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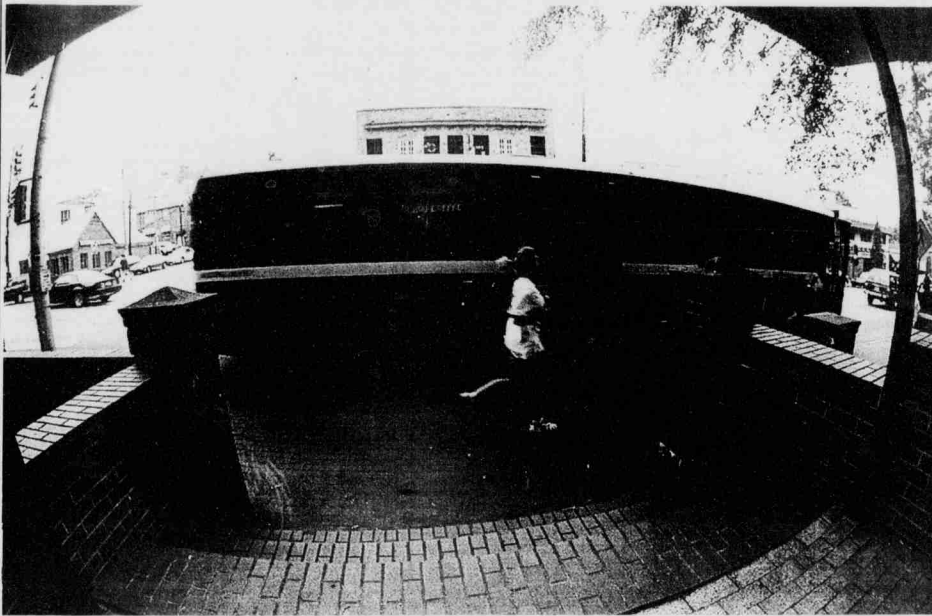
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## Missed the bus?



An N.C. State student enjoys a leisurely jog amongst the hustle and bustle of Hillsborough St.

ELIZABETH WALKER/STAFF

## Tragedy at Dabney

Thirty-seven-year old listed in critical condition after fall from fifth floor

LEA DELICIO  
News Editor

Shortly before noon on Wednesday, a man plummeted from the fifth-floor balcony between Dabney and Cox Halls to the first-floor landing.

Captain Brown of Public Safety said Wednesday night that investigators were unsure whether he jumped or fell.

"Foul play is not suspected," Sgt. Larry Ellis of Public Safety said on Thursday.

Public Safety was called to the scene at 11:52 a.m. on Wednesday, said Brown. When it arrived, it found the man, a 37-year-old post-doctoral research associate in the physics department, lying outside on the landing next to the first floor of Dabney Hall in critical condition, he said.

The man was taken to Wake Medical Center, where he underwent surgery and now remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit.

Jerry Whitten, the dean of the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (PAMS), called the event a "tragedy." Whitten does not know the victim but expressed the sympathies of the faculty and staff of PAMS.

"We're all very sad and moved by this," he said.

According to Ellis, Public Safety is still talking to those people who were on the scene when the man fell. Brown said there were no eyewitnesses who actually saw the man fall.

Ellis is unsure of when this investigation will be completed.

The man's family has asked that his name be withheld.

## Fox looks at athletics, grading

Editor's Note: The following is the second part of a two-part interview with NCSU's new chancellor.

JACK DALEY AND PHILLIP REESE  
Staff Writers

Last week, Marye Anne Fox, former vice president of research at UT-Austin, was announced the future chancellor of N.C. State. Technician talked to her recently about such issues as affirmative action and freshman course-repeat policy.

**Technician:** How do you feel about a policy to let freshmen repeat courses they failed during their first year at N.C. State? That is one that has been tossed around a lot this year, the first-year course-repeat policy.

**Marye Anne Fox:** With no academic penalty?

That is right, yes.

I certainly don't oppose it. I think it's a wonderful idea, and it would help for retention. One of my major goals is to make sure that students that are accepted into the university are able to succeed, and anything that allows them to succeed better, I think is something we ought to very seriously consider. I haven't thought about it in enough detail to really have a formulated policy one way or another. That would be one of the issues I would hope to

interact with students and learn more about what they're thinking.

What changes might the average student be able to notice between you and your predecessor here at NCSU, Larry Monteith?

That's a difficult one because I am still learning the means by which faculty and students interact with each other, with the alumni, with the athletic program and so forth. What I would hope is that under the administration that I put together, there's an easy communication. I presume that that's true under Chancellor Monteith as well, and the views of the students and their goals in providing a campus community where their scholarship can flourish, where they can develop as people and where they can develop leadership comes to the floor. Now, how that's different than what goes on now, I'm not sure.

How do you feel about affirmative action?

I think affirmative action is a red flag. The word itself is confusing to many audiences. What I believe is that we need to be inclusive of all participants in the educational process, and we need to put resources available for those people that wish to partake of them. Now the question is, at what stage is it necessary to provide additional support or additional intervention to help particularly under-represented groups from achieving that full participation? I am a firm believer that under-represented groups need to be helped, whether those are under-represented groups by race, by ethnicity, by gender is something you have to look at.

On Thursday you said that athletics should not be a dirty word. In what ways are you going to support the athletic programs here?

The main thing with an athletics program is that we have an attitude that recognizes that quality athletics are completely compatible with a quality educational program. All you need to do is to look at Stanford University to see that it's certainly not impossible to have a quality academic program and to have a winning team, and right across the

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## Faculty calls for campus club

The Faculty Senate discussed a plethora of intriguing subjects Tuesday.

MARK MCCRAW  
Staff Writer

The atmosphere of the 16th meeting of the 44th session of the Faculty Senate Tuesday was one of intense debate and discussion, resulting in the approval of important resolutions and the review of controversial administrative ideas.

Among the critical topics discussed were a resolution on

diversity, a faculty survey on entertainment and recreation facilities and services, and post-tenure review.

The first order of business was the review of a resolution on diversity, written by George Wahl, faculty chair, and Frederick Corbin, secretary of the Faculty Senate.

The resolution stated that the Faculty Senate should endorse the University's commitment to welcome applicants on a nondiscriminatory basis and provide the necessary support to help members of every group achieve their full potential.

The resolution also stated that support for such measures is necessary to preserve "...our development as a major university," and that the "affirmative outreach that has been used to achieve our present diversity [is] a matter of sound public policy."

The resolution was passed unanimously, with no objections.

Another major topic discussed at Tuesday's meeting was that of an on-campus entertainment and dining facility for faculty, much like the Faculty Club near the veterinary college, except closer to

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## Mei wins senate run-off election

Alexis Mei is declared Student Senate President following a run-off election.

DANIELLE STANFIELD  
Assistant News Editor

Garnering more than twice the votes of her contender, Alexis Mei was elected the new Student Senate president during the run-off elections Monday and Tuesday.

The final results ended with Mei having received 462 votes and Megan Callahan having received 220. Mei was displaced with the number of

voters, despite her effort to improve her advertising.

"I was disappointed with the voter turnout," Mei said. "It seemed like Megan didn't campaign as hard the second time. That might have contributed."

Mei said she is following in the good footsteps of last year's Student Government.

"This past year, senate was the most productive in the amount of legislation we've had," she said. "The legislature has addressed more of the problems we should be addressing."

For example, Mei said Kris Larson has responded to the crime issue on Hillsborough St. However, Mei said she would like to see the government become more proactive.

"In order to do that, we need more student feedback," Mei said.

So at the top of her list is increasing student awareness and interaction with Student Government.

In order to achieve this, Mei has distributed a memo to all clubs at NCSU, asking that they try to get students involved with volunteering.

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## Friday IN BRIEF

### N.C. State engineer recipient of award

Robert Edwards was recognized by the College of Engineering with the 1998 Award for Excellence for his commitment and untiring efforts in the initiation, development and expansion of the N.C. Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

He has worked with N.C. State since 1974 and is the director of the NCMEP. NCMEP is a program of the Industrial Extension Service at NCSU and part of a national network affiliated with the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Since March 1995, his pioneering and innovative approach to manufacturing assistance has resulted in added services such as the establishment of eight field offices strategically located within the concentrated manufacturing areas of North Carolina.

Edwards holds an MS degree from NCSU in materials and industrial engineering and a BME degree, also from NCSU.

### A statewide database opens Tuesday

N.C. LIVE Statewide Library Project Ribbon-Cutting Kickoff will be held Tues., April 21, at 3 p.m. at the Cameron Village Regional Library.

N.C. LIVE offers a common set of Web-based electronic databases to public and private universities, community colleges and public libraries in North Carolina. N.C. LIVE is a promoter of National Library Week, which is April 19 to 25. Local libraries are hosting the kickoffs. The events are free to students, faculty and staff.

Working together, the libraries represented by the State Library of North Carolina, the University of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College System and the North Carolina Center for Independent Higher Education propose a North Carolina Electronic Library Project Library. These communities of interest will collaborate to give all North Carolinians equal access to a range of electronic information resources and to the resources in libraries statewide.

### The provost recently honored staff members

Provost Phillip Stiles announced the Awards for Excellence winners for the Provost's Unit at an April 3 reception honoring the nominees.

The SPA award recipients are: Everette Allen, computing consultant IV in the Computing Services/Information Technology Office; Stan North Martin, ResNet coordinator/computing consulting in the Computing Services/Information Technology Office; and Gary Wilson, request manager in the NCSU Libraries.

The EPA award went to Bruce Mallette, assistant provost for Administration.

The other award nominees were: Martha Ammons, Undergraduate Admissions; Tamika Barnes, NCSU Libraries; Sharon Bouquain, Academic Personnel Services; April Erickson, NCSU Libraries; Gladys Marie Honeycutt, NCSU Libraries; Sharon Denise Hush, NCSU Libraries; Valerie Jones, Continuing Studies; Judy Long, Continuing Studies; and Denise Peace, NCSU Libraries.

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**Correction**

In "Night Celebrates Ethnicity," printed in Monday's edition, it was erroneously reported that the date of International Night was April 19, as stated in the committee's press release. The date of the event is, in fact, April 17. Technician regrets the error and any inconvenience it might have caused.

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range of sports. So the implication that has been made sometimes, and even in the press, that a winning athletic team is incompatible with quality education I think is absolutely wrong.

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main campus. This idea was spawned from a survey taken of 283 faculty members in the fall of 1997.

According to the survey, 78.1 percent of those who responded agreed that "a well-run entertainment and/or recreation facility can be an important factor in developing an esprit de corps that can boost faculty morale, and also can become a factor in recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty."

Now having said that, you ask how do you promote the athletics program without having that promotion interfere with the quality of the academic? The answer is you have an athletic director who's committed to high quality, is aggressive, understands the importance of putting together the best possible effort, and that enthusiasm from the athletic director is conveyed to the respective coaches, and you provide them with the means by which financial resources can be brought, usually from the private sector, to put together a real high quality program. It means absolutely strict adherence to the rules of the NCAA, and absolute integrity, in both the coaches and the athletic staff. With all those together, I think we'll have a winning program.

The survey summary reported that 37.8 percent of the responders strongly agreed with the statement. Some of the more attractive suggested benefits of such an establishment were fitness classes, a casual dining facility and a space for meetings in a professional atmosphere. Among the concerns regarding the facility was the question of whether or not it could be offered at a low cost.

What are your plans for Centennial Campus?

Centennial Campus, I think, is really something that's absolutely unique for NCSU and it shows an attitude, as well as of course the physical opportunity for cooperation and partnership in an absolutely new way.

No definite resolution on this idea was reached at Tuesday's meeting.

A quandary that has plagued the Faculty Senate for quite some time is how to handle post-tenure review in a way that is fair to administration, faculty and students.

This continues to be a topic for debate, as illustrated by the discussion at Tuesday's meeting. Although relatively little new information was brought to light on the matter, the usual opinion of the faculty that post-tenure review ought to be minimized in order to allow maximum freedom for faculty seemed to prevail.

According to Frank Abrams, senior associate provost for Academic Affairs, a committee has been assembled to review the concerns that surround this issue.

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and Student Government. She has also created a mailing list from which students can obtain minutes of meetings, copies of agendas and knowledge of upcoming events.

"I want students to come to us with problems," she said. "I want to make it more student friendly."

To improve Student Government, Mei admitted that there must be motivated senators.

"Part of the effectiveness of senate depends on the senators you have," she said. "Jim Clagett has done a really good job recruiting senators... at least half of the year we have had a full senate."

The idea of co-locating research programs with industry in a way that there is productive interaction is something that simply doesn't go on at very many other campuses, and not all at most. So I am very attracted to the idea of working strongly with industry, strongly with colleges which will house some other people there, to make sure there is every opportunity for effective partnership.

Do you plan to continue working on the diversity initiative?

Absolutely. I think diversity is probably the most important issue that faces higher education today. And as I said, one of the reasons I was attracted to NCSU was because there's a diverse population base in a state where higher education is valued. I look forward to working very strongly, especially with the African American community, to make sure that diversity is in fact achieved on campus.

The first thing you will do for NCSU students is...

Well, the first thing I want to do is talk with them and see what they think needs to be done. And to put together an agenda that allows us to do them.

Thanks for talking to us and we look forward to working with you, hopefully on a regular basis in the near future.

You bet.

Clagett will be helping Mei during her term and will also be involved with the Wolfpact Program.

Because Mei has been involved with the Student Government for three years, she has noticed little things that could be changed to make a positive difference.

To create more enthusiasm in the senate, Mei has planned its re-treat, which she says is a major influence on senate spirit early in the year.

"I've also tried to start a Public Relations Committee to help with press releases from the Student Government," she said. "This is an issue that is still up in the air."

One change, proposed by Senator Seth Whitaker, would hold senators accountable for each vote they cast.

"I think this will make senators think and research the issue before they vote," Mei said.

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## State Stat:

N.C. State's track and field team has 16 returning All-ACC performers on its 1998 squad.

# Sports

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## I'm just mad

Johnny Noel

### COMMENTARY

With the ACC track and field championships about to begin this weekend in Orlando, Fla., I was just wondering: Did anybody notice?

It surprised me. I would go to track meets and wonder, where are the people?

At first, I could put it aside to cold weather, or the fact that it was still basketball season or perhaps because it was on everyone's precious weekend.

But as the Raleigh Relays rolled around, I realized the sad truth. Nobody cares.

At the biggest sporting event held in Raleigh, N.C., just how many non-athletes, non-parents, non-coaches, non-reporters (in other words, fans) showed?

Hopefully, it was more than the 101 counted.

Maybe you didn't get the memo, but this was big. This was no rinky-dink gathering of mediocre collegiate athlete but a competition that brought together the best athletes in the nation. Check that, the world.

There were 94 teams present, bringing such athletes as 1997 World Female Athlete of the Year, Marion Jones, Olympic champion Allen Johnson, Olympic champion Dennis Mitchell, Olympic bronze medalist C.J. Hunter, local Olympian Dan Middleton... You get the idea.

The situation was even more noticeable a week later at the Duke Invitational — a meet of comparable magnitude. Held in Wallace Wade Stadium, holding capacity at 33,000, the irony of seeing Jones and another Olympian Joan Nesbit running to an empty house was not amusing. Believe me, the scattered assortment of coaches and athletes cannot hide the shame of an entire stadium, empty.

Now, to be sure, the meet didn't get much media publicity, and you claim you can claim ignorance. Sure, you would have been there, had you but known.

Would it have mattered? Isn't the reason the meet received so little attention anyhow because we simply don't care about track and field? Would it take a Sports Illustrated cover for you to notice?

Maybe this is just how we treat our Olympic athletes, since, after all, we don't care about sports in America.

Suppose for the moment, though, that it had been an ice skating or gymnastics competition, and Michelle Kwan or Tara Lipinski or Shannon Miller or Dominique Moceanu had been present. They would have been mobbed. Security, rioting fans — the works.

Do you have to be young and pretty and be able to dance to get noticed?

So, yes, I felt a little weird being able to go up and talk to the great Marion Jones and not have one

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The Wolfpack, coming off a 14-3 trouncing of East Carolina, takes its swings against the nationally ranked Clemson Tigers. The Pack currently stands in the No. 2 spot in the ACC and is ranked No. 24 in the nation.

JAMES CUREL/STAFF

## Pack Nine on the road again

### Wolfpack baseball team takes on nationally ranked Clemson.

TIM HUNTER

Staff Writer

The N.C. State baseball team has found its winning ways again and just in time.

"Our pitches have been doing real well, and we have been playing great defense," senior star Jake Weber said. "We put it all together [against ECU on Wednesday], and that was great to see."

The Wolfpack currently holds the second-place

position in the ACC and will take on the Clemson Tigers to defend that position.

"It doesn't seem like we are doing anything different," junior Brian Ward, who is currently second in the ACC in hitting, said of the Pack's recent success. "I just seems like we are playing our game, and things are going our way."

A second-place finish would be significant for Coach Elliot Avent and the Pack and would certainly buy a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Just one thing stands in the way — the No. 7 nationally ranked Clemson Tigers.

"To win at least two games

this weekend would be huge," Ward said. "You never know — we could sneak right up to the top [of the ACC]. We always talk about setting our own destiny."

After last weekend's games, the Pack vaulted the Tigers in the standings, landing right behind first-place Florida State.

The 24th-ranked Wolfpack will need to win two games at Clemson to remain in sole possession of second place — a daunting task, to say the least.

State has been mediocre on the road this season at best, with a 5-4 record — three of

those wins coming against ACC doormat Maryland.

On top of that, Clemson is a whopping 28-3 at home this year.

"It's a different breed down there as far as baseball," Weber explained. "They love their baseball."

The Tigers have been ranked as high as third in the nation and are the winningest team in college baseball since 1994.

To say that youth is served at Clemson is an understatement.

Coach Jack Leggett has led the Tigers to this success, despite having only two seniors on the roster — neither

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## ACC titles on the line

### N.C. State's men's and women's track and field teams take to Orlando for the ACC Championships.

JOHNNY NOEL

Staff Writer

The big day is finally here.

Or, rather, two days, as the ACC track and field outdoor championships have arrived this weekend in Orlando, Fla.

The Wolfpack heads to the championships intent on bettering a good, but not quite good enough, performance at the indoor championships held two months ago in Blacksburg, Va.

The women's team struggled to a fifth-place finish, despite the dominating performance of senior Laura Rhoads, who swept both the 3000 and 5000 races.

Looking to rebound from a sub-par indoor performance will be the Pack's Sheri Lane Armstrong.

After a good indoor season, including NCAA qualifying jumps in both the long jump and triple jump, Armstrong struggled against a large contingent of talented UNC-Chapel Hill and Virginia jumpers.

The Pack freshman will be needed to step up this weekend and join Rhoads, if the women want to move up into third place.

Katie Sabino, Amy Beykirch and Sarah Grey have



SHAWN BERNARDI/STAFF

### The ACC goes about crowning the 1998 Track and field champions this weekend in Orlando.

been running strong as the outdoor season has progressed, getting a lot of work as they try to move up to Rhoads' level.

Erin Musson will be looking to claim victory in the 10,000 meters, after posting the top time in the ACC this year at the Raleigh Relays.

The sprints will also be critical to Wolfpack hopes. Lashawnda McKinnon will be looking to score points in the 200 and 400 meters and will anchor the 4x100-meter team that set a school record last weekend at UNC-CH.

After taking the lead with an impressive first day at indoors, the men's team was caught by both Clemson and UNC-CH, as the team's lack of sprinting was exposed.

The problem could surface again this weekend. Despite the strength of the distance team and the

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## ACC Notes

### News and notes from around the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Sports Staff Report

#### Men's lacrosse teams ranked in Top Ten

The ACC may only have four men's lacrosse teams, but the conference is still one of the toughest in the country.

Continuing in the tradition of ACC athletics, the latest men's lacrosse national poll features three of the ACC's teams ranked against the top ten in the nation.

Maryland leads the way, holding onto the nation's top spot in the USILA poll.

The Terrapins are 3-0 in the conference and 8-0 overall, as of the date of release on the rankings.

Duke ranks third overall, preceded by Princeton and the Terrapins, while Virginia is seventh.

Both the Blue Devils and the Cavaliers are 1-1 in the conference.

North Carolina is at 14th overall, ranking fourth in the conference with a 0-3 record.

Women's lacrosse teams ranked in the Top Ten

AS if the men's standings weren't impressive enough, the women's ACC teams have placed all four teams in the national top ten.

The Tar Heels lead the way, 9-1 overall and 3-0 in the conference, ranked No. 1 in the IWFLCA poll.

The Heels are followed by Maryland and Virginia, who rank No. 2 and No. 3 in the nation, respectively, despite being third and fourth in the conference.

The Duke Blue Devils, who are ranked second in the conference with a 1-1 record thus far, stand at No. 7 in the nation, following the three other conference teams, Princeton, Loyola, and James Madison.

Tech signs two, Wake grabs one Georgia Tech head coach Agnus Beranato has announced the signing of two prep players to the school's 1998-99 women's basketball roster.

Niesha Butler, from Riverdale Country School in the Bronx, a "Super 25" prep prospect who finished her high school career with over 3,100 points, signed with the Yellow Jackets, as did Millie Martinez, a 5-foot-8 guard from Michigan.

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## Wolfpack NOTES



### Men's, women's teams ranked nationally

N.C. State's men's and women's tennis teams both made appearances in the latest poll released by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

The women's team moved up two spots from the last weeks' rankings to No. 33 and is ranked third amongst Atlantic Coast Conference teams.

The men's team ranks No. 59, down a few spots from No. 46 in the last poll.

Roberto Bracone, State's No. 1 singles player, is ranked No. 61 in the nation, while the doubles team of Bracone and freshman Eric Jackson is ranked No. 34, behind just one other ACC pair, Duke's Dmitry Muzka and Doug Root.

Stanford is ranked No. 1 in both the men's and women's team rankings, with the Duke women holding the No. 3 spot and the Duke men at No. 18, the highest-ranked ACC teams in either poll. The NCSU men's tennis team has just one more meet before the ACC Championships. The Pack will meet Wake Forest this weekend in Winston-Salem.

### Amateur sports grant given

North Carolina Amateur Sports has granted its endowments for the Spring 1998 period.

Over \$16,500 was distributed among 19 different applicants.

The fund started with profits from the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival. It provides grants twice a year to deserving amateur athletic programs, amateur athletes training for elite-level competitions, and other programs that promote amateur athletics.

Among this Spring's recipients is the N.C. State Rowing Club, which received a \$500 grant.

Two thousand dollar grants went to training expenses for disabled athletes and an archer from Hurdle Mills, North Carolina.

Other grants went toward renovations and improvements to high school and town baseball and softball fields, AAU boys and girls basketball programs, as well as the Raleigh 2007 Pan American Games bid and the Raleigh Rugby Football Club.

### Wolfpack gymnasts compete at Nationals

The N.C. State gymnastics team completed its 1998 season at the Nationals competition held at UCLA Thursday.

The Pack finished with a 194,125, exactly one point shy of its 195,125 mark posted at Regionals two weeks ago. They started the meet on vault, scoring a 48,300 behind the strong scoring of senior Co-Captain Ashley Hutsell, who posted a 9,800.

In the second rotation, State scored a 48,075 on the uneven bars, again led by Hutsell's 9,750. After a bye in the third rotation, the Pack posted a 48,825 with four gymnasts recording a 9,775.

In their last event, State finished strong on floor exercise with a 48,925. Hutsell was the leading scorer once again who, along with Jen Sommer, led the team with a 9,825 on the event.

The top three finishers—Georgia, Alabama, Arizona State—advance to today's Super Six final to decide the national champion.

## ACC

N.C. State's women's tennis team takes on Wake Forest in Winston Salem this weekend, and then returns home for senior day next Tuesday against ECU. Look for a feature on the record-setting women's tennis team next Wednesday.

# Tigers

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of whom plays regularly.

State pitchers will have a tough time finding a soft spot in the Clemson line-up. Only two of the regulars are batting under .321, and the Tigers are 11th in the nation in team batting average, with an astounding .349.

"When you go out there, you treat everybody the same," junior reliever Whitney Hughes said of facing the Tiger line-up. "You just have to throw strikes. You have to get up for these type games."

The Pack Nine has been putting it all together as of late, thanks in part to a more stable line-up. Junior Todd DeMakes has found a home

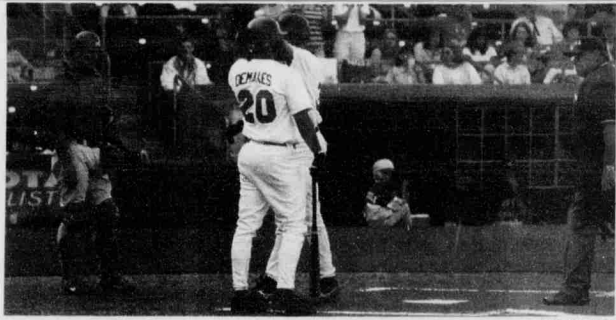
at shortstop, allowing Josh Ballard to spend more time at third base and giving the Pack a solid defense up the middle.

Also, the return of junior Adrea Acevedo, the team's leading hitter before being hit in the face by a pitch against Virginia, will boost the Wolfpack in several areas. Acevedo, who will sport a special batting helmet, will see some time at centerfield, allowing Brad Piery to play more at catcher. The hard-throwing left hander will also spend some time at the mound as a reliever.

This road trip to Clemson could be the biggest series State will play all year, and the Tigers will be just as hungry for a win.

"If we play our game, we can win against anyone," Ward stated simply.

Even on the road.



N.C. State, currently second in the ACC, has just three more ACC series this season. After this weekend's trip to Clemson, State will travel to Chapel Hill and host the Duke Blue Devils.

# ACC

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Out of Imlay City High School, Martinez averaged 26.6 points and 14.4 rebounds per contest her senior year.

At Wake Forest, Charlene Curtis signed Elizabeth Rogers as the fourth member of the Deacons class of 2002.

Rogers is a 5-foot-10-inch guard from Ravenscroft High School in Raleigh who has scored over 1,800

points in her prep career.

## ACC mourns death of long-time official

Long-time ACC basketball official Hal Grossman died this past weekend in Philadelphia, due to heart failure.

One of the nation's most respected and recognized basketball officials, Grossman worked at the collegiate level for over 20 years.

He worked five ACC tournament finals, five NIT finals and 16 NCAA tournaments, including eight regional finals.

Grossman is survived by his wife, Gloria, and two children.

# Noel

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person notice. It's not exactly like I'm Bob Costas or even some schmoe like Jim Gray or John Tesh.

"Now if I've made you feel bad, I'm sorry. Don't feel bad, I wouldn't want that, and, after all, it's a nation-wide epidemic, so why not just fit right in."

Maybe track is just too objective for our liking.

After all, when you have winners, you have losers. When you have finish lines, you have people who don't get there as fast, and when people jump far, some people can't jump that far. And how would that make them feel? To be labeled as losers because they're a little slower isn't very nice.

And, besides, how would you know you've done well if you didn't have a sign there to tell you just how well you did?

And, yet, there must be more, for plenty of sports are relatively

objective, yet fill stadiums, homes and hearts every day.

You can't look to the excuse of being new to the sport, as we so pitifully cling to in hockey. A generation of Americans grew up watching and enjoying track and field on Saturday afternoon television. What happened?

Heck if I know. I'll keep going.

Would just a little support be that hard?

When you can fit 7000 people inside Reynolds Coliseum for gymnastics, it would seem that you could get 200 for a track meet. Right?

Somebody mentioned to me that gymnastics is awesome, and, heck, they're going to Nationals so, if you have success, people will come.

Great, I don't have anything against gymnasts. I'll go watch them if worst came to worst.

But don't try and tell me that N.C. State hasn't produced in track — that there's no success in State track. This year's team has four All-Americans, several others in cross country, with more waiting in the wings and still in high school.

Try on for size eight ACC track

championships and 23 cross country championships.

The team heads down to Disneyland this weekend with an excellent shot of winning ACCs. When was the last time the basketball team did that, or football or baseball? And don't try and tell me that UNC-Chapel Hill and Clemson aren't track powerhouses comparable to the Florida States in football and the UNC-CHS and Dukes in basketball.

Is it that track is just not exciting enough for you? Is there too much to choose from? Help me out here.

Maybe I'm the strange one, and there's nothing to get excited about.

Or does it just make you feel bad, as you sit there eating your potato chips watching Simpson reruns or playing your computer games?

As you sit there and revel in your world of pleasant ease, somebody is out there straining, supporting, working and getting faster, quicker and stronger.

Until I figure it out or someone learns me better, though, I'll keep watching, keep loving and keep supporting.

# Track

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throws, the sprints have not improved as much as hoped this spring.

The absence of ACC champion Alvis Whitted from the track has only highlighted the team's weakness. Whitted has concentrated on football with the NFL draft approaching, and it is not known whether he will compete this weekend.

The Pack will be looking to shine again in the distance races. Pat Joyce will be running for an individual championship in the 10,000 meters and may be joined by Pack junior Cory Pons, looking to make a return from a tough winter, which left him sidelined since cross country season.

While 3000-meter champ Chan Pons will be on the sidelines, redshirting the outdoor season for health reasons, Robbie Howell heads into ACCs on a tremendous hot streak. Howell has the ACC's top outdoor time in the 5000 meters and the second best in the 1500 meters, although he may drop one to run the 800 meters.

If so, he'll join the rest of the ACC and nation in chasing Georgia Tech's David Krummenacker, the nation's finest collegiate middle distance runner.

The Pack's strongest part of the team could be the throws team, and lots of points are expected from throwers Jeff Plaumbaum, John Williamson and John Patterson.

One key race to watch this weekend will be the men's 110-meter hurdles.

Perry has run well in his two races this season since returning from spring football, including a NCAA qualifying time, but will again be contending with a talented Clemson team with three hurdlers in the top four.

Perry's victory at the indoor championships in the 60-meter hurdles was one of the biggest upsets at the championships.

The meet will take place over two days — this Friday and Saturday — in Orlando.

**N.C. State men's ACC Outdoor track and field titles**

- 1983
- 1984
- 1985
- 1986
- 1987
- 1988
- 1996

**N.C. State women's ACC Outdoor track and field champions 1997**

- Christy Nichols 3,000 meters
- Jackie Coscia 10,000 meters

**There will be a Union Activities Board Town Meeting Apr. 22 from 5-6 p.m. in the Campus Cinema to allow students to meet new officers, to discuss the 1998-1999 calendar and to suggest future events.**

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# Tech Too

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## Hobex hits Cradle

■ Hobex comes "Back to the 90s" with show at the Cats Cradle.

KEVIN RING  
Staff Writer

If you looked at the musical history of the Triangle area, you probably couldn't find three people more important to that history than Greg Humphreys, Andy Ware and Steve Hill, the members of Hobex.

Humphreys and Ware both played with Dillon Fence; Hill played with Triangle punk-funkers Johnny Quest. Those two bands, along with many others, earned the Triangle the dubious title of "the next Seattle" during the summer of 1993. Out of the ashes of those two bands rose Hobex, an R&B influenced band that is destined to make its own mark here in the Triangle.

Tuesday night, Hobex rolled into the Cats Cradle to celebrate the release of their new Compact Disc "Back in the 90s." They opened the show with "Let Me Live" from 1996's "The Payback EP" and then moved into songs from the new CD.

These songs were very similar to the funky tunes from the EP, but with more vocal harmony. As they rolled through the tunes, they paused to thank G105 for playing their new single and the fans for coming out to the show.

For the last song of the evening, Gibb Droll joined the band onstage and played a great solo to end the show. About 15 minutes after that, The Gibb Droll Band took the stage. This band from Virginia Beach, Va., with an upright bass, keyboard, guitar and drums filled the Cradle with sound immediately.

Droll is a big fan of the long guitar solo. This is a lot of fun to listen to during the first song, but the idea really begins to tire after two or three.

Hobex will be playing at the McLeur Beach Fest at UNC-Chapel Hill on Sat., April 18. For more Hobex tour dates, you can check out their homepage at <http://home.earthlink.net/~hobex>.



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The three guys in Hobex are building the Triangles' rock reputation.

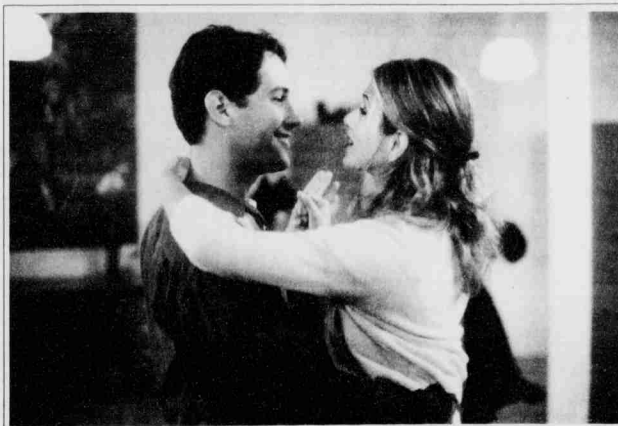


PHOTO COURTESY OF TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX  
Aniston and Rudd will dance into your heart in "The Object of My Affection."

## New movie has surprises

■ "The Object of My Affection" has enough ups and downs in its events and emotions to make it a great love story.

SABINA SHAMMASANI  
Staff Writer

It is one of those great love stories in which the couple is perfect and the attraction is strong, yet there is some obstacle that prevents the knight in shining armor from rescuing his damsel in distress.

From the preview of "The Object of My Affection," one may expect more comedy, and with a lead actress like Jennifer Aniston one would hope for more romance. Aniston (from "Friends") plays Nina Boroski, an inner-city youth counselor who develops an increasingly strong relationship

with George Hanson (Paul Rudd), a gay kindergarten teacher. He is the man of her dreams; he is charming, funny, sensitive, respectful of her needs and adorable. But to the object of her affection she can be nothing more than a friend.

You may have recognized Rudd opposite Alicia Silverstone in the movie "Clueless." The girl gets the guy in that movie, but she's the guy in this one?

Rudd plays an excellent role in this film. He brings a sincerity and honesty to his character that the audience will find difficult to resist. This actor has the talent and the look to make it big.

Aniston, best known for her talent on the television screen, gets to prove her worth as an actress on the big screen. We definitely want to see more of her in upcoming films.

The screenplay is portrayed from Nina's point of view. Nina and George are friends and roommates. She begins feeling romantically attracted to him when they begin taking dance lessons together. When Nina becomes pregnant by her boyfriend Vince, she soon realizes her feelings for George and finds herself asking him to help raise her child instead of Vince.

George loves kids and he loves Nina, so he accepts her offer. But just as Nina cannot help how she feels for George, he cannot help how he feels for other men. They are perfect for each other, but they are not meant to be as lovers.

It is a great love story: a lot of love, just enough sadness, a few broken hearts, and still a happy ending.

## Good time for a good cause

■ Tonight's bash helps build houses for families and notoriety for NCSU musicians.

MONIQUE THOMAS  
Staff Writer

This school year is finally spiraling to an end, and what better way to celebrate than to jam with fellow students at the 1998 Builders

Bash. The "bash" held tonight is a benefit to raise money for N.C. State's Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. All money raised will go toward the costs of materials used in building families' houses.

Concert coordinator, Lola Vlaservic, is excited about the show not only because it's raising money for a good cause but also because "all of the performers are

either alumni or current students of N.C. State."

The concert will feature the "bluesy" tunes of Doluz, the energized "funkadelic" performance of Flipside Phonix, and female vocalist Tyler England. The show starts at 9 p.m. at the Lake Boone Country Club, 442 Wycliff Road, and admission is only \$6.00.

### All My Children:

As Jim attacked both Dimitri and Edmund, Dimitri realized Brooke was in serious danger. Meanwhile, Mateo had another disturbing flash "forward" of Hayley and began coming out of his coma. Ryan interrupted Scott and Gillian's wedding, which then turned into Ryan and Gillian's wedding. As Dimitri tried to free Edmund, he told him he regretted what happened between himself and Maria.

**Wait To See:** Erica comes face-to-face with Mike Roy.

### Another World:

Jake went to visit Steven and Kirkland, and was shocked to find Grant there with Vicky. Later, to Lila's dismay, Jake comforted Vicky as she listened to her father's videotaped will. Cass learned that Lila sold the music box, which was his one key to the mystery of the "Embers in the Snow" situation. The tension between Nick and Sofia grew when he received his inheritance. Rachel told Carl off for restructuring Cory Enterprises.

**Wait To See:** Amanda confronts Cameron.

### As the World Turns:

Molly seduced David in time for Emily to see them, and later told Lucinda the plan worked. Hal confronted Carly about his seeing her with Jack. John and Barbara argued over the divorce. Later, after seeing her reading to Johnny at the baby's grave, John asked Kim to help him. Margo brought Deena's effects to Eddie and found him trashing his cell in a rage.

**Wait To See:** Jack is forced to reconsider his decision to leave town.

### The Bold and the Beautiful:

Rick told Amber she didn't have to donate a kidney to him out of guilt (for the accident), but she assured him that she did it out of love. Thorne told a stunned Stefanie that she was tired of spending his life trying to win her approval. Later, Thorne realized he had no hope of regaining Macy's love when she told him she was marrying Grant. Meanwhile, Stephanie arranged to take a photo of Ridge and Taylor with their son, Thomas. She later showed Brooke the photo and handed her annulment papers, telling her to do the right thing.

**Wait To See:** Brooke asks Ridge to make an important decision.

### Days of Our Lives:

Kristen prepared to ditch Edmund and leave the country. John and Stefano argued over Laura's part in Kristen's death. Later, Laura was arrested and blamed Marlena for her predicament. Susan awaited the Sultan's decision about her fate. Stefano administered a cure for Celeste. Nicole received a mysterious letter.

**Wait To See:** Sami turns to Vivian for help with her "New Faces" campaign.

### General Hospital:

Katherine assured Luke that Laura is safe because she's the only other woman Stefan ever loved. Dara was impressed by Taggart's sensitivity to Liz's rape experience. Carly and Jason visited Virginia's grave. The dock strike triggered a walkout by the

Quartermasters' servants. Seeing Emily in fear of him, Alan vowed to kick his pill habit. Mac realized Jax's brother, Jerry, may have been behind the plot to assassinate Jax.

### Wait To See:

Robin's testimony shocks everyone.

### Guiding Light:

Josh came face to face with the grown up Reva clone. Meanwhile, on the island, Sean struggled to help a delirious Reva, who believed he was Josh. Phillip and Harley argued over Beth. Josh continued to resist the attempts of Reva's clone to seduce him. Rob accused Cassie and Josh of having an affair.

**Wait To See:** Harley faces a dangerous Carl.

**One Life to Live:** Todd found the crucifix Andrew left earlier and confronted him. Cassie unwittingly put Kevin's life in danger. George hurt herself when Bo rejected her advances. Later, Rachel found George battered and bruised. Meanwhile, Bo asked Asa for help regarding the George situation. Todd dove into the water to retrieve Tea's necklace and didn't resurface.

**Wait To See:** Dorian comes face-to-face with Carlo Hesser.

### Port Charles:

Kevin and Lucy looked for clues to Kevin's tortured past in Victor's belongings. But Kevin's quest for the truth ended when Victor burned them. Chris alerted the police about Jake's affair with Lark, leading to Jake's being

haunted in for questioning. Scott and Eve persuaded Lark to tell the truth. Joe was upset to see a priest give Frank last rites. Rex told Lucy he knows Kevin wrote "General Homicide." Eve found a packet of drugs in her car just as the police pulled her over. Lark saw Bennett inject Frank with the experimental cell regeneration drug.

**Wait To See:** Frank and Lark make a pact.

### Sunset Beach:

Casey and Meg broke down the door to the warehouse, unaware that Ben was being kept prisoner inside by Derek. Virginia learned the potion she used to make Vanessa believe she has Martin's Syndrome won't stand up to medical tests. Eddie's blackmail made Derek more anxious about getting Ben's money. A frantic Caitlin awoke to find Cole had not been home all night. Annie launched a scheme to dispel Sean's doubts about Caitlin's baby.

**Wait To See:** Derek wants Ben about Meg.

### The Young and the Restless:

After Lynne lit into Paul about letting Danny possibly win Chris by default, Paul blamed Mary for advising him to send Chris away. Neil realized his marriage was over when Dru said she would take the modeling job. Concerned by his mother's condition and the state of his marriage to Sharon, Nick sent Sharon away when she came to comfort him about Nikki. Aware that Nikki might die, Victor asked Diane to let him remarry Nikki to fulfill her dream of reuniting the family.

## Weekly Schedule

### Cinema

**Campus Cinema**  
\$1.50 with Student Identification, \$2 without  
Fri., April 17 & Sat. April 18 "Jackie Brown" at 7 and 10 p.m.  
Sun., April 19 "Goldfinger" at 7 p.m. FREE  
Thurs., April 23 "Scream 2" at 6:45 & 9 p.m.  
**N.C. Museum of Art**  
Sat., April 18 "It's Raining Cats and Dogs" at 12:30 p.m. FREE

### Music

**Berkeley Cafe**  
Fri., April 17 New Vintage (bluegrass)  
Sat., April 18 Rex Grass Blues Band  
Thurs., April 23 Anna to the Infinite Power  
**Brewery**  
Fri., April 17 Hipbone  
Sat., April 18 Resin, Drill 187, Unsound, Fly Machine  
Sun., April 19 Nashville Pussy, Gaunt, Big Joe  
**Cat's Cradle**  
Fri., April 17 Hipbone  
Sat., April 18 Resin, Drill 187, Unsound, Fly Machine  
Sun., April 19 Nashville Pussy, Gaunt, Big Joe  
**Record Exchange — Hillsborough Street**  
Fri., April 17 Jack Seven at 7 p.m.  
Sat., April 18 Bobby Hinton at 4 p.m.  
Mon., April 20 Ska-Fu-Squirrels at 7:30 p.m.  
Tues., April 21 Orange at 5 p.m.  
Wed., April 21 Bez-Mongold Blues Band at 7 p.m.  
Wed., April 22 Inflicted Spoon at 5 p.m.  
Wed., April 22 Troubadours of Divine Bliss at 7 p.m.  
Thurs., April 23 Underwater at 7 p.m.  
**Trinity Farms**  
Sat., April 18 Capitol City Music Festival at 12:30 p.m. featuring George Clinton & the P-Funk All-Stars, Edwin McCain, Jupiter Coyote and Chairman of the Board.  
**Walnut Creek Amphitheatre**  
Sat., April 18 Earth Day '98 Music Fest at 2 p.m. featuring Sister Hazel, Cravin' Melon, Jump Little Children, Southern Culture on the Skids and the Gibb Droll Band.  
**Ziggy's — Winston-Salem**  
Fri., April 17 Gibb Droll Band  
Sat., April 18 Too Skinee J's  
Wed., April 22 Agents of Good Roots, Huffamoose  
**Raleigh Convention and Conference Center**  
Fri. & Sat., April 17-18 Big Band Concert at 8 p.m. \$17-39.

### Performances

**Artspace — Raleigh**  
Fri. & Sat., April 17-18 Raleigh Ensemble Players present "A View from the Bridge" at 8 p.m. \$6-\$12.  
**Forum & Function**  
Fri., April 17 Transactors Experimental Theatre at 8 p.m. \$4.  
**Memorial Hall — UNC-CH**  
Fri., April 17 Jazz Pianist Marcus Roberts at 8 p.m. \$9-\$24.  
**Paul Green Theatre — UNC-CH**  
Sat., April 18 at 8 p.m. & Sun., April 19 at 2 p.m. "The Threeplay Opera" \$9-\$23  
**Raleigh Little Theatre**  
Fri. & Sat., April 17-18 "Death and the Maiden" at 8 p.m. \$10  
**Stewart Theatre**  
Fri., April 17 Ladies in Red at 8 p.m.  
Sat., April 18 The John Whelan Band & Mick Maloney at 8 p.m. \$8-\$20.  
Sun., April 19 NCSU Chamber Singers at 3 p.m. \$2-\$5.  
Sun., April 19 NCSU Percussion Ensemble at 8 p.m.  
Mon., April 20 NCSU Men's Glee Club, Women's Choir, Raleigh Civic Symphony at 8 p.m. \$2-\$5.  
Wed., April 22 Reduced Shakespeare Company's "Complete Word of God" at 8 p.m.  
Thurs., April 23 Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra 8 p.m. \$2-\$5.  
**Temple Theatre — Sanford**  
Fri. & Sat., April 17-18 "Hamlet: The Musical" at 8 p.m. \$14  
**Thompson Theatre**  
Wed., April 22 "The Zoo Story" at 8 p.m. \$2-\$4.

### Events

**Student Center**  
Fri., April 17 International Night at 6:30 p.m. \$1-\$2.  
**NCSU Brickyard**  
Wed., April 22 Earth Day Celebration. Featuring bands, speakers and activities. 10a.m. - 2 p.m. FREE.  
**N.C. Museum of Art**  
Sat., April 18 "Evening with Friends" Gala, a fundraiser for the Triangle AIDS Collaboration with speakers and desserts. \$20 donation.  
**ArtsCenter — Carrboro**  
Fri., April 17 Haw River Jam (acoustic) at 8 p.m. \$8  
Sat., April 18 Jamie Hartford Band, R.B. Morris at 8 p.m. \$10.  
Thurs., April 23 "An Evening of Jazz Dance" at 8 p.m. \$5.  
**Jones Auditorium — Meredith College**  
Sat., April 18 "Make Your Own Orchestra" at 4 p.m. \$7.  
**N.C. State Fairgrounds**  
Fri.-Sun., April 17-19 Southern Ideal Home Show in Graham Building.  
Fri.-Sun., April 17-19 Quarter Horse Show at Hunt Horse Complex.  
Fri.-Sun., April 17-19 Friendship Camping Club at Midway.  
Fri.-Sat., April 17-18 Amish Quilts and Crafts in Holhouser Building.  
Sat., April 18 Wellpath at Harrill Center.  
Sun., April 19 Magellan Laboratories at Harrill

## Editorials

### Stingy VP

■ Is Al Gore a national "scrooge"?

With President Clinton under the public eye, things are a little edgy in the White House. Now, to top it all off, Vice President Al Gore is receiving media attention. Except this time it's not for visiting tornado victims but for his tax returns.

This Monday, Gore's tax returns were publicly released, and what the public saw shocked them far beyond what was expected. Last year Gore reportedly donated a mere \$353 to charities from his \$197,729 paycheck.

This is not good for a man who hopes to be president one day. This whole time citizens have viewed Al Gore as an American model, always willing to help those who are in need. Always running to the president's rescue. Covering tracks when needed. Yes, that's Gore, the generous man himself.

Lately, Gore has visited tornado victims to offer support and hope. His words were encouraging and promising. Gore promised citizens that they would receive financial help to rebuild their homes and their lives; however, now it seems all the Gores have been doing is giving their time and, better yet, their appearance.

It's wrong and immoral for someone to be a spokesman for charities and encourage citizens to contribute to their local charitable organizations when the vice

president of the United States doesn't even do so. Gore is supposed to be a role model, teaching the children of our future generation what is right and wrong.

The Internal Revenue Service claimed that an average, normal, American household donates at least \$600 to charity, which is more than they can say for the vice president of the United States. When a hardworking farmer and an underpaid mechanic can donate to charity, then yes, the vice president is expected to do so as well. His money is a lot easier to come by than is the average, underpaid citizen's.

What's more disturbing is the fact that Gore can send two children to one of the highest tuition schools in the country, yet he can't send a small check to a deserving charity. If the money wasn't sufficient, which White House spokesmen are claiming, then how could he afford to send his children to one of the highest tuition schools charging universities in America?

Talk about being a "Scrooge." Not only is Gore paid for the vice presidency, he also has other means of income, such as through publicity and endorsements, the publishing of his book, etc.

When the vice president doesn't care more than \$353 for needy organizations, the word "Scrooge" comes to mind.

If the vice president doesn't care any more than that then there is a problem with our system. Or maybe the real problem is the people who vote for these Scrooges.



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### Who is above the law?

NATALIE DUGGINS  
Staff Columnist

During this entire fiasco between Paula Jones and Bill Clinton, I maintained that the president is neither above the law nor below it. Clinton cannot avoid litigation merely because of his position in office. But the president also cannot be the subject of continual frivolous and unsubstantiated lawsuits. U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright examined the charges against Clinton and threw the case out. No one is above the law, but no one is below it. Jones' civil lawsuit did not fit the legal definitions of sexual harassment, so finally it was tossed out (now it seems as though those "Right Wing Conspirators" are going to throw their money toward an appeal).

No one is above the law; no one is below it. Maybe if I keep repeating that to myself, I'll actually start to believe it. It's an ideal that's supposed to be true. A rich person can't buy their way out of any charges against them — or shouldn't be able to, at any rate. On the flip side, no one should be the stomping ground for mock justice, either. A person should be tried for what he or she did, not because of what people think was done.

As I write, Timothy Blackwell sits in a Durham County jail cell awaiting his fate. Last year, Blackwell made the mistake of getting behind the wheel following the consumption of alcohol and drugs. He was drinking and driving, both the prosecution and the defense agree on that (though the defense does contend that Blackwell fell asleep behind the wheel). Blackwell eventually crashed into the side of Sherry Dail's car and then ricocheted into a family van, killing one of its passengers. When you read it like that, it sounds like every other drunk driving case that has ever made its way to court. But unlike those cases, Timothy Blackwell stands accused of first-degree murder. For only the second time, a man stands accused of first degree murder following the death of another person in a drunk-driving accident.

I agree that Blackwell should go to prison (among other places). But the fact of the matter is that you cannot alter the law for some people and not for others. When some guy kills someone after drinking and driving, he's convicted of involuntary manslaughter. But when Timothy Blackwell does it, it's first-degree murder. The law

doesn't work that way. In order to prove that Blackwell is guilty of murder, the prosecution would have to prove that Blackwell committed this treacherous act with malice. I don't believe that to be the case here. If Blackwell is guilty of first-degree murder, then his truck is considered to be a deadly weapon. That idea is just absurd. Malice means that after hitting Sherry Dail's car, he had the ability to get control of his vehicle before hitting the van, but didn't. Now I don't know that he couldn't, but the whole idea seems somewhat farfetched to me.

More so than anything, first-degree murder seems to imply that Blackwell was not remorseful following the crash, and I don't see that to be true. Even Sherry Dail testified that following the accident, Blackwell rushed over to the car to see if everyone was okay. Sounds like remorse to me. Blackwell admits he is guilty of involuntary manslaughter and is prepared to accept punishment for his crimes. Also, Blackwell pleaded guilty to five lesser charges, including a felony driving while impaired (DWI). He regrets his actions, proving that this is not first-degree

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### Go Tumblers!

■ Pack gymnasts do us proud.

Yesterday afternoon, N.C. State had an athletic team compete at a national championship competition. It wasn't the baseball team, the track team or any other team from a so-called "high profile" sport. Rather, the team that took the floor at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion against the toughest teams in the country Thursday afternoon was the Wolfpack gymnastics team, and theirs is a story of overcoming tremendous odds.

The Wolfpack faced some of the toughest teams in the country during its regular season.

Georgia, Alabama, Florida.

At one point in the season, these three teams were all ranked in the top five simultaneously. And the Pack faced these three teams during the course of the 1998 season, in addition to several other perennially

strong squads. While it didn't win every match it competed in, it proved that it wasn't afraid to schedule and compete against the best teams in the land.

When it competed at Regionals two weeks ago, the Pack scored a 195.125 — its highest Regionals mark in history. In doing so, it also became the first team from the Research Triangle to compete at the nation's toughest competition.

And this from a team that's not fully funded. All of the squads that will be competing at Nationals have 12 full scholarships to offer to prospective gymnasts; the Pack has just eight. That's a fourth fewer scholarships than Georgia or Alabama has to use. Imagine where the basketball or football teams would be minus a fourth of their talent. What Coach Mark Stevenson in recruiting and training the personnel brought in with just eight scholarships is phenomenal.

Congratulations, Wolfpack gymnastics team. Win or lose, you do NCSU proud.

### Campus

### Forum

#### Support BGLA strong

As we come to close another Lesbian-Gay Awareness Week here at NCSU, we are happy that our outreach has had some impact. People have been enlightened on many topics related to homosexuality and now see things in a different light. Many lessons were learned by students, both gay and straight. Monday, we learned at a Gays & Christianity forum that, unlike what many people believe, not all Christians think gays will burn in hell. Many interpret the Bible differently and are accepting of their fellow Christians who just so happen to be gay or lesbian. Just because the religious right hates us doesn't mean all Christians do.

Tuesday, we talked about gay youth and how they have a double burden due to both homophobia from their peers and lack of respect from older gays. However, we see that as this decade has progressed, high school and college-aged gays/lesbians/bisexuals are becoming more organized, more involved and more determined not to be silenced by the closet of by the older generation.

Wednesday, we learned from the film "It's Elementary" that children

never really have anti-gay feelings until they learn them from their parents, ministers or other older people. Bigotry is learned, not innate. And finally tonight, we'll see that gays aren't just into activism, but we can have fun, too. Our Awareness Week Festival is in the Bragav Activity Room with food and live music. But the most prevalent lesson learned this week was not from any of our speakers, but from anti-gay students. It seems that free speech is encouraged, just so as you don't talk about homosexuality. All we have to say to some of you is that you may disagree with us. That's fine, but don't censor us. As a registered student organization, BGLA reserves certain rights for promoting our campus activities, and as a group of American citizens we les-bi-gay students have a right to free speech. The university supports us...why can't you accept that?

Rob Ridings  
Co-Chair, Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians & Allies (BGLA)

#### Callahan responds to article

I write this letter in response to the article that appeared in the April 6 edition of Technician regarding

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### Can't we be what we want?

K. GAFFNEY  
Guest Columnist

I'm not naive and I don't live in a glass bottle, but the amount of bigotry that exists here at N.C. State still bothers me.

Last night as I was walking home with a couple of friends from a movie on Hillsborough St., we walked through the tunnel to find the regular nightly happenings of people painting. No big deal, until the big belt buckles showed up. I call them that because that was the first thing that I noticed about them.

They were five guys, in boots and sneakers, jeans with giant-sized belt buckles and big lumps in their bottom lips.

And they were there to freely express their opinions about gays and lesbians. They called and hollered, just like the Hollywood portrayal of the Southern redneck; they spat their dip and painted anti-gay messages over the part of the wall where the BGLA had painted the night before. The part of the wall, it should be noted, that had to be repainted because of a similar act the first time it went up there.

What they did wasn't illegal, and it wasn't causing any physical harm to anyone, but it disgusted me. I am not gay, and I must admit to having been upset and somewhat disgusted the two times that a woman has come on to me, but that

doesn't mean I believe that homosexuals and lesbians don't have a right to live their lives the way they choose to.

If we all had to conform, do you really think that country music would exist? There is more adultery and drinking and violence and morally questionable behavior in country music than on any college campus.

My first impression was to wonder what these gentlemen, if you can presume them to be such, would have done if the BGLA painted "Kill farmers" in the tunnel during Agricultural Awareness week.

I have my prejudices, I admit it. Everyone does. And the thing that bothers me the most is that before I thought about it, I immediately classified these guys, and in doing so, tainted the image of every "Ag" student on the campus.

But the difference between having prejudices and being a bigot is acting on those prejudices without finding out the truth first.

But thankfully I did think, and I realized that these five guys were student on the campus. I just wish these guys had thought before they acted, or at least acted on informed thought.

And I am pretty sure that they haven't the foggiest idea about gays or lesbians and are probably just acting on ignorance.

One of my roommate's friends doesn't like me because I am a Yankee and I wasn't raised with the morals of "a good Southern girl."

And while it may seem beside the point, it is not, because ignorance is ignorance. And ignorance is the point, but it is not ignorance that is the problem.

Everyone is ignorant about something or other. Straight up, I am completely ignorant about how to grow tobacco. The problem lies in not acknowledging your ignorance and acting on it anyway.

I would look like a fool if I started a hate campaign against tobacco farms — just like these people look like fools to any rational adult for hating something that they surely don't understand, and my roommate's friend looks like a fool for not liking me because I happened to be raised in New York. Free expression is free expression, and I support people's right to paint whatever they want in the tunnel. Just like I support Joe's right to wear a cowboy hat to class, and Sally's right to have her tongue pierced, and Jimmy's right to be a homosexual.

But if you want to support your uneducated ideals about homosexuality being morally wrong, don't do it while painting "fags should be hung" on a wall.

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murder.  
During the latter stages of the OJ trial, many people became critical of Johnnie Cochran for playing the "race card." In this trial, the prosecutor is playing the "child card." Durham District Attorney Jim Hardin Jr. is intentionally playing on the sympathies of the jurors. If an overweight, blue collar, 45-year-old man had died in that accident, I doubt that this would have been a murder trial at all. Because the victim of this crash was an adorable 4-year-old child, an involuntary manslaughter case becomes a murder trial.

Kudos to the prosecution, though—it's a great strategy. It's sickening and uncompassionate, but hey, it just might work. During the victim's father's testimony, DA Hardin showed a photograph of 4-year-old Megan, taken a week before her death. Her father, Greg Dail, broke down again on the

stand. Four jurors wept during Greg Dail's testimony. During closing arguments, Hardin used an overhead projector to display an X-ray of Megan's broken neck and showed more pictures of the young girl. The DA is hoping to gain this conviction of first-degree murder based on the audacity of the crime, as opposed to the law. Meanwhile, the Dails are forced to relive their daughter's untimely demise.

Psychological tests have proven that humans respond well to two things: puppies and children. It's true; just look at the commercials on television. You're more likely to buy something if a baby or a puppy is involved. And the prosecution bets that people are more likely to bring their case if they keep reminding them that a child is involved (coincidentally, Hardin did mention something about dogs in his closing statement).

No one is above the law; no one is below it. Maybe if we all keep repeating it, people will eventually find justice.

Questions, comments, or opinions can be directed to Natalie at [SaveLiv@aol.com](mailto:SaveLiv@aol.com).

# New York approves textbook tax break

■ **Throng of college students cheer the move that could save them dozens every year.**

ELIZABETH HERMAN  
Cornell Daily Sun (Cornell U.)

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — Next semester, college students will leave campus bookstores with a few extra dollars in their wallets. As a result of a clause in next year's New York State budget, students will no longer have to pay sales tax on textbooks. The budget was passed Tuesday night.

In response to rising tuition costs in the State University of New York system, members of the State Assembly proposed the student tax break.

"Thus far, students have reacted enthusiastically to the news," said Lee Rudofsky '01. "Because students are required to buy the textbooks, it is ridiculous for them to be taxed."

William Ham, grad. agreed, saying, "I think textbooks are over-priced in the first place; this makes it better for the students." Although many college students will benefit financially, residents of Tompkins County said they are concerned that they will have to make up for lost revenue.

Prof. Emeritus Stuart Stein, city and regional planning, who is also a member of the Tompkins County Board of Representatives, expects the county to lose almost two-thirds of the \$500,000 normally generated each year by sales tax on textbooks.

"The county, which receives 60 percent of the sales tax revenues,

will have a one and one-half percent hole in the budget, but might not have to raise property taxes because of the current healthy economy," said Scott Heyman, administrator of the Tompkins County Board of Representatives.

However, Heyman said the City of Ithaca may raise property taxes by as much as two percent to absorb the loss of sales tax revenue. The towns and villages that receive the remainder of the tax income will also have to find ways to make up the loss, said Heyman.



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**Cornell University, one of the many institutions of higher learning whose students will be massively affected by the generous tax break in New York.**

"It seems like an ill-intentioned, but well thought-out idea," said Tompkins County Representatives Board member Barbara Mink. "The state government should give the counties the option to go along with it."

"Tompkins County will be hit much harder than the other 61 counties in New York State due to the nature of our economy," Stein said. He explained that the Ithaca area will be affected more

strongly because students comprise a higher proportion of the population than in other areas of the state. Approximately 25 percent of Tompkins County residents are enrolled at Cornell University, Ithaca College or Tompkins-Cortland Community College.

When members of the Tompkins County Board of Representatives received word of the proposed tax break last week, they sent a resolution to Albany to object to the textbook clause in the budget.

"It is a good idea to make an education cheaper and more accessible, but the tax burden should be spread more evenly around the state," said Timothy Joseph '73, also a member of the representatives board.

"[The Assembly] should have allowed for consent from the people. The effects on the different areas should have been considered," Heyley said.

Joseph explained that the Department of Taxes and Finance will determine what books are accepted for the sales tax exemption, adding that there has been some controversy over what constitutes a text book.

"If a professor assigns *Macbeth*, does it count as a textbook?" said Joseph, giving an example of a potentially ambiguous book.

He said that when students purchase their textbooks, they will have to present student identification and proof that the book is going to be used for a class in order to get the tax break.

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my candidacy for Senate President. I must say that I am very disappointed in the integrity of a paper that only tells part of the story. The writer of the article, who spoke with me before the article was written, failed to note that the citation issued to me is being dismissed by the Court. The failure to report the entire truth was simply an attempt by the writer to discredit me as a candidate for Senate President, especially since he told me that my record was the only one checked! Although this letter will not right the wrong done to me I hope it will clarify some of the misconceptions construed against me in the article.

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U.S. party schools stress the social side of life

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JENNIE E. KERSON (Brown Daily Herald) (Brown U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Some college students feel that they have to fight for their right to party. However, at many campuses across the country, partying is a priority, often over academics.

Over the years, experts have compiled many lists ranking the nation's top party schools. These lists are based upon average hours of studying per week and hours of partying per week per student. The presence of Greek life on campus and use of recreational drugs and alcohol also factor into the calculation.

The information is drawn from surveys of hundreds of thousands of college students. From the schools that make the list, it is clear that a specific type of loud, raucous, inebriated bash is what counts as a party. The ability to find a source like this on any night, whether it be Saturday or Tuesday, makes a school a party school. While this type of activity is probably present at most schools in the nation, at a party school it is accessible to everyone and practiced by a large majority of the student body.

Many of the schools considered party schools are large state schools. Weather is also a major factor, as most of the schools are in locations that are either very cold or very warm. For example, on the list compiled by The Princeton Review, Sigma Chi at University of Wisconsin ranks number one and University of Florida ranks number three.

"University of Florida is all about the party," said U.F. sophomore. "At any hour a bunch of drunkards can be found in an uproar. This city never sleeps. We have a little saying here at U.F.: Rock on! Go Gators!" However, not all party schools lie below the Mason-Dixon line. There are also schools on the list of party schools such as University of Wisconsin (#6) and Colgate University (#9), that dwell in freezing, bucolic areas with a lot of snow.

"I think the general consensus is that we drink so much here because it is so cold and there's nothing else to do," said a Dartmouth sophomore. Although Dartmouth did not make it onto any of the official party school lists, it is notorious and has been for years. The 1978 film National Lampoon's Animal House was based on Dartmouth and the fraternity fictionally referred to as Delta House really exists. At this house, the basement contains troughs for various bodily functions that were recently declared open waters and had to be covered with "grass."

"On any given night at Dartmouth, you can walk into a fraternity and see guys peeing on the walls," said the Dartmouth student.

There are fewer party schools in highly developed, cosmopolitan cities such as New York or Chicago. This is because campuses in cities tend to lack the centralized social life that most party schools possess. The exception to this is George Washington University, located in Washington, D.C. and ranked second in Princeton Review's list.

Closer to home in the Ivy League, at the University of Pennsylvania, the party scene is highly unique and definitely geared towards its urban environment. The Greek system at Penn dominates the social scene, and at the most popular parties, even the ones with an admission fee, it is impossible to get in without being on the guest list.

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