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## Top general to address grads

Decorated veteran chosen to give NCSU commencement address.

JACK DALY  
Co-News Editor

Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will give the commencement address at graduation festivities on May 16 at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Shelton, a four-star Army general and a 1963 graduate of N.C. State, was among a long list of candidates recommended for the honor by the commencement committee to the chancellor's office, according to committee chairman Gerald Walberg.

"What was attractive to [the commencement committee] was that he is the new Joint Chief of Staff," Walberg said.

Besides having name recognition, Shelton also fits the criteria the committee uses when it recommends potential graduation speakers.

"The person has to be in mid-career," Walberg said. "Ideally, it is a person who is still actively dealing in world or state affairs."

Other criteria considered include diversity in race and gender and whether or not the candidate is an alumnus of NCSU.

After the commencement committee submits a lengthy list of names to the chancellor's office, the chancellor is free to choose a name from the list, or propose an alternate speaker.

This year, Chancellor Monteith

stuck with the list of names and wrote a letter to Shelton inviting him to speak at the ceremonies, according to Claire Kristofco, assistant to the chancellor and the chancellor's liaison with the commencement committee.

"Chancellor Monteith tries to focus on NCSU alumnus in the prime of their careers," Kristofco said. Shelton is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War and the first member of the Green Berets (an elite U.S. Army Special Forces unit) to become the nation's top military adviser. Before becoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Shelton was commander in chief of the U.S. Special Operations Command, the unit that monitors the Green Berets and the Navy Seals.

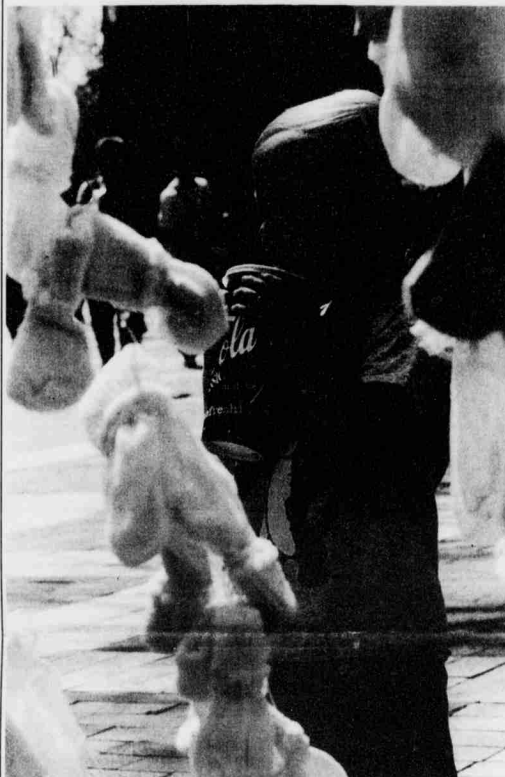
Recently, Shelton served as assistant division commander for both Desert Shield and Desert Strike, and commanded the Operation Uphold Democracy joint task force in Haiti.

Shelton received his degree in textile engineering from NCSU in 1963 and later earned a master-of-science degree from Auburn University.

The ceremonies will serve a dual purpose for Shelton. Besides giving the commencement address, Shelton will be presented with an honorary doctoral degree from the Board of Trustees. The honorary degree will be an honorary doctorate of humane letters, according to Kristofco.

Shelton will follow in the footsteps of Jerry Punch. Punch, a sports commentator, served as the commencement speaker last year.

## Youthful zeal



Drew Miller, 2, stands by the Life Tree in the Brickyard Thursday. The Life Tree is made of 4,000 baby booties representing abortions in the United States. Two years ago, Drew's birth was a choice, as his mother considered having an abortion.

ELIZABETH WINKLER/STAFF

## Student candidates speak out

Spring brings sun and elections.

TIM CRONE AND JACK DALY  
Staff Writer

Every year in late March or early April, hearts beat faster and tongues delve deeply to catch that prosaic poetry of politics.

Yes, student office elections are again in full swing. The voting takes place Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31, and, in the interest of informed voting, Technician interviewed many of the major candidates. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, all the major races for office are not represented; only candidates for student body president and Student Senate president were interviewed.

Both candidates for the position of student body president are currently members of Student Senate. In the order the candidates were interviewed:

### The Candidates for Student Body President

#### Andrew Payne

Andrew Payne is currently classified as a sophomore in environmental engineering and is an elected senator from the College of Engineering.

"I can say that [both of the candidates are] very qualified. I'm currently chair of the Senate Operations Committee...I'm an elected official, and issues come up to the senate...I'm held accountable to the students," said Payne. "That's probably the biggest thing, is the accountability. I've shown that I can be accountable to the student body."

Payne's platform consists of everything from plus/minus grading to advising.

"Campus safety is really the big one," Payne said. He urged the creation of a night transit system that extends to the areas trafficked by students but not necessarily on main campus; golf cart rides to and from the library and campus dormitories; greater security on and on the way to Centennial Campus.

"Our advisors right now aren't trained; they aren't paid," said Payne, continuing down his platform. He hopes for "a new academic advising center" to which students can go at essentially any time to find out about courses and their schedule.

He speaks of the elimination of plus/minus grading and of a book rental program that "saves money for everybody." He also plans to "get rid of the technology fee" if he is elected.

"Next year, there are going to be new opportunities. With an incoming chancellor, we need somebody with experience...to mold this chancellor [so that he or she] is more student-friendly."

#### Jenny Chang

Jenny Chang is currently a junior in biochemistry. Currently, she serves in an appointed position — chief of operations for student government.

"I am obviously the most qualified candidate," Chang said.

The qualifications Chang listed to back up the quote, besides chief of operations for student government, included: executive assistant for academic affairs; resident adviser in Berry Hall; student senator for CALS; and park scholar.

"I have a passion for this university, and I also have a strong track record of work for the students of this university," said Chang.

Chang's platform ranges from such issues as fee increases to campus safety.

"All the things on my platform I can get accomplished," Chang said. "I guarantee it. When I say these things, I am not making promises I can't keep."

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## Transportation answers questions

Information sessions address parking changes.

MICHAEL COOKSON  
Staff Writer

Every semester students flood the transportation office with questions and complaints about limited campus parking.

"It starts about three weeks before the semester begins and lasts about two weeks into the new semester," said Greg Cain, associate director of transportation at N.C. State.

To prevent this problem or at least reduce it to some degree, Cain conducted three information sessions where all questions regarding the new parking zones could be addressed.

"The concept is about trying to get all the information out now to reduce the stress which occurs later," Cain said.

Included in the new parking policies is a 10 percent increase in permit rates that will go into effect by August 16 of this year.

"We had a choice of either increasing the rates by small amounts each year or by larger

amounts every couple of years," Cain continued.

The rate increases are attributed to the rising costs experienced by the transportation office over the last few years.

"Mostly, it's been the cost of electricity and safety improvements," Cain said.

For example, the Engineering Graduate Research Center at the newly built five-story parking deck on Centennial Campus must be lit 24 hours a day.

Maintenance costs have also been factored into the new rate increases.

Potential changes in parking permits for current permit holders were also addressed at the information sessions. Current permit holders will be receiving their assignment renewal cards by next week. Upon payment arrangements, the permits will be issued a month before the new semester begins.

Student and staff attendance at the information sessions was sparse. People with questions related to the new parking policies can also call Stinson Drive.

To get the bus to stop on Stinson Drive and Yarbrough Drive, officials say students should wave at the driver.

The route exits the Main Campus area at the intersection of Stinson Drive and Pullen Drive.

The service will not operate during university holidays and breaks. Refer to the NCSU Academic Calendar for information or call 515-WOLF.

## Teacher relishes spotlight

An NCSU professor's radio show has gained a national audience.

DANIELLE STANFIELD  
Assistant News Editor

N.C. State's very own Richard Ford has made headway on the airwaves.

Ford, a professor of medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine, is hosting his very own nationally syndicated radio show entitled "The Pet Care Minute."

"This is an effort to bring healthcare issues to the public eye," Ford said.

Although the show caters to dog and cat lovers, anyone who interacts with animals may get helpful advice. For example, Ford said one show tells listeners the best way to avoid being bitten.

"We're trying to bring current, valid info to the public on a daily basis in a fun way," he said.

Previously aired shows, which Ford calls his "wild card" shows, include segments on cyber pets, the truth behind the "black cat"

superstition, the correct ratio of age between humans and dogs (it's not 1 to 7 years), what a household poison is to your pet, and whether or not you can give them your aspirin when they look sick.

Other topics include behavioral problems associated with new pets and the best ways to pick a pet. Ford also aired shows on health issues like the diseases that affect pets and how to tell if your pet is ill.

Ford admitted topics for segments are not hard to come by since he has been a veterinarian for many years.

"These are common sense encounters that I bring to light," he said.

In addition to the fun topics, Ford said the program is designed to be easy to understand, so children can learn from the show.

"I have a 14-year-old and he listens to every single one," Ford said.

According to Ford, the show is getting rave reviews.

"The show has been very well received by the professional community," he said.



### Wolfline provides new service

Wolfline is starting a new route, Centennial Campus Express, starting Monday.

The new route will provide rapid and convenient travel between the Main Campus and Centennial Campus. The express will run between the two campuses from 7:40 a.m. to 6 p.m. at a 20-minute interval.

A designated bus stop is located in front of Polk Hall, but the bus will not stop along Western Boulevard and Avert Ferry Road.

The bus travels from the College of Textiles at Centennial Campus to the Main Campus via Stinson Drive. To get the bus to stop on Stinson Drive and Yarbrough Drive, officials say students should wave at the driver.

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### Emergency team offers disaster planning

Members of the N.C. State Emergency Response Team are sponsoring a course that focuses on planning and avoidance techniques for disasters that are often encountered in the piedmont area during the spring months.

Co-chairman of the 1998 Governor's Hurricane Conference Bob Bowerman will instruct the class on how to prepare a simple, effective disaster plan. The types of spring storms that arise in the Triangle will be discussed. In addition, proper safety responses and easy methods of minimizing damage will be explained during the class.

The course is offered for one night only from 7 p.m. April 2 in the McKinnon Center at the corner of Gorman Street and Western Boulevard. Registration begins at 6:30 in the lobby. Admission is \$15.

For more information, contact Chip Futrell at 515-1938.

### Programs available in Japan, Korea, East Asia

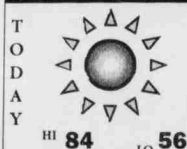
All students in disciplines covered by National Science Foundation programs, including natural and social sciences, engineering and mathematics, as well as those covered by the National Institutes of Health and the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, are invited to attend an information session about NSF-managed student programs and post-doctoral programs in Japan, Korea and East Asia.

These programs are designed to help develop professional contacts and research links in East Asia. They include summer institutes at national, academic and corporate research laboratories in Japan and Korea as well.

Other benefits include dissertation enhancement grants and post-doctoral research grants. Many of these programs require no background in local languages.

For more information, call the North Carolina Japan Center at 515-3450.

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# Elections

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Change said that she can make such guarantees because of her experience.

Some of things Chang guarantees she will accomplish are: no new fee increases; no plus/minus grading; improved campus safety and the improvement and maintenance of N.C. State's rankings in all fields of study.

Change also has a few new ideas of her own.

"I want to introduce a plan that would give students academic credit for their community service. So many students are serving the communities through clubs, sororities and fraternities and other programs, and they deserve credit for their hard work."

## The Candidates for Student Senate President

**Kris Larson**

Kris Larson is a sophomore zoology major and has medical aspirations. Currently, Larson is chair of the University Affairs Committee of the Student Senate.

"I am a candidate for the university, so I am not going to serve one interest group but the entire university."

Larson believes his assertiveness and professionalism distinguish him from other candidates.

"As a Student Senate president, you need to be assertive," Larson said.

Larson has a far-ranging platform that incorporates issues such as campus beautification and

improving the parking situation.

"I want to restructure the office of student conduct," Larson said. "I want to get student conduct out of Paul Cousins' hands."

Larson continued by saying that the judicial board should have the right to hear all offenses. Larson would also like to see a move to a consistent grading system, preferably not plus/minus.

And, there is an added bonus if one were to vote for Larson.

"I want to offer my first month salary to information leading to the conviction of the people who spray paint 'A-TECH' everywhere."

**Megan Callahan**

Megan Callahan is a sophomore who is majoring in sociology.

"I am very dedicated," Callahan said. "Anything I put my mind to I will do. My heart is in what I do, and I want to better our university as a whole."

Incorporated on her platform is the usual anti-plus/minus and no fee increases stances. However, Callahan is unique on her focus to improve school spirit.

"I have a lot of good goals on my platform, and I know I can achieve all my goals."

"School spirit is the main thing that I am worried about," Callahan said.

There are other issues that Callahan finds important, and she said that "campus safety is enormous."

Callahan also hopes to improve advising if she were to be elected.

Callahan stops short of guaranteeing all her goals will be accomplished, saying that "in Senate, you can't guarantee anything." She does promise that something "will be done on each issue."

"I have a good reputation with faculty and staff, and I can use that to get my goals achieved. I am an effective leader, and I bring unity to a team."

**Alexis Mei**

Alexis Mei is a third-year senator from the College of Engineering; currently, she is classified as a senior in chemical engineering.

"I've been on the Diversity Committee for all three years," said Mei. "I've been chair for two. I've been on three years, and the other candidates have not."

"I love the senate. I think that our senate can be a lot stronger than it is...I care about this university. I'm really proud, [and] I want to do something for this university...I know I can because I've had three years experience. [Ability] all comes with experience."

"All the candidates have very similar platforms," said Mei, mentioning student fees, safety and affirmative action. "There are other things I want to tackle in senate...internal things."

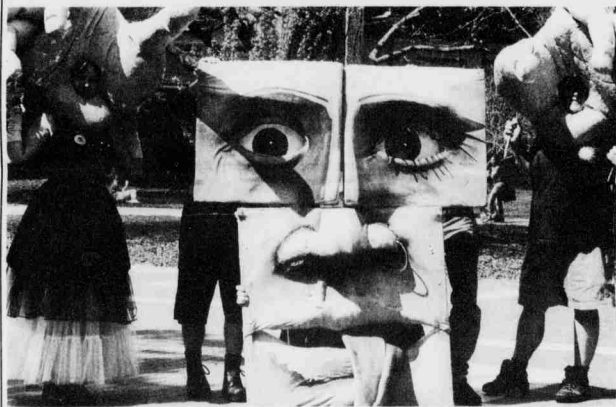
A major part of her platform, however, seems to be "increased student awareness and interaction with student government."

"Technology is wonderful," she said, outlining her plan of "[doing] a variety of things to get more student interaction." She wants a new Web master for the student government World Wide Web page; she wants to create digital surveys.

Senators, she said, "don't know what the students think because hardly any senators interact with their college councils." For her, technology is the answer to that problem.

"I want to make students more aware that we're here for them."

# Squonk this



Members of Squonk Opera made an interesting promotional appearance Thursday in the Brickyard.

# Radio

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"We've received delightful feedback; people really appreciate it."

Together with Myrna Millani, a veterinarian, Ford has taken the show to new heights. "The Pet Care Minute" has aired for over a year and already 888 radio stations

across the country air the show about twice a day, Ford said the show is on 1,580 times, daily.

"It has exceeded all our expectations," Ford said.

Each noncommercial spot is sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The program also receives grant funding from Merrill, the largest drug research company that produces veterinary medicine. Ford explained that Merrill has put a lot of money into public education.

"I like the fact that it is education

for the sake of education, and it's fun," he said. "As a representative of NCSU, I have an important role to outreach. I want to put my actions forward that way."

What Ford likes least about the program is the fact that it is demanding and time consuming. Even so, Ford admitted that it is worth it.

"There's nothing like it around," he said.

"The Pet Care Minute" is locally on WPIT-AM and WQNX-AM at various times.

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## Ready to dance

■ The Wolfpack women are already in Kansas City, ready to start the final leg of their quest for the NCAA Championship.

K. GAFFNEY  
Sports Editor

This is undoubtedly the most important game in the college careers of the members of the N.C. State women's basketball team.

Just don't tell the team that. Less than a week ago, the Wolfpack shrugged off the pressure of the Regional Finals, gliding past Old Dominion and the University of Connecticut, two teams that have a combined four Final Four appearances in the 1990s alone.

The Pack's victories were seemingly effortless, as State's defense stepped up to thwart opponents' attempts to run away with the games, allowing the Wolfpack offense to flourish.

In Saturday's match-up with ODU, State saw an early five-point lead turned around into a one-point advantage for the Monarchs.

On the next trip down the floor, freshman Tynesha Lewis calmly sank a three point shot from the right side of the court.

"I haven't been nervous all weekend, there is nothing to be nervous about," said Lewis. "This tournament doesn't need a title; this is basketball."

On Monday, it was Senior Chasity Melvin that stepped up under pressure, scoring six points down low in a 12-0 run that wiped out a 10-point UConn lead.

State will need big performances across the board tonight and on Sunday if the Pack gets by Louisiana Tech this evening. La. Tech has played in eight Final Fours since 1982, when the NCAA first put on the women's tournament.

Tech took the championship that season, defeating Vivian Stringer's Cheyney team. Tech also won the NCAA Championship in

1988, and has appeared in two Final Fours in this decade.

Head Coach Leon Barmore has coached the Lady Techsters to NCAA Tournament bids for the past 16 seasons that he has been with the team. In 16 seasons, Barmore has had 45 wins and just 14 losses.

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### NCAA Women's Final Four Tournament game schedule

**Fri., March 27th**  
No. 4 N.C. State v.  
No. 3 La. Tech  
7 p.m. ET

**No. 9 Arkansas vs.**  
No. 1 Tennessee  
9 p.m. ET

**Sun., March 29th**  
Semi-Final Winners  
8:30 p.m. ET

\*All games will be  
televised nationally by  
ESPN. N.C. State's games  
will also be broadcast on  
WKNC, 88.1 FM.



Sara Lefebvre, one of Kay Yow's biggest fans, gives the Pack coach a fond send-off Wednesday morning.

## Derr hosts Relays

■ N.C. State plays host to over 2,000 competitors at this year's Raleigh Relays.

JOHNNY NOEL  
Staff Writer

The McDonald's high school all-star basketball game took place on Wednesday night — a game in which only dunks and three-pointers mattered, with defense and winning the game merely afterthoughts.

A different type of all-star match will be taking place on the track this Friday and Saturday as 94 colleges and some of the best talent in the world gather for N.C. State's Raleigh Relays.

Just like McDonald's, the Relays will be a chance for the athletes to shine in a meet in which team scores won't even be kept.

The big names wouldn't be lacking this week, with Olympic gold medalists Marion Jones and Allen Johnson among those competing.

Jones, world champion in the 100 meters and the 1997 World Athlete of the year, will be competing in the long jump.

Johnson, an Olympic champion and world record holder in the 110 hurdles, will be competing in the hurdles and 100 meters at Raleigh.

State long jumper Cordell Smith and Eric Riddick, who have finished first and second at the last two ACC meets in the long jump, will be facing some heavy competition as well. Olympic decathlete Chris Huffman and 27-foot jumper Ronald McGehee are among those scheduled to jump.

"Neil Chance has the [NC State] record — like 26-foot-11-inches," Smith said. "That's a hell of a jump. I'm going to try to get it [the record]; that's my goal."

State Hurdles Coach Terry Reese will be doubling this weekend as coach and athlete. In addition to his coaching duties, Reese will be competing in the 110-meter hurdles, in which he is ranked among the top in the world.

The Wolfpack's distance team is also facing some intense competition this weekend.

Local Olympian Dan Middleman heads the list in the 5000 meters. Middleman competed in the 10,000 meters in Atlanta.

Despite the level of competition, the athletes will be competing without a lot of pressure since there will be no team competition.

"This is a big meet but not one that means a lot," a Lewis athlete said.

With over 2,000 athletes on the entry list, it will be a chance for State's best to shine against the best.

"I always want to compete along with the best," State long-jumper Sherlane Armstrong said. "I just try to focus on my event and whatever I'm doing."

With the return of spring-like weather and ACC's approaching quickly, it will be an important chance for the Pack athletes to improve.

"I'm looking to see some of the people to get close to their [personal records], if the weather holds up," Reese said.

"With the way the past couple of days went, it looks like they're on pace to do pretty well. I'm looking to see some more PRs."

The Relays begin at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Derr Track and will continue until late Saturday afternoon.

### 1998 N.C. State Football Schedule

Sept. 5	Ohio University
Sept. 12	Florida State
Sept. 19	@ Baylor
Oct. 1	Syracuse
Oct. 10	Georgia Tech
Oct. 17	Duke
Oct. 24	@ Virginia
Oct. 31	@ Clemson
Nov. 7	Wake Forest
Nov. 21	@ Maryland
Nov. 28	@ North Carolina

## State is stung

■ Men come up short against Georgia Tech in their tennis match on Wednesday.

JAMES HOPE  
Staff Writer

Wednesday, the N.C. State men's tennis team suffered a disappointing 4-3 loss to Georgia Tech at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

It was the Pack's second straight loss, which dropped them to 7-7 overall and 0-2 in the ACC. State has dropped five of its last eight, after opening out 4-2.

To start the match, State's only win in the doubles competition came in the form of Roberto Bracone and Eric Jackson's 8-6 victory over the Yellow Jacket duo of Benjamin Cassaigne and Matt Cozad.

The duo of Bracone and Jackson is ranked 28th in the nation. In the other two doubles matches, Tech's Tre Harris and Sergio Aguirre outlasted the Wolfpack's No. 2 seed of David Bolick and Devang Desai. The Yellow Jackets' Robert Wright and Roberto Suarez cruised passed Jeff Smith and Keith Salmeron 8-6 in the No. 3 competition.

Already down after losing the doubles matches, State had to win at least four of the six singles matches to rally.

Coach Eric Hayes' squad looked capable of doing so when Bracone sat down Tech's Cassaigne in short order 6-0, 6-1. Bracone is currently ranked 59th in the nation.

State's Jackson also did his part to spark a rally by soundly whipping the Yellow



Roberto Bracone had no problems in his No. 1 singles match on Wednesday.

Jacket's Harris 6-2, 6-2. Jackson, a 5-foot-11-inch freshman, has developed into a solid performer since coming to State.

Unfortunately, Tech won the next three matches, sealing the win. Jeff Smith won the final match of the evening making the final score 4-3.

"We had them right there, but if you don't hold serve you lose; it's just that simple," Coach Hayes said after the match.

His team was just as disappointed. "We had two of the doubles but like the Coach [Hayes] said, we just didn't hold serve," Jackson said after the match.

With the majority of the ACC matches still to come, the season is far from over and State still has time to recover.

This weekend Coach Hayes and company will try to do just that by taking on American University Saturday at 9 a.m. and Richmond later on that day at 2 p.m.

## State downs Tar Heels

■ State women win big against rival Heels.

JAMES HOPE  
Staff Writer

N.C. State's women's tennis team dominated the Tar Heels en route to a 5-1 win.

The match was supposed to be a tight competition between two fierce rivals but quickly turned into a rout as the Wolfpack took five of the six matches.

Blair Sutton was apprehensive of her match with UNC-Chapel Hill's nationally ranked Jessica



The Wolfpack women, led by Blair Sutton, are 3-0 in the ACC.

Zaganczyk but calmed her nerves enough to dispose of Zaganczyk 6-4, 6-4.

"I was too anxious...I was jamming myself with the racket," Sutton remarked. The win was Sutton's third victory over a ranked opponent this season.

Junior Nena Bonacic was modest about her impressive win over the Tar Heels' Cena Hackler.

"I guess I played pretty good," Bonacic said.

Pretty good is right. Bonacic defeated her opponent 7-6, 6-0.

Marissa Gildemeister extended her win streak to four by out-dueling Carolina's Sarah Hawkins 6-2, 6-1, while teammate Francie Barragan won over Camille King 6-1, 7-5, despite suffering a sprained ankle.

Brie Glover clinched the win for State with a hard-fought victory over the Tar Heels' Courtney Zalinski, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Ramsey Roberts, who is on the road to recovery from an injury, had a disappointing return to the courts, letting the Tar Heels' Jeni Burmette slip away 6-2, 6-0.

"I just didn't play well," Roberts said. She went on to say that she was proud of her teammates and their combined effort to beat Carolina.

It was the only loss for State in the singles competition.

## Wolfpack NOTES



### Women's tennis ranked, undefeated in ACC

The N.C. State women's tennis team has jumped into the national rankings.

The women's team is ranked No. 35 in the nation in the latest polls and has improved to 8-2 overall after winning seven straight matches.

The winning streak that started the conference season matches their best ever. In 1994, under Coach Kelly Key, the Wolfpack defeated UNC-Chapel Hill, Georgia Tech and Maryland to start the season.

The Pack finished 3-5 that season, taking sixth overall in the conference. This season, under third-year Head Coach Jenny Garrity — who was an assistant for the 1994 team — the Pack has already defeated Tech, UNC-CH and Florida State, and readies to meet with Clemson tomorrow.

The Tigers and the Wolfpack were a part of a four-way tie for sixth in the conference at the end of last season. Both squads, along with Ga. Tech and Virginia finished at 2-6.

### Baseball picks up win over UNC-G

N.C. State's baseball team moved to 21-6 overall with a win over UNC-Greensboro on Wednesday.

Dustin Baker pitched a complete game in the 4-1 win, allowing just six hits and two walks while striking out seven.

The Wolfpack collected just six hits itself off three different pitchers for UNC-G.

Craig Lee led the way with two RBI's in the three at-bats for the Wolfpack, picking up the only extra base hit of the game for State with a double.

The Wolfpack committed three errors on defense and left nine batters on base.

State readies for an action-packed weekend coming up.

The Pack Nine will take on Charleston Southern on Friday and Saturday at 3 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively, and then will face off against UNC-Wilmington at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

### Red and White hits Carter-Finley tomorrow

Football in March; you've got to love it. N.C. State Head Coach Mike O'Connell has his Wolfpack football team poised to take on its 1998 opponents. But first, the Pack's gridiron stars will face off against each other.

On Sat., March 28, the Wolfpack football program will hold its annual spring football scrimmage at 1:30 p.m. at Carter-Finley Stadium.

The scrimmage marks the end of spring practice for the team, and admission to the public is free of charge.

The Wolfpack, which finished 6-5 last year and opened the season with a spectacular come-from-behind victory over Syracuse in New York, is returning 11 starters.

Six starters come on the offensive end, including all-ACC and All-American candidate Tony Holt and quarterback Jamie Barnette.

Among the defensive starters returning is cornerback Tony Scott.

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# Pack

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State will have to continue to be strong in the paint. Ten of Louisiana Tech's 16 second-half baskets came from inside on Monday as the Lady Techsters defeated Purdue 72-65 to advance to the Final Four.

Purdue controlled the boards, but La. Tech forced 23 turnovers.

Tamicha Jackson scored 14 points in the second half alone, and from all over the court.

If the Pack moves past La. Tech, they will face either Tennessee or the Razorbacks of Arkansas, who, as the No. 9 seed in the West bracket, come in as the lowest seed ever to advance to the Final Four.

Tennessee, undefeated and looking for its unprecedented third straight national championship, enters the final weekend as the heavy favorite.

# Home, sweet home

■ State seeks to extend their hot streak in the friendly confines of Doak Field.

TIM HUNTER  
Staff Writer

To say that the N.C. State baseball team has been playing well is an understatement.

Having won 11 of 12 games, the Wolfpack is blazing through its schedule as of late. State is batting a red-hot .328 as a team and has belted 26 homers.

The Pack has scored 10 or more runs 14 times this year, winning 13 of them.

And this was supposed to be a rebuilding year after the departure of one of the greatest senior classes in school history.

State currently sits at 21-6 overall and 5-2 in the conference. That puts the 1998 version of the Wolfpack four games ahead of last year's pace. Last year's squad finished 43-20.

This offensive firepower has come from several players. The hottest of the hot is one of the newest faces on the team.

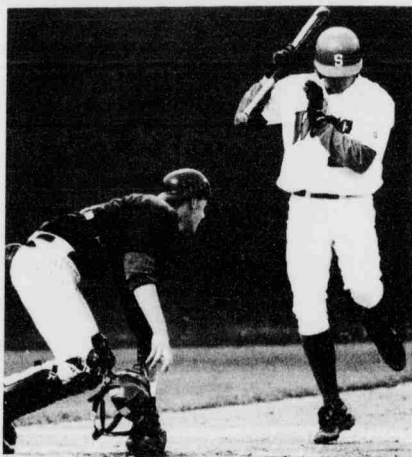
Junior college transfer Brian Ward is leading the Wolfpack in several offensive categories and has given Coach Elliot Avent a much-needed reliable batter. Ward is batting a red-hot .430 and leads the Pack in hits (46), RBIs (37) and doubles with 12.

Ward isn't the only one taking care of business at the plate. Senior first-team All-ACC performer Jake Weber is having a solid year on his way to rewriting the State record book.

Nine players who have started at least five games are batting over .300 for the Pack, and five have hit three or more homers.

State's offense did take a hit recently, however.

Junior Adrean Acevedo, who is a transfer like Ward, is out for an indefinite period after suffering facial injuries during the Virginia series. Acevedo, who was second to Ward in batting at .391, was hit in



TOURNAI AP PHOTO  
The baseball team will play four games at home this weekend.

the face by a pitch and had to be rushed to the hospital.

Acevedo underwent surgery on Thursday.

Without Acevedo at first base, juniors Luis Figueroa and Matt Postell will split the duty of filling in at first.

State hopes to extend the hot streak this weekend, as it is set to play four home games.

On Friday, the Wolfpack will play the first of three games against Charleston Southern. The Buccaneers are coming off two tough losses to nationally ranked Florida. CSU is 12-12 overall, but its record is deceiving.

The Buccaneers have played a tough schedule, taking on Florida State, Georgia Tech and Clemson, along with Florida.

Cisar recently pulled off an impressive double, winning both player of the week and pitcher of the week in the Big South conference. Cisar batted .571 and pitched 10 strong innings the week of March 23, leading the Buccaneers to four wins.

The two teams will play Friday at 3 p.m. and will then play a double-header on Saturday starting at noon.

After facing the Buccaneers, State will turn around and take on a struggling UNC-Wilmington team.

As of Wednesday, the Seahawks were a miserable 8-18 on the year and had yet to win a conference game. UNC-W is batting .261 as a team and does not have a pitcher with more than two wins.

State will take on the Seahawks on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. All games will be played at Doak Field.

**BRUCE WILLIS**

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## Medieval Faire at Fairgrounds

■ N.C. State groups to perform at the Renaissance Faire.

MATT LEQUICK  
Assistant Features Editor

So, you have a fascination with the Middle Ages. You are curious to see some facets of life from centuries ago, or maybe you soaked up one too many fairy tales during those formative years of your childhood. Perhaps it was the legend of King Arthur, or the stories of impenetrable castles and formidable strongholds, maidens fair and pure, or dragons wise and deadly.

It is easy to get caught up in the legends and romance we associate with the medieval Europe. This weekend, it will become even easier.

The N.C. Renaissance Faire comes to the N.C. State Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday. There you will find the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of a time long ago from a place far away.

The N.C. Renaissance Faire is an event held each spring to celebrate the coming of the season and the end of winter weather. Craftspeople and artisans display and share their productions and works. Actors and a variety of musicians will be on hand for entertainment, and you can even watch and cheer for knights as they engage one another to win the approval of the maidens and the favor of the courts.

Here you will also be able to wander through a marketplace to indulge your eyes in the colors and movements of street performers and your nose in the smells of medieval food. Hardy sustenance and drink, a staple of any romantic festival of old, will be available as well. Try medieval meats with a bit of ye old beverage of merriment, English ale.

And if seeing all of this just is not enough, the opportunity for any faire-goer to participate in a historical reenactment has been extended.

Two groups from our N.C. State campus will participate in the festivities. Music from bagpipes, woodwinds and drums will be provided courtesy of NCSU Pipes and Drums. Playing the role of street entertainer and jester, members of P.L.U.N.G.E. (NCSU Juggling Club) will perform their acts of dexterity throughout the day.

For more information about the festival, you can call (919) 878-8537.

## Crystal is charming in 'My Giant'

■ "My Giant" is not a titanic film, but it's not too bad, either.

MONIQUE THOMAS  
Staff Writer

I remember someone telling me that if you always hope for the best and expect the worst then you'll never be disappointed with life. So going to this film I expected the absolute worst. Based solely on its previews, I thought it was going to be some ridiculous modern-day remake of "Jack and the Beanstalk." But to my pleasant surprise, "My Giant" was a poignant story about a very unlikely friendship between two men looking for acceptance and love.

Billy Crystal plays a down-and-out talent agent looking for the next big thing. While working on a film in Romania, he gets into a car accident and is saved by an abnormally large man, George Mureaux. While Mureaux finds peace residing at a local monastery, Crystal convinces him that the best way to avoid criticism of his size and to gain his childhood sweetheart back is to become a movie star in America. The two endure trial after trial, but in the end, they both realize what's truly important in life.

Crystal is known for his amazing knack to entertain audiences, whether he is hosting the Oscars or making them laugh with his humorous roles in movies such as "When Harry Met Sally" or "City Slickers." As expected, Crystal's performance in "My Giant" had its fair share of sarcastic quips and witty humor, but in this film it wasn't nearly as heavy handed. The role required a more serious, sentimental Billy Crystal, and he delivers delightfully.

George Mureaux, in his first major motion picture, was surprisingly entertaining. Once viewers overcome the fact that he is a professional basketball player for the Washington Wizards and that he's 7 foot 7 inches tall, they begin to accept him as a valid screen presence and see him as a real actor. He performs his role especially well, probably because it's not that far from his real life.

Don't go to see "My Giant" expecting a hilarious comedy. In fact, the times I laughed were few and far between. The movie's simplistic plot has sentimental scenes that brought me close to tears. The lack of plot complication makes this film honest and sincere. It makes no pretense of being a blockbuster; it's a simple film that won't inspire pithy conversations over coffee into the late hours of the night, but I promise you will leave smiling and feeling good.



The Grains of Time a capella group performed in the Dining Hall on Thurs., March 19. They were promoting their performance to be held at the Bash at Stewart Theatre.

## Ultimate Allnight Bash in USC this Saturday

■ The Union Activities Board has planned an activity for every taste.

MANDY ADAMS  
Staff Writer

What do you have planned for tonight? Get the keg another night or save that \$6.50 for a Saturday evening movie because tonight you need to be at the University Student Center.

"Why?" you ask. Because tonight from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., the Union Activities Board, with help from the Student Media Authority, Alpha Phi Omega, Circle K and Inter-Residence Council, is presenting the Ultimate Allnight Bash '98. This year's theme is "Clowning Around Allnight" and, from the list of activities, this title seems pretty appropriate.

For just \$1 or two cans of food (all food will go to the local food bank) you will receive a fashionable black button to wear throughout the event granting you access to free food and to all the crazy activities planned for every tired-of-school

student here at N.C. State.

The Student Center will be packed to the brim with as many events as it can handle on every floor. On the first floor, they will have the entrance reception tables where you get your button, roving clowns and jugglers and three snack stations where you can load up on nachos and cheese, drinks and ice cream.

The second floor will host the ever-popular Sumo Wrestling, a caricature artist, the Bungee Run, the Pole Joust, four carnival games (with prizes!), Virtual Dehunting and a DJ in the Ballroom. The NCSU a capella group, Grains of Time, will be performing in Stewart Theatre. The admission to that show (available through Ticket Central: 515-1100) will be \$2 regardless of the coveted black button. Also, WKNC will be broadcasting live from the Student Media Authority's giveaway table, which will be set up for all of you looking for some free stuff.

A hospitality room will be set up on the third floor in room 3120 where volunteers, staff and performers can take a break from

the bustling activities of the rest of the Student Center.

For some guided activities, you can venture up to the fourth floor where many campus organizations will be awaiting your arrival. The Juggling Club will host a workshop (9 to 10 p.m.), the Self Knowledge Symposium might have a table set up and the Arts Program will have a display in the balcony. The Walnut room will host Dancing with Wolves, a group that teaches students different social dances (8 p.m. to 12 a.m.).

Let's not forget about the basement. The game room will be opened up for free pool (sorry, but the video games won't be free this year). Beginning at 10 p.m. in the Underground Restaurant will be the Instant CoffeeHouse featuring a jazz band and three or four a capella groups with an open mic session to follow. All in all, there's something for everyone.

So if you decide to attend and would like some more information, you can contact the Union Activities Board office at 515-5918 or at 515-2451.

## Soap opera UPDATE

Courtesy of King Features

**All My Children:** A stunned Liza learned Gillian and Scott planned to elope. Stuart got a disturbing phone call from Kelsey. Mateo had another ominous glimpse into the future. Stuart had a flashback to his night with Marian. Dr. Calder had important news for Liza as she was served with divorce papers. Later, Liza recalled her life as Adam's wife, while Adam had loving memories of her. **Wait To See:** Brooke finds a life insurance policy on her and Edmund with a surprising beneficiary.

**Another World:** Ula gloated as Jake was arrested for negligence in Shane's death, forcing Vicky to confess she was with Shane the night of the ice storm. Mau told Amanda he may soon be a father. Joe broadcast an appeal to reach Paulina. Meanwhile, Paulina and Dante hid out in Chicago. **Wait To See:** Liza proceeds with her plan to avenge herself on Vicky.

**As the World Turns:** Susan warned John his problems with Barbara caused him to nearly over-medicate Matt. Emily saw Molly with David. Later, Margo saw Tom and Emily hugging. John heard about a woman planning to put her baby up for adoption and got an idea. Later, after adopting the child, he brought Barbara to the nursery to meet their new daughter. Nikki overheard Carly tell Lisa she almost dumped Hal for Jack on her wedding day. **Wait To See:** Margo and Tom face a difficult situation.

**The Bold and the Beautiful:** Tom and the Beautiful: Paulina and Dante hid out in Chicago. **Wait To See:** Liza proceeds with her plan to avenge herself on Vicky.

when Ridge asked if she'd faked her pregnancy to keep him from learning he's the father of Taylor's baby. Later, Taylor tried to make Ridge understand that her fear of losing her unborn baby caused her to make certain decisions. Macy pondered calling the number Thorne left for her. Amber asked CJ, and Rick to perform with her in front of John Quincy, the record producer. **Wait To See:** Rick's life is in danger.

**Days of Our Lives:** John tried to see if Kristen's body was in the casket, but Marlena assured him it was, and he backed off. Stefano accused Kristen's so-called friends of betraying her, and then collapsed. Lexie performed CPR until the paramedics arrived. Bo told Hope he loves her, but she pulled away. Later, Billie was devastated to overhear Bo say he wished she wasn't having a baby. The real Susan took belly dancing lessons to keep from being beheld by the Sultan. Marlena was startled to learn the drug found in "Kristen's" body was the same she had prescribed for Laura. **Wait To See:** Edmund grows increasingly suspicious of "Susan."

**General Hospital:** Robin refused to be manipulated by Helena's offer of money. Stefan's thoughts continued to dwell on Laura. Luke learned Nikolas told Lucky something that led to Lucky leaving Luke's home. Edward offered a reward for Michael's return. Carly, meanwhile, discouraged Jason from telling AJ, that he's Michael's real father. Meanwhile, Robin found herself in trouble when she couldn't persuade Tony to return Michael. Mac, Felicia and V warned Jay he's

in danger. **Wait To See:** Audrey makes a stunning revelation.

**Guiding Light:** Holly was too late to stop Roger from marrying Amanda. The real Reva began to make her way home, unaware that Michael and Josh were working on her lie. Ross convinced Holly as she tried to find Fletcher and Meg. As Reva realized she wasn't alone in the hotel, Josh had to keep "young" Reva from telling Cassie and Marah the truth. **Wait To See:** Cassie's suspicions about "young" Reva grow stronger.

**One Life to Live:** Bo and Nora made love, unaware of the hidden videocamera installed by George. Clint ran Mel's article over objections, and later, Vicki was surprised to find Doran unfazed by his publication. Later, Clarence, whom Doran brought back from Belize, served Doran and Viki "stress-reduction" tea. Todd challenged Andrew to save his soul. **Wait To See:** Max gets stunning news.

**The Young and the Restless:** Josie intervened when Nikki threatened to life Sarah (Veronica) after Sarah broke a sentimental gift from Victor. Nikki later crashed Diane's birthday party for Victor and announced she and Josh were going to start making a baby that very night. Cole told Nina to consider writing a novel about her life. Ryan later urged Nina to stay friendly after the divorce for both Phillip's and her sake. While Paul was asking Chris if they still have a marriage, Danny was telling Kay Chris was falling in love with him again. **Wait To See:** Sharon faces another crisis about Cassie.

## Weekly Schedule

### Cinema

#### Campus Cinema

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Fri., March 27 "Alien Resurrection" at 7 & 11:15 p.m.; "Starship Troopers" at 9 p.m.  
Sat., March 28 "Starship Troopers" at 6:30 and 11 p.m.; "Alien Resurrection" at 8:45 p.m.  
Sun., March 29 "Young Frankenstein" at 7 p.m. FREE  
Tues., March 31 "Tito and Me" at 7 p.m. FREE

### Music

#### Berkeley Café

Fri., March 27 Skeeter Brandon, Hwy 61

Sat., March 28 Peter Mayer

#### Brewery

Fri., March 27 Nixons, Treadmill Trackstar

Sat., March 28 Battle of the Bands (for H.O.R.D.E. fest)

Sun., March 29 Big Joe, Ellis Royer

Wed., April 1 Agents of Good Roots, Moonrind

#### Cat's Cradle

Fri., March 27 Trans Am, Seely

Sat., March 28 Jumpstarts, Baaba Seth

Sun., March 29 Promise Ring, Jimmy Eat World, Blankface

Mon., March 30 Chrome

#### Lake Boone Country Club

Fri., March 27 Athenaeum

Sat., March 28 Chairman of the Board

Record Exchange - Hillsborough Street

Fri., March 27 V.B.D. at 7 p.m.

Sat., March 28 H.F.C. at 7 p.m.

Mon., March 30 R.Drew Higerson at 7 p.m.

Ziggy's - Winston Salem

Fri., March 27 Everything, Shades of Grey

Sat., March 28 Nixons, Treadmill Trackstar

Sun., March 29 Sister Hazel, Alana Davis

### Performances

#### Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Sat., March 28 "Master Class with Damian Woetzel" at 2 p.m. Register by contacting Cocoa Green at 856-0083. \$10 per student

Sun., March 29 Ballet Talk at 12:30 p.m.; Family Matinee Preview at 1:30 p.m. \$10-\$35; Carolina Ballet Gala at 7:30 p.m. \$25-99

#### Stewart Theatre - NCSU

Fri., March 27 Grains of Time, Ladies in Red, A Cappology 101, Wollgang, No Strings Attached at 8 p.m. \$25

Sun., March 29 New Horizons Choir at 4 p.m. \$2-3  
Carolina Theatre - Durham

Sat., March 28 Clinch Mtn. Boys & The Virginia Boys at 7:30 p.m. \$13-20

#### Duke Chapel - Duke West Campus

Fri., March 27 at 7 p.m. and Sat., March 28 at 3 p.m. Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony. \$19-22

#### Durham Arts Council Building

Sat., March 28 "European Classics and the Music of Black Composers" at 7 p.m.

#### Graham Memorial Theatre - UNC-CH

Fri., Sat., Tues.-Sun., March 27-April 5 Playmakers presents "Mrs. Klein" \$9-23

#### Jones Auditorium - Meredith College

Sun., March 29 "Sister, Won't You Talk with Me" at 7:30 p.m. FREE

Thurs.-Sat., April 2-4 "The Practical Heart" at 8 p.m. Memorial Hall - UNC-CH

Fri., March 27 Nucleodanza at 8 p.m.

### Events

#### ArtsCenter - Carrboro

Fri., March 27 Transactor's Improv. Co.'s "A Spring Thing" at 8 p.m. \$8

Sat., March 28 "Zenobia's Holiday: A Life in the Day of #251" at 11 a.m. \$4

Sat., March 28 "Liverbal Ovabats" at 8:30 p.m. \$5  
N.C. State Fairgrounds

Thurs.-Sat., March 28-29, Raleigh Spring Premier Benefit at Hunt Horse Complex

Fri.-Sun., March 27-29, East Coast Truck Show in Graham Building

Sat.-Sun., March 28-29, Travel Show in Scott Building

Sat.-Sun., March 28-29, Renaissance Faire  
Fri., March 27 N.C. State Department of Psychology Colloquium Series. Dr. Thomas Nelson at 3:30 p.m. in 636 Pk.

Fri., March 27 Spring Dinner Program with Winston Groom, at McKimmon Center. \$35

### Opportunities

#### Witherspoon Student Center

Fri., March 27 Information Session for National Science Foundation Programs in Japan, Korea and East Asia at 2 p.m.

#### Raleigh Little Theatre

Mon.-Tues., March 30-31 Auditions for "Most Valuable Player" at 7 p.m.

#### Artspace (City Market) - Downtown Raleigh

Sat., March 29 Raleigh Ensemble Players is holding auditions for "True West" 5-9 p.m.

### Exhibitions

#### N.C. Museum of Art

"Sacred and Profane: The Art of Louise Bourgeois" through May 31.

"George Baselitz: Portraits of Elke" through May 17.

ArtsCenter - Carrboro

"Embracing the Unexpected" by Daddiego through April 22

Horace Williams House - Chapel Hill

Terry Butryk's "Drawings" through April 1

## Editorials

### Evaluate students

There should be a mandatory psychological evaluation for kids

The recent killings in Arkansas have sent chills through the hearts of every American. Two young boys, ages 11 and 13, camped out in the woods near their school, Westside Middle School, in Jonesboro, Arkansas and fired students out with a false fire alarm. When students began filtering out of the school, the two boys, who were dressed in camouflage fatigues and hidden in nearby woods, fired 27 times with high-powered rifles. Fifteen people were hit with the blasts; five of the 15 were killed. One of those who died was a young English teacher, 32-year-old Shannon Wright. She was shot while attempting to shield students from the waves of bullets.

One of the snipers, 13-year-old Mitchell Johnson, "apparently acted out of rage after his girlfriend dumped him," Jonesboro police said.

What was going through the minds of these young men in the sleepy little town of Jonesboro? The town is a shining example of "Small Town America," situated in northeastern Arkansas, with a population of 46,000. Apparently,

these two young minds were filled with confusion and fear, judging by their terrifying actions. The question is, "How can these outrages be prevented?"

Perhaps a mandatory psychological evaluation for youngsters could be a reasonable solution. Students entering middle school would answer questions about everyday situations and how they would react to sudden change or trauma, such as, "What would you do if your boyfriend or girlfriend broke up with you?" This question obviously would have been helpful for young Mitchell Johnson. If he had encountered this question on the evaluation and given a response that indicated retaliation and anger, then his actions might have been prevented. After the tests were analyzed, each student could have been examined individually, and teachers would have been on the lookout for Mitchell Johnson.

Mandatory psychological evaluations might not be enough to prevent dilemmas like the Arkansas incident, but at least a head start could be taken in the search for at-risk children who might attempt to pull a deadly act of revenge and aggression on fellow students and their teachers.

### The search for the new Chancellor continues...

...and furthermore, I would like NCSU to know that we are working long and hard to find a Chancellor who will consider the student body to be the primary obligation.



### Would the Chancellor care to enlighten the Student Body on the applicants for the job?

Of course not



## Retroaction? Phooey!

STEVEN F. LEBOUFE  
Staff Columnist

In a previous column, I revealed the true nature of so-called "affirmative action," figuring that anyone with a rational mind would understand that I am correct when I say, "Affirmative action is immoral." Despite the recent decision of N.C. State's Student Senate to continue support for campus-wide affirmative retroaction (I dub it), I am still convinced that rational individuals will support my revelation. The problem is that apparently there are few rational minds in our college senate (as tends to be the case with senates in general).

It is embarrassing for America to admit that, early in its history, its constitution supported the forced labor of others. Indentured servitude was the salvation for many, but slavery was dead wrong! The idea that someone could force

my actions and thoughts at the point of a gun or whip is repulsive to every aspect of my humanity. Forced enslavement is an abomination to the sacredness of individuality. In fact, I agree that death is a suitable punishment for anyone who enforces slavery; if I were a slave, I would feel completely justified in killing my master. Anyone who has been forced to work for an aggressor is owed compensation by the aggressor, and this fact is evident.

But I am not a slave owner. Neither was my father (nor was his father, at that). And so what if he was? I am not! I have never supported slavery even indirectly! I refuse to accept any blame whatsoever for someone else's past bondage.

Recently, one of the great progressive intellects in our college senate was quoted arguing that white Americans have had a 400-year "head start" over their african

counterparts. Being a african American herself, she then followed by stating that affirmative action is needed for her to "catch up." With this new insight, I reject the reasoning used in my first paragraph: I can feel this senator's pain. In fact, I believe that all african individuals who are the descendants of Egyptians should be held liable for the hundreds of years it took Jews to "catch up" after generations of enslavement.

Cutting the sarcasm, I ask that you note how this senator globalized her "inability to catch up" as the case for all african Americans! How blasphemous to the ability of her own race! How is she justified in undermining the ability of african individuals? Such a statement must appall the highly able african american individuals who, despite being the direct descendants of slaves, help keep America the

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## 'Grammar be important'

PATRICK M. ROBERSON  
Staff Writer

I know I'm not the only one. I can't be alone in my irritation caused by the daily bombardment of stupidity and general incompetence in our society. I am not the only person in my city or even my neighborhood who noticed those slip-ups in grammar and spelling, the sloppiness in punctuation and the horrid sentence structure that seems to prevail over the "Correct" in our modern times.

When I see "The Smith's" on a mailbox and am almost certain the sign painter did not mean "The mailbox belonging to Smith singular," I become annoyed.

Annoyance turns into irritation when it occurs to me that the person who put the sign there, most likely Mr. Smith, failed to notice the incorrectness oozing off his mailbox like a garden slug. Irritation fast boils over into real anger when I think of all the poor children on the block whom this moron (inevitably a nice guy with the best intentions) is influencing by implicitly stating, "This is right! 'Smith's' is the correct plural form of 'Smith'! Either that or the mailbox belongs to Smith! And there is no one here whom anyone calls 'Smith'!"

When I've pointed this out to other people (not the homeowner, I don't associate with anyone who would intentionally hang a mistake proudly in front of his or her house) they look at me as if I have a case of antisocial malaria. When they regain their composure, they almost never agree with me, and they absolutely never think proper grammar is a necessary means to a free and educated society.

But it is. And when small mistakes are overlooked, big ones become less noticeable. When I stand in line at my least favorite bank, which I'll call First Onion, I can't believe any bank manager had written and had printed (and had put in nice stupid little plastic holders for all to see) "NC ID cards require a second form of

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## Bring back "goodwill gestures"

NATALIE DUGGINS  
Staff Columnist

Sometimes, I can't help but be amazed by the state of our society. How did we ever come to this? Overall, society appears to have this utter disdain for controversy. People claimed to grow weary of OJ coverage, but they still watched the trial. People claim they are tired of hearing about the President's alleged affairs, but yet talk show ratings have reached an all-time high. The truth is society eats, sleeps and breathes controversy.

We love it and embrace it wholeheartedly. We're not without it. We seek to create controversy when there is none. There's no such thing as a "goodwill gesture" anymore —

there's always some controversy that has to be associated with it. Things have gone far beyond merely reporting the day's news.

In the media's attempt to quench society's thirst for controversy, news has become a witch hunt. The hunters? ESPN. The victim? Nykesha Sales, a basketball player for the University of Connecticut.

During the 1994-1995 season, Sales was named Rookie of the Year in the Big East Conference and aided the Huskies in their unprecedented 32-0 season. In her senior season, Nykesha had become sixth in assists in the NCAA and first in the Big East. She was averaging more than twenty points per game and was clearly on her way to breaking the UConn scoring

record before she was sidelined for the remainder of the season with a torn Achilles' tendon. Geno Auriemma, coach of the UConn Huskies, recognized how unfair this sequence of events was to Nykesha Sales. Her collegiate career had abruptly ended just as Sales came within two points of the record.

After consulting the NCAA, the Big East, Villanova Coach Harry Perretta and the former record-holder Kerry Bascom-Poliquin, Sales, with her foot still heavily taped, was allowed to make an uncontested shot in UConn's game against Villanova. After Sales was allowed to break the record, UConn took a timeout, allowing Sales to return to the sidelines, and then

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## Cam pus Forum

### Security measures handled badly

I would like to express my disgust with the entire N.C. State Public Safety staff, especially Capt. Smith. I was informed by Smith on Friday of the event [a speaker was coming to Witherspoon Student Center] that was to take place March 23, 1998. He asked me to give him a list of people that were to be allowed into Witherspoon Student Center to keep the station on the air. After being lied to several times over the next few days, I was assured that at least the on-air DJs would be allowed in the building. However, at approximately 8:30 p.m. WKNC-FM went off the air for the remainder of the day. This stopped us from fulfilling several sales contracts. I was assured over and over that these people would be let in the building, and they were not. The next time such an event takes place, I would suggest that another building that can be more easily secured be chosen. Here is a list of the problems we encountered over the course of the day other than people not being let in:

1. One DJ was informed that he was arrested and was put against a wall with his hands behind his back.

2. An interview that was scheduled for two months wasn't allowed on the air. It only happened after the band members were admitted with the general public.

3. People who were parked at meters were not allowed to leave and were subsequently ticketed by transportation.

The level of security was ridiculous and the inability of the Public Safety staff to be honest with people was unacceptable.

Alan Watkins,  
General Manager, WKNC

### Pro/Con was inappropriate

I imagine you will have managed to offend more than a few people with your completely irresponsible piece of "journalism" in Wednesday's paper, "Does God exist?" (pro/con), while an editorial, was a subject that should not have been approached, especially in such a shallow, uninformed manner.

The main problem was in addressing this highly volatile issue from a strictly Judeo-Christian perspective and ignoring the diversity of N.C. State students' personal beliefs. Believe it or not, even in the Bible Belt, there are people who were not raised

Christian, but Muslim, Buddhist, Pagan, etc. I am not denying Christians the right to believe what they wish to believe or to express their beliefs, but I am protesting that so often, even in the "liberal" media, the Christian view is the only one represented.

If Technician wished to write a piece on a religious issue, it should have been an in-depth article with interviews with NCSU's rich community of students, who come from several backgrounds and traditions, who believe in Heaven, Nirvana, the Summerland, whatever. If one wishes to shave his or her head, paint it red and worship lima beans, it should be represented. A newspaper, especially an established university newspaper, should know better than presenting such a narrow-minded view, open or not. Phil Barletta and Chad Messer, while I don't hold them completely at fault, should have at least tried to approach this subject seriously. Their editor should have as well. God is not a pro/con issue, nor is it black/white. God (or the Goddess) imagine that is a perception that encompasses many things and is open to many interpretations. You cannot cram that into a quarter page of text.

Heather Parsons  
Freshman, History

### In praise of a tennis player...

While all this "March Madness" is going on, most of us lose sight of the other sports that are kicking into a higher gear on this and other campuses across the country. Although we all do a great service in supporting our "revenue sports" of basketball and football, we do an even greater disservice in not supporting the "nonrevenue sports." This topic in itself is more than ample food for thought for another day. But as basketball season is winding down, and we contemplate the college careers of seniors C.C. Harrison, Ishua Benjamin and Chasity Melvin, among others, there's another senior out there who has brought just as much of the Wolfpack spirit to their sport. She's the only senior on the women's tennis team, and her name is Blair Sutton.

Blair played the No. 3 position on the team her freshman year, and her results were great. She was placed at the No. 1 spot her sophomore and junior years, and although her results were somewhat less than spectacular, she always held her head high, took her defeats on the chin and continued to be the leader of the team.

Now, here it is, her last year as a playing member of the team, and her results so far have been very

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# LeBouef

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richest of all nations.

To all those who support affirmative retroaction, I would like to give this personal message straight to you: I cannot respect the belief that the government has the right to force an individual to hire someone or to support another's interest. In fact, I would respect you more if you would press the barrel of a cocked and loaded gun directly against the flesh on my brow and, in front of all of your fellow supporters, order, "Support me or die!" That is the true nature of affirmative retroaction. If someone refuses to use his own money (given to him voluntarily by others in exchange for goods and services) for the sake of someone else's unearned benefit, the government will order men with guns to arrest the individual and/or confiscate his property. And if the individual resists with force, he may even be killed. Those who support affirmative retroaction are covertly pointing guns at honest businessmen and colleges with the statement "Give us money or else!" To you who support this atrocity, commonly euphemized as "affirmative action," I ask that you at least be honest and admit that you are nothing more than thieves. And worse, you are thieves without the guts to admit it!

It would be easier to deal with the campus affirmative retroaction issue if our university were privately owned and operated, receiving no government aid whatsoever, because private universities have the natural right to enroll whatever students they so choose. If a private university wants to give special preferences by enrolling more african american students or more white students or more paraplegics, that should be the

choice of the owner(s).

But state-run institutions must not be allowed to discriminate based on race or sex. Not only is this unconstitutional, it is also dangerous. If the state can mandate racial preferences in the area of campus life, what's to stop the state from manipulating tax funds, voting districts, public hiring, etc. for the sake of "diversity?" (Whoa! I'm sorry, I forgot... the state already allows for minority preferences in these areas.)

To all of those businesses (including colleges, which are also legitimate businesses) that have been forced to hire/enroll someone for any reason (i.e. the government says you must hire a woman, minority individual, someone with a handicap, the "best person for the job," etc.), I urge you to break free of your guilt and quit covering behind the arms of the law, because the law is dead wrong! It is time for capitalists to say, "We're tired of this government crap! We refuse to hire anyone we don't want. It is solely the individual paying the salary who decides the best employee for the job."

How could the government halt such a movement without arresting most of the men and women who keep our economy running full-speed? This would render the government powerless because there would be no one left to tax. Our government has become a parasite that leeches off the able for the sake of the unable. The government dares not imprison so many able Americans without sending itself into certain death.

Businesses who wish to "accommodate" minorities solely for the sake of diversity should be allowed to continue their destructive practices, but the government should not be allowed to force such practices on everyone. Affirming that it is never right to steal, I affirm that I cannot affirm affirmative retroaction.

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# Duggins

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Villanova was allowed a free lay-up. Sales' shot didn't affect the outcome of the game at all and all relevant parties had given their consent.

Seems simple enough, doesn't it? What was a show of great compassion and class is now embedded in controversy. First, there are the "holier-than-thou sports geeks" (as one sports columnist called them), who think that the Sales incident made a mockery of the sport. "Travesty" and "treason" have been used to describe the actions of UConn Coach Geno Auriemma.

Idiot's — these people must all be idiot's! They may be rare, but goodwill gestures still happen; people are just so obsessed with finding fault and controversy in everything that no one notices them. Not only are these "sports geeks" not accused of being total idiot's, but I'd venture to call them sexist as well. Was this a mockery of the entire sport of basketball or just the female aspect of the sport? I'm sure they were referring to women's hoops alone because incidents like this happen all the time in men's basketball.

Take the 1998 NBA All-Star game, for example. The All-Star game, for as long as I can remember, has never really been too competitive. One team usually blows out the other, and the All-Star game becomes an exhibition of talent — one team trying to "out-do" what the other team did. In this year's game, the scenario was the same. The East had a commanding lead over its Western Conference opponents. Los Angeles Lakers sensation Kobe Bryant wowed the crowd with his sensational dunk and led the Western Conference scoring with 18 points.

But, by some freak of nature, Bryant spent most of the second half on the bench. Why? Western conference All-Star Coach George Karl (another UNC alumni) claims that it was because he wanted to

allow all his players sufficient time in the game. Whatever. The real reason behind Karl's move was to prevent Bryant from winning MVP honors. Supposedly, this year's game will be Michael Jordan's last All-Star appearance, so, in a show of respect, the Western Conference gave Jordan the floor.

But there was not a controversy there — no ESPN broadcasters or "sports geeks" calling Jordan's MVP award a "travesty" to the game. Or what about last year when Karl Malone was given the MVP award for the entire NBA season? Jordan's team was more successful, and he averaged more points per game, yet he was overlooked for the award. Why? Malone has been playing for the Utah Jazz for years and has never won the World Championship. They gave him the MVP award as a show of respect for what he had done in the NBA. No one called this a mockery of the game.

In comparison to what has been done for the male players (or what hasn't been done, as the case may be), look at Nykesha Sales' situation. As if being sidelined for her senior season wasn't enough to handle, Sales' record is embedded in controversy. Some idiot at ESPN decided to go through all Sales' games at UConn. Disgruntled because they can't report on the "Clinton crisis," ESPN searched through game tapes and statistics to find controversy. It seems that in one game, Sales was credited with two points that were scored by one of her teammates. And now it seems as though people want to take her accolades away from her, or at least put a footnote next to her name in the record books. My gosh — whatever happened to being respectful and doing things merely because it's the right thing to do?

Maybe it doesn't conform to what the rules say, but most things that are right usually don't. Not everything in this world should be controversial — people should just let some things go. We live in a world where people have ulterior motives, but sometimes we just have to say that there aren't any and chalk things up as goodwill gestures.

# Roberson

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identification." Ponder this one.

Ignoring the fact that what the sign really means, in a quirkily "nice" way, is that "First Union does not consider NC ID cards acceptable forms of identification," the sign writer is giving, unintentionally, the amazing transforming powers of personification to every "NC ID card" out there. Here is the message, in bold for First Union's finest: North Carolina ID cards do not require anything. They are plastic (I guess) cards with as much intelligence and power of persuasion as — well, as a First Union bank manager. Thank you.

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If the purpose of this sign was to give a command, it failed. And there is no way for our brilliant state sign-writers to know, unless they have powers beyond us

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good. But, ultimately, what's more important than the win-loss column is how Blair has finished her career as an exemplary student-athlete at N.C. State. She is the model of class, dignity and poise.

I could go on and on about Blair's achievements on the court, but you can go check them out at [www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/athletics/varsi](http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/athletics/varsi)

mortals, whether I was going to reduce speed ahead. The policy on stupidity in state road signs has apparently since been altered, and I now drive ulcer-free until I hit South Carolina where "reduced speed" still rings.

For those who love with severe grammar calthasis, please, please, please get it right. We are for the most part delicate, high-strung individuals with extremely low tolerance for stupidity. So if anyone at Marebreath College is reading this, please have that sign which reads, "To better serve you with hot waffle fries, please get them just prior to checking out" changed.

And here's one more bit of English the moronic populace has deemed correct: Emphasis Via Quotation Marks. Has anyone else noticed this? The disease of EVQM seems to belong strictly to hotel personnel and stupid people who advertise on billboards so everybody can admire their mistakes while commuting down I-40.

Example (minus my quotation marks so the effect can be fully appreciated): We are renovating. "Please watch your step." Or this: FRANK'S WEINERS. SIMPLY THE "BEST" IN THE BUSINESS! Guess what, sport: the caps say it all. If you were making a pun, e.g. if your business was named "Best's Aluminum Siding" or even "Best Products" (I suppose that name's up for grabs) then you might have an excuse for your version of proper English. As it is, you don't.

Thank "you" and God bless.

ty/tennis, womens'. You can find the spring schedule there also. I just urge you to make that trek to the varsity tennis courts sometime before the semester is over. Blair's last home match is senior day, Tues., April 14, beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon. Wouldn't it be a great finish to a great college career if she could look up in the stands and see them packed? I plan to be there. Will you join me?

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Supervisor of Alumni Records  
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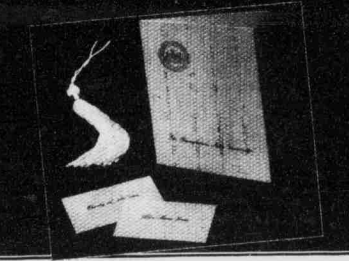
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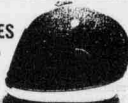
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