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## NCSU hosts violence forum

◆ Students Against Violence Everywhere, a student-led group, will hold a summit on Friday to discuss ways it can nationally prevent future school violence.

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Assistant News Editor

While the nation is still staggering from the school shooting in Littleton, Colo., dozens of students from both large cities and small towns have been arrested for threatening to carry out copycat attacks. Therefore, all communities, large and small, are reaching out, searching for answers and looking into attempts for prevention.

On April 30, 1,000 concerned students from all over North Carolina state will come together at N.C. State to discuss issues of school violence prevention at the 4th Annual Students Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.) Summit from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the McKimmon Center.

"We cannot afford to follow a philosophy of 'It can't happen here,'" said Pamela L. Riley, executive director of the Center for Prevention of School Violence, a division of the Department of Education and Psychology located on the NCSU campus.

"This latest incident provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon how we, as parents, students, teachers, school principals and support staff, law enforcement and community members can all work together to achieve this vision," informed Riley.

S.A.V.E., a student-initiated organization devoted to promoting nonviolence and the education of young people about the consequences of violence, developed in 1989 in response to the tragic death of

a student, Alex Orange, at an off-campus party.

The summit this Friday will include presentations and displays on the chapters' individual strategies to reduce the violence in their home schools, which includes community service programs and "safe" extracurricular activities.

"That's really all that S.A.V.E. does," according to Doug Robinson, who oversees the national web of S.A.V.E. chapters. "It utilizes the power of positive peer pressure."

Students will represent a broad variety of high schools and middle schools from various parts of the state.

"There are pages and pages and pages of things S.A.V.E. does like mentoring programs [and] crime prevention," said Robinson. Students will be there to pick up new ideas, network and "benefit from each other's presence," according to Robinson.

It seems that their efforts are paying off. The 1997/1998 Annual Report on School Violence reported that 7,543 acts

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Pamela L. Riley

Executive Director of the Center for Prevention of School Violence

## School Violence

★ In 1997-1998, 7,543 incidents of school violence were reported on North Carolina school property. This is a decrease of 7.35% since 1996-1997.

★ 6.3 reported incidents per 1000 students occurred in 1997-1998. This continues a decline started in 1994-1995.

★ In 1997-1998, there were 2,723 reported incidents of possession of a weapon (not a firearm). This category had the most reported incidents which was a change from the past two years when possession of a controlled substance was the highest.

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of school violence occurred on N.C. school property, reflecting a decrease of 7.35 percent from the previous year.

"Young people are motivated and energetic," said Robinson. "They want to come to a school that is safe and secure."

The Center for the Prevention of School Violence is committed to such a vision, that "every student will attend a school that is safe and secure, one that is free of fear and conducive to learning."

"As we move forward to complete this school year," according to Riley, "We as a society need to think through the issues, which define how we are raising and educating our young people, and take actions to prevent events like Littleton from occurring again."

Riley has been the executive director of the Center since its establishment in late 1993 as an affiliate of the Governor's Crime Commission in the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. The Center is an inter-institutional service center of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina system.

Prior to her appointment as director, Riley was a school principal, and also

worked in the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as an education consultant with expertise in citizenship education. Riley is North Carolina's Coordinator of Youth for Justice, a national law-related education project.

The Center functions as a key point of contact for information, programs and research about school violence and coordinates efforts, such as the S.A.V.E. Summit, directed at preventing it from occurring.

While S.A.V.E. has grown to 400 chapters based in 15 states, including California, Idaho and New York, with 362 chapters in North Carolina alone, there is no NCSU chapter.

According to Robinson, there is a great opportunity available for NCSU students to act as a role model to younger students. "They want to be just like that," he asserted.

"I don't understand why there's not an NCSU chapter, but I hope that after Friday there will be," projected Robinson.

## Student Center leader faces controversy

◆ A petition to nullify the Student Center's president selection process and review the board's election practices was debated Monday night.

NATALIE DUGGINS  
Staff Writer

Sabrina Yep, Student Center president-elect, sat quietly Monday afternoon as current members of the center's Board of Directors debated a recommendation to nullify the presidential selection process for the 1999 Spring Election. The recommendation made by Jeneka Burroughs, current Student Center President and chair of the Board of Directors, came in the wake of a petition signed by 260 students that requested a review of election practices by the board. In research conducted by Burroughs, she found the board to be in violation of its own statutes and constitution and hence, she said nullifying the process selection was "the only logical thing to do."

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Scott Litzelman  
Secretary for the UAB Board of Directors

The Student Center Board of Directors helps govern the Union Activities Board (UAB) and the use of the facilities of the University Student Centers and its annexes, which include Talley Student Center, Waterspoon Student Center, Price Music Center and Thompson Building.

"The Student Center statutes stipulate that [The president] shall submit all the names of nominees, certified or not, to the Board. All nominees for the office of President shall appear before the Board to be interviewed. The Board shall choose candidates from the President's list of nominees to run in the Spring election."

Burroughs stated that the presidential candidates had not been brought in front of the Board of Directors as specified in the statutes.

"If you go against your constitution, then this board becomes null and void," said one petitioner, who wished to remain nameless. "You have to make a judgement call."

Though Burroughs considered the decision to nullify the election process "the only logical thing to do," a majority of the board members present Monday did not agree.

"[The board] is supposed to help organizations, not hinder them," said Justine Wilson, board representative from the Inter-Residence Council. "If this hinders the function of the board, we shouldn't nullify the vote."

Student Senate President Ementis Alexis Mei questioned the legalities of nullifying the vote. Also, Mei said that there was no feasible way that the board could adhere to all the statutes in the next three weeks.

Student Body President Raj Mirchandani said, "If you decide to go ahead and hold this election, you are going to see a low turnout."

"And you can't just overlook the people that voted in the [spring] election," Mirchandani added.

Student Body President Ementis Jenny Chang suggested that the board take a detailed look at its Constitution and let the results of the election stand.

"Take the heat with the promise of change," Chang said, noting that the cost and work of holding another at large election could cripple the UAB in the upcoming year.

Scott Litzelman, secretary for the Board of Directors, agreed. "It seems to me that [another election] would cripple UAB...the Student Body should not be punished for a mistake that we made."

Alex Miller, associate to the Vice Chancellor for Arts Programs, said, "We dropped the ball and we have to right the wrong we created."

Mark Aldrich, a Student Senate representative, added that if the board decided to hold another election, the Elections Board, which controls at-large voting in the spring, would not be involved.

The original recommendation was tabled and modified, per President Burroughs' suggestion, to state that, if passed, the resolution would nullify both the process that was used and the person.

IRC representative Justine Wilson made a motion to accept the results of the election, accept responsibility for the mistake and to appoint a committee to research the constitution and statutes. According to Wilson, this motion

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North Carolina motorists who are pulled over by highway patrol officers may have to answer more than how fast they were going.

## New law protects rights of motorists

◆ North Carolina passes new bill to ensure that the "racial profiling" of motorists is eliminated

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Staff Writer

Gov. Jim Hunt, on April 22, signed into law Senate Bill 76, which requires state law enforcement officers to record more information about every motorist they pull over, regardless of any further action is taken. North Carolina is the first state in the nation to have such a law.

"I'm so proud that North Carolina is leading the nation on this very important issue," said Gov. Hunt. "North Carolina isn't the only state where minorities feel targeted by law enforcement officers. But we are the only state that is doing something about it."

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Frank Ballance and Rep. Ronnie Sutton, requires the Department of Justice to collect data on all stops by all state law enforcement

agencies, including those stops when no warning ticket or citation is written.

The bill will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2000 and will stipulate that each individual officer will have a record of the motorists that they have pulled over. If there is an abnormally high number of stops on minorities, then the officer could possibly face a fine or suspension.

"There is a perception in minority communities across North Carolina that some drivers are stopped simply because of the color of their skin," said Sen. Ballance. "This new law will determine whether the facts support that perception."

"This new law is trying to stop what many call 'racial profiling,' the targeting of motorists because of their physical appearance such as race, gender and age," said Carlton Pressley, a spokesman for the office of Sen. Ballance.

This new law is backed by both

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## NCSU faces employee lawsuit

◆ A former NCSU housekeeper's discrimination suit against the university is being held up, pending an OAH decision.

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Senior Staff Writer

The recent termination of an N.C. State employee has placed the university in the position of defendant in a case that is currently on hold in a United States District Court.

The former employee, Leslie Wright, was terminated last spring from her housekeeping position. According to NCSU Associate General Counsel Eileen Goldgeier, Wright was dismissed for walking out on her early morning shift against her supervisor's wishes. Neither Wright nor University Housekeeping Administrator Lawrence Bradley could be reached for comments on

the circumstances surrounding Wright's firing.

On Aug. 24 of last year, Wright filed a contested case — similar to a grievance — against the university with the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

According to Goldgeier, Wright's complaint alleged that the university had not accommodated her hearing problem, a condition for which Wright wears a hearing aid. Wright cited the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) in her complaint, and filed a discrimination suit in federal court.

Rather than maintaining two cases simultaneously, Goldgeier said that the university obtained a stay in the federal case. Thus, the federal suit is on hold until the resolution of the OAH proceedings. "Our position is that this case has no merit," said

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# Japanese industry sinks

**TOKYO** — In a further sign of Japan's nagging recession, production at the country's factories and mines plunged 7.1 percent during fiscal 1998 for the largest fall in 24 years, the government said Wednesday.

It was the biggest decline in percentage terms since 1974, when production fell 9.7 percent, said Kosuke Ikeya, head of the statistics analysis bureau with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

In fiscal 1998, the index of production at Japan's factories and mines stood at 97.4 against the 1995 base figure of 100. The latest data also marked the first year-on-year decline in five years, MITI said.

The ministry attributed the sharp decline in industrial output to falling demand, particularly in the cement and steel industries, as well

as sharply reduced capital investment by machinery makers.

Japan remains mired in its worst recession since World War II as the economy continues to shrink and unemployment stands at a record high of 4.6 percent.

There was some good news, however. Industrial production for March, the last month of fiscal 1998, rose 2.2 percent from the previous month, the ministry said.

The March increase far exceeded expectations. Economists surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires estimated on average that production would show an increase of only 0.3 percent in the latest reporting month.

The rise came after production declined in February for the first time in three months. MITI tallied the data after adjustment for seasonal factors.

MITI said it expects output to fall 3.2 percent on month in April from March before increasing 1.0 percent in May from April.

# Hurdles

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West Charlotte. But under the tutelage of State's hurdling coach Terry Reese, one of the world's best hurdlers, McClelland has flourished.

"All the stuff I was doing back then was basically from a little knowledge from what the people were giving you who never really ran hurdles," McClelland said. "He runs professional, so I get all the good techniques, good tips, so it's just a matter of me doing it."

McClelland's first year saw him running 14.16 in the 110 meters and reaching junior nationals, eventually finishing fifth.

McClelland's sophomore year, was for McClelland a "low year," but it did see him get faster in the 100 meters. He was a member, that year of the ACC champion 4X100 meter relay team as the Wolfpack won the overall title, as well.

Last season saw McClelland dropping both his hurdle and 100-meter times, taking him to the level he's at

today.

As a senior, McClelland's final goal remains qualifying for NCAAs, where he has already posted provisional times in the 110 meter hurdles. At ACC indoors, McClelland finished second in the 60 meter hurdles, running a time of 7.90, a time just 0.006 off qualifying times for NCAAs.

"Hopefully, I've got another good peak period coming up in the next two or three weeks," McClelland said. "Just [want] to qualify, to see how fast I can go, since this is my last year running."

McClelland will graduate next May with a degree in industrial design.

McClelland almost went to Georgia Tech, but because of recruiting difficulties, ended up coming to State.

"It's been the best choice: I wouldn't trade it up to go to another school," McClelland said. "The academics, the freedom I've got and the help I've gotten out here [on the track]. I couldn't even see being coached by another coach than Coach Reese."

# Lawsuit

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Goldegeier of the university's position on the proceedings.

Goldegeier handled the case for Legal Affairs until it became an external matter with the filing of the federal suit. At that point, attorney Tom Lawton took over the university's defense. Because the suit has not yet been resolved, Lawton was unable to comment on the litigation for this story.

According to court documents, on Feb. 5, Administrative Law Judge Dolores Smith filed a Recommended Decision with OAH, recommending that the North Carolina State Personnel Commission dismiss Wright's complaint.

The university filed a document informing the court of the

Recommended Decision. According to court documents, Wright, in a response to the NCSU document, declined to seek appeals if her OAH complaint failed, staffing the decision to dismiss their case. She will not pursue that case with the State Personnel Commission or the Superior Court.

According to Goldegeier, Smith's Recommended Decision is only a recommendation; thus, it does not bring an end to the OAH proceedings. Wright's decision not to pursue her complaint, made in light of Smith's recommendation, does not end either the case or the OAH decision.

Lawton and the university are still waiting for the State Personnel Commission's decision before they find out whether further litigation lies ahead.

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would provide an assurance to the 260 petitioners that "this will not happen again."

In addition, Wilson said that unlike the investigative committee that was suggested by other members of the board, this committee would have a definite purpose.

Both at-large representative Student Body Treasurer Andrew Payne and Student Center Vice President Radiah Gooding echoed the sentiment that an investigative committee would be beneficial to determining how to proceed.

Former Student Center President Amy Cox said, "I agree that we breached our Constitution...our board needs to decide what to do."

"Anyway we go, we are going to lose," said Cox.

After hearing all debates, the board voted to pass Wilson's motion by a tally of 7 to 6, and immediately appointed a committee to examine the statutes.

Upon hearing the board's decision,

Sabrina Yep presented the members of her executive board to the Board of Directors for approval. The most contention came in the office of treasurer, where Georgia Haynes and Joel Gottesman vied for the position. However, Yep selected Gottesman to take over the role as Student Center treasurer, citing his numerous campus connections, club participation and willingness to learn as his qualifications.

Yep's nomination was highly contested as members of the Board questioned Gottesman being chosen over Haynes, who has held the Treasurer position for the past two years.

Student Center Vice President Gooding said that early indications revealed that the UAB will be under financial scrutiny next year, and that she preferred a treasurer with more experience. Gooding suggested that Gottesman will work together with Haynes this year and reapply next term.

Despite opposition, however, all the candidates recommended by Yep received the simple majority vote to install them as executive officers. However, executive positions on the International Activities Committee and Films Committee remain vacant.

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the majorities of the House of Representatives and the State Senate, and was pushed through with the help of the ACLU, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Attorney General's Office.

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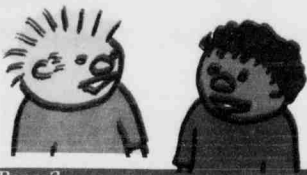
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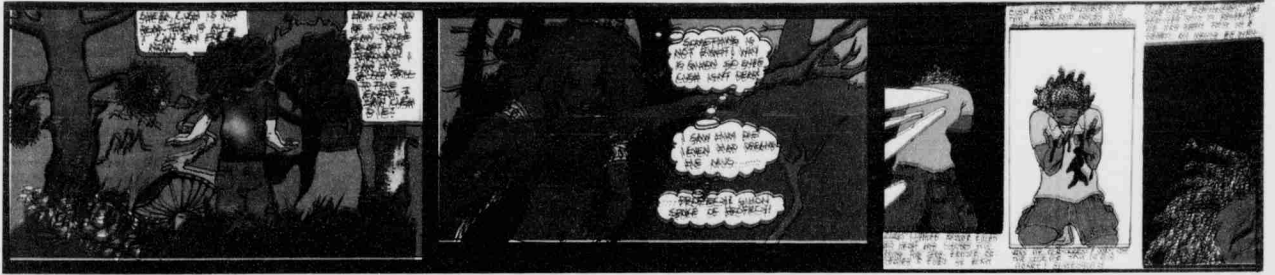
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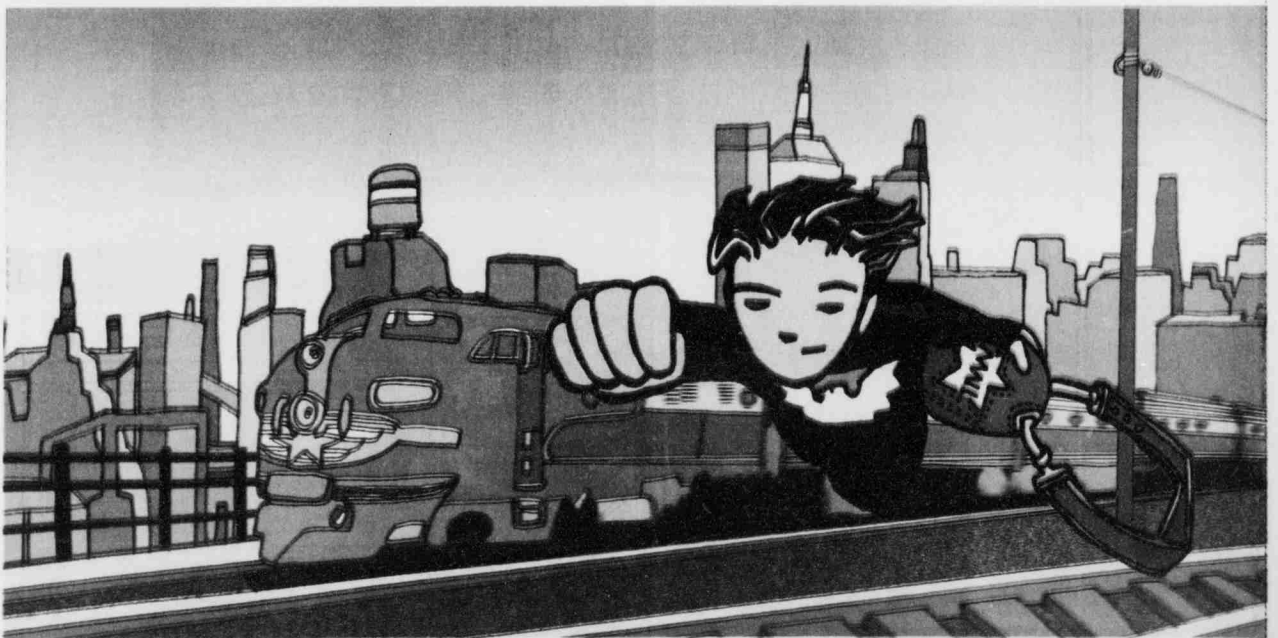
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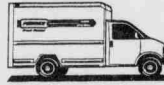
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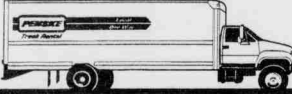
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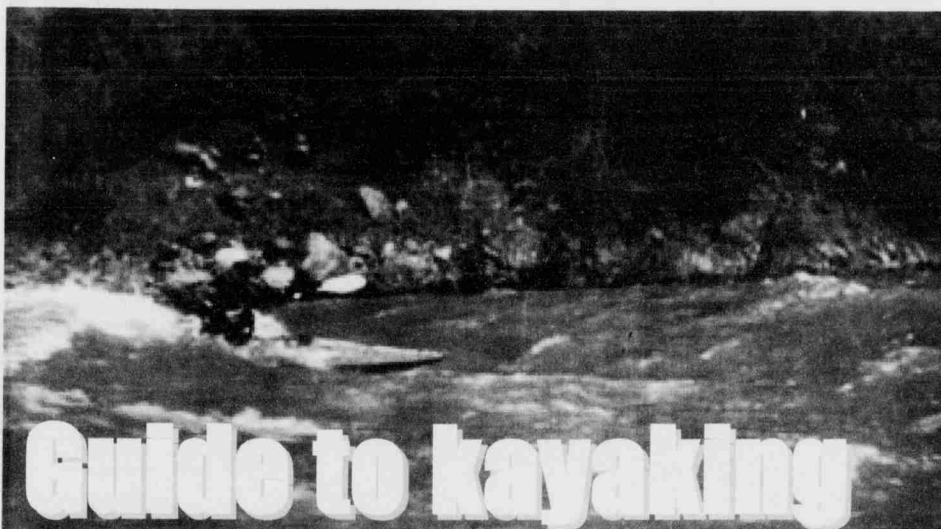


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◆ Kayaking is becoming increasingly popular. Here's a few tips to get you started on those adventures.

**CHIP SMALL**  
Staff Writer

As the summer approaches, many of us will be spending more time outside participating in a variety of outdoor activities. Kayaking, which seems to be increasing in popularity if cars toting sea kayaks to local lakes or the coast for a day of paddling are any indication.

North Carolina offers an ideal setting for this sport. To avid paddlers, sea kayaking is an appealing sport for many reasons.

Paddling can be an intense cardiovascular workout, but it can also be a peaceful, leisurely activity. It offers an opportunity to get on the water in perfect serenity, without the roar of a motor, and it allows you to explore locations that may be otherwise inaccessible. Sea kayaking is an excellent means of viewing wildlife as well. Paddling quietly, animals hardly notice your presence.

Sea kayaks were first made by native tribes in the Arctic for fishing and seal hunting. These kayaks were the prehistoric precursors of sport utility vehicles. In addition to transporting supplies, these hunters stuffed their children in the boat.

While the materials to construct kayaks have changed from animal skins and bones to plastic, kevlar and fiberglass, the

design and paddling techniques have changed very little over time.

I was first introduced to this sport several years ago while traveling in the Pacific Northwest. I took part in a guided day trip where we paddled around rocky bays and islands. In several hours of paddling, we saw seals, bald eagles and a nuclear powered aircraft carrier. Since then I have participated in several more sea kayaking day trips, but I now dream of paddling to some destinations which will require longer expeditions. To undertake a multi-day trip, I would need to learn what kind of gear to bring, and how not to get into trouble and what to do if I do anyway.

I discovered that REI in Cary was offering a free sea-kayaking workshop taught by NCSU outdoor instructor Terry Dush.

Terry discussed basic paddling skills, the equipment needed and how to plan trips. I learned about the different varieties of sea kayaks. Serious paddlers use boats made from fiberglass, which cost around \$2,500. These kayaks are fast and beautiful, but they are rather fragile. Dragging them over rocks will cause serious damage. Plastic sea kayaks are more suited to beginners. They are durable and less expensive, costing about \$1,500 for a new boat. There are different styles of hulls and different styles of cockpits, depending on what types of trips you will take most often. Large cockpits make it easier to enter and exit the boat, which is useful if you are paddling and snorkeling on a

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Underworld --  
"Beaucoup Fish"

★★★★★

Technophobes who still insist that electronic music will never make it big over here should really check this album out. Breakthrough hit "Born Slippy" was just the tip of the iceberg for this band from Romford, England, who, on this, their third LP, pull out all the stops to show astonishing range and depth.

The trio of Darren Emerson, Karl Hyde, and Rick Smith offer a dance-rock crossover of a different sort, far from the thrushy, angst-laden schtick of The Prodigy or the lunky beats of the Chemical Brothers. Instead, Underworld come on closer to what indie bands like Pavement or R.E.M. might sound like if they suddenly developed an affection for synthesizers. Like much of what passes for "techno," Underworld's tracks are based around the hedonism of modern-day club culture, but the band exudes a subtlety that puts them head and shoulders above their contemporaries.

"Beaucoup Fish" explores a number of tangents, each more compelling than the next. Opening track "Gipsy" sets bass-heavy beats to a disarmingly hummable melody, before building spectacularly to a ravey climax. The band goes on to explore the eccentricities of the Far East on the groovy, pulsating "King of Snake," and creates lush, drugged-up symphonies with the shimmering electronics of "Jumbo" and "Winjer."

"Kittens" provides a fine exercise in balls-out, purely instrumental dancefloor techno, but Underworld's true genius lies in the way in which they incorporate the human voice into their eclectic mix of sounds. Singer Karl Hyde's vocals, which are closer to Burroughs-style abstract poetry than traditional rock lyrics, are sampled, spliced, chopped-up, chewed-on and fed through a startling array of machines to truly innovative effect. Rather than base their songs around a traditional verse-chorus-verse structure, Underworld twist the vocals to fit the music, treating Hyde's lyrics with no greater reverence than any of the other elements in the mix.

Already acclaimed by the British press, "Beaucoup Fish" looks set to be a massive album in England, and throughout Europe, where this sort of music is youth culture. It will probably fly straight over the heads of most Americans, but don't let that stop you from checking it out. Trading in equal parts techno, rock and with a healthy dose of drug-added surrealism, Underworld have succeeded in creating one of the freshest LPs of 1999. - *A. Leung*

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# Kayak

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tropical reef. Smaller cockpits keep you drier if you are paddling through rough water. Paddlers wear spray skirts, which cover the hole between themselves and the kayak, to keep water out. Nylon spray skirts are inexpensive but tend to leak. Neoprene spray skirts keep paddlers very dry, but are more costly and can get too hot. Personal flotation devices are an essential piece of

gear. Since PFDs must be worn for extended periods of time, it is important to choose a comfortable model. The double bladed kayak paddle is the other piece of essential gear. Most paddles for beginners are made from durable but heavy plastic. Avid paddlers use paddles made from graphite, kevlar and other extremely lightweight materials. The lighter the paddle is, the less work the paddler has to do over the course of the trip. Terry also taught us what gear to bring for longer trips and how to pack it in the kayak.

After this workshop, I was ready to take the next step by getting on the water to improve my paddling skills.

To undertake anything longer than a day trip, I needed to learn self-rescue skills. These skills enable a paddler to recover from capsizing or help other people back into their boat. Sea kayaks are not the most stable watercraft, and choppy waves make the likelihood of a beginner like me finding myself staring at the fish fairly high. The pinnacle of self-rescue techniques is the Eskimo roll, where a paddler flips over and rolls the boat back upright without exiting the cockpit. Experienced kayakers often execute rolls effortlessly just to cool off. I had tried this maneuver before, to no avail. I looked a lot like a flailing fish out of water when trying to roll a kayak.

I signed up for a daylong sea kayaking seminar at Jordan Lake

taught by the National Outdoor Leadership School. Four expert paddlers worked with 12 students throughout the day. After learning boat terminology, we worked on basic paddling techniques and turning strokes for most of the morning. After lunch, we paddled several miles up the lake to practice our new skills. After returning, we learned how to recover from a "wet exit," when you flip over and get dumped out of the boat. This procedure involves another kayaker holding the first boat steady while the wet paddler climbs back inside. After this is accomplished, the paddler has to pump all the water out of the kayak. Before the day was over, I got a chance for some personal instruction on rolling. A very patient instructor

taught me the steps of rolling a kayak, and after 10 minutes I had figured it out.

North Carolina is filled with terrific sea kayaking destinations. Jordan Lake was a beautiful setting until motorboats and jet-skis appeared in swarms. Our numerous sounds and undeveloped barrier islands such as Core Banks and Masonboro Island make the Outer Banks a prime sea kayaking location. North Carolina's coastal rivers and creeks are also popular with paddlers.

Many outfitters are catering to the increased popularity of sea kayaking by offering rentals and guided trips. Guided trips are great for beginners, offering instruction in the basic skills and supervised paddling to some near destinations. The guides often are knowledgeable about the ecology and history of an area as well. Sea kayaking is a growing sport that is suitable for anyone, and it is a great way to get out and enjoy the summer weather.

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## VirgosMerlot - "Signs of a Vacant Soul"

NO STARS

It's hard to believe that it's been nearly a decade since Nirvana's "Nevermind" stormed the charts, single-handedly instigating the much-heralded "alternative rock" revolution. One minute kids were running around to the sound of Whitesnake and GNR, the next it was all distortion and flame and early 90's teenage angst.

Although grunge rock's apathy and negativism may have been off-putting to some, there was also widespread sentiment around that this was in fact a musical revolution, not unlike punk in the 70's — that the bands involved were challenging rules and breaking boundaries; that this music mattered. Several years down the line, it's amazing how completely irrelevant it all seems.



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"Beautiful Lie" and "Kiss My Disease" tell you most of what you need to know about this album, pretentious, angry crap masquerading as art.

It's one thing to actually experiment with noise and distortion, as bands like Nirvana and Sonic Youth did. VirgosMerlot cloak their songs in distortion because they can't write good songs. Lines like "I know you're winning/But I was just bgrtning" are as nauseating as the "Book Mom, I just learned how to use PhotoShop"-styled cover art, which features one band member sprouting horns, while butterflies fly in time around the lead singer.

The album does have a couple of bright points: "The Cycle" gets things off to a rousing start, while "Wrong" features a nice line in punky guitar pyrotechnics, and is musically sharp. Overall, however, VirgosMerlot's album serves as little more than a painful reminder of how vacant, and directionless grunge has become by the end of the 90's, little more than a shadow of its once proud, angry self. — A Lueng

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# N.C. traffic inequality?

◆ North Carolina leads the charge to determine if certain groups are involved in traffic stops just because of physical characteristics.

N.C. State is now joining the forefront in crime fighting.

With new legislation passed by the General Assembly in the form of Senate Bill 76, North Carolina has become the first state in the nation to require law enforcement agencies to record information on all traffic stops. These statistics include the motorist's race, gender and age. This information will be collected regardless of whether or not a ticket is issued.

The legislation is designed to determine if there is any truth behind allegations that minorities and women are stopped more often than whites and males. Although North Carolina is not the only state in which minorities have historically felt they were the targets of law enforcement officers, it has, in the words of Gov. Jim Hunt, become the "only state that is doing something about it."

And NCSU, with its vast resources and broad knowledge, has pledged its support by developing the mechanism to collect the data. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences will be helping to design the pilot study — with the

goal of having the slightest impact on the time of the traffic stop possible.

It is a shame that sworn officials of the state of North Carolina—or any other state, for that matter—would conduct a traffic stop just because of a driver's race or gender, a contention long held by many members of minority communities. But the goal of this program is to prevent such incidents, known as "racial profiling," from occurring, if they are in fact a problem.

Requiring officers to take down detailed information about each person they stop will help target problem areas or officers who appear to be stopping an abnormally high number of minority (either by race or gender) drivers. With this information in hand, the Department of Justice will be able to decide upon the best course of action for these departments or officers, be it a warning, fine or suspension.

Another fringe benefit of this program is that it will also serve as a detailed account of each traffic stop an officer makes, regardless of the driver's physical characteristics. This could potentially aid in lessening claims of misconduct or harassment.

And perhaps the most important benefit of the new law is that it will make law enforcement officers think twice about their reasons for pulling over a motorist.

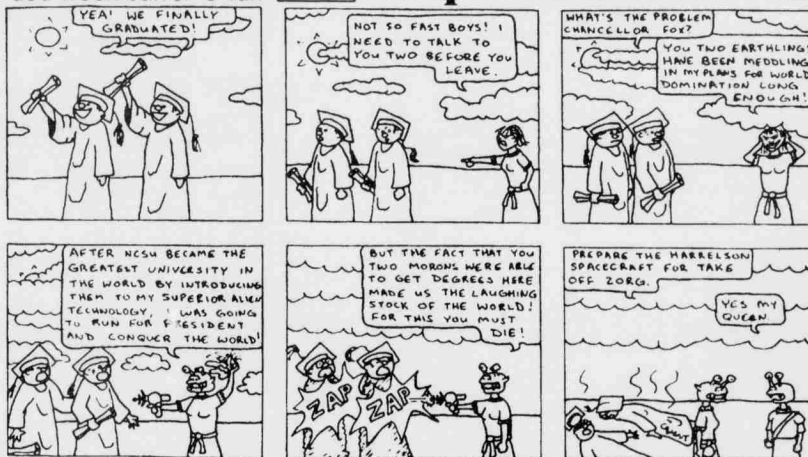
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# What I learned this year

KELLY MARKS  
Staff Columnist

I can't write this. I have started this blasted column 18 different times now and, one by one, ruled out every possible beginning. I guess it's because I know this is my last column of the year — my last shot at crapping out something of substance and my final opportunity to wrestle with my feelings in a knock-down-drag-out battle for all the campus to see.

I think it's hard to start this because I want to get it right. Though it's just words on paper, it seems so final — like I can't take it back. And suddenly, it seems like there's so much to say. I don't want to leave anything out.

I've learned a lot this year. I learned a lot about people, about the people in my life and about life in general. And I think I met myself in there somewhere, too — had a good proper introduction to someone I'm not sure I've taken the time to know. Or at the very least, we

seem to have overcome some of our differences as of late.

I feel like I'm waking up, stuck somewhere in between a dream and that moment when I'm in the shower and life hits me in a burst of cold water I'm on the edge of comprehension.

Everything's been like math lately — and math was never my strong point. Although I know I should be able to figure it out, things haven't quite been adding up; I'm all fuzzy and vague, grasping at concepts once familiar and foreign. I kissed that way of thinking goodbye with MA 141 and hadn't really thought to look back since.

Consequently, I've felt stupid for a good chunk of this semester. I keep telling myself that I should be smarter than however dumb I'm being at the moment. And I have to give myself credit — I am learning. Old dog, new tricks and all that jazz.

So enough ranting, you say. What exactly have I learned?

A life lived with regrets is not worth living — ok, so I got that off of one of

those inspirational cards with the fluffy chicks and the beams of light. It's a cliché — but sometimes things become clichés because they're true.

I've been too scared of too much for too long — I have this tendency to keep everything safe and static and still by not sticking my neck out or taking any chances. Yet, somehow this year I came across things that seemed worth the risk — there were people I had to reach, things I had to say and questions I needed to ask.

And I've never asked questions. I let each year roll by with a series of unanswered queries and a list of regrets. I always thought it was the questions that scared me — that I was afraid of the words that might leak from my pen or my mouth betraying how I really felt.

Fear was in the asking. And then I asked. And I've learned that there's something even scarier — waiting for the answer.

Waiting to see how your words are received, how someone else feels or doesn't is a helluva frightening thing.

While you have some control over what you say, you have no way of knowing what another person is going to hurt back at you. But I've learned it's a chance you have to take.

Answers are like ointment — soothing over the holes, filling in the empty spots torn open by question marks. And even if they feel more like salt on an open wound than a salve, it's still better to tell somebody, even if you're scared. Even if it feels like you're ripping out your soul. Because chances are that no one can say anything that will cut away at you as much as the wondering will. "No's," no matter how painful, are better than the "what-ifs."

I also learned that we don't always get what we want. Actually, it's a lesson I got a while back, just never with this particular twist. We don't always get what we want, but then again, we don't always know what's best for us either. And sometimes what we get, even if it's entirely different, is still

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## CAMPUS FORUM

### Atrium headache

I would assume that all students have gone to the Atrium this semester and noticed the change in the decor. Those who were used to sitting in large groups were disappointed that there are now only five large tables to accommodate them. But there are four seats that are not bolted down.

Well, I was sitting with four other friends, and I took one of the movable seats to the table so we all could sit together. While "semi-enjoying" my meal, my friends informed me that the Atrium lady was quickly approaching, shaking her head in disbelief.

To my surprise, I learned that I couldn't move the chairs because they created some sort of fire hazard. I was shocked! Why is moving a chair such a big problem? Last semester we could move our chairs at will. Was I supposed to know that I wasn't to take the chairs and move them, like everyone did last semester?

So Atrium lady, this is what I say to you: put signs up telling us what we can and cannot do with your chairs. Some of us don't like to sit on the ground while eating lunch, as I was forced to do on Monday. So please try and accommodate the students' needs; we pay the exorbitant food prices. At least let us sit down in groups larger

than four, and please don't get mad at us for moving chairs that we assume we are able to move.

Brian Copeland  
Sophomore, Statistics  
Editor's Note: Due to nature and format of this letter, the Technician editorial board has waived the length limitation.

### Anti-union statute repealed

A little-noted event transpired near the end of North Carolina's historic long short legislative session — the repeal of General Statute 95-97, which had prohibited North Carolina's public employees from joining unions.

The statute writers had been very clever. That it covered only law enforcement officers and firefighters, rather than all public employees, was relegated to a footnote-like final sentence.

The repeal was largely symbolic because the statute, enacted in 1959, had been overturned in 1969 by a United States District Court as a violation of the Right of Association guar-

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# Student Govt. compares well with peers

RYAN BUELT  
Staff Columnist

This past weekend, nine delegates from different branches of N.C. State's Student Government attended a retreat for the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments (UNCASG) on the campus of UNC-Charlotte. So, what's all about?

As many of you well know, the University of North Carolina is made up of 16 constituent institutions, including the premier school (located in Raleigh), and 15 others across the state in Fayetteville, Asheville, Boone, Wilmington, Pembroke and so on. The organization known as UNCASG serves as a legislative body for each of these schools and as a voice for the more than 155,000 students enrolled therein. This weekend, I was lucky

enough to accompany N.C. State's delegation, and I feel that some of the matters discussed are worth sharing with the devoted readers of Technician.

So, here's a list of interesting things: ■ Compared to the student governments of the other 15 UNC schools, ours really has its act together. After sitting in many a Student Senate meeting, I have become quite used to hours of seemingly pointless debate, political squabbling and outright incompetence. Next to other North Carolina public schools, however, we are a well-oiled machine. Quite honestly, our leaders are better educated about issues, our policy statements and resolutions are better written and more compelling, and our vocabularies are more substantial. This comparison, by the way, includes our blue brethren

25 miles east.

■ Students leaders show a remarkable aptitude for wasting opportunities and resources. It is true that the members of UNCASG are primarily the chief executive officers of the 16 institutions and their designees. This means that the body is a talented, well-connected bunch.

■ Should be able to accomplish a lot, right? As best I know, UNCASG passed a fair amount of fluff legislation this year (bills stating an opinion after which there is little follow-up; our own Senate does plenty of that) but concentrated its efforts on two main areas.

The first, tuition, saw ASG's president, Carolina student Jeff Nieman, back a proposal by the Board of Governors (BOG) for a 4.9 percent tuition increase. Thanks for a great service, right? The second involved a

respectable lobbying effort to give the ASG president a vote on the BOG, similar to the power our own president has on the Board of Trustees.

While one has to admire the effort put forth in what appears to be an unsuccessful effort, due to the foul legislative manipulation of N.C. Senator Tony Rand, one must also question whether that effort was entirely worthwhile. The time spent to try and get one vote out of a body of 32 could have been spent on other initiatives of university improvement (e.g. lobbying for alternative measures for university funding, raising money to create a more formidable lobbying organization). So, in retrospect, our leaders appear to have not taken full advantage of the opportunities UNCASG holds.

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# What we can learn from the Colorado shootings

MARK ANDERSON  
Staff Columnist

In the aftermath of the horrible shootings at Columbine High School, we ask questions about the gunmen, the victims and the future of schools. Why did those two boys commit such a crime? How could they have been so evil, planning a killing spree so meticulously? How will the survivors ever heal from their losses and images? Are schools safe?

Although I have only media information to speculate on the situation, the case of disturbed students acting violently on their pent-up anger is, regrettably, not a new one. But, even after several school shootings, we — the people surrounding unstable teenagers like Harris and Klebold — have not learned what we can

do. I understand that a child is partly a product of parental genetics, but that child is also influenced by his environment, especially by the omnipresent media, led by the Internet.

Police reports say that the shooters experienced unpopularity — high school's version of discrimination — throughout their years. However, the outer influence of the boys' peers and the media are relatively minor when compared to the inner influence of their parents and their mentality. Somehow, the two teenagers received too little respect or encouragement at home and/or school.

This is where our responsibility as fellow students, teachers, parents, friends, even acquaintances stirs into the mix. We are not ultimately accountable for the actions of all persons that we know.

However, it is our moral or, at the least, our civil duty to show respect to others. Again, I stress that I do not intend to blame the school in any way for the crime committed against it. I do suggest that "we the people" learn from this attack.

The government will probably enact new gun laws, and school systems might install metal detectors or hire more safety officers. But the bitter reality is that no program or precaution can completely eradicate this type of homicide. Sure, extra security and cameras monitoring schools can only help to reduce these crimes, but teachers, administrators and club advisors can do only so much, and so much is already demanded of them.

Sooner or later, this issue of safety in schools must go home — home to the parents who are ulti-

mately responsible for their children. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold lacked respect for a cherished possession — life. Let us not assign blame to gun availability or the Internet. Let us not direct fault at the Columbine students, teachers, the gunmen's family or even at Harris and Klebold themselves. Let us, however, accept responsibility for respecting, encouraging, smiling at or even befriending everyone, even the unpopular kids. They deserve some kindness and hope.

As for the questions concerning the victims, I have no answer...only prayers for their families and friends for comforting, healing and forgiveness.

Email Mark with your thoughts at mbander2@unity.ncsu.edu.





# Marks

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close enough. Sometimes, it's even better.

I learned how nice it is to have a home. I've been missing a place of my own this year - somehow home wasn't my room or my studio or even the house with my family in it that's an hour's drive away. You take for granted how important it is to have a place that you can call yours and fall into at the end of a day.

And I think I've been looking to my friends for some sort of substitute - a place in their lives to settle in and feel safe and warm. Only, after spending

countless hours on other people's floors, I've finally realized something. You can't make your home in another person's life, no matter how hard you try. It's not fair to them and it's not going to make you happy. You have to feel at home in your own life first.

I learned that this isn't a race. It's not about who's doing what with their lives that's more significant and impressive than what I'm doing with mine. And

it's time I stopped comparing myself to other people. There are no standards for me to beat except the ones I set for myself.

I learned that I'm not a terribly nice person sometimes. I lose people, or worse, I let them leave - I watch time and change drag them out of my life and I don't throw up a hand to stop it. I don't like this about me. People should mean more - and they do - only I'm

too lazy or timid or busy to make them sick. How much they mean. Things change. I understand that. I just think that occasionally I'm too willing to accept that as fact.

I think I've learned just enough to see how much I still have to learn. It's been quite a year - a year of firsts and frustrations and things I still haven't started to sort out. And I guess as much as this seems like an ending, I know it's not.

Time doesn't end when I lay my head down tonight. I get up in the morning and go on. And hopefully, I learn some, more along the way.

*Kelly wants to thank her friends, family and the floors, without which this year would not have been possible. Always, email her at kmmarks@att.net.edu. Have lovely summers the lot of you.*

# Avent

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has some serious race issues with which it must face up. Throughout the weekend, I noticed considerable tension between the delegates of the five historically black institutions (HBCUs), the historically Native-American institution and the remaining schools. This was especially evident when the body considered a bill concerning funding

at the HBCUs. It was very apparent that students from the differently oriented universities had very different goals and ideas about how things were run, and I was concerned at the divide and the inability of delegations to even attempt to traverse it.

So, for those of you returning to our illustrious campus next year, keep your eyes and ears open for news from UNCASG, and don't be afraid to apply some pressure to our campus organizations to more actively participate and influence the goings on with. Goodness knows, someone needs to give it some direction.

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Erik Hanson, Jimmy Key and J.D. Drew all got their start playing ACC ball. The ACC has had at least 20 players drafted every year since 1993 and has had nine first round selections in the past three years.

"Every high school player across the country wants to play in the ACC or SEC," Mooney explained. "They know they've got a chance to play against good competition and their chance of developing into a professional is pretty good."

According to Avent, the strength of the ACC has been on the mound.

"The strength of the conference has been the pitching," the third-year coach explained. "It's been the best since 1996, when we had five pitchers taken in the first round of the draft. The conference is the strongest it has been since I have been here because of that."

Regardless of the reason for the strength, one can be certain that the ACC has made its mark on the college baseball world.

# ASPSA

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years ago after playing a starting role on the Wolfpack women's basketball team, is just one of the success stories to come out of the program.

Howard graduated with a 4.0 in Mass Communications, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi and was the GTE Women's Basketball Academic All-America of the Year in 1997 after her senior season.

The Pack has had its share of success with individual athletes, including the acceptance of all 11 bids that N.C. State has submitted for the ACC's Post-graduate scholarship award. The Corvan-James-Weaver Scholarship, named after three of the conference's most ardent supporters, is a \$5,000 award given every year to senior athletes at the nine Atlantic Coast Conference member-institutions to help fund their respective post-graduate education plans.

But, as Moses is quick to point out, the success can be seen on more than just an individual level.

In the 1991-92 school year, 56 N.C. State student athletes earned a spot on the Dean's list. According to the ASPSA's latest numbers, the Fall of 1998 saw 112 student-athletes so honored.

The program keeps tabs on the number of student-athletes maintaining grade point averages of 3.0 or better. In the spring of 1994, the numbers totaled 180 student-athletes, and jumped to 211 in the past semester.

The Fall of 1998 also saw yielded three Phi Beta Kappa inductees, three Academic All-America teams and four individual Academic All-Americans.

The four Academic All-Americans were Lindsey Rogers, Erin Musson, Amy Beykirch and Katie Sabino. These were four of the five runners who finished in the top 25 for the Wolfpack as N.C. State won its third consecutive District III Women's cross

country title, en route to the National Championships for the fourth straight year.

Coupled with the inclusion of conference football Rookie of the Year Ray Robinson on the ACC All-Academic team, the idea that it is only the athletes that play supporting roles on the field who are succeeding in the classroom is being dispelled very quickly.

"Successful teams do better in the classroom, and success in the classroom translates into success on the field," said N.C. State Athletic Director and former Wolfpack basketball coach Les Robinson.

"It has been around for a long time, but in the past few years has become much more functional and a tool for more than just advising."

And there are no easy breaks. While the program is funded completely by the athletic department, it is the University that has control over the program.

Moses reports to Dean James Anderson, Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Anderson also oversees a similar program offered to all students enrolled at N.C. State, The Undergraduate Studies Tutorial Center, housed in Nelson Hall, which offers free tutoring in most lower level math and science courses as well as some humanities, including foreign languages.

The programs offer basically the same support and opportunities, the exception being the concentration of the ASPSA's staff and programs to student athletes, trainers and other athletics support staff.

"No matter how far the program, and subsequently the student athletes, have come, there is still a way to go, at least for the determined people at the helm of this program."

"Our goal is to graduate every football player, to graduate every men's basketball player," said Moses. "We want to be the absolute best program in the nation. I don't know if that is truly measurable, but we'll know. More and more people will look to our program, and ask for advice and want to come visit."

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# Pack

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Stevenson.

As for next season, the Pack appears primed to have another run among the nation's best. A superb recruiting class

is coming to Raleigh, and with most of the team returning and Langendorf leading the way, State should be set for another good year.

"It's a question not of how good we're going to be but how many routines we're going to hit. That's just the way it works in our sport," Stevenson said. "We'll be a top 10 program if we perform at a top 10 level."

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## The key to victory

COMMENTARY

Jack Daly

As the 17th ranked N.C. State men's golf team heads to the NCAA East Regional in Newport, R.I., later this month, consistency is going to be the name of the game.

In its last two tournaments, the Pack has played great in two of the three rounds in the tournament, but shot itself in the foot in the other.

Take the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship held April 16-18 in New London, N.C. In the first round, State posted the second best score of the day, ahead third-ranked Clemson. Same with the final round. The problem was that the Pack shot the worst score of the second round, and wound up fifth overall.

"We definitely need to work on our consistency," said Chris Mundorf, a sophomore from Greensboro who finished fourth individually at the ACC Championship.

Senior co-captain Marc Gauley agreed and said the players need to focus on knocking those extra two to three strokes of their scores to turn a 76 into a 73.

"In a team event, two strokes individually means eight less strokes for the team," Gauley said.

Gauley also said the team seems to sense the way they are playing out on the course.

"We feed off each other when we're playing well and we seem to feed off each other when we're playing bad," said Gauley.

Gauley, a senior from Greensboro, may indeed be the key for the Pack. He has had a solid year, getting off to a great start and continuing to play well most of the year with six top-12 finishes and four top-fives. However, he has struggled a bit lately with his mental game, and his last two tournaments were forgettable.

"We're a much better team when he's playing well," said Mundorf. "Hopefully he will get his confidence back."

To qualify for the NCAA Championships, State must finish in the top 11 out of the roughly 25 teams that will compete in the Regional.

"Well, of course our goal is to finish in the top 11, that qualifies us for the national tournament," said Mundorf. "I think we have a good shot."

Gauley said that he would be surprised if the Pack did not qualify in Rhode Island.

"I really think we'll get through," Gauley said. "Everybody on the team can shoot good scores. I just can't see us not getting through."

Coming off a month break of tournament golf will also help the Pack. Even if they are big tournaments, four straight weeks of tournament golf is draining, a factor that may have contributed to Gauley struggling for the last two.

And if Gauley gets his confidence back — a safe bet given the overall successful year he has had and the fact that two tournaments of mediocre golf is not that uncommon — look for the Pack to qualify for the big tournament. Carl Pettersson, a junior from Greensboro, has finished in top 10 in his last four tournaments, and Mundorf proved at the ACC tournament he can post low numbers in big tournaments.

"I am confident in my game," said Mundorf. "I'd love to finish fourth again."

Mundorf may or may not finish fourth again, but the Pack should get low scores from him, Pettersson and Gauley, and that likely will be enough to send the team to Minnesota in June for the NCAA Championships.

**The Wolfpack men's tennis team has added another regular-season match to the 1999 schedule. N.C. State will take on Virginia Tech this weekend in Blacksburg, VA.**

# Pack making the grade with ASPSA

Once under scrutiny, eligibility issues for N.C. State athletes are few and far between these days.

K. GRIFFNEY  
Sports Editor

It is, quite honestly the best thing that ever happened to Wolfpack athletics in the 1990's. After a roller-coaster decade like the 1990's for the N.C. State athletic program, the 1990's might be looked at as a little boring, relatively few scandals, no NCAA sanctions, just six bowl games and one trip to the NCAA Tournament in men's basketball.

But what has been going on in the classroom for the Wolfpack Athletic Program has been a completely different story. No one really knows when the Academic

Support Program for Student Athletes got started at N.C. State, but if anything is certain, the impact that it has had in the 1990's has been considerable.

"During the course of the past couple of years, we have become more assertive and proactive in what we are trying to do. And the difference has shown," said Dr. Phil Moses. Moses, in his fifth year at the helm, heads up a staff comprised of six academic coordinators; Amy Barnes, John Bong, Denise Andross, Rodney Lackey, Walter Little III and Jo-Ann Robinson, tutorial coordinator Edward Reid and program assistant Glenda Johnson.

"I think it is a wise decision, it is an insurance policy for the athletic scholarships to be given. Why are we going to bring these people in and ask so much time and effort for them, if we aren't going to help put them in a

situation where it is possible for them to succeed in the classroom as well as out of it?" said Moses. "I don't think that we can morally and ethically ask these athletes to represent the university and be the finest ambassadors for the university that they can, and not give something back to them."

The six coordinators handle all 17 athletic teams. But the bulk of the sports are split between just three of those coordinators, as the Wolfpack football team has been exclusively assigned two members of the staff, and the men's basketball team a third.

While an average of 80 student tutors per semester are employed by the program, not all of the student-athletes receive tutors.

"We know better than to get in someone like Jennifer Howard's way," said Moses. Howard, who graduated from N.C. State two

- Fall 1998**
- 211 Scholar Athletes (GPA above 3.0)
  - 112 Dean's List Honorands
  - 3 Phi Beta Kappa Inductees
  - 3 Academic All-America Teams
  - 2 ACC All-Academic Football Team Honorands
  - 19 EAGL All-Academic Honors (gymnastics)
  - 3 ACC Postgraduate Scholarships
  - 4 Academic All-Americans

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## Dominating on the diamond

Baseball in the Atlantic Coast Conference is among the nation's best.

TIM HUNTER  
Assistant Sports Editor

No matter how one looks at it, the Atlantic Coast Conference can lay claim as one of the top college baseball conferences in the nation. The only thing to be determined is whether the ACC is the nation's premier conference in 1999.

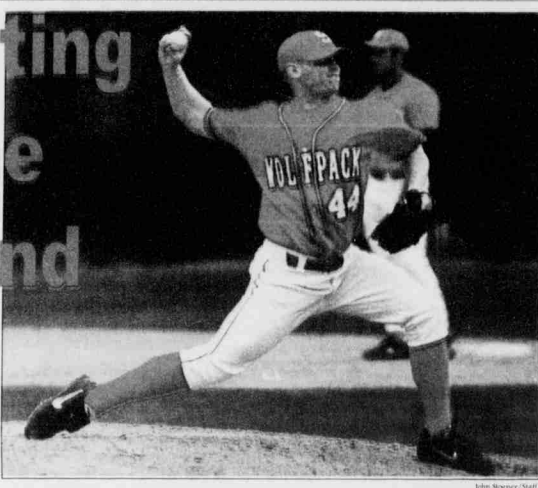
That won't be settled until the College World Series, but all indications are that the conference is picking up where it left off last year, and basically where it has been in the decade of the 1990's. And that is on top.

"There are just some good teams in the ACC right now," senior co-captain Brian Ward said. "Even the teams at the bottom always have a feeling they can beat the top teams. You can't take anybody lightly."

The ACC sent six teams to the NCAA Tournament last season, and those teams compiled a 15-12 record. This season, the conference should send at least five, perhaps six, to the tournament, especially considering the recent expansion to a 64-team field.



N.C. State has just two more ACC series; hosting Clemson and Duke on the road.



Junior Ryan Steadham (44) and the Wolfpack team are looking to be one of the Atlantic Coast Conference teams to earn and NCAA bid at the end of this season.

"I played a year in the SEC and it was very competitive," said junior catcher Dan Mooney, who redshirted the 1998 at the University of Florida. "The ACC has reached and surpassed that. It is very competitive and there are a lot of good teams."

"Both years I have been here it's been real strong," Ward said. "Last year it was the top conference in the country and this year it has to be in the top two at least."

Six teams have spent time in Collegiate Baseball's top 25, with Florida State holding the No. 1 spot most of the season. UNC-Chapel Hill and Georgia Tech have also spent considerable time in the top 10.

"It's been good all along. The ACC is pretty consistent every year," senior Matt Postell said. "This year is no different."

The statistics go on and on. Among the 15 winning teams in the 1990's, there are four ACC teams. Florida State (5th), Clemson (6th), N.C. State (11th) and Georgia Tech (15th) can all lay claim to consistently competing successfully at the national level this decade. At least three teams in the conference have wound up in the final national rankings every year in the 90's.

"Three of the last four years, it has been the top RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) conference in the country," N.C. State Head Coach Arent said. "This year I thought it would be better. I don't know how the RPI will shake out this year but from things people tell us we will be No. 1 again."

Five ACC teams have already won 30 games and Georgia Tech is not far behind with 29, and while Virginia has only won 17, seven of those have been against conference opponents.

In other words, the ACC is solid from top to bottom, there are no off days.

"The top of the conference may be very good and the bottom of the conference may struggle and that's what beats you up about the ACC and the SEC," Arent said. "It's hard to sweep anyone in the

conference. Our conference is awfully strong."

The ACC has stacked up well against teams from other conferences in 1999. Teams from the ACC have a losing record against only one other conference, the Colonial. The ACC is 9-8 against the SEC, 6-2 against the Pacific-10 and 5-3 versus the Big 12. All of those conferences also sent multiple teams to the NCAA Tournament last year.

"Most of the teams had a lot of the same players coming back," Arent said. "Any time you have some continuity in your program it's a big plus. I thought coming into 1999 the conference would be as good as it has been."

"All the teams in the conference have played some pretty big teams and have pretty good records against them," Ward went on to say. "Every conference has some teams that are good and we have played a lot of them this year."

The ACC has also done its part in sending players to Major League Baseball. Big names such as Nomar Garciaparra, Kevin Brown, Walt Weiss,

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ACC BASEBALL STANDINGS	W	L
Florida State	14	1
Wake Forest	13	7
UNC	11	7
Clemson	8	6
Georgia Tech	9	9
N.C. State	8	10
Virginia	7	13
Maryland	6	11
Duke	2	14

## Another happy ending for State

Amy Langendorf's solid showing at Nationals capped off a memorable season for the N.C. State gymnastics team.

JEREMY ASHTON  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Amy Langendorf put the finishing touches on a rewarding season for the N.C. State gymnastics team with a solid performance at the National Championship meet in Salt Lake City last week.

Competing in the first of two sessions on Thursday, Langendorf landed all four of her routines and ended the meet with an all-around score of 38.800. That score was good enough to earn her 11th place in her session.

"I thought I did well for myself," she said. "I wanted to go in and not fall, which is what I did."

"She had a good meet," added Head Coach Mark Stevenson. "She didn't have the best meet of the year, but she didn't have by any means the worst meet of the year either."

Langendorf turned in her customary brilliant performance on uneven bars and floor exercise, showing why she was ranked 27th and 76th respectively in the country on the two events. She finished both events with scores in excess of 9.7.

But, everything did not run smoothly for Langendorf. Although she stayed on the apparatus, the balance beam created some problems for the Wolfpack all-arounder. Meanwhile, she landed her vault, but was probably a bit underscored due to the fact that she was performing very early in the competition.

For Langendorf, competing under the spotlight of Nationals was nothing new after going with the entire Pack team last season as a freshman. So, nerves never played a role for her in the meet.

"I wasn't very nervous at all, actually," commented Langendorf. "I just kind of went in there and did it like any other meet."

However, the experience was certainly different this time without her teammates there for support as she ended up rotating with Alabama.

"It's a lot more fun with the team there," she went on. "I was just kind of there by myself. Alabama was real nice, but it just wasn't the same."

Langendorf's trip to Nationals completed a difficult but successful season for State. The Pack had to overcome several nagging injuries, the loss of two scholarship freshman, and other problems throughout the course of the year. Yet, the team still ended the season ranked 13th in the country and captured its first East Atlantic Gymnastics League title.

"I think it's probably one of our hardest years and one of our best years all in one motion," said

## Raising the bar

One last push for Butch McClelland.

JOHNNY NOEL  
Staff Writer

Competition causes some to back down, in others, it brings out a new depth of talent.

Butch McClelland has been one athlete for the Wolfpack who has consistently stepped up in conference meets, scoring valuable points in sprint events on a distance dominated team.

The Atlantic Coast Conference Outdoor track and field championships took place two weeks ago at Clemson, and McClelland turned in a performance that may have been his finest as an athlete. It was certainly his fastest.

McClelland turned in a dazzling pair of races, placing 3rd and running personal bests in both. McClelland ran a 1:39.6 in the 110-meter hurdles, which was a NCAA qualifying time, but wind-aided.

But even more impressive was McClelland's 100-meter race, where he ran a 10:35, a time just a hundredth of second off of a NCAA provisional qualifying time.

For a "hurdler first", the race was a showcase to McClelland's abilities and a testimony to his ability to rise to the occasion: "Hurdlers aren't usually too fast, flat out," McClelland said.

"It's a combination of stepping up to the competition - because you know it's a big meet - it's that, being hyper and it's the way the workouts taper off when you get towards the big meets," McClelland said of his performances at ACC's.

In his past years here, McClelland has been pushed constantly by two excellent hurdlers, Reggie Barnes, who graduated two years ago, and Jason Perry, an All-American last season for the Pack. This year McClelland biggest push has come in the sprints, and the results have been evident.

"Me, Brent [Underwood] and Tyrone [Dorzier] push each other in flat-out running, 100,200-meter type speed, so that's been my real training push this year," McClelland said.

McClelland started hurdling at the age of seven, and had become one of the best in the state by the time he had finished his prep career at

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State won its first EAGL championship in 1999.

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