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TIME - THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

■ Student Senate President candidate Megan Callahan was recently cited for an alcohol violation

PHILLIP REESE Editor in Chief

Just days after Student Body President-elect Jenny Chang was (temporarily) disqualified by the Elections Board for alleged campaign violations, Technician has learned of another case of reported wrongdoing by a student running for a high-level leadership position. Megan Callahan, a sophomore running for Student Senate president, was recently ordered to perform 24 hours community service and pay a \$100 fine after being issued a citation for "possession of a malt beverage by a 19- or 20-year-old."

The citation was issued by Raleigh police officer M.D. Armstrong on Friday night, Oct. 4, 1997, after he allegedly saw Callahan in possession of a malt beverage outside a convenience store on Western Boulevard. About a month later, Wake County Assistant District Attorney D. Shick ordered Callahan to perform community service and to pay the fine.

In a recent interview, Callahan denied any wrongdoing, asserting she was merely an innocent victim of circumstances.

"I didn't do anything wrong," Callahan said.

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According to Callahan, she was with, among other people, a 27-year-old friend on that October 4. She said



State hosts scientific celebration

■ NCSU held the Science Olympiad 1998 state tournament on Saturday.

A thousand kids smashed eggs, popped balloons and shot bottle rockets on Centennial Campus on Saurday, and no one complained—in fact, it was encouraged.

N.C. State held the 1998 state tournament of the Science Olympiad, in which 67 high school and middle school teams from across North Carolina competed in events designed to test scientific concepts, processes and applications. The university was a mass of activity as 1,500 people came to campus to watch or participate in the competition.

One hundred of those people were NCSU student volunteers.

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"I wouldn't dream of doing this without the students' help," said Philip Dail, coordinator of undergraduate advising for the College of Textiles and co-state director for the Science Olympiad.
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Olympiad.
Students organized the tournament and judged events like the "Egg Drop Contest." The competitors built structures to protect an egg from breaking when it is dropped. The highest fall, six meters, produced the most emotion—screams when the structures worked and disappointment when the eggs broke. In the event called "Mission Possible," teams constructed Rube Goldberg-like devices



designed to complete a task, like popping a balloon. Students were judged on the number of steps used to complete the assignment. "This is real engineering. We take for granted what these kids can do," said Amanda England, tournament volunteer and a senior in electrical

tournament volunteer and a engineering. In another event, students shot rockets made from plastic soda bottles to see how long they could stay aloft, seeing sood, but we had seeing seeing seeing sood, but we had seeing seeing

could stay aloft.

"Twenty seconds is pretty good, but we had one that stayed up over a minute," B.J. Blackwell, a senior in textile chemistry, has been involved with the Science Olympiad as a competitor or judge for the past

Olympiad as a competitor of progress seven years.

"It has been a good experience. The students are so excited to see something they've built actually work," he said.

Other events included "Don't Bug Me," an entomology test, and "Nature Quest," an orienteering and nature study.

The Science Olympiad, as the name implies, tests the students in many areas, including chemistry, biology, genetics, natural history.

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NCSU to graduate 16-year-old student

Steve Conley is just like his classmates, except for one difference.

REBECCA KEEHNER

As the weather warms and spring fever hits N.C. State, some lucky seniors realize that graduation is

seniors realize that graduation is rapidly approaching. Graduation sparks fear for some seniors; however, 16-year-old Steve Conley, is ready to graduate and start working.

Conley entered NCSU as a 12-year-old to pursue a degree in mathematics. Now he is ready to graduate with a degree in computer science.

Conley is currently working on

Conley is currently working on his senior project in order to graduate with the rest of the seniors in May.

Conley passed several exemption tests to skip from fifth grade to college levels because his math level far exceeded the level of his classes in grade school.

As for getting into NCSU, Conley, says, "It really wasn't that hard." He had to go through two interviews before moving into Sullivan Hall for his freshman year

at age 12.

By this age, Conley had only attended public schools through second grade and had been home-

Steve Conley

taught from the second to the fifth

"Before fifth grade, my math level

"Before fifth grade, my math level had passed what my mother could teach, and I entered school for fifth grade," said Conley.

The summer after fifth grade was when Conley began to take his tests to exempt himself from middle and high school levels of math.

Ironically enough, Conley repeated kindergarten.
"I wasn't very good at 'circle time' and was bored with the people who talked about the cool rocks they had found," he remarked.

He repeated kindergarten and

He repeated kindergarten and stayed in schools until he was

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Board reinstates Chang

■ Jenny Chang is student body president-elect once

After much debate last night, the Elections Board overturned its decision to give Student Body President-lect Jenny Chang her third warning, thereby restoring her to her position of student body president-elect. Last Thursday's vote of five to one, with one member absent and one abstention, to give Chang a third warning hecame a five to three vote in favor of overturning the warning after the board voted last night. "I don't think you understand the weight that had been lifted from my shoulders," Chang said when she heard of the Elections Board's decision.
"I was very hopeful and I'm relieved that the best possible situation happened."
Chang had been issued the third warning by the Elections Board for "unsolicited phone calls." Elections Board for "unsolicited phone calls." Elections Board for "unsolicited phone calls." Elections Board for she had a fearly been elected, therefore she was no longer a candidate but already an elected official.
Chang said she called 67 friends. She claimed she had called only friends and presented the Elections Board with a list of names so that they might verify her claims. "What I did was call my friends.—67 friends—and I would encourage the board to call all 67 and ask them." Chang said during the meeting.
"Everyone on my campaign was told to focus on my campaign," Chang contined. "And we played it very campaign," Chang contined."

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"Everyone on my campaign was told to tocus on my campaign," Chang continued. "And we played it very clean."

The allegations that Chang had made unsolicited phone calls came from three anonymous complaints. In each case, the person had been contacted by Chang or Chang's campaign supporter, Michelle Tam, and asked to help on Chang's campaign. The three complained that they had not expressed an interest of helping Chang with her campaign.

These three people were contacted by individual members of the Elections Board last night. Board members discovered that these people did know Chang in some way before she contacted them in regards to supporting her campaign.

The Elections Board decision process then focused on whether these people might be called Chang's friends and supporters or whether the calls to these three people were indeed unsolicited phone calls.

"Everyone they've called knew them in some capacity," one Elections Board member argued.

"Are we talking about unsolicited or are we talking about friends?" questioned current Student Body President Chad Myers, who was sitting in on the meeting. "It's always seemed to me when I was campaigning that I could call any of my friends that I wanted to ask for their help."

Both Tam and Chang said the people they called were people they deemed would be interested in supporting Chang.

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"In good faith, I thought they were interested in helping," Chang told the Elections Board.
Elections Board members debated the legitimacy of issuing a warning to Chang after she had already been elected. The confusion centered around whether the rules applied once a candidate was elected. But since Chang made the calls before the election, she was still of candidate status, the board decided.

Some board members also debated over whether other members were having a thang's third warning and not the fact that upholding this warning meant Chang's disqualification from her position as student body president.

Monday IN BRIEF

Blood drive volunteers sought for July 15-16

Organizers of the 1998 N.C. State Annual Summer Blood Drive are looking for volunteer help during the drive, which is scheduled for July 15 and 16 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Volunteers will work within each department to help solicit donors and arrange appointment times or will help in the canteen during the

Each year, the blood drive provides much-needed blood to hospitals across North Carolina and even in neighboring states.

The goal for the drive this year is 750 units of blood. Each unit has the potential of helping four people in need of blood or blood products. If you are interested in serving as a recruiter please contact Teresa Langley (515-1532) or Stephanie Geiger (515-9355).

To volunteer in the canteen, contact Ammy Dunlap (515-5355) or Amette Ejire (515-7293).

Search panel narrows candidate list

The N.C. State Chancellor Search Committee plans to meet as soon as this week to decide on a list of semifinalists for the university's top

job.

In February, the committee narrowed the list of candidates to eight. Members this week are planning to pare the current list to three to five names, which it will forward to the NCSU

Board of Trustees.

Committee Chairman Ed Hood said last week that all eight candidates hold senior positions at public universities, including some who are sitting presidents. None of the candidates is employed by a North Carolina university, he said, but at least one is from the South. The candidate pool is diverse in terms of gender and race. Hood said.

The new chancellor will replace Larry K. Monteith, who is retiring after leading NCSU since 1989.

NCSU professor receives award

Roger H. Clark of Raleigh, professor of architecture in the School of Design, has been named by a national organization of architecture schools as a "Distinguished Professor."

The prestigious award is given for the sustained achievement in the advancement of architectural education through teaching, design, scholarship, research or service. No more than five people receive the award annually, and only 19 faculty members, or one percent of all architectural faculty members, or one percent of all architectural faculty in ASCA, have been given the award previously. Clark, a member of the N.C. State faculty since 1969, was cited for following a dual approach of theory and practice in his creative program and for maintaining a private practice alongside his academic career. The citation said "former students to expose the connection between the relatively abstract ideas he promotes and their physical manifestation."

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Olympiad Student

physics and math.

NCSU held the national tournament of the Science Olympiad last year but this is the first state tournament held

here.
"My dream is that it will stay at N.C. State," Dail said. He said that N.C. State," Dail said. He said that to Georgia "Se tournament every year. This would be a great way to let people know about NCSU and draw potential students from across North Carolina," Dail said.

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Dail said.

Each school's team that participated on Saturday made it through local and regional competitions to make it to the state town the state of the state to the state town the state of the stat

"It is an excellent community-service opportunity for student groups," he said. Those interested in volunteering for the next event should e-mail Dail at p_dail@nesu.edu.

Cheerleading Tryouts

April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 Final Cuts: April 26 starting at 10am

All clinics and tryouts will be held in the Carmichael gymnastics area.

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her friend decided to pick up some food and drink. After entering a convenience store, the friend's hands became too full to carry everything she wished to purchase, so she asked Callahan to carry the alcohol, Callahan said. "Her hands were too full to carry everything she had," Callahan said. "So I was holding it."

Upon exiting the convenience store, Callahan and her friend were approached by Officer Armstrong and another police officer.

Callahan said she was never in possession of alcohol Cotober 4, adding that she only carried the alcohol in question for a few moments.

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"I didn't touch it from the time I set it on the counter," she said. "She kept it. She paid for it. It was hers." Elections Board Chair Danielle Greco said the board will probably not take punitive action against Callahan. She said the charges against Callahan do not fall under the Elections Board's jurisdiction. "In the statutes, it says you have to be in good standing from N.C. State." she said. "This isn't from N.C. State." she said. "This isn't from N.C. State. None of this affects her candidacy as far as the board is concerned. It might affect the voters."

voters."

Many NCSU students say that the charges against Callahan will have no bearing on their vote.
"Everybody drinks. It shouldn't make a difference," said Tod Nemanich, a sophomore in

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computer engineering. "I know almost nobody on campus who doesn't drink."

Ann Kulich, a sophomore in communications, said the charges initially made her take pause, but, in the end, would not affect her

in the end, would not affect her vote.

"My first instinct is to say that is should affect the outcome," she said. "But, at the same time, everybody's human."

But former Student Senator Kris Larson said the charges might lead to impeachment if Callahan is elected senate president.

"I think that, if it's true, it gives the Government Operations chair grounds for impeachment with the passing of that ethics bill."

The bill to which Larson refers stipulates that "no student government official shall violate any state or federal laws or regulations that may result in criminal convictions." The bill was passed Wednesday.

Callahan's opponent, Alexis Mei, said the charges would have no bearing on Callahan's ability to do her job.

"As a college student, we all do student with the student with the student was a college student, we all do student beautiful things:" she said. "But that

mer job.

"As a college student, we all do stupid things," she said. "But that doesn't mean she wouldn't do a good job as a student leader."

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Callahan also feels that the charges will not affect her ability to act as an effective Student Senate president.
"This ticket has no bearing on someone's leadership abilities," she said. "I've proven myself as an effective leader."
Callahan will square off against Mei next Monday and Tuesday in a run-off election for Student Senate president.

president

Sixteen

home-taught after second grade.
"I'm glad I was home-taught," said Conley. "If I had stayed in school, I would probably just be a bored B-C student."
Conley's senior project involves running a remote-control car through a computer program, which he has worked on this semester with two other NCSU students. At 16 years old, Conley has also just gotten his first car and his driver's slicense.
After graduation Conley plans to get a job and work, as he is already getting bored with school. He has already applied with such companies as AT&T.
"I'm ready to go out and make some money," Conley said.
His parents live in North Raleigh, and he plans to stay in the area "at least until he is 18."





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It's a 'Nationals' affair

N.C. State's gymnastics team is heading to the National Championships.

JAMES CURLE

Fifteen years ago, they called the I.C. State men's basketball squad a

Pitteen years ago, they cained in N.C. State men's basketball squad a "Team of Destiny."

Two days ago, the Wolfpack gymnastics team dusted off that old moniker and applied it to tistef by recording a 195-125 at Regionals to earn the program's first-ever berth at the NcAA National Gymnastics Championships.

The Georgia Gym Dogs, as expected, destroyed the competition in the meet, held on their home floor at Stegeman Coliseum. Georgia set a new NcAA record for overall team score with a 198.575, in addition to a new mark for a team's performance on uneven bars with a 49.650. Junior Karin Lichey

scored not one, but two perfect 10.0s during the competition to set a new Championship mark of 39.875 in the all-around

Competition.

With the win, Georgia secured its spot at Nationals, which will be the team's 15th-straight appearance. But State would need a strong score if they were to be eligible for an atlarge bid.

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After a bye in the first round, the Pack opened a bit shaky on floor exercise. While the Gym Dogs were nailing vaults left and right, sending the crowd into an uproar. State found itself stumbling a bir. Freshman Kara Charles struggled to a 9.575 to start things off. Senior oc-captain Ashley Hutsell loosened up after nailing her double layout, scoring a 9.825; but Stephanie Flanagan's step out of bounds and Stephanie Wall's 9.2 Led to a somewhat weak 48.525 to start things off.

"Vault was a little low, but I think "Vault was a little low, but I think

was occause it was our first event," Wall said. "You really don't get the benefit of the doubt until you're about halfway through the meet,"

meet."

State's scoring woes continued on vault as the gymnasts had a tough time sticking their landings. Charles recorded a strong 9.725 to start off the rotation, but the Pack never cracked the 9.8 mark on the event. They were forced to record scores of 9.55 and 9.575 en route to a 48.3 team score, better than only one other team at the meet.

But just when it appeared State's hopes of a Nationals bid would have to wait another year, the Pack turned things around with its performance on the uneven bars. Junior German Robison turned in a 9.8, followed by Hutsell's 9.775. The Pack had momentum on its side as the normally sure-swinging Wall took to the apparatus. Wall would inexplicably fall during her routine, however, and finish with a

9.125 — not the score one needs to keep a late-competition rally going. But when State needed it most, they got three straight clutch performances from their secret weapons — the underclassmen. Sophomore Jen Sommer stuck her landing for a 9.775, Charles (who was recently named the East Atlantic Gymnastics League Rookie of the Year) natiled a 9.850 and freshman Amy Langendorf (who broke a foot in her left foot less than three weeks ago) also recorded a 9.850. As a team, State finished with a critical 49.050 on the apparatus.

"You know, Amy's a real enigma

with a critical 49,000 on the apparatus.
"You know, Amy's a real enigma for me," Coach Mark Stevenson said. "She could miss that routine all week in practice; she'll go into a meet and hit it every time. That's just the way the kid works. For her to go out there and compete as aggressively as she did with a broken foot was an awesome job.

Saturday eventful for Pack gymnasts

Wolfpack, Saturday's news of a berth ought forth a bevy of emotions.

JAMES CURLE

After Stephanic Wall's solid beam routine concluded with her stuck landing, whether N.C. State would be one of the lucky 12 teams going to Nationals was an issue no longer in their hands.

The Pack had done their part, recording an impressive 195.125, which placed it among some of the strongest scorers in the country. Georgia was going. Those two teams were a certainty. With four other regional champions assured a spot, there were six other at-large bids left up for grabs for the remainder of the nation's teams. What transpired in the following.

what transpired in the following hours would see the Pack gymnasts experience a wide range of emotions.

10:00 p.m.: Relief/Anxiety

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With Regionals completed and the
Pack having scored a 195, any
worries of a lackluster performance
were laid to rest. The Pack had
done what it came to do — it had
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berth. But with that realization also
came the nervous tension that
Nationals was finally an attainable
goal. But being a 195 meant that it
would be one of the lower scores
on the fringe of making it. If State
got in, it would be by the hair of

their chinny-chin-chin, so to speak. 11:00 p.m.: Anticipation Regional competitions were concluding across the Midwest, and the scores were trickling in. State went to Buffalo's, a local restaurant/pub, where a person stood manning a holline to receive results from the various regions as they completed their meets. The waiting seemed to take hours; some decided to eat at other



Stephanie Wall completes a pass on floor exercise. Her strong performance on beam helped assure a berth at Nationals.

Pack wins two

State takes two of three from Georgia Tech at home.

TIM HUNTER

After a devastating loss on Saturday, the N.C. State baseball team bounced back on Sunday to defeat the 20th-ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets 8-5 at Doak Field.

Senior Kurt Blackmon tossed his second complete game of the year.

"This game was huge," Blackmon said of the win. "We played great on defense, and that gives a pitcher a lot of confidence. It was a great comeback from last night's loss."

Blackmon raised his record to 7-3 on the season with the win.
"You have to rely on the defense,"

on the season with the win.
"You have to rely on the defense," Blackmon said. "They are going to make plays; you just have to throw strikes out there."

The Wolfpack took advantage of a four-run second inning to take a 4-3 lead after two innings. Three of those runs came on one swing of the bat by third baseman Brian Ward, who doubled with the bases leaded.

loaded.
"We came out playing pretty hard," Ward said. "We showed that we could hang with that team, and we knew we could beat them again. We knew we were going to come out confident and ready to play."
State added two runs in the fifth

on a two-run homerun by junior Brad Piercy.
The win allowed the Pack to retain third place in the ACC, right behind Florida State and Clemson. Tech is right behind in fourth place.
"I told the guys this was a big weekend was for us," Blackmon explained. "If we could prove how good we were, we could use this as momentum for the rest of the season. We need to keep focused." NCSU improved to 25-10 and 7-3 in the ACC while Georgia Tech dropped to 23-11 and 9-5.
Ward and senior Noel Manley homered for the Wolfpack to provide the final scoring.
In Saturday's game, State took a seemingly insurmountable 13-5 lead into the top of the ninth, only to see it slip away.
The Yellow Jackets rallied to score 12 runs in the inning for an improbable 17-13 victory.
Tech tied the game at 13 all with a grand slam by freshman Bryan Prince and took a 15-13 lead on a two-run homer by Derik Goffena, Grant Dom (0-1) picked up the loss for State.

or State.

The loss undermined a great pitching performance by starter Dustin Baker. Baker stymied the Jackets for the first seven innings, giving up two runs on four hits. Baker was removed from the game when the Wolfpack had a commanding 10-2 lead.

Friday's contest saw the Pack



Senior Kurt Blackmon pitches State to a victory at Doak Field on Sunday

stage a rally of its own.

Manley broke a 4-4 tie in the sixth
inning with a solo homerun to lead
the Wolfpack to a 6-4 win.

Junior Bubba Scarce raised his
record to 6-1, striking out eight
batters in seven solid innings.

State took their first lead of the
game at 4-3 with a three-run fourth

inning. Manley and Kris Conrad each had a RBI single, and Jimmy Slaughter picked up a RBI with a suicide squeeze bunt.
State will travel to Oklahoma State on Tuesday and Wednesday and return home to face Wake Forest in a three-game series at Doak.

Star studded

■ The Duke Invitational was big on talent but short on Pack athletes.

JONATHAN NOEL

With a weekend of great track and field performances taking place a Wallace Wade, the presence of a majority of the N.C. State track team was conspicuously missing.

The Duke Invitational brought together the best in the world in much the same fashion as the Raleigh Relays had a week ago. Marion Jones returned to win the long jump, and the presence of many elite athletes added spice to the weekend.

Some of the best competition was found under the lights Friday night, with 1996 Olympian and UNC-Chapel Hill Assistant Coach Joan Nesbi running away from the field to win in the women's 5,000 meters with a time of 15:36 and a meet record 13:46 from Sammy Nyamongo to claim the men's 5,000 meters.

With the high school version of the

meters.

With the high school version of the Raleigh Relays occupying much of the team and others resting for big meets to come, only a few Wolfpack athletes would find their way onto the track. Those who did, however, met with excellent results against a loaded field.

For the Wolfpack, the meet was highlighted by the successful return of ACC champion and All-

American hurdler Jason Perry.
Perry, back from an excellent session of spring football, stared in his first outdoor meet of the season, as he took second place in the 110-meter hurdles with the top collegiate performance, finishing second to Shore A.C.'s Shannon Flowers with a time of 14.50.

The weekend was also big for the Pack's Cordell Smith, the reigning ACC longjump champion who would like to add a decathlon championship to his collection.
"It was a good day — getting prepared for the decathlon at ACCs. The weather was kind of off, so I was tight,' Smith said. "The decathlon's coming along pretty good. I've had a lot more time to prepare myself this year."
After a strong performance in the 400, Smith competed in the 100, 110-meter hurdles and the high jump on the second day of competition.
Day one of the Invitational saw the winning performances of Sherlane Armstrong and John Patterson.

Annstrong grabbed a victory in the triple jump.
John Patterson turned in an

triple jump.

John Patterson turned in an excellent performance as he won his best event, the hammer throw. Teammate John Williamson was close behind in fifth place.

State will turn its attention now to next week's USTCA Regional Cup, facing Carolina, Georgetown, Penn State and St. Augustine's College in one last tune-up before Nationals.

Wolfpack

Women's tennis downs Southern Methodist 6-0

N.C. State's women's tennis team threw a knock-out punch to its opponents from Southern Methodist University this weekend. State won the match 6-0, taking all six of the singles matches played along the way. No doubles matches were played, and only the No. 2 and No. 3 matches went to three sets. Nena Bonacic and Marissa Gildemeister were those two, finally wilming out over SMU's Margo Stevenson and Ivette Reyes. No. 4 and No. 5 singles players Brie Glover and Francic Barragan dominated their matches in two sets, winning by scores of 6-2, 6-3, and 6-3, 6-2.

Sarah Benhaim moved back into the Wolfpack line-up to pick up a 6-4, 7-5 win over Alissa

With the win, the Wolfpack improves to 10-4 overall and is currently 4-1 in the ACC, readying for a two-match conference road trip next weekend.

Men's tennis continues conference slide

N.C. State's men's tennis team suffered its third conference loss of the season at the hands of the Virginia Cavaliers on Saturday. The Cavaliers swept the singles matches, but the Wolfpack picked up the doubles point, winning two of three doubles matches but dropping the match 6-1. In No.1 singles, Brian Vahaly, ranked No.72 in the nation, defeated State's Roberto Bracone, who is currently ranked No.56. The matches went to just two sets, with Vahaly winning 6-4, 6-1.

6-1. Bracone and Eric Jackson, who are ranked No.28 in the nation among doubles teams, defeated Bear Schofield and Hyon Yoo 8-5. In No.3 doubles, Devang Desai and Shaun Thomas defeated Tommy Croker and John Winter.

The Pack returns home for another ACC match-up with Duke on Tues., April 7 at 2 p.m. at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

Big weekend ahead for Wolfpack sports

The N.C. State athletic department is readying for a big weekend. While the rest of the university is on a five-day weekend for Easter, the Wolfpack sports teams will be working hard, taking on some major competition on the playing fields.

playing fields.

The baseball team will host a three-game series at Doak Field with in-state ACC rival Wake Forest, starting at 7 p.m. on Friday might. The Pack will face off with the Demon Deacons on Saturday at 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. State currently sits at third place in the ACC.

State currently sits at third place in the ACC. The golf team will be playing host to numerous other schools, hosting the BellSouth Yellow Pages Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at MacGregor downs on Friday and Saturday. The women's tennis team will hit the road to take on Virginia and Maryland, while the men's team will face off against Clemson at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex on West Campus.

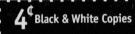
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especially by a freshman."

Heading into the final rotation, the Pack was neck-and-neck with West Virginia, holding on to a slim 0.225 lead. Fittingly enough, both teams were heading into what is traditionally each school's strongest event: Pack on balance beam. WVU on bars.

And if the competition pressure cooker wasn't already on high, Georgia was taking their place on the floor exercise, with a home crowd of 8,000-plus cheering on their every 800-plus cheering on their every 800-plus cheering on their every 800-plus cheering on

Could the Pack handle the stress?

Sophomore Maggie Haney followed up her 9.825 performance

Emotion

commond from Page 3
establishments just to leave the
stress of it.
Approximately 1:00 a.m.: Shock
The final results were in, and loand-behold the Pack had made it.
Yours truly was at another
establishment when a quartet of
ecstatic gymnasts burst into the
restaurant and let loose the
announcement. Customers be

at the EAGL Championships with a strong 9.9 to open things up. Once again, however, State saw a gymnast fall from the apparatus, this time freshman Sarah Dolan. But as in prior falls, the rest of the team stepped up and posted strong scores. Charles nailed a 9.775, followed by Sommer's 9.800. Freshman Monica Berry showed no sign of the jitters as she scored a 9.875, setting the stage for Wall, the Pack's final gymnast. State had recorded no falls up to that point in the meet, West Virginia was nailing their bars routines, and Wall had been faltering throughout the meet. Virtually all of the hopes of a

been faltering throughout the meet. Virtually all of the hopes of a Nationals bid rested squarely on the shoulders of the senior co-captain. With each tumbling pass the team held its breath, scared of what might happen if she was just a fraction of an inch off. When Wall hit the floor and stuck her landing, everyone on the team — including

damned, the news was out and at full volume. History was made.

full volume. History was made. 1:00-2:30 p.m.: Joy Buffalo's became gymnastics Wolfpack Central for a couple hours as friends and family members of the team exchanged countless hugs and kisses.

countless hugs and kisses.

Some cried.

Most screamed.

For Wall, Ashley Hutsell and
Emily Bradsher, the news was even
sweeter, being seniors in their final
go-round. Wall nearly broke a few
ribs hugging everyone in sight and
probably dislodged a few joints in

And ultimately, it got them to fationals.

And attimately, it got them to Mationals.

"I don't think there are words in my brain to describe it," said Wall of the team's strong score. "I'm so excited. To come down here and beat our best Regionals score by a point and a half says a whole lot about this team."

Wall's performance was good enough to garner fourth place honors on the beam, along with the Pack's Haney. Charles camed fifth place for her all-around score of 38.925, followed by Sommer in sixth with a 39,000.

State will have a little over a week oprepare before a trip to UCLA or their competition next

the process of jumping up and down uncontrollably.

down uncontrollably.

Jennifer Kilgore, a Pack gymnastics alumna who graduated in 1996, couldn't help but let loose uncontrollable tears of joy.

The Pack was UCLA bound.

The Pack was UCLA bound. It had been quite a day for State's gymnasts, and by the end of it everyone was emotionally spent. But hey, sleep could wait. Many stayed up until the wee hours of the morning reveling in what they had done: they had become the first squad from NCSU to compete at Nationals.

Congrats to the Wolfpack gymnastics team on the Nationals Bid!

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And most of all-apologies to God, of course-Mark Stevenson and the entire gymnastcis team: Plain and simple, we wouldn't have had any coverage of the meet that got State to the first-ever trip to Nationals without you guys. In the past two years, Mark has taken us in and provided any aids we needed in covering their competitions. And he gave us genutine appreciation for the coverage we gave, which is a rarity in this line of work, indeed. It makes doing the job all the more worthwhile, believe us.

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Death and the Maiden' at RLT

■ The little theatre hosts a big play.

MONIQUE THOMAS

My friend and I had no idea what awaited us as we entered the Raleigh Little Theatre for its present production of "Death and the Maiden." Neither of us having been there before. I think the first thing that struck us was exactly how little the theatre was. Regardless of where the audience sits in the theatre, it is pretty much guaranteed an on-stage view of the play because the nine or so rows of chairs are placed directly on the outskirts of the stage. I was grateful for this proximity because it creates a more personal and cozy atmosphere than normal. The theatre makes it seem as if you are watching a production in your very own living room.

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The play takes place in the present, in a country that has just established a democratic government in place of a long reigning dictatorship (most likely Chile). The play's characters, Gerardo Escobar, played by Larry Evans, and Paulina Salas, played by Mary Rowland, are a married couple plagued to face the demons of their country's past regime while trying to recreate their lives in the wake of a new democratic executions.

their lives in the wake of a new democratic government.

When her husband invites a kind Samaritan, Dr. Miranda, to their home, Paulina becomes immersed in memories of how leaders of the past government kidnapped and tortured her. She's convinced that Dr. Miranda is the man who was her chief forturer. Binding, gagging and holding him at gunpoint, Paulina decides that she and her husband will become Dr. Miranda's judge, jury and executioners.

The play was written and acted extremely well. Evans, as Paulina's husband, Gerardo, gave a more-than-convincing performance as a man torn between his loyalty to his disturbed wife and to his own sense of reality and morality. His performance, consistent throughout the play, is accentuated wonderfully with his powerful changes in demeanor and drive. Evan's performance is just as it should be — enthusiastic and passionate.

passionate.

Stan Smith plays the role of Roberto Miranda, and his performance cannot go unnoted. Smith possesses a robust baritone that not only describes his voice, but his acting style as well. His character has a very demanding stage presence that is the theatrical equivalent to thunder. His hearty laugh and congenities good-heartedness are realistic, and his powerful trades are convincing and frightening. Smith's performance is

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(L-r) Warren Jones, Professor Ndaona Chokani, Timothy Hunt, Jennifer Price and Trent Kingery participated in NASA's Students Flight Opportunities Program.

Students fly with NASA

Aerospace engineering students experimented aboard a NASA aircraft.

LINDSEY GREENE

Senor Staff Witter

What did you do over spring
break? While most students were
relaxing with some time off, four
aerospace engineering students
from N.C. State experimented
aboard a NASA research aircraft.
The program was called the 1998
Reduced Gravity Student Flight
Opportunities Program.
Students Timothy Hunt, Warren
Jones, Trent Kingery and Jennifer
Price were the four junior aerospace
students who were chosen from a
pool of applicants to conduct the
experiments. A journalist from the
News & Observer, Andy Curliss,
also accompanied the students. The
students are all from North
Carolina, with career goals ranging

from being an astronaut to being a flight tester.

They were performing an experiment that they had prepared and proposed to NASA. After the project was accepted, the students took their idea aboard an aircraft that flies 30 to 50 climbs and descents each flight. The juniors chose to experiment with a flow control actuator that helped determine the feasibility of operating a flow control device in a micro-gravity environment.

Labeled the Vomit-Comit, the same aircraft was used by NASA to train astronauts from Mercury and Apollo missions and the recent Mir mission. This aircraft was also used to film scenes in the movie Apollo 13. During the two-to-three-hour flight, the aircraft maneuvers through steep parabola-shaped ascents and descents at angles of 45 degrees. At the top of each flight,

was experienced.

Dr. Ndaona Chokani, the supervising professor, said. "It was a great pleasure being involved with the students over the six months it took to prepare. They make N.C. State proud."

The Areospace Engineering department at NCSU is among the largest and most prominent in the nation, offering a master of science in the program with thesis and non-thesis options. Aerospace engineers require a strong background in mechanics, with the major areas of study being in statics, dynamics, and fluid dynamics. Hands-on laboratory experiments help students to learn important lessons that could eventually lead to such things as humans on Mars. For more information, see their Web site at www.mae.nesu.edu

Technobabble

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■ The geek gazes into his crystal ball to see what the future holds. Part II: Why are there eunuchs on your computer?

CHARLES (a) SMA.SCA.NCSU.EDI

So last week, we were talking about computers. What's new? Well, there was the idea of the home network for one.

Well, the home computer, networked or not, has to talk with the outside world, doesn't it? The Internet is a necessity these days. And speed is a necessity to accessing the Internet. If 28.8 or 56 kBps just won't cut it any more, what you need is something like Nortel's DPL service. DPL. Digital Power Lines—carry data streams as well as regular AC power into the home, a combination modern and power outlet. Compare that to today's and you have an Internet connection that's about 20 times faster than you can achieve over phone lines today.

Or maybe not. Nortel is also helping bring data through regular phone lines at over nine mBps with technology called. EtherLoop, Etherloop has limitations on how far its signals can travel without degrading, but, installed it can create an impressive, inexpensive local network without needing to rewire the whole building.

These and other recent innovations in speeding up networking are making room in the computers market for inexpensive networked computers, sometimes referred to as "thin clients' because of their lack of inskeptishes to the idea of network computers, not just in the office, but in homes and schools. Network computers, or NCs for short, have some distinct advantages over conventional machines. The typical computer is not in the computer for word processing, e-mail, spreadsheets and occasionally the Web. And that's typical for most workplaces and classrooms as well. If we were to take out the multi-gigabyte hard drive and replace it with one with a few hundred megabytes and occasionally the Web. And that's typical for most workplaces and classrooms as well. If we were to take out the multi-gigabyte hard drive and replace it with one of the newest, speediest models and occasional of the node of the case of the computer—the server—that serves up software and information on demands to the various client NCs.

Using Java, the cross-platform language fro

well as workhorse servers to speed the information to the thin client machines.

Back in the geck glory days, computers took up huge chunks of real estate and spent their processor time distributing data between various client terminals. The old mainframe client-server model had a major disadvantage. Since the mainframe was the only machine with the power to do so, it did all the processing, and its time had to be doled out to its clients. Unfortunately the Information Service gusy (see just call them geeks these days) were all too human, and could be bribed, or just as easily use the time for their own pet projects, or games.

So what has all this reminiscing on the past got to do with the future?

In a word, UNIX. This is all leading somewhere, I swear. Let me explain. Web servers, FTP sites, office mainframes and most universities' computer systems (including N.C. State's) are based on UNIX. Spawned by Bell Labs, and now the combined efforts of more than 20 years of student programmers and commercial developers, UNIX is the most ubiquitous operating system that exists.

There are variants of UNIX from Hewlett Packard

Superdrag's pop sounds liven up Cat's Cradle

■ Superdrag survived after a pitiful performance by the

MANDY ADAMS

Well, it was another night of booming music at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro this past Thursday night Superdrag came to perform for the cozy little crowd assembled therein and awaiting what would turn out to be a "different" kind of show.

That "different" feeling came not from the headliner bufrom the second opening band. Foam, Let's just say that when you take the stage and three songs into your set you pronounce that "Yeah, we suck! We..suck so much..we even suck each other off!" that you must have ar insecurity problem. And they do have quite a right to fee that way because, well, they do suck. The lead singer was just shaggling his bum all over the stage while doing some sort of Glen Danzig mean over some pathetic guitar musings. I'm still wondering how they got signed. It was just a shock for the crowd because the first opening band, The Mayflies USA, was actually pretty good. With a sound recalling some signature Pavement stylings, they came across as a pleasantly upbeat and melodic band with a much better opportunity to get in the record company doors than most.

So after Foam had just about made us lose our lunches, we were able to relax as Superdrag took the stage. Lead singer John Davis was dressed in all black polyester (as was guitarist Brandon Fisher — they had to sweat a little more than the rest of us) and was sporting his signature Beatle-shag hairdo.



The Knoxville, Tenn, quartet move the crowd in with their fun music and energy.

Before they began, John thanked The Mayflies USA for playing with them (I wonder why they didn't mention Foam?). They opened with a sporting number from their latest album, "Head Thp in Every Key," which got the crowd bouncing around to the pop mastery that had made Superdrag famous with their 1996 Elecktra debut, "Regretfully Yours."

The tempo and energy of the show left something to be desired, but overall the guys did a good job of playing to the crowd and making it special for everyone. Bassist Tom Pappas was in full effect as he jumped and lurched all about the tiny stage. His legs were springing up both left and right as he did virtual

splits (ala David Lee Roth) in the air signifying his total immersion in the power-pop tunes.

To really please the crowd, halfway through the show Superdrag launched into their 1996 hit "Sucked Out." When the chorus came around, John didn't sing, allowing the crowd to fill in for him and sing along in a most respectful manner. From there on, the show seemed to fly by as Superdrag blazed through songs from the new album.

By the end of the set the audience was ready for an encore with no such luck. But everyone left very satisfied because they'd seen a great band playing their great songs to a great crowd.

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Editorials

Terrorism looms

■ Is America prepared for future acts

If there is a war being fought on terrorism, then score a few points. For the United States. On Friday, a U.S. federal judge sentenced the driver of the van used in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, Eyad Ismoil, to 240 years in prison without parole. The judge also ordered Ismoil to pay \$10 million in restitution and fines of \$250,000.

The news that a criminal such as

fines of \$250,000. The news that a criminal such as Ismoil has been brought to justice is relieving and, at the same time, graifying. But will it send a shivet through the world's most notorious leaders of organized terrorism, or will the judge's actions result in vile revenge? The bottom line is this: America must be ready for future acts of terrorism. There are so many ways that

terrorists could infiltrate the country and rain havoe on innocent lives. With the cuts in the armed forces that the Clinton administration is carving, America might not have a strong deterrent in place to combat terrorist actics. One way that America might be in the dark is the release of biological weapons. Recently, there was a threat of the Anthrax virus being released. Anthrax, also known as "woolsorters' disease," is an acute infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium bacillus anthrates. The virus is one of many weapons in biological arsenals of the United States and Russia; however, it is also in the hands of Iriqi's dictatorial leader Saddam Hussein. Great Britain was also placed in the dictatorial teader saddam Hussein. Great Britain was also placed in the spotlight concerning Anthrax being released into its ports by terrorists a few months ago. Reports that terrorists in support of Saddam Hussein might release the virus into

various British ports caused concern and posed questions on Britain's readiness in such an event.

and possed questions on Britain's readiness in such an event. Then there is always the threat of commercial artiners going down in flames. Pan Am flight 103, the flight that went down in Lockerbie. Scotland, in 1988, was a result of a terrorist's bomb in a parcel of lugage. There are thousands of passenger planes airborne 24 hours a day, It is only a matter of time before the next terrorist attack comes on unknowing passengers flying overhead. There are no "friendly skies" in this world. What about professional athletic events? College bowls? Conventions? The list goes and on. Terrorist someday might hit one of these events with an array of tacties that could include bombs, biological weapons and possibly muclear devices. Now that the former Soviet Union is a group of independent countries, there is a strong possibility that weapons-grade

the former sowner crown is a group or independent countries, there is a strong possibility that weapons-grade plutonium and uranium could have been sold by high-ranking officials on the black market to terrorists. These mercenaries will pay top dollar for elements necessary to construct nuclear weapons, and considering that the economies of former soviet republics loke Kazakhstan, the Ukraine and Georgia are in shambles, the money available might be tempting for government officials. The current administration has placed a security blanket on America that is full of holes and tears. The threat of terrorism is real, and it is only a matter of time before a target is hit. American citizens must be constantly

American citizens must be constantly aware that friends and loved ones

Dining hall needed

■ Convert the infirmary into a dining

Tudents who live in East
Campus know more about long
walks than anybody else — to
the dining hall, that is. The Fountain
Dining Hall is almost one mile away
from the residence halls in the Triad
and the Quad, and Fountain is the
only dining hall on campus besides
Case Drining Hall, which is
exclusively for athletes, Fortunately,
East Campus residents who have
meal plans are permitted to eat
breakfast and lunch at Case, but not
dinner. However, because Case is so
small, students who live in Wood Hall
and Avent Ferry Complex are not
allowed to eat there due to the high
populations of those residence halls.
These problems could be solved if
Clark Infirmary is converted to a
dining hall when Student Health

Services moves to the new complex currently under construction across from Bragaw residence hall. It is ridiculous for East Campus residents to be forced to walk almost a mile to eat their meals while the rest of campus is within reasonable walking distance. Converting Clark Infirmary into a dining hall would relieve the students who live in the far eastern parts of campus from walking such great distances.

There have been talks, negotiations and proposals over the years concerning the future of Clark Infirmary, but no concrete decisions have been made. The officials of University Dining, Planning, the Board of Trustees and Housing and Residence Life, among others, need to seriously deal with the future of Clark Infirmary and strongly consider plans to make it the campus' third mass dining center.

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A cynic's view of student elections

It's been a tough weekend for Student Government, and, like any good cynic. I'm hardly surprised. Falling from their respective plateaus were Student Body President-elect Jenny Chang and run-off candidate for Student Stenate President Megan Callahan. Chang, who defeated candidate Andrew Payne by almost 200 votes, was recently brought to trial because of alleged indiscretions in campaigning. It turns out that Callahan was recently cited by the Raleigh Police Department for an alcohol violation.

Raleigh Police Department for an alcohol violation.

It makes me wonder just how much wool these people think they have.

Now, don't get me wrong: I have nothing against Senator Callahan, and I openly supported Jenny Chang. But both have now, it turns out, apparently violated the rules to

which they are accountable.

Are we expecting our leaders to be examples for the rest of us or just placeholders on the business cards of the university?

Remember that these candidates are hoping for elected offices — offices in which they are accountable to students. But, if candidates can't even respect the legal standards set before them, how can we expect a true respect of their constituency if they are elected?

In all fairness, Chang's violations were simply infractions of the elections code — rules hard to completely abide by. Even Senator Payne, her only opponent, was cited twice as being in violation. A few warnings and two notifications, however, are a bit much and seem to indicate that perhaps Chang's supporters felt themselves above the law.

Senator Callahan's violation was Senator Callahan's violation was

senator Callahan's violation was perhaps a bit more severe in that it involved a controlled substance and the city police. She went to a

convenience store, where a friend bought alcohol. Callahan then apparently, at some time or another, gave police officers a reason to believe that the alcohol belonged to her. Callahan was cited for possession of a "malt beverage," given 24 hours of community service and a stiff \$100 fine.

While the violation may not seem so severe on a campus teeming with rednecks, it sends a fearful shiver down the spine to realize that this infraction of the law may have gone unnoticed and that Callahan could possibly have been the next Student Senate president with no one ever knowing her criminal history. With knowledge, an informed decision can be made. Uninformed, we are lost.

"I have a good reputation with faculty and staff, and I can use that to get my goals achieved," said Callahan recently.

Right. Not too many people brag

reputation after having made a deal with the assistant district attorney of Wake County. Sounds like she's trying to pull the wool over the eyes of N.C. State. Or maybe that's just what this old cynic thinks. Why is it that candidates for high office feel they can get away with just about anything? On a large scale, we've seen what troubles the Clinton investigation has had for the United States; why is it that candidates in smaller settings, such as NCSU, think they can just overlook certain things in their campaign? campaign?

campaign?
Perhaps part of the problem is that candidates for office feel that the laws don't apply to them. Who follow the silly election rules? Why follow the silly state statutes? They're just little laws, after all.
But no law is a little law, Ther law is made for the purpose of organizing society, and, as such, a breach of a single law is a breach in the boundaries of society.

Does NCSU lack 'cool' students?

It's just too hard to be cool anymore. Schools like UNC-Chapel Hill and Wake Forest still revere fraternities and sororities in their proper elitist light, but here these groups of affable people with similar interests are more curious anomalies than required forces of coolness. At N.C. State there are simply more students in stereotypically nerdy or redneck fields of study (sorry engineers, that's why you have to take public speaking). In other words, there are more students who aren't traditional grade-a greek material.

Students at a land-grant

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agricultural and technical university are forced to swim in a sea of uncool individuality, with only the occasional spurts of trends in piercing or big black footwear. Here you are as likely to spot a pair of skin-tight black jeans as you are gigantic corduroy shorts with legs the size of a paper shopping bag. There just isn't that one big cloud of homogeny looming over us. of homogeny looming over us, reminding us of what we aren't.

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Think back to junior high school.
You can probably tell right away
who would make prime preek
material and who wouldn't. I'm
talking about the cool people. In
junior high the cool people exact
their superiority, and the non-cool
people either long to be cool or hate

the cool people. These cool people were cool for a reason. Perhaps their parents didn't mind funding their need for braided leather belts their need for braided leather belts (which, you may recall, entailed botaining the well-guarded knowledge of how to tie the end of the belt in an enigmatic knot positioning the long leftover tip in a phallically suggestive downward dangle), toe-flashing sandals (which conveniently excluded those who had ugly toes), and Polo or Tommy Hilfiger shirts (the latter being more expensive, and hence cooler). Perhaps they possessed early athletic skills or the kind of hair that can blow in the wind and go right back to where it was before. Perhaps they possessed, shall we

say, an advanced "physical maturity" — guys who brandished wispy fuzz mustaches and girls, well, girls who had something to brandish. But most importantly, they were self-confident and sociable (which probably was because they were wearing nice clothes, athletic or physically mature).

mature).

In junior high, cool people weren't just popular, they were famous. The non-elite masses of assorted cliques would share feats of association with a cool person. Tales of sightings of the amazing Jennifer Taylor at Putt-Putt, who had both blonde hair and tan skin, or how Brian Travis, the cocky soccer

From Nixon to Easter egg baskets

LARRY MARSHBURNE Staff Columns

Easter, Happy Easter, Instead of

Easter. Happy Easter. Instead of fattering Easter candy, I have a basket full of gripes about other peoples' behavior and an Easter story of my own poor behavior.

Duke University has returned its portrait of Richard Nixon to its former place of honor. You may now ride over to Durham and view the portrait of Duke's most famous alumnus. It's only right. The course of U.S. history was changed at Duke. Or rather, you might way, it wasn't changed at Duke. While other schools theorize about how college shapes character. Duke hap roof. Duke caught young Richard Nixon cheating, and let him get away with it. The rest is history.

Of course, it wasn't exactly cheating.

I'm not much of a Republican biographer, but the story goes something like this. Young Mr. Nixon was enrolled at Duke, and he was anxious to learn his grade on a test. So there was a little break-in into the professor's office – not to cheat, mind you. He just wanted to know his grade. They told him not to do it anymore. They would punish him if he did.

But sure enough he did it availing the source of th

They would punish him if he did.

But sure enough, he did it again.

Another little break-in occurred — this
time at the Watergate in Washington. It
wasn't really cheating. President Nixon
just wanted to know more about how
he was doing in the election. He knew
he would win, It's kind of like he just
wanted to know his grade. But he
knew better, He knew that the folks at
Duke would punish him if he did it
again

Actually President Nixon thought he

vouldn't get punished. He thou wouldn't get punished. He thought he was safe because he was no longer a student at Duke. That's where he made his mistake: He was punished. They took his picture off the wall. But Duke alumnus Nixon has been punished long enough. They put his picture back on the wall.

Happy Easter. Duke wasn't the only institution that Duke wasn't the only institution that was busy making decisions we might frown on. In 1960, the state of North Carolina instituted a three percent sales at the same state of the same state of

exactly be the one we bargained for. Happy Easter. Now for my Easter behavior. On a Saturday evening in 1981, I had my 6-year-old daughter's Easter egp basket prepared well in advance and hidden safely in my closet. I knew she was excited, so I was afraid she might wake up if I put her basket out too early. To set the scene a little, you must realize that I was a custodial single parent who was already working on his second divorce. So my daughter was not a bundle of mental health myself. Anyhow, I finally turned the television off and went to bed. I awoke to the frantie words. "Daddy he Easter Bunny didn't come last night!" Accustomed to craziness in my life, I

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Babble

(HP-UX), Digital (Ultrix), Sun (Solaris - what NCSU's servers are running). IBM (AIX), Apple (A/UX) and many others that will run on various server platforms. UNIX is big, complicated and uglt is also subtle, incredibly fast and stable. Geeks love UNIX for these reasons and one other: it's free. Linux is a much more compact, manageable version of UNIX that was translated (actually rewritten from scratch) for 386-based PCs in 1991 in Finland by Linus Torvalds, hence the name. The sources of Linux were made available to anyone who wanted to run it— and make their own improvements. While Linux may be a clone of UNIX, it is far smaller and more easily configured for different needs. Despite its humble beginnings, there are around 10 million Linux users around the world today — if you can't tell, I'm one of them. If you want to get more information about Linux of get a copy for yourself, look on the

Web at www.limx.org.

Some variants of Linux are so compact they can be booted from a floppy disk, and recent innovations have even booted Linux on handheld and palmtop devices. The advantage of such a universal system, much like Java, is that any kind of hardware can compile and run the same software, whether it's a fat desktop system, a thin client or skinny palmtop. And that's what we want in the future, isn' it? The ideal universal system is one where someone can sit down at an unfamiliar computer and immediately be able to get to work. But why sit when you can do your computing while you take a nice leisurely walk? The next big thing, some people think, is the wearable computer. With the capacity of a desktop machine, but the form factor and portability of today's handheld devices, a wearable computer with the capacity of a desktop machine, but the form factor and portability of today's handheld devices, a wearable computer would be the ultimate in portable computers might be mice, but they are several years off at least. The other technologies I talked about this week probably won't be in your homes until after the millennium — which will cause problems of its own that I will discuss next week.

nonetheless different people. And they just can't because accepting as a brother someone who would rather make believe they were a powerful elfin wizard in a tense game of "Majie: The Gathering" than impress their friends with bawdy tales of drunken sexual conquest would undermine the frat's very lifeline of superiority, Plus, in college, non-cool people could care less about being around a bunch of cocky socialities (after we graduate this opinion is reversed, as we learn the incredible career value of "networking"). The tables are turned because at N.C. State there is a shortage of prime greek material, and thus no one to exclude (exclusion of others being a vital instrument for feeling cool).

On a campus such as this it's hard desirated and the solution of the state of t

Wetzell

player (though lightly regarded by the general student population of North Carolina, soccer players are always highly regarded by girls), happened to say something with while waiting next to you in the lunch line. These school celebrities didn't disappear, they went on to successful high school careers decorated with new cars and prom dates.

Now a little older and in a less exclusive environment, we non-cool people have the self-confidence and honed social skills, if not economic status, that cool people developed early on. Many of us can't understand why we ever wanted to be cool. And the cool people on the other side are all still logether because you just can't be cool if there's no one to notice you. It used to be easy to feel cool and elite at college because not everyone was in college. Now almost everyone goes, and the cool people are assaulted with diversity at every turn. Fraternities and sororities are pressured to accept these other confident, sociable, but

Larry

responded calmly. I lied, "I'm sure the Easter Bunny came. You just didn't find what he brought. Go turn on the TV, let me get dressed, and we'll look together."

excellent and worthy of seeing twice.

Mary Rowland, as Paulina Salas, delivers an acceptable performance, but at times her acting seems two-dimensional. There are points in the play where she overacts and others where she doesn't act at all. Her overall performance doesn't rise above a mediocer rating because it lacks the consistency I would expect from a seasoned actress.

This play tends to be dialogue-heavy, especially in the first half, due to its lack of characters, and some questions may be left unanswered without a careful observation. But, after seeing it in its entirety, it is well worth the viewing. Overall, the play is well written, acted and should prove to be an enjoyable experience for all. The play will run on Thursdays through Saturdays until April 18 at 8 p.m.

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together."

Comforted by the sound of the television from the other end of the house. I hurriedly dressed and tried to formulate a plan. I knew Laura would have searched her room well. I couldn't thick the basker in the family room because she was in there. She had also just been in my room, and I had no explanation of why the Bunny would leave her basket in my room anyway. I gambled that if she had used the bathroom when she first got up, then her eyes hadn't been very open. Not much of a plan, but I went with it.

Laura and I dilieently searched her

Not much of a plan, but I went with it. Laura and I diligently searched her room, and, sure enough, we found look when I asked if she had rired her bathroom. After all, it was the first year she had her own bathroom. The Easter Bunny might have put it there. Sure enough, we found it in plain sight in her bathroom. I don't know whether she suspected or if she was simply grateful to find it.

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