leaders to come before the senate one last time. Student leaders looked back over their year and asked the senate and those involved in Student Gov-

ernment to look to the future. Student Body President Mike Anthony announced that the house voted down the tuition freeze and voted to increase tuition by 5 percent and more for out-of-state students. He

the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The prominence of many of these sponsors helped convince Preston Woods Country Club in Cary to lend its course to the event. After this, it was just a matter of getting players.

The event filled rapidly and has reached its maximum capacity for players. It has also reached its capacity of corporate sponsors, though the board is still looking for small donations for door prizes. The tournament itself is expected to raise close to \$6,000, with all proceeds going to the National ALS Association, which helps fight to find a cure for Lou Gehrig's disease. Lou Gehrig was a brother in Phi Delt.

The brothers of Phi Delta Theta give to this charity because it's their fraternity's national philanthropy and they want to honor the uncle of a member of their chapter who was diagnosed with the disease two years ago.

charged everyone involved in Student Government to remember that "despite the leadership, we fly under one flag. Anthony spoke of the large amount of work left to be done in order for the students' voice to be heard on the state legislative level and the importance of maintaining a level of integrity and honor that will inevitably help NCSU's future student body leaders to accomplish these goals.



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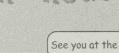
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Tuesday's just aren't club nights. It's an unwritten law of the music industry because people just don't show. Based on this seemingly unbreakable principle of every music scene, I normally schedule labs for late Tuesday night because experience has told me that — in these parts - great shows fall between Wednesday and Saturday. This semester, a three-hour zoology lab from 3:40 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. is a simple prelude to the organic chemistry lab that runs the same night from 7:30 p.m. to 10:20 p.m.

So, imagine my troubles when I first saw venue announcements in the area for April 15 and realized that the ultra-promising date was a Tuesday. I was one distraught double major, taking too many classes and writing for too many damn newspapers. At least four great concerts to go to — and I, a dedicated patron and observer of the music scene here and elsewhere, just couldn't make it. Keep the faith though, grieving readers; there is a music god somewhere in the universe.

I quickly logged onto my trusty terminal here in Lee Hall, surfing over to the university 2000-2003 academic calendar. Victory, I quickly saw, was mine. Because of the East-er holiday, there will be no labs next week, and I couldn't be more relieved.

Heed these words of advice: There are no labs on Tuesday night. There are no classes on Wednesday. You can sleep all day. Go to a concert Tuesday night, any concert. Don't rush home. Your parents really don't want to see you that badly. And if

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"The Lord of The Rings: The Two

Towers" plays in the Campus Cinema.

Sky Boys" in Thompson Theatre at

University Theatre presents "Blue

The Drive-By Truckers play the

Cat's Cradle with local boys Lead-

Rich Robinson (formerly of the

Black Crowes) and John Hogg (for-

merly of Moke) bring their new cre-

ation, Hookah Brown, to The Brewery. The Vibe Killers open.

Local band Fat Head Otis rocks The

FUZ rocks out at the Lincoln The-

North Elementary plays with Ryan

Christine Havrilla and Amber De-

Laurentis play the Six String Cafe in

Korean Student Association Dance

"Gerry," Anger Management," "House of 1,000 Corpses" and "Ghosts of the Abyss" all open in the-

Pond and the Rachel Nevadas at Go!

Pour House with Lamar Jonz.

atre with Creekside in support.

FRIDAY

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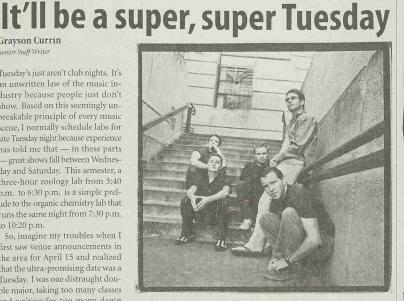
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Party at Kings.



Pearl Jam and Sleater-Kinney come to Raleigh on Tuesday. Photo by Danny Clinch

they do, they'll have to understand. There hasn't been a regional billing this good in a while, and you may just see an eclipse before you see another one. Without further ado, here are your best bets for Tuesday. Now, go!

Michael Zapruder with John Vecchiarelli

The Cave, Chapel Hill, 10 p.m. (Tickets: Pass The Hat) Zapruder, an ineffably charming songwriter fresh-faced out of Cali-

fornia, is one of the best acoustically driven wordsmiths to show up on the radar in years. His fourth album, "This is a Beautiful Town," reveals a bold, smart singer-songwriter who has not only learned the musi-

"The Lord of The Rings: The Two

Towers" plays in the Campus Cinema.

Sky Boys" in Thompson Theatre at 8

Spoonwill tear the Cat's Cradle

Local favorites Hobex return to The

Appetite for Destruction pays hom-

ge to Guns N' Roses at the Lincoln

Ike Logan performs at the Six String

Guest makes The Brewery their

"About Schmidt" plays in the Cam-

University Theatre presents "Blue

Sky Boys" in Thompson Theatre at 3

Craig Hilton plays with his band I

Shall Kill Them Alone at the Kings

apart. The Fiery Furnaces and

Crooked Fingers both open.

Cafe for his CD Release Party.

Pour House for a set.

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SUNDAY

pus Cinema at 7 p.m.

Festival of Noise.

University Theatre presents "Blue

SATURDAY

Showcase at Six String Cafe. David Wilcox croons with the folk

cal lessons of the last 10 years by way

of bellwethers like Thom Yorke and

Rvan Adams but has also truly made

them his own. His songs roar with

a painstaking personality etched out

in minor chords that — at any giv-

en moment - shred the listener

apart with heartache or blossom

with earnest redemption. Too thor-

oughly arranged for Aware Records and too quietly honest for indie

rock, Zapruder takes his worries and

lays them down on the listener, crooning just like Rufus Wainwright

but with the crooked smile of Dad

Alltel Pavilion, Raleigh, 7:30 p.m.

Pearl Jam/Sleater-Kinney

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dy Loudon.

at the Cat's Cradle. Kinski plays Go! with kindred spirits Choose Your Own Adventure and Pleasant.

Summer Dying plays The Brewery. The Ohio Farm Cats play a free show at The Pour House. Raleigh's own Cartridge Family opens.

MONDAY

"Beloved" shows in the Campus Cinema at 6 p.m. as part of the African Diaspora Film Series. The show is free. The Postal Service plays Go! Cex with Shallow Be Thy Name open-

ing. John Scofield plays the Cat's Cra-

The Pour House hosts one of only nine national listening parties for Widespread Panic's latest effort, "Ball." Free

Trip Hop Sunday at Kings. ngwriter's Circle at Six String Café.

David Olsen plays the Sunday See CALENDAR page 7 Savagely Sunny by Sarah the Squirrel



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ayor Christopher drove down the Lstreet, listening to music

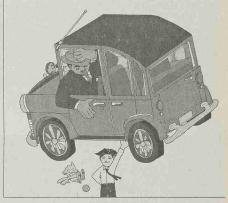
"It is silly," he thought, "to try and force people to live together." He had to figure out a way to make people want to live with each other. Christopher thought that there was much to learn from those who were different from him. He had met so many as mayor of the huge metropolis, Achillia. There were so many more cit-izens he had never even seen. If he could somehow rally everyone to agree his ideals, he was sure that great social progress could be made.

Suddenly a boy appeared in the road! Christopher slammed on his brakes, but there was no way he could

dow. The boy had caught the car and held it over his head! stop in time. He could see the A smiling face peeked up at boy just standing there, starhim. ing at him. The mayor closed his eyes and grimaced, expect-ing a collision. He felt his lit-"Child!" exclaimed Christopher, "Why are you out in the middle of the street?" tle car roll up and over the

youth. CRUNK! Christopher felt himself stop in the air. His seat jerked back and he bounced around in the little automobile. Much to his dismay, he discovered that his car was was suspended in the air, just a cou-

ple of feet from the city street. "Are you okay?" shouted a voice from under his car. Christopher flinched and



Mayor Christopher meets Zathael. Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn

a ball

looked out his driver side win-

Christopher chuckled, "Can

"Do I really have to have a

Christopher looked outside

the window and saw a tiny blue

cat sitting in the road bouncing

true freedom exist, son? Is that

why you're out in the road?"

reason for the things I do?"

asked Zathael.

"Well, I've been driving around the city all morning what say I treat you to a spot of grub, seeing as I almost rar. over you.'

Zathael put the car dowr ever so gently in the city street next to the orphanage where 'When I am king, we'll all be he and the cat lived. free to stand in the road!" said the boy named Zathael.

"Sure, why not? I've got nc place to be.

Mayor Christopher got out of his car and shook the boy's hand. "Well. hop in, I know a place around the corner. We can jaw a yard and figure out if we can give you more specific reasons to stand out in the city streets.'

I.Q. Prerequisite by Laura Venning



Violet by M. Grey





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pinion

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Like it or not, Augusta National is a private club

The Masters Golf Tournament is a tra-dition in this country that has been played for the past 78 years. It has always been played at Augusta National Golf Club and, every year, draws thousands of spectators and millions of views worldwide

But, in July, Martha Burke, chairwoman of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO), sent a letter to the president of Augusta National, William "Hootie" Johnson, asking him to allow women to join the club as members. Johnson refused and has stood firm in his decision since. Now, the tournament has begun, and protesters are lining up near the golf course to make their voice heard. Despite their opinions, Augusta National Golf Club is a private organi-zation that gets no support from public institutions and has the sole right to exclude whomever it wants.

Women have always been able to play golf and enjoy the privileges and amenities at Augusta National, provided they are with a member. The only reason Burke is protesting the no-women policy is because the Masters Tournament is played there. In her eyes, because the club sponsors a national golf tournament and it allows the general public to come and watch the action, then it should allow women in the club. She has even gone to sponsors, like CBS and IBM, urging them not support this event as long as Augusta excludes women. Johnson and his fellow clubmates countered by purchasing all the advertising space and televising the tournament commercial-free.

These are some of the richest and pow erful men in the world. They have the resources and the clout to do what they want

In the past, all-male organizations have been integrated successfully. The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute are prime examples. But these organizations re-ceived public funding in order to carry out their programs. But non-profit groups and private organizations like the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, sororities and fraternities and private allmale/all-female universities are allowed to continue exclude members of the opposite sex. They are all private organizations that do not receive assistance from public institutions. They have a right to make their own membership standards. So does Augusta National. The fact that it hosts a national golf tournament does not, and should not, have any bearing on whom it lets in to the club.

In this day gender equality of the sexes, all-male/all-female organizations are dying out. Greek organizations are the last bastion separate groups for men and women. It is fitting and proper for public organizations and institutions to require equal treatment of gender, but a private organization that receives no help from the government should not be forced to change its admission policies against its will, despite its role in national society. Maybe in the future, the members of Augusta National Golf Club will admit women into its ranks - but not today. The only thing society can do is sit back and wait.

Voting more powerful than demonstrations

War protesters have

the right to voice

their opinions and

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concerns about U.S. involvement in Iraq The First Amend ment allows people to assemble and for a just reason. It gives citizens the ability to question the government and peaceably demonstrate against its policies. Protesters should continue to voice their opposition to the war. Doing otherwise would convince those in power that resistance has subsided. There are other ways, however, one's voice can have a larger effect. Although President George W. Bush knows there is large opposition to the war from people in his own coun-

try, he does not seem to be listening and it does not seem he will be listening any time soon. The best way to be heard will

be in November 2004 at the polls. For those people who strongly disagree with the action the Bush administration has taken in Iraq, they may cast their votes for someone other than Bush. That would be the biggest form of protest. It would state clearly that they did not agree with the president's decisions. They can also write letters to elected representatives asking them to oppose policies concerning Iraq that Bush proposes to Congress. Being vocal on political issues can bring change however, the silent and powerful tool of voting that citizens have can be much more effective. People will continue to debate the war in Iraq. The war, howev-er, is almost finished. What matters is the choices made afterward. Protesters should refocus energies on seeing that the Iraqi people are cared for and keep dissent in mind for voting



love N.C. State

It's pretty obvious to anyone who's ever read my columns before that I really love N.C. State. It's no surprise, I guess. I didn't start out that way though. I 19 11 11120 have lived in Raleigh my entire life, sad as that is. I

tance of the house in which I grew up.

Both my parents went to UNC, and they

both really wanted me to end up in

Chapel Hill. I used to be a big UNC fan, as sad as that is. Back in the Dean Smith

days when UNC basketball was at its

finest, and NCSU was struggling to find its identity on the court once again. It wasn't until my junior year that I real-

ized how well I fit in at NCSU. All my

friends I grew up with were Wolfpack

fans, and soon I started going to foot-

ball games to see what they were always

discussing. I loved it. I got season tickets

to every home game my senior year. I

took a microeconomics class at NCSU

that year, too. NCSU was responsible for

letting me sleep in every single day of my senior year. The moment UNC de-

cided to admit me to its college, I didn't

give a damn. Screw UNC. Screw every

other college out there that doesn't re-

alize how awesome NCSU is. We are tru-

ly the greatest school in the world. That

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talk about a few things around here.

Zack

Medford

really didn't want to go to NCSU all that much; I wanted to go somewhere that was at least farther than walking dis-

to convince her. 2. Student Senate meetings are egregiously long. It is one thing to debate the rights and wrongs of a mat-

sponsibility is to set up for the Winter Sock Hop. (I was one of them.) Student Government at NCSU, however, is not that nerdy kid. He does not wear glasses; he has perfect vision. He brushes his teeth and showers regularly. Student Government might not be able to change things directly, but indirectly, our rep resentatives do just that. They represent. We need leaders who will speak up about problems around here and get the ball rolling. Sure, the chancellor has to play along. That's why we need someone NCSU was responsible for

nerdy kids who wore thick-rimmed

glasses in high school whose sole re-

letting me sleep in every single day of my senior

ter in these meetings, but parliamentary games do not need to extend in to the wee hours of the nights. We need a strong Student Senate president who will end all this political grandstanding and get to the heart of the issue. You can change as many minds in an one-hour debate about animal dissections as you can in four hours. Rehashing the same ideas over and over again is not an effective tool of debate

3. Campaign finances are limited for a reason. If Johnny Longlegs happened to be a rich dandy from the North, look-ing to gain a little prestige on his resume becoming student body president, he could easily spend hundreds and hun-dreds of dollars just to get his name to the public. What about Robert Piggleton? Poor Robert Piggleton has barely enough money to pay his tuition, let alone run an expensive campaign. Yet, Robert Piggleton has some of the most progressive and brilliant ideas we've every seen. Our

but raising the cap on personal spending will only hurt those who don't have access to their parents' fortunes. Perhaps raising the amount of funds donated by outside sources could help spread candidates platforms, but truly, the best answer is for candidates to just be creative. There is nothing wrong with a car whack-a-thon in the Brickyard if it is getting a candidate's name out there. I, for one, find it incredibly creative, as well as an efficient way to open minds. If we just had Brickyard debates every day for the last week before elections, do you think

anyone besides a select few would really give a damn? No. Give the kids a sledgehammer, let em whack away at a car and teach them about why a strong student-

year.

body president matters 4. Endorsements by Technician were correct. It is not irresponsible for Technician to endorse candidates. While the write up before the endorsements could have been a little better worded, it is clear that more than just the personal interviews were taken in to account. If the Technician editorial staff can come to a consensus, then let them endorse each candidate as they see fit. I may have disagreed somewhat with the people endorsing themselves, but I do not disagree with the fact that Technician has the right, maybe even the obligation, to endorse candidates.

There is plenty more I could go on about, but I think I've said enough for one week. Have a great weekend, come back and vote on Monday, and send me a dollar.

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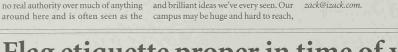


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Flag etiquette proper in time of war

This week's Tech nician contained an editorial relating to the burning crosses and whether or not this act, like flag burning, should be protected by

the First Amendment. While this is a topic that will probably be debated endlessly in the name of freedom, I would like to ad-

dress a topic that is somewhat related but is a situation that, unfortunately. doesn't seem to garner much attention. I think the problem is one that could be easily stamped out, but I am equally certain that this atrocity will continue to exist because of simple ignorance on the part of the general public

If you can believe it, I happened to find a channel with some war coverage on the other night, and it wasn't even one of the news networks. Since the war and the goings on in Iraq are all the rage right now, even shows like Inside Edition have taken to airing frequent spots related to the latest news concerning the Middle East. I know what you're thinking: the show was probably covering the latest celebrity to stage some fiasco to express his or

her opinion against the war. Oddly enough, that wasn't the case. The show was actually trying to give facts about the war. So, having said that, this is where I get to the point in the story where I was actually prompted by Inside Edition to write an

opinion column. Like good little patriots, the producers, or whoever makes decisions at Inside Edition, decided to display the flag in the background for the war segment. That's nothing to rant

about. Hasn't every station used the flag as a backdrop in a least one instance or another recently? We've gotten as used to seeing the flag displayed as we have to seeing Rumsfeld's mug at a press conference.

My frustration comes from a larger issue. My anger was peaked by the fact that the morons who make the executive decisions on the set had the flag hanging backwards. Come on people! If you're going to shove the flag in our faces to show us how patriotic you are — at a time when patriotism and love of the flag must be at an all time high as the thing to do - at least do a little research and make sure you display the flag according to the proper rules of etiquette. I know at this point some people are wondering if I

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stead of the little, blue ones, but let's get serious. How many people out there capitalized on the flag-buying frenzy that occurred post Sept. 11, 2001? How many places

took the little, red

do you now see an American flag where you know one wasn't hanging before? In and of itself, there's nothing wrong with the found patriotism that followed the events at the World Trade Center. I know a lot of people felt connected to

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marijuana

Dear Editor.

Heather Cutchin asks why marijuana is kept illegal. Marijuana is kept illegal because the alcohol and pharmaceutical companies rightfully fear it as a competitive product. If legalized, millions would put down, from time to time, their beer or whiskey and pick up a joint. Also, God didn't make no junk. Cannabis is medicine, and everyone knows it. What drug companies sell you for 500 dollars per month, you could grow in your backyard for 2 bucks. It is all about money.

> Officer Howard J. Wooldridge (ret)

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•Truth to tell, the drug warrior police, politicians, officials, media and civilians (*secretly*) don't list victory as an objective in their expensive and oppressive trilliondollar war. When they do spout their "zero tolerance/total victory" rhetoric, how many of your eaders actually believe them? How many actually believe that this year's multi-billion dollar, drug-war budget will be the one that will achieve total victory after decades of billion-dollar budgets have totally failed? Just remember that the drug czars' and warriors' jobs depend on the perpetual prosecution of, but NEVER a victory in, the drug war. Also, remember that the politicians depend on the drug war and its rhetoric to scare up votes (by scaring voters). The politicians

Support for legalization of also rely on the drug war to sustain their constituent industries and institutions that depend on the economics of prohibition in order to make generous profits and campaign contributions that keep the drug warrior politicians in power and, therefore, keep themselves in business. Remember what H.L. Mencken said: "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." Maybe the corrupt politicians and media are required to adhere to the party line of prohibition because law enforcement, customs, the prison and military industrial complex, the drug testing industry, the "drug treatment" industry, the INS, the CIA, the FBI, the DEA and the politicians themselves, et. al. can't live without the budget justification, not to mention the invisible profits, bribery, corrup-tion and forfeiture benefits that prohibition affords them. The drug war also promotes, justifies and perpetuates racist enforcement policies and is diminishing many freedoms and liberties that

Myron Von Hollingsworth Fort Worth, Texas

"Corporate Media" bias exposed

are supposed to be inalienable ac

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cording to the Constitution and

I wanted to compliment Andrew Dugan on his article "Covering the Media". It is encouraging to see people out there challenging many of the myths which are perpetuated in the mainstream media in the service of state and corporate power. FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting) provides a very useful resource, along with other organizations such as Media Alliance and various individuals, say Norman Solomon or Edward Herman...our own D.H. Hill library has plenty of information.

On the other hand, we should be clear, I think, about the forces which shape the media. Dugan concludes with "I can't say ... any strong prejudice exists on the side of press", but that contradicts the evidence in his own article. What might be a more accurate statement is this: that journalists (and editors) are being apathetic about what they are writing, and hence bending over backwards, when called upon, in service of the people who ultimately control the press: the people who own it.

Alexander Sheppard NCSU Student

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something bigger just being able to fly the flag from their cars and homes and businesses. "We're still standing!" these beacons of red, white and blue seem to shout every half mile or so. Again, I'm not arguing that there's nothing wrong with that. However, if the gesture is so meaningless that people can't even take the time to find out the proper way to hang the flag (Information, incidentally, that I found in about 2 seconds on google.com by typing in "flag display rules."), then what is the message that people are really sending?

Chervl loves her American flag and would never let it touch the ground. Email her at crab78@yahoo.com



TUESDAY

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(Tickets: \$38-\$42) If you are easily offended or a fervent proponent of President Bush and the war effort, sell your ticket. If, however, you feel that Eddie Vedder is one of the true remaining rock stars who gives a damn and isn't scared enough of "The Man" to speak his mind, have fun. After all of these years, Pearl Jam remains one of the absolute best live acts in the world. Long shows, oddball setlists, huge encores, scores of groupies somehow, Pearl Jam brings all of these elements (normally reserved for the biggest jam bands) to each one of its packed amphitheatre or arena gigs.

True, "Riot Act" may have been one of the most disappointing albums of 2002 (and of Pearl Jam's entire career), but, by all reports, the new stuff is incendiary live. And Vedder may get rip-roaring drunk off wine at shows, bash in a Bush mask and send Fox News scurrying for his head, but with the help of one of the best bands still sticking to its harddriving guns - he puts on one frantic concert. And, oh yeah, Sleater-Kinney isn't so bad either.

Chris Whitley/Johnny Society/Rich Price

Go! Room 4, Carrboro, 8 p.m. (Tickets: \$10)

If the blues, rockabilly or country is your shot of liquor, this is for you. Chris Whitley, a Texas-based singer-songwriter known for an intense passion in tying the dirty Delta Blues to brilliantly worded and structured rock 'n' roll, has just released his best and barest record in years, "Hotel Vast Horizon." Imagine the honesty and brute passion for life Steve Earle would have conjured up if he had been able to write songs immediately after his infamous heroin addiction. Insert Whitley's no-holds-barred voice and Neil Young-induced imagery. A great record, indeed.

Johnny Society, Whitley's labelmates over at the emerging Messenger Records, recently released their fourth record, the rock thrill-ride "Life Behind the 21st Century Wall." This show will be a lot of fun. Just don't forget the PBR

Ben Kweller/Adam Green/Kings of Leon: Cat's Cradle, Carrboro, 9 p.m.

(Tickets: \$10) This tour is loaded with enough jaw-dropping talent to make the Sammy Hagar/David Lee Roth tour last summer seem like the joke it really was. Ben Kweller was once the frontboy of Polygram's response to Silverchair, the laughable Radish. Kweller is now one of the best songwriters and melodic magicians to come out of the smiling side of indie rock in a very long time. Following the Radish split, Kweller emigrated to New York, doodling with his songs, a guitar and a pi-





Weather

Last week's inches of pollen were replaced this week with inches of rain. About 3,500 Johnson County residents lost power as a result of high winds. In addition, people through-out the Triangle have been complaining about what's known as getting "completely freakin" soaked."

Saddam statue

Size any value meal



Over 6,000 students voted in this week's student body elec-tion, breaking last year's record of over 4,000. Apparently, stu-dents got the voting url confused with the online "Phil Donahue sucks as a commencement speaker" petition.

Iraqis apparentiy had fun tearing down a statue of Saddam Hus-sein in the heart of Baghdad this week. U.S. officials say the stat-ue will be replaced with a huge bobblehead George W. Bush. Get one at McDonald's for only \$100,000 when you Super-

Joshua Jackson in court

The "Dawson's Creek" star appeared in Wake County court this week on charges stemming from his drunken behavior at a Carolina Hurricanes hockey game. Bordering on cruel and unusual, Jackson's punishment is to pay a fine and to watch every single one of his shows' episodes back-to-back

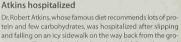


Chemical Ali neutralized

Coalition forces believe they took out Saddam Hussein's cousin Chemical Ali with a bombing raid earlier this week. Who's to say if death is ever good, but the one good thing is that this frees up a really cool name for a burgeoning hip-hop artist.

Chirac "rejoicing"

President Jacques Chirac of France in a prepared statement announced that France was "rejoicing" at the apparent col-lapse of Saddam Hussein's regime. Chirac also denied reports that his backside was severely sore from riding a fence post.



Cloning impossible

Disappointing weirdos worldwide, researchers from University of Pittsburgh announced that human and primate cloning may be theoretically impossible. Also deemed theoretically in sible: perpetual motion machines, (non-alcohol induced) e travel and a good Rob Schneider movie.





By a count of 400-25, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a child protection act called the Amber Alert Package. One anonymous opponent voiced concerns about the legislation's narrow approach."I'd like to see us protect all children - not just those named Amber."

cery store. Though Atkins' head was hurt, his fall was lessened by the 23 pounds of animal flesh he had in mind for dinner.

Bull Durham' reunion booted

The Baseball Hall of Fame cancelled its plans for a 15th anniversary tribute to the movie "Bull Durham" in light of star Tim Robbins' opinions about the war. Robbins reacted with two words: "It's bull s------." (OK, it's three words and a contraction - so sue us.)

ano before independently releasing "Freak Out, It's Ben Kweller! to the praise of Evan Dando and Jeff Tweedy. He signed with Dave Matthews' ATO Records for the release of his debut EP and for his progressively eclectic "SHA SHA." Kweller looks like the neighborhood kid down the street, but he sounds like the joyful, but confused noise that a cross between Stephen Malkmus, Gordon Gano, Lou Reed and

George Harrison would make. Keep your eyes on the Kings of Leon, whose debut EP on RCA is one of the best 20-minute hellraisers to hit shelves in years. Dirty, sultry, rebellious, Southgreat rock 'n' roll done ern with the passion and grit that city-slicking poseurs The Strokes only wish they could manage. These guys are going to be even bigger than they sound.



House passes Amber Alert



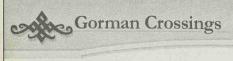
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its lineup, the team has also had to deal with a lack of practice this week due to the dreary weather. State practiced only once at the Raleigh Country Club this week, although it should be familiar

"It has affected our practice time this week, of course," Sykes said of the weather. "Our golfers have a good understanding of how the Raleigh Country Club plays because we do use it to practice on throughout the year. With the ACC as the premier

enough with the course.



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golf conference in the nation, State is mainly viewing the Intercollegiate as a chance to ready itself for postseason play, which begins April 18 in the ACC Championships.

"I hope that this weekend will give us something positive to take into the ACC championships," said Sykes. "We haven't beaten Clemson this year and we have only beaten wake once, but they are No. 1 and No. 3 in the nation. The ACC is so tough you can finish fifth and still be very proud of

IM REC NOTES

Club Sports Event Results DISC GOLF

April 5 - Results from Durham Monthly tournament: Mike Norris - third place with scores of 51 in first round and 55

in second round April 6 - Results from Kentwood Monthly in Raleigh:

Mike Norris tied for sixth place in Advanced Division with scores of 48 in first round and 47 in second round



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how you did.'

Leading the Pack into the In-

tercollegiate is fire-hot senior

Justin Walters, who shot a three-round total of 11-under last

weekend. State also got a nice

showing from Lewton, as the

freshman was consistent across

the board in a 3-under showing.

Overall, the Pack is hoping to be

"We have a solid bunch that has

played together now over the last

couple of years with the excep-

tion of Stephen Lewton. He

peaking at the right time.

April 3 - Results of Intercollegiate Huntseat Association Region III Zone 4 - Finals hosted by St Andrew's College in Laurinburg: Overall - N.C. State placed fifth (out of 12) · Erin Pendleton - second in intermediate over fences and

fourth in intermediate on the flat •Rebecca Effron - second in novice on the flat

• qualified for Zone Finals

ing Level Test 2 Laura Heaton - seventh in Intro Test B

el Test 1

Level Test 4

· qualified as an individual for Nationals in Training Level Test 4

joined the team in January and has played well," said Sykes.

[And] Justin is the true definition

of a scholar athlete. He excels on

and off the course, academically

and with his play on the links.

He's a fine young man who has a

And for the Pack, a fine future

might await it with a better than

average showing in the Intercol-

legiate. A talented team that is fi-

nally healthy, State looks forward

to the opportunity this weekend's

event brings - especially the no-

April 6 - Results of Intercollegiate

Dressage Association Regional Fi-

nals hosted by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.: Overall - N.C.

Note: Team advances to Nation-als with fourth-place finish.

Kristen Roza - third in First Lev

Laura Roten - fourth in Training

Susan Langford - second in Train-

State placed fourth

bright future ahead of him."

FIELD HOCKEY April 6: Defeated Wake Forest 3-1 in Winston-Salem

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL April 5 and 6 - Results from Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association East Coast Championships hosted by the University of Maryland in College Park, Md.: Lost to Slippery Rock College 26-24, 25-21; Lost to Courtland (N.Y.) College 25-19, 25-17; Lost to Georgetown (Md.) University

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

tion of facing so many top teams from around the country.

'Minnesota won the national championship last year and they are in the field. The ACC is a strong golf conference with nationally ranked teams each year," said Sykes. "Five ACC teams are a part of the field. We feel that we can compete in the ACC Championship and just take it from

All the team has to do, of course, is follow coach's advice: shoot the lowest rounds.

April 5 and 6 - Results from Carolina Women's Collegiate Volley ball League Championships host * ed by East Carolina in Greenville: Pool play (5-2): Defeated Duke, Carolina 'B', UNC-Greensboro, East Carolina and UNC-Wilm-ington; Lost to Appalachian State

and Carolina 'A Semifinals: Lost to Carolina 'A' Consolation: Lost to UNC-Wilmington to finish in fourth place

(out of 8) **Club Sports Home Events**

BASEBALL

N.C. State versus UNC Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. (DH) at Optimist Park in Raleigh

N.C. State versus James Madison Sunday at 1 p.m. (DH) at Optimist Park in Raleigh

MEN'S RUGBY N.C. State versus Cheery Point Saturday at 2 p.m. on lower Miller Field

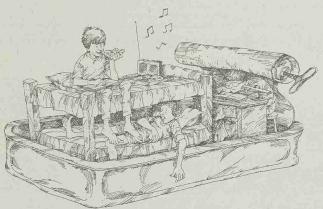
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Sports men's golf

N.C. State will be up against defending NCAA champs and other top teams at the Intercollegiate this weekend.

Andrew B. Carter Deputy Sports Edito

N.C. State golf coach Richard Sykes has thought about it, pondered it and come to a brilliant conclusion to an intriguing question: how does the Wolfpack win this weekend's Intercollegiate, a competition so tough it might as be called "The Masters - Raleigh edition"?

Simple, according to Sykes. "Shoot the lowest rounds," the coach

said, letting loose

coach, not a prob-lem - just don't

look at the rest of

the field. Joining the Wolfpack,

ranked 16th na-

tionally according

to Golfweek mag-

azine, will be nine

of the top 40

teams in the

laugh.

thunderous

Sure,



Justin Walters has been State's most consistent golfer

country. Conference foes Wake Forest (No. 3) and North Carolina (No. 11) will be familiar competition for the Wolfpack, as will be No. 23 Duke and Virginia.

Defending NCAA champion Minnesota will also take part in the Inter-collegiate, which will be held at the Raleigh Country Club Saturday and Sunday. The two-day competition is likely the Pack's toughest test of the season thus far, one that will prepare the team well for the upcoming ACC Championships. "We obviously would like to win this

tournament and keep competing and fighting against some of the best teams in the country as we have been doing all year," said Sykes. "We face the best golf teams each weekend, and this weekend in no different."

What will be different, though, is the fact that State will get to use its desired lineup for only the second time this season. Due to injuries to starters Jason Moon and Rodney Thomas, Sykes didn't get to use the lineup he envisioned until last weekend at the Cleveland Golf/ASU Invitational. In that event, the Pack finished 7th out of 17 teams with a 14-under par. It marked the first time all season that Justin Walters, Fernando Mechereffe, Stephen Lewton, Moon and Thomas all played together.

In addition to the inconsistencies with See GOLF page 6



N.C. State football Red/White game WHERE Saturday, 1p.m. WHEN Carter-Finley Stadium

N.C. State's much awaited annual Red/White spring football game marks the conclusion of spring practice and arrival of official anticipa-tion of crisp autumn afternoons. Special teams drills will begin the session, and will be followed by a controlled scrimmage featuring offense vs. defense. A host of goodies will be available for fans to purchase, including a 2002 season lithograph and a commemorative highlight video of last season. Team posters will be available while supplies last. Parking gates open at 10 a.m.

Schedule Baseball @ Wake Forest, 4/12, 12 M. tennis @ East Carolina, 4/11, 2 W. tennis @ Maryland, 4/12, 11 Gymnastics @ NCAA regionals, 4/12

park. It's going to be a challenge

The start of the series has been

delayed a day to give Gene

Hooks Stadium a chance to dry

off after several days of constant

rain. The teams will now duke

it out in a doubleheader on Sat-

urday, followed by the close of

the series on Sunday. The dou-

bleheader will start at noon,

while Sunday's game is sched-

Wake Forest is second in the

league in batting, sporting a

hefty .322 overall average and

scoring 281 runs this season. State as a team is batting .284

on the season and has scored

"They're a very offensive-

minded club," said Avent. "They

have a lot of guys who can do a

lot of damage. [Wake] and Georgia Tech are two of the

most offensive-minded clubs in

our conference. You know you're going to have to get some

clutch hits; you have to mini-

mize the number of at-bats, get

rid of the walks and errors, and

keep them to three at-bats an

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Challenging field awaits Wolfpack hits the road again

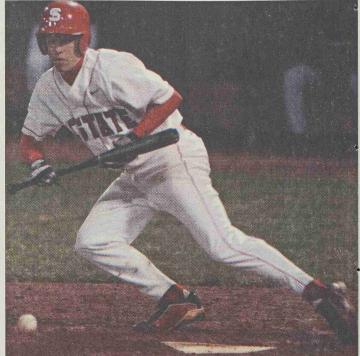
N.C. State takes its game to another challenging conference foe, this time No. 20 Wake Forest.

Jay Kohler Staff Write

Rain has delayed the start of the N.C., State's key showdown at Wake Forest this weekend, but the Wolfpack baseball team hopes the weather won't cool down its hot streak. State has won seven of eight games, and with those victories the Wolfpack has steadily climbed the national rankings. State (28-7, 7-2 ACC) is second

in the ACC and is ranked ninth nationally by Collegiate Baseball. The Demon Deacons (20-10, 6-5) are tied for fourth place in the league and are ranked

"It's going to be a series against a team, Wake Forest, who I think has won three out of the last 5 ACC Championships," said head coach Elliott Avent. "They're just a great ball club, and they battle you, and they play extremely well in their ball-



Lee Mezistrano lays down a bunt Wednesday night against N.C. A&T. Photo by Tim Lytvinenko

State, too, possesses a lot of power on its side. Colt Morton, Justin Riley, Joe Gaetti and Je-remy Dutton are all in the top 10 in the league in homeruns. Morton leads the ACC with 12 homers, while Riley and Gaetti each have eight homeruns. Dutton, who notched two roundtrippers Wednesday against North Carolina A&T, has increased his season total to seven homers.

For State, the starters this weekend are Nate Cretarolo (3-

2, 5.40 ERA), Michael Rogers (7-1, 2.44) and Vern Sterry (8-0, 2.24). Sterry and Rogers are first and second in the league in

"You just have to pitch them like any other team," said Rogers. "You can't try to change your pitching because they score a lot of runs. They're like any other team in the conference. We just need to play our game." All-American Kyle Sleeth, a junior for Wake Forest, will like-

ly be on the mound against the

Pack in the opener. Sleeth is 6-1 on the season. He has also thrown two complete games,* and his only loss on the season came against No. 2 Florida State

"[Sleeth] has won 26 of his last 27, and I believe he tied the record for most consecutive wins in the history of college baseball," said Avent. "He'll be one of the top picks in the [MLB] amateur draft in June."

Gymnasts sets goal: perform to capabilities

The gymnastics team realizes if it performs like its capable of, a berth at nationals will await.

Memie Ezike Staff Write

The N.C. State gymnastics team, led by longtime head coach Mark Stevenson, has developed a set approach to every meet this year.

"Our goal is to do what we do to the best of our ability and let everybody else at the meet try to catch us," Stevenson said. "That is just the way we look at this year and the way the team has performed every single time the gymnasts have competed."

You can count on No. 23 NCSU to take the same approach at the NCAA Southeast Regional meet Saturday at the University of Georgia. At stake at the meet are personal accomplishments, a regional championship and most importantly, an invitation to the NCAA nationals meet in Lincoln, Neb. on April 24-26. The top two teams from each of the six regionals advance to nationals.

The challenge facing the Pack this weekend appears fairly daunting. State might be competing against its toughest group yet, as No. 4 Georgia, No. 9 Florida, No. 16 Ohio State, No. 27 North Carolina and No. 31 Maryland all have the potential to wind up in Lincoln

Georgia has a significant advantage in that it is hosting the regional. In addition to having a team that is extremely well funded, Georgia

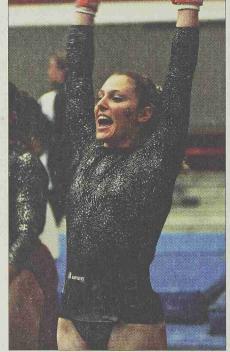
has one of the best and most consistent teams in the country, and the school expects over 9,000 Bulldog fans to be in attendance Saturday, screaming their support. Nev-ertheless, Stevenson and his team has accepted their role as the proverbial underdog. "We have always been the

underdog — the blue-collar team," said Stevenson. "In that arena, two people just two feet apart could not talk to each other because of the noise. It is a tremendous place to compete.'

Stevenson feels that outside of Georgia, anybody on the floor has a chance to succeed and take the second berth to nationals.

"We have to finish ahead of four teams if we want to move on," Stevenson said. "Carolina beat us once on our home floor, Maryland's getting better, Florida is ranked above us and so is Ohio State, although we beat them earlier in the year. I think it would be a stretch for us to beat Georgia, but I think we can go."

The Pack has been a consistent team all year, most notably in recent meets where its road Regional Qualifying Score has increased dramatically the last two months. For example, the Pack recorded its highest road score in school history, a 196.675, at the East Atlantic Gymnstics League Championships at the University of New Hampshire. Some even believed the Pack should have placed above the home-standing Wildcats. Nevertheless, Stevenson knows his gymnasts are focused on their re-



Ranked No. 24, the N.C. State gymnastics team is hoping to find reason to smile at regionals. File Photo by Josh Michel

gional performance and not on the opportunity to go on to nationals

"We have not really talked much about going on to nationals, [rather] doing our job at regionals," he said. "Because we know if we do our job, that provides our best chance on moving on, and the gymnasts are extremely aware of that Thinking about nationals puts more pressure on them

Stevenson last took his team to nationals five years ago and believes that this team could be as talented.

'The bottom line is that we need to go into the meet with an attitude that if we get our job done, then it is up to the other teams to do their job," re-iterated Stevenson. "We might not do the biggest tricks in the meet, but if we hit our routines, we'll score well"

Saturday's meet starts a 7 p.m. in Georgia's Stegeman Coliseum.

Weekend

Women's tennis

The N.C. State women's tennis team travels to College Park, Md. on Saturday for a showdown with Maryland. The match may go a ways in deciding which team can avoid last place in the conference, as both squads bring 0-5 ACC records into the contest. State is coming off a loss to rival North Carolina in its last match, and is winless since defeating East Carolina on April 3.

Men's tennis

The N.C. State men's tennis team will get a break from a rigorous ACC sched-ule today when it travels to Greenville for a date with East Carolina. The Pirates have lost four of five matches, while the Wolfpack comes in with just one win in its last five outings. The Pack did, how ever, defeat Maryland in its last match 🔺 and will look to carry the momentum to ECU.

Track and field

The N.C. State track and field teams have one last chance to improve before ACC Championships, and the teams will try and do just that at the Charlotte Invitational on Saturday. In its lasting outing at the Duke Invitational, several Wolfpack athletes garnered NCAA qualify-ing marks in the solid competition. ACC Championships begin April 18 in Raleigh.

Women's golf

The N.C. State women's golf team will be in West Lafeyette, Ind. this weekend for play in the Lady Boilermaker, a tournament hosted by Purdue University. It will be the last competition the Wolfpack faces until the ACC Championship begins next week. State will be sending six golfers to compete in the 12-team field, which features nine Big-10 schools. Colby Cobb, Briana Vega and Erica Wein will look to lead the Pack, which would like to be back in the same place next month for the NCAA Women's Golf Tournament.

