Senior success

Pack pitcher Rodney Ormand plays up his senior vear. See page 8.



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Natalie's leaving...

but first her insight on music, tv and film. See page 3.

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AASAC endorses Juby, Aldrich

♦ Michael Juby edged out Alan Hart and the other candidates for the endorsement of the Afrikan-American Student Advisory Council in the race for Student Body

Michael Juby, Mark Aldrich and Yolanda

last Sunday for the upcoming Student Government elections.
Candidates met in the late afternoon at the African-American Cultural Center and were invited one at a time to give a speech and answer questions from representations of the African-American community. Nominees discussed a broad range of issues in their speeches, and questions were focused, generally asking about Affirmative Action, diversity and what each candidate would do if not elected.

elected.

The 10 members of AASAC present then deliberated for 30 minutes behind closed doors to pick the organization's official recommen-

dations for Student Body President, Student Senate President and Student Center President. Michael Juby, Justine Wilson, Daniel Gunter, Raj Mirchandani and Alan Hart presented their plat-forms for Student Body President. Members asked Juby what the Greek community could do for diversity, and Wilson was asked whether she had a diversity plat-form.

diversity, and witson was asked whether she had a diversity platform.

AASAC also asked Gunter how he
defined Affirmative Action.
Mirchandani's vote against an
Affirmative Action resolution last
year was questioned. Hart was
asked how he would pick Task
Force committee members.
Although the final decision was
unanimous, there was serious
debate over recommending Juby or
Hart for Student Body President.
Juby's honesty impressed the committee: he did not feel he could
understand the effects of racism
because he had never personally
experienced them. Hart's ideas for
his Anti-Discrimination Task Force,
along with the style of his speech,
made an impression.

"Hart was so non-political and so
honest," said Student Senator
Adedayo Banwo.

Chris Pegues, chair of AASAC,
said students "need an open-minded
president, willing to listen to all
people."

Mark Adrich and Seth Whitaker,

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eople."
Mark Aldrich and Seth Whitaker, Mark Aldrich and Seth Whitaker, both running for Student Senate President, also spoke. Aldrich was asked what he would do for AASAC if elected, and Whitaker was asked why he did not support an Affirmative Action resolution put before Student Senate last year. Doucette was not considered for Student Senate President because

Student Aldrich
Senate
meeting
where a resolution regarding diversity was discussed.
AASAC debated between Aldrich
and Whitaker before choosing
Aldrich.

Aldrich.

The group decided not to consider Sabrina Yep or Greg Doucette, candidates who did not personally attend the meeting. Then they discussed each of the eight remaining candidates at length. The final choice for each position was made by concentrate.

choice for each position was made by consensus. Yep is running unopposed for Student Center President, also the University Activities Board president. Yoland Morrisey is running a write-in campaign for the position. Scott Litzelman spoke for Yep but could not answer the council's questions about her plans if she was not elected. AASAC decided that Yep could not be considered because she was not present, and recommended Morrisey.

The council will now ask its 32 clarican-American constituent organizations to support its choices for the 1999-2000 student body officials.

Here bunny, bunny, bunny



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, many children took to the fields of Pullen Park for an Easter-ei

Accident claims student

Saturday morning when his car ran off the road and caught fire in a

JIMMY RYRLS

A traffic accident early Saturday morning claimed the life of N.C. State junior Thomas O'Neill. O'Neill was travelling east on Interstate 40 near the Durham

County line, according to a report from the Orange County district branch of the State Highway Patrol. At approximately 2:30 a.m., O'Neill's 1990 Range Rover ran off the right side of the road and struck

the right side of the road and struck a guardrail. The report said. The vehicle then struck a road sign and rolled into a ravine, bursting into flames, according to the report. O'Neill had no passengers in the automobile. Officials have yet to determine whether alcohol was involved in the accident. O'Neill was majoring in manage-

ment. A native of Charlotte, O'Neill maintained residence in Raleigh at University Towers. He was a walk-on wrestler and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

"Tom was definitely one of the most genuine people I've ever met. He was a very well rounded individual," said fraternity brother Nathan Strickler.

Funeral arrangements are planned for Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. in Manteo, NC. The site of the funeral was unconfirmed at press time.

Transportation is planning a bus center in front of D.H. Hill Library. The plan has to be approved by the Physical

Transportation plans Library hub

◆ An "Intermodal Transit Center" may spring up in front of D.H. Hill Library.

JOHN BORWICK

Transportation plans to install an "Intermodal Transit Center" in front of D.H. Hill Library, if the location is approved by the Physical Environment Committee at their April 8 meeting.

All Wolfline bus stops on Hillsborough Street, except for the stop by the Bell Tower, will be replaced when the center is completed.

ed.
Transportation wants to reduce the number of stops on Hillsborough Street, and to ensure Wolfline stops are safe. Currently, bus drivers cannot distinguish Wolfline passengers from Triangle Transit Authority passengers, because there are so many TTA and Wolfline stops on Hillsborough.
Cathy Reeve, transportation director at N.C.

State, said "there have been accidents" at Hillsborough Street bus stops. She said the station will be designed to "give [Wolfline riders] a safe place to wait."

riders] a safe place to wait."
The plan will remove parking spaces from in front of D.H. Hill, and Transportation has not determined where it will replace these spots. The Physical Environment Committee was assured by Reeve at its last meeting that "the parking issues will be settled after site

"the parking issues will be sense and approval."

Transportation has suggested a tentative cost of \$500,000 for the system. This figure is a rough estimate, though, because design cannot begin until a site is approved. Any money for the station will come from Transportation's capital budget, meaning student fees will not pay for the new bus stop.

A survey of Wolfline riders in 1995 found that 90 percent of all riders depart or arrive near the library, making D.H. Hill a prime location. Since then, Transportation has been developing the center as part of their "Transportation Master Plan," according to

Reeve.

Wolfline buses will use Founder's Drive, the small campus road parallel to Hillsborough, for their routes. Buses passing the library can only travel east on Hillsborough Street. The new system will allow express buses to turn west on Hillsborough, while other bus routes will continue east, stopping at the Bell Tower as they do now.

they do now.

The Transportation industry coined the term
"intermodal," meaning in this case "connecting buses." The proposed center will be a hub
for buses around campus. The Carmichael
Gym stop acts as this hub under the present
system. Students may have to transfer buses
under the new system to get to their final destinations. Transportation has acknowledged
this and is working to keep bus schedules precise so waiting time will be minimized.

Several other locations, like Dunn Avenue

Several other locations, like Dunn Avenue and Yarbrough Drive, were considered. Dunn

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Student group seeks to educate kids about tobacco

♦ The group's efforts, in cooperation with the National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, aim to increase awareness among children of the dangerous risks posed by tobacco.

STEPHEN CHUSBY

Pack Attack, a student-run public relations organization at N.C. State, is cooperating with the National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids in Kick Butts Day. Scheduled for April 14, is a program outlining the risks of smoking and using other tobacco-products.

"We are advocates in the fight to protect America's youth from early exposure to tobacco products."

Nicole Hardee

Pack Attack members Nicole Hardee, Nicki Bryant, Amanda Greim and Jodi Stamey are partic-ipating as part of the 1999 Bateman Case Study Competition, which is sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America and allows participants to attain real world knowledge in

public relations.

"Pack Attacks believes that
underage distribution and consumption of tobacco products is
an important problem in our society and needs to be prevented
through awareness. We are advocates in the fight to protect
America's youth from early exposure to tobacco products. Pack
Attack wants to educate and pronote tobacco-free kids in Raleigh.
Underage tobacco use needs to be
at the top of public consciousness," Hardee said.
These members, along with five

These members, along with five other guest speakers, held an, awareness program on March 23 as preparation for Kick Butts Day.

as preparation for Kick Butts Day.

The awareness program was
geared toward seventh and eighth
grade students in Raleigh and it told of the specific health risks of
smoking and using tobacco products. The program used current statistics from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, which stated that 4.5 million kids age 12-17 are current smokers, and each day, 3,000 more kids become regular smokers. Also, one-third of these kids will die prematurely from tobacco-related disease.

Pack Attack chose this project.

from tobacco-related disease.

Pack Attack chose this project because its members feel strongly about educating children about tobacco and its potential risks. The awareness day was attended by more than 260 kids and was considered a great success. I was the first of what the organizerr hope to be an annual event.

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1. The IFC President giveth, and the IFC President taketh away. 2. "Frat" is a four-letter word.

3. Don't judge something that you haven't tried.

Avenue is not close enough to-where riders are concentrated, and Yarbrough Drive is too developed-for the station. The Physical Environment Committee explored five location suggestions in spring of 1998, but none were approved. The committee will meet on April 8, at 3:30 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room to consider approving D.H. Hill library as the site for the center. The plan would then be passed onto the Board of Trustees, who would make the ultimate decision.

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The industry's best kept secrets

NATALIE DUGGINS

If you happened to turn on MTV Saturday or Sunday, you may have caught a glimpse of their latest weekend feature. The Next Big Thing." (If you missed it, fret not. Not only did you not really miss anything, you'll also be able to catch it again on "The Next Big Thing" revisited specials likely to air multiple times within the next few weeks.)

As I watched MTV spin videos from Rufus Wainright (a cool video featuring Melissa Auf of Hole and Gwen Stefani of No Doubt) and Beth Orton, I could only sit with the thought that these videos will never make it into MTV's regular rotation. Meanwhile, revitalized New Kid Jordan Knight and Billic (Britain's equivalent to Britany Spears) made their cases for numerous weeks atop MTV charts.

This in mind, I've decided to create my own version of "The Next Big Thing" without all that convoluted pop culture stuff, spanning various forms of entertainment, including television, music and movies.

"The Sopranos," HBO Sunday, 9 p.m.

It's rare that I find a show that compels me to watch it religiously. I used to have some unforeseen obsession with "Road Rules" and "The Real World," but I haven't

Overall, I can say that I watch very little television — Monday Night RAW" and the nightly news not with

Monday Night RAW" and the nightly news not witn-danding of course. However, the latest in a series of adventurous pro-grams from HBO brings audiences "The Sopranos." If you don't have HBO, get it, because this drama about the mob is well worth the sacrifice of that extra cash per

you don't have HBO. get it, because this drama about the mob is well worth the sacrifice of that extra eash per month.

James Gandolfini plays Tony Soprano, a leader in the New Jersey mob. In addition to dealing with all the hassless of leading the Mafia, Tony also has a wife (Edie Falco), a few mistresses, two kids and a pain in the ass mother, who refuses to go quietly into her upscale retirement complex.

With all the headaches, who could blame Soprano for seeking a little mental help? Well, everyone actually could, actually, Soprano's shrink is the topic of conversation for many of his adversary's in the mob, including his Uncle Junior (Dominic Chianese).

After the premiere of "The Sopranos" in January, HBO rushed to renew its contract for another season and after watching it, one can easily see why. Plain and simple, this show rocks. Gandolfini does a superb job as Tony Soprano, switching effortlessly from Tony the husband to Tony the mob boss to Tony the concerned father.

What separates "The Sopranos" from every other show that you've ever seen is that..well, first, it's on HBO, so it's a no holds barred scenario. Second, "The Sopranos" in't completely dramatic — it manages to include humorous parts from time to time (most notably) Uncle Junior's oral fixations) and, unlike every other show ever done on the Mafia, Soprano does not seen larger than life. He has flaws and doesn't come close to knowing everything all the time.

"The Sopranos" is nothing short of incredible — audiences are likely to be entertained for the entire hour.



Nine Inch Nails is expected to release their long awaited album sometime this year.

sparking new and innovative methods for spreading their personal ideologies.

With hip-hop's dominance in 1998, one would be absurd to ignore its potential for dominance in 1999. Grammy winners Jay-Z and Lauryn Hill were at the forefront of most people's "Best of" lists last year and are now touring to support their albums. However, will there be another "Hard Knock Life" or "Miseducation" for hip-hop audiences, this year? Possibly.

The Roots' latest album, "Things Fall Apart," is the strongest contender released in hip-hop to date. Though the album's first single "You Got Me" is in heavy rotation on a majority of R&B/hip-hop radio stations. The Roots have never been a band — yes, I said a band —

the likes of Goodie Mob and Outkast, Cool Breeze is bringing another helping of that of Dirty South flavor. His album hit EdTV' proves it's all been done

Newcomer to the rap game, Freddie Calhoun, a.k.a Cool Breeze, is making waves in hip-hop already. Emerging with

DICTOR R. PRINCE



Matthew McConaughay and Jenna Elfman pal around on the set of "EDtv."

iffe is women and jokes, but that's pretty close when it comes to television and that's pretty much what the funny, though unoriginal "EDITV" boils down to.

By now, everyone's seen at least one movie about real life turned to television, or vice-versa. In fact, McConaughay's character, Ed, in "EDITV" probably couldn't turn his head in the video store he worked in without seeing the already-on-video "Pleasantville" or Jun Carrey's brilliant "The Truman Show," both superior films. And the ruth is, though "EDITV" is a different skew on the idea of someone being on television 24 hours a day, it really doesn't stand out like the other two-recent films on the subject.

The idea is, this goy, Ed, tries out to be on a new television show which will sim-

ply broadcast the life of a normal person all day, every day, until the ratings drop. The only difference between this show and "The Truman Show" is that Ed volunteers for his ratings grabber, and Truman Burbank is betrothed from birth.

Of course, the idea of biring off more than one can chew is expressed thoroughly in "EDTV" as Ed's decision to be on television slowly tears his family apart, and ends up nearly mining a fledgling relationship with a girl he's perfectly compatible with.

His brother's girlfriend finds out, via television, that Ray (Woody Harrelson) is cheating on her. Ed's long-lost father, in a plot twist antithetical to noe of "Truman." comes to visit his son after seeing him on television, that Ray Howody Harrelson is cheating on her. Ed's long-lost father, in a plot twist antithetical to noe of "Truman." In the most antithetical to no end "Truman." In the most antities and the was getting himself into and by the end of the film be's in a vicky situation he has trouble getting out of. Four words run of the mill.

"EDTV" is at the time of its conception, a moderately original film. The problem is that Ron Howard waited too long to release it. Now, the hot thing is teen flicks about, well, anything a teenager can divid be been in a group of films-like "Antz" and "A Bug's Lite" — that and "A Bug's Lite" — that a senager can be an about it anymore, much less and "A Bug's Lite" — that olitite, too late. "I assume that people are kind of sick of the idea of soneone's life being on television; with all the technolable accompanying the turn of the century, people know that technology has run army and t



Matthew McConaughay stars in the latest film from director Ron Howard (Opie Taylor), "EDtv."

What about obvious stuff, like him singing in the shower and being offered a record deal by whomever it is that does the Backstreet Boys and Brittany Spears. After all, Ed was a teen sensation by the end of the film — why not milk it for all

Edtv

Ron Howard (Opie Taylor) Starring: Matthew McConaughay Jenna Elfman Elizabeth Hurley

it's worth?

Even though I can't say that I was particularly pleased with director Ron Howard's sixth outing of the 1990's. I can't say that the film was disappointing, because I didn't really have any high hopes. I Just can't help but think: 'this is the same guy who did 'Apollo 132''.



Things Don't Fall Apart

ALEH DESSELS

(U-WIRE) HARRISONBURG, Va



The Roots, the tightest live hip-hop band, show their musical prowess on Things. The seven member band is led by emcees Black Thought and Malik B., as well as drummer Ahmir "Juestlove" Thompson, Other members include Rabzel, "the Godfather of Noyze," a man who can keep beats while making scratches and sound effects with his mouth.

mouth.

The first track, "Act Won (Things Fall Apart)" addresses what seems to be a trend in black music. As in the case with Rock and Jazz, two forms of black created music, the liner notes say that after black music is created, it?" murrured, elevated and aban-

doned."
"Table of Contents" is a two-part mike

check with stripped down beats and tight lyrics. One notable song on Things Fall Apart is "The Next Movement." The neosul group, the Jazzy Fainastees, provides a hypnotic background for the Black Thought's lyrics: "Freeze-stand still unless you're dealing with the Next Movementi. - You theatrical as a Broadway play, this ain't Renti how many people feeling this love music."

Some of hip-hop's best under-hyped emcees drop lyrics with The Roots. Black Star's Mos Def guests on "Double Trouble," where he and Black Thought tag team the mic."

"Act Too Clove of My Life)," a love song about hip-hop, features Common. He questions the status of how hip-hop has been abused by Puff Daddy and others." Called into Hype Williams/lost her direction. her Daddy will beat her eyes all Puff."

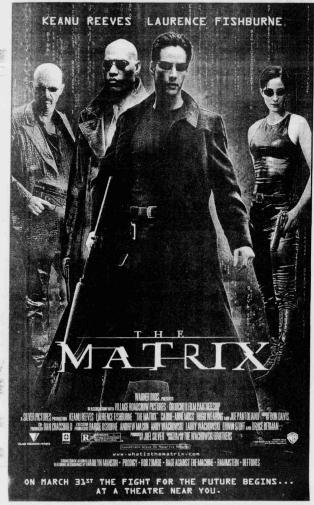
The apex of The Roots genius comes on "You Got Me," a love song. Longtime collaborator Erykah Badu sings the bluestinged hook." If you were worried bout where/I been or who I saw, or / what club I went to with my homies, baby don't worry, you know that you got me-eee... "Ruff Ryder's "Eve of Destruction" guess raps in this song about trust in relation-hips. Black Thought tells the story of meeting an "Ethiopian queen taking from Philly taking classes abroad... she said she loved my show in Paris/At Elysse Montmarte/And that I stepped off the stage/And took a piece of her heart." The song ends with "uestlove drumming an out-of-time, syncopated, jungle-like beat, contrasting Badu's gorgeous chorus about commitment.

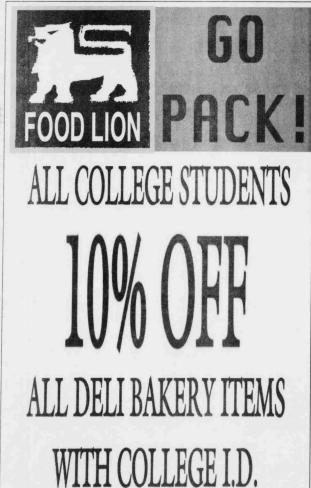
Philadephia.

commitment. Philadephia poet Ursula Rucker who ends every Roots album, reads a vivid, haunting and brilliantly disturbing poem, "Return to innocence." It's about how Rucker's brother, though witnessing violence as a child, hid his innocence in machismo because of fear of facing his own life and how sadly his innocence is "finally rediscovered through death."

A hidden track follows Rucker's poem,

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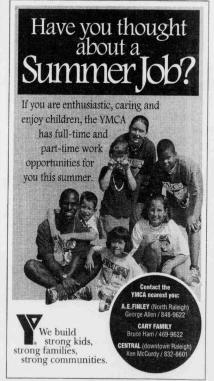


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Secrets

who linger in the spotlight.

Rap from the so-called "Dirty South" has flourished in recent weeks and I foreshadow it continuing to grow. With groups like the Goodte Moh. Outkast and new-comer Cool Breeze bringing their Southernplaysilisticadillenmuzik" sound to audiences, the sub-gene will continue to flourish in 1999. "The Next Big Thing" in R&B will see the trend of young starlets taking a backseat to some of R&B's up and coming young crooners. Namely, Jesse Powell and Tyrese (out of those infamous Coca-Cola commercial) will be looked at to spearhead this movement.

looked at to spearhead this move-ment.

Rock music will see a rebirth this year...okay, well maybe. Unlike hip-hop, rock doesn't attempt to appeal to mass audiences. Whereas people from the suburbs have ven-tured to the cities to buy rap albums, few urbanites have opted to buy the latest rock album.

Some people call it 'selling out.'' but for any artist to sell a lot of albums, you have to appeal to a broader base. (Regardless of what artists say, I don't think that any of them come into music hoping that they'll have no one listening to or buying their albums.) That doesn't mean, however, than you have to

for quasi-pop music, the Smashing Pumpkins producing a lackluster album and "Mechanical Animals" dropping quickly from the Billboard charts, rock suffered a bit last year. However, with new work promised from Tool and Nine Index Nails (NIN) and the possibility of another Smashing Pumpkins album, experienced bands will look to re-establish themselves among the liter of one-hit wonder rock bands.

Ultralight LS1

"Episode I"... nuff said

Things

but you have to listen to the poem to hear the song.

Things Fall Apart is a brilliant album that has incredible music and remains socially conscious. The reason The Roots and others such as De La Soul and A Tribe Called Quest have beenpigeon-holed as "alternative hip-hip," is because they continue to innovate and stray from the status quo of what has become "hip-hop."

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Technician's View

Continue the attack

· America is saving millions of lives by intervening in Kosovo.

The United States is doing the right thing by sending troops to Kosovo, America should be the leader of humantizanian efforts across the world. Sonain afforts across the world. Sonain intervention has saved millions of lives and crushed inhumane actions. So why should the United States stand by and let Milosevic slaughter millions of innocent lives?

slaughter millions of innocent lives?

Kosovo has been deemed as the next Vietnam — with no end in the foreseeable future. But, moreover, it could actually become another installation of WWII as far as the genocide and the ethnic cleansing of ethic Albanians that have been going on. This area is not unfamiliar to conflict. It is the same site that sparked the Great War. This is history's way of subtly foreshadowing future antagonism. The Treaty of Versailles, established after World War I, did not properly delineate the bordes between European countries. Hence the cultural conflict has lead to World War II, Yugoslavian Civil

Anonymous letter

not worthy

I was shocked to read the article "Letter alleges mistreatment" on the front page of Thursday's Technician. The article makes serious allegations that seem to be based entirely on a letter from an anonymous source.

anonymous source.

True, the author couches the claims in objectifying statements like "the letter alleges" and "the letter contents," but "Technician receives letter" is not front-page news. Why even report what the letter says when there seems to be no corroboration of the story and publishing the letter's accusations tarnishes the reputation of Public Safety?

Even if you felt justified in printing the other comments, was there any need to name an officer. Sgt. Larry Ellis, who has been accused of wrongdoing by an anonymous source with questionable motives. Several of the letter's comments, especially the complaint about low pay, sound to me a lot like a disgruntled employee. There are a couple of people on campus I'm not too happy with — if I write an anonymous letter, will the Technician publish it for me? To the author's credit, he did

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Junior, Computer Science/Applied Math

CAMPUS FORUM

War and the current Kosovar rebellion.

Moreover, there's the issue of
America's continual involvement in
humanitarian relief efforts. Despite
the possibility of casualities on the
side of American allies, if 's a risk
that is well worth the effort. If the
United States is to stay a world
power, our military needs to continue
to enforce the idea that inhumane treatment of citizens will not
te tolerated.

In addition, the United States an
NATO should not be swayed by the
threats of Russia and China for
possible intervention on the side of
the Serbs. President Milosevic
seemingly hopes that by allowing
the bombing to continue that
United States resolve will weaken
and that NATO will abandon its
efforts. His hopes are substantated
by the lack of offensive effort on
behalf of the Serbs.

By surrendering to the mulicious
acts being perpetrated in Kosovo,
America will resign everything that
the American dream has ever stood
for, Is "life, liberty and the pursait
of happiness" esserved for only citizens under the red, white and blue,
or is it a human right that everyone
is deserving of?

Students should feel

To: Ralph Harper, Chief of Public

Elections! Elections! STUDENT Gov BUT I PROMISE RACE PRESIDENTIAL BLAB-BLAB STARTING **Elections!** LINE Student Government Elections may be as old as the actual idea of a university... ..but one theme has always remained the same... Politicians can promise, promise, and promise again, but after the election... I JUST HOPE BLAH - BLAH THAT NEXT YEAR THEY CAN ...oh well, we all know what happens. REMEMBER SOME original cartoons March 28 and April 4, 1957 by Donald Denton. Donald ran for president that year..it seems he was beaten by some-ome named Jimmy Hunt... restoration and adaptation by marko3.30.99 OF THIS YEAR'S PROMISES !

Forget admissions

To: Ralph Harper, Chief of Public Safety
In response to the article submitted by anonymous student patrol officers, our program would like to clarify some of the points made in order to keep the trust of our university's students. The campus forum letter submitted did not necessarily reflect the opinions of the majority of our workers. Many even took offense to it. The problems referred in the article have arisen in the past to some extent, but there has been no complaint that has fallen on deaf ears, and many strides have been taken in order to rectify our working conditions.

courses are not "easier" than courses from universities. But they are not as advanced or specific as those that a larger school can offer. Community colleges are small, local schools that initiate students into the college learning environment and often offer higher quality introductory level courses of a discipline. That's right, in many cases, you can learn more in a course from a school without a four-year degree program han a Division I university replete with a reputation, mascot and football team.

ball team.

It should be little surprise. One of the benchmarks for a school's rating is teacher-to-student ratio, and that's why many students who know nothing about computer programming, except that they want to learn how to do it, choose to take C++ at Wake Tech rather than brave the CSc Tlatwed-out farms of the 100-plus-student classes offered here. After CSC 114, N.C. Star's computer science program offers a number of exclu-

Be cool and stay in school

Friends, whether you want to think bount is not, we are entering the tretch run of the spring semester. Tests, papers and projects are going o start to pile up if they already saven't. I was looking at my calentar the other day and I could do toothing but gasp at the number of the sissignments that were penciled in take a wild guess at how many I awa catually started on).

plaint that has falten on ucat cars, and many strides have been taken in order to rectify our working conditions.

Our lack of equipment has been under control now for months. Nightly usage puts wear and tear on equipment, but our supervisors in the Public Safety Department have equipment but our supervisors in the Public Safety Separament have equipment is very expensive and cost has never been an issue in these purchases. A price cannot be put on the safety of our escorts and that of our own Public Safety is warer of this fact. Our students should not release the safety of our escorts and that of the safety of the safety of our escorts excise. We have never had a reported to ease in which our officers, or their escorts, have been put into danger due to improperly functioning equipment or any other reason.

We are students and our supervisors understand that. We are not forced to continue working here against our will. Our duties do call for us to work at odd hours of the anglist and many students that have worked here have not been able in shade it. We have a very high turmover rate as a testament to that fact. Most of us enjoy our jobs though, and we have no qualms with working strange hours. It is also true that some of the work that we do seems to be a little thankless sometimes. Every important job has its aspects like that however, and the vast majority of our officers have no trouble in accomplishing these tasks with a commendable attitude.

We apologize for any loss of confidence in your student patrol. Technician publish it for me? To the author's credit, he did contact two involved people, but received no comment. Apparently there was not time to wait for the letter promised by "another anonymous Student Patrol Officer" or even a reply from the accused Sgt. Ellis before you rushed to press with what could turn out to be groundless accusations. understand Technician's I understand Technician's responsibility to report corruption of campus officials, and I recognize that, strictly speaking, the article reported nothing but objective fact. The charges may even turn out to be true. But there is nothing in the article that indicates that you had sufficient cause to believe them at the time. I hope that in the future Technician will exercise more caution.

Hilawe Semunegus — J Environmental Science Stude Patrol Director Kevin Bell — SO, Engineering Student Patrol Assistant Director

Sometimes I feel like being a col-lege student is just bad for my health. There are so many aspects of college life which seem to wear on both body and soul. Learning and having fun can become diffi-cult with all of the various stresses on college students.

ull with all of the various stresses in college students.

Books are heavy. There must be in unwritten rule that no textbook is to weigh less than five pounds, the problem in this comes when to load several textbooks into a acackpack and carry them around ampus for the day. Physical strain from the weight of books can have ead consequences like backaches it is not to the control of the control

real consequences or sore shoulders. If you block your classes togeth-er, then carrying around books is fact of life. From the perspective of a student living off campus, some of my classes are not

words, I'm not graduating in May).

But this is fine with me because, as far as I'm concerned, graduating in four years is overrated. Everyone who has graduated before me has told me this, so I think I am now a believer. Why not prolong the best years of your life by a semester or two? I read about kids graduating from college when they are 16 or 17: why do that? Yes, that is a great accomplishment but they are just throwing away what should have been the best time of their bife. And throwing away what should have been the best time of their life. And for what? A few extra years of

with that. I appland these people because I'm supposed to graduate in May under the traditional four-year plan but the chances of that happening are slim to none, and slim decided not to show up (for those of you who didn't catch that withy play on words. I'm not graduating in May).

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College life causes stress, many health risks

MATTHEW CALLOWAY

after every class, then you are in the same boat. For convenience, carrying books around is good for saving time. But waking up with stiff shoulders is not that much fun. I suppose someone needs to invent a backpack that levitates. Or if texthooks were printed in smaller volumes, then perhaps backpack loads could be made lighter. Unfortunately, textbooks are so expensive already that multiple volumes would make current prices look low.

I see stress alone as a major

blocked together, but I carry all of the books I need with me anyway. The thought of driving back to my apartment is enough deterrent, let alone giving up a nice parking space. I do have the option of leaving books in my car, though it is sometimes a long walk away. If you live on campus and are not inclined to walk back to your dorn the same boat. The commendation of the same boat. The same boat have a superposed in the same boat have a superposed in the same boat have a superposed in the same boat have for not hard much fun. I suppose someone needs to invent a backpack that levitates. Or if textbooks were printed in smaller volumes, then perhaps backpack loads could be made lighter. Unfortunately, textbooks are so expensive already that multiple volumes would make current prices look low.

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cannot help but have a bad day. Falling asleep in class is not good. If you have to, take naps affect class. Eight hours of sleep is need-ed to maintain good health. When you are rested, learning is much easier, the world looks better and

soul are tested, earning is much castier, the world looks better and stress is even lessened. Unfortunately, dorms are not good learning environments. They are even worse living environments. Who ever had the idea to cram a bunch of students into a tiny concrete box must have been drunk. Not only do noisy dorms help to increase stress, but they also allow sickness to spread even faster. First your roommatch has the flu, then passes to you and you give it to all of your friends. Off campus living may be more expensive, but I feel it is worth my money. The university should take better care of campus residents.

Send campus forum letters to techforum-L@sma.sca.ncsu.edu

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Forget

for answering misleading multiple choice questions in a limited amount of time. Well, usually. Namely, a student's desire to suc-ceed. Success in another college atmosphere exhibits this desire. Because; college courses do not rely on forms of enforced studying like the rote completion of busy-work.

Many forget that degrees are not awarded to students because they are smart, but because they earned them. A college diploma is perceived as a quantifier of a specified degree of intellectuality, but it is only a piece of paper recognizing the achievement of completing so many hours of courses. But to succeed in the business word, which has become the growing core of our modern economy, the possession of a college diploma is expected. A college degree is in fact more valuable than ever before, because the job market has reached the point that it is not an advantage to have one, but a disadvantage not to Still, a diploma is really only just another admission requirement to predict a person's success in a job. Like high SAT scores and high school GPA's are no guarantees of college success, a college degree is still no guarantee of high performance in the corporate world.

Reaching specific goals that others have not only increases a contextual marketability of a person, to one's self world. The difference world.

Reaching specific goals that others have not one's self worth, To define one-self solely through his or her comparison to others is a tendency bred by a competitive economy, and is counter to the ideals sponsored by higher education. That's why, thankfully, our grades aren't base are no easier than they were before a content of the deals sponsored by higher education. That's why, thankfully, our grades aren't base are no easier than they were before a content of the deals sponsored by higher education more exclusive would hurt the state university system, whose mission should always be make valuable educations, not merely degrees, available to citizens. Community colleges are an integral part of this system.

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Cool

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indications. I have gotten from my sources, Lawn Party is back on this year after a one-year hiatus. I know there are some of you out there who couldn't care less about it, but I'm going to say it anyway: How can you not love the lawn party? I don't know if college partying can get any better than Lawn Party and I'm pumped up about it.

- Entertainment and Sports Arena (James T. Valvano Center). On a side note, even if the new arena is not called the "James T. Valvano Center", I valvano Center', I vall (continue to call it that throughout the remainder of my columns and for the rest of my life (Sign the Petitions). Anyway, people who are graduating will not be able to experience the student section of our new arena (at least not within the rules of the NCSU ticket office). Unless you are a little seakier than some of the dumber students, you will have to sit with all the alumnin enext year. I'm hating it for you.

- Wolfpack Athletics...Both foot-

the alumni next year. I'm hating it for you.

•Wolfpack Athletics...Both foot-ball and baskerball are looking up-next year. If you are a 1995 graduate, then last season was the first quality season of football we have seen since we got here. If the fast that I got to carry the goalposts all the way to Blue Ridge road twice last year (and got pepper sprayed once because I wouldn't put it down) is any indicator of how good last season was, this season looks like it going to be even better. And don't even get me started on basket-ball. With experience under our belt and our first McDonald's All-American since 1987 coming in,

I'm a tad excited.

Berent Road Block Party. Even with the ever-increasing police presence, the Brent Road Block Party had a huge increase in attendance last year and that trend should continue this year. Hopefully before I finally do graduate, the BRBP will emerge into the party machine that it once was. Just don't come anywhere near the street itself or the assessment of the world. Why go to work so soon!

All's better than the real world. Why go to work so soon!

You have the rest of your life to work. If you are on financial advacuple more years of payments will be worth the time you spent in agneting the world that the properties of the world of the properties of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of any success with members of the opposite sex that you have of

Risks

There is the final question of cafeteria food. To those who like cafeteria food, I am sorry. Some of my on campus friends despise the dining hall food enough to avoid it at all costs. When the healthliest food on campus is not enjoyable, students begin to eat Lil' Dino's

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for lunch and Taco Bell for dinner.
Occasionally they may throw in some Chick Fillet, but the most important point is they eat junk food all the time. It cannot be healthy for them.
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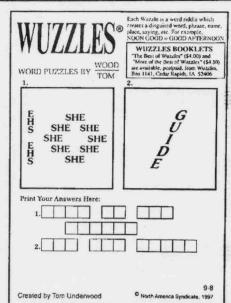
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strike." I didn't want to get behind anybody. If they were going to get on or end up scoring. I wanted to make them earn it instead of giving it to them."

And he didn't give anything up easily. But Ormond has

been stingy all season, giving up only 13 runs and 12 walks in eight appearances.

Ormound not only leads the Pack in innings pitched, at 43, but also in Earned Run Average, at 1.88. He is the only Pack hurler to throw more than 30 innings and post and ERA less than 3.80.

In the fall, Ormond and pitching coach Mark Fuller made a few changes in the senior's delivery.

Ormond had been releasing the ball on every pitch other than his slider, above his head. Fuller had Ormond try releasing every pitch from the same position he released his slider, farther away from his head, "dropping down" his release more to the side of his body, and giving his pitches more control.

"Rodney is such an athlete.

"Rodney is such an athlete, it only took about a day before he had it down," said

Fuller, who is in his second year as the Wolfpack's pitch-ing coach. "You can tell any guy what to change, but only a few go out there and work on it."

According to Fuller, Ormond spent the fall working to perfect the release, and according to Ormond, he has seen the results of that hard work.

"I look more relaxed, more loose. The ball is farther away from my head and it feels better. That is how I can have more consistency," said Ormond.

But Ormond's hard work has shown not only in his num-bers and in his performances on the mound, but also to his teammates everyday in prac-

"He works hard everywhere, weight room, track, whatever it is, he goes at it full force, and it rubs off. It is kind of inspiring really, he works so hard," said senior teammate Matt Postell, who, like Ormond, worked his way into the 1999 starting line-up and now leads the Pack with a 385 batting average coming off of an 11-game hitting-streak.

All in all, if having fun is

All in all, if having fun is All in all, if having fun is what has been behind Ormond's breakthrough this season, his Wolfpack teammates seem to be behind him 100 percent. His opponents just wish that he wasn't having so much of it.

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Tennis

"Our goal is still winning the ACC." Seminole Head Coach Lise Gregory said. "We would love to be 4-0 in the conference but we just want to get to the tournament and start all over."

On Saturday, the women dropped a match at South Florida 6-3.

The Waldowsk wore two singles.

The Wolfpack won two singles

matches and a doubles match on the way to a road loss.

Marissa Gildemeister led the way with a win at the No. 2 spot after losing the first set. Gildemeister defeated USFs Genevieve Houle 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Francie Darragan also picked up a win at the No. 4 spot, downing USFs Marie-Eve Girard 6-0, 7-5.

In doubles action, the sister randem of Marissa and Katrina Gildemeister defeated South Florida's team of Girard and Houle 8-4.



The Wolfpack women's tennis team is back in action this week against Duke on Wednesday and taking on South Carolina Friday.

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Back to the track-with a vengeance

Christy Nichols returns after a long, frustrating layoff.

JOHNNY NOEL

good.

Christy Nichols is very good.
She's also had one of the rougher rides around the last two years, with more injuries than races, more heartbreaks than awards and one lone wait.

hearthreaks than awards and one long wait.

The long wait ended a month ago, when the world was reintroduced to Christy Nichols at the Atlantic Coast Conference indoor track and field championship. In her first race since the outdoor track season, 1997, Nichols finished second in

the 5000 meters, in a time of 16-46. But for Nichols, this is by nomeans the end of the road back.

Nichols emerged in her first year at State, 1996, as one of the country's best freshman. She finished and outdoor track season that saw her qualitying for the NCAA outdoor track championships and winning the 3000 meters in both the indoor and outdoor conference championships.

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Then the injuries started.

"I qualified for nationals in the 5K and 3K my freshman year."

Nichols said. "But then I hurt my achilles right before nationals. I've had orthoscopic surgery in one of my knees, and I've had lendimitis in my other knee. Then I had a hip flexor problem, a stress fracture in my back. Then another achilles

Maryland state titles.
Nichols ran an indoor time of 10:09 in the 3200 meters, a time that stands as the fourth fastest all time among high school records.
Nationally,
"I guess it comes fairly easily,"

Nichols said, "Our county records weren't that good in Maryland, so in my first race I broke my county record. But I was still far from national level times."

This race was her freshman season, during the indoor track season, and Nichols was off and running

Nichols grew up playing soccer, and didn't make the transition until

and until make the transition until full-time running until her fresh-man year here at N.C. State.

"That was the first year I ever ran cross country," Nichols said.
"Throughout high school, soccer was during cross country season and they wouldn't let us do both in we country, so I played soccer."

the national track scene in recent history. Nichols also made a splash inter-nationally before coming to State. After winning the USA Junior National Cross Country Championshy, Nichols competed at the Junior World Championships, finishing 20th as the top American finisher.

finisher.

Remarkably, Nichols has handled all of this while facing a demanding curriculum, as she pursues a degree in mechanical engineering.

But for now, her main goals are focused on running. She looks to return to the level she was at sever-

halfback, but gave it up after high school, as "I wasn't as goodlin soccer] as I was in running and I co...dn't have gotten a full ride to a Division I school." All ride to a Division I school." Not a big problem, when you're also one of the fastest girls to hit the national track scene in recent history. Nichols also made a splash internationally before coming to State. Nichols also made a splash internationally before coming to State. After winning the USA Junior National Cross Country to the problem when the problem when the problem with the

impact, both in track and in cross country.

"It's hard because I've been out for so long; it's going to take awhile to get back to where I was," Nichols said. "But I haven't been running really that much, compared to most people, because of when I started in school, and not running cross country, and setting

Looking sharp

♦ The football team ends spring practice with a bang with a scrimmage Saturday.

TIM HUNTER

For followers of N.C. State football, the biggest ques-tions for the upcoming 1999 season is: Who is going to fill the shoes of Torry Hol? Redshirt Koren Robinson, who will be a freshman this fall, is one of several Wolfpack receivers who seem willing to step up into that role. Robinson started the spring football scrimmage with a bang, running back the first kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown. "Koren really stepned up and, showed his ability."

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"Koren really stepped up and showed his ability today," Head Coach Mike O'Cain said. "He's like Torry Holt, he can turn a short play into a big play."

The 6-2 Belmont, N.C. native didn't stop there, scoring three receiving touchdowns as the Wolfpack finished up its spring practice with the annual Red v. White scrimmage at Carter-Finley Stadium Saturday.
"I think I did well overall but I still dropped a few balls I could have caught," said Robinson. "Since the beginning of the spring I have more confidence in my hands."

hands."

Holt, the 1998 ACC Player of the Year and a first team
All-American, left a big role to fill on offense, but the
Pack seems to have a whole crew ready to step up.
Jamie Barnette tossed for four touchdowns, connecting on 18 of 30 passes on the afternoon, while several
thousand State fans watched on.
"I was just having fun out here, helping our young
guys learn and improving my game as best I can,"
Barnette said.

guys learn and improving my game as best I can," Barnette said. Backup QB Charles Berry also looked solid, completing nine of 18 passes for 107 yards and a touchdown, "I was pleased with what we were able to do today," O'Cain said. "We have really improved over our last six practices. We've been much more aggressive and solid defensively and have executed better on offense." On the offensive side, rising sophomore Ricky Collins caught five passes for 100 yards and rising senior Chris Coleman caught four balls for 43 yards. "I just wanted to let everybody get the ball," Barnette said. "If's the spring game and everybody's parents are here. Fans are here and want to see what kind of team we've got. I wanted to show them that we will be a pretty good learn this year."

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Sophomore Nate Goodson led the defense, or "White" team, with eight tackles and a sack from the tackle position. Levar Fisher compiled seven tackles.

Three members of the Wolfpack defense had six tackles, including Terrence Holt, who will fight for time at safety after redshirting last season.

"I've been making a lot of tackles in practices, so I just wanted to come out and put a good show on today," said Holt, who had practice covering his older brother Torry last season on the scout team.

last season on the scout team.
At running back, the Pack tried out several players, including converted wideout Eric Leak. K.J. Stone led the Pack with 15 rushes for 31 yards, and Carlos Doggett gained 26 yards on just four carries. Raing sophomore and 1998. ACC Rookie of the Year Ray Robinson is still recovering from a broken arm suffered in the Micron PC Bowl game.

Rahshon Spikes carried six times for a total of 19



Wolfpack quarterback Jamie Barnette connected on 18 of 30 passes and threw four touchdowns in the Wolfpack's spring game.

Gymnasts celebrate first conference title



The N.C. State gymnastics team celebrates on Saturday night following its first ever East Atlantic Gymnastics League Championship. Shown are Monica Berry, Kelli Brown, Jenny Sommer, Amy Langendorf, Kara Charles, Gemma Robison, Laura Jazab, Barbara Olszanowski, Lauren Mazzurco, Maggie Haney, Stephanie Flanagan, and Sara Dolan.

Florida Blues

♦ Women's tennis drops two on the road in Florida over the weekend.

TALAHASSEE, FLA - The N.C

TALAHASSEE, FLA — The N.C. State women's tennis team traveled south over the weekend, but came back empty-handed, losing matches to Florida State and South Florida. Sanday, the Wolfpack was routed, 9-0, by Allantic Coast Conference opponent Florida State. The Seminoles, 2-6 in the ACC last, year, are vastly improved in 1999, with a 3-1 conference mark to date. Two FSU players, Kia Asberg and Marina Raic, maintained their winning streaks against the Pack. The two are currently riding a 15-game streak in singles play. FSU, ranked No. 20 and having one of its best seasons in school history, improved to 17-4 overall with the win.

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After sweeping the singles matchs, the Lady Seminoles No. 1 doueles ran into the biggest challenge
if the day. State's No. 1 tandem of
lena Bonacic and Brie Glover took Nena Bonacic and Brie Glover tool FSU's Alida Gallovits and Nanette Duxin to the brink before losing 9

State senior finds fun, success in just playing the game



Rodney Ordmond has made a place for himself in the Wolfpack's week-end starting rotation. Ormond is-expected to pitch Friday night's match-up with conference and in-state rival UNC-Chapel Hill.

♦ N.C. State pitcher Rodney Ormond is making a big name for himself, and having a ball.

K. GAFFNEY

He says he is just having fun, but from the look on his face, you can tell that the success that N.C. State hurler Rodney Ormond has been having means a lot more to him.

State flurier Rouncy Offloom has been having means a lot more to him.

Ormond started the season as one of the Wolfpack's mid-week pitchers: good enough to take the mound as a starter, but not quite ready to face off against the top hitters in the Atlantic Coast Conference, one of the nation's toughest collections of collegiate baseball teams.

By the time those ACC foes rolled around, Ormond had earned a volid spot in the rotation, and being dubbed as the Pack's go-to man on the mound.

"Everybody knew Rodney had the stuff to pitch well and win. He'll probably be the first one to tell you that he figured some things out about his game," said Wolfpack senior tri-captain Brian Ward. "Once (a player) figures those things out, a lot of things begin to fit into place."

"There is always pressure, I've come to the conclusion that whatever happens you can't do much about it," said Ormond after picking up his fourth win of the season against Virginia this weekend. "This game is made to have fun. so just have fun and there is "You throw bull pens and there is

After opening this season with in the Pack's 6-2 win over North Carolina A&T on February 9th, Ormond improved to 3-0 with non-conference wins over Elon and UMass.

and UMass.

Ormond's only loss of the season came at the hands of the No. I ranked Florida State Seminoles. Ormond threw seven innings, allowing just two runs and six hits

no pressure on you. The main thing it to keep the same mindset in the game that you have in practice, and you have fun in practice, right, so I just go out there with the same mindset."

1999 has been somewhat of a dream season for the senior. In the three years previous, he had collected a 7-6 record and a 6.47

ERA, drastically different numbers from this season, at the same time struggling to find his place in the line-up.

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road.

Ormond went nine innings, allowing one run and six hits white walking just one and striking out five.

"I thought as long as I kept throwing strikes and didn't walk anybody. I'd stay in." said Ormond of his second career complete game. "In the ninth inning I was just thinking "first pitch

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Pack Nine plays two

The N.C. State baseball team takes on Old Dominion today at 3 p.m. at Doak Field on N.C. State's West Campus. The Pack is 7-11-2 all-time against the Monarchs. On Wednesday the Pack travels south to take on UNC-Wilmington at 7 p.m. on the Wilmington campus. State leads the all-time series 41-9. This weekend, State faces off against UNC-Chapel Hill in the two team's traditional Easter meeting. The three-game set starts Friday with a 7 p.m. game. Saturday's game is slated for 7 p.m. as well, and the series will conclude with a 1 p.m. game on Easter Sunday.