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National leaders converge at forum

education, health care as "shared values" at 20th anniversary dinner

Ben McNeely

Bill Clinton first spoke at the Emerging Issues Forum in 1988 when he was governor of Arkansas. He and former North Carolina governor Jim Hunt had worked together as Southern governors for 10 years.

Monday night, he was back alongside Hunt.

"I met Jim Hunt in 1978 when we went to Georgia to learn how to be governors," Clinton said to an audience of 800 at the Emerging Issues Forum's 20th Anniver-sary dinner last night. The event — held at the N.C. Museum of Art — brought state dignitaries in business, government and education together.

There was a remarkable spirit among the governors then. We just wanted the better educate our children," Clinton said.

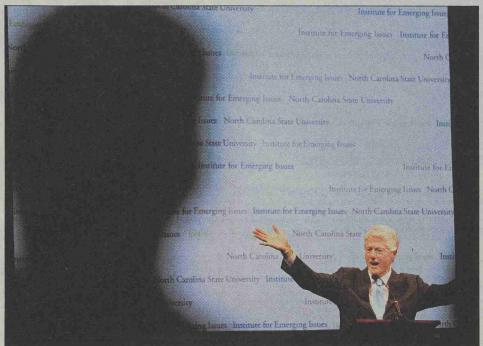
He honored Jim Hunt as being

his "lonestar" of public service
— how a public servant should

"An aide kept asking me, 'You'll never win North Carolina. Why do you keep sending money to North Carolina?' I said, 'You

try to tell Jim Hunt no about anything," Clinton said. Clinton expounded his world-view that answers his questions on education and health care
— the theme of this year's

Emerging Issues Forum.
"Ask yourself this one question: will this decision help our



Former President Bill Clinton discusses health care concerns in front of 800 people at an anniversary dinner at the N.C. Museum of Art.

shared values, shared responsibility and shared benefits?" Clinton challenged. "The proper word that describes this is interdependency."

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When it came to health care, Clinton emphasized that it would take all people to deal with the problems. "There is no state that is rich enough to tackle the health care

problems alone," he said. He rattled off successes he had in the health care arena when he was president

"We passed child insurance, where five million children are finally insured. We extended the life of the Medicare trust fund to 2030 — it was supposed to run out in 1999...90 percent of kids were immunized, infant

mortality dropped 20 percent," Clinton said. He also said abortions dropped by 25 percent in his eight years in office.
"We did that not by cutting into each other, but coming together and teaching people how to raise their children and giving them choices." Clinton said. them choices." Clinton said.

To improve health care in America, Clinton said three

things must happen: use information technology, public health and emphasize prevention.

He echoed the same sen-timents as Newt Gingrich earlier today at the opening

of the forum.
"We should modernize the

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FINANCIAL AID

Pell Grants get boost from Bush

Students may receive extra money in their Pell Grants this year

Ra-Jah Kelly

Mike Lakis, a sophomore in communication, receives financial aid, but his family income exceeds \$45,000—a number that prevents him from receiving a Pell Grant.

However, for the approximately 3,700 students at N.C. State listed in financial aid as qualifying for grants, any increase in Pell Grants would seem to be good

A closer looks reveals that things are not so clear-cut. President George W. Bush's plan calls for a \$100 increase to the maximum Pell Grant award per year over the next five years to bring the total amount from

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the current maximum of \$4,050 to \$4,550. Of the 3,760 students at NCSU

who qualify for Pell Grants, only 955 currently receive the maxi-

Sanisha Baily, a senior in psy chology, said she was pleased with the increase.

'I receive a small amount of Pell Grant money but I'm on full scholarship. I can't complain about my financial aid situation, but I know a lot who can," Baily said. "Anything Bush can do to help college students receive more money, he should do." Lakis said he believed more

support is needed. "\$4,550 isn't even enough. He's

spending money on tons of other things," Lakis said. For 2005, total costs to attend

NCSU per semester are \$6,645 for in-state students and \$12,844

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Design students prepare to honor town

A class of art students soon will be preparing sculptures to celebrate the town of Garner turning 100

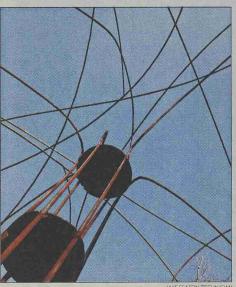
Tanner Kroeger

As a modest town just outside Raleigh prepares to cele-brate the 100th anniversary of its charter signing, a N.C. State professor and seven students will offer pieces of art to com-memorate the town's heritage

Garner, a town of about 23,000 located eight miles southeast of Raleigh, has been enjoying its centennial birthday since July and will culminate the year April 16, according to Town Manager according to Town Manager Mary Lou Todd. Dana Raymond, an associ-

ate professor in the College of Art and Design, will spend the entire spring semester prepar-ing the select students to develop sculptures for the town. He said prior to constructing the sculptures, the creators conduct historical research on Garner to serve as background information while creating the

"We like to get historical context information — what was the town prior to becoming the town of Garner?" Ray mond said. "Who lived there?



Part of the exhibit of abstract art, a steel arbor welcomes patrons to Lake Benson Park behind the William to the Control of the Park behind the William to the Control of the Park behind the William to the Control of the Park behind the William to the Control of the Control o

What activities have been dominant characteristics of the community?

According to Raymond, the research will not directly in-fluence the projects. Instead, the information will be a referential inspiration for the

Coming from a small town outside Charlotte, Lauren Bishop, a sophomore in art and design, said she understands what heritage means to a close community.

"Heritage is almost more important in a small town like [Garner]," Bishop said. "When

new health care system Ben McNeely Staff Writer

Gingrich

proposes

Speaking at the opening of the 20th Emerging Issues Forum, Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the House of Representatives, called for a "transformation" of the current healthcare system.

'Reform is marginally changing the current system. Transformation means creating a new system," Gingrich said. "The current system is not fixable," he added.

He called his new system a "21st Century intelligent health system," one where care would be less expensive and more attuned to the patient because the consumer would have control.

He challenged attendees—

which include leaders in health care, business, government and education—to think about his ideas with a "Yes, if..." frame of mind, not "No, because..."

His vision of the health care

system in America includes more accountability for health care workers, affordability for the poor and integrating tech nology into patient care and

everybody knows everybody and everybody knows what has gone on there, it becomes a important aspect of art.'

The idea for the Garner project came after Raymond, along with 17 of his students, constructed four sculptures for Knightdale last November and December. Raymond, a member of the Garner Arts Association Board, then made a proposal to the town of Gar-

Once reviewed by a panel comprised of the Board of Aldermen, the president of Garner Arts Association and a variety of other town officials, the members of the panel quickly accepted the proposal.

Raymond went on to explain the class has not started work on the Garner project yet. He said they would first work on smaller projects to prepare them for their donation to the

There are no real limitations on what the sculptures can be, Raymond said; however, the panel of various town officials will still give the ultimate approval on the creations.

'We don't assume we are going to design a sculpture and they are going to just plunk it down wherever," Raymond

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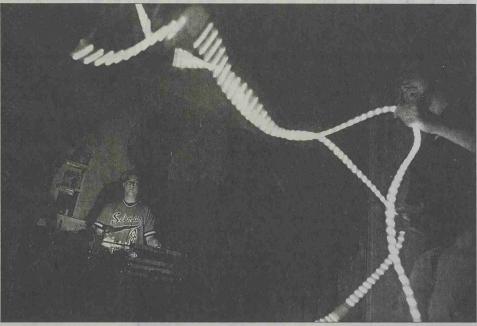


PHOTO BY TIM LYTVINENKO

Reasons for having a college party are easy find. This weekend was the Super Bowl. Last weekend was a birthday. Next weekend could quite possibly be just because it's Friday. For Tim Ayers (right), a recent N. C. State graduate, it was his birthday last weekend, and that set the scene for a good time. One band, Another Tombstone Dream, and three DJs – J Kress, Cutlass and Gonzo – helped fill the dimly lit dance floors with sounds of people having fun. Late in the night, Ayers and a few of close friends played with a rope light to the sounds of DJ Gonzo, while most of the dancers and party goers have all ready called it a night.

CALENDAR

Today
The Institute for Emerging Issues at N.C. State will hold the 20th annual Emerging Issues Forum, "My Health is Your Business: Making Healthcare Work in North Carolina," at the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

Tomorrow
Mi Familia and the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers will be hosting the 2nd annual cultural show entitled "Somos... Estrellas." This year's show will focus on the "Estrellas," or stars, that have influenced Latin culture in music and dance. The event will be held in Stewart Theater from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8
PI Kappa Phi will be auctioning off brothers for Valentine's Day at 7 p.m. in the Talley Ballroom. All proceeds will go toward Push America, a national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi that raises money and awareness for people with disabilities.

Monday, Feb. 21
Last day to withdraw or drop a course
without a grade, change from credit
to audit or change to credit only at
the 400 level or below.
TRACS closes for undergraduate drops at 5 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24

University Dining will its inaugural Chefis Challenge from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Wolves Den. The event will demonstrate the culinary talent of the University Dining staff chefs. This event will match teams of chefs from each N.C. State dining hall against each other in a live competition. The judging panel will include Student Body President Tony Caravano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford and Heather Green, a morning show host for WQDR 97.4 radio.

Saturday, Feb. 26 Dancing with Wolves will host the 2005 Triangle Open, the Seventh annual amateur Dancesport competi-

tion, in Carmichael Gymnasium. The African American History Quiz Bowl will take place in the African American Cultural Center's Multi-purpose Room at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1
Priority fall deadline for financial aid filing
Students might qualify for needbased scholarships and grants, low-interest loans or work-study. Stop by 2016 Harris Hall or call 515.2421 for more information.

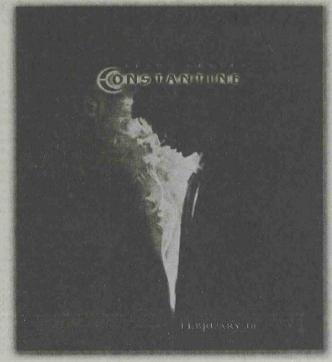
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IN THE KNOW

THE BIG EVENT SCHEDULED
FOR WAKE FOREST GAME
The Big Event, a large-screen
viewing party for the away men's
basketball game against Wake
Forest, will be held this Thursday
inght in Reynolds Collseum.
The free event is co-Sponsored
by Campus Recreation and the
ACTION committee and is open
to all alumni, staff, friends and
students.
The event is planned as a way to
encourage students and fans to
make good choices about vices
such as alcohol, tobacco, drugs
and sex.
Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the 7
p.m. game.

CULTURAL CENTER
FORUMS BEGIN THIS WEEK
The Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs is sponsoring a series of open forums for the campus community to meet candidates for the director of the African-American Cultural Center position. The forums are open to all students, faculty and staff. A complete listing of the dates, locations and times of the forums follows.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 Janet Howard AACC room 126 3-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 Dr. Fred Hord AACC room 375 3:30-4:30 p.m.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

e Alumni Association Student Ambassador Program is now ac pplications. Applications are vailable in the Alumni Building on Pullen Road as well as online at

www.alumni.ncsu.edu/students/ Applications are due by Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Building.

CLINTON

record-keepingwith information technology. Most people should have access to their personal medical records using computer technology," Clinton said. Public health and environ-

mental issues also contribute to

health care.
"We need to think about environmental issues as health issues. Clean air and clean water contribute to the overall health," Clinton said. Prevention, Clinton said, is the

Prevention, Clinton said, is the cheapest and best way to solve health care problems.

"Childhood obesity is at an all time high. Most schools systems don't have physical education programs anymore...43 percent of Americans are eating out and half of it is at fast food places,' Clinton said.

"We need to lobby to get these places to change the fat content in their food. We need to get exercise back in the school regiment." regimens.

regimens."

Clinton said the best way to affect change in the health care system is to work toward positive interdependency.

"It's the idea that we affect others, whether for good or for ill," he said, noting that 9/11 was the worst example of negative interdependency. He mentioned the

poorest nations in Africa still charge parents to send their children to school because the government cannot support free education.

"When the newly elected president of Kenya lowered the school fees, one million children showed up for school," Clinton said. "The same happened with the Taliban. In poor countries where parents couldn't afford to send their children to school, they set up free religious schools. And the parents sent their children there.

"We have to elevate positive interdependency and lower negative interdependency," Clinton said.

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Clinton said he believes that we have shared simple values and that to build a world that helps shared benefits and values, we must have more partners and fewer enemies. He carried that belief while he has been heading up the textumic raise effort.

belief while he has been heading up the tsunami relief effort.

"Like I said at the opening of my presidential library, I think I was the only one in America that still liked George W. Bush and John Kerry," Clinton said.

Throughout the speech, Clinton teld his ideas together with a coming-together theme.

"We have to ask ourselves the hard questions," he said. "If we are to do good in the world, we have to get better at home."

GINGRICH

medical record management. Gingrich quoted a report from the Institute of Medicine that 44,000-100,000 people die each year from medication errors.

"The state of Florida recently passed a law requiring doctors to print legibly when they write prescriptions," he said. "The only way to have a safe medical system is to have electronic prescriptions, the paper system." prescriptions...the paper system kills."

Gingrich used the regulation of the aviation system as an example of how to shape the new

health care system.
"In 1920, we decided that commercial pilots need to be trained before they can fly. Congress cre-ated the Civil Aviation Author-ity," Gingrich said. "Your life in an airplane is considerably more important than in the health care system"

Gingrich said components of the current health system —hospitals, doctor's offices, pharmacies—are disconnected from each other, especially when it comes down to patient information information.

information.
"You should be able to get up in the morning and go to the Web and pull your individual health record," Gingrich said. "Your doctor should be able to access that information as well. This sitting around and filling out forms four times over—it's just plain dumb." plain dumb.

Patients also have a right to know the cost and quality of

know the cost and quality of every provider.

"Many in the auto industry hated it when they were required, by federal law, to list their prices," Gingrich said. "In 1996, 14 percent of car buyers went on the Web to check car prices. Last year, that number was 64 percent."

Gingrich said health care statistics should be the same. That way, the consumer is in control.

He also envisions a drug market based on a travelocity.comtype system, where consumers can shop for the best drugs—generic or name-brand—at the best prices.

'First, eliminate the co-pay which are just engines of high prices and co-pay discourages compliance," Gingrich said. "Use an after pay model, where nine drugs are available and the consumer could take any of them. The employer or the government would pay for the cheapest drugs. If you want the over-the-counter option, the employer or government will pay part of it. If you see the drug commercial on TV and say 'It's perfect,' then you can pay for that one for yourself," he said.

He also called for a real-time, up-to-date worldwide database system, where doctors can get daily updates on drug and treatment advances.

ment advances.

"There will be 2,000 new drugs available in the next decade. No doctor in the world can remember all of that. There needs to be a continual medical education system, where a doctor can look at it in the morning and get the latest advances in the last 72 hours," Gingrich said.

This education system could conceivably help doctors diagnose and treat diseases earlier. Students were impressed with Gingrich's presentation and hoped it could be implemented soon.

"It was very innovative; It would be great if they could implement it soon. I enjoyed it," Tracina Williams, a senior

it," Tracina Williams, a senior in zoology, said.
"It definitely had a positive outlook on patients first, but he allowed companies to move into his plan. It's ambitious in the long run," Lee Hyde, a junior in rediting serione said.

long run," Lee Hyde, a junior in political science said.

But some were skeptical about Gingrich and his bold vision of the future of health care.

"He made some valid points in theory, but when you think about how to implement it you run into problems," Matt Spence, a senior in political science, said. Speaking about Gingrich's "Travelocity" plan, Spence said Gingrich was "overly optimistic."

"I think he expects people to make wise health care decisions themselves, by going on the Web and researching drugs and health care. What will end up happening is this system will

up happening is this system will be disproportionately benefit-ing his constituency—which is upper-middle class white folk," Spence said. "He had a lot left to be desired in that area."

The forum continues today at

the McKimmon, with outgoing Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson

POLICE BLOTTER

02/05/05

TRAFFIC STOP- SPEEDING
A non-student was issued a citation
on Fraternity Court for speeding 35
mph in a 20 mph zone.

2:31 A.M. SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT A Security Officer at E.S. King Village reported possible shots fired on Li-

gon Street. A University police officer heard what he thought were pyrotechnics at the same time, coming from Ligon Street. Raleigh P.D. also reported shots fired near O'Kelly St. Officers from the University and RPD responded and searched the area. No signs of shell casings or pyrotechnics located. RPD had a similar call earlier in the night. No signs of any problems.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION

Report of possible alcohol violations in Alexander Hall basement area. All subjects had left the area prior to officer's arrival.

TRAFFIC STOP- SPEEDING
A student was issued a citation for speeding on Sullivan Drive near Dan Allen Drive.

News

PELL

for out-of-state students, according to the NCSU Financial Aid Web site. Consider also that many students here and at uni versities across the country will actually receive a smaller grant due to a government mandated adjustment to the tax tables used to determine grant size

to determine grant size.

The Advisory Committee on Financial Assistance estimates that least 1.3 million students will receive grants that are smaller by an average of \$300.

Julie Rice Mallette, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, estimated that the tax table change could deprive the NCSU financial aid program of as little as \$50,000 or as much \$700,000.

as much \$700,000. "Keep in mind, the Bush pro gram is a proposal, the tax tables' change is a reality," Mallette said.
"Ofcourse, we welcome anything

that will help the students, but it remains to be seen whether or not sufficient funding will be provided."

Bush administration officials said they were not planning on putting any new money into the Pell Grant program. Instead, they will finance the increase by reducing government subsidiar-ies to private lenders who provide students with loans. Money saved would then be transferred

other government officials, including Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) say they haven't forgotten 2000 when Bush, then campaigning for office, promised to raise maximum Pell grant awards to \$5,100.

Statements released after Presidents Bush's announcement of the Pell grant plan made it clear that although they welcomed proposed increases, they were skeptical as to whether or not they would ever become reality

ining three possible locations to install the works: a small area on Old Garner Road in a section of downtown, behind

the new town hall complex and Lake Benson Park. According to Todd, the sculp-tures will become permanent fixtures in Garner. The celebration, scheduled for April 16, may be a tight deadline for the sculptures to be completed.

"It may or may not be done

with a tape cutting, but we are hoping we can be a part of the [April 16] event," Raymond

Raymond, who has been on staff at NCSU since 1984, also has an instillation of sculpture at the Lump Gallery on Blunt Street in Raleigh.

POLICE BLOTTER - CONT.

9:08 A.M. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A student reported that someone had damaged his vehicle overnight while it was parked on Jensen Drive. The damage appeared to be caused by someone throwing rocks at the car.

According to Miller, the University Scholars Program director, in his introduction, Flynn already has gained the "ears of key players around the world."

Flynn, a former U.S. Coast Guard commander and one of the nation's foremost ex-perts on Homeland Security, spoke to approximately 200 members of the University

Scholars Program.
"What can we, as youth and college students, do?" a male student in the audience asked.

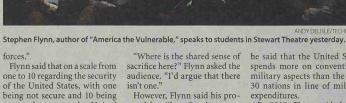
Flynn responded to say that that question was the ultimate question everyone should be asking.

"As a student, there are op-portunities for you to raise these issues," Flynn said. In Flynn's book, "America the Vulnerable: How our

government is failing to protect us from terrorism," he hits on the shortcomings of America's current homeland

security plan.

Brandon Stephens, a freshman in First Year College, said he was surprised to realize "how much we're [America is] vulnerable of only through the sense of [others] attacking military



audience. "I'd argue that there isn't one." However, Flynn said his pro-posal has "benefits that tran-

scend terrorism.' He said he was confident that what America saw in the 9/11 attacks is how warfare will be fought against the United States

in the remainder of the 21st

century. "Here we are three and a half years out, and I'm making the case to you that we're not much stronger," Flynn said. "Wrap your mind around the fact that

does not have a plan to deal with a dirty bomb."

According to Flynn, the United States is about five to 10 years away from truly having a military that serves as a counter-terrorism force; however,

he said that the United States spends more on conventional military aspects than the next 30 nations in line of military expenditures.

By 2008, Flynn said that he anticipates the United States will be spending more than the entire world.

Yet, he said these expenditures are not funneled in the correct direction to develop and further the security of the United

"It makes sense," John Kilpat-rick, a freshman in aerospace engineering, said of what Flynn proposed. "It's inevitable given X amount of things we rely on everyday and how big our coun-

try is."
"We can't prevent things we've never thought of," Kilpatrick said. "It's disturbing but it gets their point across.

security shortfalls in forum Sitting at a table discussing facts and figures and bringing up new questions, Stephen Flynn and Alex Miller seemed to simply be having an engaging conversation. But the suits and spotlights on the pair dissipated the in-formal atmosphere invoked by their ease of conversa-

extremely secure, the United States would have ranked at a

one during the deadly attacks

However, he said, the United States would only rank as a three

on his scale today.

"It's not a passing grade," he said. "But it's an accomplishment."

Flynn said the government

often sold small improvements as giant accomplishments.

Citing numerous examples of moments when the government

did not meet expectations re-garding how to properly handle dealings with national security and homeland security, Flynn

Author addresses America's

Raymond's students, how-

DESIGN

ever, are not shying away from brainstorming about possibili-ties and researching the town's history. Bob Massengale, a senior in landscape architecture, is among the students eager to get a jump-start on the project.
"Garner [the project] is still a

little strange to me personally, Massengale said. "I know they had the first commercial bio-diesel fuel mixture, that they are a community with more re-cent agrarian roots, and that all the people I've met from there seem to be pretty nice."

Currently, the town is exam-

2:00 P.M. SPECIAL EVENT

An officer reported to work the NCSU Baseball Game at Doak Field. There were no reported problems at the game. Approximately 250 people

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Student Senate needs to go

Get rid of Student Senate That's right — let's just abolish the Student Senate. Would the student body miss it?



Andrew Payne

In light of the recent scandal involving student basketball tickets I can't help but ask what good is the Student Senate? As a collective group, the Student Senate

doesn't do anything except appropriate money to student organizations and hand out football and basketball tickets.

Debating and passing "legislation" surely doesn't serve a useful purpose except wasting paper and

The unfortunate part of this situation is that the actions of a few are not reflective of all of Student Government, Certainly there are individual student senators and others in Student Government who are working hard on behalf of

Take for example, Senators For-rest Hinton and Drexel Heard who are promoting a truth in tuition law. Student Body President Tony Caravano led a band of students in a rally at the General Assembly fighting for a tuition freeze and faculty salary increases. Student Senate President Will

Quick organized efforts to aid the South Asian tsunami victims. And there are certainly other student leaders who are working on projects or changes to university

But over the past few years, the good deeds of a small number of people have been overshadowed by a collective body that spends hours

debating useless legislation.
Why is the Student Senate so terrible at what it does? Other areas of Student Government are effective and appear to have the interests of the students at the center of their

There are a number of factors

that I believe contribute to the Stu-dent Senate's shortcomings. The Student Media is in part to blame for Student Government's ineffec-

Technician, Technician, Nubian Mes-sage and WKNC 88.1FM do a poor job of providing the student body coverage of Student Senate's blunders and accomplish. and accomplishments. But the me-dia's lack of news coverage is not done intentionally.

The news coverage of Student Government in both Technician and Nubian Message, but more specifically Technician, is rather

sparse.
This is not beeffort or of a strong desire to serve the student body. At a university offer-ing no degree in journalism, there is very little incentive for students to write the news.

Those who do, and their editors, work long hours to bring the student body as much coverage as possible while maintaining quality and diverse subject matter. This is in contrast with the school newspaper at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The Daily Tar Heel serves both the university and the town.

They have tremendous resources and students have an academic and professional motivation to write for the paper. If a student leader sneezes wrong at Carolina, there is a front page story in the news-

what it does?

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paper. Not only is Technician's news coverage of Student Government deficient, but I and my fellow col-umnists fail to hold our student

leaders accountable. We would "Why is the rather write about current social Student problems than issues facing stu-Senate so dents. terrible at

Another reason why Student Government doesn't fulfill its potential is the fact that the student body expects little of them. If we set expectations low, we will get mediocre results.

I believe this thought process is an extension of a larger mindset. Students fail to realize that they can be a real force for change. Students auto-

matically assume tuition will increase or campus traditions will continue to deteriorate. As much as

I wish I could blame the incompetence of Student Senate entirely on the individuals who make up NCSU's glorified debate club — I can't.
The success of

Student Government and advo-

cacy efforts is ultimately a shared responsibility. Still, nothing will be lost if NCSU rids its campus of Student Senate.

Email Andrew your thoughts on the Student Senate at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

AN OPPORTUNI TAKE THE

OUR OPINION: N.C. STATE SHOULD TAKE CHARGE OF A HUGE OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN TRANSFORMING AND REFORMING HEALTH CARE. RESEARCHING AND WORKING OUT THE LOGISTICS OF CREATING A NEW SYSTEM IS WITH-IN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS.

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich gave a powerful speech yesterday at the Emerging Issues Forum at the McKimmon Center. He spoke about an issue that students may not care about today — but in the near future may wish they had — health care.
In his call for transforming health

care as it is today, he challenged leaders in the domains of business, government and education to begin creating a new system and N.C. State as a university and specifically students would be benefiting society as a whole if they were to be the drivers of this bandwagon.

The patient-oriented system is aimed to create consistency and effective communication between pharmaceutical companies, pharmacies, medical offices and patients. As of now, 44,000-100,000 people die every year due to medication errors - which could be anything from a pharmacy giving the wrong drug to a patient due to illegible writing or a person being given a drug that he or she is allergic to. One other fault of the current system is some people cannot simply afford medical treatment.

The conclusion — design a worldwide database that houses patient medical records.

The benefit — people would not have to fill the same information each time they attend doctors. Rather, the offices could download their information complete with allergies, history and current treatments and prescriptions. Not only

would it exponentially expedite the medical process, but it would also be easy for doctors so that everything is legible and consistent. A patient would not have to go to the same doctor for each visit and any additions to the medical record could be uploaded from the office into the database.

NCSU could be a huge contribution to this movement because creating a safe database is something that students now have the ability to do.

Students here are completely capable of designing such a system where pharmacies, medical offices and patients have access to the same source of information. Even if that database is not designed at NCSU, even something like a state-of-the-art firewall to prevent hacking would be beneficial.

NCSU, as a university, should team up with its neighbors down the road, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke who are leaders in the medical field at a national level, to begin researching and dissecting the logistics of creating such a system. Being able to present such a system would not only benefit North Carolina, but potentially the whole country as well.

Students do not want to be 40years-old and complaining about the hassles of trips to the doctor when the opportunity to do something about it today has fallen right into their laps. If something is going to be done about it, it needs to happen soon.

It is a matter of life and death.

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Student publications should unite for diversity, equality

debate regarding the publication and readership of two of N.C. State's student newspapers, Tech-nician and Nubian Message.



Emily Duncan

Technician, the largest stu-dent publication on campus, attempts to cover all university events, news and student opinions. Based on its own Web site, Technician claims State students." However, it is debatable that in reality Technician just might not

speak for the entire student On the other hand, Nubian Message, which is NCSU's African American Student newspaper, does not claim to speak for the entire student body. Alternatively, it attempts to promote cultural awareness and focus itself around events and stories relating to African

The two papers should combine into one because it would present a more racially diverse and dynamic opinion on today's news. It would also expose the ignorant to black issues to things other than gangster rap, basketball and soul food America's most loved and misguided black

Recently, controversy has sparked as a result of the lower circulation of Nubian Message when compared to the circulation of Technician. More than 15,000 copies of Technician are distributed every day, whereas, only a mere 1,000 copies of Nubian Message are made available to the pub-

In addition, Johnathan Brunson, recently divulged in a column that at the end of the day, despite the low number of papers circulated, extras of the Nubian Message are still sitting in their dropboxes. People are not picking up Nubian Message, or better put, not as much as Technician.

While NCSU is an extremely diverse campus, it is still a fact that the minority population is far less than those of Caucasian decent. Based on the Fall 2003 diversity demographics, which are arguably closely related to this present school year, the minority population only makes up 22 percent of this campus, with only a little more than 10 percent of the entire student population being African American.

The small percentage of African Americans on campus, when compared to the percentage of white students, might at first justify the lower amount of Nubian Messages circulated. However, some feel the numbers should not be based on race and population count, but rather content and community importance

Yes, Nubian Message does focus on the African "A united

American race, but the keyword there is American. Together we paper would need to value those from different backgrounds and cultures. Our society would not be the way it is today if not for African Americans, and for that reason there is a great need to take an interest in learning about their past and future, whether you might be black, white

races"

or any other race.

Technician does an excellent job of portraying campus happenings; however they focus on the campus in a broad sense, whereas Nubian Mesfocuses directly on a particular race and culture. While neither newspaper is wrong for expressing and depicting different things, if this university really does want to be united and to act and respond as one community, then the two

papers should combine.

Technician on its own will never be able to speak directly for the African American community, just like Nubian Message will never be able to speak for the rest of the population, yet together they can speak for us all. It is time to end the wall that divides us. Many preach tolerance and acceptance, but to be truly united we need to understand everyone's history and background. It is ignorant to learn only about one

Throughout the worldwide political debate, African issues have been increasingly marginalized. There is a world wide apathetic attitude towards Africa in general. This arrogance traces its roots to a subliminal racism throughout the

NCSU students must rise above these at titudes by making an effort to understand and empathize with cultures other then their own, sheltered, privileged one. Society, starting with today's youth, must make an effort to be aware of African history. A united paper would achieve the result of representing all races so that we can all learn and be more aware of those around us.

Contact Emily with your opinions at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

Features



Jessica Poindexter, a senior in communication disorders, says.

Simply acknowledging the day and getting her a small gift will have her gushing to her friends for days

like to get a few bags of red-heart lollip and give them out to my girl friends," says P.J. White, a freshman in accounting.

"Valentine's Day is a holiday for girls," according to Darren Shuskey, a senior in civil so be silly. Get that special person a cartoon valentine and a box of candy hearts. Hang out at someone's place, and watch a movie that will make you both laugh. That way there's a light-hearted atmosphere, and there is no pressure to make any commitments if that's not in the cards.

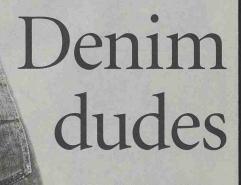
If a particular relationship is further along, go for the romantic gesture and make a commitment if it feels right. It might be more

doesn't have to be expensive...just meaningful. Shaking things up a bit ditions is an easy way to make that someone actually





STYLE



WHAT ONCE WAS A FASHION TREND **FOUND ONLY IN** WOMEN'S CLOTHES DEPARTMENTS, **DESIGNER JEANS** ARE FINDING THEIR **WAY ON TO THE LEGS OF MALES.**

STORY BY MEREDITH CARTER

A typical walk through the Brickyard becomes a first-hand re-alization that the United Nation.

A closer look at the ubiq-uitous fashion choice of jeans

uitous fashion choice of jeans reveals that Levi Strauss might have some competition — designer jeans, which have become so popular that fashion magazines have coined them "the new black pants." Formerly, only a true fashion follower might instantly recognize the swirl of Sevens for All Mankind, the small, stitched curve of Paper Denim and Cloth or the barely detectable "D" that signifies Diesel. Now both men and women alike are paying \$130-200 for these newest must-haves.

Mike Hernandez, a sophomore in commu-

Mike Hernandez, a sophomore in commu-nication media, is the perfect example. Hernandez recently caught on to the de-signer jean trend when a pair of Sevens caught

"I saw a pair of Sevens and liked the pocket design," Hernandez says.

It might just be a pair of jeans, but for communication sophomore Jessica Branson, the designer variety are a necessity for everybody.
"Everyone needs a good pair of jeans to go out in,

even guys," Branson says.
Branson has firsthand experience with this trend be-

cause her boyfriend recently started wearing Sevens.

"I like that he wears [Sevens] because it shows that he has a sense of style," Branson says.

Like others, Hernandez may have initially been reeled in by something as small as the pocket design. But the

trying on of the pair is what hooked him.

Perhaps some guys simply like to invest in nice things. Or maybe a girlfriend talks one into the first purchase. For Hernandez, the fit is the primary factor in his designer denim purchases.

"My favorite pair is my Paper Denims because they fit me so well," he said.

well, he said.

Not many men know designer jeans as well as Robb Ward, owner of Wardrobbe, which CitySearch.com recommends for its selection of high-end and diverse

The sales for this demographic have more than tripled in the past year and a half at Wardrobbe, Ward says, as men have picked up on the designer denim

According to Ward, the best fit for men right now is Diesel because the line offers a

right now is Diesel because the line offers a vast number of different styles.

"Everyone can find a Diesel they like — whether it's low-cut or tight-legged — there are so many different variations on the jean," Ward says. "Most guys come in to buy the Paper Denim and Cloth, or Diesel jeans."

But he's also quick to point out a couple of other lines such as Earnest Sewn jeans or Hudson jeans that he explains tend to be for guys who are a little more "fashion forward."

more "fashion forward."

And the forecast for men's designer denim is a bright

one, Ward predicts.

"The most up-and-coming labels at the present time are Meltin' Pot and Jean Paul Dommage," Ward says.



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COLD

Davidson still found ways to

work on his game.
"I stuck to indoor batting cages," Davidson said. "There were also large warehouses around town where you could play long toss in."

Sophomore Jessica Willems,

an outfielder for the softball team, says that when the mercury is low, pre-game prepara-tion is most important.

"Before the game, you have to stretch a lot," Willems said. 'I usually wear layers, but it takes a long time to get warm, especially in your hands."

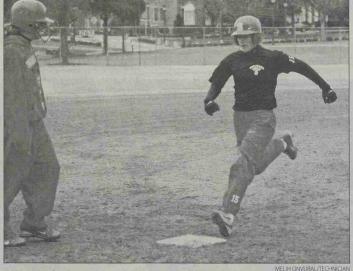
Cold hands can make catching the ball and reverberations

from contact with a metal bat unpleasant.

"It definitely stings a lot more," Willems said. Junior outfielder Brian Ara-

gon transferred to the baseball team this season from Florida International University, where he did not see cold temperatures very often. In Florida, the weather was never really a

problem for the transfer.
"Earlier in the season, it's definitely a big change from back home," Aragon said. "People



Senior outfielder Lee Hasper runs the bases during practice last week. Hasper wore a long-sleeve thermal shirt and N.C. State sweatpants to keep warm during the cold winter afternoon.

are complaining about 50 degree weather there, and I'm just happy if it's in the 40s."

Even with the low tempera tures, both the softball and baseball teams have managed to come into the season red-hot with the baseball opening 3-0 and the softball team at 5-1.

When it comes to battling the elements and coming out on the winning end, Aragon

lays it out simply.
"Once you get on the field you just focus on your game, you don't worry about the weather.

AUSTIN

mance on the court.

In his career, Hodge ranks fifth all-time in points at State and has a good shot at moving up to third. He will likely rank in that the state of the in the top-15 in rebounding despite playing as a guard, and he already ranks in the top-10 in steals. Hodge is one of the five greatest players ever to put on a State jersey. In a few years, his jersey will rightfully hang in the rafters. The Wolfpack could lose every game from here on out, and Hodge would still deserve the loudest ovation ever given to a player in the RBC Center as he walks off the court the final

So please, point your finger somewhere else.

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GYMNAST

my piano to let off steam.'

Bachman is a junior majoring in communication. Her focus is communication disorders, which is an undergraduate portion of preparation for speech-language therapists or audiologists careers.

Bachman hopes her career will allow her to work with the deaf.
"I've taken a lot of sign language classes outside of school. I definitely want to work with the deaf," Bachman said. "I love sign language, and I love the deaf cul-

ture. It just fascinates me."

Bachman's coaches love her continuous work ethic, and they believe her leadership rubs off on her teammates in a different way Stevenson said he believes the sky is the limit for Bachman.

"She's learned a tremendous amount since she's come to school," Stevenson said. "She's upgraded all of her skills, and with her work ethic, she'll only get better. She provides leadership by the way she works. But everyone listens when she talks."

Bachman and the Pack will return to Reynolds Coliseum this Friday, for the Hearts Invitational to compete against George Washington, Iowa and William & Mary.

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COMMENTARY

Don't blame Hodge

When times get bad, the fin-

ger-pointing is relentless.

Times couldn't be much worse for the N.C. State basket-



Austin Johnson

ball team, which lost at home to the worst team in the ACC on Saturday. Any sce nario that making the NCAA

Tournament is more pipe dream than anything based on logic.

With realism sinking in, Wolfpack fans are looking for someone to blame. After all, history has to have its scape-

goats.
Blame Lee Fowler? Fine, he oversees all athletic programs. Blame Herb Sendek? Fine, he's the head coach of a vastly underachieving team and gets paid a lot of money to win bas-ketball games. But blame Julius Hodge? Not

fine.

Hodge is made up of three bones and hear things: skin, bones and heart. Every time he steps onto the court, he puts the third ingredient on the line. Each important basket produces a smile from ear to ear, and every mistake produces the downtrodden, staring-at-the-ground look. He loves winning and

hates losing.
But like everyone else, Hodge is fallible. He makes mistakes; he has off nights. But his sea-

he has off nights. But his sea-son has not been a failure.

There are those saying "he should have gone to the NBA after last year." Congratula-tions, you're insulting a kid who wanted to stay in college and finish his degree. His de-cision to stay was worthy of praise in April, and it remains so today.

so today. You can't blame Hodge for the losses. He has led them the same way he led them last season. His averages – 18.3 points, 7.6 rebounds and 4.4 assists - are as good as anyone in the conference once again. Yes, he's had bad games, but there are 11 other players on the roster who have to contribute as well.

Before blaming Hodge, stop and think about where this program would be without him.

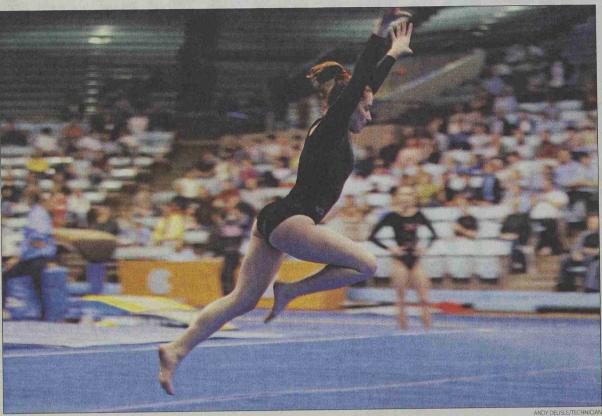
When he walked onto cam-pus his first year and declared he was here to win a national championship, people laughed. When he said it again as a se-

when he said it again as a sernior, people listened.
In the last three years, State would have gone to the NCAA Tournament exactly zero times without Hodge. As a fresh-man, it was Hodge who sank a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down to upset No. 1 seed Maryland in the semifinals of the ACC To The win catapulted the team into the tourney.

The following two years, it was Hodge who led the team in successive trips to March Madness. He picked up two wellearned, first-team All-ACC the Year honor for his perfor-

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GYMNASTICS



N.C. State junior Kylah Bachman performs on the floor at the Governor's Cup at Carmichael Auditorium in Chapel Hill last Saturday. Bachman finished sixth in the all-around.

Sophomore gymnast deals with one fear

Despite being one of the very few gymnasts in the EAGL to compete on every apparatus, Kylah Bachman is scared of the vault

Randy Quis

Being an elite gymnast that competes in four events, one would assume that soft-spoken junior Kylah Bachman is in con-trol at the gym. However, there is one event that still makes her heart skip a beat.

"I'm deathly afraid of the vault," Bachman said. "It's just one of those events that is tough for me mentally. But I just have

for me mentally. But I just have to confront it everyday."
Sophomore Crisann Calvo acknowledged that the team is aware of Bachman's fear.
"You can tell it scares her,"
Calvo said. "But the team is there for her because we all have our own fears, and she is always



N.C. State junior Kylah Bachman gets a hug from a teammate after finishing her routine on the parallel bars at the Governor's Cup at Carmichael Auditorium in Chapel Hill last Saturday. Bachman performs in all the events for the Wolfpack but fears the vault the most.

there for us."

Her fear of the vault is one of many challenges as a gymnast for Bachman. Each meet, she competes in the floor exercise, beam, vault and parallel bars.

According to coach Mark Stevenson, Bachman is one of two gymnasts in the East Atlantic Gymnastics League to achieve

this.
"She's pretty good. Kylah is

basically our top all-around gymnast right now," Stevenson said. "She competes in four events for us and is by far the

events for us and is by far the strongest worker."

Despite her fear, Bachman has scored impressively on the vault. At the Governor's Cup in Chapel Hill this past weekend, Bachman scored a 9.825 to tie for third.

A native of York, Pa., Bachman

chose N.C. State over Rhode Island and Pittsburgh. She said that part of her decision to attend State was because Bachman felt she fit in best with the team, and the school matched her education needs.

When she is not at the gym, Bachman enjoys numerous artistic hobbies. If she isn't reading a book or drawing a picture, she

"Anything artsy I like doing," Bachman said. "My piano is my anger management tool. Whenever I'm frustrated, I play

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BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Pack has various ways of coping with the cold

The baseball and softball teams begin their season dealing with cold weather, but have impressive earlyseason records despite the uncomfortable conditions

Stephen Federowicz

Winter is still very much upon us, but it is that time of year again when the baseball and softball teams put on their leather mitts, grab hold of their aluminum bats and begin the

Spring season.
While both teams played their first games this past week, outdoor practices and workouts began in January. For senior pitcher Phil Da-

vidson, the early practices are a great way to prepare for the first few games of the season, when the temperature may not

be ideal.

"It's pretty rough at first, but you get used to it," Davidson said. "Practicing, throwing, running. Doing all of that out in the cold certainly helps."

In the games, especially the cold night ones, Davidson has managed the weather well.

"During the game, you don't really have to do a lot because you're working up a sweat.

"Later on during the longer

innings, like during an eightrun inning we had against Delaware State, I went down into the tunnel, into the play ers lounge where it's heated," Davidson said.

Being a native of Rhode Island, however, Davidson is certainly well adapted for the rigors of winter ball

Projected temperatures for upcoming games

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"I played in some miserable weather growing up," Davidson said. "Sometimes I'd be throw-

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end of February, we wouldn't

even go outside."

Being chained to the indoors,

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