

Final home win

N.C. State women's tennis downs UNC-CH at home on senior day in a close match.
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Mirchandani wins by a landslide



Raj Mirchandani, through skillful bargaining and campaigning, captured the office of student body president.

◆ The votes were as varied as the candidates following Monday and Tuesday's Student Government elections.

ZACK MRAZER
News Editor

After weeks of campaigning, fliers and debates, the race is over and the results are in. Despite the concerns over his campaign financing, which the Elections Board found to be completely within the rules, Student Senator Raj Mirchandani emerged as the victor in the race for student body president by a startling 692 votes over his nearest competitor, Justine Wilson. Mirchandani finished with 1,319 votes to Wilson's 627.

In third place behind Wilson was Michael Juby, who received 476 votes, followed by Daniel Gunter, with 270 votes. Alan Hart finished with 90 votes, and write-in candidate Kim Goodwin racked up 14 votes.

According to Election Board Chair Eric Fox, a rule in last year's statutes said that a discount given to a candidate was a contribution unless it was available to every candidate.

This year, however, that rule was not included, and thus, Fox said, Mirchandani's financing was completely legitimate. Given the rule, said board member Luke Zitlemeyer, approving Mirchandani "was the only decision we could make."

The race for Student Senate President Alexis Mei's job was won by a decidedly closer margin.

Seth Whitaker did emerge as the victor, though, with 1,119 votes, 129 more than Mark

Aldrich's second place finish at 990 votes. Senator Greg Doucette finished in third place with 359 votes.

Andrew Payne, currently the vice president of academic policy, ran unopposed for the position of student body treasurer and collected 2,128 votes out of the 2,851 cast in this week's election, and in the race, or lack thereof, for student body chief justice, Michele Tam, who ran unopposed, received 2,052 votes.

In the race for Student Center President, Sabrina Yep won easily over write-in candidate Yolanda Morrissey, collecting 2,018 votes to Morrissey's 89.

Also running unopposed for the position of First Year College's senator, incumbent Mike Trivette kept his seat, earning five votes out of the 2,851.

The winners in the senate races are as follows: in PAMS, Michael McDuffee and Kristel Jernigan; in CHASS, Lee Burgess, Matthew Benton, Amanda Asonganyi, Melissa Wicks, Mat Meares and Kelly Yates; in Engineering, Kevin Broughton, Cecil Hall, Chethan Pandarinath, Derrick Williams, Gary Palin, Corey Johnson, John Borwick, Elam Hall, Brian Walker and Douglas Jones; in Textiles, Jennifer Hipp and Jim Smith; in Education and Psychology, Thomas Rushing and Brandon Buskey; in CALS, Duncan Taylor, Lauren Tally, Colleen Finley, Roberta Hansman, Jason Cotter, John Stogler, Beth Shimps, and David Newsome; in Management, Clifton Smith, Ryan Avent and Carrie Farley; in Graduate School, Johnathan Rowell; and in Forestry, Robert Lowe.

Laidlaw voices grievances

◆ NCSU's current Wolfline provider has filed a complaint alleging that the university's selection procedure for a new company was faulty.

SARAH E. MIANO
Assistant News Editor

After carrying 1.4 million passengers over 330,000 route miles on 16 buses during N.C. State's last academic year, Laidlaw Transit Services has taken the loss of the Wolfline Transit Service contract very hard. Recently, in a petition for a contested case hearing, Laidlaw Transit Services alleged that NCSU and the N.C. Department of Administration used improper procedures in awarding the Wolfline contract to TCT Transit Services beginning the 1999/2000 academic year.



As this Laidlaw bus pulls away, company officials are trying to bring it back for one more go-round.

According to Laidlaw, NCSU's fixed route transit provider since 1993, NCSU and the N.C. Department of Administration (DOA) are responsible for damaging Laidlaw by depriving the company of property, and substantially prejudicing its rights.

The 89-item petition suggests that NCSU's Department of Purchasing and Contract wrongly found other proposals for the contract in technical compliance, and NCSU's Transportation Department incorrectly calculated TCT's total con-

tract cost, considering the "Cost Proposal Worksheets" of all vendors except Laidlaw.

"That is not true... The Request for Proposal (RFP) process was handled in the prescribed manner," said Mary Sanders, the assistant director of NCSU's purchasing department.

While Sanders insists that TCT was the most "successful vendor," Laidlaw's petition outlines ways in which TCT's proposal was not in compliance with the guidelines of the RFP. However, a lot of

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Student Patrol claim is false

◆ Public Safety refutes allegations that were made against them in a Technician story published before Easter Break, claiming Student Patrols are allegedly mistreated.

APRIL MORRIS
Senior Staff Writer

Safety on campus is one of the most important issues to students, faculty and staff. When those entrusted with keeping

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Hilawe Semunegus
Director of Student Patrol

campus safe are questioned, everyone begins to wonder "How safe are we?"

A few weeks ago, on March 18, the Technician ran an article on an anonymous letter alleging mistreatment of the Student Patrol. Several issues of equipment quality,

pay rates and safety were raised. These allegations have now been addressed by Public Safety and other members of the Student Patrol and have been proven false.

The radio system used by the Student Patrol has recently been updated, and 11 new stream-light flashlights, each equivalent to a car headlight, were purchased, according to Hilawe Semunegus, director of the Student Patrol.

"Right now we have updated to all scanning radios; previously we were using one-channel radios," stated Semunegus. "[At the time of the article], we did need to update our equipment, and we were in the process of doing that."

Equipment maintenance is not a problem either, according to A. Denise Brooks, a member of the Public Safety support staff.

"The [patrol] equipment is fully adequate," said Brooks. "If something goes wrong with it, we just let our supervisor know, and it gets fixed immediately."

Student Patrol officers are also aware of the hours of work when they apply for the job.

Student patrolmen are required to work twelve hours a week, either a shift from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., or from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Patrolmen are required to work only one 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift per week, according to Semunegus.

However late this may seem, applicants

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Spinach protien yielding electric results

◆ Scientists have possibly discovered a way to use proteins from spinach to make electrical devices.

EARL LANE
Newsday

ATLANTA — Never mind silicon. The era of spinach-based electronics may be on the horizon.

It may seem tough to swallow, but researchers at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee have been exploring ways to use microscopic protein structures from spinach leaves as electronic devices.

In theory, those structures might someday find use in optical computers as well as solar cells, artificial retinas and other devices that convert the radiant energy of light into electrical outputs.

The Oak Ridge researchers reported their latest results with

plant-based electronics at a recent session of the centennial meeting of the American Physical Society.

The Oak Ridge team previously had found how to extract and isolate the tiny spinach proteins, which are part of the plant's photosynthetic machinery for converting sunlight into chemical energy. The protein structure, called Photosystem I, can generate a light-induced flow of electricity in a few trillionths of a second.

Now, the researchers say, they have found how to attach the protein structures to a gold-plated surface and orient them in specified directions. That is an advance, they say, toward making simple electronic switches and logic circuits like those on silicon computer chips.

"You have to be able to control the orientation" of the tiny structures, said physicist Ida Lee, a member of the Oak Ridge team.

"This is a first step in 'wiring'

components together" into more complex systems, physicist Elias Greenbaum, group leader for the experiment, said in a telephone interview.

"It's very exciting work," said Robert Birge, director of the Center for Molecular Electronics at Syracuse University. "The ability to routinely orient these systems is the key," Birge said. "It is too early to tell if it is going to have commercial application."

Greenbaum, who has been working on the physics of photosynthesis for more than 15 years, agrees. "This is basic science," he said. "We're not talking about development or manufacturing of devices that are going to replace silicon technology."

Certainly, not anytime soon.

But researchers are paying more attention to the possibilities offered by natural structures that

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Tooting your own horn



The Concert Band performs in Stewart Theatre Tuesday night.



- Gettysburg College

"Imani's whole performance was one big standing ovation. I have never seen our campus react to anyone like that. They were on their feet, whooping, laughing, cheering or dancing during almost every song. Wow! These are incredibly talented ladies."



- West Chester University

"We had expected great music and awesome voices from Imani, but we were blown away by their live show. Most of our school was surprised by their humor and their great moves (especially the guys). They were full of surprises. And on and off stage, they are pure class."

IMANI

DIVERSITY PROGRAM
Coming to the Talley Student Center Ballroom
6:00 p.m. Friday, April 9, 1999
Sponsored by the UAB Diversity Committee

Their accolades are numerous and their resume impressive; these ladies are seven time Star Search winners and finalists. They have been the opening act for such marquee names as Boyz II Men, TLC, Gerald Levert, Tony Rich, Regina Bell, Keith Washington, The Delis, Bill Bellamy, Bill Cosby and the late Phyllis Hyman.

Also appearing will be campus organizations Phi Beta Sigma (stepping), Signs of Christ, Dance Visions, and others. Food will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the performance begins at 7:00 p.m. FREE! For more information, please call 515-5161.

Laidlaw

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the information provided by Laidlaw to suggest TCT's non-compliance was "taken out of context," according to Sanders.

According to Laidlaw, it was the "only proposer" of seven who were in substantial compliance with the specifications of the RFP. The other six vendors, including ATC/Vancom Management, Peter Pan Transit, Southern Coach, Progressive and Intellitran, were in "general compliance." Therefore, to Laidlaw, NCSU acted erroneously by dropping certain requirements of the RFP to open several bids.

"During the evaluation process, all vendors were identified as either substantial or non-substantial. Laidlaw was one of seven in substantial compliance," according

to Sanders. "General compliance is not a term used in the Purchasing Department," Sanders added. While seven vendors were in technical compliance, TCT was granted the contract due to the factor of low cost.

"We think the case lacks merit," said Eileen Goldgeier, NCSU Associate General Counsel. Fortunately for NCSU, Assistant Attorney General Tom Lawton filed the motion to dismiss, and NCSU is no longer a party in the lawsuit, according to Goldgeier. By law, "NCSU can't be hauled into the office and have their procurement reviewed. The only way they can be sued is in superior court," said Glen Peterson, General Counsel for the Department of Administration.

Unfortunately for the DOA, it will be reviewed for its final decision regarding the awarding of contracts during the competitive bidding procedure. NCSU had the authority to do all the review on its own, but the DOA reviewed the

process and gave the final approval, according to Peterson. "The DOA did everything proper in its review of NCSU's procurement. There was no violation," said Peterson.

The petition for contested case hearing is an official way to have an administrative decision reviewed by an unbiased third party. The Office of Administrative Hearings will hear the case, review it and issue a recommended decision within the next few months. Laidlaw is requesting that the DOA cancel the contract to TCT and issue a new contract with Laidlaw, while awarding damages, expense and incurred attorney fees.

"I don't know at this stage what is going to happen," offered Sanders. Currently, depositions are being taken from members of the Departments of Purchasing and Transportation. However, unless an alternate agreement is reached by August, TCT will commence its functions as the new Wolfline Transit Service.

Patrol

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are informed of these hours and all aspects of the job, which are specifically written out in the Student Patrol Handbook that all patrolmen receive, according to Brooks.

According to Semunegus, the Student Patrol is fairly lenient about hours. For example, if a student has a test or emergency, the patrol will try to work the patrolman's hours around it.

The rate of pay is also known when the job is taken. Patrolmen start at minimum wage and receive pay increases with promotions and longevity, according to Semunegus.

Public Safety does not dictate student patrolmen salaries.

"Housing covers [student patrol's] salary. Public Safety

does not cover their salary," stated Brooks. "Public Safety provides cars, gas, radios and other equipment. [Patrolmen] are made aware of how much they will be making before they start."

Safety for all students on campus is always an issue. The Student Patrol is no exception to this. Crimes can happen to them like anyone else, but are less likely too due to their equipment and ability to communicate directly with each other and Public Safety, according to Semunegus.

"Anything can happen to a student, but it is less likely to happen to the Student Patrol," said Semunegus. "We have never had trouble when escorting a student. We are basically the eyes and ears of public safety; we are not enforcement."

Security guards were also accused of not showing up to work and that the student patrols were being required to fill in for them. According to Semunegus,

this allegation is ungrounded and false.

"Officers do not leave their shift whenever they want," stated Semunegus. "They follow [their schedule] but when they need help, we help them and they do the same for us."

Student Patrol works with Public Safety to keep campus safe, not against them, according to Semunegus.

"We have to work together," said Semunegus. "Everything we do is as a team. Even though we have different divisions, we share a lot of responsibility."

Overall, most student patrol members enjoy their jobs, according to Semunegus and Brooks.

"[Student Patrol] is not a high paying job, but it is really rewarding," commented Semunegus.

Student patrol currently employs 20 patrolmen and has never had a complaint about its escort service, according to Semunegus.

Spinach

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convert light energy into electrical signals. Greenbaum said such structures offer real-world proof that biological molecules, communicating via electrons, can be wired together.

The challenge, he said, is "can we extract them from their natural environment and reconstruct them to work" the same way in useful electronic devices. At the molecular level, Greenbaum said, there is little concern about the protein structures deteriorating once extracted from the spinach leaves. The researchers must be able to

construct devices with long-term stability and endurance.

The natural protein structures do offer several potential advantages, Greenbaum said, including smaller size and probably faster response times than the circuits etched in today's silicon-based computer chips. The spinach-derived structures being manipulated by the Oak Ridge team are only six nanometers across. (A nanometer is a billionth of a meter.)

Lee said structures like those isolated from spinach cells are found in many higher plants and in photosynthetic bacteria. Birge and his co-workers at Syracuse have been working with a light-reactive protein isolated from bacteria that live in salt marshes. Why choose spinach? It contains

more of the protein structures than other plants, Lee said, and they are relatively easy to extract from spinach leaves. Also, spinach is inexpensively available at the supermarket.

The team needs very little of the leafy green plants for its work. "We only need a little bit, maybe half a bunch," Lee said, "and then we eat the other half." That half bunch of spinach, less than a pound, is enough to keep the team supplied with research material for about three months, Lee said.

While the research on biomolecular electronics is quite serious, Lee admits that her friends often joke about her as "the spinach lady." But if the research eventually leads to new types of electronic devices, Lee and her colleagues could have the last laugh.

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Former Provost Stiles, a member of the NC State Physics Department, developed and taught a course like this at Brown University. He is an active member of the American Recorder Society.

Call or e-mail S. Reynolds at 515-7751 (stephen_reynolds@ncsu.edu) for more information.

Mixin' it up



DJ Sonic spins your favorite tunes every Thursday at 4 p.m. on "The number one college radio station" WKNC 88.1 FM.

Drew Barrymore's "Never Been Kissed" opens in theatres today.

Quote of the Day:
"I have no more than I had before, now I have all that I need." - The Beatles

NCMA adding on

◆ Museum hires New York firm to design building expansion.

Staff Report

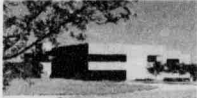
The North Carolina Museum of Art has its sights on being bigger and better, and has hired internationally acclaimed Gluckman Mayner to get it there.

The New York-based firm has overseen numerous other museum projects both in America and abroad, including the Whitney Museum in New York, the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh and the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe. The firm's international endeavors include museums in Tokyo and Spain.

The firm was chosen unanimously by the 12-member selection committee, which was composed of member of the Museum's board of trustees and foundation, as well as Museum director Lawrence J. Wheeler and project director Dan Gottlieb.

"Gluckman Mayner uses light, both natural and artificial, as effectively as any architects working in the world today," Wheeler said in the NCMA's recent press release on the subject. "The result is sublime spaces for experiencing art. We can look forward to a landmark arts center."

Richard Gluckman, one half of the firm, has been proclaimed the "architect of choice to the art world."



Current NCMA building.

Gluckman and David Mayner will serve as the design consultants to Odell Associates, Inc. of Charlotte, N.C., which was named by the state as the architect of record for the project.

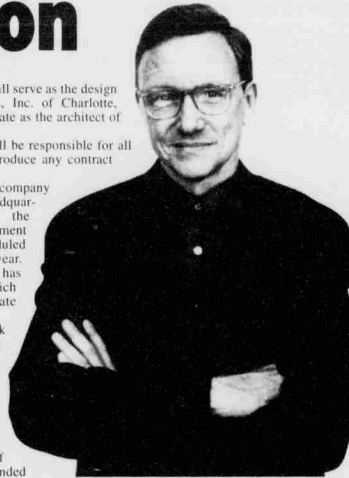
Odell, the on-site managers, will be responsible for all phases of the project and will produce any contract documents necessary.

Among the credits to the Odell company are the R.J. Reynolds world headquarters in Winston-Salem and the Centennial Authority's Entertainment and Sports Arena, which is scheduled for completion in the fall of this year.

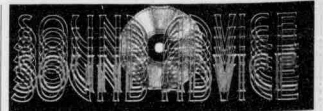
The renovation and expansion has been proposed at \$40 million, which will be funded through private pledges and state money.

The Museum began design work on the project in March, and is set to begin construction in late 2000.

The addition and renovation will include classrooms and modern educational facilities, a large exhibition hall to present major shows and adjacent public gathering spaces. Also, some of the current galleries will be expanded to house the Museum's ever-growing permanent collection.



Richard Gluckman, renowned architect, has been chosen to expand NCMA's facilities.



"Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels"

★★★★



The soundtrack to "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" is similar to that of "Pulp Fiction."

The new film "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" has gotten a lot of attention as being the next "Transporter," that is, a British movie that will take America by storm. While the movie is excellent, it has also gotten several complaints that it is a lot like "Pulp Fiction." The movie may or may not be like Quentin Tarantino's masterpiece, but the soundtrack is very similar to that of "Pulp Fiction" soundtrack.

Laced with quotes from the movie, the "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" soundtrack mixes classic songs with new ones. The best "oldies" songs on the soundtrack are definitely the two James Brown songs, "The Payback" and "The Boss." Another excellent classic is Dusty Springfield's "Spooky." Rounding out the "oldies" part of the soundtrack is "18 With A Bullet" by Pete Wingfield. There are also some catchy rock songs, like The Stooges' "I Wanna Be Your Dog" and Ocean Colour Scene's "Hundred Mile High City." There's also this weird Polka type song called "Zorba The Greek" by John Murphy and David Hughes that's really just a catchy acoustic guitar song, but it reminded me of some Polka Mexican music hybrid.

This soundtrack almost has something for everyone on it. The E-Z Rollers provide a techno song with

Makin' waves at the beach

◆ Free music and food will be just some of the things provided at the Second Annual Tucker Beach Blast this Saturday.

JONATHAN MOZING
Staff Writer

Chunky Fixta, Squeezetoy and 2 Fathoms Deep are just a few of the bands that will be performing this weekend at the Second Annual Tucker Beach Blast. Other musical guests will include JR Pendergast, Regina

Hubbard and DJ John Starling.

The headlining bands Chunky Fixta and Squeezetoy, both out of Raleigh, create music based on interpretations of funk, blues, rock and soul.

Chunky Fixta formed in 1996 when Benji Rountree, Jim Reynolds, John Vincent and Justin Tatsch teamed up and began touring the Triangle, playing at venues such as Lake Boone Country Club, the Local 506 and the Brewery. Chunky Fixta also per-

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Tucker Beach Blast

featuring

Chunky Fixta and Squeezetoy

Saturday, April 10, 1999

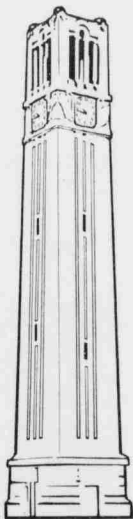
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Friday April 9
Prism-TrueColors, "Shining Through Concert" Talley Student Center Ballroom 6 p.m.

Saturday April 10
College of Veterinary Medicine Open House, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Chancellor Fox will attend, 10 a.m.-Noon

*Pan-African Parade, Morrill Dr. & Cates Ave., 11 a.m.

Native American Student Pow Wow, Harris Field, 11 a.m.

**"3 on 3" Basketball Tournament Carmichael Outdoor Courts, 1.5 p.m.

*Talent Show, Talley Student Center Ballroom 6 p.m.

*After Party, Talley Student Center Ballroom 10 p.m.

Sunday April 11
*United Student Fellowship Worship Service, Talley Student Center Ballroom 11 a.m.

*New Horizons Choir Concert, Stewart Theatre, 4 p.m.

Monday April 12
*Speaker, Dr. Calvin Mackie, Talley Student Center Ballroom 5 p.m.

*Black Repertory Theatre "In White America," Stewart Theatre, 8 p.m.

Tuesday April 13
**"Friendly Feud," Talley Student Center Lobby, Noon

Chancellor Fox addresses Faculty Senate, Senate Chambers, D.H. Hill Library, 3-5 p.m.
Chancellor Fox with Andrew Payne, WKNC Radio, 6 p.m.

*Black Finesse Spring Show, Stewart Theatre, 8 p.m.

Wednesday April 14
J.C. Raulston Arboretum Open House, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ice Cream Reception for Chancellor Fox, Sponsored by the Student Body, Brickyard, Noon-1:30 p.m.

Dedication Butler Communication Services Building, 2:40 p.m.; Chancellor Fox will attend

*Speaker, Hasani Imarabe Talley Student Center Ballroom 5 p.m.

**"Mahogany Roots," Witherspoon Multipurpose Room, 8 p.m.

Thursday April 15
*Block Party, near Free Expression Tunnel, 4-7 p.m.

*Dance Visions Spring Recital, Stewart Theatre, 8 p.m.

Friday April 16
Installation Exhibit opens, The Life and Times of Marye Anne Fox, D.H. Hill Library Alumni Awards Luncheon, Raleigh Civic Center, Noon-2 p.m. (For tickets, contact Alumni Association)

International Research Exposition Walnut Room, Talley Student Center, 3-4:30 p.m.

Science Olympiad Opening Ceremonies Reynolds Coliseum, 6-7 p.m.

Chancellor Fox Interview on North Carolina Now, UNC-TV, 7:30 p.m.

**"Stomping it the Savoy," Jazz Semi-Formal Talley Student Center Ballroom 8 p.m.

North Carolina People, Chancellor Fox interview with Bill Friday, UNC-TV, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY APRIL 17

THE INSTALLATION OF MARYE ANNE FOX
Installation Symposium: The Future of U.S. Research Intensive Universities, Witherspoon Student Center, 10 a.m.-Noon

The University of North Carolina President Molly Corbett Broad, Moderator

Frank Press, National Perspective
Martha Krebs, Federal Agency Perspective
Mark Yudof, University System Perspective
Ellis Cowling, N.C. State Perspective

Installation Ceremony William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, 2:30 p.m.

Installation Reception William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, immediately following

Other Events

Science Olympiad Competition College of Textiles, Science House, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

*Black Expo, Harris Field, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Comedy Step Show, Stewart Theatre, 6 p.m.

*After Party, Talley Student Center Ballroom, 11 p.m.

Sunday April 18

North Carolina People, Chancellor Fox interview with Bill Friday, UNC-TV, 5:30 p.m.

* Denotes Pan-African Festival events sponsored by the Black Students Board of the Union Activities Board.

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Beach

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formed at the School of Design Halloween Bash earlier this year. Chunky Fixta's lead guitarist, Benji Rountree, is excited about being able to play events at N.C. State. "Being in a professional band has taught me a lot about the real business world and it has also enhanced my overall knowledge of being and entertainer," Rountree commented when asked

about doing events such as the Beach Blast.

Squeezetoy was the opening act of last year's Beach Blast and teamed up earlier this year with Chunky Fixta at the Brent Road Bash this past August. Both bands, Chunky Fixta and Squeezetoy, were formed by students at N.C. State, and have found the Triangle a welcoming area to up-and-coming bands.

Like last year's Beach Blast, coordinated by the Union Activities Board, the First Year College program and the Tucker Hall Council, this party is also

expected to be a huge success. Last year's Beach Blast had a turnout of over 750 people, all of whom enjoyed free music and free food courtesy of the UAB. This year the UAB will team up with Pizza Hut and others to provide food.

Weather permitting, the Second Annual Tucker Beach Blast will be at the Tucker Beach volleyball pit from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 1999. So remember to get ready to party this weekend with the UAB at the Second Annual Tucker Beach Blast.

Sound

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"Walk This Land." There is also this popish song called "Oh Girl" by Evil Superstars. The quotes from the movie are great, providing nice little bits of humor in between the songs. My favorite songs from the soundtrack were "Hundred Mile High City," which

is just a really good rock song that reminded me of — well, the kind of cool rock song you would expect to be in a movie. I also like "I Wanna Be Your Dog" because it reminded me a lot of the British rock music that comes out today, and it also sounds like something that you would find on the "Trainspotting" soundtrack.

Many people buy soundtracks because they've got big bands on them, and others buy them so they can relive some of the essence of

a movie that they've seen (how else can you explain 7 million copies of the "Titanic" score). While the "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" soundtrack is varied and entertaining, it does not help you to relive scenes from the movie in the way that "Pulp Fiction" and "Trainspotting" did. In the end, the soundtrack just ends up being a British version of the "Pulp Fiction" soundtrack, only with fewer memorable songs. — R. Hill

COMING UP

Cinema
Campus Cinema
(shows \$1.50 w/student ID)
Thurs., Apr. 8 Shakespeare in Love at 6:45 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 9 Saving Private Ryan at 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Also Apr. 10 Saving Private Ryan at 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 11 Animal Farm (Free)
Thurs., Apr. 15 Elizabeth at 6:45 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Music
Brewery
Thurs., Apr. 8 Tony Furtado/Acoustic Syndicate
Fri., Apr. 9 Sticklaw/Strap On/Black Acid Disco
Sat., Apr. 10 Hipbone
Cat's Cradle
Thurs., Apr. 8 Olivia Tremor Control, Elf Power
Fri., Apr. 9 Hipbone
Sat., Apr. 10 Nashville Bluegrass Band
Thurs., Apr. 15 Strange Folk
Record Exchange
Hillsborough St.
Fri., Apr. 9 Cube at 7 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 10 Kim Buchanan & Greg Taylor at 5 p.m.

The Caboose
Fri., Apr. 9 Jones Family Reunion/Hellasin/Meat Rocket/Within BC
Sat., Apr. 10 Vintage Gaming Convention/The Fox/The Runarounds/The Getups

Performances
Carolina Theatre in Durham
Thurs., Apr. 8 2nd Annual Double Take Documentary Film Festival

Also Wed. & Thur., Apr. 14-15 Idols of the King at 8 p.m. each day

The Open Door
Thurs.-Sat., Apr. 8-10 A Lie of the Mind at 8 p.m.
Also on Sun., Apr. 11 A Lie of the Mind at 2 p.m.

N.C. Symphony
Fri. and Sat., Apr. 8 & 9 Featuring Landsberg and Yount at Raleigh Civic and Convention Center at 8 p.m.
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AT THEATRES SOON

Music industry group says CD piracy soared in 1998

SARAH TIPPIT
Reuters News Service

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - The number of bootlegged CDs soared in 1998 as new digital technologies and the Internet gave pirates more ways to infringe on the rights of musicians around the world, a record industry group said Wednesday.

The Recording Industry Association of America, an industry trade group, released figures showing the number of counterfeit compact discs made illegally in U.S. facilities rose to about 338,500, up 163 percent from 129,000 in 1997.

The number of pirated CD recordables in the United States, or recordings illegally made on blank discs through Internet downloads and other means, rose 103,971, from a scant 442 in 1997. The figures reflect products that were confiscated on street corners, in flea markets, retail outlets and via Internet sales, the RIAA said.

Pirating CDs severely hampers the \$13.7 billion U.S. record industry's ability to control distribution and retail royalties.

"Domestically we lose \$1 million a day to piracy in the U.S.," RIAA spokeswoman Lydia Pelliccia told Reuters.

Worldwide, where music is about a \$40 billion business, the illegal copying of digital CDs has sparked a storm of controversy

particularly in Asian-Pacific countries such as China, which have fewer restrictions on copying equipment.

Indeed, the RIAA said the rising number of illegal copies is mainly being fueled by the recent availability of inexpensive CD recordable devices and blank disks.

To defend the industry, the RIAA has taken a series of actions such as an educational campaign to combat Internet piracy on college campuses, providing CD manufacturers with tools to spot suspicious orders from illegal distributors, and helping to pass a bill in California directed at piracy.

The California Optical Disc Identifier bill, which cleared the California legislature in September, is intended to reduce piracy by requiring makers of CDs, CD recordables, DVDs and other optical discs to label their products with a manufacturer's name and state.

"Between the many CD plants around the country adopting better business practices and the scores of universities signing up for our copyright education program — we're making strides on all fronts," said Frank Creighton, RIAA's anti-piracy director.

In a separate action announced Wednesday, the State Council of the Chinese government — the highest executive authority in China — directed all its ministries, commissions and government



Alanis Morissette, artist and songwriter, is an avid activist against CD piracy. Her main focus is on the making and distribution of MP3s.

agencies to use only legitimate computer software in authorized ways.

"This is a milestone in China's efforts to increase intellectual property protection," U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said in a statement. The action "sets an important example for the Chinese private sector and for other national governments."

Paraguay, Thailand, Turkey, Philippines, Korea and Jordan have issued similar decrees in recent months, and last October, President Clinton issued an order directing all U.S. government agencies to ensure that only legitimate software is used.

Technician's View

Who's to blame?

◆ **Conflicting stories and opinions surround the Student Patrol.**

For as long as most people at N.C. State can remember, the issue of safety — and, by association, the Department of Public Safety — has been a hotly debated one. With issues ranging from the need for better lighting to alleged sexual misconduct, a great deal of time and energy has been expended on the topic.

And it seems that yet another hot button has been pushed with the recent allegations regarding Public Safety's mistreatment of the Student Patrol.

It all began a few weeks ago with an anonymous letter to this newspaper from members of the Student Patrol, who made claims about poor or failing equipment, unreasonable workloads and working conditions and low salaries. Although the Student Patrol falls under the jurisdiction of University Housing, it is Public Safety and their Support Staff who work with the Student Patrol Officers.

Following the letter's publication, Public Safety was questioned about its accusations. At that time, no one was either available for or willing to comment on the situation.

Now, however, officials are ready and willing not only to comment on the issues addressed in the letter, but to prove them false as well. The only problem? The timeliness, or lack thereof, of the department's response.

Coming nearly three weeks after the letter made its accusations, the director of the Student Patrol, Hilarie Semunegus, and Public

Safety support staff stated that their SPO's equipment is adequate and that students who become members of the Student Patrol are made fully aware of the hours they are expected to work and what their pay will be.

Semunegus did admit, however, that at the time of the original letter of complaint, the equipment did need to be updated, but he was quick to add that it has all been done now.

If this were really the case, if the equipment was in the process of being fixed or replaced, then why didn't someone just say that? Public Safety and Student Patrol coordinator's failure to comment earlier just made the whole thing seem more suspicious. And the issue of unreasonable workloads or extended shifts seems yet to have been addressed.

It is understandable that Denise Brooks, a member of Public Safety's support staff, feels that students working as SPOs are made aware of their salaries and working hours before they are hired via the Student Patrol Handbook. It would appear, though, that some lack of communication or other discrepancies along the way created some confusion. Obviously, there is — or was — some sort of problem, or SPOs would not have felt the way they did, or felt compelled to send in their letters anonymously.

But rather than spend further time, money or energy pointing fingers, members of both Student Patrol and Public Safety need to use these resources to solve the real problem: improving their communication about problems and concerns.



Jimmy Hunt, Student Government President, North Carolina State University, 1957-1959 from 1958-59 Agromeck design by marko4.8.99

Relationships bring change

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

I'm at a loss for how to start this column. So I think the direct approach is best. Relationships suck.

Now I realize this isn't a particularly profound statement. And I'm generally not prone to making such broad, sweeping generalizations. However, I needed a quick way to get my point across, before I lose it.

And believe me, I'm going to lose it. It's a simple fact that one can't talk about relationships without losing their point of view, getting off the subject or traveling down a thousand tangential trains of thought. Just think of my initial comment as perspective and keep it in sight even if I fail to. Then, when I start not making sense anymore, just know that that was the general sentiment I wanted you to take away from this column.

With that said, let me explain myself better and in a way that doesn't leave you with the wrong impression. I am not writing this as a bitter pessimist, a woman scorned or a spurned waitress. I'm just someone who is mildly familiar with the game of love.

Occasionally, I get some playing time — okay, so maybe more often I observe from the bench — but I know enough of the rules and plays that I can argue with the calls. Consider me an armchair quarterback d'amour.

Actually, don't. That just sounds silly.

Truthfully, I don't know as much about relationships than anyone else does — hey, I'm just some girl with a column — but I know enough to know that relationships are hard and messy, frustrating and complicated, and they can make us feel worse than we'd ever think we could. Hence, that whole "sucks" statement earlier.

So why would anyone want one?

Well, there are lots of reasons. And they all feel pretty good. And I'm hoping you're all lucky enough to be able to draw from personal experience and fill in this blank yourself. Let's face it, if relationships weren't a worthwhile investment, they wouldn't exist.

My problem isn't really with relationships. It's with what they can do to you. They change things. Suddenly it isn't just about you anymore — there's this other person to consider. Your life isn't as much yours because someone else has this claim staked out, and they're occupying some corner of your being where what you say and how you act affect them directly.

And it makes it hard to be you. Because if you're not worrying about what they're thinking you're thinking, you wonder about what they think about you. How do they think about you? How often do they think about you? How long will they continue to think about you?

And with all of this questioning, you start questioning yourself. And you get edgy and nervous and all you want to do is be normal again.

And really, that's all people want anyway — someone to be normal with. We all have little sanctuaries built safe and sturdy, tucked away in our friendships and family trees — places where we can retreat and be ourselves without fear of judgment. But sometimes that's not enough for us. We feel that these people owe it to us to put up with our eccentricities.

We want to win someone over.

Isn't that part of the attraction of liking another person — that they like you in return? That you can let down your mask and lose the everyday pretenses, knowing fully well that they won't run away screaming in horror? That someone that you think the world of has somehow been duped into thinking you're pretty gosh darn wonderful, too?

Yet, it's this very desire that makes a relationship so hard to maintain. Because it has a lot to do with things you can't control — stuff like other people's impressions.

Your friends are your friends because you feel safe with them. You feel equal. However, when you like someone, you have a tendency to make that person more than what they are. Admiration can breed self-deprecation. You start listing all of your faults and, suddenly, you're not good enough anymore, much less this amazing individual. So you wait, expectantly, fearing the day when they might come to the same conclusion.

There's nothing wrong with you, of course. However, self-doubt is (unfortunately) a fairly common offshoot of liking someone. Let's face it — if you're constantly trying to see yourself through someone else's eyes, it's easy to lose sight of you.

And even when you feel comfortable with another person, it's hard to share. Like little kids with a cherished toy, we cling fiercely to our independence, our way of life and the secret parts of us tucked away somewhere in our diaries.

Yet that's another one of the appeals of a relationship — somehow, you find yourself wanting to share in spite of yourself. You might be scared or unsure or absolutely positive you'll regret it later, but something about that person makes you want to give up a part of yourself. You're just really nervous about how this part of you might be received.

Falling in love has to feel risky. You have to feel that you've just had a near miss — it's kind of like stumbling over something and finding your feet just before you have a major faceplant. You have to feel like you came close to losing it all before you feel like something's really gained.

A war in Kosovo is not needed

STEUDEN F. LEBOUF
Staff Columnist

There are countless reasons why tax-funded American armed forces should not be fighting a war against Serbia, and I have space to present only a few. My reservations on this war stem from two main factors: ethics and constitutionality.

From an ethical standpoint, the Kosovo war is simply not our war. It is a civil war between rivaling factions of a chaotic nation, and it does not warrant risking the life and limb of a single American soldier. (I will pause now to give all of the holocaustophobes out there a moment to vent.)

With this said, I hope you do not buy the following programmed rhetoric that's been polluting the airwaves lately: "America must prevent another WWII from happening! We said we'd never let it happen again, didn't we?" But the Kosovo conflict is not another WWII. In the second World War, U.S. commercial vessels were being attacked by German warships and subs. American lives (and freedoms) were at stake. Fighting this war was indeed justified — after all, the

German attacked us first! In the end, the message to foreigners was clear: "Let us live and trade in peace, and we'll let you live and trade in peace. But if you strike us first, then we'll teach you a lesson you won't forget."

And yes, the Serbs may have thrown the first stone at the Kosovars, but did the Serbs first attack American life and property? I have heard not one shred of evidence suggesting that Serbia hit America first. In fact, ABC News (with a rather disturbing hint of jubilation, I might add) claims that it was the other way around. That is, Serbia hit Kosovo (not America), Kosovo cried, and then America rode in cowboy style, toting large, tax-funded guns ready to lay the smack on Serbia. (I use "smack" instead of "NATO" here because "NATO's biggest funding comes from none other than yours truly — that is, you, the American taxpayer.)

"But what about NATO treaties?" exclaim some of you. "Shouldn't America stand firm on its word to honor treaties?" you ask. Now we're talkin'! This is where the fun really begins. Yes, the U.S. Constitution

does indeed give the president the power to make treaties, upon consent of two-thirds of the Senate. So if a legally ratified treaty says that we must fight a war, then we must honor that treaty, right? Wrong! If a ratified treaty violates the Constitution of the United States of America, then that treaty is legally null and void.

For example, the United States could not justify a treaty with another nation that forbade Americans from openly ridiculing that nation — this would violate our prized First Amendment. Even if such a treaty were ratified, the Supreme Court would have to strike it down as unconstitutional.

And such unconstitutionality is what's happening right now, though in a manner not quite so obvious. Our Senate has authorized the Balkan bombings without officially declaring war against Serbia. And since our Constitution does not authorize warlike tactics without Congress's declaration of war, this bombing is unconstitutional (via the 10th Amendment), regardless of

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"She can do just as good a job as anyone else."

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"Not in this state."

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any treaty signed by our president. "But Steve? We bombed Iraq, Bosnia and Somalia without declaring war! So surely bombing Serbia can't be wrong!" But whether or not you approve of these bombings, you must face the fact that they were all performed unconstitutionally. And just because a constitutional violation becomes a habit, it doesn't mean that future violations are now justified. Congress should be man enough to declare war before bombing a nation that hasn't attacked us first, as indicated by our Constitution.

It wasn't that long ago when America's foreign policy was simple: "Don't harm us and we won't harm you." (Wouldn't our predecessors be alarmed by our excessive militarism today?) But in modern times, American forces rush to the aid of any nation (or tribe) that is outgunned (or outspared).

Clintonites wail and whine that "America has a moral obligation to defend the weak." But what if Clintonites were to rephrase this sentence to state what they truly mean, and not merely what they want the public to hear. (Ha! I've just realized the humor of this statement. As if President Clinton

would ever say what he really means! This will take more imagination than I previously thought.) Imagine if Clintonites would restate their plea as such: "America has a moral obligation to defend the weak by forcing American citizens to pay for it." Doesn't sound all that spiffy now, does it?

And what is America's goal in this Serbian war? Some heedlessly yell, "Well, peace, of course!" But "peace" is not specific enough. What do we mean by peace? Do we want the Kosovars to return to their homeland without any remnants of civil conflict (a nigh-impossible outcome)? If so, how will we do this? With ground troops? And how long are we willing to wait for this so-called "peace"?

More importantly, how much tax money is our government willing to spend on this mission? (According to recent figures, the ongoing Bosnian conflict has already cost taxpayers over 20 billion hard-earned U.S. dollars — enough money to give every unemployed North Carolinian a \$14,000 check.) And, most importantly, all how many American lives are we willing to risk in this endeavor?

These questions have never been addressed by our President. In fact, he appears dangerously ignorant on the Serbian issue — and with American lives now at stake!

Although Clinton can certainly be blamed for much of this predicament, I can understand how even four-star generals can lose track of American military immolation. The U.S. government has forsaken its original purpose — to defend the rights of its citizens — in exchange for employment as

"the world's police force." How can any leader govern something that megalieth!

In order to bring order to this chaos, I suggest that the Constitution be amended for clarity. It should be mandated that the U.S. Congress, upon declaration of war, must present the American public with the concrete military goals that warrant warlike action, a realistic estimate of the intended cost of the war for taxpayers and gauges to help determine when the war has been successful and when it must stop.

I do not suggest that Congress be legally bound to their estimates under this amendment (war can be quite unpredictable at times), but at least such a public affirmation of goals, costs and gauges would allow Americans to better judge the effectiveness of American military efforts. At least then we wouldn't be left in the dark — left to the mercy of the media, which broadcasts pictures of starving refugees more for the purpose of selling commercials than for the enlightenment of the public.

My sentiments on the Serbian-American war are best summed up by the words of David Bergland, the national chairman of the Libertarian Party: "Yes, the war in the Balkans is a tragedy. But that does not justify spilling one drop of American blood or spending one dollar of American taxpayers' money." And as a personal corollary, I suggest that we stick to the Constitution and declare war before we make war. If Congress doesn't have the guts to declare a war, then the war ain't worth fighting."

Having choices makes life difficult

CHRIS HOLCOMB
Staff Columnist

It's a cruel world we live in, indeed. By cruel, I am not talking of the horrible crimes that occur at night or the bully who tortured you in grade school. I am speaking of the excessive freedom of choice we as young Americans are granted.

It is this very choice that can bring us fortune or misery. It is a power that no one in their right mind would surrender, yet so often explodes in their face. This gift of limitless opportunities and choices was handed to us with no guidebook or promises. We are empowered to make decisions today that can bind our hands together for many years to come, and we may never realize exactly what happened until it is too late.

For example, I am a student in business, concentrating in finance. This course of study was my own decision. However, I despise a majority of my business classes. I also cringe at the thought of

becoming a worn-out and over-worked cog in some multi-million dollar corporation, salivating with anticipation for table scraps. A life packed full of meaningless handshakes and fake laughter, expensive status symbols, and Sunday afternoon Zen at the golf course does not cut it for me.

So if I hate it all so much, why am I lining up with my polo shirt, khaki pants and big toothy grin at the job fair? Well, poverty doesn't exactly appeal to me either. I like art, music, books and film; their rewards are emotion and intellectual stimulation, not money (unless you are talented enough to create and sell any of the above). If I am going to endure four years of torture to get a college degree, I would like to think I am going to make enough money to live a comfortable lifestyle. I chose the school of business because, ultimately, everything is either a business or directly related to one. Business equates to money, and money equates to power and freedom. Therefore, I

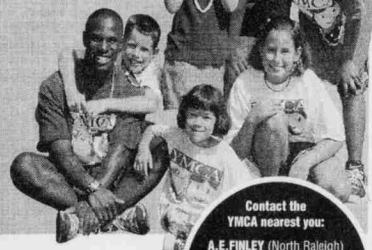
excessively wealthy removed from him. It all boils down to "I want my cake and I want to eat it, too."

The whole point of this article is to make you, the reader, think and evaluate your priorities. I am still in the process of sorting out myself, and unfortunately I cannot offer an answer to which one is more important. It was raised believing success is a nice car, big house and a wad of cash ready to be blown at any second. Yet I am also realizing that the people I truly respect did more than accumulate wealth during their lives. The only thing I can say for sure is that you are free to choose whichever path you want to go down, regardless of what your head or your heart tell you. Just give it a few minutes of thought before you dive in, because the pool might have been drained a long time ago.

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"We won those two big games against UNC, and that really got us back in our groove," said Sapp, referring to State's wins over UNC-Chapel Hill this weekend. "We're really playing well now."

State started off the scoring in the bottom of the second on an RBI single by Sapp. The Pack added another three to extend the lead to 4-0 in

the fourth with a sacrifice fly by Sapp, an RBI single by shortstop Todd DeMikes and a wild pitch.

In the fifth, State piled on five more runs to take a 9-1 lead. The Pack would also add runs in the sixth and seventh innings for the final score.

"I guess we felt like we had something to prove," Sapp went on to say. "They [UNC-W] are a good team but I feel like we should beat them."

The Seahawks, who dropped to 20-14 with the loss, scored two runs in the seventh inning and three more in the top of the ninth, but the game

was out of reach.

State is in action again this weekend, playing the sixth-ranked University of Miami Hurricanes in Miami.

"I think we can take two of three," Fuller went on to say. "We're going down there with our best three starters and a great bullpen and the guys have been swinging the bats well. I think we have to be excited about it."

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Love has a lot to do with feeling lucky. That's why, though you love your friends, you don't love your friends. (There's a whole separate set of reasons why you don't love your family — little things like laws and genetics.)

As bad as this might sound, friendship is just sort of a given; you're friends as the people who love you and are going to stick around a while.

In an ideal relationship, you eventually reach this point, too. Which is why they can be such wonderful things — the most wonderful things even. It's the getting there that's hard. And that's the part that sucks. And so I think that's what I meant, in so many (many) words.

Kelly's still shaking her head about the whole armchair/laurel thing.

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Freshman pitcher Dan D'Amato was named the ACC's Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season.

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NCAA Bound

◆ NCAA Regionals are up next this weekend for the N.C. State gymnasts.

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A year after qualifying for the National Championship meet for the first time, the N.C. State gymnastics team will be attempting to get back to that level when they compete in NCAA Regionals this Saturday in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The Wolfpack gymnasts and five other teams — Alabama, Ohio State, Maryland, Towson and host West Virginia — will be competing for two berths in Nationals.



State heads to NCAA Regionals.

Despite the fact that there is so much at stake, the team is staying calm going into the weekend.

"There are definitely some expectations because we went to Nationals last year and won the conference this year," said senior co-captain Gemma Robison. "But, hopefully, everyone can just take it like any other meet, just go in there relaxed, and have a good time because we do better when we do that." State enters the weekend coming off its first ever East Atlantic Gymnastics League championship in Maryland a week and a half ago with a team record of 196.050. While the victory was certainly thrilling, the team is very much aware of the task at hand and is being careful not to become overconfident.

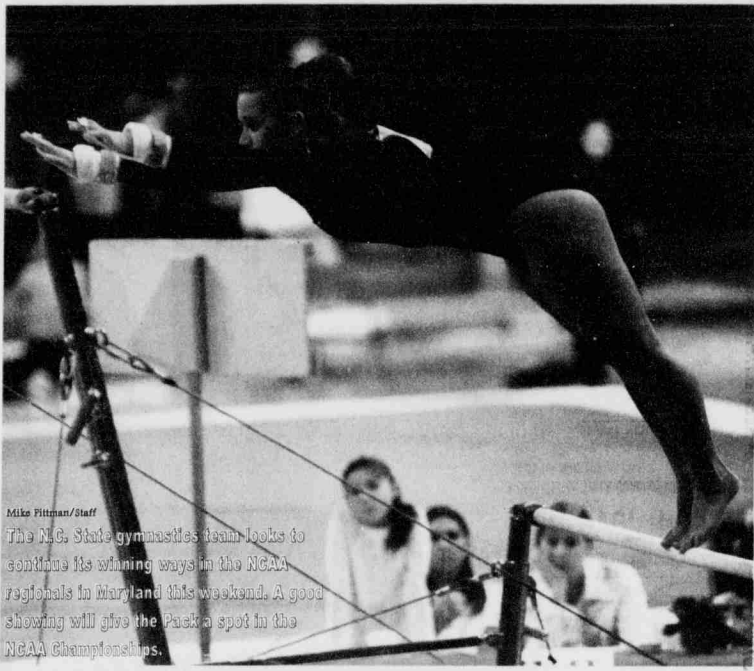
"We realize that we did a good job, but we still know that we have to train hard this week," stated sophomore Amy Langendorf.

Maryland, West Virginia and Towson witnessed State's amazing performance at EAGL. All three are very capable teams and will likely be looking for a measure of revenge.

Top-ranked Georgia and No. 10 Florida were actually the best two teams in State's region this season. However, both were placed in a lottery with the other top 12 teams in the country to determine which Regional they would compete in. The Gym Dogs and Gators were shipped out to Utah while Alabama and Ohio State were brought in to Morgantown.

If there is any team that has a chance of ending Georgia's reign as national champion, it is Alabama. The Crimson Tide gymnasts enter the weekend as the second-ranked team in the nation. They are one of only three teams that ended the season with a regional qualifying

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Mike Pittman/Staff

The N.C. State gymnastics team looks to continue its winning ways in the NCAA regionals in Maryland this weekend. A good showing will give the Pack a spot in the NCAA Championships.



The Wolfpack nine avenged last Wednesday's non-conference loss at UNC-Wilmington, picking up an 11-5 win last night over the Seahawks. State managed only three hits in Wilmington, but collected 17 in last night's rout.

Baseball avenges loss

◆ The N.C. State baseball team downs UNC-Wilmington, 11-5, at Doak Field.

TIM HUNTER AND KIM GRENEY
Staff Writers

Last week in Wilmington, the N.C. State baseball team found itself on the wrong end of a 7-2 non-conference game, losing to the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks. Last night at Doak Field, the Wolfpack made sure it didn't happen in their house, downing the Hawks 11-5 at Doak Field in college baseball action.

N.C. State (26-10) used three runs in the fourth inning and another five in the sixth to pick up the win. In a contrast to last week, when it managed only three hits, the Wolfpack picked up 17 this time around.

Grant Dorn (2-1) picked up the win for the Pack, pitching three strong innings, facing the

minimum nine batters.

"He has made an adjustment in his mechanics and it's been unbelievable," Pitching Coach Mark Fuller said of Dorn. "He was throwing back to where he was two months ago."

Five pitchers saw action for the Wolfpack on the evening.

"We wanted to keep everybody touched up for this weekend," Fuller said, referring to State's non-conference series this weekend.

"It's a big weekend. I think we are playing as well now as we have all year."

Several Wolfpack players earned career highs at the plate in the offensive outburst. Junior college transfer Curtis Sapp, who played at the catcher position for the Pack in place of Dan Mooney, collected four hits, and Jamie Shearin batted in three runs on the evening, also a career high.

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Wolfpack hosts tournament

◆ Two of the top three golf teams in the country will be in Cary this weekend.

JACK DRY
Staff Writer

N.C. State hosts the 10th annual BellSouth Yellow Pages Intercollegiate Golf Tournament on Friday and Saturday, with two of the top three teams in the country competing at MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary, N.C. Clemson and UNLV led a field of thirteen schools, including 18th ranked State, 14th ranked UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke.

Wolfpack Head Coach Richard Sykes said that he has two sets of goals for the weekend. "As a tournament host, I am hoping for good weather and a good tournament," said Sykes. "For the team, I am hoping we can rekindle the

way we were playing earlier."

Sykes said that the team has had a "unique year" so far. The Pack won its set record for the lowest team round with 14 under, and the highest with 24 over, according to Sykes.

This is State's only appearance in front of the home crowd this year, and Sykes said that some extra significance might be attached to the tournament.

"When you are playing at home there is some added pressure," Sykes said. "I don't think it will be too bad, though."

The team is coming off a seventh place finish in the Carpet Capital Classic last weekend in Dalton, Ga. Junior Carl Petterson finished second-over-all by firing rounds of 68, 69 and 71.

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N.C. State defeated UNC-CH 5-4 Wednesday.

Bonacic leads Wolfpack to home win over UNC-CH

◆ N.C. State women's tennis rallies for a 5-4 win over UNC-Chapel Hill Wednesday.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State rallied for a 5-4 win over No. 25 UNC-Chapel Hill in a close contest that came down to the final doubles match. Appropriately enough, it was a senior who helped the Wolfpack come through on senior day.

The duo of captains, senior Nena Bonacic and freshman Kristen Nicholls at No. 3 doubles clinched the match, giving the Pack its first Atlantic Coast Conference victory of the season.

The ending was fitting for the five-foot-five-inch Bonacic, from Split, Croatia, who was playing in her final home match. Bonacic is the only senior on

a young N.C. State squad.

The Pack tandem held a 7-5 advantage over UNC-CH's Sarah Hawkins and Caroline Hill, but the Tar Heels rallied to close the lead to 7-6, then went ahead 40-15 in the final game. N.C. State rallied for the win, however, led by Bonacic's strong serving.

Bonacic also led the Pack in singles, defeating Jessica Zaganyczk, 6-4, 6-1. The match was tied at 3-3 following singles play.

State also got wins from junior Francie Barragan and freshman Katrina Gildemeister. Barragan defeated UNC-CH's Sarah Hawkins, 6-2, 6-0, at No. 3, while Gildemeister defeated Emi Shafter, 6-1, 6-1.

The Wolfpack, ranked No. 68 nationally,

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N.C. State's tennis team was shut out, 7-0, by eighth-ranked Duke in Durham Wednesday.

Devils shut out Pack

◆ N.C. State's men's tennis team is blanked, 7-0, at Duke on Wednesday.

Sports Staff Report

DURHAM — The third-ranked Duke men's tennis team won its ninth consecutive match with a 7-0 shutout victory over Atlantic Coast Conference rival N.C. State at Duke Tennis Stadium on Wednesday. With the win, Duke improves to 31-4, 4-0 on the season while the Wolfpack drop to 10-8, 1-3 in the league.

The Blue Devils swept the singles competition, winning four matches in straight sets. At No. 2 singles, No. 21 Doug Root defeated Eric Jackson, 6-3, 6-2. At No. 4 singles, Porter Jones defeated Jeff Smith 6-3, 6-2 and Marko Cerenko topped Devang Desai by the same score at No. 6 singles. Andres Pedrosa defeated Shaun Thomas, 6-3, 6-0 at No. 5 singles. One of the closest matches of the day came at No. 1 singles, where Dmitry Muzyka,

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Going over the Hill

◆ The United States Track Coaches Association Series comes to Chapel Hill.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

So far, it's been a season of sabotage for the N.C. State track team, which has had one meet rained out and two affected by poor weather.

"Last weekend was probably the first really good weather we've had," Wolfpack Coach Gail Olson said. "I thought we performed pretty well, but we still have a little ways to go before we're ready for the conference meet. Hopefully this weekend, with another scored meet, will help us get pointed in the right direction."

This weekend State heads to UNC-Chapel Hill, which is hosting the USTCA Collegiate Series, put on by the United States Track Coaches Association. The meet should provide the Wolfpack with some good competition, as Southern California, Georgetown and UNC-CH will send their best athletes to compete.

"You're limited on the number of entries and events, but for the most part, the key people we need to get in the meet competing, we got them in," Olson said. "We should find out a lot [about our team] this weekend."

ESPN will televise the event, which will be shown on tape delay as part of the USTCA Collegiate Series.

"The excitement is more there from going up against Georgetown, USC and North Carolina," Olson explained, as opposed to the exposure of television.

With the Atlantic Coast Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships just a weekend away, the

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The Wolfpack will face stiff competition this weekend in Chapel Hill.