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Renowned author to read selected works

Jay Wright, the 62nd Academy Fellowship recipient for 1996 for distinguished poetic achievement and author of *Boleros* and *Elaine's Book*, will read a selection from his work at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in room G111, Caldwell Hall.

NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine to hold open house

On Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the College of Veterinary Medicine will host an open house which will feature exhibits and activities that include sheep herding, military working dogs and purebred cats. Demonstrations will be performed by the canine search and rescue team "Dog East Search and Rescue," which helped lead the search following the Oklahoma City bombing. Also featured will be spay demonstrations and a milking booth. The open house is free and open to the public. For information about tours, exhibits and demonstrations, call (919) 829-4259.

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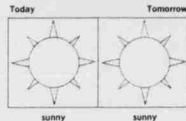
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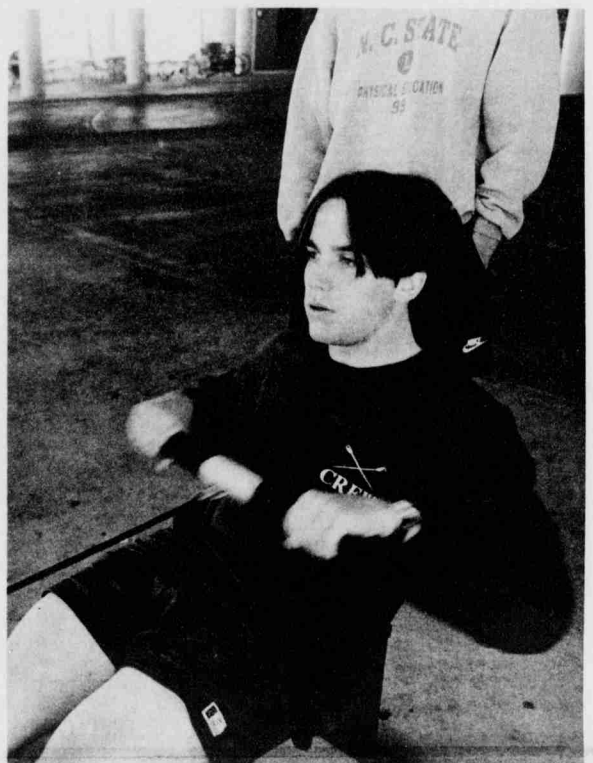
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Land rowing



Freshman Matt Nicolette takes part in a 48-hour row-a-thon to raise money for NCSU's crew

Senate wants new lab built soon

Plans for a new science laboratory building are in the works, but its location and funding are still unclear.

By APRIL HARRISON
 STAFF WRITER

Students studying science at N.C. State may be getting a little elbow room for a change. For the first time in nearly 25 years, NCSU has begun planning the construction of a new, predominantly undergraduate, science instructional laboratory building. During those 25 years the enrollment has almost doubled, while the amount of space has remained limited. In their latest meeting, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution showing their support of the new science building. The resolution states that "N.C. State University is recognized as the premiere UNC institution that emphasizes engineering, science and technology, and thus has the largest number of undergraduates in programs requiring science labora-

tory instruction." Susan Osborne, a member of the Faculty Senate, is glad the wheels have started rolling on this project. "The Undergraduate Science Building was an idea that had been around, particularly among the departments and colleges that teach lab sciences, for a while now," she said. However, it may be a long time before workers start construction on this particular project. "They are still very much in the early stages. I think it's going to be a couple of years before they can actually start digging anywhere," Osborne said. "For a large building like this, the planning alone is a multi-million dollar project. There are a whole bunch of different stages, and the first one is where the building legitimately could go on campus, where it could fit." Another setback may be funding. During the last legislative session, the N.C. General Assembly of North Carolina approved a \$2 million appropriation to NCSU for the planning of the Undergraduate Instructional Science Building. However, the Senate resolution states that "N.C. State University

appears to have reduced its commitment to securing legislative support for an Undergraduate Sciences Instructional Building by directing \$1.35 million of the planning funds for other purposes, without stating a plan for replacement." This money was directed to help progress Nelson's transition to the College of Business Management, Osborne said. "The renovations to Nelson Hall have been the university's top building priority for a while now, and so when some of the money for planning the science building became available, Nelson Hall was finished so that they could get off the list and the next item could move to the top," Osborne said. NCSU has not stated a plan for replacing the sum of money directed towards Nelson yet, but Osborne seems to think that the need for the Science Building will help push plans forward. "Everyone seems certain that the Undergraduate Instructional Science Building is going to move along appropriately, and they expect to get the additional planning money needed from the General Assembly," she said.

Counselors discuss eating disorders

A traditionally underrated problem continues to lack the attention it deserves at NCSU.

By JENNIFER THOMPSON
 STAFF WRITER

People seem to be ignoring a deadly problem. On a campus of over 27,000 students, four people attended yesterday's program at the Women's Center about eating disorders. Eating disorders are serious problems, but have become a "hush-hush" topic, said Stephanie Hinz, Allison Corkey, and Chris Stonehouse in a program they presented as a part of Women's

History Month. The program began as a class project last semester for the three graduate students in counselor education. It soon became something more. As a residence hall director at another campus, Stonehouse undertook the problem of confronting two students who were thought to have had an eating disorder. She said this incident made her aware of the seriousness of the problem. All three students agreed that this was an important issue and decided to base their project on it. However, in doing their research, they did not find many resources. Hinz said she was especially surprised when she found few on-campus resources.

"I think the words 'eating disorder' have a negative connotation," Stonehouse said. The goals of the presentation were to expose media influences on eating and body image, confront misconceptions about eating disorders, and reveal statistics on prevalence and target population. Hinz pointed to a *Glamour* magazine poll of 33,000 women and their dieting practices. Eighty percent of the women felt that they had to be thin in order to be attractive to men. Of the women polled, 50 percent had used diet pills, 45 percent had fasted, 18 percent used diuretics and 15 percent had tried self-induced vomiting.

Student charged with murder

Police claim they have found the person responsible for the disappearance of a Shaw University student.

By PHILLIP REESE
 NEWS EDITOR

The Raleigh Police Department charged N.C. State student Edwin Christopher Lawing Wednesday with the murder of his former girlfriend, LaCoy McQueen. McQueen was reported missing on May 17, 1996, Raleigh Police Sgt. J.M. Lynch said. She was last seen at NCSU's Bell Tower. "McQueen was pregnant at the time of her disappearance, Lynch said. Last Thursday, McQueen's body was discovered by a construction crew in Vance County, Lynch said. Lynch said Lawing was not arrested until Wednesday because there was still a possibility that McQueen was alive.

"There was speculation that she had gone off to have her baby alone," Lynch said. "We had to prove she was dead." However, Lynch said the RPD were near charging Lawing in McQueen's alleged murder when McQueen's body was found. "We were preparing our case to present to a Wake County grand jury, even though the body had not been found," he said. Raleigh Police Sgt. Kent Sclar said Lawing has always been the prime suspect in McQueen's disappearance. "From the initial statements to when the body was found, he's been the main suspect," Sclar said. Lawing was transferred from the Raleigh Police Department to the Wake County Detention Center at 11:15 Wednesday morning. Before his arrest, Lawing resided in North Hall. McQueen was a student at Shaw University in Raleigh.

Former students stand up for Frazier

A number of former N.C. State students have come forward in defense of a professor who is fighting for her job.

By KRISTEN SPRULL
 STAFF WRITER

You've finally made it. You're doing what you love. You're helping people. Then, along comes a set of circumstances that make it nearly impossible to perform at your potential. Several former students of Katherine Frazier, a professor of accounting, said these are the circumstances that led to her current administrative difficulties. Frazier could face the loss of her job, pending an ongoing tenure termination hearing held by the Faculty Senate's Committee on Hearings. Charges against Frazier date back to 1994, Frazier said. "They gave her a full professorship [in 1992]," said David Cochran, one of Frazier's former students. "How could they be that dissatisfied with her in two years?" "A lot of the younger people didn't really appreciate what she was trying to do," he said. "She went through it very thoroughly and expected you to understand every aspect of each area." David Moser, another former student of Frazier, acknowledged that the professor's class was not easy, but he said it was worthwhile in the end.

"It was more challenging and harder, but that makes it more interesting and [students] are better prepared for the outside world," he said. Moser said Frazier expected much of her students, but he said she gave a lot too. "She was always available, especially to students who were trying really hard," he said. "She would even extend her office hours." "Students that took the time to go and talk to her, she would really go the extra mile for," Moser added. Cochran agreed. "Students have a tendency not to go to professors for help," he said. "She was always available." Brent Poole, now a consultant for Ernst & Young, passed the CPA exam with one of the highest scores in the state after taking classes from Frazier. Poole said he began his college career as a cocky young student who only did enough work to get by. One accounting professor told him he should seriously consider changing his major. When he landed in Frazier's class in 1990, Poole said she took him in hand and told him she knew he could do better. "She told me that when I was prepared for class she could tell, because I zoomed over the heads of the other students," he said. Frazier's encouragement spurred Poole to become a straight-A student and pass the CPA exam on his first try, he said.

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Leader chats with students

N.C. businessman Raoul J. Baxter explained the rising consumption of pork in foreign markets.

By MARK McCRAW
 STAFF WRITER

Students had the privilege of hearing the thoughts and business philosophies of renowned business leader Raoul J. Baxter of Smithfield International Thursday. The lecture was the latest in a series of lectures presented by Wachovia, aptly named the Wachovia Lecture Series. The theme of Baxter's lecture resided in the fact that the United States has a tremendous window of opportunity to compete in the world market, especially with regards to pork. While pork consumption in the United States is beginning to reach a plateau, consumption in other markets is predicted to increase at a staggering rate, according to Baxter.



Baxter speaks to students, faculty

Baxter pointed out that one of the biggest markets for American pork producers at this point is Japan. According to Baxter, the Japanese are very educated — given their 90% high school graduation rate — and, because of this, they know a lot about meat. The Japanese, more than any other culture, demand that their meat be fresh, Baxter said. Hence, American industry has had to adopt rigid shipping disciplines to get the

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Foundation responds to kidney stealing rumor

■ A rumor about kidney robbery has gotten out of hand at the University of Virginia.

By Leah Friedman
THE CAVALIER DAILY (U. VIRGINIA)
(U - W I R E)
For more than a decade, a rumor has circulated that a business traveler who sat down for a drink with a stranger in a New Orleans hotel woke up the next morning in a tub full of ice — minus his kidneys. The new version relates the story of a student at the University of Texas who was drinking at a party and woke up without his kidneys. University students who have received the e-mail message said it struck them as humorous, and not sinister.

"It seemed a little far-fetched to me," fourth-year College student David Lobe said. "I sent it to some friends of mine who I thought would appreciate it."
But some other recipients have not been amused. Many, in fact, have become fearful believers — and some even have contacted the National Kidney Foundation, asking for the truth about the organ stealing rumor.

National Kidney Foundation spokeswoman Ellie Schlam said the foundation has received so many letters and e-mails they decided to send out a statement March 5 to end the confusion.

"We got it from many of our volunteers around the nation, and we have sent out a message saying

this was not true," Schlam said. In the statement, National Kidney Foundation Chairwoman Wendy Brown said the rumor is not true. "It's an urban myth run amok," Brown said in the statement. "There is no evidence that such activity has ever occurred in the United States." The possibility of someone stealing kidneys is infinitesimal, officials said.

"In truth, transplanting a kidney from a living donor involves numerous tests for compatibility that must be performed before the kidney is removed, so it's highly unlikely that a gang could operate in secrecy to recover organs that would be viable for a transplant," Brown said in the statement.

Odell Covington, University Kidney Center managing nurse, agreed with the impossibility of the rumor.

"To have your kidneys removed — it is a very extensive operation," Covington said. "We have had patients require it done, but they had to be placed on dialysis immediately after the operation."

Brown, in the statement, said she is concerned the rumor will deter people's willingness to become organ donors at a time when organ donations are in demand.

But Covington said she does not think possible kidney donors will change their plans.

"It might deter someone from having a drink in a strange town, but not organ donation," she said.

The National Kidney Foundation is asking any individual who claims to have had his or her kidneys illegally removed to step forward and contact the foundation.

Disorders

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The average woman is 5'5", 140 pounds and is a size 12. The media would have you believe that she is 5'5", 110 pounds and a size two, said Hinz.

The group presented a video of a recent news feature showing how fashion photo spreads are made. The video showed how Cindy Crawford's upper arms, waist and thighs were trimmed a few inches by computerized enhancement. Her face was also airbrushed to purge it of any flaws and make it "covergirl" perfect.

This media obsession with bodily perfection also affects those in the entertainment business, Corkey said. She pointed to celebrities who have battled eating disorders including Karen Carpenter, Tracy Gold, Celine Dion and gymnast Christy Henrich, whose struggle with anorexia claimed her life.

College students are especially at risk for eating disorders. The presentation revealed that 86 percent of those with eating disorders reported an onset by the age of 20. Younger people are also more

susceptible to the bombardment of messages from the media praising a slender figure. Hinz said it was scary to realize that four-fifths of America's fourth grade girls diet.

The presentation cited the media's influence of what a woman should look like, along with trying to attract men and striving for perfection, as reasons why women develop eating disorders.

Women with eating disorders show a preoccupation with food and weight, intense fear of gaining weight even when underweight, strange eating habits and rituals, depression, withdrawal and moodiness.

Corkey gave advice on how to handle a friend suspected of having an eating disorder. Confront them with a caring approach. Don't accuse them of needing help, but show them that you are worried about them. Be willing to listen to them.

Campus resources for eating disorders include health services and the counseling center.

"This is a very important issue. It needs to be addressed," Stonehouse said. "I think it's unfortunate that people have negative perceptions about eating disorders."

Leader

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pork to Japan in a timely manner.

Another factor which Baxter stressed was being critical to the Japanese pork market is American advertising schemes.

According to Baxter, the American ego has to be locked away, and Americans must be willing to do anything the Japanese demand, as long as they are willing to pay for our services.

"The Japanese won't buy a typical

American attitude," said Baxter. "Conventional American advertising schemes will have to be rethought."

According to Baxter, the main edge that the American pork industry has in the Japanese market over European producers is the ability to ship American goods to Japan faster than European goods can be shipped.

Despite these advantages, however, Americans by convention have a disadvantage in world markets because "we typically play by the rules. Other markets don't, and hence we often get screwed over."

Frazier

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"If you don't get anything else from a teacher, someone who can turn your life around like that is better than all the nuts and bolts of accounting," he said. All the former students interviewed concurred that Frazier's style of teaching stressed theory and technical writing.

Amy Graham, who took a graduate survey accounting course from Frazier, said, "She approached the subject not in terms of mechanics — she was very theoretical in her approach."

Joseph Perrone, also a graduate student, agreed.

"Where people had problems was that she didn't really give you many problems to do," he said. "There was not much board work or note-taking. But that didn't mean you didn't learn it."

Pooler said Frazier concentrated on theory in her undergraduate courses, too.

"It's been one of the classes that's helped me most in my career in terms of technical writing," he said.

Pooler said he heard complaints about Frazier's teaching style among his fellow students. He said those students who complained simply did not appreciate Frazier's style.

"Katherine did not give the cookbook approach — she was one of the accounting professors that made her students think."

Sharon Northcutt, a former student and graduate teaching assistant under Frazier, said, "She really tried to get the students to not just understand the mechanics, but the business reasons behind it."

The class Northcutt took from Frazier was taught in the spring of 1995, when Frazier missed several weeks of classes due to illness.

"She had pneumonia — she was gone several weeks, but she managed to get faculty to cover for her," Northcutt said. "She was just unlucky — I mean, anyone could catch pneumonia."

When she heard about the problems Frazier is experiencing, Northcutt said she was surprised.

"She is definitely fulfilling her duties as a professor, and I don't understand why they're attacking her," she said. "I don't think that both sides of the story are getting equal attention."

Perrone's reaction to Frazier's troubles was, "I've had teachers that were much worse than her at State."

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Parity would be nice

■ Hoops are over, so it's already time to talk football.

What a sad, sad day Monday was. As Ishua Benjamin's last-ditch three pointer fell oh-so-short and West Virginia escaped Reynolds Coliseum with an impressive win, I couldn't help but feel a tad bit lugubrious, if you will. Maybe it was the fact that such a valiant run, steeped in both tradition and the future, was over. Maybe it was the fact that I may have seen my last Wolfpack basketball game at Reynolds as a student.

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Bernstein bears it

■ 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 rife with arrogance and agendas.

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

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.

■ We got your Wolfpack sports.

SPORTS STAFF REPORTS

Howard given top Academic Honor

Jennifer Howard, a 5-6 guard for N.C. State's women's basketball

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

- Liz Bernstein,
N.C. State senior gymnast

"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," Bernstein 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 NCSU 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. Then my junior year he was interested, so that stirred my interest as well."

team was named the GTE Women's Basketball Academic All-American of the Year.

Named to the GTE Academic All-America First team for the second consecutive year, the senior from Newton, has maintained a 4.0 grade point average, majoring in communication and minoring in

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

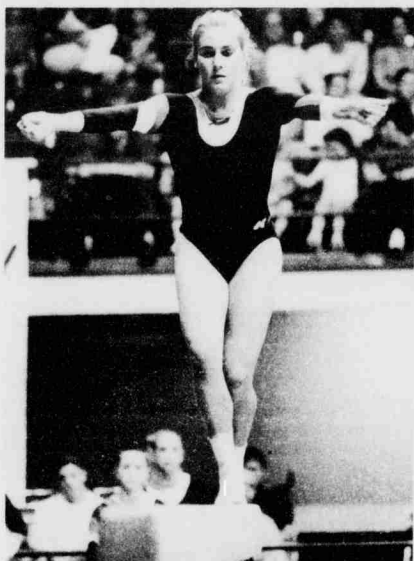
"In gymnastics, I did okay. I didn't do really, really well. I hurt my back and was out for quite a bit. And when you get hurt, people move into your spot."

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



BALANCING ACT: Tri-captain Liz Bernstein balances her gymnastics with academics, registering a 3.80 grade point average.

GLENN ABBEY/STAFF

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WOLFPACK NOTES

Spanish.

Howard, a Pack co-captain for the second year in a row was also awarded one of the 15 Atlantic

Coast Conference Post Graduate Scholarships.

Howard holds three-point shooting records for the Wolfpack and for the ACC in shots attempted, shots made and three-point field goal percentage.

In four years with the Pack, Howard missed just two games, starting 117 for State, amassing over 1,500 points, 300 assists and 300 rebounds.

Howard, who will graduate in May, is joined on the first team by Kathleen Courtney of Holy Cross, Amy Langville of Mount St.

Mary's, Michelle Palmisano of Vanderbuilt, and Jayme Olson of Iowa State.

State Gymnasts named to EAGL Academic team

The names of 10 N.C. State Gymnasts appeared on the list as the East Atlantic Gymnastics Team announced a record 64-member All-Academic team.

Never before have that many of the league's gymnasts been named to the team, which features 31

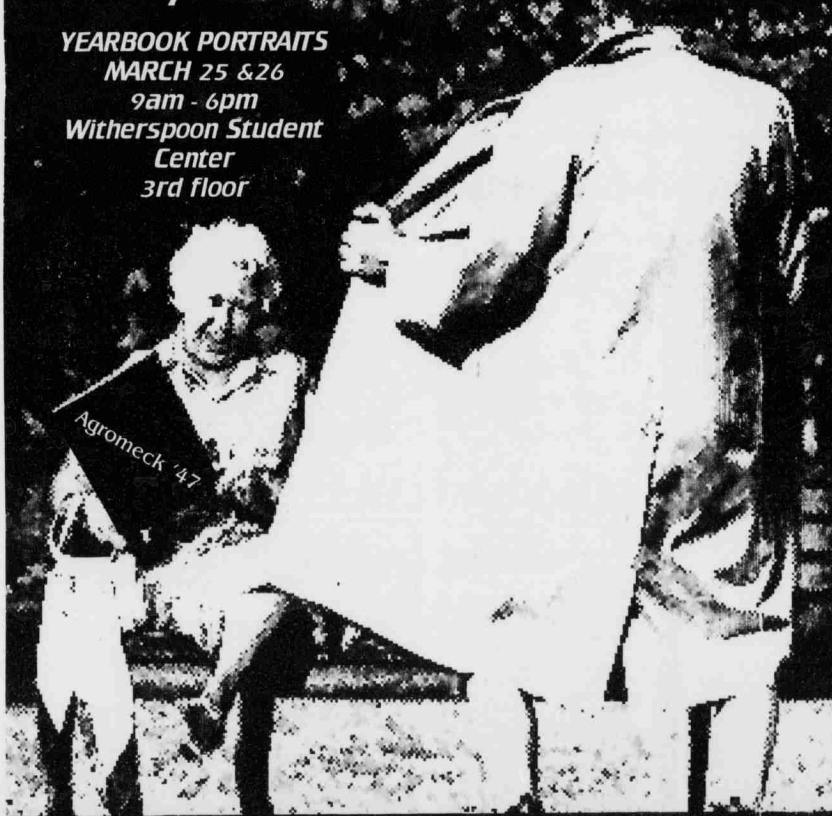
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But I don't think so. I think it was more than that.

I can't remember a time when so many people were so excited about the future of State basketball. I'm sure there are alumni out there who would beg to differ, but I doubt many of them had to go through what many of us have. What I'm trying to say is that hopes among a team that hit about as many students as opposing players last year.

The fact is, after the fantastic season Herb Sendek's Pack had, it's gonna be tough to top that. Not that I think anyone was planning on a fantastic gridiron year, but the success of the basketball team won't help embattle coach Mike O' Cain's chance at sticking around.

People are excited about the red and white. The ACC Tournament gave State fans a taste of success that they haven't had since the Peach Bowl two football seasons ago.

Sendek's success could either be very good or extremely bad for O' Cain. Fans could be so caught up in the excitement still hovering from the Tournament and the NIT that they expect the football team to carry the torch. After all, a case could be made that O' Cain has much more to work with than Sendek did. Better yet, many State fans feel that O' Cain inherited a much more solid program than Sendek did.

After all, O' Cain got one of the most consistent programs in the country, in the same league as Nebraska's and Colorado's. In four long years, the Wolfpack football program on the field has degenerated to the likes of Duke and Wake Forest, while off the field has once again risen, or lowered, to the level of Nebraska.

Conversely, O' Cain had better hope that fans are so anxious for basketball season that they attend Carter-Finley Stadium with virtually the same idea that fans have gone to Reynolds with: "Just wait 'til basketball season."

For O' Cain's sake, he should pray that the idea that athletics teams feed off the momentum of each other materializes. The Pack could be in for a long season, especially with the season opening with Syracuse and closing with East Carolina. Oh, yeah, don't forget about North Carolina and Florida State, either.

Hopefully, O' Cain and his players will learn what Sendek and his team taught us all this season: Even if others write you off, it doesn't mean you have to write yourself off.

James "M" Lail is heir to the James Madison University Dukes throne. If you have any questions about the school, his column, or a tasty quiche recipe, write him at matl@smc.sca.ncsu.edu.

Bernstein

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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. If I hadn't gotten hurt or hadn't gotten mono then maybe I could've gotten better."

Despite the 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 the 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 Moichianes, and, of course, little Kerry Strug.

But is Liz Bernstein, senior tri-captain of the State gymnastics team, tired of hearing of Kerry Strug?

Without missing a beat, she declares: "Oh yeah."

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The Pack's No. 1 seed Roberto Bracon handled Jeff Osswald with little trouble, picking up the 6-1, 6-1 victory.

No. 4 seed Shaun Thomas won by default, taking the match against Jimmy Chou, 6-4, 5-7, 3-3.

Wake's Andres Guzman was shut out by No. 5 player Jeff Smith, who won 6-0, 6-0.

Gymnastics

ATHLETE	CLASS	GPA
Elizabeth Bernstein	Sr.	3.800
Ashleigh Wessing	Fr.	3.705
Becky Geiger	So.	3.566
Sarah Boisvert	So.	3.412
Maggie Haney	Fr.	3.334
Jen Sommer	Fr.	3.311
Stephanie Wall	Jr.	3.296
Stephanie Flanagan	So.	3.217
Emily Bradsher	Jr.	3.115
Lauren Mazurco	So.	3.035

Women's Basketball

FIRST TEAM

- KATHLEEN COURTNEY, HOLY CROSS, SENIOR, 3.86, MATHEMATICS
- JENNIFER HOWARD, N.C. STATE, SENIOR, 4.00, COMMUNICATIONS
- AMY LANGVILLE, MOUNT ST. MARY'S, SENIOR, 3.94, MATHEMATICS
- MICHELLE PALMISANO, VANDERBILT, SENIOR, 3.99, BIOMEDICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING*
- JAYME OLSON, IOWA STATE, JUNIOR, 3.90, PSYCHOLOGY

* Seriously.

Technician Sports Clip-and-Save House #1

Name: Michael "Mike" Cuales
 Occupation: Technician Production Manager
 Zodiac Sign: Pisces
 Height: 5'11" Weight: 105
 Favorite Food: Pancake batter
 Favorite Movie: Maid to Order

Unbeknownst to most, Mike was the third chimney-sweep from the left in Walt Disney's "Mary Poppins" with Julie Andrews. Mike enjoys Q-Tipping his ears, turtle doves, Tiger Woods commercials, and sunsets on the beach eating matzo balls.

Turn-offs: Big spinal columns, petting zoos, southpaws, and 8 x 10 glossies. Mike won the role of "Alphonso" on the hit show "Silver Spoons," until a case of the gout forced him to early retirement.

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repeated selections.

Forty-two of the members were freshmen or sophomores.

Sarah Boisvert, Emily Bradsher, Stephanie Flanagan, Becky Geiger and Stephanie Wall were named to the team for the second time.

Elizabeth Bernstein, Magie Haney, Lauren Mazurco, Jen Sommer and Ashleigh Wessing also represented the Pack.

From other schools around the ACC, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill named 13 athletes to the team, and Maryland added four gymnasts.

Deacs drop men's Tennis team
 The N.C. State men's tennis team dropped to 5-9 overall yesterday after dropping a conference match, 4-3, to Wake Forest.

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TECHNICIAN SPORTS:

JAMES MADISON LAIL IS HIS GAME AND PARTYING IS HIS GAME. YOU'LL KNOW WHICH ONE HE IS... IF YOU CAN FIND HIM THROUGH ALL THE WOMEN. REMEMBER, YOU CAN'T SPELL "MATT" WITHOUT THE "F-U-N"

TECHNICIAN SPORTS:

IT'S "FIND THE COMMA" TIME!

WELL, DID YOU FIND IT? GOOD FOR YOU! OTHERWISE YOU SUCK. (ANOTHER FUN CLASS TIME PROJECT FROM BOBBY)

Genetic data restriction laws needed

Experts call for the protection of workers from the possible abuse that could arise from the use of genetic data for hiring and insurance purposes.

BY MARLENE CIMONS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — A prestigious coalition of health experts and ethicists Thursday called for legislation or other measures to protect against abuse of an individual's genetic information in the workplace — for example, using the data to deny jobs, promotions, insurance coverage or other benefits.

In recent years, rapidly growing technology and other advances have enabled geneticists to find disease-related genes in human DNA and to develop new tests to detect who carries them. At the same time, health officials say that many people who might otherwise benefit from knowing about their inherited risks for certain diseases have chosen to avoid these tests out of fear that such information will be used against them.

"Genetics is giving us our best hope yet of understanding what goes wrong at the most fundamental level when disease occurs," said Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health. "But if people are worried... they will be unable to take advantage of the enormous opportunities genetics research offers."

The recommendations to provide protection against abuse of genetic data are published in Friday's issue of the journal Science and come from experts representing the federal government and the private sector convened to explore the social, ethical and legal ramifications of the research.

The group was organized by the Genome Project, an international research effort to analyze the structure of human DNA and determine the location and makeup of the estimated 100,000 genes in the human body. In the United States, the work is being funded by NIH and the Department of Energy.

Under the group's recommendations, employers would be forbidden from using genetic information to affect the status of a worker unless a specific job-related connection to obtaining such information could be proved.

Also, the group recommended that employers be restricted access to genetic information contained in medical records released by individuals in claims filed for reimbursement of health-care costs. Such information should be released only with an individual's written permission, the group said, and violators should be subject to "strong enforcement mechanisms."

Generally, the business community has opposed federal efforts to impose workplace policies on the private sector.

Mary Reed of the National Federation of Independent Business, a lobbying group that represents the interests of small businesses, said that she prefers to wait until specific legislation is drafted before commenting on the recommendations. She noted, however, that small businesses — which generally shoulder the economic burden of such federal mandates — traditionally have argued that employers should be free to work out individual arrangements with their employees regarding these kinds of issues.

An example of the expanding use of genetic information in disease detection involves breast and ovarian cancer. Scientists recently discovered that crucial alterations in the genes known as BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 are responsible for many of these types of cancer that run in families. A test is now available that can detect the abnormality, and there has been considerable debate over whether women should take it.

Mary Jo Ellis Kahn, an official with the National Breast Cancer Coalition, was among those welcoming the recommendations on protecting genetic information.

"Fortunately, Congress has been very supportive of funding medical research, including genetics research, to find a cure and prevention for breast cancer," she said. "It is equally important that they support legislation to protect research participants and patients from misuse of genetic information."

According to the group convened by the Genome Project, some courts have allowed employers to require the genetic examination of workers or prospective employees, and employers who do not perform tests directly still could have access to an employee's medical records. "Yet, most observers agree, genetic information should not be used to deny someone a job or a promotion," the group said in its article.

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NEWS

New U.S. census for 2000

Designed to reduce costs by sampling America's households instead of making individual counts, some argue the new method is not completely accurate.

BY BARBARA VOBEDA
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The Census Bureau, responding to criticism that it has undercounted minorities in the past, has decided to redesign the 2000 Census.

The change, which is drawing some fire from Capitol Hill, will rely more heavily on statistical sampling to arrive at population numbers for households that do not return census forms and cannot be contacted by census workers.

"We believe that the judicious use of statistical sampling is a prudent, cost-saving and permissible means for helping our nation achieve the best census ever," said Commerce Secretary William Daley in a recent statement to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

The bureau's decision to use sampling is the latest chapter in a long controversy over how the federal government should conduct the 2000 Census, a massive effort to tabulate information about the nation's 120 million households. It is expected to cost about \$4 billion.

The stakes are enormously high because the results of the head count are used to apportion congressional seats among the states, draw political boundaries within states and distribute federal funding.

But even as Commerce officials, who oversee the Census Bureau, proceed with their plan, it appears to be headed for a challenge from some in Congress who object to the use of sampling.

"Adjusting the census is a little bit like saying 'Let's stop having elections and just do a poll and say that's the winner,'" he said.

Unlike the 1990 Census, which attempted to contact every household that did not return a census form, the plan for the 2000 Census is to count 90 percent of households in every census tract, then use statistical sampling to estimate population information for the remaining 10 percent.

Clinton, Yeltsin attend summits

The summits are not expected to remedy the conflict regarding NATO's expansion in Europe, but both sides hope for the best.

BY CAROL J. WILLIAMS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

HELSINKI, Finland — A confident Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin predicted Thursday that he and President Clinton will "depart as friends" after this most trying of their 11 summits, but he put the onus on the U.S. side to back off from a head-on confrontation over NATO expansion.

Yeltsin and Clinton met face-to-face on the first day of their two-day summit at a central location. Protocol dictated against delving into the heated standoff over NATO, encouraging both presidents to exhibit the good humor that has long characterized their relationship.

With Clinton traveling in "wheelchair" One" while he recovers from knee surgery and the 66-year-old Yeltsin only recently reinvigorated after heart surgery and pneumonia, the principals at what has been dubbed the Summit of Invalids couldn't help but make fun of each other.

"There were a lot of jokes, predictably about their health conditions," Yeltsin spokesman Sergei V. Yastzhebnsky said of the two leaders, who were seated together for the dinner at the palace residence of Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari, the summit's host.

Describing the mood between Clinton and Yeltsin as "splendid," Yastzhebnsky said the two presidents were "determined to resolve even the toughest

problems" besetting their relations. "The president and Yeltsin were clearly striking a tone for the meeting which seemed to be very positive and a lot of banter back and forth," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

The summit takes place against a backdrop of fiery rhetoric over plans by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to invite new members from Eastern Europe this summer — a move that Clinton contends will enhance security and cooperation in Europe, while Yeltsin fears that it will inflict new divisions on the Continent and isolate Russia.

Yeltsin and other Kremlin officials have warned that expansion will destroy the trust built between East and West since the Cold War ended and force Moscow to turn to Arab and Asian powers in search of new allies.

Despite their seemingly irreconcilable differences over NATO enlargement, Clinton and Yeltsin appeared intent on putting the best face on the disagreement. "I believe Bill Clinton and his team are prepared to find constructive approaches and compromise so that we can agree on all the thorny questions and depart as friends, as we have after all of our meetings," Yeltsin said upon arrival, looking stronger and more vibrant than at any time since July's reelection.

Clinton also expressed hope that "we'll work something out," but neither he nor other U.S. officials

gave any hint that they were prepared to make further concessions to the Kremlin.

"There are difficult issues there, but we remain confident that the expansion of NATO is the right formula for preserving an undivided, democratic, peaceful Europe as we look ahead to the 21st century," McCurry said of Clinton's apparent intention to stand by the alliance decision.

The not-to-worry pose struck at the palace dinner hinted that Clinton and Yeltsin may have decided to tone down the expansion dispute because they know they cannot resolve it.

Compromise is considered unlikely; their positions are diametrically opposed, and Yeltsin would lose face if he continued to spotlight a NATO plan he can do nothing to stop.

Asked if the leaders are likely to come to some agreement during their talks, Yastzhebnsky replied: "No agreements, but maybe some statements."

While the prospect of eventual NATO membership has also been held out to Russia, the Kremlin has declined application in favor of a charter that would define its relations with the Western military alliance.

Russian officials have insisted that NATO refrain from deploying nuclear weapons in any new member states, extend no invitations to former Soviet republics and promise not to build up troops or conventional weapons along Russia's border.

Yeltsin has said that he opposes expansion in any manner and that Russia will not be swayed by financial or political inducements to accept a move it considers a threat to its security.



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Agriculture Awareness

TECH TOO STAFF REPORT

Wednesday and Thursday, animals, tractors and booths were on the Brickyard as part of Agriculture Awareness Week.

Alpha Zeta, a national agriculture and service fraternity, sponsored the event along with other agriculture related organizations.

The Poultry Science and Animal Science Clubs sponsored meals of barbecue chicken and pork. The Agriculture Business Club and National Agriculture Market Association provided some of the equipment that was on display.

Commissioner of Agriculture Jim

Graham said that many people don't understand the importance of agriculture and ag-business to North Carolina. Many N.C. State students hold the same sentiment.

"Agriculture Awareness Week is vital to the university," said Felicia Brim, graduate student in Animal Science and brother of Alpha Zeta. "Agriculture is the largest industry in the state. A lot of students and citizens don't realize where food and fibers come from. It doesn't appear in grocery stores magically.

"So we want to make everyone realize how much work agriculture is because none of us could survive without it."



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People observe their rights

Next week, N.C. State looks at Human Rights.

BY KELLY MARKS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This Sunday kicks off the fourth annual Human Rights Week at N.C. State. With a variety of events devoted to exploring the rights of all people, the week will focus on issues from affirmative action to the death penalty. It also hopes to expand horizons by seeing how these issues pertain to life on campus and around the world.

Many student organizations have worked hard to set up discussions

and get speakers for the week. Student Affairs invites the public to come hear about Project Safe, an endeavor to educate the public about gay, lesbian, and bisexual affairs. The University Scholar's Program will host an event dealing with Burmese Human Rights violations. An affirmative action debate will be sponsored by the NCSU chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. REAL Men/HEAR Women, and the NCSU's Women's Center will look at the relationship between war and rape. Other events will look at issues in Beijing.

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Board to pull an all-nighter

And you thought U.A.B. stood for Union Activities Board.

BY KELLY MARKS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This evening, starting at 8 something will be different about the Student Center. As you approach the entrance, the sounds from a live band and a professional lunatic will combine with the ripping of velcro and what the people at the karaoke machine will try to pass off as singing. A closer look inside reveals large inflated structures and — hey! where's the furniture? And why does it smell like funnel cakes in here? There's only one answer: it's the U.A.B.'s Ultimate Allnight

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Harley Newman performs his freakish feats.

Beck is no loser on current tour

This coming Tuesday, Reynolds Coliseum is "Where it's at."

BY KELLY MARKS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In 1994, a little known artist whose specialty was fusing rootsy folk music with hip-hop sounds made his way into mainstream music by telling the world what a loser he was. Today, with a Grammy for Album of the Year and every music critic in the world on his side, Beck Hansen seems to be anything but losing.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Beck was originally influenced by American folk music and the Delta Blues. However, it wasn't until he stumbled onto the East Village scene in New York that his music began to take shape. Inspired by the developing style known as "anti-folk," which combines the down-to-earth sounds of folk music with elements of punk, Beck got away from protest-type songs and



PHOTO COURTESY OF GEFREN RECORDS INC. Grammy-winning Beck comes to Raleigh.

experimented more with sound.

This experimentation has become his trademark. On his latest release, "Odelay," he employs all types of

sounds from braying donkeys and kiddie toys to every possible noise a drum machine can produce. It's this collage effect that sets him apart from other artists — in 1996's drought of creative music, he crossed all genres of music and combines them into something cohesive.

It is this diversity in his music that makes it hard to classify. There are so many contrasting elements. The early influences of artists like Woody Guthrie and Fred McDowell are there, but are often distorted by a low bass beat, a country music interlude, or a reminiscent throw-back to seventies sound. Most songs seem almost nonsensical at first, but in each heaping dose of weirdness is a serious message or an underlying feeling of alienation or solitude.

Despite this, Beck has developed a reputation as a "wacky" performer. His songs are often humorous and high-energy. It is this

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Habitually lying lawyer is truly funny

Jim Carrey gives an all-star performance in "Liar Liar." Honest.

BY NICOLE BOWMAN
ASSISTANT TECH TOO EDITOR

Jim Carrey is back in theaters today as Fletcher Reede in the new comedy "Liar Liar."

Reede is a fast-talking attorney who lies about anything to get ahead in life. And he'll do anything to get a partnership at the law firm he works at — even give up time with his son Max (Justin Cooper).

Reede is involved in a court case in which Miranda (Amanda Donohoe) hands him a case that

other lawyers have rejected out of principle. If he wins the case, he'll be given a partnership.

Adulteress Virginia Cole (Jennifer Tilly) is getting divorced. Reede convinces her that even though the prenuptial agreement specifies that she'd get nothing if she committed adultery, she is the victim and deserves a large settlement.

When Reede doesn't turn up for Max's birthday party, his son turns Reede's biggest asset — his mouth — into his biggest liability.

Reede wishes that his father will tell the truth for one day — the day the case goes to court.

Reede's inability to say anything except what is on his mind allows

for classic Carrey moments.

His body seems to be elastic as he plays with Max and tries to get himself to lie. His first test is to say that a pen is red, when it's really blue. After trying to force the word "red" out of his mouth, he sits exhausted in his chair and decides to write it. He fights with his hand to write it and then falls on the floor. When he gets up, "blue" is written all over his face.

Trying to keep his family and law practice intact, Reede makes an outstanding character for Carrey to play.

This movie must be seen in theaters, if not for the movie itself, then for the outtakes at the end. It is one of the best Carrey movies yet.

Opinion

A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered... College life without its journal is a blank.
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Disclaiming responsibility

■ On-line disclaimer doesn't do much good.

North Carolina State students with pages on the university www4 server now have an addition to their web pages. The university has put a disclaimer on the pages saying "The material on this site is not endorsed, sponsored, provided or on behalf of North Carolina State University."

You would think that the inclusion of this disclaimer would mean the university would allow students to design their web page in whatever way they see fit. It seems that NCSU is not claiming responsibility for the pages' content. But this isn't so.

According to recent discussions on the NCSU newsgroup ncsu.www, the university computing center

will still close sites for their content or if they get too many hits.

This is unethical, to say the least.

The disclaimer on the web pages says that NCSU has nothing to do with a site's content. But then the university goes through and removes or censors pages.

Does NCSU have the right to infringe on the First Amendment, even if laws calling for Internet censorship are being examined?

If the university puts a disclaimer on web pages stating it doesn't endorse students' sites, then it shouldn't ban and censor those disclaimed sites.

Students have the right to say what is on their mind in real life and on the Internet. For NCSU to deny that it has anything to do with a web page's content and then censor sites, is wrong.

Sacrificing amenities

■ New science building is good in theory, but where will it be built?

During its last meeting, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution supporting a new undergraduate science instructional laboratory building. The actual ground breaking is still several years off, but the senate hopes that this old idea will soon become reality.

It will also be several years before they find a site for the new building. With an already packed campus, where can this building find a foundation?

Student Health Services is moving into a new home late next year, when a new building is constructed in the existing Harris Lot. The main campus is already filled with buildings. An additional one will disrupt the comfortable atmosphere that already exists on campus. There are places where students, faculty and staff can take a break from the classroom without

leaving campus.

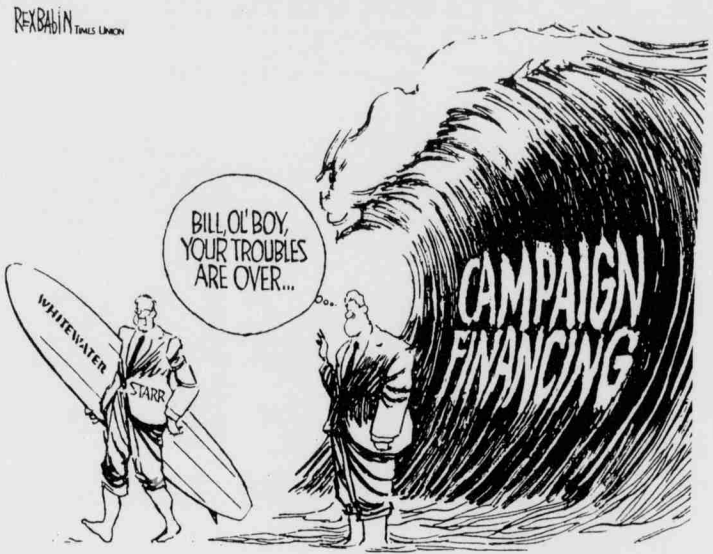
When the foundation is laid for the building, hopefully it will be in a place convenient to undergraduates.

There has been talk of tearing up Riddick Lot to make room for buildings. But people who park in the lot will be left at the side of the road.

Whatever happens, NCSU administrators and planners must realize that the campus population is growing. More and more people each year come to NCSU as a place to learn and work. If improvements are to be made on campus, they should be made two fold.

If a new building is built in an existing parking lot, then a way to add more parking spaces on campus to replace the old ones must be found. If a building is built in an existing park or quiet area, efforts must be made to add quiet places elsewhere on campus.

Progress should not mean sacrificing the amenities that make NCSU a great campus.



Cosmic alignment spurns allergies and beauty

R. Stevens COMMENTARY

Such things about the place you live. It is good to know that there are certainties.

Because of this certain event, spring surges with life. Oaks flower, daffodils bloom — plants emerge as products of victory. Day and night battle; the warm daylight slowly, but definitely, cuts into the cool night liberating plants from winter's chains where, in the words of Frank Dempster Sherman, "twas winter scarce an hour ago."

Time experiences movement. Recently birds have been heard singing their morning praises as early as 5 a.m. Maybe they're singing: "Come forth and feel the morning sun! There is a blessing in the air." These words of William Wordsworth beckon alertness from the night; could the birds be beckoning the same? Are they calling us from a slumber of winter and night? Much on campus hears the call.

Look around. Spring is here. All across campus one can see plants flowering. Dogwoods are coming into flower and others concur: Kanzan Cherries, Chinese Redbuds and Crabapples.

All this is a product of the weather. "We're ahead of the traditional flowering time ... if we get weather like we have been having the last few days, things will really take off," Stuart Warren states.

Warren, a professor of horticulture science, observes spring. Looking out his window into the rainy day, he continues to recognize flowering trees. "Maples usually lead the way. Oaks are always slow." Oaks along with pines do not appeal to many for two reasons. The trees aren't strikingly beautiful as Warren muses: "You don't go around saying: 'don't those look nice.'" Secondly, allergies are common for many and spring gives them problems.

Despite allergic reactions to spring, most people fare better. "A lot of people are helped by

the end of cold weather," states the director of the Counseling Center, Lee Salter, while adding that exercise is easier. "Getting recreational time helps people handle stress."

Most students are able to forget stress and enjoy spring. Dave McDonald, a sophomore in business management, proclaims, "It makes you feel good it's warm outside. Everyone is happy."

For others, spring can be devastating. People not only have more things to do, but they have problems with the weather.

Freshman Candice Brown bellifies the fruits of spring: "It's cold in the morning; hot at night. That bothers me — you have to wear layers."

There are always two ways to look at anything, even nature. But one way wins: "To him who in the love of Nature holds Communion with her visible forms, she speaks a various language" — William Cullen Bryant.

Whether you are rushing across the Brickyard or enjoying the Court of North Carolina, observe spring today. Yesterday's cosmic events, unlike others, had real significance. Out in space, two lines are intersecting in the Pisces constellations. This intersection of the ecliptic, the apparent path of the sun, and the celestial equator occurs twice a year to give us singularly the autumnal and vernal equinox. Yesterday was technically, for those living in the Northern hemisphere, the first day of spring, the vernal equinox. "Equinox" literally means "equal night," and the day and night are equal throughout the world. Hal Borland, a nature writer, overlooks the ailments of spring fever to describe this special event with a sense of serenity.

"When I watched the sun rise this morning, due east, I felt that the universe, the solar system, the earth, the year, the season, the day, were all in order, no matter what stupidities man might achieve today. It is good to know

The Campus

FORUM

Ban leaves students in the dark

This letter concerns the recent decision banning halogen lights in the residence halls. If you have a halogen light, turn it off and leave on only the light provided by this university. Can you still read this without squinting and going blind? The problem is both outside and inside each and every residence hall. Breezeways, corridors and parking areas are barely illuminated at night. It is unacceptable that the authority figures at N.C. State find two or three small wall lights and a little fluorescent bulb at your desk or over your mirror adequate lighting for studying.

It is pathetic that students are expected to provide their own lighting. On average, we pay about \$300 a month to stay in our dorm rooms for the seven months we are actually on campus. Staying on campus over the breaks is extra. This is added to the cost of tuition, books, food, phone bills and parking.

Halogen lighting is the most

effective, price-efficient alternative lighting. The other choices for lighting are not as effective and can become very expensive. This is an additional expense that students should not be expected to incur.

When we choose to live on campus, we expected adequate lighting to be provided. We do not need the hassle of searching around for new lights and getting rid of the old; we here to learn.

We are not irrational or illogical, though. We understand that halogen lighting has caused six fires recently. We understand that it can become a safety hazard if people are not careful. But honestly, anything can be dangerous if people are not careful. Lamps can be dangerous if someone were to remove the shade. Study lights get extremely hot and could ignite something that was in contact with the light. The alternatives pose risks as well, although they may not be as likely to happen.

The only logical solution is for University Housing to provide lighting in every residence hall that is sufficient for studying. This bypasses any risks associated with standard table lamps or halogen lighting.

Why this isn't being done? If the halogen lights are to be removed by March 8, begin the installation of proper lighting in the residence halls over the break while students are gone. How are we supposed to study when our lighting is so dim? We're here to do work, right? University Housing claims it can

not put lighting in yet. Why not? This is something that has been discussed for a long time. Unfortunately, this is yet another area where Housing is all talk and no action. Do they not have the time? Just like they didn't have time to fix the parking lot lights by Bragaw when they were out for a week. Just like they were too busy to fix the hot water in Bragaw when it was out for a week. Just like the shower water temperatures in Bragaw fluctuate from boiling to freezing every few seconds.

This list is endless. The lighting is just one of the many shortcomings of Housing for students on this campus.

Have any of the people in Housing ever been in a residence hall room (or bathroom, for that matter) in Bragaw or any dorm at night with only these little lights we are provided? Apparently not, or they would understand the point we are trying to prove. The point is simply this: if you want us to take our halogen lights out of our rooms due to safety hazards, fine; but provide lighting in each and every room on campus that is actually acceptable.

It does not seem to be too much to ask. All we ask for is effective and safe lighting fixtures to be installed in our rooms. It should not be our responsibility to provide our own lights. Housing should add a column on their NCSU brochures for incoming students that says "Estimated cost for lighting (student must provide)" along with meal plan, dorms, tuition,

transportation, etc.

Genia M. Ball
Sophomore, Undeclared

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Sophomore, Business

Hamilton isn't justified

I don't feel that Trent Hamilton is justified in some of the things he said in his letter (published Feb. 1 made no judgments whatsoever. I was merely stating what the Bible says.

Did you read the scriptures I put in there? If you didn't this is what they say. Leviticus 20:13 says, "If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable." It sounds to me like I'm just repeating written material that happens to be from my God, not passing judgment.

I love everyone, but that doesn't mean that I have to agree with everything they do. I never passed any kind of judgment on gays, and if you think I did, tell me what sentence made you feel that way. Stating your opinion and facts from the Bible are completely different from passing judgment. If God thought that I have to agree with everything they do, then how would he expect us to pass on His

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The Azaleas are in bloom

■ The N.C. Azalea Festival has something for everyone.

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Ah, springtime — a time when nature wakes up from its winter nap and all of the fresh flowers begin to bloom. Mix the flowers with some sunshine and warm weather and you have a perfect combination. Throughout the state, many cities hold festivals to welcome spring, and the most famous is the North Carolina Azalea Festival held in Wilmington, N.C.

This year's festival is scheduled for April 10-13, and it is proposed to be the largest one so far because Wilmington is beautiful this time of year and the festival offers so much more than the blooming flowers.

"This year marks the 50th anniversary of the festival, so we are all excited. There are several bus tours attending and people all over North Carolina love the festival. I think this one will have the largest turn out thus far, and we are prepared to take care of all the visitors," said Teresa McLamb with McLamb Communications.

Each year the Azalea Festival names a Queen to reign over the weekend, and this year the title belongs to Lauren Roman. Roman was born in Wilmington to a

Marine Corps family and grew up in North Carolina and Virginia. Now she resides in New York City and stars as Laura Kirk on the ABC television series "All My Children." Coronation of the 50th Queen Azalea will take place on Thursday morning, April 6, at Riverfront Park in downtown Wilmington.

"There will be a luncheon following the reception, and the public is welcomed to purchase tickets," McLamb said.

Jennifer Michelle Roberts, Miss North Carolina 1996, will also be a guest at the festival. She is an accomplished dancer and was awarded the Bert Parks non-finalist talent award at Miss America pageant last September for her fast paced tap routine to "Devil With A Blue Dress On." She is also an accomplished public speaker and as Miss North Carolina she has focused her social platform on "Making Family #1."

The festivities begin on Friday, April 11 at 10 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony and the Queen's Garden party, and the Citadel's Summerall Guards are scheduled to perform. The Summerall Guards were created in 1932 and have represented the college at major events throughout the nation. This unit carries 1903 Springfield rifles with fixed chrome bayonets. This team is composed of 61 members and represents the ultimate

achievement in the military phase of cadet life. The maneuvers performed by the Guards have no verbal commands, so many hours of practice are required to perform at the team's level of excellence. The Summerall Guards are also featured in a parade scheduled for Saturday morning, April 12.

Throughout the weekend there are numerous craft fairs, horse shows, coin shows and other interesting activities for people to enjoy for free.

The Wilmington Art Association invites regional artists to participate in the 15th Annual Juried Spring Art Show held at historic St. Thomas Preservation Hall. The show is open to the public, and all works of art are for sale. If you pay an entry fee of \$20 (members) or \$25 (non-members), you can submit two works of art. There will be \$4,000 in merchandise awards and cash prizes presented to the top artists. Registration for the show is being held for two days, April 7, 1-5 p.m. and April 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Thomas Preservation Hall. For more information call Ann Parker at (910) 799-3702.

So, clear your calendars for April 11-13 and plan a trip to Wilmington because there will be lots of things to see, and hey — it's better than spending the weekend doing homework.

Forum

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Why? I'm not trying to be mean, but you attack how I may be uncomfortable with my heterosexuality because I am afraid to wear blue jeans on that day. Let me quote the first line from your second paragraph: "Let me say that I am not gay, nor do I have any desire whatsoever to be, but I do not dictate other people's lives." If your so comfortable with where you are, then why was the first three-fourths of that sentence needed?

I don't have a problem with my sexuality, and I know you don't either, but don't make statements about me when you go and write something that conveys the same message as what I write.

Please explain to me the part about "throw back a few beers, smoke up a little and have some pre-marital sex, and then tell me I'm going to hell for not believing they have gone too far." I don't see how that has any reference to the subject at hand. I also didn't say anything about anyone going to Hell. Come on man, I think Gary Birdsong from the Brickyard has gotten the best of you.

Andy Johnson
Freshman, Mechanical Engineering

Students shouldn't pay for a few mistakes

Big Brother is at it again. Due to a couple of fires during last semester,

the halogen lamps that everyone has in their rooms are now considered fire hazards.

No longer can students have adequate lighting. The overhead lights in our dorms do no good, and nothing else is quite as bright as a halogen lamp.

To add further insult to injury, halogen lamps are very reasonably priced. I spent a whopping \$20 on mine, but a regular floor lamp costs over twice that. Why is this being done, you ask? Are the lamps faulty? Are they spontaneously combustible? Does the cheap price reflect shoddy workmanship?

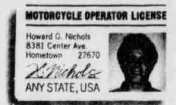
The answer is "none of the above." We are being punished because of a select few people's complete and total lack of common sense, and dare I say it — stupidity. As everyone knows, halogen bulbs get hot. This is common knowledge, and there is even a warning about it in the manual.

When some idiot puts his alarm clock on top of the lamp, and it melts and catches fire, how is that my fault, or the lamp's fault? If someone places an alarm clock, a hat, clothing or anything else on one of these lamps, and the item catches fire, it's their own stupid fault.

Why should I, or anyone else have to pay for their lack of intelligence? Why should I be forced to take my halogen lamp home — a lamp I paid good money for, and either suffer inadequate lighting, or go out and buy a new, more expensive, standard floor lamp? Halogen lamps don't start fires. Stupidity does.

Charles Smith
Freshman, First Year College

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Number 38:
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Snapshots for the road

■ Say CHEESE!

TECH STAFF REPORT

Next Tuesday, Polaroid will be in the Brickyard from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. In a part of what will be a 30 city road tour, they will lend cameras and film to students to "See What Develops."

Using the slogan of their popular ad campaign, the company is touring the country acquiring pictures for a photographic collage of America. Students will be

provided with cameras and film, free of charge, to take pictures. Upon returning the cameras, they will get to keep half of the pictures and the other half will be used by Polaroid in its campaign. The event will commemorate the 50th anniversary of instant photography in 1997.

Apart from the photos of their friends, participating students will also receive a token gift t-shirt or water bottle. The event promises to be a lot of fun and the film is free, so come on out and see what develops.

UAB

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Bash. Tonight, from 8 until 2 a.m. the Student Center will become home for all manners of events, from typical fair-type games to the truly unusual. There will be something to satisfy every possible whim.

If you have something to prove or just enjoy healthy cutthroat competition, check out the Velcro Olympics and the Bungee Run or try your hand at pole jousting. Curious types can explore Pandora's Box. For those who are more passive, sit back and get tattooed while posing for a caricature. Those with an appetite for fun can enjoy tasty carnival

fare, from hot dogs and sno-cones to funnel cakes and cotton candy.

There will also be various entertainment acts on hand. Running From Anna, a great band from Winston Salem, will rock the Underground from 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Harley, a professional lunatic, will wander amongst the crowd, performing magic tricks and freakish feats from 10 p.m. up to the witching hour.

There's also the chance to walk away with freebies. Anyone who fills out a survey leaves with a special gift.

The Bash was a big success last year and is shaping up to be a spectacular event again this year. Everyone is welcome to come and partake of the activities. Admission is \$1. If there are any questions, call 515-5918.

Human

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environmental justice, civil rights, and helping migrant farm workers.

The week will open at 12:15 p.m. Monday, in the Brickyard. At 8 p.m. that evening Dr. Julius L. Chambers, chancellor of N.C. Central, will discuss the week's occasion in a keynote address and reception.

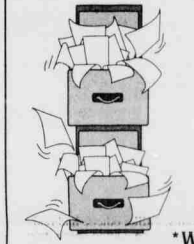
This year's theme is "View All Human Beings as Worthy." All events are free and open to the public. For more information on Human Rights Week, please call 515-5210.

Beck

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energy and playfulness that makes his live shows outstanding. All manners of things take place on stage — he breakdances, engages in the electric slide, and demonstrates karate moves ala Jackie Chan. With the free-floating nature of his sets, things can get chaotic and even sloppy sometimes, but the entertainment factor more than makes up for it.

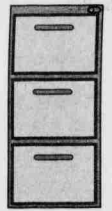
You can witness this chaos for yourself. Beck will perform here at N. C. State next Tuesday with special guests. The Cardigans and Atari Teenage Riot. Tickets are still on sale through Ticketmaster for \$15 plus vendor fees.



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