

### Study Abroad scholarship deadline quickly approaching

The Study Abroad office offers almost \$30,000 in scholarships for students who plan to participate in summer, semester or year-long study programs. The application deadline is February 14. Information is available through the Study Abroad home page accessible through the N.C. State home page and annications are page and applications are available in the Study Aborad Office, 2118 Pullen Hall. The summer program

### Twelfth annual Martin Luther King Jr. cultural festival

At noon on Saturday, Jan. 25, a festival entitled "Igniting the Spirit of a New Generation" will take place at the Jane S. McKimmon Center to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday. All events, including oratorical contests and workshops for both children and adults, are free and open to the nublic.

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Brenda F. Allen, professor and coordinator of African-American Student Services in the College of Textiles at N.C.
State, will be the keynote speaker at a dinner honoring King that evening. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 13.

The event is sponsored by NCSU's African American Cultural Center, in cooperation with \$1. Augustine's College and Shaw University.

Registration is required for all festival activities. Call \$155-4516 for more information.

### Computer classes to be held in library

The NCSU Libraries currently offer access to Lexis/Nexis, an online information retrieval service that includes news, corporate, financial, industry, intellectual property, regulatory, and governmental resources. The Libraries' Research and Information Services Department offers introductory training sessions for Lexis/Nexis to NCSU students, faculty and staff. These sessions are designed for the beginner with an emphasis on the organization of the service, navigation, and basic search commands.

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# New system to produce speedy grade postings

for instructors to post

By SHANNON UMBERGER

Shart Worths

Like it or not, students may be able to see their final semester grades faster in the future.

Thanks to a little brainstorming by Registration and Records, a new way to handle grades may enter the test phase soon, if all goes well, an instructor will be able to submit grades via the Web, which would allow students to retrieve their grades after just a few hours.

Sherwood Bryan, Associate Registrar, said the current method

semester grades on an op-scan sheet. Usually the sheet is then passed on to the instructor's department secretary, where it may remain until it is joined by enough other sheets to warrant an envelope addressed to Registration and

addressed to Registration and Records.

After the op-scan sheet reaches id-destination, it waits in a stack to be entered into the database. The entire trip from an instructor's hand to the computer in Registration and Records may take days.

Besides being a pain to fill out, Bryan said other things go wrong in using the op-scan sheet. If an instructor accidentally bubbles in

two grades for the student's name on line three and none for the student's name on line four, Registration and Records has no way to know which student received which grade, so both students receive LA for late. If an instructor fills in a circle for a letter grade for a student who is taking the course for credit only, or vice versa. LA is the verdict again. By using the Web, Bryan said instructors could enter grades on their computers in their own homes or offices. They could never enter two grades for one student or an 'S' when the computer knows the student should receive a letter grade.

Already, instructors' losin name.

their identification number and then linked to the sections they teach. They can also see what days and times correspond to each section.

After choosing a particular section investigate, instructors can get the name, identification number, class, curriculum, number of credit hours, grading method, mailing address. By clicking on a student's e-mail address, they can automatically send a message. Bryan said.

Instructors can also download their class rosters onto their hard drives. Then they can use Excel or another log-keeping software to create grade books, without even having to enter in students' names lirst, Bryan said.

## **Brick Layer**



Rundy Hinnant of Sarah Construction pops a few bricks back into place outside of Alexander Hall Thursday.

# **New center provides** faculty support

Teaching and Learning hopes to promote faculty growth and increase eaching excellence.

By JENNIFER THOMPSON

Don't be surprised if your learning experience begins to improve during the next year. The Center for Teaching and Learning has been established to promote effective teaching techniques and reward teaching excellence.

The Faculty Senate has been The Faculty Senate has been interested in such a center for several years but has not been able to pull together enough resources to get it started. With a newly established budget of \$125,000 from the Provost and \$100,000 donated from a Parent's Association fund-raiser, the center is now in its developing stages.

The center will provide "a focal point for our commitment to

The center will provide "a focal point for our commitment to teaching." Interim Director Richard Lancia said.

The two main goals of the center are to promote faculty growth and development in teaching-related activities and to enhance the culture of teaching excellence, Lancia said.

The center plans to meet the first goal by providing opportunities for faculty members to consult on effective teaching methods, he said.

The second goal will be met through faculty participation in

workshops and seminars on teaching issues. The center also plans to recognize and "reward the faculty for doing things well," Lancia said.

Lancia said. the center's advisory board are bringing the center to life. Space is being cleared to house the center on the second floor of D.H. Hill Library and people are being hired to staff the center. It is unclear how big the center's staff will be. Position descriptions have been written; now it is just a matter of how many staffers the center can afford to hire. Lancia said.

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He said the staff will be comprised from a cross-section of NCSU, including people from the Academy of Outstanding Teachers, Faculty Senate, Academic Deans. Parent's Association, Alumni Association and students.

"The Students' role is a crucial one." Lancia said. "Student feedback is part of assessing whether good teaching and learning is going on." Assistant Provost Rebecca Leonard said the Center will help promote what is really a "partnership between student and faculty members."

With the addition of the Center for Teaching and Learning, NCSU will join other state schools such as UNC-CH and UNCW in what is "nationally a fairly new phenomenon," Leonard said.

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# Chancellor talks about arena

Monteith answers questions about the proposed arena.

BY JULIE P. MURPHY AND PHILLIP REESE

There are a number of major players circling the proposed arena. Among them is N.C. State's own Larry Monteith.
Chancellor Monteith represents NCSU's interests in the debate surrounding the arena. During a recent interview, Monteith discussed the arena's rising cost; the possibility of sharing the arena with an NHL hockey team; and defined what NCSU expects after the arena is built.
Would you like to see NCSU share the arena with a National Hockey League team?
There's no reason for me to be

Hockey League team?
There's no reason for me to be opposed to anyone using the arena when we're not using it, and especially if we get all the things we need to feel like these demands have here here.

If the hockey team doesn't come, this thing is still going to cost millions of dollars a year to operate. We don't want them to lose money—if they lose money, they're likely to come to us to try to re-negotiate

to come to us to try to re-negotiate prices.

This area is growing large, and if the citizens here want professional sports, they're going to have it. I don't see this as an important issue for us to worry about.

What would you say to those students who would rather renovate Reynolds Coliseum than build a new arena?

If Reynolds was filled every time we played, I would probably agree with anybody's concern. Athletics runs on money it generates through people who pay to come see it. It's not supported by state revenue, and



Chancellor Larry Monteith is still behind the proposed grena

so it's got to have a venue that will

so it's got to have a venue that will attract people to come.

The students are bere for four years. We've got to make this thing work for another 50 years, not just for the four years they re here.

Is Reynolds currently providing the revenue to maintain itself?

Well, right now we don't have a problem because nobody wants to use it, the upkeep is maintenance, and we don't have any debt on it.

So, do you think we'll make more money on basketball sales at the arena?

I have a feeling we will.

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With the arena's rising cost, do you think that if NCSU doesn't put more money in the pot, we can realistically expect our demands to take priority over a hockey team?

Well, we've got \$60 million dollars in it, and I don't think I've ever seen anything where we wouldn't be at least an equal partner. I don't know of anyone else who's going to give a 20-year nocut contract for use. So, yeah, we expect to get every one of those demands met — regardless.

We've got a contract that will generate as much as \$600,000 ewenue. I don't know of anybody yelse who's going to have a contract like that. So yeah, we expect to get our demands met, and if we don't get it then we're not all that enthusiastic.

How do you feel about the arena's skyrocketing costs?

It's driven by two things as I understand it. We never designed any skyboxes, and I believe they're going to have from 40 to 60. Now, I don't know what influence that had on the cost, but it's a cost we didn't have in it.

on the cost, but it's a cost we didn't have in it.

Some of the cost you've seen had the equipment necessary for the hockey team in it. We didn't have that in ours. We did not have in all of the vendors' equipment. We felt that was something that the vendors would be asked to participate in. We didn't have a scoreboard in ill.

The \$120 million has a lot of things in it that we had not planned

things in it that we had not planned for. This is something the region has to decide at this point.

## Student to bike across America

■ A NCSU fraternity member will see America while he raises money for disabled people.

By Kristen Spruill

Start Worter

This summer, Andy Lorenc, a junior in the N. C. State chemical engineering program, will be PUSH-ing his physical limitations on a cross-country bicycle tour to benefit disabled people.

Lorenc, a member of PI Kappa Phi Fraternity, will join 59 of his fratemity brothers in June to travel on a 3500-mile "Journey of Hope" for PUSH America.

The organization aims to improve the lives of people with disabilities through service, volunteerism, education and awareness.

awareness.
"PUSH America is our fraternity's
national philanthropy organization,"
Lorenc explained. "This is the big
fundraiser and publicity deal for the

year."
The 1996 "Journey of Hope" raised nearly \$300,000 for the charity.

Two teams of 30 men each will cycle from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., taking either a southern or a northern route. The

teams will pass through a total of 22 states, traveling an average of 75 miles per day for 63 days.

At each stop, team members will participate in special events to increase awareness and raise funds for PUSEA brancies.

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ergagements will be geared toward children. "We do a puppet show aimed at third-grade kids about accepting people with handicaps," he said. Other engagements include appearances made at major-league clubs participate in the "Journey of Hope" by hosting "PUSH America Nights" in several cities. Each cyclist must raise a minimum of \$4000 to qualify for the team. Lorene said fundraising is done mostly." by mail, through donations from parents and organizations.

organizations."

Lorenc said he has never made a long-distance bike trip before.
"I don't even ride a bike to class," he admitted.

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In order to get in shape for the trip, which begins June 8, Lorenc must follow a rigorous training schedule and a strict diet. He said the fraternity's national office keeps track of cyclists to make sure they are following the training program.

"They said by the third day out, they usually know who was actually training and who wasn't," he added.

Team members will maintain their own bicycles on the road. Lorenc, who worked in a bike shop in his hometown of Greensboro, said most maintenance problems are minor.

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are minor.
"For the most part," he said, "if
your bike breaks down on the road,
you can pull over and fix it."
For major difficulties, damaged
bikes will be loaded onto a donated
'pacer' car, to be fixed at the next
stop.

"Saturn graciously donates eight station wagons [for the trip]," Lorenc said. "The gear goes in the vehicles and they travel along with

us."

The "Journey of Hope" was created in 1988 in an effort to involve students from different campuses and chapters of the fraternity in a national effort for PUSH America.

Pi Kappa Phi is the only national men's fraternity to found its own service project. Its student members have raised more than \$3 million for PUSH America since 1977.

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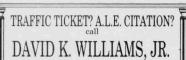
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## Speed racer



Here is one way to get through the overwhelming mid-morning traffic on Dan Allen Drive

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## Many think pornography should be protected

A new movie has sparked a debate about pornography.

> BY BY JAMES REID (PENNSYLVANIA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE.
Pa. — The movie 'The People vs.
Larry Flynt' has brought to light
the larger issue of the First
Amendment and whether
promography is protected by it.
The movie details the life of Larry
Flynt, publisher of Hustler
magazine. Since the movie has been
released, many people, including
prominent feminist Gloria Steinem,
in a column for the New York
Times, have called attention to the
fact that pornography degrades
women and may even incite
violence against them. Others,
though, have supported
pornography as free speech
protected under the First
Amendment.
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for the First Amendment, sees the right to publish pornography as an important example of the extent of First Amendment rights.

"Unless material is deemed legally obseene, it has some degree of protection by the First Amendment," he said. "I think the general public has a difficult time swallowing that because they are looking at the particular individual on which the case is based — and that could be a pornographer or a flag-burner of a journalist who made up quotes or something like that."

that.

Richards, an associate professor of journalism and law, thinks people have a tough time looking at the overall picture and seeing how important First Amendment rights

are.
"It's hard to take that next step and say, "Well, even though this case does protect this individual, it also goes beyond that and protects the right of the legitimate media to publish," he said.
Richards also sees the current discussions as symptomatic of a

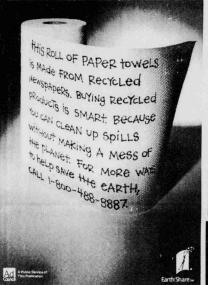
country.
"I think the public increasingly has an appetite to censor material whether it comes on the Internet or across their television screens or in printed form," he said.

Television ratings systems and the Communications Decency Act have Richards worried that censorship is

Richards worried that censorship is looming ever larger.
"Once these rights erode, its very difficult to get them back." he said. Jon Feinberg, co-coordinator of the Penn State chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, agrees that although pornography may be offensive, the First Amendment is too important to cut corners.

corners.

"Sure, pornography may be violent to women, but if you start censoring that, then what else are you going to censor?" he said, citing the recent incident involving a university art student and the commotion caused by her art president.



## Arena

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She added that The University of North Carolina's Board of Governors has expressed its desire to see these sort of centers on all 16 of NC's state supported schools.
"We expect it's going to build on its successes and gain more resources as time goes on," Lancia said. "I hope it will become a permanent and central feature of NCSU."

### Clarification

ClaPlincation
In Friday's story "City council rejects arena," the headline was potentially misleading. As noted in the story, Mayor Tom Fetzer verbally rejected the large arena, and the council asked for more information on a smaller arena. But the arena outright. Technician regrets any confusion the headline minish have caused. regrets any confus might have caused.

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# J. P. Giglio O M M E N T

# Did you see that?

■ We're almost halfway through the ACC season Time flies when you're having fun.

The greatest thing about college is you never know when you're going to learn something new. You have to be extra careful when you actually attempt to do your homework. For instance, did you know that in Japan, during the Tokugawa period, status in the household was measured by the shamoji or rice scoop. If the ACC basketball season was Japanese household, NC. State's rice scoop would be a little lacking after its 0-6 start. But in reality, of the six losses, only the North

after its 0-6 start. But in rearity, of the six losses, only the North Carolina one should really burn any Wolfpack fans' britches. Saturday's match-up at Georgia Tech is Herb Sendek's best chance to earn his first road-win in the

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N.C. State at Ga. Tech, 1:30 Fla. State at Wake Forest, 4

Monday's Games Virginia Tech at Wake Forest, 7 N.C. State at Virginia, 9

### **Game Preview**

Who: Georgia Tech (7-8, 1-5)
When: Saturday, 1:30
Where: Alexander Coliseum at
the McDonald's Pavillion.
Skinny: Georgia Tech got
bombed at Chapel Hill last week
following its lone ACC win at
Florida State. It's usually tough
early schedule has left ACC
Coach of the Year. Bobby
Cremins looking for his ninth
ACC Rookie of the Year. Kevin
Morris is not going to be the one.
The Wolfpack played admirably
against Duke, but the Devils
depth was too much in the end.
This is one of State's better
chances to pick up an ACC road
victory. The Wolfpack (8-7, 0-6)
needs five wins in its remaining
10 conference games to take a
winning record into the ACC
Tournament and a chance to
make it to the NIT.
State's last win at Georgia Tech
came during the 1990-91 season
with a 70-73 victory. The Pack
hast taken the Jackets into
overtime twice in the last four
years at Tech.

# No. 9 Heels top Pack

## Gaspar's 26 leads UNC

■ N.C. State couldn't hang on after a 10-0 start.

By K. GAFFNEY

Star Warms
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Sometimes the unknown is not to be messed with.

Last night in Chapel Hill, Jessica Gaspar was the unknown, and it was the control of the control of

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Webb: quiet leader

■ The N.C. State senior leads on and off the court.

By K. GAFFNEY

When N.C. State senior Umeki Webb left the floor last night against the North Carolina Tar Heels, the Wolfpack lost more than just 12.4 points and 8.0 rebounds per game, it lost possibly its most consistent contributor.

Webb has contributed more than what most can see to the 1996-97 Wolfpack, extending her quiet style of veteran leadership off of the floor, and into the lockerroom. That's not to say that the second year co-captain hasn't provided excitement for Wolfpack fans on the court. In fact, Webb has come through at two crucial points so far this season for her State teammates. In the Preceason NIT, Webb handed in four stellar spot on the All-Tournament Team. Webb totaled 47 points in the four games, including back-to-back 16-point nights.

With Webb's help, State's run for the semifinals was highlighted by a 65-62 victory over Old Dominion, who now sits at No. 2 in the

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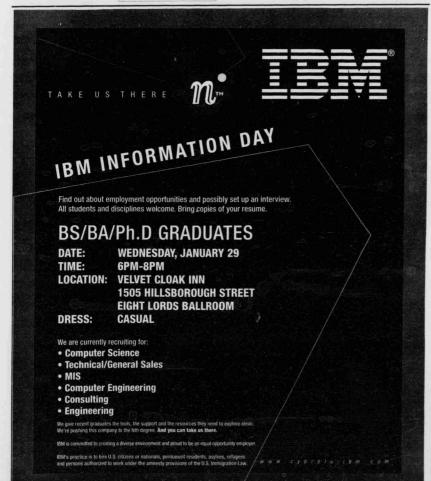


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## Giglio

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conference. The Yellow Jackets,
minus would-be sophomore
Stephon Marbury, have had more
trouble bringing the ball upcourt
than Tori Spelling does acting.
Aside: Does anyone really believe
that someone would stalk Donna
when she lives with Kelly? If I
were so inclined, I'd at the very
least go for Claire.
Freshman point guard Kevin

reast go for Claire.
Freshman point guard Kevin
Morris has not filled the void as
well as expected while Tech has
suffered to a 1-5 conference mark
Saturday's game will go a long we
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Here are some other observations
from the first half of the '97 season;
Maryland is a lot better than the
preseason eighth it was picked by
the sportswriters. Sophomore
forward Laron Profit is also a lot
better than advertised.

Clemson is good, but not the
second-best team in the country. Its
lack of premiere players will cost
them a trip past the Final Eight.

Then who will make it to the
tow in Indianapolis? How

Marion Jones, the ACC preseason player of the year, followed a Tar Heel time out with an off-balance three-point shot to start Carolina's offense.

Pack

about Kansas, Wake Forest, Cincinnati and Michigan.

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If it's not careful, North Carolina could end up in the play-in game. None of its 10 remaining ACC games are a sure thing. It still has Clemson and Duke twice, and a trip to Cole Field House.

It's probably not going to go on a 10-game bender, but a 3-7 record is not inconceivable.

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he's never been in Reynolds
Coliseum before. First, during the
North Carolina game, he repeatedly
referred to Sendek as, "Steve," and
then during the Duke game his
analysis made about as much sense
as Courtney Love on her birthday.
My favorite Packer pearl of
wisdom came when Justin Gainey
first entered the game. "Let's see
how long it takes [Steve]
Wojciechowski to take the ball
from Gainey," Packer said.
Gainey promptly smoked "Slojo"
and dished the ball to Damon
Thomton for a dunk. Still waiting
for that steal, Billy.

Speaking of Thomton, it's
inconceivable to think that this is
only his fourth year of organized
basketball. I was frightened for
Technician Sports Editor Matt

Lail's dental work after Thornton sent a Blue Devil offering into press

The freshman has weathered through some rough games in which he has gotten silly reach-in fouls. It'll be great next year when he can play power forward full-

time.

Is it me or is Greg Newton the last person on the globe who should shave his head? I've gotta think that must have been some sort of dare. No person in their right mind would purposely want to look like that. Maybe he's the one stalking

Maybe he's the one statking Donna?

What happened to Luke Buffum? The 6-foot-8 fan favorite started the season opener against Florida Atlantic, but has been searce since then. The absence of Al Pinkins this semester would make one believe that Buffom's playing time would increase, but that hasn't been the case.

Mitch's Tavern is the second-best place to watch a basketball game in the Triangle. There seems to be a direct correlation between alcohol and disgrantied fans. I'm not sure yet though, I think I need to do some more research.

they can put up some numbers, but 26 for Gaspar, I would imagine that's the first time she's done that," Yow said. Gaspar added four rebound and two steals. Once again State struggled from

Once again State struggled from the free throw line as well as the perimeter. The Pack shot just 3 percent from the charry stripe, and hit just three of nine shots from beyond the arco. For the second game in a row, State justor Chasity Mevlin led the pack with 24 points, adding a teamhigh mine rebounds, playing the final 11 minutes with four fouls. Sophomore LyScale Jones scored 11 for the Pack, and added seven rebounds and three assists.

IT for the Pack, and added seven rebounds and three assists. Sunday, State will face off against Florida State. Earlier in the season, the Pack picked up its first ACC victory with a 88-52 drubbing of the Seminoles in Tallahassee. The game will kickoff at 2 p.m. in Reynolds Collseum.

## Webb

national polls. national polls.

In the consolation finals, against
Notre Dame, Webb pulled down a
team-high 10 rebounds, and
finished the tournament averaging
6.8 rebounds per game while
leading the Pack in assists and
steals.

steals.

Before the Pack could enter full swing into the ACC. Webb led State to home court compings over South Carolina State and Delaware State, earning MVP honors in the Wolfpack Holiday Hopos Classic. Against S.C. State, Webb posted one of her three double-doubles so far this season, scoring 23 and pulling down 10 boards.

Webb doubled up again against Delaware State, adding a career high 10 steals to 16 points.

While Webb has stood front and center for the Pack at certain points during the season, she has spent much of the 96-97 campaign quietly getting the little things done, making a bg impact on the Wolfpack's season.

"I know that there are things that everyone has to come out an do every night." Webb said during the exert season, she have been state, playing in over 100 contests for the Pack starting more that 20 games since her feshman year.

For the fourth consecutive season, Webb is currently averaging double figures in the scoring column. Her 12.4 points per game leaves her 4th on the State squad. Webb has been stressing double figures in the scoring column. Her 12.4 points per game leaves her 4th on the State squad.

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Sorry, Kim. No card today.

family planning abortion activists rally in Washington, and Hillary Clinton receives critism for her support of abortion-

**Gore promotes** 

conciliatory notes, apparently seeking both to reassure a traditional constituency and to reach out to more moderate members of the antiabortion movement to drive down the 1.5 million abortions performed yearly in the United States.

"We are not going to let choice be taken away. I say that firmly, plainly, ... That's not going to happen," Gore said in a speech to the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. "But I do believe there is much we can do together." WASHINGTON—Vice President AI Gore, speaking on the 24th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision making most abortions legal, chaped Wednesday that foes of abortion rights have become captive to what he termed "a minority" within their ranks who oppose family planning programs. Seizing on President Clinton's inaugural call to find "common ground," Gore declared that much unites those who oppose abortion rights and those who defend a woman's right to the procedure. But he said that, in the interest of healing a national rift and making abortions rarer, the mainstream of anti-abortion activists must be willing to disavow those among their ranks who believe "that family planning." is morally wrong."
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ductive Rights Action League. On the believe there is much we can do together."

Gore also referred to recent bombings in Tulsa, Okla., and Atlanta at clinics where abortions are performed and pledged that the administration would "find the terrorists who committed these heinous acts and we will pursue you to the fullest extent of the law."

Speaking to the abortion rights group before Gore, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gently chastises of the abortion debate, saying: "This is never an easy issue and anyone who thinks they have the ultimate truth on this is ... wrong."

The first lady endured a firestorm of opposition from anti-abortion activists when the administration proposed to make abortion a covered writes for all in its ill-fatted health

as moranty wrong.

Addressing a group of abortionrights activists, Gore alternated 
between striking strident and 
care reform package.

# Tunnel repair begins

■ Damaged by a fire last November, the Channel train system is crippled but still had a record high number of

By MELISSA HEALY

dust and grime from spreading passengers in December.

By Fred Barbash

The Wassengers For FOLKESTONE, England—In the dim light and damp chill 132 feet below the chalk seabed of the English Channel, the fire-ravaged segment of the great train tunnel connecting Britain and France looks more like an abandoned coal mire than a wonder of civil engineering. Burned and broken chunks of

concrete are all that are left of the thick curved lining of the lengthy damaged section of the vast tube.

The shaft is sealed off by partitions at either end, to keep dust and grime from spreading

"It really hurt us when Chasity and Peace both had to come out of the game with about 17 minutes left." Yow said.

more."
With five and a half minutes left in the game, State senior Umeki Webb fouled out, and the Heels decided to take advantage, and put the game away for good.
In the final five minutes, UNC outscored the Wolfpack, 11-6.
Reid finished the game with herninth double-double of the season, scoring 20 points, and pulling down 16 rebounds.

three-point shot to start Carolina's offense. It took the Heels the entire half, but they battled back, tying the game at 32 with less than a minute left in the half.

Jumpers from Jones and State freshman. Katie Smrcka-Duffy, knotted the score at 34 as the teams took it to the lockerroom.

Gaspar, Jones and junior Tracey, Reid combined for 28 of the Heel's first half points.

Early foul trouble came back to plague the Wolfpack in the second half. Chastiy Melvin and Peace Shepard each took a seat on the bench early in the half, leaving State's lineup with a significant height disadvantage.

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Jones finished with 19 points, five assists, four steals and two blocks.
Reid and Jones have stood out as two of the top players not only on the Tar Heel squad, but also in the conference, making Gaspar's performance all the more surprising.

"Reid and Jones, we know that

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# **Turkey conservation stressed**

turkey at convention.

By R. STEVENS

Start Watts

Forget about aiming an oversized orange ball into an orange
rim while avoiding an oversized opnonent and hink about
aiming for "Meleagris gallopavo." That's right, leave
behind those high-tech, highpriced shoes, which are
valuable only to the prey of
advertising, and grab your 12gauge shotgun along with some
fairly large shot to meet your
new hardwood opponent — not
on the hardwood courts, but in
the hardwood forests of North
Carolina.

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Before you stand in line or camp out for a chance to experience this great sport, the N.C. Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Foundation will point you in the right direction. Attend their 1997 State Con-

vention to be a part of champ-ionship turkey calling contest, fundraising events and many other activities while picking up free merchandise from Rem-ington Arms, the NC-NWTF

State Convention sponsor.
"We are very excited about "We are very excited about this year's convention," said Ami Tadlock, public relations director of NC-NWTF. "We want everyone to have a good time, and we want them to leave with a little bit of knowledge about wild turkeys and the positive impacts the NWTF.

positive impacts the NWTF conservation programs has had in North Carolina." North Carolina currently has 5,000 NWTF members. The NWTF is a non-profit, educational conservation organization of state and local affiliates who work to preserve organization of state and local affiliates who work to preserve the wild turkey and the turkey hunting tradition. "Most hunters should be conservationists," proclaimed Phillip C. Doerr, a professor in

Fishery and Wildlife. "A hunter really needs to be the ultimate conservations: What they do can't be done unless they conserve. In the past NWTF has funded a good deal of research. They try to educate people about wild turkeys and conservation: they are sort of like Ducks Unlimited." For about 20 years the NWTF has been reintroducing turkeys populations have been shrinking due to destroyed habitats. This process of translocation, which moves wild turkeys from one location to another, increases survival rafes, and reintroducing animals produces healthy ecosystems where all animals can live.

Living and traveling in North Carolina, one can often see white feathers scattered along the road. These are turkey feathers, but not a wild turkey's Although different in appearance, they taste alike. So.

why hunt turkey in the deep woods when you can grab one out of the deep-freeze?
Wild turkey hunting is extremely difficult.
"Their eyes are like microscopes, You don't want to blink an eye," said Dr. Doerr, who has hunted wild turkey in North Carolina and Virginia. "Let them get within 30-40 yards." Toget them in range, you call them. There are a variety of calls and calling methods. In your spare time between classes you can make one.
Take a real smuff can, those little metal ones your grandmother buys, not those disgusting plastic imitations, and punch a hole in the bottom. Cut away half the rim but leave the side rim intact. To finish your gobble box, stretch surgical rubber over half the open end of the can and replace the lids of that the uneut part of the lid almost meets the free edge of the rubber.



Place your upper lip around the outer edge of the rubber. Blow lightly, Yalp by pulling the lower lip slightly away from the edge of the rubber. This "Keouk" sound imitates the yelp of a hen and will bring the male gobbler with an explosive "verrompt".

Don't dash out into the woods right away to see if your call attracts more than disgruntled roommates. There is a season for everything. Spring gubbler season runs from late April to early May. A productive escape after wasting March in madness. If you wait until the weekend, drive to the Embassy Suites to the Embassy Suites thotel in Greensboro. Ne.C. where you can taft turkey, call turkey and possibly eat turkey.

**NCSU** honors

**Martin Luther** 

King, Jr.

■N.C. State's African American Cultural Center honors the King holiday with a day of festivities.

By KELLY MARKS

N.C. State's African American Cultural Center will host the 12th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Festival this Saturday. The event, which will feature seminars, workshops, oratorical contests and a dinner buffet, will be held at the McKimmon Center at the corner of Western Boulevard and Gorman Street. This year's theme is "Ignuing the Spirit of a New Generation" with all activities aimed toward illustrating King's teachings of justice, freedom and equality. It will be a day of cultural and educational activities with a strong base in the community surrounding NCSU.

Registration for the event begins at noon. Activities are free and open to the general public and families are encouraged to attend. From 1 until 4 p.m., specialized workshops and seminars will be held for each age group covering such issues as the generation gap, preparing for college, learning responsibility, stimulating the spirit through imagination and economics in the African-American community.

At 4 p.m., there will be a cultural hour featuring the Black Repertory Theatre, the New Horizons Choir. Torkawase, the College Dance Company and New Images.

Dinner will follow with guest speaker Brenda F.

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Allen, a professor of African-American Student
Services in the College of Textiles. Allen appears
courtesy of NCSU, St. Augustine's College and Shaw
University. Tickets for the dinner are S5 for children 12
and under, and \$10 for ages 13 and up. To register, call
\$15.4.516.

\$15-4516. The African American Cultural Center will also sponsor a production of "I Have a Dream" Performed by the National Black Touring Circuit, the play is a theatrical and musical performance based on Kings" words. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre on Saturday, General Admission is \$10, student tickets are \$8, and children and senior tickets are both \$5. For more information call \$15-5210.

**Brickyard tours** 

offer souvenir

We cruised the Brickyard this week and found:

A Formal Valentine's "Cabaret" sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta/Kappa Alpha Psi. Tickets can be bough: on the Brickyard Monday-Thursday from 11 to 2 nm. until Feb. 6.

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\*\*Tet's Give the Dream New Life" sponsored by Campus Crusade For Christ. Their goal is to "raise awareness on campus about racial reconciliation and how that can come about," said Stacy Sample, a Junior in Chemical Engineering. They will be on the Brickyard Friday, Jan. 24 from 11 to 4 p.m. handing out information and taking surveys.

\*\*Habitat For Humanity is holding a raffle to raise money to buy supplies and pay for the "Builder's Bash" annual concert in April. Tickets are \$1. Grand prize is three weekend passes to \$ki Beech. Nine runners-up will receive one-day passes.

\*\*Alpha Phi Omega is having its spring rush. It is a national co-ed service fraternity. It supports such causes at the Battered Women's Shelter, the UAB All-Nighter, Scoturing Programs, Easter Seals and Red Cross Blood Drives, just to name a few. Sophomore Susan Hamilton, in Food Science, pledged because she "wanted to be part of an organization that has a purpose. I agreed with the principles of this organization. And we have a lot of fun." Anyone who is interested in pledging call Ashley at 859-0076.

## STRESS RELIEVERS

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The biggest Super Bowl party in the Triangle Sunday, Jan. 26 at 4 p.m., Games, giveaways and food. Corner of Dawson and Cabarrus Streets, downtown Raleigh.

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Quiz Bowl, Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Wake
County Commons Building at the Wake County
Office Park on Poole Road.

Meredith College Rebecca McClanahan will be reading her poetry and nonfiction in Carswell Recital Hall on Monday. Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Thompson Theatre
Tickets for the performances are available through
Ticket Central at 515-1100.

"The Reluctant Dragon," the 18th Annual Hap'n Tales Children's Theatre, Playing Jan 31 to Feb.2 at Thompson Theatre, Tickets are \$2 for children and \$3 for adults, Tickets are on sale now.

Thompson Theatre Auditions
"The 1940's Radio Hour" A musical directed by
John McIllwee, Auditions are Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday, Jan. 27 through 29 at 7 pr.m. at the
theatre. Be prepared with a song from the show.
Music is available in the theatre office. There are
parts for 10 males and 5 females, including 3 male
non-singing roles.

Campus Cinema "Trainspotting" Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan.

Campus Cinema
"Trainspotting" Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7 and 9 p.m.
"The Crying Game" Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25 at 11 p.m.
Super Bowl Sunday Musicals Sunday, Jan. 26. Admission is FREE.
"An American in Paris" 4 p.m.
"The King And 1" 6 p.m.
"Funny Face" 8:30 p.m.
Richard Gordon will present and discuss his documentary. "The Gate Of Heaventy Peace." a three-hour film which examines the cultural and historical dimensions of the 1989 Chinese "Democracy Movement," and the Fienamien Square Uprising, Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. Admission is FREE.

The ArtsCenter
Jazz Concert. Pat Martino Quariet. Saturday, Jan. 25
at 8 pm. Pat Martino will conduct a Masler Guitar
Workshop on the afternoon of Jan. 25. The workshop on its free to musicians. Contact the ArtsCenter at 929
ARTS for tickets and workshop time.

WCPE 89.7 FM

p.m. Performing "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacat."

WUNC-TV, Channel 4

Saturday, Jan. 25 8:30 p.m. High Lonesome: The Story of Bluegrass

Sunday, Jan. 26 1 p.m. 14th Annual Report of the Secretaries of

State. 6:30 p.m. Ancestors. "The Paper Trail." 10:30 p.m. Hermitage Masterpieces. "Decorative Arts of Italy, France and England."

Monday, Jan. 27 9 p.m. Going Places, "New Orleans." 10 p.m., The American Experience. "Hawati's Last Jucen."

After Holiday Bicycle Tune Up REI classes. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. Crossroads Plaza, Cary. For more information call 233-8444.

The Brewery Friday, Jan. 24 The Grapes. Saturday, Jan. 25 Abby 6, Station 72.

North Carolina Museum of Art "Damage" Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7 & 9 p.m. Louis Malle Retrospective. Winter Foreign Film Series.

PineCone Shape Note Sing Sunday, Jan. 26. St. Mark Chapel at Mordecal Historic Park, Cedar Street an Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. 2-4 p.m. For more information call 781-3596.

Carolina Theatre
"Ballet National de Caracas" (The National Ballet of Caracas, Venezuela) performs Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. For ticket information call (919) 560-3030.

Memorial Auditorium
"Damn Yankees." North Carolina Theatre, Starr lerry Lewis, Jan. 28-Feb. 2.
For ticket information call 831-6060.

Raleigh Little Theatre
"The Ransom of Red Chief" Jan. 17-26.
"Crimes of the Heart" Jan. 31-Feb. 16.

A dragon on tour



The Reluctant Dragon and his friends share a cookie. The show plays Jan. 31 through Feb. 2 at Thompson Theatre. It will tour 17 schools this spring.

## Professor and wife receive award

By LISA IRBY

What, Mardi Gras in Raleigh?
Well, it isn't the "real" party, but it is one that people will be talking about for a long time.

The Carolina Ballet will hold its annual Mardi Gras Ball on Feb. at the Carolina Country Clob. The Carolina Ballet President released the names of this year's King and Queen. Cam and Arthur Moss of Raleigh were selected because of their continuous leadership in the arts. Cam Moss taught poetry in Raleigh Public schools for seven years through a program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. Her poems have been published in several national periodicals, as well as her two volumes of poetry. In 1978 she was presented the Roanoke/Chowan

Prize for the most exceptional poetry by a N.C. poet. For many years she served as chair of the Kennedy Center and is now serving as the N.C. Chair for the Friends of the Kennedy Center. Moss also founded the Raleigh Fine Arts Society and the Triangle Chapter of English Speaking Union. She also is a member of the Carolina Ballet and N.C. Art Society of the N.C. Museum of Art. Arthur Moss graduated from the UNC-Chapel Hill, and later earned a doctorate in Business Administration from Harvard University. Moss is now retired from a long and successful career at N.C. State as the Albert G. Myers Professor of Textile Economics and Management. Moss is a dynamic patron of the N.C. Symphony, and has been a board member and Secretary of the

Symphony Foundation Board. Moss is also a member of the Duke University Founder's Society and Citizens Advisory Board of the English Speaking Union.

English Speaking Union.

The Mardi Gras Ball will follow a social hour and performance by the Carolina Ballet. After the performance a dinner and dancing session will be held in the Country Club ballroom. As a way to earn money for Carolina Ballet, there will be a raffle and both live and silent auctions for a trip for two to Europe. This trip includes airfare, accommodations in Paris, and tickets to the Paris Opera Ballet.

If you want to join in on this glitzy fun, then it will cost you \$150 a person. You can order tickets through the Carolina Ballet Box Office by calling (919) 856-0083.

## It's not 'Tommy Boy'

■ The Great White Ninja is a great

By LISA IRBY

There are just some people that everyone either loves or hates. Are you a bit confused? Well, let me explain it this way — Chris Farley is one of those people. Granted, he is a funny goy, but there is only so much of him that we can take at one time.

Chris Farley is back in the theaters with a new movie that is filled with action, mystery, and very few laughs. If any of you have memorized the lines to "Chmy Boy" like I have, then you may be slightly disappointed



Nicollette Sheridan, Chris Farley, Robin Shou and Soon-Tek Oh star in 'Beverly Hills Ninja.'

# Opinion

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## A new learning technique

Center will offer faculty members the chance to learn as well.

new learning cente A new learning center will be set up in D.H. Hill Library, but it's not for students. The Center for Teaching and Learning has been established for N.C. State faculty members to promote effective teaching techniques and to reward

teaching excellence.

With the addition of the new center comes the hope to promote faculty growth and development in teaching related activities and to enhance teaching excellence. But this center is not just faculty oriented. It will also ely on student feedback. Every student at NCSU has

had at least one class that just made them fall asleep. Or maybe the class was too confusing to comprehend. The center will expose faculty members to new teaching techniques that may make those boring and confusing lectures a thing of the past.

Students fill out countless teacher evaluations at the end of each semester. But those evaluations only go so far. The center will provide a

■ Faster grade posting

may be as close as a

C. State's
Registration and
Records may soon
test out a new method to
handle grade posting. If all

goes according to plan, instructors will be able to

instructors will be able to submit grades via the web, which will allow students to retrieve their grades a few hours after they are posted. Hopefully, this will solve the problem of having to wait days in order to find out one's grades.

Under the current system, instructors enter semester grades on an op-scan sheet. This sheet waits at a

department secretary's desk and is sent to Registration and Records. Then it waits some

more to be entered into the database. This whole system of waiting translates into some students waiting days

mouse click.

voice their frustrations over certain courses and give their ideas to solve teaching dilemmas

Students and faculty have worked in harmony in the classroom since NCSU began in 1887. Faculty members spread their wisdom and knowledge to students. But little has been done to let the students share their wisdom

students share their wisdom with their mentors.

The learning center will change that. Allowing the students to help mold the teaching at NCSU is an asset. They know what keeps them motivated to stay in class and change and the property of the students. stay awake. They know which teaching methods confuse people and which don't keep people's attention. With professor and the

student working together to improve teaching at NCSU, the learning environment will flourish. It will provide the productive feedback that has been missing in the evaluation process up to this point. With any luck we should be able to eliminate those classes that leave us wondering why we are spending good money for a bad class. Here's hoping.

merchandise on the web are easily susceptible to hackers that take credit card

that take credit card information. To get information on a student or to change their grades, a hacker could try to break security, resulting in chaos. Better yet, if an instructor walks out of his/her office with the site on their screen passers, by can

their screen, passers-by can easily change a few grades here and there.

Even though the web site

idea is fundamentally sound, it is not the most secure way to make sure that posted

grades are accurate. The best way is to experiment with the web system, while also developing a sound security

You do this, perhaps an op-scan sheet should be submitted — just in case. If the grades are different than

those on the web site, inquiries should be made in order to determine the correct

grade. That way, even if someone does decide to tamper with grades, the change will not go unnoticed. Students need both quick

grade postings and a tamper-proof system of making these avialable. Once this is

accomplished, everyone involved should be happy



## Laptops will allow students to keep pace

Quickness comes with problems

I'm sure everyhody knows by now that computers are an everyday fact of life. However, the issue of whether they're for better or for worse has yet to be decided. While we are waiting for that decision to come one thing is certain—technology is moving at a breakneck pace.

If students here at N.C. State are to keep up with the rapid changes in the technology world, then we need to have access to the best equipment available. If we are to remain the premier research, institution in the state, or region for that matter, then we must stay abreast of important developments in the technological arena. Learning to apply new software and hardware devices to everyday problems in agriculture, engineering and design is what sets this university apart from the rest.

In order to best accomplish this

is what sets this university opens from the rest.

In order to best accomplish this goal I have an effective solution—laptops for everybody. In the years to come, a laptop computer will be as commonplace on a college campus as spiral-bound notebooks and calculators are today. If the students know this change is coming and the administrators know that it is coming as well, why procrastinate?

"The lonner we delay the

procrastinate?
The longer we delay the inevitable, the farther behind we

**Darwin Nichols** O M M E N T A R V

receive and in the quality of our education.

Over the several years that I have been at this university, I have seen first hand how the university has tried to keep pace with technology. Have attended computer classes that were required for my degree. I have stood in line for hours trying to use a computer in one of the labs on campus in order to complete a project. The terminals are nice, and I'm sure that they're quite pricey as well. But the university has missed the boat completely. What the administration should do

We need the teaching space and the money could be allocated in a much better fashion. We need to focus on the individual needs of students when it comes to technology. Do we have time to wait in line for two hours in order to get a terminal in a computer lab? No. Do we need to be awake at four in the morning-traipsing across campus to use a computer for a project that we couldn't complete earlier because the lab was to crowded? No. The laptop idea is a swell one. I must admit. One question is probably running through your head right now, how do we pay for it? It won't be cheap. I can promise you that, but remember, education is an investment. You are only going to get out of it what you put into it. If you speed na little more money now and get a huge reward when you graduate. Sn't it worth the extra

Paying for these little gems isn't going to be cheap, so here is my plan. All incoming freshmen will be required to own and operate a laptop computer. Half of the money would come from the university. The other half would come from the student. The money from the student. The the properties the properties are the student out the paid all at one time or stretched out over their four-year stay here at NCSU. At the time of graduation, the students would then

be free to do with their computers as they see fit.

Students that either already had their own laptops or didn't like the laptops that the school had purchased could be credited up to half the cost of purchasing a different computer of their choice, up to a certain smount.

The cost at first seems prohibitive, but you have to look beyond that and see the benefits that lie down the road. Call me crazy but I'm pretty sure that if you dialed up Compaq, Dell, or any of the other various computer makers and offered to buy 12,000 laptops a year for the next 20 years, they would probably cut you one helluva deal.

Am I off-base in this assumption? I think not.

Am I off-base in this assumption, think not. The benefits that students would obtain from having their own personal computers would far out weight any foreseable costs. Students, professors and administrators would save valuable time and effort if we could all communicate a little easier. The leap into the next century is going to be a long and treacherous one. Anything that we can do now to bridge the technology gap will be a windfall to us in later years. We owe it to ourselves to demand the

### occasional computer hacker. Unsecured sites that sell **Technician**

jump for joy just yet. Like all sites on the web, this system will be vulnerable to the

before viewing their grades.
This semester will be the first to employ the technology of the web. But we shouldn't

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# Exemptions would be a grave mistake

The N.C. State Council on Undergraduate Studies is considering a proposal to reduce the number of physical education hours needed for graduation.
Under the present system, students are required to take four hours of PE, but are only given credits for two of those hours. Some people think this is unfair.
"If we only need to take two hours, then only make us take two hours, then only make us take two hours, student Body President Robert Zimmer said. Zimmer's sentiment is but a mere symptom of the real problem. You've heard of the "dumbing down" of American school standards? We are now witnessing the "beefing up" of American students.

Yes, although university communities are often harbingers of progress, this time NCSU is bringing up the rear, so to speak, of the national trend to obesity.

As the council debates the proposed changes, they may want to consider some problems that could occur if two physical education requirements for graduation are eliminated.

graduation requirements for graduation are eliminated. Since the rapid advancements in computer engineering have allowed Americans to lead more sedate lives, physical education should be the primary consideration when allowing a student to graduate. After all, anyone can learn to



compute imaginary numbers — or at least pretend to know how — but not too many people can bench press 200 pounds.

If we eatch people before they enter the rat race and teach them how to run a relay race, we will foster a desire in them to avoid computer butt and all the double chins they could grow while staring at a cathode ray tube every day. They would be programmed early to exercise their bodies, rather than their minds.

If we teach people basic hygiene

If we teach people basic hygiene such as taking showers in communal stalls with broken soap dispensers and walking around barefooted on a fungus-friendly locker room floor, they will be better equipped later to avoid coffe breath and board room body odor. Americans are fat, lazy and teach people basic hygiene

increasingly stupid. I say that the council should reject any proposal to reduce PE hours, since the reduction of PE credits will only add to the cellulite burgeoning in our corporate structure. So what if brilliant minds sometimes reside in portly bodies? Not only should people be barred from graduation who cannot meet the PE requirements, we should include a physical fitness assessment with every application for undergraduate admissions. "Nope, I'm sorry, you're too fat. You're out of shape. Do 200 pusty a day and try again next year." Now, THAT would show those slobs out there that their physical solos out there that their physical

slobs out there that their physical fitness is just as important as their

fitness is just as important as their gray matter.

The new proposal allows an exemption from PE for veterans. This exemption is a grave mistake. Not only should veterans take PE classes, their experience doing PT in basic training should qualify them to head PE classes taken by the rest of the burns out there who can't do five consecutive chiru-ups. And why stop with veterans? Mothers should be exempted from heir PE credits for teaching other women Lamaze. Someday, most of them will have to use it for something or another, Like archery, it's a useful life skill that teaches health and physical fitness.

always ready to hire people from the community to give our students a real-life perspective on career planning. Why don't we recruit exotic dancers from Thee Dollhouse and Pure Gold to teach useful, money-earning skills such as lap dancing and how to twirl those little tassels; an very interesting way to keep in shape, if you ask me.

me.
Like it or not, our minds are
housed in our bodies. In order to
continue using our minds, our
bodies must be healthy.
Let's just hope that the council
does not submit to the student
senate's plausible rationale in
wanting to reduce the number of PE
hours to an equitable and fair

hours to an equitable and fair number.

This university can no longer afford to endorse archaic means of negotiation such as logic and rhetoric over the more direct, brute force we cultivate in our PE classes Instead, we must defy the national trend towards "upsizing" by promoting the diplomatic skills we could be learning in karate class. Without a healthy physical education program, NCSU will almost certainly become a university that turns out graduates who become fat blobs sitting in front of computer terminals.

front of computer terminals, creating useless drivel like space

## The Campus FORUM

### Whitaker makes presumptuous comment

This is a short reply to the editorial written by Joshua Whitaker in the Jan. 22 edition. While I agree with his major point about colleges and athletics, I believe Whitaker was somewhat presumptuous in his comment about how "non-athlete(s) hoping to attend NCSU would not even fill out an application if their (SAT) score dipped below the 1000 mark." This is simply not true. My score was 940, and I not only filled out the application. I was accepted and I will graduate in May with two degrees in four years.

Jeremy Dossenbach Senior, History and Political

### Ouestions raised about courses

I am currently a sophomore in electrical engineering and when I first got to N.C. State, I heard that there was a course of study that focused on the African-American experience. At the time I couldn't experience. At the time I couldn't fat any more classes into my schedule, so I made a mental note to look at these classes in the future. Last fall, I looked in TRACS for a class that might fit into my schedule and I couldn't find any. The problem was that I was looking for classes like AAS 201, 202, 301, etc. I found out later that African-American studies classes don't have titles like other departments i.e. HI 322 for a history class, or ENG 202

for an English class This discovery is a

for an English class.
This discovery is a little disheartening, confusing and raises many questions that I'm sure many students must be asking themselves as well. Is there an African-American Studies major or minor? Where is the department? How do I know which classes fall into the African-American Studies Program? Can I get a degree? What professors teach these courses? How does it rank with other departments at other universities? departments at other universities? How many students major in it? In short, what is happening with the African-American studies department?

Earl Hargrove Sophomore, Electrical Engineering

Studies program

## unleashes potential

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I don't believe that AfricanAmerican studies play a major role
at this or many other universities.
Ideally, the role would be to
educate students — mainly AfricanAmerican students, on the basic
essentials to start a civilization, to
maintain it, to plan for its future and
to apply the knowledge in order to
maximize social and technological
progression.

There are nine core areas in the
African-American Studies Program
discipline. history, geography,
government, economics, technology
and sociology, culture, and arts and
humanities. By applying this
concept of African-American
studies to these areas of study,
African-American students will
gain an insightful world view that
will assist them in planning the
future of their society.

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This concept of African-American
studies would obviously be too
complex to be set up under just a
program. In order to successfully
meet its goals it would have to be
under something on a larger scale

— like an African-American
studies department. Hopefully, this
would insure an in-depth study.

rogram.
The students could study the nine ore areas, concentrating not only on the individual roles of the subjects, but also on how they played a part in each other in African-American civilization. Africa is the mother of civilization, Africa is the mother of civilization, African-Sentence of the civilization as well as their own. With the knowledge gained through African-American studies, the students will also learn the bases of other civilizations as well as their own. With the knowledge gained through African-American studies, the students will possess the power to create, it also grants them the new to the students with the power to create, it also grants them the power to destroy. African-American students with the power to create, it also grants them the power to destroy. African-American studies would teach the students where to look for vulnerabilities of any given society. As you can see this is a potentially powerful program.

Perhaps this powerful potential is the reason African-American studies are not playing a major role a universities. I'm sure that anyone could see if African American settle to possess such power, they could uproot and overthrow the biased white male based institutional zation of the United States. They say that "knowledge is power" and that "the ruth hutns."

That kind of makes you think where — or should 1 say WHY "they" started saying that. My guess is that without African American specially and could do less— if any — harm to an institution that has always tried to oppress them.

In conclusion, African-American studies, in my opinion, does not play a major role in this or many other universities, but if it did it would supply African-American students with a power I truly doubt they could find anywhere else.

Editor's note: The length requirement has been waived for a more complete response.

## Wide screen not necessary

■ "Fierce Creatures" keeps you laughing, but is more suited for the television

By NICOLE BOWMAN

The cast from "A Fish Called Wanda" has been reunited in a totally different movie with totally different roles in "Fierce Creatures." Kevin Kline, Jamie Lee Curtis, Michael Palin and John Cleese make the plight of a small England zoo at the hands of a international conglomerate 90 minutes of laughs with sex, money and animals.

to run a zoo in London taken over by Rod McCain's (Kline) international conglomerate Octopus Inc. Weston's plans are to transform it into a prototype for a long line of theme parks, while Vince McCain's plans are to win over Weston's heart.

over Weston's heart.

Before they arrive, Rollo Lee (Cleese), a bureaucrat from Octopus Inc.'s Hong Kong television station is having his chance to run the zoo. His new policy to allow only fierce creatures to stay in the zoo meets the anger of the zoo keepers, including insect specialist Bugsy Malone (Palin).

In an effort to please his father by making money. Vince McCain and Weston arrive and turn the zoo into a corporate sponsored theme park.

The challenge to keep the zoo's integrity begins with a hilarious start and an even funnier finish.

I enjoyed the movie immensely, but found that its appeal could also be applied to the television screen. Some movies look so great on the lig screen that seeing them when they come out on video loses something.

"Fierce Creatures" isn't like that.
During the movie, I felt that if I watched it on video I wouldn't miss much. The humor that takes place is so in your face that the movie screen isn't necessary.

"Fierce Creatures" won't lose it's appeal if you wait for the video. Either on the big screen or small screen, this movie should not be missed

## Soap opera update

ALL MY CHILDREN— Edmund was shocked by Maria's revelation that she'd slept with Dimitri. Erica, meanwhile, was stunned at Bianca's less-than-enthusiastic reaction to Erica's pregnancy. Edmund rejected Skye's attempt to 'comfort' him. Brooke and Pierce came face-to-face. Hayley told Tanner she's an alcoholic. After a fight with Edmund, Dimitri was injured in a car accident. Wait To See: Erica has a new challenge to deal with.

as a new challenge to deal with.

GENERAL HOSPITAL— Mac GENERAL HOSPITAL— Mac told Felicia he was upset about Katherine rejecting his proposal. Kevin refused to talk to Lucy about what she found white clearing out his closet. Sonny insisted he loves Brenda. Meanwhile, Miranda and Jax discussed their divorce. In shock over learning about her past, Carly let loose on Bobbie. Robin turned up to surprise Jason. Wait To See: Miranda and Jax face a complication.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS— Phyllis' fears abut RESTLESS— Phyllis fears abut her sins of the past coming home to roost were heightened by a terrifying nightmare. Kurt was upset about having opened up to Hope about the deaths of his wife and daughter. Grace pondered Sharon's comment about her guilt in giving away her first baby. Danny and Phyllis prepared for their wedding as a phone call came in from an unnamed woman. Neil accused Malcolm of being in on Dru's decision to sign with the accused Malcolm of being in on Dru's decision to sign with the modeling agency. Wait To See: Jack gets his own "message" from the past.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES - Sam DAYS OF OUR LIVES—Sam seemed about to slip away when Marlena noticed her reacting to the music in the background. Hope heard Bo tell Billie. "I love you." and fled before she heard him add that he's still committed to marrying Hope. At the Blake house. Learn saud she remembered everything, but she began to

ramble. Kristen later realized Nurse Lynn (now in Stefano's employ) was giving Laura pills to confuse her. Hope found comfort with Franco. Mariena arrived Dr. Robbin's office as Susan (who had gone into labor) was being examined. Wait To See: Hope's plan may backfire.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL— Aboard the BEAUTIFUL— Aboard the yacht. Brooke started to panic when she realized Ridge might not when she realized Ridge might not arrive before she marries Grant Ridge, meanwhile, reread her letter and told Thorne to drive him to the dock. When Thorne's car broke down, Ridge bought a motorcycle from a passing cyclist, but arrived just as the yacht pulled out. Ridge later admitted to Taylor that he tried to stop Brooke's wedding. Time cautioned Claudia not to miss her upcoming deportation hearing. Wait To See: Brooke gets stunning news.

## Tunnel

serious accident, a fire aboard a train carrying trucks, occurred on Nov. 18. Repair work at an estimated cost of \$80 million began this week.

of \$80 million began this week. The work crews and engineers stand in clusters, their yellow reflective safety jackets glowing eerily amid the dusky floodlighting. About 140 workers will labor in shifts around the clock until May, according to David Pointon, technical director of Eurotunnel, the company that operates the Channel

Tunnel. They will reline the walls, spraying them with concrete, installing new track, and replacing the elaborate network that supplies power, cooling and communications to the system.

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Passenger traffic is doing suprisingly well. More people used the system in December than during the same month in 1995.

Nevertheless, the tunnel's market share of cross-channel plane, ferry and train service is down overall from about 50 percent before the fire to about 33 percent, in part because it is operating at roughly 90 percent capacity. And the type of trains on which the fire started—those

carrying heavy trucks with their cargo-are still not operating.

cargo—are still not operating.

These trains are not as safe as the ones that carry people in sleek modern passenger compartments, in buses and in automobiles. The train cars carrying cargo trucks are not sealed. They are covered only by a lattice of metal, which was how a lattice of metal, which was how a fire that started in a single truck on Nov. 18 spread to 14 others, creating an inferno that reached a temperature of 2,700 degrees. The truck drivers, who sit in a separate club car, inhaled smoke but all were evacuated and no one was seriously injured.

Ninja Continued from Page 5 with "Beverly Hills Ninja." However, this film has something that his other films have not had. What is it you ask? Well, to put it nicely ... a plot.

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The great ninjas of Japan believed that one day a foreign baby boy would come to them and become one of the Great White Ninjas. Instead Haru (Chris Farley) washed ashore, and he turned out to be anything but a great ninja. The secret Japanese ninjas raised young Haru, and even his master teacher. Haru, and even his master teacher (Soon-Tek Oh) learned that he could not complete the most simple

One day a secretive woman

(Nicollette Sheridan) comes to the dojo and asks Haru to "spy" on her boyfriend, because she fears he is up to no good. Haru accepts the challenge and foillows the beautiful woman to the land of opportunity and silicon. Beverly Hills. Haru does not go alone (he would not have made it out of the dojo by himself) — his ninja brother Gobei (Robin Shou) goes to help protect Haru.

Well. if you become

Haru. Well, if you have seen one of Chris Farley's films in the past, then you pretty much know what is going to happen. Most of the time he destroys everything in his path, but the right things always happen at the right time. So, he turns out to be the hero in the end.

Throughout the film, we see Chris Farley on his own. Yes, we all know that he is funny, but he is one

of those actors that needs a sidekick to be hilarious. Would Laurel be funny without Hardy? For a while maybe, but we would rather see them together. Farley's usual companion, David Spade, is absent from this film, but his sarcastic humor is replaced with—the liveliness of Chris Rock. However, Rock only plays a small role in the adventure. If Farley and Rock would have acted as a team, then the film would have definitely been more amusing.

Don't get me wrong; there are

more amusing.

Don't get me wrong; there are times when "Beverly Hills Ninja" is extremely funny, but not enough to spring for a \$6 ticket. My advice is to wait until "Beverly Hills Ninja" is released on video. Better yet, stick to something you know you will enjoy the one and only "Troomy and the one and one

Correction: In the Jan. 22 edit "Reaching out to those in need" Andy Lorenc's name was misspelled. Technician regrets the

Technician: No, we're not insane. The voices in our heads will back us up on this one...



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