

# Graduation



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## Little note from your managing editor

Congratulations N.C. State seniors! After four or more years of studying, you're earning your degrees and moving on. Some will get jobs, while others will work toward a master's degree or maybe even a Ph.D.

Technician put together this tab to spotlight things that might be of interest to soon to be graduates. Each department has gather together articles and columns chronicling the 1996-1997 academic year. A special thanks in putting this tab together goes out to Technician's graduating staff members. We wish all of you the best of luck!

Nicole Bowman  
Managing Editor

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# It's party time at Graduation '97



Photos by Hide Terada/Staff



## 1980 student returns to NCSU

■ Congressman is scheduled to speak at graduation.

### News Staff Report

U.S. Representative J.D. Hayworth, a republican from Arizona, will deliver the commencement speech at N.C. State on Saturday, May 10 at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Chancellor Larry Monticith will award degrees on behalf of NCSU faculty and trustees to about 3,000 students.

Hayworth, who graduated

cum laude from NCSU in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in speech communication and political science, is serving his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Hayworth serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, the Veterans' Affairs Committee and as an assistant Republican Whip. During his first term, Hayworth sponsored the "Congressional Responsibility Act," which is designed to improve accountability in the legislative process. He also chaired a bipartisan task force

that investigated the possible misuse of more than \$2.4 billion in Indian Trust Fund accounts.

He serves on the Natural Resources Committee, the Energy, Mineral Resources and National Parks Subcommittee, Forests and Lands Subcommittee, Banking and Finance Committee and Housing and Community Opportunity Committee.

For his efforts, "National Review" listed Hayworth as one of the top 10 conservative newcomers to Congress.

Before his election to

Congress, Hayworth was a public relations consultant, a radio news commentator and a television sports anchor.

At NCSU, politics and the news media became Hayworth's main interests when injuries ended his football career in his sophomore year. He was student body president during his senior year. Hayworth, his wife, Mary, and their three children live in Scottsdale, Arizona.

NCSU's commencement ceremonies will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a concert by the NCSU Commencement Band.

## GMAC discounts prices for '97 grads

■ General Motors offers recent graduates and graduate students \$400 off a new vehicle.

### Tab Staff Report

GMAC, Chevrolet/Geo and Pontiac are proud to announce the 1997 GM College Grad Program, now in its 13th straight year. Graduates get \$400 off from General Motors with the program.

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In either case, this offer is available in addition to most other rebates and incentives.

"We understand the many financial and career decisions that graduates face today. Our program is designed to make it as easy as possible for grads to get into that special GM car or truck," added Sullivan.

GMAC offers special easy financing for qualifying college graduates and graduate students with no credit history required, and a choice of three financing options... from traditional purchase to SMARTLEASE by GMAC or GMAC SMARTBUY. In addition, a no down payment option is available when you purchase.

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## Keep NCSU ties

By Matt Smith

Director, Young Alumni Relations for NCSU Alumni Association

I feel sure that many of you have mixed emotions about leaving N.C. State and west Raleigh. You will not miss the homework, tests and late-night study groups. What you will miss are the interaction with your fellow students, the lazy afternoons at Doak Field watching baseball, the fraternity parties on Saturday night, and sitting around the Brickyard watching individuals from different backgrounds come and go in pursuit of common goals. Fill in your own experiences — just realize that your college days will provide you with some of the best memories of your life.

While these days will soon be over, your connection with the university that allowed you to experience these many fine moments will not. NCSU is only as good as its students and alumni. Soon, you will be joining an alumni body that consists of 120,000 alumni. This alumni body is spread out over the country and world, but we have a particularly strong base in North Carolina. Do you realize that more than 66,000 alumni live in North Carolina? Did you know

that we have nearly 26,000 alumni in Wake County? When you leave the campus, it will be hard for you to go somewhere and not run into an alumnus.

You will be joining an impressive alumni base when you graduate. Did you know that all three of the branches of the N.C. government are headed by NCSU alumni (Gov. Jim Hunt '59, Chief Justice Burley Mitchell '66 and Speaker of the House Harold Brubaker '71)? Did you know that NCSU alumni head more of the state's top 100 companies than graduates of any other institution in the state? Your (soon to be) alma mater means more to this state than many will ever know. NCSU is making a difference for every citizen of this state, and you should be proud.

Do you realize that for every dollar NCSU receives from the state, we return \$3 to the economy? That is an incredible return on investment! NCSU's annual expenditures contribute more than \$750 million to the state, with a total statewide economic impact of \$1.9 billion and 19,000 jobs created. Did you know that university alumni and employees

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# Find a job via the Internet

■ Need to find a job? Check out the Internet.

By Jennifer Wise  
The Minnesota Daily (U. of Minnesota)

**(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.** — There are a few ways to use the Internet to help in a career search. An obvious one is by posting your resume.

A resume can be posted to a resume bank, which gives how-to's. The University of Minnesota homepage lists some job search companies, which are reviewed below. All these should be approached with caution.

Job banks offers their services

for free, which raises the question — What is the trick?

"They may offer great things, help with a resume, but then they may ask for your credit card number. There are scams, so you have to be careful," said Sharon Kurtz, Director of the Institute of Technology Career Services Center.

It is not advisable to hand over a credit card number to have a resource look for jobs, a search we can all do on our own. The services offered by the job banks below are mostly free, and a search can be done without anyone ever knowing who you are, and the job contact is listed for your calling or writing. Another

good use for the web is preparing for an interview. The company may even ask you if you have seen their page.

With the posting of personal information comes necessary caution, Kurtz points out. "All that personal information: a picture, name and address — there are people who worship space-ships out there looking at this."

Kurtz suggests that a student be selective with whom they decide to post their resume, or the resume could end up exposed to the wrong place and the person may get undesirable responses. A computer science major who posts with such a job bank may end up changing his or her phone number. She advised, "If you are a CSC major, the last thing you may want to do is put your resume up there because the job market is so strong right now."

An organization such as The Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) would be a trustworthy site to link to, Kurtz said.

Another possibility is having your resume linked from a departmental homepage, such as the University of Minnesota Mathematics Department and the University of Wisconsin computer science department does with their graduate students.

Probably the best way to handle that resume is to decide which employer looks interesting and suitable, and to invite the employer with a note to view the page.

Most employers will not search the web for applicants, Kurtz said.

unless the applicant has specific or unusual skills, such as a Ph.D. She also suggests to approach employers with care. Employers

do not want their mailboxes crowded with 200 resumes from people who did not bother to find out who they are, she said.

Kurtz observed, "Employers look for somebody who is more directive and finds them because they are interested in their company and a specific job. When you say, 'Here is my web address, please look at my resume,' you are retaining control over your resume."

Jan Windmeier, Director of Career Services for the Carlson School of Management, said that within two years she would like to see sites provide easy online

access to student resume databases for employers, and to company profiles by students and alumni.

At CareerCityJobs, you select a state or states, select one of a number of job categories, and begin the search. It is important to start from scratch with a new state or job title each time. The search is quick. The only downfall is the limitation of job categories, which is mostly computer-related.

A general job search will pull up openings like auto technician, police officer and technical writer. CareerCity has a free posting of resumes for companies to view after selecting hiring criteria. It even gives instructions for structuring and posting a resume. CareerCity has a template, so you could cut and paste or start from scratch. Your resume is kept for four months, and you select a password to make changes.

Job Seekers found in America's Job Bank page takes you to a page which contains a menu from which you select a job category and state. The search brings up a listing which contains statistics such as salary and educational experience desired (It is never required, so give it a try).

Job Bank also tells you jobs less than a week old. With Job Bank you are not limited to the categories it lists. You can click on keyword search, and type in a word and select the state to search.

Career Magazine is a terrific resource for anyone with a job or looking for a job, because it has feature articles on topics such as what to do if you lose a job. Ask Allison is a place to post questions and view archives of questions from other readers. Career Magazine has a nice selection of resources including Employers, with a list of companies which have detailed their hiring desires and a form to fill out for standard resume features and sending a message to hiring managers.

I spotted one money maker — Career Mosaic tries to sell a guide titled "How College Students Connect with Employers" for \$200. Career Mosaic has a list of resources like Career Resource Center and Online Job Fairs.

Here is a listing of the websites mentioned in the article on online job listings.

- IEEE
- <http://www.ieee.org>
- CareerCityJobs
- <http://www.careercity.com/jobs/jobs.htm>
- America's Job Bank
- <http://www.ajb.dni.us/>
- Career Magazine
- <http://www.careermag.com/>
- Career Mosaic
- <http://www.careermosaic.com>
- E-Span
- <http://www.e-span.com/>
- JobWeb
- <http://job.web.org/>
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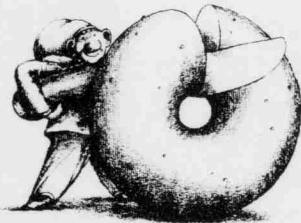


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# Answer grad school questions

■ Time to think about graduate school.

## Tabloid Staff Report

With undergraduate degrees in hand, many students look towards master and doctoral degree programs. For some majors it is necessary to go beyond a bachelor's degree to compete in the job market.

The N.C. State Graduate School is one of many that offer advance degrees. According to the NCSU Graduate Bulletin, it is important to "know and meet the application deadline of one's particular program." Each program has different procedures, criteria and application deadlines.

Like most colleges, to be considered for admission in full graduate standing applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. They also must have at least a B average in the undergraduate major or the most recent graduate degree program.

After applications are received by the specific deadlines, they are forwarded to the individual program, which then sends a recommendation to the Dean of the Graduate School.

## Meeting financial needs

NCSU along with other colleges and universities offers financial assistance to graduate students. The five broad categories of assistance at NCSU are:

- national fellowships of which individual students apply directly to the granting agency.

- fellowships supplements awarded directly by the Graduate School.

- fellowships offered through individual colleges and departments.

- assistantships and university-sponsored part-time employment.

- long-term loans through the Financial Aid Office.

Special assistance is available for nationally under-represented students in many graduate programs such as blacks, Native Americans and Hispanics across all disciplines and non-minority women in engineering and the sciences.

In addition, many teaching and research assistants who are not N.C. residents are able to obtain a reduction in out-of-state tuition to a level comparable to that of in-state students.

Congratulations, Bonnie you did it!!!! We knew you could- We are so very proud of you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Tracy,  
You're not a little girl anymore, but we couldn't love you more or be more proud of you. Congratulations on such a successful college career, Tracy.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Congratulations Anne!  
We are so proud of you and love you to infinity!

Love,  
Mom, Nancy, Steve  
and Petunia too!



Dear Eileen,  
Four years at NC State and you haven't changed a bit! You're still my sweet little Chapel Hill Tarheel! Here's hoping graduate school will bring you back home to the Mecca.

Love,  
Mamacita



Dana,

Although we have had our differences and not always agreed, I hope you have never doubted how much I love you. I am very proud of you and know I always will be. The future is yours-make it what you want it to be. CONGRATULATIONS! I love you.

Mom



Congratulations on your success as a graduate in the business management program. Your wonderful college experiences, including Madison, made the 4 yrs. memorable ones.

Good luck!  
Mom, Dad, George,  
Darlene, & Rex



Sara,  
Congratulations!  
Good Luck!



Woody,

You've reached an important milestone in your life! You are a special and deserving young man and we are so proud of you. Always be yourself, believe in yourself and hold fast to your dreams! We wish you all the success and the very best that life has to offer. May God bless and guide you always.

Love,  
Mom and Nurica



For Christopher Graham,  
With great pride in all  
you've done,  
In how you've done it,  
And in who you are--  
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Love,  
Mom, Mary Jane, Peter  
John, Paul, Susan, Anna,  
Michael, Caroline and  
Nicholas.



To my son Anthony D. Hair of Fayetteville, NC, who has been of great inspiration to both the Carter and Hair family. Congratulations on a job well done, you have made us proud.

Love always,  
Mom and Family



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## Bernstein aids gymnastics team

■ The Wolfpack gymnasts look to Bernstein for leadership going into the EAGL championships.

By James Curle  
Staff Writer

She walks into the interview office wearing blue jeans and a hot pink sweatshirt, then greets me with a hearty "Hey! How are you?"

This is not your garden-variety varsity athlete life with arrogance and agendas.

She is Liz Bernstein, tri-captain for the Lady Wolfpack Gymnastics team. A senior from Philadelphia, Bernstein heads a squad of gymnasts that is just hitting their collective stride as they prepare for the EAGL Championships this Saturday. EAGL, an acronym standing for the East Atlantic Gymnastic League, wraps up the gymnastics season in Reynolds Coliseum in what can be compared to the ACC Championship of gymnastics.

For Bernstein, this weekend is the culmination of a long and involved gymnastics career.

While she came into her own these past few years as a member of State's squad, her love for gymnastics started at an early age.

"I was on a tumbling team in third grade. It was like a show type of team, where we went around and did shows at malls," she said. "I guess sixth grade is when I really got into it, and then in seventh and eighth [grades] I realized that I was getting better so I just kept going."

But the notion of going to college for doing something she was naturally good at never really crossed Bernstein's mind. That is, until she met N.C. State gymnastics head coach Mark Stevenson.

"I met Mark at a gymnastics camp when I was 12 or 13, I think. I never really thought about going to college for gymnastics. I just knew him as the N.C. State gymnastics coach," she said. "Then my junior year he was interested, so that stirred my interest as well."

After passing up several highly ranked schools including Towson State and Penn State, Bernstein made up her mind to attend NCSU and continue working with Stevenson. But her first year on the team did not go exactly as planned.



GLENN ABBEY/STAFF

NCSU gymnast displays a balancing act needed by student athletes.

"In gymnastics, I did okay. I didn't do really, really well. I hurt my back and was out for quite a bit. And when you get hurt, people move into your spot."

She turned things around during her sophomore season, however, and became more of a

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## Student assaults BGLA member

■ A fight between supporters of National Coming Out Day and dissenters broke out in the Free Expression Tunnel on October 16, 1996.

By Jason King  
Staff Writer

National Coming Out Day is supposed to be an event during which homosexuals can feel comfortable announcing their sexual orientation to their peers, but some N.C. State students are not helping to make that announcement any easier.

On October 16, 1996, students painting advertisements for National Coming Out Day in the Free Expression Tunnel were taunted by another group of students shouting anti-gay epithets. An altercation between two students ensued, which led to one student's arrest.

According to Public Safety's report of the incident, 18-year-old freshman Timothy Ray Mills was taken into custody by Public Safety after shaving student Warren Kevin Neaves and fleeing from officers.

Neaves said he and 15 to 20 other students were painting general information about National Coming Out Day when approximately ten students stopped to read the advertisement. The group then began to degrade homosexuals and smear the paint with their fingers.

At that point, Michael O'Neal, co-chair of the Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies (BGLA) called Public Safety from the blue-light phone at Cox Hall and the group ran off, with the exception of Mills.

According to witnesses, Mills then got in Neaves' face and

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## NCSU hosts music artists in '97



PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENN RECORDS  
Beck was one of many live acts at NCSU.

■ It was a good year for music at N.C. State.

By Kelly Marks  
Features Editor

This year, N.C. State students had the advantage of hearing some great live acts without ever leaving the campus. From local bands to Grammy award winners, NCSU was where it was at.

It all began with the Lawn Party back in September. Only a week after Hurricane Fran blew through, Delta Sigma Phi made sure that everything was good to go and the music was turned up loud. Held at Trinity Farms, located beside Carter-Finley Stadium, the event featured three bands: Gibb Droll was the opening act, with Vertical Horizon following. Local celebrities The Squirrel Nut Zippers closed the event with selections from their latest release, "Hot."

In March, the down-home pop group Cracker came to Stewart Theatre. The show featured songs from their third album, "The Golden Age," as well as old favorites like "Low," "Get Off This" and "Euro-Trash Girl." Opening for the band was Winston Salem locals Running From Anna.

Running From Anna seemed to be the band of choice this year. The gig with Cracker was

only one of several of their on-campus performances. The group also headlined at the Union Activity Board's Ultimate All-night Bash and lent their voices to help Habitat for Humanity raise money. The group enjoyed success with their sophomore release "Jezebel."

Habitat's Builder's Bash brought several groups together for a good cause. Members of Raleigh's own, The Backsliders, joined with Wooden Boat School, Running From Anna, and Dirty Frank and the Cleaners to ensure a good evening for all. The Bash was held April 4, at the Brewery and raised enough money for Habitat to build a house next year.

Perhaps the biggest event this year though, was the Beck concert in Reynolds Coliseum. With special guests Atan Teenage Riot and those lovefools, The Cardigans, Beck shook the stadium with a hardcore, rock-out performance. Having just been named Male Performer of the Year and with his latest release, "Odeley" earning the title Album of the Year, the folk-singer-gone-funky lived up to everyone's expectations.

As the year closes out, there is at least one more big event to go. U2's Rattle and Hum Tour is set to play Carter-Finley Stadium in May. With their newest single, "Staring at the Sun," enjoying heavy airplay and given their past touring efforts, it promises to be a spectacular event.

**Congratulations on a job well done!**

**We love you!  
Mom & Dad**

(for Kevin Scott Howard Graduating Dec. '97)



**CONGRATULATIONS GREG!**

Live life fully  
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We love you  
You always make us proud  
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**Matt,**

It's hard to "word" a message to a writer for the Technician. You will probably edit what is written. But, we are very proud of you, and wish you every success in the years to come.

All our love,  
Mom and Dad



In 1975 God gave us the most wonderful gift that anyone could receive. You.

We thank him everyday for the honor of being your parents. We are so proud of you. You have worked hard and accomplished a lot already but we know you will make a difference in this world in the years ahead.

We love you,  
Daddy, Mama and Clay



**Ana,**

We are so proud of your accomplishments these last years. We send our  
**Congratulations, love,  
and total support of your future endeavors!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad



As you embark on this new and exciting phase of your life, remember that you have the knowledge, the ability, the power, and the love to make the world a better place. We love you and we are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad,  
Ashley & Granny



**Kelly Sue Laurence-**  
Congratulations and good luck upon your graduation from NCSU. And a loving and happy 22nd birthday to our beautiful daughter who has made us so proud beyond words we love you so much.

Mom, Dad, and Scott



**John D Newman,  
It has been a long haul, you did good. I only wish your mother was here to see you now!**



**Congratulations Laura,**

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Your hard work and dedication have brought you great success. As you continue on your journey through life, let God and your principles guide your decisions. May God always bless you as He has blessed us with you.

Love Always,  
Mom & Dad



## Converted by the brickyard preacher

By Chris Baysden

Yes, I have seen the light.

It happened as I was walking back from my last class of the day (excluding the ones I skipped, of course). My mind was filled with academic disillusionment concerning this thing called "Dead Week." Funny how you can have learned so much during a semester, yet all the work that really "counts" still isn't done.

But as I emerged from the Free Expression Tunnel, my heart rejoiced. My worries were lifted, my soul was cleansed, and I was entertained all at the same time. Gary Birdsongs was delivering His word, and suddenly, he had found an apostle.

The trivial details of my former life and the problems accompanying it were forgotten. I stared, transfixed by his ranting, raving and lamenting. My cries for help had been answered. Gary would show the way.

So, I am writing this column to inform all of you that I am officially dropping out of school. That's right, I am becoming a Gary Groupie. I will follow Gary wherever he goes, spreading His word (not to be confused with God's word, which is quite different, I assure you). In time, once I have proven capable of espousing even the most inflammatory fire and brimstone rhetoric and of testing the patience of even the most devout, I will earn the title of Deacon Bubba. I will be the world's first redneck evangelist.

Gary has already taught me a few sermons. They're quickies for the most part, designed to offend all within earshot. Here's a couple of teasers: "Ya'll frat boys are gon' to hell!"; "Women who wear short skirts are chewing on the fruits of the devil!" and my personal favorite, "Masturbation, masturbation, equals fortification, fortification, fortification!"

This last one is sort of like a cheer, and Gary and I are working on a routine where we do a human pyramid as part of the sermon. But it isn't just the same since we can't wear skirts like normal cheerleaders (that's the price of salvation, I suppose).

Personally, I'm not going to miss college. I mean, can you think of a better education than traveling around the Triangle with Gary, spreading His Word? I'll see the world (well, at least Durham), learn public speaking



# Basketball won NIT bid

■ State's hard work pays off.

By **K. Gaffney**  
Staff Writer

It was true anyway, but the fact that Umeki Webb said it made it that much more believable. "Anybody who comes in here, we are going to be ready to play," Webb said.

When N.C. State defeated UNC-Chapel Hill, 84-77, it wasn't about North Carolina. It wasn't about revenge.

It wasn't about a rivalry. And it wasn't about Jessica Gaspar. Despite all of the hype, press and media attention about State's loss in the first match-up, the on-going rivalry and a Tar Heel player who's on court antics has placed her in the middle of a media frenzy, what it was about, and what it all came down to, was N.C. State Basketball. Pure and simple.

It was about what the Pack has been trying to do all season, but just couldn't get done. State's 9-0 start to the game was a message sent to the Tar Heels and to the entire conference: N.C. State is ready to play, they have been all year. Now they have more reason to prove it, so look out.

State could have let the game slip away late in the second half. In the final two minutes, it came down to State's performance at the foul line. Calm and cool, State sank 12 of 16 free throws,



SALVADOR FABRAN III/STAFF  
**Justin Galney exemplifies Pack's efforts.**

and pulled out the win.

State's approach to the final two minutes of the game looks to be the approach that the team will take from here on out.

"I think everyone is getting more focused, and

# Centennial Campus plans for golf course

■ The design of Centennial Campus has taken an unexpected twist.

By **Phillip Reese**  
News Editor

Imagine this:

It's early fall in 1999, and you have been working hard at the lab all week. But now it's time to unwind.

So, you step across the street to the plush hotel where your company is holding a weekend conference retreat.

You hit the pool, head over to the tennis courts or play a round of golf before taking a dip in the complementary spa.

Are you at a swank hotel in Florida or Honolulu or the Bahamas?

Nope — believe it or not, you are at N.C. State's Centennial Campus.

That's right: Centennial Campus will soon feature a huge conference center, a 250-room hotel and an 18-hole golf course. The resort complex is being built to attract research companies and govern-

ment agencies to NCSU.

"This is a centerpiece for our campus," Centennial Campus Development Coordinator Claude McKinney said. "It will be a quality facility or we won't have it."

The complex will be owned and operated by a private contract team that will be chosen by NCSU's Board of Trustees.

The complex will cost over \$50 million to construct, McKinney said. NCSU will probably receive part of the complex's profits once it is built.

"The complex will make a profit," McKinney said. "Otherwise, we would not ask the private sector to come in and build it."

The hotel will be adjacent to the conference center. It will also feature a spa, an exercise room, tennis courts and a swimming pool.

"I would say that we are looking at a four-star hotel here," McKinney said. "It will be comfortable and efficient, but not too lavish."

The golf course will be open to the public and will utilize the natural resources of the Centennial

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much pride and joy. For  
this we thank you.  
Love,  
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The delightful gift of love  
we received in 1975 is  
now a beautiful young  
woman, we're proud to  
call our daughter.  
We wish "Our Pauline"  
and classmates the very  
best always. May your  
faith in God direct your  
path.



Love always,  
Mom & Dad

We thank God for you  
and the many things you  
have accomplished. We  
wish you the best in your  
new job. Our love and  
support will always be  
with you.

Proverbs 3:5,6

We love you,  
Mama and Daddy



Tracey,  
You did it in three years!  
We're proud of you!!  
Congratulations.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Bill & Dan.

Dear Sandi,  
I am so proud of the wonderful  
young woman you've become. May this  
graduation mark the beginning of many  
years of happiness and inspiration, as  
well as a perspiration.

Love,  
Mom

PIZZA  
TO  
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Congratulations Chris!!  
We are so proud of you!  
You have worked hard and  
accomplished much over  
the past few years! But  
which way do the electrons  
go?  
Love,  
Mom & Dad



James T. Newman  
All your hard work has  
paid off. We know that you  
will reach whatever goals  
you set for yourself in the  
future. We love you and  
are very proud of you.  
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Volleyball team and in your studies at NCSU!  
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of North Carolina for allowing Jeni to attend an  
A.C.C. University. May the spirit of NCSU sports  
follow you the rest of your life!!  
Bob & Shirley Kell  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota  
Winter Wonderland!

## Baysden

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and learn the ways of the Lord  
from a former Hell's Angel. Best  
of all, it's economically competi-  
tive.

Consider this: I pay thousands  
of dollars to attend N.C. State. I  
don't know anything about the  
quality of my professors until I  
get in the class. I pay even more  
for books, many of which I find I  
don't even have to read. And the  
ultimate insult? I can't even find  
a parking spot.

Converting to a Gary Groupie  
solves all these problems. First,  
as a born-again Birdsong, I'll  
have to renounce all the worldly  
possessions enjoyed by the rest  
of you heathens. Therefore, I  
won't have a car, so I won't have  
to worry about a parking space  
— or getting a ticket from those  
parking control guys (talk about  
your minions of the devil).  
Moreover, Gary provides all the  
literature I need for free (the  
standard Birdsong interpretation  
of the Bible, with an introduction  
by faith healer/used car salesman  
extraordinaire Jimmy Swaggart).  
Finally, while Gary has no formal  
credentials as an instructor,  
at least I know what I'm signing  
up for here. How many of you  
can say the same about next  
semester?

Best of all, while I'm on the  
road, I'll meet lots of new and  
interesting people (even if they  
are unrepentant infidels who are  
going straight to H-E-double  
hockey sticks). Have you seen  
the people who like to argue with  
Gary? Not even Lollapalooza  
can beat this sideshow.

Of course, there will be some  
things that I'll miss. I won't be  
around to see the Centennial  
Center bankrupt Raleigh, Wake  
County and the state of North  
Carolina simultaneously (some  
people actually still believe that  
thing is going to be built — poor,  
deluded fools). I'll also never get  
the chance to see the inside of  
the D.H. Hill Library. I always  
meant to get over there. — But  
of course, the thing I'll miss most  
is that "You wanna sell your soul  
for a free two liter?" guy. I can't  
put my finger on it, but for some  
reason he reminds me of Gary.  
Alas, such will be the losses I  
incur along the journey to spiri-  
tual fulfillment.

Hallelujah, Brother.

## GMAC

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"THE ENGLISH PATIENT"

■ **The past year has produced many notable movies.**

**By Kelly Marks**  
Features Editor

A year is comprised of events, part action and part image. What we see in a year offers insight into the society that exists in that year. Movies, like any other medium, are a reflection on the time period and this year's movies were no exception. They were moving, action-packed, tender, and controversial. They entertained us, made us laugh, made us cry, and made us think about things in new light. From **Fargo** to **One Fine Day** and from **Swingers** to **Suburbia**, each offered something unique.

Perhaps the biggest news in the movie industry this year was the re-release of George Lucas' immortal **Star Wars** trilogy. Lucas celebrated the 25th anniversary of his special effects masterpieces by digitally remastering and merchandising the heck out of them. Moviegoers

flocked to the theaters in droves to relive the thrill of the Force, to see Luke duke it out with Darth Vader, and to revel in the sexual tension between Han Solo and Princess Leia.

Controversy flared with the release of **The People vs. Larry Flynt**. The true story of Hustler magazine owner Larry Flynt, the movie raised the issue of freedom of speech as it told the story of one man's battle to print what he pleased. It also sparked off new debates over the issue of pornography and what can be considered obscene or misogynistic.

The movie marked the acting debut of another controversial figure, Courtney Love, lead singer for the music group Hole. Love impressed the critics with her portrayal of Althea Measure, Flynt's significant other, and the film garnered several award nominations.

The heartfelt comedy **Jerry Maguire** had people everywhere wanting to see the money. The story of Maguire, a top sports agent played by actor Tom Cruise, was nominated by the Academy Awards for Best Picture — the only release by a

major movie company this year to be so. Cuba Gooding, Jr. stole the show as wide receiver Rod Tidwell, one of Maguire's clients. The role won Gooding an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

Another big movie at the Academy Awards was **Sling Blade**, most likely the sleeper hit of the year. Starring Billy Bob Thornton as Karl Childers, a mildly retarded man faced with a

complex moral dilemma, it is a story loaded with mythical, biblical and darkly humorous imagery. Thornton wrote and directed the movie which deals with domestic abuse, religious fanaticism and homophobia.

One can't look at the year's movies without mentioning one last film. **The English Patient**, starring Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, Willem Dafoe and Kristin Scott Thomas won out with nine Oscars, including Best Picture.

Set in North Africa and Italy before and during World War II, the movie is a passionate epic drama of two love stories obstructed by themes of fidelity, adultery, nationality and betray-

# 1997 was big in movies



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# BGLA

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made punching motions toward him while insulting him with anti-gay epithets. Mills then hit Neaves in the chest with both fists, knocking him backwards approximately four feet.

After other students intervened, Public Safety officers arrived and Mills fled. Mills was apprehended and taken in for questioning.

Neaves said he decided to press charges against Mills to increase awareness of violence against homosexuals.

"I hope the message is sent. That type of violence will not be tolerated by the university or society," he said. "I'll remember this every time I speak out. It's a barrier to free speech for many, but it is one that must be overcome."

# Gymteam

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contributor to the team. Bernstein improved so much from her freshman to sophomore year that she was voted "Most Improved Gymnast" for the 1995 season by her teammates.

"I don't think I got that much better. I just got consistent. My scores got better."

Things have not been easy in the years since then for Bernstein. Various injuries have taken their toll on the gymnast, never allowing her to truly have a complete, solid season of worry-free competition.

"I wish I wouldn't have gotten hurt so much. I never really had that much time to actually train; it was always kind of coming back. I've had two ankle surgeries. I've hurt my back, my shoulder, and I've had mono, so

everything I did was trying to get back - get back - get back. I never had a chance to just train and get better," she said. "If I hadn't got hurt or hadn't got mono then maybe I could've gotten better."

Despite her pains throughout her career, Bernstein has fought to earn her position as tri-captain. Not only one of the premier gymnasts of the team, Bernstein managed to pull down a 3.80 G.P.A. throughout her tenure at State — highest of all the gymnasts on the squad.

Regardless of her performance on and off the gymnastic's floor, Bernstein inevitably receives an untold number of comparisons to the gymnasts of the 1996 Summer Olympics. The Shannon Millers, the Dominique Mochianues, and, of course, little Kerry Strugg.

But is Liz Bernstein, senior tri-captain of the State gymnastic team, tired of hearing of Kerry Strugg.

# Jobweb

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E-Span has keyword and customized searches. The simple job search asks for a keyword, company name and location, or abbreviation of a state. Its searches are not so easily refined like the other job bank searches, but it is handy for pulling up many positions if the company you are interested in is available. For example, just entering Motorola into the company with no more specifics brought back 15 open positions with a page full of details.

JobWeb simply requires a job keyword, and a geographical location. A keyword search with Employer Profiles will gather a

list of companies who may hire in that field. The job details provided. It also contains Career Planning Resources, which provides valuable exercises to determine where you are in a career search and helps you determine what is important in your hunt.

JobHunt contains one highly valuable resource which beautifully displays the web at its best: a Classified Ads section which lists newspapers and their classified job ads.

CareerPath.com has a table containing 28 newspapers from around the world and their classified job ads. Papers include The New York Times, the Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune and the Minneapolis-St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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Even if you cannot yet offer monetary support, there are many other ways to get involved. We have groups of alumni all over the state and country that get together on a regular basis. They may perform service projects,

attend NCSU meetings or gather to watch the basketball team play. If you are moving away from campus, call the Alumni Association and we will help you get involved.

Another way to stay in contact is to buy season tickets or minipacks to football or basketball games. The Alumni Association and the athletics department try to offer special deals to young alumni. Or, if you don't feel you can spare the money, come out and support our non-revenue sports. The university benefits from the active support of our

alumni at athletic events. The Alumni Office offers a full slate of reunion activities at the fall football games. Just call us!

If you feel that you want to share your experiences at NCSU with prospective students, join our Pack Partners Network. You can visit high schools for career days and make phone calls to students accepted to NCSU. This is a great way to give back to the university for free. Want to help bright students learn about NCSU? Call the Alumni Association, and we will put you in touch with our local volun-

teers.  
I hope this gives you an idea of what you can do for the university. Now let me tell you about a few things we can do for you! You can receive "N.C. State," the alumni magazine, seasonally. You can participate in a group health insurance plan until your employer gives you benefits. If you do not have a job yet, we can assist you through the Alumni Career Services Program. You can come back for Young Alumni Weekend and enjoy golf, tailgates and football. You can take advantage of many marketing opportunities (NCSU Visa, watches, ties, lamps, rings, sportswear, etc.). You can receive meeting notices for alumni meetings and activities in your area.

Staying involved with the University can be mutually beneficial to both you and NCSU. As the Alumni Association provides you with the best alumni services in the country, we can work together to advance the mission of our alma mater. Please stay in touch with us; let us know where you will be moving. Call the alumni office anytime at 515-3375 or 1-800-NCS-ALUM. Best of luck in your new endeavors!

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Steph**



**Jennifer Mary Sekula  
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Congratulations to  
our terrific daughter  
you've made us  
proud.  
We love you- always!  
Mom & Dad  
xoxo**



**You are number 1!  
Congratulations  
and good luck  
next year.  
Love,  
Mom**



**Congratulations  
on a job well  
done!!  
Mom, Dad &  
Benji**



**Jamie Taylor  
Computer Science**

**Graduating at 18 really  
is cool. Paying your  
own way was even more  
cool. Thanks!  
Love,  
Mama and Daddy**



**Michael,  
You made our wish for  
you come true! Thank  
you for all your hard  
work and dedication.  
You honor us not only by  
earning your degree but  
by simply being our son.  
Love always,  
Mom & Randy**



*Dear Dbarca H. Aljuma,  
To the mate of my life,  
to the best friend I ever  
had, to the mother of my  
dear child, I forward to  
you a thousand and one  
congratulations on your  
big day!!*



**To our dearest son  
and brother, Alex,  
Congratulations! You  
have done a very nice  
job! Continue the  
good work! We are  
proud of you! Much  
love from your family  
and a big kiss from  
Mom.**



# Golf

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Campus.

The golf course will be a valuable research tool for many teaching departments at NCSU, McKinney said. Students will be able to study plant pathology, turfgrass control and even golf course management at the course.

"The golf course is program related," McKinney said. "We won't do anything that doesn't have a connection to fundamental campus programs."

The conference center will benefit the entire campus community by attracting research corporations to NCSU, McKinney said. These corporations will allow students to gather specific, hands-on experience in their fields of study.

"We are not real estate developers on purpose," McKinney said. "We are doing this only because it is necessary to provide space for executives who come here and work in an adjacent building to the faculty and graduate students."

The Board of Trustees is currently accepting resort complex development proposals from private development teams with a completion date of fall 1999, he said.

## From Technician's Fun Fact File...

### Number 1911:

The 1911 Building was *not* built in 1911, but in 1909. Yes, we're shocked and appalled over this error too.

# I'm out of here

## Darwin Nichols

Well, it seems that it's all over except for the crying. This will be my last column ever for Technician. It's been a hoot; that's for sure. But there are a lot of loose ends I feel obligated to tie up.

It seems like yesterday I was moving all my crap into University Towers. But, time passes and the show must go on. I am happy and sad at the same time. It's a feeling I hope you get to enjoy one of these days.

How will I pass my time? I'll be working with my father back home selling fertilizer and horse feed. Danger and excitement rolled into one convenient package. Then I guess I'll have to try and find some sort of "life partner." That's what everybody calls a spouse these days. I'll probably end up with some skinny 'ol crazy girl that grew up in a swamp down in South Carolina somewhere. Who knows.

What I do know are some things that I would like to see happen around N.C. State.

First off, I'd like to see the administration at this school give two shakes about the students. Secondly, I'd like to see the apathy students display disappear. I think that these two goals go hand in hand. We must see each other's point of view, understand and respect it all at the same time.

I'd also like to say thank you to all the wonderful teachers and mentors I've had at this university. The lessons I have learned will stick with me for the rest of my life. To all the teachers I didn't get along with — there is a special place for you in the after-life, right next to the fuel rods. You'll have great company alongside the metermaids and the Brentwood tow truck drivers.

The next time I come to a football game I want to see more pig cookers, cold beer and more confederate flags flying. I must confess — I have a flag hanging above my bed. It is the last thing I see every night before I go to bed and it's one of the first things I see when I wake up. It stands for freedom, loyalty, honor and tradition. If you don't like it, bunnyhuggers, too damn bad. That flag means a lot more than tie-dyed t-shirts and Jimmy Hendrix ever meant to this country. You can't ignore it and hope that it goes away. The South will rise again.

I hope the Entertainment and Sports Arena never happens. My alumni money will never go to support it.

Thanks to all my friends; there are many of you. Thanks for all

Can you believe our little red headed "bill me later" guy is graduating from college? We are very, very proud of you. Good luck Chris from Mom, Dad & Debbie



Brian R. Mack (Columbia, MD),  
Aerospace Engr.

Brian,

You have made us proud throughout your life, especially your accomplishments in high school and college. You chose to follow your dream of flight and now move on to Pratt & Whitney in West Palm Beach. You sure picked a great place for family to visit. Your love of music was something special and, as a band member and student assistant, your years with NCSU band will give you fond memories. Good luck with the super future you have built. Remember Scooby Doo can do!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kristie & Chelsea



Dear Glenn,  
Congratulations!  
We're very proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Jason



**Congratulations Brian!**

We're so proud of you. It seems like yesterday (a long time ago) that you began your college career.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, David,  
Allyson, Amie, David,  
Aunt Sara, Grandma,  
Grandpa, Cody and  
Candi.



Kevin,  
For as long as I can remember you have been my best friend and I've wanted to be like you. I'm very proud of you!! And even though I'm a Pirate and your a Packman, we'll always share a mutual hatred for Tarheels! Congratulations Barney!

Love your Liberal Nitwit Sister

Marcus,  
Congratulations!  
You made it. We knew you could. Always remember God is Faithful and He will provide for your every need. We Love You.

Mom & Dad



CONGRATULATIONS  
, MATT!!  
We're so proud of our new "Engineer!"  
Love,  
Mama, Daddy, Andy  
& Molly



Dearest Danielle,  
Dad and Mom can not begin to express how proud we are of your accomplishment. At birth most parents have great hopes for their children but all are not as fortunate to have a daughter, like you, who can stay focused and prepare to make a contribution to the world. Your dad and I love you and are very proud. You have given us so much to cherish.  
Way to go!!!



You're a bright spot in the Grubbs family!  
Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mama, Daddy & Derrick



CONGRATULATIONS!!  
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Love,  
Mom & Dad



To our beloved daughter, Shannon, we are thankful for you and proud of you too, for all of your accomplishments through the years and to this present time. The Tassel is worth the Hassel. We will forever love you.

Forever yours,  
Mom & Dad  
Thomas & Linda Register



Phillip,  
Graduation is a very special time. You are a very special person. Congratulations on your accomplishments. We are proud of you and love you very much!  
Mom, Mike, Grandma, and Mike



Congratulations, John, on your admittance to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. We know your next four years will be as successful as these last four years. We are very proud of you and your achievements.  
We love you.



Chad Derek Norman:  
We love and appreciate all your hard work these last four years. We are enormously proud of all of your accomplishments. Good luck next year at LSE.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad



Brian R. Mack (Columbia, MD):  
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You have made us proud throughout your life, especially your accomplishments in high school and college. You chose to follow your dream of flight and now move on to Pratt & Whitney in West Palm Beach. You sure picked a great place for family to visit. Your love of music was something special and, as a band member and student assistant, your years with NSCU band will give you fond memories. Good luck with the super future you have built. Remember Scooby Doo can do!!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kristie & Casey



Thori,  
You have made us super proud parents. You are a lovely Christian, young lady, whom God has truly blessed. We love you and wish for you, many blessings in the future.  
Mom & Dad



**BEST WISHES, BOYD.**



**Congratulations!!!!**  
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Love,  
Mom & Dad



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Mom, Dad & Tanyika



To: Paul Alexander Snyder,  
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Best Always,  
Mom, Dad and Chris  
Nannie and Papa



## Basketball

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trying to be more consistent," State junior Chastity McLean said. State has fallen in the polls since the break. The team was ranked No. 7 in the nation. State's "decline" has been rooted not within the Wolfpack program, but its opponents. Since the break, State has compiled a 6-8 record. Four of those losses were by three points or less and came from conference opponents. That would not be so considerable if State didn't play in one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

"We never meet a team that plays us down," Coach Kay Yow said after last week's 96-95 overtime loss to Duke. "Most teams are up for N.C. State, and so we know that we have to be at the top of our game."

State was certainly on top of their game last night.

"This is a great confidence booster for us," Umeki Webb said. "We know that we can play with the top ten teams in the nation, and that will only help us."

"I think it's real important that it came right now," senior co-captain Jennifer Howard said of the win. "It serves as a reminder that we can play with anyone."

"We know that these games are crucial to our position in the ACC Tournament," Webb said.

The Pack is also looking to secure itself a place in the NCAA Tournament, and they know that it will take a strong showing in the stretch run of the season.

"I don't know how many wins it is going to take to get into the tournament," Yow said. "But you have a win like this, and it counts as two."

## Out

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the good times that I can remember. And thanks for all the good times that I can't remember as well.

I have so much still to say, but I have still more to do and accomplish in life. I hope that my path crosses with yours one day. I would like to leave everyone with a quote from a genius of a man, Mark Twain: "Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them, the rest of us could not succeed."

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