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Roberto Bracone wins but N.C. State falls in tennis to UNC-Chapel Hill. See page 8.



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Unity system hacked

Public Safety investigates the university's recent bout with hackers.

SPRINE STEPHENS
Senior Staff Writer

Just as the N.C. State computing systems began to recover from past security breaches, they suffer yet another setback.

During the evening of April 5, hundreds of Solaris campus computers were hacked, and it is possible that the hackers also gained access to the Linux computer systems too.

"The primary goal of the hacker was to retrieve passwords and to put himself into the password files," said Alan Galloway, systems programmer in NCSU Information Technology.

In an email sent to all students, faculty and staff, it was said that the vast number of machines affected by the break-ins resulted in an immediate need for students using

EOS or Unity accounts to change their passwords. Even though the security hole through which the break-in occurred has been closed, many passwords may have been stolen between April 5 at 6 p.m. and the same time on April 6.

"The hackers achieved 30 percent penetration on clients, and three to four percent on the servers," said Sean Korb, systems programmer in engineering computer operations. "The NT systems were not affected, but if users were on the same network, their passwords could have been affected."

While the motive of the break-ins did not appear to be to damage or delete files or systems, it did seem to be to confiscate login ID's and passwords. Galloway pointed out that the hacker or hackers replaced the log-in command and used the "sniffer program," in which he or she programmed the system to "sniff out" or detect other people's user ID's and passwords and mail them back to the hacker.

The compromised information could enable the perpetrators to enter students'

accounts in the future.

Similar problems have occurred in the past, including an incident six weeks ago. The engineering department suffered more damage than other departments during that security breach and also after the recent occurrence. According to Galloway, certain operating system capabilities are taken away after such an instance as this. There are many operating systems for all kinds of activity, and programmers entered the systems and removed potential break-in options and options known to be vulnerable to security breaches.

"We locked down security as good as we can get it. It can go from a case-by-case basis to 100 percent lockdown," Galloway said. He pointed out that programs such as Calendar Manager had to be shut down due to the hack, but that a new calendar program is becoming available. Therefore, the services affected by the hackers have been secured and will not be done away with.

Public Safety is continuing the investigation of the security breach.

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Sun UNIX and LINUX machines have been hacked. PASSWORDS USED BETWEEN 6pm April 5th through 6pm April 6th might have been affected!

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Students, Faculty and Staff ARE URGED TO CHANGE THEIR PASSWORDS as soon as possible!

Faculty Senate ponders improvements

The chancellor discusses how much NCSU will grow by the year 2003 and the director of libraries discusses plans for a café and laptops in D.H. Hill.

ASHLEY B. PERRY
Senior Staff Writer

Faculty Senate met Tuesday, April 13 to receive remarks from Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, as well as from the Director of Libraries Susan Nutter.

Chancellor Fox presented faculty senators with a report on the Eva Klein study.

The study, which analyzed university facilities and usage, was commissioned by the university system last semester.

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Dr. Marye Anne Fox
Chancellor of N.C. State University

According to the study results, the university system will need an estimated \$7 billion over the next decade in order to achieve equity across all of the campuses. N.C. State alone will need almost twice its current facility space, 400,000 square feet, by the year 2003, assuming that there is little attendance growth at the university.

The study also investigated questions of funding equity among predominantly black universities and predominantly white universities, and informed Chancellor Fox. "The study found that there was little or no evidence of under funding or over funding at black universities within the system."

Chancellor Fox also reported that the lack of focus towards facility renovations has hurt the UNC system overall. Within the next decade, NCSU, in particular, will need to construct an undergraduate laboratory and make improvements to student quality of life and housing in order to meet current standards.

Nutter gave remarks on future changes within the university library, D.H. Hill.

"We will spend \$8 million on collections this year," explained Nutter. "We also have available, one of the largest collections of online resources in North America."

Nutter also reported that the library plans to create a laptop loan service during this summer. One hundred laptops, both Mac and PC, would be available to faculty and students for four hours at a currently undetermined rate.

According to Nutter, the library will overflow the tower within three years. To alleviate overflow, library officials plan to store many titles in various locations around campus. Details of the storage plan are still being resolved.

The library also plans to create a 24-hour full service cafe within D.H. Hill. The cafe, tentatively called "The Hill of Beans Cafe" will be added in two phases. The first phase will open a lounge to students and faculty, which will have cappuccino and packaged foods dispensed from machines. The second phase would build an actual full service cafe on the first floor of the library.

Before adjournment of the senate meeting, Chairman George Wahl, Jr. led the senators in a minute of silence in remembrance of late professor Gib Smith. Faculty senators then voted to investigate and create a memorial fund in Smith's name.



Fox to begin building community

Commencing with imminent installation ceremonies, Fox's intention to build the campus community is supported by top-level educators and state government officials.

SARAH E. MIANO
Assistant News Editor

It is hard to typecast Marye Anne Fox, a woman from Canton, Ohio, who will be officially installed as the 12th chancellor of N.C. State on Saturday.

Chancellor Fox is a pioneer; the first woman to hold the top position at the state's most prominent technology and science university. Fox is also a chemist and member of the National Academy of Sciences who was recently honored by the New York Academy of Sciences as an outstanding woman in science.

However, there is another facet to Fox's life that gives additional insight into her character: she is the mother of five children. This fact may reveal her unique sensitivity to the idea of "building community."

Many of the Installation events of this week are appropriate to the theme "Building the Campus Community," which will culminate in an Installation Symposium, Ceremony and Reception on Saturday, April 17.

"We welcome all members of the NCSU community to be a part of this event, celebrating a new leader and the beginning of a new chapter in NCSU's history," said

The Installation of Marye Anne Fox

Installation Symposium, Witherspoon Student Center, 10 a.m. - Noon

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

Installation Reception, immediately following

In attendance with members of the NCSU community at Installation ceremonies will be numerous state government officials and leading educators from across the country.

"The Future of the U.S. Research-Intensive Universities," the Installation Symposium, will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Witherspoon Student

Center with an introduction by George H. Wahl, Jr., professor of chemistry and the first popularly elected Chair of the Faculty at NCSU.

Molly Corbett Broad, president of The University of North Carolina system, will preside over the symposium featuring four world-renowned scientists and primary leaders in the realm of higher education. The speakers will include Frank Press, former president of the National Academy of Sciences; Martha Krebs, director of the Office of Science at the U.S. Department of Energy; Mark Yudof, president of the University of Minnesota; and Ellis Cowling, University Distinguished Professor at Large at NCSU.

Frank Press will present the "National Perspective", as his leadership in academia and U.S. government has helped shape global science and science policy for the past 30 years. Press served as science adviser to the President of the United States and director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy from 1977 to 1980.

Martha A. Krebs will speak from the "Federal Agency Perspective" as director of the Office of Science at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and serving as adviser to the Secretary of Energy on issues regarding science and the operation of DOE's vast network of National Laboratories.

As president of the University of Minnesota, Mark Yudof will take the "University System Perspective," having traveled extensively throughout the state gathering input from citizens about how the university can better meet their needs.

Speaking on behalf of the NCSU perspective, Ellis B. Cowling is the director

of the Southern Oxidants Study at NCSU. As a forest biologist, Cowling is one of the world's foremost researchers on air pollution and its effects.

G. Smeels York, chairman of the NCSU University Board of Trustees, will introduce the Installation Ceremony, an academic professional, which will begin at 2:30 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum.

Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., serving his fourth term as North Carolina's Chief Executive, will extend greetings from the citizens of North Carolina followed by Chief Justice Burley Mitchell of the N.C. Supreme Court, who will deliver the oath of office to Chancellor Fox.

Frank H. Rhodes, emeritus and professor of geological sciences at Cornell University will deliver the Keynote Address. Rhodes is one of the most respected leaders in science and education policy as former chair of the National Science Board. While Rhodes graduated from the University of Birmingham, England with three degrees, he holds honorary degrees from more than 30 universities.

The Installation Reception will be held immediately following.

The festivities surrounding the installation of Chancellor Fox doesn't come without expense. According to Debbie Griffith, director of News Services and part of the Media committee for the installation, there is an installation budget totaling \$125,000.

"It could go over that, we won't know until we get all the bills in," said Griffith. However, the source of the funding is non-state appropriated funds and not the taxpayers money, according to Griffith.

Belgrade endures heaviest attack so far - residents

Reuters News Service

BELGRADE - Belgrade residents said the Yugoslav capital was undergoing its heaviest bombing so far early Thursday with the sound of massive explosions and anti-aircraft fire resounding throughout the city.

Five or six blasts were reported at about 1:30 a.m. (1:30 GMT Wednesday). Studio B television said NATO planes hit a military barracks in the Rakovica area of the city but there were no other details of what had been hit.

The smell of burning was reported from the east of Belgrade and some residents said they believed many NATO warplanes were taking part in the raids.

The attacks were said to be continuing. Weather conditions, which have hampered NATO in the past, were described as good with clear skies.

The state news agency Tanjug reported several other attacks, especially in the south of Yugoslavia, in the early hours of Thursday.

The Zapadna Morava bridge in the village of Jasika was reported to have been destroyed by two missiles just after midnight.

Tanjug said there were other attacks in Krusevac, Cacak, Kragujevac, Valjevo and Uzice.

NATO has intensified air raids this week and asked for an extra 300 aircraft from the United States to bring its air fleet up to 1,100 planes.

Wednesday, Serb officials accused NATO of killing at least 64 people in missile attacks on columns of Kosovo Albanian refugees.

German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping said Serb artillery had opened fire on the refugees and had then bombed NATO. The Pentagon said it was investigating reports that Serb forces were responsible.

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana was quoted Thursday as saying the alliance was hopeful of resolving differences with Russia and seeing its conditions for the bombing of Yugoslavia enshrined in a U.N. resolution.

Solana said in an interview with Britain's Financial Times that bringing Russia "back on board" over the Kosovo issue was a priority for NATO.

A meeting of the Group of Eight -- the world's leading industrialized democracies including Russia -- could take place within a few days, possibly followed by a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, he said.

Kenneth Starr defends council investigation

JOHN WHITESIDES
Reuters News Service

WASHINGTON - Independent counsel Kenneth Starr Wednesday defended his controversial investigation of President Clinton but said the law that led to it was "structurally unsound" and should be scrapped.

In his first public comments since the Senate acquitted Clinton in February of perjury and obstruction of justice charges sparked by his investigation, Starr said his office had acted appropriately in the face of fierce attacks and a lack of White House cooperation.

"We won in court," he told a Senate panel, citing the convictions of then-Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell and others. "We did what we felt reasonable, prudent prosecutors would do."

But he said the law under which he operated had a host of flaws that crippled its usefulness in investigating public corruption.

"No matter what the Congress decides, no matter what microsurgical precision is applied to fine-tune the statute, these problems will endure," Starr told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee during three hours of testimony.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle were clearly surprised by his stance, and Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania questioned why he should even continue operating under a law he found so dubious.

"It is the law. As long as it is the law we are duty-bound as law officers to enforce it," Starr said, adding if the law was not renewed when it expires on June 30 he would reevaluate how to proceed.

Starr said he believed his office had jurisdiction to prosecute Clinton on criminal charges in the Lewinsky case after he leaves office in 2001, but he had not decided whether to do so.

Opponents of renewing the law, who have argued it gives prosecutors such as Starr unchecked power and unlimited budgets, gleefully noted the irony of his position.

"I assumed you would come before the committee today and say 'Stop me before I prosecute again,'" Democratic Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois said.

Democratic Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey said there was now "virtually no chance the independent counsel statute will be re enacted."

The law, designed to allow prosecutors to investigate public corruption free of political constraints, has been reauthorized by Congress approximately every five years since it was created in 1978 after the Watergate scandal.

Starr's hearing was the last of five by the committee to explore whether to renew the law, and its chairman, Republican Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee, said the panel would take some time to consider whether to overhaul the law or let it die.

"There is no need to rush to judgment," he said.

Thompson said each of the criticisms leveled against Starr had also been lodged against Iran-Contra special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh, who appeared before the committee last month.

The White House welcomed Starr's position on the law, with spokesman Joe Lockhart saying, "It will be interesting to see how he squares his constitutional views with the performance over the last five years."

Starr testified in an unflappable tone even as Democrats questioned his tactics and investigation, especially of Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

He accused Torricelli of providing a "wonderful and theatrical" but not accurate account of his treatment of Lewinsky and Whitewater witness Susan McDougal. Starr faces a possible Justice Department investigation into aspects of his handling of the Lewinsky case.

Starr said the independent counsel statute leaves special prosecutors vulnerable to political attacks and "tries to cram a four-branch of government into our three-branch system."

"The act promises us that corruption in high places will be reliably monitored, investigated, exposed and prosecuted through a process fully insulated from political winds," he said.

But that is more than the act delivers, and more than it can deliver under our constitutional system," he added.

Attorney General Janet Reno has recommended the statute be allowed



Photo courtesy of Reuters News Service

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr testifies on the independent counsel statute before the Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday. Starr contended the independent counsel law is burdened with a host of flaws that limit its usefulness in investigating public corruption.

to die and such political corruption investigations be returned to the Justice Department's jurisdiction. Starr agreed, saying the department's handling of those cases would be supervised by Congress, the press and the public.

Starr said his more than \$40 million investigation of the Whitewater real estate deal and the Lewinsky affair showed the type of supercharged political atmosphere that could develop under the statute.

"The assaults took a toll. A duly authorized federal law enforcement investigation came to be characterized as yet another political game," Starr said.

He questioned the law's requirement that evidence of potentially impeachable offenses be reported to Congress, noting such rules do not apply to ordinary prosecutors.

Under the law, an independent counsel is appointed by a special three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals and operates free from the Justice Department. The three judges that appointed Starr and supervised his investigation also appeared before the committee Wednesday.

Design students team up to benefit handicapped

◆ NCSU design students and Habitat for Humanity join forces to create living accommodations fit for those with handicaps.

STEPHEN CRUSBY
Staff Writer

N.C. State's Center for Universal Design has teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to provide suitable house plans for physically disabled people in need of housing.

The design of household items such as appliances, counters, bathrooms and other small living spaces are the focus of the program in order to suit better the needs of people who may be in wheelchairs or have other disabilities, such as blindness.

Last month, sophomores in the School of Design, who participated in a "Sight, Sound and Motion" workshop, were either placed in wheelchairs, with walkers, crutches or fitted with a device simulating blindness. They were then instructed to try to navigate their way through Kamphoefner Hall and the Court of the Carolinas.

Richard Duncan, director of training for design research at NCSU, said the importance of such awareness experiences "is not about losing abilities, but educating the students on the interaction of design elements, the environment and users."

People with such disabilities were also on hand to make the students aware of these struggles they face every day, such as moving a wheelchair along uneven pavement, through narrow hallways or a small doorway. This experience gave the School of Design students an insight on how their planning affects people of all walks of life.

The culmination of this project is a cooperative effort between the center and Habitat for Humanity, which will provide plans for affordable housing for physically disabled people. The project will be carried out in three phases, one which focuses on changing existing plans for Habitat houses to accommodate handicapped people, the second, in which suitable appliances and other products are selected for the houses and the last phase will include design students supervising construction of the houses.

The houses will be built with financial backing by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust of Winston-Salem and the project is called Affordable and Universal Homes for Independence.

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PAN-AFRIKAN FESTIVAL '99

"THE SOUL OF N.C. STATE"

Pan-Afrikan Festival (April 10-17) is one of the largest celebrations on NC State's Campus sponsored by Black Students Board of Union Activities Board. Since its inception in 1972, the Pan-Afrikan Festival has consisted of informative programs and social events ranging from speakers to step shows to parades.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
1:00p.m.-5:00p.m., Carmichael Gym outside court
\$5 registration

TALENT SHOW
6:00p.m., TSC Stewart Theatre
\$2 NCSU, \$3 w/college ID, & \$4 w/out

AFTERPARTY
10:00p.m.-2:00a.m., TSC Ballroom
\$2 w/ID & \$3 w/out

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

UNITED STUDENT FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00a.m., TSC Ballroom

NEW HORIZONS CHOIR CONCERT
Special Guest: Deliverance Ensemble
6:00p.m., TSC Stewart Theatre
\$2 w/college ID & \$3 w/out

MONDAY, APRIL 12

DR. CALVIN MACKIE
"The Uninhibited Power of S.E.X."
5:00p.m., TSC Ballroom
FREE

BLACK REPERTORY THEATR'
"In White America"
8:00p.m., TSC Stewart Theatre
\$2 NCSU / \$3 General Public

TUESDAY APRIL 13

FRIENDLY FEUD
12 Noon, TSC Lobby, FREE

BLACK FINESSE MODELING GROUP

SPRING FASHION SHOW
8:00p.m., TSC Stewart Theatre
\$4 advance & \$5 door

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

HASANI IHAROBÉ
"Black Thighs, Black Guys, & Bedroom Lies"
5:00p.m., TSC Ballroom, FREE

****NAHOGANY ROOTS****
7:00p.m., TSC Ballroom
\$2 NCSU, \$3 w/college ID, & \$4 w/out

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

BLOCK PARTY
Entertainment, games, & food
4:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
The block-free

DANCE VISIONS SPRING RECITAL
8:00p.m., TSC Stewart Theatre, FREE

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

DR. ASA G. HILLARD
"SBA: The Reawakening of the Afrikan Mind"
6:30p.m., Whitherspoon Multipurpose Room

JAZZ SEMI-FORMAL
"Stamping at the Savoy"
Live Band: Reggie Jefferys, DJ, food, & a casino
8:00p.m., TSC Ballroom
\$5 single / \$7 couple

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

BLACK OUT
Live entertainment:
DJ Kool, DJ Strabbe, Cool Breeze, Northwest Youngins, vendors, food, & kids activities
10:00a.m.-5:00p.m., Harris Field
FREE

COMEDY/STEP SHOW
Featuring: Red Grant, Domonique, & Mike Epps
6:30p.m. (doors open @ 6:00p.m.)
\$8 w/college ID / \$10 General Public in advance & \$12 @ door

AFTERPARTY
"Broke Down Saturday"
11:00p.m.-2:00a.m., TSC Ballroom
\$1 w/comedy/step show ticket stub & \$4 w/out

TSC = Tally Student Center
For more info call Black Students Board / UAB @ 515-2918.

Tickets:
\$20 overall tickets for College Students
\$10 overall tickets for General Public
Tickets available at Ticket Central @ 115-1100
*Artists appearing courtesy of N-Touch Entertainment



JS UTLEY

Taxes are due today. If you haven't started, you're pretty much screwed.

"Never learn to do anything; if you don't learn, you'll always find someone to do it for you."

- Mark Twain

NCSU to host symposium

◆ NCSU To Host National Pre-Veterinary Symposium in 2000

Trisha Ross
Staff Writer

Four senior officers from NCSU's Pre-Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) returned from Indiana March 21 with more than just a case of jetlag. The students returned with a large plaque and a pledge to host the 2000 National Symposium here at NCSU.

Eva Jablonski (treasurer), Jeremy Pittman (president), Cory Wilkins (correspondence chairman) and Trisha Ross (reporter) represented NCSU's PVMA at the 1999 American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association (APVMA) symposium. The PVMA representatives were the first the association has sent to the annual symposium in five years.

The APVMA is composed of member pre-veterinary associations from around the country. The yearly symposium serves as an annual get-together for the diverse groups.

The 14th APVMA Symposium was held March 19-21 at Purdue University in Indiana.

APVMA Symposiums typically consist of veterinary-related trips and lectures. They usually take place over a weekend and through an association with connections to a local school of Veterinary Medicine.

The Indiana Symposium involved activities at the Purdue University Veterinary School. Representatives took part in the various trips and lectures. Eva Jablonski, a senior in animal science said, "The APVMA symposium held at Purdue was a great experience for those of us who have never been, especially since we are hosting symposium 2000 next year. However, it could have benefited from more organization as well as more hands-on interaction (such as labs), both of which we plan to include in symposium 2000 at NCSU."



The NCSU Pre-Veterinary Club unloading their baggage for a Pre-Veterinary Association Symposium. Symposiums like this allow many students to network with others interested in their fields of study.

At a formal dinner held Saturday, March 20, the business details of the weekend were expounded. Scholarships were awarded to selected students in member associations.

Three schools presented bids to be the 2000 host school: Ohio State, Illinois and NCSU. On Sunday morning NCSU, having won the election, accepted the large plaque and larger responsibility of the symposium for the second time ever. NCSU first hosted the National Symposium in 1990. The plaque will be on display at the new

PVMA office in Bostian, room 3710. PVMA members at NCSU are currently developing plans for the 2000 symposium.

Jeremy Pittman, president of the PVMA and a senior double majoring in animal science and zoology said, "We have a great committee of students here at NCSU who are enthusiastic about planning the symposium. Without their help with the bid presentation we would be going to Illinois' veterinary school next year for symposium 2000. The first challenge facing the club is

raising donations to fund the event. The estimated budget for the weekend event with expected attendance of 500 or more students is \$75,000. Pittman said, "We are really excited and are budgeting 50 percent more than the past averages of Purdue in '99 and Michigan State in '98. We think our proximity to RTP will help us reach our goal."

For more information on the PVMA or the 2000 National Symposium contact Debbie Tobin via email: datobin@unity.ncsu.edu.

SOUND ADVICE

"Various Artists" - Forces of Nature

The soundtrack that accompanies the new movie "Forces of Nature" is a lot like the movie in that they both deal with love. The soundtrack features several songs about love, and there are several songs that have love in the title. But for someone who was somewhat impressed with the music while watching the movie, this soundtrack is a big letdown. The soundtrack opens up with U2's cover of "Everlasting Love." Anybody who has the collection of greatest hits and B-sides that U2 just put out can hear this song. This is an acoustic version of the song, and to be honest this is not a song U2 really has any business doing a cover of. It sounds hokey from the get go and Bono just doesn't handle the lyrics very well.

"Everlasting Love" is followed by a second in as many songs to have love in the title. This song is Chris Tarr's "Love the One You're With." As his name implies, this song is kind of far, and to be honest, not too good. The song even has an annoying trumpet to go with the already annoying guitar in this one.

Next is some wannabe dance tune called "Would You?" by Touch and Go. This song has some Latino music mixed in with whistles, and instead of making me want to dance it made want to move on to the next song. All I have to say about the next song, called "Remember Me" by Blue Boy, is that the lyrics consist of "remember me" and "Ging ging a ging ging ging a ging ging," and I only wish I was kidding.

Far and away the best song on the CD is the Propellerheads' "Take California." Anyone who has heard this song knows that it is one of the best techno songs out there, and unfortunately it has been shortened by two or three minutes here. Next is a lame "lets get it on" song called "A Rose by Any Other Name" and after that is yet another weak techno dance song called "Battle Flag." Following this is another weak "lets get it on" song called "If Lovin' You is Wrong." After that is the second best song on the CD, which is Tricky's "Slowly." The song is just that, but it is a cool song and any fan of Tricky would like it.

The rest of the songs offer little enjoyment, and they are Swervedriver's "Magic Bus," Grimes's "Whippin' Piccadilly," "Bring My Family Back" by Fatheadz, "Rollin' and tumblin'" by R.L. Burnside, and the final song is a Cuban dance song by Cubanismo.

The "Forces of Nature" soundtrack is definitely a big disappointment. It tries to play a lot of modern/romance/dance music but it tries too hard and it does not flow very well at all. Pass this one up if you see it. — R. Hill

Various Artists - The Matrix Soundtrack
★★★★

There are two things that turn me off from soundtracks immediately. First, there's a lack of big names (hey, I ain't spending 15 bucks for a CD with a buncha nobodies on it). This, however, is not the case for "The Matrix" Soundtrack which features the likes of Rob Zombie, Marilyn Manson, Prodigy, the Propellerheads and the Deftones.

While the soundtrack maintains an eccentric cast, "The Matrix" falls prey to its second reason for disliking soundtrack-lack of original content. Many of the songs featured on the album have already been released, so listening to this CD is like packing some of your favorite rock and techno songs into one album. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, mind you, but I'd like to hear something else from Rammstein than "Du Hast."

The album opens with the ever eclectic Marilyn Manson, fresh off his visit to North Carolina earlier this month on a tour sporting the same name. "Rock is Dead." I like this song...actually I liked it when I first heard it on "Mechanics Animals" months ago. It's the quintessential Manson protest song, against all those who have condemned Brian Warner for his illicit and shocking actions. Manson says in "Rock is Dead," "Shock is all in your head." Indeed it is. Next up is the ever incomparable Propellerheads with "Spybreak!" The group was also featured on the "Forces of Nature" Soundtrack that came out a few weeks ago. In both cases, though, the singles can be found on their previous album, "Decksandrundownandroll!" Take nothing away from the Propellerheads-Alex Gifford and Will Wally, their sound is as innovative now as it was when they released their album last year.

Rob D provides the best song on this album by far with "Clubbed to Death (kurayamino mix)." Though this track lacks true vocals, it oozes of mystique and aura, which make it far better than any vocals could provide.

I haven't seen "The Matrix" yet, so I'm not sure how this song fits in the movie, but it is seemingly perfect for almost every setting. The slower symphonic parts make it perfect for something mellow, while other parts would lend itself best to something exciting. Meat Beat Manifesto follows up with "Prime Audio Show." If you picked up the group's last album "Actual Sounds and Voices," you've probably heard this one before. Rob Zombie has "Dragula" from "Hellbilly Deluxe" on the soundtrack, while the Prodigy has "Mindfields" from "Eat of the Land."

Deftones have "My Own Summer (Shove It)" from "Around the Fur" (which, by the way, if you haven't seen this video, you should check it out...it's really cool).

"Dopes to Infinity" provides the original preface for Monster Magnet's "Look to Your Orb for the Warning." Live has "Ultrasound Sound" from Devious Methods.

Protonians Rammstein give audiences another taste of "Du Hast" from their 1997 "Sehnsucht."



Women: the mystery is finally revealed

◆ Another roundtable tries to figure out just what makes girls tick, and why they all go to the john together.

MONIQUE THOMAS
Senior Staff Writer

Boys, have you ever wondered why girls do what they do, act the way they act and say what they say? Have girls puzzled you ever since Janey ignored you in Kindergarten after you lit her hair on fire?

Boys, you needn't fret any longer, the press is finally in on the greatest mystery of all time: women. But I can't promise the mystery will be unraveled in one roundtable discussion. These girls could only answer for themselves, but hey, it's a start. Thanks to the boys who contributed questions they wanted the girls to answer and, as always thanks to my panel. The participants were:

Lilah --- a Junior in Graphic Design and English, Ylang --- a senior in Pulp and Paper Science, and Diane --- a Junior in English and Education (all names have been changed).

Technician: Why do girls go to the bathroom in pairs?

Ylang: It only happens at night clubs or bars --- if you're walking to the bathroom you feel safer with a girl. All the guys are eyeing you, groping you and making comments.

Lilah: Sometimes you go to the bathroom to talk about things you don't want to talk about in front of other people.

Diane: Also you might want to know if your underwear are showing through your pants or if your make-up's on right.

Tech: Why do girls complain about being fat around guys?

Diane: I don't.

Lilah: I've done it before but I hate it when I do it. It's usually around my guy friends, not someone I'm dating. I think the girls that do it aren't fat, but think they could stand to lose some weight.

Ylang: They do it because you want people to reassure you. Lilah: [To reassure you] that it's just you being over-critical of yourself.

Ylang: Yeah, because if you're over-critical of yourself people are less critical of you.

Tech: Why do girls blame their attitude on PMS?

Ylang: Certain times of the month

you cry for no reason.

Lilah: I don't know sensitive to stuff and therefore get mad more easily. You're bloated and you feel like crap and any time you're sick you're normally in a crappy mood.

Ylang: You feel ugly and that's when you need the attention and guys are not sensitive to that and that's why we get pissed off at them.

Tech: Why don't girls ask guys out more? Or ever?

Ylang: I'm scared. I'm traditional. Girls want to be pampered and that's why we want the guys to take charge of those things.

Lilah: It's one of those things no one wants to do necessarily. It's always been put on the guys so we're [girls] just kind of leaving it there...I would hope that I would be able to do it.

Tech: Why're not interested in a guy, why can't you be honest and just say so?

Ylang: Because it's hard. You want to be a nice person. I try to tell myself that looks don't matter and that everyone deserves an equal chance to get to know you, but you're not attracted to that person. But you don't want to seem so shallow and superficial because if you barely know someone how can you not go out on a date with them? You're not giving them a fair chance. I don't want to sound superficial.

Lilah: I guess you don't want to hurt their feelings, but somewhere in the back of your mind you're thinking it's better to go ahead and tell them that way. But it's so hard to do, especially when they're right there. If you could just slip them a note or something...It's always worse when it's a guy that's a really great guy, but the chemistry's just not there.

Ylang: And we wouldn't want a guy to do that to us.

Diane: Part of it, too, is that you don't want to say a definite no to someone forever, because you really don't know how you might feel later. I go back and forth sometimes.

Tech: Why do girls like guys that treat them badly?

Ylang: Normally the guys that treat them badly are the guys that make-up really well. Like they'll treat them bad but be really sweet to them afterwards, and [yes] they make you feel bad and [we] don't think that we can get any better. It's like the thrill of the chase. You constantly chase somebody and if they're not good to you that

means you're still chasing after them.

Lilah: I don't think it's so much that girls are attracted to bad guys...it's just when you get into a relationship people treat each other very bad. Girls aren't attracted to really, really, really nice guys because they don't make you feel special. You feel like they're really nice guys to everybody, whereas if you start going out with him, [if] he's that way [only] with you then you feel special. So you might end up with a guy who's not as nice as the nice guy but he makes you feel more special even though he can make you feel like crap sometimes. But it's more of a challenge. A guy who's like, "Oh, whatever you want..." they're boring.

Tech: Why do girls talk badly about other girls they see when they're walking with a guy?

Lilah: I do that with guys and girls I'm with. If a girl's pretty I'll say yeah she is pretty, but if she's ugly, yeah, I'll say that too. But I won't say bad things about her if I don't believe them.

Diane: It's insecurity about yourself, [you say it] to make yourself feel better...if it's [a girl] I think the guys like I'll take a cheap shot.

Tech: Why do pretty girls go out with dorks?

Lilah: I think girls are really attracted to personality. With guys, looks are looks...but with women, personality really affects things. You could see a guy walking and think nothing, but when you get to know him he could be really cute. But guys don't think that way at all.

Ylang: And different people have different tastes. [A guy's] personality enhances the package.

Diane: Sometimes it's not anything you can explain, it's like an energy. It's like [if] they're doing what they want to do and they're really confident, that's really attractive.

Lilah: Worse is a guy who's hot and knows he is. That totally makes him ugly to me.

Tech: Do girls care about a guy's status? (wealth, job, car, athleticism)

Ylang: I do to a certain extent. Not status but ambition, that's the highest status...this sounds shallow but everyone wants money. I want a guy who's always reaching for more.

Diane: Ambition is important, it doesn't have to be about a job or a career but anything as long as there's something they're interested in. Other than that I could care less about money.

Diane: A guy who gives to charity,

volunteers gives his time to mentor is so much more attractive to me than a guy who's got a ton of money but is a jerk.

Tech: Is size really important?

Ylang: If I was going to have an affair, size would be important, but if it's a relationship it doesn't matter because once you love somebody it really doesn't matter as long as they take care of you, care about you, and treat you good.

Tech: Why do girls insist on guys paying?

Diane: I'm not like that at all. I think it has to do with whoever has the money at the time.

Tech: What do you look for most in a guy?

Lilah: Sense of humor is very important. I love guys who make me laugh. That is the best. And someone who is really open-minded and...someone who's really fun. And I love eyes.

Ylang: A guy who smiles a lot...because he seems happy and makes me happy.

Diane: I like a guy who knows himself well and would never change for me, who's creative, funny, very independent and very giving.

Tech: Do girls like shy guys or outgoing guys?

Lilah: I like guys that you don't know everything about at first. You want to be the one to bring them out of their shell. In between guys are best because outgoing guys seem too fake sometimes.

Ylang: Shy guys have a hard time making friends. I want a guy who impresses my friends so my friends will come and tell me "Wow, he's so cool or he's so nice." The best compliment is a compliment from your friends.

Diane: I get attracted to guys who are outgoing, charismatic and funny.

Tech: Do girls really like fraternity guys?

Diane: I think it's really cool when guys do things together in groups and play sports and have good bonding --- it's really cute to me. But I don't like not having a mind of your own, or somebody who just drinks all the time and keeps a score chart of how many girls they can get.

Tech: Is thinning hair okay?

Ylang: I don't like thinning hair...it's okay for a 60-year-old man but some guys go bald early and it's not attractive.

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Lilah: It goes back to if you really love him it doesn't matter, but I would always kind of be like "Oh, I wish he didn't have [thinning hair]."

Diane: I can picture a guy being attractive [with thinning hair]. It depends on how confident they're about it too. If they act like it's not even there, I probably wouldn't even notice it...

Tech: What's the sexiest part of a man's body?

Ylang: Really defined arms [forearms] when you see definition.

Lilah: I love eyes, guys with long eyelashes are very attractive.

Diane: The eyes and the smile.

Tech: Where is the best place for a guy to meet you and a good opening line for them to use in order for you to be receptive?

Lilah: I was sitting in Caldwell lounge reading a book and a guy was like "Oh my God, I love that book" and we just started talking about the book. That was cool, something that's not fake, something that shows the kind of person they are.

Ylang: I still think the best place to meet me would be at a club... when I'm clubbing I'm expecting to meet people. The best line would be him asking for the best place to go for plays or something. If he likes the same thing as me he sparks my interest or he could ask me for directions, I always stop for that.

Tech: How will a boy know if you like him?

Diane: If I look at him a lot. You ask a lot of questions about them. Lilah: I'd be real receptive anytime he came by, I'll laugh usually because he's funny and that's why I'm interested in him. People are generally more receptive when they like someone.

Tech: Describe your ideal date and your idea of romance.

Diane: Spontaneity! If you feel like doing something and it feels right just do it, don't ask me, don't pretend like you're going to and not do it, just do it, just see what happens!

Tech: What's one thing every guy should know about women but doesn't?

Ylang: Guys know it, they're not willing to take the time out to do it... That's why there's conflict because they know they're supposed to talk to us, they know they're supposed to ask us about our feelings... but they don't take time out to do it.

Lilah: Maybe it's more relationship type stuff, but guys should know the least little thing that bothers them they should talk about... don't be angry about it two days later. Communication is the key. I'd rather be angry with me than always say "I'm sorry." And I don't want a guy to feel responsible for me. I was fine before he came along and I'll be fine after he leaves.

Diane: Guys think they're supposed to be tough and handle everything. Relationships are not about dependency. The girl doesn't NEED you and the guy doesn't NEED the girl!

Sound

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Even one of my favorites, Rage Against the Machine, pops up to close the track with a "Wake Up" from their earlier self-entitled release in 1992.

While I don't really care for these CDs because of the lack of music created specifically for the movie, "The Matrix" soundtrack does provide audiences with some interesting alternatives. Normally, I probably wouldn't spend my money to buy an entire Deftones' album because I only like one song... this album allows me to get a sample of their work.

Essentially, "The Matrix" soundtrack is a great rock/electronic mix tape. - N. Duggins

Sister Soleil - "Soularium"

★★★★



A striking image of a girl's face with a lipstick heart on her lips appears on the cover of Sister Soleil's album "Soularium." Boasting an electric pop sound, the CD's physical appearance is striking.

The CD itself is very mellow. Singer and lyricist Stella Katsoudas has a great deal of talent. Her voice is enjoyable as she sings about love, relationships and anger. The song "AOL" could be called a modern love song because it is about "internet relationships."

The band seems to be less talented than Katsoudas. Every song stays at the same level. The music never catches your attention, making for great relaxing background music, and an overall enjoyable album. The highlight of the album occurs when Peter Gabriel sings in the song "Blind."

Overall, this album is worth buying if you enjoy easy listening. - A. Schatz

VNV - "Praise the Fallen"

TVT Records is known for such great musical acts as Nine Inch Nails, KMFDM and Sevendust. VNV Nation, under the Wax Trax label, gives the impression that they can live up to those other industrial giants. VNV Nation's album "Praise the Fallen" contains 11 songs, so there is no reason to complain about its length. Upon examining the liner notes, I discovered that VNV stands for Victory not Vengeance. I did not care for a whole page discussing how it is "better to reign in hell, than serve in Heaven." Add that to the name of the album and that gave me suspicions that this band is anti-religious.

Considering that Wax Trax Records seems to have many techno and industrial artists' under it, I expected VNV Nation to fit that category. To no surprise, every song on the album was a techno-industrial song. It was very difficult to tell where one song ends and where a new one begins because every song sounds the same. Out of all 11 songs, a mere four have any lyrics to them. The lyrics are not enjoyable at all because they are extremely anti-religious. A monotonous thumping drum with an occasional electronic noise was the band's main sound. VNV Nation "Praise the Fallen" is an excellent example of poor music. Perhaps the CD would better serve as a coaster or frisbee. Do the music industry a favor and do not purchase this CD. - A. Schatz.

Bracone

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onship.

Just nine days after Bracone's indoor title, the Pack began the 1999 regular season. And the senior started a win streak that was only broken by an ironic stroke of luck for the Pack.

Since his arrival in Raleigh close to four seasons ago, Eric Hayes has been trying to build a national caliber program around American players. With the Wolfpack team steadily improving and beginning to break the surface of the nation's elite tennis teams, Hayes and N.C. State are beginning to receive some recognition nationally.

"When I came here, this was one of the worst programs in the country," Bracone explained. "Now we are winning in situations where we used to have lost my first year. I think that's a great sense of accomplishment. The satisfaction of taking the program from where it was to where it is what I will take away from N.C. State."

"He could have played at any school he wanted being one of the top players," Hayes explained. "I convinced him to come here and help rebuild this program, and he has done that."

When one team pulled out of the Blue-Grey Classic, one of the nation's most prestigious tournaments outside of the National Championships, the Wolfpack was called at the last minute to fill the role. Hayes and the Wolfpack team jumped at the chance, and didn't think twice about canceling three matches against somewhat weaker competition to compete in the 16-team tournament.

The team, including Bracone, was excited about the opportunity, of the 16 teams in the tournament, only one team was ranked outside of the top fifty in the nation. But Alabama meant

another long van ride, just days after the team had returned from the same state for a non-conference match, and some obvious fatigue. Bracone, suffering the after effects of a week-long battle with the flu that kept his practice time to a minimum and taking on a nationally ranked opponent in Northwest's ace, dropped his first match of the season.

"Everyone thinks he is a given point, that he is going to win every match," Hayes explained. "That's a lot of pressure and he has come through so many times for us. For him to do what he has done will not be done again at almost any school in the country."

With a 15-3 singles record overall going into Wednesday's match against N.C. State's long-time rival UNC-Chapel Hill, it was only appropriate that Bracone walk away on a winning note. Losing at home is not only something that Bracone isn't expected to do, but he has rarely done. The number of times the senior has been beaten in home matches in his 36 match home career can be counted on one hand, it has only happened twice, and neither loss was an easy one. In fact, the senior has lost only once at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

As a freshman, Bracone lost to Duke's Rob Chess, 7-6, 7-6, but then went on to win 18 straight home matches. In the Pack's final home match of the 1998 season, which was actually played in Chapel Hill because of inclement weather, Bracone lost to Clemson's Bruce Li, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6.

"It's been a wild ride," Bracone went on to say. "A lot of ups and downs. I wouldn't trade it for anything. I had a great time at State. I wish I could stay here another four years."

"It's been a very rewarding experience and I have grown the last four years."

Assistant Sports Editor Tim Hunter contributed to this story.

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jumpers, including Sherlane Armstrong, a national qualifier in the long and triple jumps.

"We're redshirting Sherlane. Laura Rhoads is hurt, Lindsay Rodgers is hurt. We were going to redshirt Katie Sabino, but now she's hurt anyway," Head Coach Geiger said. "Those are key losses."

Instead, this weekend, as the Wolfpack heads down to Clemson University, the meet will be a showcase for the Pack's individual talent and a chance for some individual recognition.

Leading the charge will be senior sprinters LaShawnda McKinnon and Michelle Hudson running in their final ACCs.

"I think LaShawnda and Michelle are going to be major players for us this weekend," Geiger said.

Both will be running the 400 meters, where Hudson finished second a week ago at the USFCA meet, held at Chapel Hill, and leading an excellent 4x400 meter relay team.

"The women's 4x4 is outstanding," Geiger said. "They're ranked second in the conference right now. We should do well."

Also looking to come up big at

conference will be Christy Nichols. Nichols' return to the track started with a second place finish in the 5000 meters at Indors, but will drop down to the 3000 meters this weekend. Nichols won the 3000 at Chapel Hill this past weekend, and her time of 9:32 ranks as the conference's best.

In the 1500 meters, Jeniffer Modliszewski and Molly Parser will look turn in season bests against tough competition.

In the distance races, the Wolfpack should excel; Erin Musson, Jackie Coscia and Christy Goussion have recorded three of the conference's best four times in the 10000 meters, following the ACC cross country champion Janelle Kraus.

Sophomore Amy Beykirch, Modliszewski and senior Meredith Faircloth are the Pack's best hope in the 5000 meters.

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill won the Indoor Championships in February, beating Clemson fairly easily. The two should dominate the meet again, followed by a strong Georgia Tech team that finished third at Indors.

For now, State will look to excel in the individual events.

"This is a good chance we'll take a step back in the conference," Geiger said. "But we'll have the ability to take two steps forward next year. We'll have everybody back."



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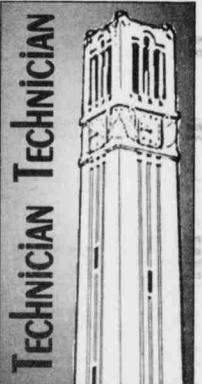
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Technician's View

Breach of security

◆ Last week, hundreds of campus computer accounts left behind a trail of damage and compromised accounts.

As society begins its countdown to the new millennium, it has become all too clear just how reliant people really are on computers — not just for e-mail and word processing anymore, but also for conducting their day-to-day business. What has also become apparent is that these very same machines are far from infallible.

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Many people believe that something like this will never happen to them. Last week proved them wrong.

These occurrences just further prove that although ours is fast becoming a computer-dominated society, problems can — and often do — arise.

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Students voice their opinions on NCSU's first female chancellor



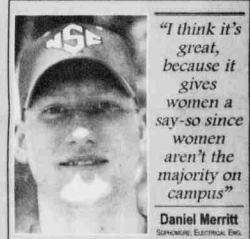
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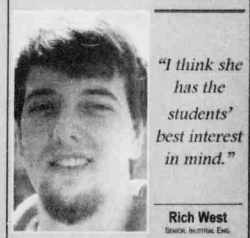
"With her being chancellor, maybe women will become more recognized on campus."

Leslie Irby
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"I think it's great, because it gives women a say-so since women aren't the majority on campus"

Daniel Merritt
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"I think she has the students' best interest in mind."

Rich West
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"In general, I think she may be too much into sports, which may not be first priority."

Myrto Tripathi
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Gas prices surge

Have you noticed that nobody has made the connection between the crisis in Kosovo and domestic gasoline prices, which have risen 25 percent in recent weeks and seem Californians pay as much as \$1.87 for a gallon of regular?

That's because there isn't any. If there is anything particularly noble about this war on Yugoslavia, it is that NATO is coming to the defense of a Muslim population simply because it is persecuted. It has little to do with economics and next to nothing to do with oil.

How different from the Persian Gulf war in which the United States committed a massive ground force to save the feudal monarchies of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. How different because the unfortunate Kosovar Albanians, the threatened Macedonians and Montenegrins don't have anything we much need.

This suggests Americans will do anything for oil, anything, that is, but take measures necessary to reduce their dependence on foreign sources of it. We certainly make a sport of whining about higher gasoline prices. The latest run-up in prices, in which OPEC's trying to reduce world supplies, is also likely to be a temporary nuisance because OPEC does not enjoy the market control it wielded so effectively in the 1970s.

We drive, in increasing numbers, gas-

guzzling SUVs capable of fording streams and climbing rugged terrain. Most will see service on smoothly engineered expressways and the gentle slopes of suburban parking lots. We tolerate a trade deficit that increasingly reflects the need to import foreign oil. We put up with air that is thick with the exhaust of internal combustion engines and allow huge numbers of passenger vehicles masquerading as trucks to escape federal fuel efficiency requirements.

Indeed, some of us geezers fondly remember when gas was 25 cents, when they gave away free dishes with its purchase and when the man who pumped it into your tank would obsequiously wash your windshield.

But if government energy policy has been a failure and political will has been lacking, they have succeeded, almost accidentally, on one narrow front that may make all the difference. Because one state, California, high-handedly threatened auto manufacturers with being shut out of its market, it has forced them to come up with technological breakthroughs — fuel cells are the latest and most promising — that could revolutionize fuel efficiency and vastly reduce emissions. Sometimes we get it right.

This editorial, by Robert Reno, first appeared in the April 14, 1999 edition of Newsday.

Be thankful for wet blue jeans

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

Yesterday was a blah day.

We all have them — those days that aren't really bad, but that carry enough tiny little annoyances to cloud your mood for an entire 24 hours. They're the kind of days you walk through feeling like you're entitled to complain about silly, mundane topics to anyone you meet. Basically, you want the world to feel your pain.

Nevermind the fact that your pain is about as intense as a pin prick. You are suffering. You are a tortured soul. You deserve a little sympathy.

So why did I deserve sympathy? I was doing laundry. (Wait, there's more...) The washer failed to finish rinsing and so when I went to change loads, I was met with a sopping wet pile of darks floating in 8 inches of water. Not that big a problem, right? I just wring them out, run the dryer a little longer and all is right with the world again. Which is what I did. Only it wasn't.

After 96 minutes of tumbling, everything was still slightly damp. But I needed jeans. And so, slightly damp being my only option, slightly damp was what I went with.

Sitting at lunch on a slightly damp and very cold butt, I had a strong urge to share my plight with the world. Uncomfortable and a little bit

chilly, I was suffering through my own personal travesty — while my lunch companions were laughing with carefree abandon, warm and dry in their khaki pants. The injustice of it all was overwhelming. And so I seethed. The day was suddenly awful. Bad, bad, cold but dry.

Isn't this silly? I do it all the time — pick something pointless and get pissed about it. I walk to my car to find it hidden under a thick layer of pollen and I'm upset. It's not enough that I'm sneezing and congested, but the yellow film has the nerve to enshroud my precious automobile, too. I curse the trees for feeling frisky and tormenting the rest of the world with their love frenzy.

See how silly I am? Well I do, too. And that's pretty much the problem. I begin to get upset about something and I stop. I start getting all thought-ful-like instead. I begin to think of all the people who have it worse in this world, and suddenly my own little problems are insignificant and small.

How do I dare compare my cold but or pollen-covered car to the biggies; things like losing my family, my country, my life? Wei jeans or not, I at least have jeans. My dusty yellow car still runs, and it sure as heck beats walking.

Course logic. It foils any good attempt I make at throwing a one-person pity party. My

emotions can be running high. I can feel the tears or anger welling up, but then stupid rationale takes over and lets all the air out of my balloons. The party's over and passed and I never even got to hit the dance floor.

I remember lying on my bed one afternoon all prepared to have a good shoulder heaving bawling session, only to stop myself before I started. Somehow, in the process of considering the wrongs that had been inflicted on me, I managed to think, "Well, at least you still have all your fingers and your toes." And that sounded like a really good thing. And suddenly, I couldn't get as upset as before.

Actually, I just can't seem to get too worked up about anything lately. When the feelings are felt, I've been pushing them back down or, at the most, just leaning around the edges. There is no big release — stupid-thinking me tries to be fair and see all sides, tries to see the bigger picture, tries to just get through it.

Part of me feels that this can't be a good thing — I feel frozen sometimes, as if I'm just waiting to thaw out. I can just see myself dissolving into this big sloshy mess somewhere down the line, ending up in a puddle at some unsuspecting soul's feet.

And yet, I've gotten pretty much everything I've ever

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Sometimes, money can do strange and bizarre things. The more I am exposed to the "real world," the more I realize that there is a power hungry, profit-seeking world out there. The reality of this situation makes me wonder just how far society will go before it draws the line between money and values.

There has been a trend toward multi-million dollar corporations who operate on the existence of economies to scale. The enormity of these corporations, such as Wal-

Mart, makes it possible to cut costs and prices, thus achieving a huge dominance in a particular market. Their presence is beneficial to the consumers who crave lower prices, the shareholders who enjoy big dividends and the employees who are not only employed, but are also paid well with many perks.

Yes, corporations do set up factories in third world countries to take advantage of the cheap labor there, but, in fact, working conditions in these factories are similar to, if not better than, those anywhere else in the country. Otherwise, the laborers would be farmers, subjected to the mercy of the weather and market

prices, where, with one bad storm, they could be penniless. Factory work provides for a stable source of income for the family and is the stepping stone to other opportunities in these countries.

It seems like multi-million dollar corporations are not so bad after all. As consumers, we enjoy new and innovative products, as well as the profits and employment these companies bring us. Not to mention the opportunities they bring to people of other countries. Adam Smith, back in 1776, dreamed about a world built on free markets. He claimed that if the markets were left alone, then an "invisible hand" would

Corporations influence American society

guide self-interest — whatever it may be — for the well-being of all. This free-market system seems to be the optimal solution today, but what about tomorrow? What happens when the corporations become even more powerful? What happens when we can no longer resist their influences? Already, we are seeing corporations use their power and money to achieve results according to their own interests, results that are not in line with the interests of society.

Want an example? Let's talk about the influence major corporations

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wanted in this life, except maybe a pony and a well-trained love slave. Who am I to ask for anything more? I've been lucky. If a broken washer or heck, even a broken heart, are the least of my worries, why shouldn't I be content?

We all have our own crosses to bear and I can't help but feel that, for the most part, mine's been the equivalent of an easy-tote umbrella. It's probably even got a padded shoulder strap for more convenient transport. I should feel blessed that I'm not hunting around one of those 10-foot oak jobbies.

And I do. And I am. Okay, so

yesterday was a blah day. So what? It was a day, and since we only get so many of them in our lives, I should appreciate the fact that I had it at all. But part of me still wants to complain. And part of me feels that it's my right. And then part of me wants the other parts of me to shut up and just enjoy the sunshine, regardless of the pollen.

I must admit it is a rather lovely day — suppressed emotions and all.

And hey, no wet butt. Life is good.

Kelly used the word but way too much in this column. She's sorry if it conjured up any potentially traumatizing visual images. Have a complaint? Trivial or otherwise? Send it to kmmarks@unity.ncsu.edu.

McDonald

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have over politics. They give millions of dollars to the government, and you better believe that it influences some of the policy decisions. The government allows certain corporations to stake claim in the American markets, restricting the flow of goods into the economy and making the prices for these products high.

Recently, the United States and the European Union (EU) have begun endangering their trading system over an extremely narrow issue of little economic consequence — this is the "Banana War" between the EU and America. Innocent companies are faced with \$520 million in U.S.-owned company (Chiquita) wants the privilege of exporting an unlimited amount of bananas from Central America to Europe.

"Even more harmful, the dispute threatens jobs and prosperity by diverting governments from the real priorities of the trans-Atlantic companies," said the president of the European-American Business Council, Willard Berry.

There is also a connection between society's values and corporations. I believe that, in fact, corporations are liable for some of our values, due to our simply being exposed to their brainwashing about what sort of people "we should be" and what kind of products "we need" in order to be happy, beautiful people. For example, back a hundred years ago, there was not as much emphasis put on our looks. Now, with more beauty products on the market, the fight to be thin and beautiful is a daily challenge for women.

Also, our value on being individualists — something that has naturally evolved out of our culture — or is it a value engineered by the corporate executives who know that the best way to sell more products is by promoting the individual?

And what happened to the nice "family rooms" where we used to

bond? In my house, the room with the biggest television is hardly ever used, nor are the other TV sets, because everyone likes to huddle in the smaller, comfortable room. This is not to say that I do not enjoy having the opportunity to have my own car and a television to myself, but it just makes me wonder about just how sneaky corporations are.

They know that the best way to get us to buy more is by getting us addicted to their product. Speaking just in terms of the beverage industry — anything from mega-doses of sugar to caffeine. The more recent trend is in "nutraaceutical" drinks that contain a variety of minerals, vitamins and herbal supplements. The producers of these \$2-4 drinks claim that "Coke had cocaine in it when it started. What we have in our product are legal high things that make you feel better and perform better," said the chief executive of SOBE Wisdom.

Of course, getting consumers addicted to a harmless product that they enjoy is not a big deal, or even an ethical faux pas. It is a whole other story when we start talking about the promotion of products containing more harmful addictive substances, like nicotine and alcohol. Is it the consumer's right to have access to these products that may cause lung or liver cancer? It is hard to say. However, the recent tobacco lawsuits show that we as a society are ready to put our collective foot down when it comes down to our health versus a profitable industry. Maybe there is hope for us.

Sometimes, I wonder if it is our fundamental yearnings, dreams and desires that have shaped our society we live in now, or are we just products of brilliant advertising schemes so that a few people can make some bucks?

It is scary and unrealistic to think that our society could ever become submissive to the wave of the mega-corporations' magic wand. I do believe that the corporations have some power of influence over us, but, most of all, I am thankful for their very existence, because I would not like to think of the world we would be in now without them.

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The two biggest names sitting out this weekend will be high jumper Brandon Brown, who finished second at Indors but has a broken hand, and junior Olympic National Champion in the steeplechase, Chris

Georgetown. UNC-Chapel Hill won the meet.

"I think right now, the events indoors make us a better indoor team than outdoor team," Geiger said. "I think there's a possibility we could finish third, and that would be a goal we have going into championships."

Leading the team will be ACC cross-country champion Brendan Rodgers, who looks to score some points in the 1500 meters with the

Men's track heads to Clemson this weekend.

Dugan, who is redshirting this season.

The team will still aim for a top-three finish, competing with Florida State and UNC-Chapel Hill to follow up Clemson.

"Clemson won the indoor pretty easily, so I'd say they're the favorites," Coach Gail Olson said. "Florida State and [North] Carolina are better outdoor teams than indoor teams, so I'd say that'll be a factor, too. I think we probably fall in the group with Florida State and Carolina. It's going to be a battle."

The team faced UNC-Chapel Hill this weekend, finishing fourth in a four-team meet at Chapel Hill which featured national power University of Southern California and

absence of Georgia Tech's David Krummenacker.

"He usually just dominates. He won it the last two years," Rodgers said. "I'm coming around, and I'd like to do well."

Rodgers finished second at Chapel Hill in the 1500 meters, with a time of 3:49.

The Wolfpack's only winner at the Indoor Championships was Chan Pons, who finished first in the 5000 meters and second in the 3000 meters. Pons will be doubling in the 5K and 10K, and should score points in both.

In the sprints, several State athletes could make a splash.

Brent Underwood won the 400 meters at Chapel Hill, in a time of 1:04.9, and also will be running the 200 meters.

Butch McClelland will run the 110-meter high hurdles and 100 meters, where he has a season best 10:66. McClelland finished second at Indors in the 60-meter high hurdles.

Tyrone Dozier finished second at Chapel Hill, running a season best 46:26 in the 400 meters. Dozier turned in a third place performance at Indors.

In the jumps, Donte Hunt, Joseph Brent and Cordell Smith form a strong group for the Pack.

"We'll look for points from Donte Hunt and Cordell Smith in the long jump, and from Donte [Hunt] in the long jump," Geiger said.

David Kessler and Zach Whitlow could also be scorsers for the Pack in the pole vault.

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back up." On the upside, Carl Petterson, a junior from Greensboro, has been

playing well recently, with a second and a sixth place finish in his last two tournaments. Mundorf points to this as a reason to be optimistic for the ACC tournament. "We've got Carl playing well. If we can get a couple of other people playing really well, I think we can win it," Mundorf said. Old North State, the host school

for the tournament, is a Tom Fazio designed course that emphasizes the approach shot and the short game with its undulating greens. "It's probably one of the best courses in North Carolina," said Mundorf. "The greens are what make it so good. You have got a couple of tiers on each green. A lot of good pin positions."

Last year in the ACC Tournament, the Wolfpack played great golf, shooting 19 under par at Old North State. Unfortunately, Clemson edged them out in the end. "I don't know if we could duplicate 19 under again," Sykes said. "I don't know if I sign for it right now."

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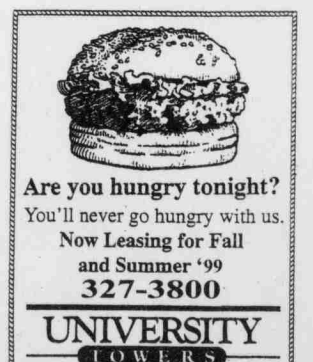
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Tar Heels maneuver past Wolfpack



State had an early lead, but lost 4-3 to the visiting Tar Heels Wednesday.

◆ N.C. State loses a close match to rival UNC-Chapel Hill in the final home match of the season.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the efforts of senior Roberto Bracone, playing in his final home match of a storied career at N.C. State, the men's tennis team lost, 4-3, to UNC-Chapel Hill Wednesday at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

"I knew it was going to be a war," State Head Coach Eric Hayes said. "They took advantage of the opportunities they had."

"I'm upset that we lost," Bracone said. "I thought we should have won. Whether I won or I lost didn't matter to me. I wanted the team to win the match."

Bracone won at the No. 1 singles, extending his home record to 34-2, 34-1 in Raleigh. One of the losses was played in Chapel Hill because of inclement weather. Bracone defeated UNC-CH's Mike Grass 6-2, 6-2 to give State an early lead.

The Wolfpack started out the match by winning the doubles point, but the Tar Heels took four of six singles matches for the win.

"At No. 5 and 6 we had a chance to close them out," Hayes said. "We didn't take advantage of it. Their guys played aggressive and they did it."

Despite losing the second set 6-0, Eric Jackson pulled out a win for State at No. 2 singles. Jackson defeated UNC-CH's David Cheatwood in a hotly contested match, 7-6, 0-6, 6-3.

"It's disappointing. I wanted to go out winning my last home match," Bracone went on to say. "I think when you play at home there is a little extra incentive.

You don't want anybody coming into your home and taking away what you have achieved. That's why I think I am disappointed today."

The No. 2 doubles team of Bracone and Shaun Thomas defeated UNC's Assaf Drori and Remi Adamek 8-6. Deval Desai

and Keith Salmon teamed to win at the No. 3 doubles spot as well, giving State the doubles point.

"We had an opportunity to solidify an NCAA berth and a high seeding in the ACC Tournament. That's a lot of pressure, but the guys have got to learn to deal with that."

With the doubles win, Bracone was the only player on either team to win singles and doubles matches.

"I hurt for him," Hayes said of Bracone. "He did everything he possibly could. There was tremendous pressure on him today to win. It's unfortunate that we couldn't back him up for him to win today. He never got to beat UNC."

State is in action again Saturday in the final dual meet of the season before the ACC Championships April 22-25 in Atlanta. The Wolfpack will take on Clemson in South Carolina at 1 p.m.

Sports Editor K. Gaffney contributed to this story.

"I'm upset we lost, I thought we should have won. Whether I won or I lost didn't matter to me. I wanted the team to win the match."

Roberto Bracone
1998 ACC Tennis Player of the Year



Roberto Bracone won his final home match.

Bracone goes out in winning fashion

◆ State's Roberto Bracone ends a four-year reign as the Pack's No. 1.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

If Triangle area sports fans took to tennis the way they take to basketball, Roberto Bracone's racquet would already be bronzed and hung in the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

Wednesday, the senior, N.C. State's most decorated tennis player ever, walked away from the Wolfpack Tennis Complex after one last win, ending, at least at home what has been respectively one of the most incredible careers in recent Wolfpack history.

"Words can't express what he has meant to our program," Wolfpack Coach Eric Hayes said. "Roberto has come through for us on so many occasions."

Bracone came to Raleigh with Hayes, who had been the Argentine native's coach at the Palmer Tennis Academy in Tampa, Florida in 1996, and has helped the now No. 48-ranked program, under Hayes' direction, develop into a team fighting for the first NCAA team bid in school history.

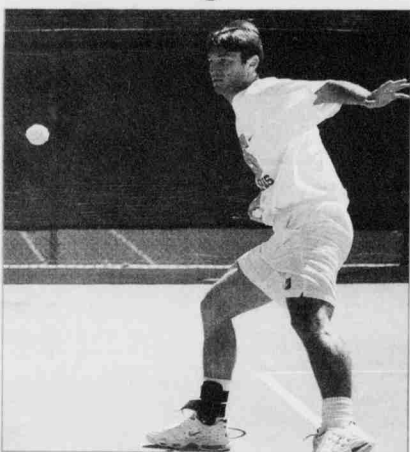
"Individually I've accomplished many of the goals that I had set for my career here at State," Bracone

said. "Hopefully the team can follow up on the things we have done during my four years and keep doing well."

The list of credentials following his name rival that of football All-American Terry Holt or either of the Wolfpack cross country teams: Two-time defending Atlantic Coast Conference No. 1 singles flight champion, three-time All-ACC selection, 1998 ACC Player of the Year and 1999 ACC Indoors Champion.

Bracone has excelled off of the court as well during his time at N.C. State, twice earning a spot on the ACC Academic Honor Roll, was nominated for the 1997 GTE Academic All-America team and was recently one of 300 some athletes honored by the Academic Support Program for Student Athletes at the program's first annual banquet.

Bracone started off the 1999 season with a win at the ACC Indoor Championships. In the finals of the event, held in Winston-Salem, Bracone defeated Pedro Escudero of Duke in straight sets. Escudero, who transferred to the Blue Devil program from LSU after being ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation in 1998, won only four games from the Wolfpack senior in the champi-



Roberto Bracone won both his singles and doubles matches yesterday against UNC-Chapel Hill. Bracone has only one loss on his singles record at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex in his four-year career. The 1998 ACC Player of the Year was instrumental in Head Coach Eric Hayes' rebuilding of the Wolfpack tennis program.

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State heads to ACCs

◆ Georgia Tech and Clemson are the favorites for the golf tournament this weekend in Badin, N.C.

JACK DALY
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's golf team heads to the Old North State Golf Club in Badin, N.C., this weekend to try and win the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the second time in its history.

The team is coming off an eighth place performance over the weekend at the BellSouth Intercollegiate in Cary, N.C. Carl Petersson led the Wolfpack by finishing sixth individually, while ACC rivals Clemson, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke all finished ahead of the Pack.

Head Coach Richard Sykes said that Georgia Tech and Clemson are the favorites this weekend. Georgia Tech is led by former U.S. Amateur champ and Masters fan favorite Matt Kuchar.

"Going into [this] week, you have got to look at Clemson and Georgia Tech," Sykes said. "They are going to be the teams to beat. They're so talented that when they're playing well, I'm not so sure that anyone in our league can beat them."

However, if the Tigers or the Yellow Jackets don't play well, the tournament is wide open.

"We have enough good teams in our league that if they have a little come-down and someone else has a good day, then it could happen."

Chris Mundorf, a sophomore from Greensboro who was the second best Pack golfer at the BellSouth, thinks that State has a good shot this weekend.

"I think we've got as good a chance as anybody," Mundorf said. "I mean, it just depends on if we play well. We've got as good as players as any other team in this nation."

The Pack struggled with the wind on Friday afternoon in the BellSouth. Coach Sykes said he was unsure how the team would bounce back.

"I don't know if we'll leave [the BellSouth] on an upnote for having a better round [Saturday], or we'll be down and have a hard time getting

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Clemson hosts ACC track

◆ Women's track played by injury.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

For a team accustomed to life in the upper tier of Atlantic Coast Conference track scene, this weekend will not be the norm.

The N.C. State women's track team finished seventh at the conference Indoor Championships, and with a team struggling with youth, injuries, as well as being intentionally redshirted, such a performance again this weekend would not be too great a disappointment.

The team will be redshirting two of their best



The track team heads to Clemson.

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◆ Men's track heads to the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

Less than two months after the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships, the N.C. State men's track team heads down to Clemson for the ACC Outdoor Championships this weekend.

The team finished third at the Indoor Championships, 50 points behind Clemson, but just four points behind UNC-Chapel Hill.

Such a finish during outdoors would be impressive, with the team suffering with some of their best athletes out.

"We're redshirting some people on both sides of the program, men and women, and we've had injuries on both sides," Head Coach Rolfe Geiger said. "We're certainly not at our best right now, between redshirt and injury."

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N.C. State baseball v. Maryland

When: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Where: Doak Field on West Campus

Records: (as of April 13th)
N.C. State 27-13 (5-7 Atlantic Coast Conference)
Maryland 13-16-1 (4-7 ACC)

The series: 63-34, N.C. State

The scoop: A pivotal series in the ACC, both teams are looking to surge ahead in the conference standings. The Wolfpack, with 27 wins, may have more to play for, specifically its fourth consecutive NCAA Regional bid.

Both squads will be looking to rebound after tough midweek losses at home. State lost a disappointing game to Virginia Commonwealth Tuesday night while the Terrapins were busy losing to Richmond, also at home.

Maryland had won eight of 10 games before this week.

The Wolfpack will have a tough task when it faces senior left-hander Tom Curtiss. Curtiss,

who will likely pitch Friday, was the ACC's Pitcher of the Week last week, hurling 8 2/3 innings against No. 15 UNC-Chapel Hill, giving up only one run. The senior is averaging one strikeout per inning this season for the Terrapins.

After Tuesday's loss, Head Coach Elliot Avert will likely continue to shuffle the lineup. N.C. State has had 37 different lineups in 39 games before Tuesday.

"Maybe they don't want it bad enough," Avert said Tuesday. "Maybe I am playing the wrong guys."

The Pack should have a decided advantage at the Doak. State is 19-6 at home this season. The Wolfpack won two of three in its most recent home weekend series against eighth-ranked UNC-Chapel Hill at Doak Field.

Maryland won one game against the Tar Heels last weekend in Chapel Hill, and also swept the Duke Blue Devils earlier in the year.

Last season, the Wolfpack swept a three-game series from the Terps March 13-15, winning 7-5, 14-4 and 5-1. Maryland's last win against N.C. State was a 15-12 triumph in 1996.



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