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## Apathy troubles Student Government

◆ Student Government wants increased interest and input from students

ALLISON BALLARD  
Assistant News Editor

Impeachment concerns. Legislative meetings. Voter apathy. No, this isn't about national or even state government. This is about N.C. State's student government.

However, many students know little about the voice that represents them.

"I know that we are supposed to go vote," said Jeannie Faulkner, a sophomore in agrubusiness. "I don't really know what they do."

Most students understand only bits

and pieces of Student Government's responsibility.

"I know they are supposed to represent the 'student body,'" said Christian Dehner, a freshman in environmental science. "But they didn't explain anything about Student Government in orientation."

Lackluster voter turnout and an inability to let students know what Student Government is planning leads to a general student apathy.

Many who are in Student Government think that with increased student interest, the student government, especially Student Senate, will have more power and will get more done to improve students' lives.

If more students voted in Student Government elections, Student Government would have more influence

in discussions with administration, said Alexis Mei, Student Senate president.

In addition, students need to be aware of how their senators are representing them.

"[Student Government] would be more effective if students checked up on us more," said Senator Ryan Avent.

In the past year, the Student Senate has brought up six impeachment articles for senators who didn't regularly attend meetings. Five of those senators resigned before the article came up before the Senate.

"It was an effort to get rid of people who don't take it seriously," Avent said.

As a result, though, many seats are left open. Right now, only about 50 of the Senate's 62 seats are filled.

In an effort to foster students' interest and attract new senators, the Student Senate is planning new ways to reach out to students.

Possibilities include the formation of a public relations committee, planning seminars and encouraging students to attend the Senate meetings, Student Government also hopes that new on-line voting will mean that more students will vote.

Andrew Payne, the vice president of academic policy for Student Government said.

There are also plans to streamline legislation procedures.

"I'd like to see student government work faster and more efficiently without sacrificing quality," said Seth Whitaker, president pro tempore of Student Senate.

"On the whole the system is a good

one," he continued. "One problem is that we don't know what we are voting on until a few days before the meeting."

Any student is welcome to sit in on Student Senate meetings. Students can also contact Mei and Jenny Chang, Student Body President.

"Whether you know anything about Student Government, it is there," Whitaker said.

"Most students don't know who to complain to," said Senator Greg Doucette. "They go to the administration and are turned away, but they can come to us."

Student Government is set up on a similar system to national and state governments. There are three branches. The executive branch is presided over by Chang. Chang represents the students by sitting on a

number of meetings, such as the Board of Trustees meetings.

"I make sure they do listen to me and that students have been consulted," she said. "I try to make sure that when people see me, I represent the students well."

She appoints vice presidents to work on committees and projects.

The legislative branch consists of the Student Senate. Student Senators bring legislation to be voted on by the group. The Senate is also divided into Committees that work on such topics as academic policy, campus life and diversity.

The judicial branch is responsible for conducting procedures for violations of student conduct.



Posters around campus are one way travel agencies lure students into purchasing a spring break package.

## Are these deals too good to be true?

◆ Flashy advertisements and unbelievably low prices are used to lure students into Spring Break package deals.

AMELIA RISNER  
Staff Writer

There is little doubt that the advertisements most students observe regarding affordable spring break vacation packages usually elicit an instantaneously favorable response.

An advertisement that reads, "Spring Break party cruise! 5 nights, \$279!"

Includes meals and free parties! Awesome beaches, nightlife!" appears, on the outset, to be an absolute bargain. However, students should be skeptical of anything that sounds almost too good to be true.

Nils Dennis, vice president of Endless Summer Tours, stated that the reason why his agency was able to offer such low prices on spring break trips was "through volume purchasing during the Spring Break period of four to six weeks."

Heide Sebestian, a member of the staff at Student

Adventure, stated that her agency was able to offer such low prices because of "charter, not scheduled air. Also, our ability to move thousands of students versus a local travel agency moving only a few rooms each year."

Almost anyone who has utilized a travel agency specializing in low-priced Spring Break vacations will recommend to those who are considering the packages to address a number of factors that can possibly affect the particular package.

For starters, it is always a good idea to find out more

about the company that is offering the deal. According to travel agents, students should ask questions such as: how long has the company been in service; whether they are registered with the Better Business Bureau and if they have a complaint history. If so, what were the frequent complaints?

Next, students should raise very specific questions when talking with the agencies' representatives regarding the details of the package they are interested in. For example, if the package does

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## Internet offers students options

◆ NCSU students are able to take classes via the Web, without leaving the comforts of home.

JIMMY RYALS  
Senior Staff Writer

As far back as the times of Plato and Socrates, the classroom environment has followed a particular pattern: Teacher lectures during class, gives assignments and dismisses the pupils.

The development of the Internet, however, has created a brave new world of possibilities for students — one could conceivably go through an entire day of classes without leaving the residence hall or apartment.

These possibilities have been becoming reality for N.C. State students a year and a half ago, with the May 1997 implementation of Project 25.

Project 25 was the title of a plan hatched in January of 1997. It was designed to introduce online instruction on the NCSU campus. The plan centered on three objectives, according to its text the cre-

ation of at least 25 on-line courses in varying disciplines for the fall of 1997; the encouragement of the development of staff and faculty expertise in on-line presentation and in student assessment and the building of experience for necessary policy changes involving on-line instructional development in the future.

The project, according to an assessment published at the end of the Fall 1997 semester, was a success. There were 29 classes administered via the Net that term and the evaluation polled the participants of six of them to find out how students and instructors responded to the new medium. Among the students surveyed, nearly one-half said that they'd take a web course again. Two-thirds of the instructors said that they'd recommend teaching an online course to colleagues.

According to Frank Abrams, senior associate provost for student affairs, the name "Project 25" has since been dropped.

"Project 25" was a temporary name for this activity during the previous academic year," Abrams

said. However, the web-based instructional techniques it established have become ingrained in the NCSU curriculum.

For the 1998-1999 school year, each of the university's schools and colleges received \$400,000 to support the faculty's online instructional endeavors. In his memorandum announcing the fund allocation, Abrams said "it is important that we continue to support the faculty interested in providing enhanced learning opportunities for our students, current and future, through the educationally sound application of computer based information technologies."

The provost's office requested that each college submit a report on what was done with the money by Jan. 15, 1999. Each college responded by outlining the courses developed and augmented with the funding for the Fall 1998 semester. Changes ranged from the launching of new classes to the hiring of student assistants to offer technical support.

Although Project 25, in its origi-

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## Practice makes perfect



Air Force ROTC cadets practice their flag ceremonies.

## Dinner honors women

◆ Many groups will be hosting the annual Susan B. Anthony Dinner, which will be held next week.

CARR FROEDGE  
Senior Staff Writer

The 18th annual Susan B. Anthony Dinner, which is being held Feb. 25 in the ballroom of Talley Student Center at 6 p.m., will celebrate the achievements and contributions of women who have made an impact on society. It will also address issues of women's concern.

In addition, the dinner's keynote speaker is North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall. Her topic for the night

will be "Failure is impossible." The Council on the Status of Women, the Women's Center and the Provost's Office are sponsoring the event and encourage all faculty and students to attend. While most of the guests will be women, men are not excluded and are welcome to attend.

Reservations, which are needed to attend, should be made by Friday, Feb. 19, at the latest. The cost of the dinner is \$15; however, students attending can be sponsored by a faculty member and attend for \$7.50.

Susan B. Anthony dedicated over 50 years of her life to overcoming the nation's resistance to women's suffrage, but died before the 19th amendment was adopted in 1920, giving women the right to

vote.

Marva Motley, who is co-chair for the Council on the Status of Women and in charge of coordinating the evening's event, said it has been a ritual for a number of years that all involved are excited to pass down to others.

Included in the dinner is a "litany of remembrance," led by Janice Odum, which allows "a personal recognition of women who have made an impact in one's life," said Motley.

"This is a moving and cherished part of the program," she added.

"It is so personal that it almost gives you chills. It is a great thing to see—it really leaves an impression," Motley concluded.

## Mascot brings feelings of racism

SUE ANNE PRESSLEY  
The Washington Post

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Rayne Merzlake never dwelt much on his Lakota Sioux heritage, being a teenager with other things on his mind, until one day at a pep rally for the Erwin High School Warriors and Squaws. As a whooping mascot in a feathered headdress ran out onto the floor, other students chanted about their rivals: "Let's scalp 'em!"

And, as if he were seeing the scene for the first time, Merzlake said, he felt deeply offended.

"They thought it was a joke," said the 1998 graduate, now 18. "But I didn't think it was a joke."

After two years of intense debate in this North Carolina mountain town about whether Erwin High's mascot and team names should be changed, the federal government has decided to enter the fray. The Justice Department has launched its first investigation into whether these symbols violate the civil rights of Native American students — to the chagrin of some, who resent what they call interference in a local matter, and to the delight of others, who say Indians

have been belittled for far too long.

The issue resonates around the country, from the Los Angeles School District, where board of education officials decided in 1997 to remove all Indian-themed mascots, to the nation's capital, where Native American groups urge the Washington Redskins pro football team to adopt another name. It touches deep wells of resentment among Native Americans, who see themselves as about the last ethnic group others feel free to mock with impunity.

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## NEWS FOR EVERYONE!

# Web Mascot

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nal incarnation, is no more, it did set into motion NCSU's instructional move into the 21st century. One sign that on-line instruction has become a fixture in learning at NCSU: the Spring 1999 course catalog — two years after Project 25's conception — included 24 classes being offered over the Internet.

and it raises questions about how much harm such stereotyping does to the youth involved.

"I don't think any racist images should be used as mascots, but if they agree to spread the honor — when we have the Washington Blackskins or the San Francisco Chinks or the Los Angeles Chicanos — I'll shut my mouth," said Rayne's mother, Pat Merzlake, a nurse who wrote the Justice Department requesting the investigation. "Nobody would consider anything like that, but it's okay to treat Indian culture as something other than human."

To others, however, the controversy seems a case of hypersensitivity in an age of political correctness. They contend the issue is too trivial to warrant weighty discussion, much less intervention by the federal government. And they say, there is no need to temper with harmless sports traditions.

Whatever the view, the debate has gained tremendous momentum nationwide. Native American groups estimate that more than 600 schools, including Stanford University and Miami University of Ohio, have gotten rid of Indian mascots and names. But more than 2,500 other schools around the country still employ those images.

The University of North Dakota is fighting a resolution in the state legislature that would urge the school to drop the name "The Fighting Sioux." Last fall, a United Methodist Commission on Race urged the denomination to move its general conference out of Cleveland in 2000 in protest of Chief Wahoo, the grinning, befeathered symbol of baseball's Cleveland Indians. And Dallas public schools moved last year to ban the American Indian mascots used at nine of its schools — at a cost of about \$40,000 to cover the changes in uniforms and school emblems on gym floors and walls.

"When the American Indian community came to us and lodged

a complaint, we determined the mascots violated our diversity-anti-harassment policy," said Clarence Glover, Dallas' special assistant to the general superintendent for intercultural relations. "I think people had gone along with these mascots for so long, it was a matter of timing, when the American Indians came to the table, like the African-Americans and Asians and Hispanics before them."

Professional sports teams are in a different league from public schools and state-supported colleges, which depend on public funds. Nonetheless, Native American groups hammer away, staging small protests outside the stadium, for instance, when the Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians faced off in the 1995 World Series.

Here, outside Erwin High School, a 30-foot-tall Indian figure greets visitors with a "How" gesture, a tomahawk clutched in the other hand. Supporters see it fondly as an abiding school symbol; others, like Monroe Gilmour of the Western North Carolina Citizens for an End to Institutional Bigotry, see it as a "lawn jockey." A big sign declares Erwin to be the "Home of the Warriors and Squaws."

Erwin is the most diverse school in largely white Buncombe County, said Principal Malcolm Brown. Of its 1,100 students, he said, about 10 percent are African-American, 3 percent are Ukrainian, 3 percent are Hispanic and fewer than 1 percent are Native American.

Initially, Brown said, the dispute here focused on the word "squaw" to describe the female athletes. Native Americans consider the term pejorative, derived from an Algonquin word describing female genitalia, said David Rider, a psychologist who teaches at New Orleans' Xavier University and has spoken often against the abuse of Indian symbols.

Brown said he can understand the objection.

"From the onset, I have said publicly numerous times, I felt the

'Squaws' should be changed, after learning things I did not know... I have a wife and daughter, and it would not please me to hear them called that," he said.

What Brown and many others here object to, however, is the Department of Justice's query about whether the school has created "a racially hostile environment," as the agency stated in a Jan. 22 letter.

The Justice Department's interest in the case raises the stakes considerably. A fight to keep Erwin's Indian theme could jeopardize the \$8 million in federal funding the school district receives each year and could cost as much as \$500,000 in legal fees, said Buncombe County school board chairman Wendell Begley.

"That's the money issue, but there's also an emotional issue," he said.

Judging from the speakers at recent hearings staged by the school board, and from callers to local radio talk shows, it seems that many people here are more determined than ever to keep the mascots. But the final decision lies with the board, which will take up the case at its March 4 meeting.

"My listeners are conservatives," said Matt Collins, who hosts "The Matt Collins Show" each morning on WTTZ-AM in Asheville, "and they think the federal government getting involved in what is a minor issue is a waste of time and money. They're using our taxpayer money to fight us. It has raised the passions of people."

Rayne Merzlake is not sorry about that. Now working as an electrician and attending technical college, he said the controversy has awakened in him an awareness of what it really means to be an ethnic minority.

"They're saying, 'We don't want to change it. Leave us alone. If the Indians have a problem, they can leave. There's one of you and hundreds of us,'" said Merzlake, who has two sisters who will someday attend the high school. "I think it just goes to show how ignorant people can be."

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include meals, how many? Meredith Carmichael, a junior in mechanical engineering, purchased a vacation package to Cancun, Mexico, through Class Travel for her Spring Break trip in March of 1998. She said that meals were included in her package.

"However, you only received two meals a day and the first meal was served from 8 to 11 a.m.," Carmichael said. "You had to eat at a certain restaurant with every one else who was using the same travel agency, therefore causing very long lines."

Accommodations are a huge factor in planning a trip. If you will be visiting a tropical location, consider whether there is air conditioning or not. Also, students shouldn't automatically trust the picture of the hotel that is provided in the agencies' brochures.

According to travel agents, Spring Breakers need to make sure that they have transportation from the airport to their hotel and back. This lack of service could instigate confusion and another hefty expense.

Also, most people should be aware that the dirt-cheap offers are usually the first to be bought. They are also the trips that include the bare minimums, only covering expenses such as your hotel and plane tickets.

When preparing for the trip, people should take into account what each package includes and then assess how much extra money will be required. Sometimes this realization causes the trip to be a lot more expensive than originally thought. Extra expenses that the agencies don't provide usually can make the trip unaffordable.

Be intuitive when planning your Spring Break vacation. Investigate the company, ask very specific questions and take the total expenditures for the trip into consideration. Also, find other people who have already been on a trip and have utilized the same company. All of these measures will help to ensure that students' money is well spent.

"Overall, the trip was very organized and I would go again," Carmichael said of her package "deal."

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# TECHNICIAN Spotlight

Quote of the day:

"Under the sea, darling it's better, down where it's wetter, take it from me."  
- The Little Mermaid



John Murphy and Jacquelyn Robbins star in the Raleigh Little Theatre production of "The Lion in Winter."

## The Lion in Winter

MONIQUE THOMAS  
Senior Staff Writer

"The Lion in Winter" opened at Raleigh Little Theatre Friday, Feb. 12. The play is a somewhat historical overview of King Henry II's rivalries within his own family. King Henry's oldest son, Henry, has died, leaving the power of the throne up for grabs. The king's wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine, and the king's remaining three sons continually plot to overthrow him, while King Henry makes plans to marry his son's fiancée and produce another heir to the throne.

The plot of the play seems simple enough at first, but once the play has begun, the audience realizes that the relationships between the characters are highly complex. It is difficult to perceive how the characters truly feel about each other and the events occurring because they are all wickedly deceptive.

The most interesting character interactions in the play are between King Henry, played by John Murphy, and his wife Eleanor, played by Carolyn Rashti. Henry keeps his wife imprisoned throughout the year, but allows her to be temporarily released for the Christmas celebration. Her quick wit and acrid tongue make it easy to see why Henry keeps her imprisoned; she is a worthy and powerful opponent.

However, I felt both actors overacted to compensate for the drab script. Yes, they were supposed to be fighting. But, after spending the entire play screaming, the effect seems to be dulled. I would have preferred that they actually discovered another way to portray anger, perhaps by action.

The director, James Goldman, tried to put a modern slant on the play by having the characters use modern expressions throughout. While most of the audience seemed to enjoy the mild humor, I found it stale and common. Henry and his wife did engage in a series of battles of the wits, but the humor seemed excessively dry. I understood what they were talking about, but their insults and retorts didn't intrigue me in the least. The wit and humor in "The Simpsons" seemed far superior.

The first half of the play was conversationally dense, and for the majority of the time the ongoing conversation was so insipid and colorless that I had difficulty staying awake. The second half of the play was much more enjoyable because it contained a higher number of events in a shorter period of time.

The characters actually took action as opposed to plotting and talking about it. If the play's arrangement could somehow be adjusted so that the first half is half as long and the second is twice as long, then perhaps it would be more interesting.

The play did have some redeeming qualities. The costumes and set were exquisite. My fascination with the painted tapestries and the flickering lights that posed as candles was probably the only thing keeping my attention for the first half of the play. The set and lighting crew did an excellent job that did not go unnoticed.

However, for college students,

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# NCSU Feigns Madness



NATALIE DUGGINS  
Spotlight Editor

For years now, N.C. State's music fanatics have had to venture off-campus to satisfy their appetites for live music. Despite the Triangle's burgeoning music scene, live performances, particularly on-campus, have been few and far between. To satisfy the urges of a campus hungry for live music, RCA, in conjunction with the Burly Bear Network, bring their Music Madness College Tour to NCSU's ballroom on Saturday.

The Burly Bear Network is a college cable television station that goes to college campuses every week to document the music, parties and excitement of university life. The Network went to RCA Records with the idea of forming a college tour featuring RCA artists. Within months came the announcement of the Music Madness College Tour, a five-week tour that began Tuesday in South Carolina.

Set to visit NCSU, Duke, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Florida State and Clemson in the coming weeks, the Music Madness Tour will bring Babe the Blue Ox, The Interpreters and Trinket to college campuses up and down the east coast.

In addition, portions of ticket sales will go to two charitable organizations -- Rock the Vote and the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN). Rock the Vote is an organization dedicated to protecting freedom of expression and to helping young people realize and utilize their power to affect change in the civic and political lives of their communities.

Co-founded by Tori Amos, RAINN is a nonprofit organization that provides services for survivors of rape, abuse and incest. Many prominent labels, companies and concerts contribute to the funds of the organization, including Tommy Hilfinger (which is also part of the Music Madness tour), Atlantic Records and Lifilth Fair.

### Babe The Blue Ox

When Rose Thomson and Hanna Fox left college to move to New York, they quickly converted their apartment into a makeshift rehearsal studio. Within weeks, Thomson, Fox and college friend Tim Thomas had formed Babe the Blue Ox.

After the realization that the trio was finally a band, they ventured out and Tim Thomas, the lead guitarist and vocalist, booked gigs. Eventually, the band would return to school to use the studios there and would inevitably produce their first single.

After a short tour that spanned 10 shows over the course of seven weeks, Babe the Blue Ox was able to sign with an indie record label called Homestead Records. The record company then decided to release Babe's first album.



All photos courtesy of RCA Records.



"It's a great feeling when somebody says 'yes'...you get to recognize that someone likes [your music] and think that others could like it too."

During their stint with Homestead Records, the band caught the attention of an RCA representative, who eventually offered them a deal with the label. Through their deal with RCA, the band was able to repay all the people that had helped them along the way.

"We were a little weary about signing with a big label because musicians want to make music and labels want to make money," Fox said.

Influenced by the styles of the Pixies, the B-52's, P-Funk and Joni Mitchell, Babe the Blue Ox brings an eclectic mixture to their music. Babe the Blue Ox combines the members' love for music (according to Fox, they are all "lifelong music lovers"), the chemistry that the trio has developed over the past few years and nonstop, energetic touring.

### The Interpreters

Returning to the Triangle is The Interpreters, known as one of the most enthusiastic and adrenaline packed acts on the RCA label. The band has never been to Raleigh, though.

"We love playing to audiences for the first time," said Herschel Gaer, who scripts the lyrics, strums the bass and croons the vocals for the band.

"[The Interpreters] are one of the greatest live bands that you'll ever see."

Like Babe the Blue Ox, The Interpreters have a sound that almost refuses to be classified. Their latest album, "Back in the U.S.S.A.," received critical acclaim from some of the music industry's biggest critics, including Rolling Stone and The Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Who needs words when you get kicks like these: drummer Branko Jakomitch's hydro-Keith Moon tempo tantrums, the snapped-neck effect of Patsy Palladino's sea-saw guitar seizures [and] bassist Herschel Gaer's bratty vocal cool," said Rolling Stone reviewer David Erika.

According to Gaer, one of the benefits of the new album is that it, unlike many of its current rock counterparts, is consistently good from beginning to end. The addition of a diverse array of musical genres comprises an album that makes "more sense and makes it flow together better."

The Interpreters look to revitalize an industry of good musicians that "just aren't out there right now," said Gaer. "And in an industry where many bands are afraid of taking risks, The Interpreters seem more than willing to go out on a limb."

According to the band's lyricist, the new stuff being scripted for The Interpreters (which Gaer says currently exceeds 60 songs) have a more progressive and a d a v a n c e d feel.

"The songs have taken on a whole new life."



### Trinket

When the Athens, Ga. band Trinket first made its appearance on the music scene, they boasted a debut independent album produced by R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe. The band returned to music stores on Feb. 9 with

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### Cinema

**Campus Cinema**  
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Fri., Feb. 18 American History X at 6:45 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 19 Enemy of the State at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
Also on Sat., Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 21 Performance at 7 p.m. (Free)  
Thurs., Feb. 25 The Chambermaid at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

### Music

**Brewery**  
Fri., Feb. 19 The Nighthawks Sat., Feb. 20 Viperhouse  
Tues., Feb. 23 Head PE/System of a Down

Thurs., Feb. 25 Big Joe/Angry Johnny & The Likkbillys

**Caboose**  
Fri., Feb. 19 Dolo, Hat Trick and

**Back Traxx**  
Sat., Feb. 20 Croatan, Soul Preacher and Alabama Thunder Pussy

**Cat's Cradle**  
Thurs., Feb. 18 Benefit for UNC Black Cultural Center  
Fri., Feb. 19 "B-Boys & Blokes": Dance party w/ DJ Smooov, UZI, DJ Seoul and DJ Broc

Sat., Feb. 20 Emmet Swimming and Isaac Curry Band  
Tues., Feb. 23 King's X and Galactic Cowboys  
Wed., Feb. 24 Flicker Local Film Festival

**Lake Boone Country Club**  
Thurs., Feb. 18 Alter Ego  
Fri., Feb. 19 Cravin' Melon  
Sat., Feb. 20 Gran Torino

**Local 506**  
Thurs., Feb. 18 Elaine Sky and the Demolition String Band  
Fri., Feb. 19 Mayflies USA CD

**Release Party**  
Sat., Feb. 20 Maki, Watershed and Nickel Slots  
Sun., Feb. 21 The Neckbones and Simon & the Bar Sinisters  
Mon., Feb. 22 Crash Cadillac and Starpoint

Tues., Feb. 23 Honky and Stewart & Winfield  
Wed., Feb. 24 Iris and Anna to the Infinite Power

**Record Exchange Hillsborough St.**  
Fri., Feb. 19 Flux at 6 p.m.  
Sat., Feb. 20 Jakt at 7 p.m.

**Ziggy's - Winston-Salem, NC**  
Fri., Feb. 19 Absolute '80s

### Performances

N.C. Museum of Art - Raleigh  
Fri., Feb. 19 Film: The Piano at 8 p.m.  
Sun., Feb. 21 Lecture: Lee Hall Presents Annual Juror's Lecture at

3 p.m.  
Tues., Feb. 23 Adult Workshop: Painting on Silk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Thurs., Feb. 25 Lecture: Realism and Impressionism: A New Vision at 11 a.m.

**Paul Greene Theatre - UNC-Chapel Hill**  
Wed.-Sun., Feb. 3-28 "Having Our Say: the Delany Sisters' First 100 Years"  
Call (919)-962-7529 for more information

**Raleigh Little Theatre**  
Wed., Feb. 17-Sun., Feb. 21 The Lion in Winter

### Events

**Barnes & Noble - SE Maynard Road, Cary**  
Fri., Feb. 19 Live Music Performance: Lulu's Birthmark 8 to 10 p.m.  
Thurs., Feb. 25 Winter Film

Series: Discussion of Heavenly Creatures

**Duke Chapel**  
Sat., Feb. 20 Renaissance Music Concert

**Louise Jones Brown Gallery - Duke University**  
Fri., Feb. 5-Fri., Mar. 5 Symbolic Images of Africa

**NC School of Science & Math - Durham**  
Sat., Feb. 20 Ninth Annual Native American Pow Wow 1 to 5 p.m. & 7 to 11 p.m.

**NCSU Thompson Theatre**  
Tues., Feb. 23 Writers Series featuring N.C. Poet Laureate Fred Chappell

**United States Amateur Ballroom Dance Association**  
Sat., Feb. 20 Ballroom Dance at

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# Kent State University students celebrate first downtown Mardi Gras blast

◆ Beads, banners and Budweiser usher in Kent State's downtown Mardi Gras celebration.

**HEATHER O'HARA & MIKE LEBOWITZ**  
Daily Kent State U., Long Beach

(U-WIRE) KENT — Ohio-Beads, beans and Budweiser. That's what participants of Kent's Fat Tuesday celebration found yesterday evening. Students and townspeople flowed to eight businesses to take part in the town's first annual organized Mardi Gras celebration. "Mardi Gras is exactly why we're here," said Susan Reardon, senior Family and Consumer

Studies major, as she sipped a beer at Ray's Place. "We're never here on Tuesday."

Reardon and her friends said they started celebrating at 5:30 p.m., and planned to continue to party throughout the night.

A few doors away, Pufferbelly general manager Kevin Long passed out beads to the restaurant's patrons.

"This is my favorite time of year," he said. "I made the cajun beans and Louisiana spread and even mixed up the blue margaritas!"

Long said the Pufferbelly has sponsored a Fat Tuesday celebration for the past 12 years. However, he said this is the first year other Kent businesses joined together for the event.

"We really get into it," Long said. "But this year, we're all here together."

Joe Jordan, area manager for Anheiser-Busch and Budweiser products, said his company helped organize Kent's Fat Tuesday celebration.

He said the company, along with the Licensed Beverage Association of Kent, began organizing the party two months ago. "We really had nothing to lose," he said. "We wanted to see if we could do something, not just with drinks, but with good food as well."

Jordan added that Anheiser-Busch donated the beads and banners to the participating businesses.

Most of the business managers

and workers interviewed deemed the celebration a success.

"This is a really good mix," said Scott Reed, doorman at BW-3's, as he looked over the crowd. "There are a hell of a lot more people here than on a normal Tuesday. There have to be at least 50 more people here than there would usually be at this time."

While the Pufferbelly offered a spread of spicy cajun treats and Ray's Place sold Bud Light pints for \$1.25, Mug's featured guitar artist Pat Sweeney to draw in a crowd.

"This is a good way to get people to go downtown on a Tuesday night," said Diane Harris, Mug's assistant manager. "Next year, we plan to do even more."

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Highland United Methodist Church 7 to 11 p.m.

### Exhibitions

**Bryan Center -- Duke West Campus**  
Fri.-Fri., Feb. 5-Mar. 5 Symbolic Images of Africa by Dr. Willie F. Hooker

**Historic Oak View County Park**  
Sun.-Sun., Jan.-Mar. 14 "The Art of Agriculture" (Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun. 1 to 4 p.m.)

**NCSU Gallery of Art and Design**  
"Building on a Small Scale" at Foundations Gallery through March 7  
"Stephen Assael: Ordinary/Extraordinary Figures" at Cannon Gallery through March 7.

their first RCA self-titled release. Thrilled for the opportunity to promote the new album on the Music Madness tour, Jeffrey Fisher, the band's guitarist, hopes that the tour will also be a way to get the band on the air of college radio stations. In addition, Fisher said, by playing for a college crowd, Trinket hopes to spread their popularity with the "grass-roots" mentality, as well as playing to a more intelligent crowd.

According to Fisher, the album turned out the way the band wanted, including a diverse mix which allows every song to be different. Tommy Salmon, the band's bassist, said that the album's release was a nice validation for the band.

"I've always wanted to have a record," Salmon said.

As for the music, Trinket also tries to incorporate various genres, but Salmon said, "It's important not to be influenced by anything but the music you enjoy." He attributes this listening party to living in the middle of nowhere.

Trinket has toured in the Raleigh area, including a stop at the Brewery. The band was also a part of last year's X-Games.

Trinket, The Interpreters and Babe the Blue Ox are definitely an eclectic array of alternative artists from RCA. Each band is looking forward to its performance.

# Lion

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unless you are a history major, I would not recommend this play. If it were on television, you would immediately change the channel or just turn the TV off entirely. The topic just isn't interesting enough to warrant watching it for any more than 10 minutes. If you would still like to see the play, performances are at 8 p.m. on Feb. 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27; and at 3 p.m. on Feb. 21 and 28.

# 'Martian' explores "out of this world" delights

**JIMMY CHAIR**  
Daily Forty-Niner  
(California State U., Long Beach)

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — Earthlings are self-centered individuals. Although it has been discovered that Earth revolves around the sun, many humanoid creatures still believe that they are the center of the galaxy.

Christopher Lloyd ("Angels in the Outfield"), who plays the wacky Martian, Uncle Martin, puts those

darn humans in their place in Disney's latest chaotic comedy, "My Favorite Martian."

Director Donald Petrie brings the 1960s sitcom back to life and transports it to the big screen.

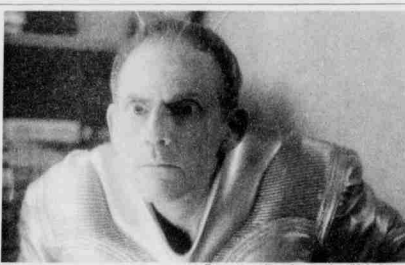
Tim O'Hara, played by Jeff Daniels ("Pleasantville"), is back as Uncle Martin's human counterpart. The out-of-luck O'Hara, who has recently been fired as a television news producer, discovers Uncle Martin, who is stranded on Earth after his spaceship crashes.

O'Hara sees this as an opportunity to break the biggest story in Earth's

history. Uncle Martin soon becomes the object of attention. Government officials and O'Hara's former news agency discover the Martian's whereabouts and are hot on his trail.

However, O'Hara soon exposes his humanity and befriends Martin. "My Favorite Martian" is a laugh-out-loud comedy with cool special effects.

Like most of Disney's movies and park attractions, the beginning starts off slow, but toward the end, audience members will be singing "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah."



In 'Walt Disney Pictures' live-action intergalactic comedy, "My Favorite Martian," Christopher Lloyd stars as an alien whose spaceship accidentally crash-lands on Earth. When an ambitious television reporter (Jeff Daniels) uncovers the story, his effort to divulge the truth are systematically thwarted by the resourceful Martian.

# Wise words from Whitesides

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# Technician's View Web not a substitute

◆With the growing popularity of online classes, the university should consider placing restrictions on who is allowed to take them and which ones are offered.

As a way of staying on top of the technology information age, NCSU incorporated on-line courses into its curriculum in 1997. This initiative is called Project 25. According to a Technician article, "the plan centers on several objectives: the encouragement of the development of staff and faculty expertise in on-line presentation, and in student assessment and the building of experience for necessary policy changes involving on-line instructional development in the future."

The future of on-line instruction should develop around certain restrictions. For example, students with inadequate GPAs, such as a 2.5 or lower, should not be allowed to take classes over the web. For many, this is a great temptation to avoid class attendance, work and responsibility all together. Students with lower GPAs, in theory, do not possess or choose not to exercise self-discipline or self-motivation. Online classes are similar to independent study option in that students are responsible to learn the material on their own. Anyone who has taken an online course can verify that there are certain loopholes when it comes

to doing the work.

For example, it is conceivable that students can easily fabricate English papers or have someone else type them. All it involves is a little simple cut and paste. Therefore, online classes are perceived by many as "slacker courses." Obviously, the university does not want this perception.

Accordingly, NCSU should also consider what courses are suitable for on-line instruction. For example, advance level courses such as PY 205 and PY 208, which are among the classes with the highest student failing rate, would not be ideal to teach online because they are challenging enough to students being taught face-to-face. There is no substitute for one-on-one instruction.

With that said, students should also consider the ramifications if their computer crashes while taking the courses. What would happen if the computer is down for several weeks, which is a possibility? And students should also consider the software applications that they might have to buy in order to meet the courses format requirements.

So many factors need to be taken into consideration as NCSU plans to integrate courses through the web as part of the curriculum. Restrictions on students and the classes offered are crucial in order to maintain a reputable NCSU student-passing rate.

## CAMPUS FORUM

### The 'D' Word

F. Tyler Balance of Norfolk, Va., a potential student, wrote that the "D" word should connote devaluing and not diversity — the inference wasn't obfuscating. Such people have a propensity to lessen the esteem of others and have delusions of grandeur. The individual referred to Fox as harping the PC altar.

Political Correctness is the latest buzzword liken to "closet racist." Mr. or Ms. Balance (to be politically correct) extrapolates that where African American are, this country is made worse — excuse moi — don't go there, but you have, so I will try my best to discredit this nonsense!

Balance would be astounded to discover that African Americans have been inventing and making the quality of life better, though they were at one time in bondage — talk about a will to live, perseverance and a forgiving spirit, until the present day. Great men like Garret Morgan, who invented the traffic light and the gas mask and ultimately saving tons of whites from imminent death in Cleveland around the turn of the century. Nothing but accolades for his new patented "gas mask" contraption until they found out he was a Negroid, you know, African American.

Yeah right — no need for diversity my hiney! George Dixon was right to say that the university doesn't put any weight on a person's ethnicity for admission. By the way, I'm tired of correcting Ph.D.s and MBAs and hate mongers in the utilization of the misnomer "race," there's only one — the human race, but there's many cultures or ethnicities.

Yet, in the attempt to mirror society, the university is contingent to ensure a true reflection is represented. This doesn't mean lower academic standards. African Americans have been catching hell trying to catch up for years.

Though I personally don't approve of homosexuality, the Constitution also protects gays and lesbians. As a political analyst, you're dilettante.

How about the millions of African Americans that have fought vigilantly in every campaign since the American Revolution to Desert Storm — lower standards — what mockery is this? Such treason where one's own citizenship would do them injustice — thus is the askance look and question we African Americans pose. Obviously, Jesse Helms, Strom Thurman, John Hood and other mentally (im)balanced people need a dirt

nap. My God, just because you didn't like our palatial and sprawling campus, such distribe ought to not be so. You're probably a plant from Carolina. I'd prefer Sadam Hussein over Carolina — or you, which would explain your hostility.

Dwight Foster  
Lifelong Education

### Night Service not for lazy brats

I am writing in response to the campus forum letter in Tuesday's paper entitled "Proposal Only Benefits Drunkards," which discussed the proposal of a night Wolfline service. I usually consider myself to be a fairly open-minded person who is willing to see arguments from both sides, but when it comes to pure stupidity, I lose my patience.

A few years ago my grandfather was hit by a drunk driver and was hospitalized for a month. A couple of years earlier, a family friend was hit by a drunk driver and was killed instantly.

Here is a fact: People should not drink and drive. Here is another: People do, especially students. Hundreds of thousands of people die each year in alcohol related accidents.

To the author of the letter and other who share his belief, I hope you never have a first-hand experience with a drunk driver. However, perhaps if it was your friend, your lover or your family member who was the victim, you just might realize that keeping drunk drivers off the roads benefits us all.

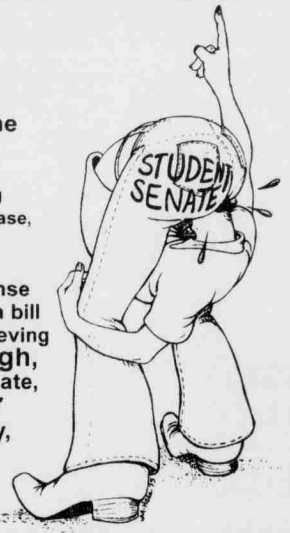
As for the increase in fees to pay for the service, I am a working college student. I know all about being broke. Financial aid is the only reason I am here. I have more credit cards than I can count. However, I will not protest a fee increase for night Wolfline service because I know that the cost of running the buses at night is well worth saving the lives of the innocent drivers who may be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"Think a little before you speak next time."

April Harrison  
Senior, Communication Disorders

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**A short while ago, during an arduous session late one Wednesday night, the student senate was to consider its position on a tuition increase expected to be handed down by the North Carolina General Assembly. The meeting proved largely inconclusive as the Senate adjourned in the wee hours of Thursday morning, having voted down an amended resolution supporting the increase, effectively giving the Senate no established position on the matter... The cartoon at the right, published January 24, 1975, was drawn in response to a similar indecisive decision made regarding a bill that would give no course credit to students receiving a 'D' or worse... One should wonder though, "Who is really at fault?" The Student Senate, for not making single, collective, binding decisions Or the student body at large, for being lazy, apathetic, and misinformed, content to sit on their duffs, complaining about things they had control over, but who didn't seem at all to care while it was actually going down...**



# Life should be fair

KELLY MARKS  
Staff Columnist

My dad is a man of many words. He uses them all the time. Entering into a conversation with him is like embarking on a long journey — you're not quite sure what you're getting yourself into, but you know you'll end up a million miles from where you started.

You'll probably get lost in the steady stream of talking. You'll get turned around until you're not even sure what the point was that you were trying to make. On occasion, you'll be desperate for a life-saver — anything you can grab on to as you flail in your argument and drown in his logic.

Ever since I was little, he's just had a knack for laying everything out and dried. So often, I couldn't argue with him, although goodness knows I tried. He had a veritable wealth of stock phrases.

"It's not brain surgery," he would say. "You just have to be smarter than the fill-in-the-blank." I grew up having to be smarter than the jar I couldn't open, the math problem I couldn't figure out and the door that was stuck until I yanked it free and it banged me in the knee.

I spent a good part of my adolescence trying to refute my father's logic. Sometimes I won and sometimes I lost, and looking back now it doesn't really matter what the final score was.

But at the time, I didn't want to accept my father's view of the world. And, for the most part, I don't think I have. I don't think you can escape your childhood without some trace stain of your parents' ideals and dreams and fears and faults, but somewhere along the way, you do develop into your own walking, talking version of you. You take what

everyone tells you your whole life long and you find your own meaning in the words.

I remember being little and riding in my parents' car. I don't know what the circumstances were, but something suddenly struck me as horribly unjust. Perhaps my sister had crossed over onto my side of the car or my mom changed the radio station during one of my favorite songs. Whatever it was provoked some childhood grievance that took the form of me whining in protest. "But that's not faaaairrrrrr."

My dad looked at me in the rearview mirror and said, "Go find the book." I was stumped. What book? What was that supposed to mean?

Fortunately, he followed with clarification. "Go to the library and find the book that says life is supposed to be fair. And then

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## Reconsidering 'human rights'

STEVEN F. LEBDOUF  
Staff Columnist

These days I hear a lot of TV-talk about the virtue of "human rights." It seems as though every politician and bureaucrat longs to be known as the "human rights vigilante," fighting the war against "evil, free enterprise." But I can't blame them. After all, "human rights" has a nice ring to it, and preaching it wins a slew of mindless votes.

But the "human rights" lauded by the modern political machine are entirely self-contradictory. For example, socialists love to preach that everyone has the right to healthy care, a nice house, a good job and "decent working conditions." (Why don't they just throw in the right to a private Turkish harem while they're at it?) But if this is true, then it logi-

cally follows that everyone has the right to force others to pay for their health care, nice house, good job and improved working conditions. And if that is truly an esteemed human right, then I hereby denounce my rights altogether.

I've recently read the United Nation's "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," and frankly, I'm scared. Very scared! The United Nations (the Big Brother of all Big Brothers) is chock-full of the world's most wretched, power-hungry politicians. And every "human right" expounded in this declaration is designed to assure the reelection of these unscrupulous parasites.

What amazes me most is that the UN has somehow convinced the masses that the world's largest list of self-contradictory human rights is intellectually valid. Consider Article

26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms."

It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace." These sentences may sound harmless on the surface, but nonetheless they give Big Brother the power to mandate the standard education of all children throughout the entire civilized world.

What's more, these sentences entirely contradict the next part of Article 26: "Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education

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## Take advantage of post-Valentine relationships

RICHARD MORGAN  
Staff Columnist

I have a confession to make: I'm into threesomes.

To be really honest, I'm into foursomes, "fivesomes" and "sixsomes." The more the merrier — as far as group dates are concerned. Testing the waters in a group before diving into couple-hood is a lesson I learned well this past Valentine's Day.

First, I offer my sincere apologies for using the "V-word" because I know most of you are still recovering from the chocolate-covered, flower-smothered, hyper-aggressive, manic-depressive, over-conversational and over-observational hang-over that dreaded day brings about, but it was a necessary evil.

Here's the heart — make that crux — of the matter: In recent days, I have seen so many people (men and women) become casualties of the Battle of the Sexes, which without

question has taken more POWs and MIAs than any other conflict in human history. In the wake of such emotional carnage, I feel obligated to offer an olive branch, a peace offering in the form of bits of romantic wisdom that I have gathered over the years from trusting friends, loving ladies, Oprah and the occasionally insightful fortune cookie.

So, without further stalling, here it is: Be careful. Hearts are vulnerable things. Touch, talk and time are serious investments our hearts make in others. So, before you try to kick anything into high gear, be content with a few test-drives to make sure you're not about to invest in a lemon. Also, watch yourself once you do actually get in a relationship. Relationships are commitments and should be treated appropriately. Watch those roving eyes and roaming hands. If you're on a diet, you don't need to be looking at the dessert menu. "Nuff said.

Be honest. Contrary to popular opinion, there is strength in admitting weakness and there is courage in confessing fear. Honestly really is always the best policy. Still, it should be remembered that the true aim of brutal honesty is brutality — not honesty. Be honest, but gently so, and with compassion.

Be yourself. Compromise and change are nothing more than parasites that eat away at the self. Confining yourself to a relationship of compromises is like forcing yourself to wear clothes that are too small; it's just not for you — even if you can't put it off.

Be patient. While I do believe in love at first sight, you simply can't have history at first sight. Go slow. Get to really know people — not just their major and their favorite band, but what they value and what they care about. Realize also that real relationships take longer to develop than a Polaroid.

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Be selfless. I'm pretty sure it's a given not to be selfish. What I'm not sure about is whether it's a given that selfishness is a double-edged sword, while it is selfish to only want the good things in a relationship, it's also selfish not to want to confront and deal with the bad things. Don't be a doormat, but also don't be the troll who uses the doormat.

Be definite. A good relationship is like a good movie — a clear beginning, a clear middle and a clear ending. Don't be "sort-of together" and don't be "sort-of broken up." And try as hard as you can to avoid dancing around euphemisms or clouding conversation with foggy metaphors or veiled references.

Now, I don't claim to be any sort of expert in matters of the heart — whether love, like, friendship or just casual acquaintance. Still, I'm quite sure that you can be all these things

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we'll talk."

I was determined to prove him wrong. Everything I knew and thought and believed meant that he just had to be. Life is supposed to be fair. Happy for you, happy for me, everyone's happy and all the good people get rewarded, etc. etc. and so forth and so on, and on and on and on.

Life is supposed to be fair.

That's all there is to it. If I work hard, it will pay off. If I do you a favor, you do one back. If I do unto you as I want done unto me, well, that's the way it's gonna go down.

And I tried to argue that point. For years, I stood firm and he kept referring me to the card catalog saying, "Look it up." There was a point in the fourth grade when I swore, "Heck, I'll write the damn book myself."

Life is supposed to be fair. It just is. But then again, it's not. It took me a long time to realize that the way things are supposed to be

aren't always the way they actually are. Dang it if he wasn't right after all — chalk one up for Dad.

Life isn't fair. People cheat and lie, bad things happen at random to good people and everything's not based on merit and morality. Some people are luckier than others. They're prettier or smarter or they win the \$12 million lottery.

However, life works out better not being fair. Fairness is overrated. Sometimes it's nice to feel like you're getting away with something; to feel like you cheated the system, you outsmarted the masses, you beat them all. You got

lucky.

When it's all squared and even, nobody wins. Sure, the losing end isn't much fun, but it makes being on the winning team that much sweeter. And I think that it really does all even out in the end. Nobody ever bats a thousand or strikes out completely. I believe that there is some sort of cosmic scale that never lets you tip the losing side for too long. It's an exercise in equilibrium. We all lose every once in a while so that we can all win once in a while, too.

I stopped looking for the book a

while ago. To my father's credit, even if I could find it, I don't think it would be a very interesting read. There would be no conflict, no tension and no peak in the action — just a resolution that ran from beginning to end.

Resolutions were never my favorite part of books. I hated that place where everything came together and the hero and heroine walked off into the sunset. I always thought I wanted the happily ever after, but then I really considered it. What's the good in a happy ending? It's an ending.

I might not like it when things

don't go my way, but they keep going. Disappointment and injustice are transient things, remembered only as long as things aren't going how I'd like them to.

And yet, I don't think I'm completely conforming to my father's doctrine. Life may not be fair, but it all works out. And it's supposed to. It just is. I mean, it's only fair.

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## Morgan LeBoeuf

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without it being enough. Conflict and pain are inevitable consequences of the vulnerability we engage in during relationships. But take joy in the knowledge that it's through conflict and pain that we best understand comfort and peace.

I don't want to discourage anyone, though, against opening up his or her hearts because, after you declare your feelings for someone, there's this moment of silence before the object of your affection has confirmed or denied anything where everything is possible. And that fantastic moment is, without doubt, enriching enough, invigorating enough and enchanting enough to make it all worthwhile.

It's my hope that, among those who survived the recent "V-Day," happy hearts will be had by all. God bless.

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that shall be given to their children." But how can this be when the former sentences clearly force parents to accept the UN's arbitrary version of education and "human rights?"

In merely one article, the UN has managed to both support the educational enslavement of children and fool parents into thinking it was their choice all along. Ingeniously self-contradictory! But in order to be genuine and fundamental, a human right cannot contradict itself, nor can it contradict any other human right. This is why the UN's recent declaration is nothing but hogwash.

In order to determine genuine and non-contradictory human rights, we must first examine the realities of human nature. And before we can even begin exploring human nature, we must first understand what we mean when we say, "This is my right."

A "right" is simply a justified claim of personal ownership; when a right is infringed, vindication is warranted. For example, you have sole right to your mind because you alone can claim sole ownership (Even if someone "bought" rights to your mind, they couldn't do your thinking for you; so your mind is yours whether you like it or not.) And if someone were to try to force you into mental slavery, you would certainly be justified in using force to prevent them from doing so (i.e. vindication).

More specifically, a "human right" is any claim of personal ownership that is necessary for the natural integrity of human individuals. But

how can we determine what is necessary for our natural human integrity? In answering this question, I begin by analyzing human nature. I first realize that for a right to be "human," it must apply universally to all human beings. I then realize that we are all individuals who strive to accomplish goals for our own sake. That is, I discover that we're all basically selfish, that being selfish is a good thing, and that the ability to satisfy oneself is necessary for individual integrity. (Even when we make sacrifices for our friends, it is only because we value these friends more than the loss sacrifice. If we didn't like our friends, we wouldn't have made the sacrifices in the first place.)

With this insight, my rights are soon manifested. I clearly have the right to think freely, earn wealth and defend my life and property with force. If I prematurely cut my chain of logic at this point, I could easily justify any personal action in the name of my own selfish goals.

But this would create a contradiction of logic. For example, if I have the right to life, mustn't my neighbor have the right to life as well? If I were to kill my neighbor and claim the action as just, then wouldn't my neighbor also be justified in killing me? That is, by denying the natural rights of my neighbor, I am also denying my own. If I have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and property, then so must my fellow human beings.

So, it becomes clear that human beings have the right to use their lives and property to any end as long as they do not infringe on the rights of others to do the same. As a wise man once stated, "Your right to swing your fists ends where my nose begins." (And I have a pretty big

nose, I might add.) It is from these basic premises that all genuine human rights follow.

For example, you have the right to say whatever you want, but you cannot force me to listen or provide a forum for your speech. You have the right to earn health care, money for college and decent housing, but you cannot force me to pay for these things. You have the right to the sexuality of your choice (hetero, homo, bi, neither, etc.), but your partner(s) must first give their consent. In short, you have the right to do anything you wish as long as you do not forcefully manipulate the life or property of others.

On the other hand, you don't have the right to a job. Having such a right would be a contradiction because you would then have the right to force someone to hire you. Similarly, unless you've signed a contract with your employer stating otherwise, you do not even have the right to "decent working conditions." But you are always free to apply for a job or quit your current job at any time if you so choose — this is your human right.

During the upcoming celebration of human rights week, I challenge you to question the status quo regarding human rights. If you take some time to think clearly, I suspect that you will come to realize what I now understand: We human beings have the right to use our lives and properties in any peaceful manner we choose, but we cannot force others to give up their lives and properties for our own ends. In the end, you will realize that the UN's Declaration of Human Rights is fatally injurious to the natural integrity of human individuals.

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# Forum

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## Telecom sells out

This has nothing to do with anything that has been written in Technician, but it is something that needs to be publicly addressed. Why has telecommunications changed their policies on payments to make their life easier and the life of the students harder? I'm in a long distance relationship and therefore make a lot of phone calls. This excessive use of the phone takes me over the \$150 credit limit every month. When I hit that credit limit, I take the 6 minute walk from Burlington to West Dundis and pay my phone bill. Later that night, my long distance service is restored.

Have any of you run across this problem since telecommunications changed its policy last month? Well, I encountered it today. I went over to pay my phone bill, which was over the credit limit. I was told to go over to the Cashier's Office to pay my phone bill. That did me no good. To get you long distance service reconnected you have to send the payment to Detroit.

What does Detroit have to do with N.C. State? Nothing, as far as I'm concerned. Well, that's another story. Do you have any idea how long it takes for the payment to go up there and be processed? I was told it could take up to one week. *One Week...* We went from getting our long distance service restored in a matter of hours to a matter of weeks. The only way to get you long distance service back quickly is to pay by credit card. Not all college students have credit cards and some that do won't use it unless it is an emergency.

Telecommunications says that this is to make service to the students more accessible and overall, just better. I was told by telecommunications that we receive 24-hour customer service. That is not true. You can call the number you get 24 hours a day, but there are times that you only get a machine. Also this change is supposed to keep the time that the caller is on hold down to a minimum, which is not true. I was on hold for 5 minutes earlier. I'd much rather be able to pay my phone bill with ease than be able to get a recording at three in the morning. I leave this question to everyone on campus and to telecommunications: Why were the students not surveyed on how our long distance service should be handled?

Santiago Vila  
Senior, Geology

## Slick Willy beats the system

The impeachment is over, and now more than ever it seems that Clinton is untouchable. He went up against Bush and won. Dole went against him and failed, then an independent prosecutor and a majority of Congress went up against him and failed again. Seven years into Clinton's presidency it seems that his nearest trick is that he got himself elected, then reelected and then not re-elected.

Only Caesar himself could have dodged this crisis more skillfully. If he were alive today he probably would have served as one of Clinton's closest advisors in the past year, and things would have gone very differently.

Instead of wasting time with televised apologies and legal maneuvering, Clinton would simply have formed an informal triumvirate consisting of himself, James Carville and Vernon Jordan.

Clinton would have then organized an army and marched into Canada. As he conquered the region, Congress would have been convinced by Starr to issue its final decree against Clinton.

Clinton would have then marched back into Washington, with Starr and Congress fleeing to Mexico in terror. As Clinton pursued them into South America, his accusers would have been beheaded by a terrified local

ruler. Clinton would have then become briefly involved in a Latin American civil war, pausing to father a child by a famous exotic princess. He would have then returned to Washington, declaring himself dictator for life. Eventually, he'd have been stabbed to death.

All this supposes that Starr is a modern day Gato the Elder. Starr probably sees himself as more of a modern day Cicero, with Clinton serving as his Calatino. But the opposite designations have come true, with Clinton's job now secured and Starr's looking shakier than ever, his attempted coup having been circumvented.

Daniel Margolis  
Junior, LWE

## Ideas off 'Balance'

After reading J. Tyler Balance's letter, "NCSU Should Not Value Diversity," I nearly fell out of my chair convulsing in laughter. Balance takes an already weak argument against affirmative action and, instead of trying to support his case, merely emphasizes his ignorance and stupidity by making pointless references to sexual orientation. Chancellor Fox's political beliefs (obviously he hadn't done any research here), and the fight against communism throughout the world. This humor was quickly tempered with anger, however, upon realizing that the unsubstantiated comments made by this individual are shared among a significant portion of the student population and throughout the country. While anyone could amply refute each of his inane remarks, I would like to address his statement regarding diversity.

Unfortunately, several missteps were made in the early implementation of affirmative action. Couple these mistakes with the misleading rhetoric expounded by self-righteous politicians and other zealots, and it becomes clear the affirmative action is an evil, biased system, making "fewer white men... welcome" and forcing academic standards to be "lowered so more [African-Americans] can be enrolled." Now I will be the first to admit, I lean much further to the right on the political spectrum than the vast majority of my peers; however, even I can realize that diversity is not, and must not become a matter of politics. Diversity has been and shall remain a matter of common sense.

Despite popular perception, nowhere have academic standards been lowered to allow under-represented groups to be enrolled at a university. Even if, for some unknown reason, lower academic standards had been implemented, Mr. Balance would have learned (had he conducted research) that a far greater number of whites than minorities

would be admitted in just about every institution nationwide. This fact can be verified explicitly, by examining the criteria used by each institution and evaluating its applicants; this method, though, is cumbersome and time consuming. A far more effective method of analyzing this point comes from a set of admissions policies adopted three years ago by the state of Texas. The public university system of Texas, after losing the right to employ affirmative action procedures in its admissions process, implemented a system in which the top 10 percent of each high school class graduating in Texas was given automatic admission to any UT school. This policy drew fire from all sides: the proponents of affirmative action believed minority populations would plummet and saw it as a possible catalyst that would speed the downfall of the affirmative action system, while the opponents insisted that by allowing students from poor, predominantly Hispanic districts automatic admission, the failure rate would skyrocket and academic standard would have to be lowered at the premier institutions of the system.

It seemed, in the short run, that both criticisms were valid. The 1996 class experienced a sharp drop in minority enrollment, and the failure rate of minority populations did indeed increase. This trend did not continue. Beginning with the 1997 class, and continuing to the present day, the

University of Texas system contains a greater number of minorities than it had during the days of affirmative action; furthermore, the average graduation rate of minorities is approaching a point where it is well nearly double that of the white population. Such is the case nationwide. Minorities are enrolled not in an effort to displace whites, but for the simple fact that many possess superior academic credentials. Even in institutions where race is considered in addition to academics (such as N.C. State), it is considered with such a myriad of other traits that its significance in the admissions process is virtually negligible.

As a firm defender of the Bill of Rights, I genuinely appreciate Mr. Balance taking the time to express his viewpoint. I only wish that he had spent some of his passion for belittling diversity and attempted to conduct some research into the matters surrounding it.

As always, if anyone has comments or questions I can be reached at 512-3306, or tgdoucet@eos.ncsu.edu.

T. Greg Doucette, Senator  
College of Engineering

## Faculty vs. students

I am writing to address the recent skateboard issue. The side presented by the Technician seemed to me not only incorrect but misleading. For a university newspaper that should in theory pride itself on serious journalism and not sensationalism, the Technician has been falling far and wide of the mark lately.

Normally, I would never write a letter concerning this issue. Whenever it seems to me that the large impersonal machine of the administrations is trying to take away students' rights my blood boils. I pull for the underdog, always have, always will. However, in this case, I think the machine has a point.

The skateboard issue is NOT about banning all skateboards from NCSU campus. It is about removing them from the areas surrounding buildings, in particular classrooms and faculty offices. The proposition is that a certain distance be established around each of the buildings and forbidden for skater usage. The entire remaining portion of campus would be usable.

I know that this issue could easily be seen as a faculty versus students dilemma, but it is not. For one, the primary skateboarders on campus are high school teens from the local community. I have no problem with NCSU's neighbors enjoying the campus, but if the skateboarding is so important to them then the taxpayer's money could easily go toward the establishment of a skating area in

Pullen Park.

The faculty are not the only ones who suffer. Students too listen to the racket in the dorms and classrooms. They have to put up with avoiding the jumps the skaters have set up and the skaters themselves. But let's not forget about the faculty, for in today's issue of the Technician, a good portion was devoted to our faculty and how we rank as compared to other peer institutions. The article ended with a note that professors did not so much care about their pay but about the perks of the job. A quiet office, a quiet lab, these are just the sort of benefits that article could have mentioned. Our faculty does more than simply teach, though teaching is extremely important and necessary. They also provide grant money, research opportunities and many other highly needed services. The students and the faculty should work together and not against each other.

It is my hope that the partial skateboard ban will pass the Student Senate and be approved by the student body. It is also my hope that the faculty will become more involved in attaining those intangible benefits that will not only aid their own labors but will improve the university wide community. And let me add, I hope the Technician will be a little more attentive to the facts in the future, so that needless uproar might be avoided.

Christine E. Kistler

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### Wise Words from Curle

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# Track team heads north for ACC Championships

◆ After weeks of preparation, the big day is finally here for N.C. State track.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State's Track and Field team has traveled to Blacksburg, Va. three times already this season, and is headed back this weekend, only this time, its all or nothing.

In the three previous trips, the Wolfpack has adjusted to the conditions and climates of running, throwing and jumping indoors in confined spaces, and in some cases, shorter distances.

But this weekend, the Pack heads north for the ACC Indoor meet, and a chance not only at a ring, but also at qualifying for the NCAA championships.

The Wolfpack men look to have a shot at finishing in the top tier of the

conference. On the top times and distance list for the conference this season, State has had at least one competitor in all but three categories.

In the sprints and hurdles, Brent Underwood and Butch McClelland are at the top for the Pack. McClelland has posted the top time in the ACC this season in the 55m hurdles, and the second-fastest in the 60m hurdles.

Underwood and Wake Forest's Reggie Austin boast a season best 6.39 seconds in the 55-m dash.

Cordell Smith and Tyrone Dozier will handle duties easily in the 200m and 400m dash, while State has the double threat of Dan Smitas and Kevin Blair in the 800m.

The Pack has always been a threat in the distance events. ACC cross country Champion Brendan Rodgers leads a pack of six N.C. State runners with top 10 times in

the mile run, with a 4:04.31.

In the 3000m, Chan Pons and Abdul Alzindani's times are nine seconds faster than the No. 3 and No. 4 times, which happen to be held by Wolfpack runners as well. Pons' time of 8:01.49 is more than six seconds faster than Alzindani.

Brendon Brown, Donte Hunt and Cordell Smith have shots at the high jump, triple jump and long jump titles, while the duo of Zach Whitlow and David Kessler should give the Pack its strongest finish in the pole vault in quiet some time.

On the women's side, beyond the distance events, things look a little shaky.

In the 2000, State boasts eight of the top 14 times of the 1999 season, with Katie Sabino leading the way with a 9:42.88, close to three seconds faster than the No. 2 time.

In the mile, Jennifer Modlitzewski is just 53 one-hundredths of a second

off of Georgia Tech's Becky Megest time of 4:49.04, and NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

Keione Covington and Monique Judkins should place and could even compete for a title in the long jump and the high jump, respectively.

On both the men's and women's side, there is one unimplicated event. No athlete from N.C. State has run for time in the 5,000 meters, which would put any entry from the school in the slower heats, where the Pack will try to win from. To make matters even more interesting, the top 5,000m time on the men's side this season belongs to a graduate student at Duke. That student is Joe Wirgan, who competed for N.C. State for four years on the cross-country team and three seasons as part of the track and field team, and who's brother, Scott, is a sophomore for the Wolfpack.

# Duke

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Three of the Wolfpack men have already posted NCAA Provisional qualifying times. As the Pack shoots for the ACC title this weekend, the rest of the team also looks to qualify for NCAA's.

only had one loss in the conference and that says a lot about them."

Especially considering four teams in the ACC are ranked in the AP's top 25.

However the Pack has every reason to be confident heading into the final stretch. In the teams' previous meeting in Raleigh on Jan. 17, State held on until the very end and lost by just five points despite just 11 points from the ACC's leading scorer in Summer Erb.

"We're just happy to come away with a win." Duke Head Coach Gail Goestenokors said after the Jan. 17 meeting. "I knew this would be a very, very tough game."

State had the lead with 10 minutes remaining, but the Devils took over from there and were able to hold off the Pack, thanks in part to Erb being relegated to the bench with foul trouble.

Duke can counter Erb's size (6-foot-6-inches) with some size of its own in center Michelle VanGorp, who is 6-foot-six-inch herself. VanGorp had a lot to do with Erb's difficulties in the first meeting.

State will have to have another stellar performance from sophomore Tynesha Lewis, who had 20 points and seven rebounds in that game. Lewis and Erb both scored 21 points in the Maryland game.

The Pack will also have to contain the Devils' outside shooting. Guard Nicole Erickson was 3-7 from behind the arc and finished with 17 points to lead Duke in the first meeting.

State will also face Wake Forest (7-17, 3-11 ACC) this Saturday in the Wolfpack's final home game of the season. The Pack blew the Deacons out in Joel Coliseum earlier this year 85-60. Wake will be coming off of its final home game, against 14th-ranked Clemson, also on Thursday night.

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# Tennis

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will to win," Salmon went on to say.

When asked about the upcoming road trip to Miami and Florida Atlantic, Salmon didn't think it would phase the team at all.

"Traveling helps team chemistry. We're like a family, close-knit," said Salmon.

On the change from indoor to outdoor matches Salmon was just as positive. "We're a bunch of grinders and I think moving outdoors will play to our strengths," Salmon explained.

"I love to travel," Coach Hayes agreed. "I love the controlled atmosphere and the team building."

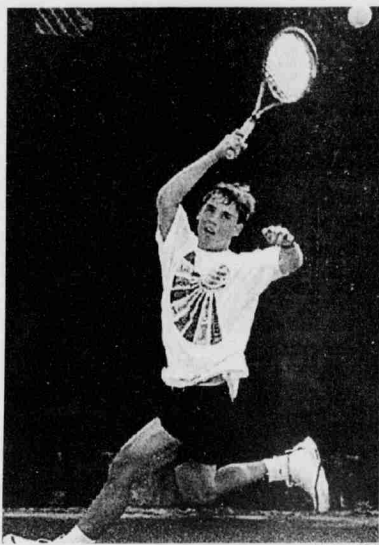
"We had more fans in South Carolina than they [USC] did. But Miami has a good team and will draw a big crowd," said coach Hayes of Miami's big win over ranked South Alabama.

The Pack plays at Miami on Friday, Feb. 19 and at Florida Atlantic on Saturday, Feb. 20.

The team has high expectations for this upcoming weekend in Florida. If the intensity of Monday's practice was any indication, the Pack should be ready.

"I like to consider us 'road warriors,'" coach Hayes said.

The State men's tennis team plays its home opener against Appalachian State and High Point on Feb. 27.



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# UNC-CH

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matches were close. At 125, ACC Wrestler of the Year in 1998 Chuckie Connor pinned State's Lee Carroll. At 157, State's Peter Pryor made up the points by pinning Tar Heel Pat Caldwell.

In the 149-pound class, John Mark Bentley won a major decision over Quan McCollum. 19-6, and at 165, Dan Calhoun won a major decision over Wolfpack sophomore Kyle

Guffey. Of the other six matches, the margin of victory was no more than four points.

With the recent NCAA rule changes concerning weigh-in, there is little that either team can do to change their line-ups.

"With the new rules, as far as certification of weight, there is not much we can do," said Guzzo. "We are just going to have to go over and there will wrestle."

N.C. State is coming off a close 23-19 victory over UNC-Greensboro. The Pack was missing two of its regular starters, in the 165

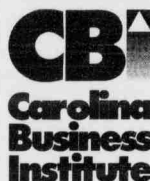
and 197 slots. "We'll probably have guys back in there (on Thursday)," said Guzzo. "We had a few guys injured, so we wanted to give some guys a rest, and weight our options. Our line-up might look a little different than it did last time, but we'll see what happens."

On Thursday, the match-up at 174 might be the one to watch. In Raleigh earlier this season, Kevin Boross had a takedown in the final 20 seconds of his bout with Jamie Grouldie to pick up the 4-3 win. Junior Carroll and Connor are slated to meet again at 125. While

Connor has the last couple of meetings, Carroll defeated the Tar Heel in their first ever meeting, plus, the outcome could go a long way in deciding seed in the ACC Tournament.

And it looks like the Tournament will be on more than a few people's minds come Thursday night. With the history and talent of both squads, the pairing on the mat on Thursday could be the pairings in the Tournament Finals come March 6 in Charlottesville, Va.

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 Baseball vs. Villanova, noon, Doak Field  
 Women's basketball vs. Wake Forest, 2 p.m., Reynolds Coliseum  
 Men's basketball Alumni game, 4:30 p.m., Reynolds Coliseum

**Sunday, Feb. 21**  
 Women's tennis vs. Appalachian, 10 a.m., Wolfpack tennis complex  
 Baseball vs. Villanova, noon, Doak Field  
 Men's Basketball vs. Tulane, 3:30 p.m., Reynolds Coliseum  
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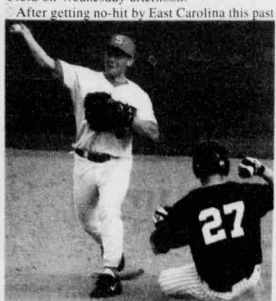
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## Mid-week win

◆ N.C. State baseball bounces back with a 6-4 win over William and Mary.

JEREMY ASHTON  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State baseball team used a four-run outburst in the third inning and five and one-third innings of strong relief pitching from freshman lefthander Dan D'Amato to top William and Mary by a score of 6-4 at Doak Field on Wednesday afternoon.



N.C. State takes on Villanova at home this weekend in a three game series.

weekend, the Wolfpack (4-1) had an offensive outburst, pounding out 10 hits against the previously unbeaten Tribe (4-1).

Freshman rightfielder Brian Wright was the big catalyst in the order going 3-4 at the plate with a pair of doubles and three runs scored, and senior third baseman Matt Postell went 1-3 with two RBIs.

"We didn't expect the four-run inning this early in the year with the way we're swinging the bats. We got a couple of breaks, and we were able to hang on," said State Head Coach Elliot Aved.

The Pack wasted no time in getting on the board. With one out in the bottom of the first, Wright lined a double into the outfield. Two batters later, Postell brought him home with a double and the game's first run.

Starting pitcher Rodney Ormond appeared to have things well in hand until the Tribe pieced together a two-out rally in the third. A double by shortstop Stephen Booker and an error on State shortstop Josh Ballard put runners on first and third. The Tribe then executed a perfect double steal to bring home the tying run. A walk and a double by outfielder Chris Clarke gave William and Mary a 3-1 lead.

But, State was quick to respond. Ballard atoned for his error by leading off the inning with a double. Centerfielder Josh Schmitt followed with a single to bring him in and cut the lead to one. An error and a walk loaded up the bases for Postell who delivered a sacrifice fly to tie the game. A base hit by designated hitter



N.C. State picked up win No. 4 on Wednesday.

Curtis Sapp and another sac fly from leftfielder Jamey Shearin put the Pack in front 5-3.

That's when D'Amato (1-0) took over. With two outs in the top of the fourth and the Tribe threatening, Aved turned to his young lefty and let him do the rest. D'Amato did not strikeout a single hitter, but managed to keep the ball on the ground to preserve the win.

"I was just happy I could get the job done and come in and finish things off," said D'Amato.

The Wolfpack will continue their home stand with a three-game series against Villanova this weekend at Doak Field. Game time Friday afternoon will be at 3:00 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday's games scheduled to start at noon.

## What Upset?

◆ The State men's tennis team carries a mature perspective on its upset of No. 9 USC into their trip to Florida this weekend.

CHRIS TONELLI  
Staff Writer

N.C. State isn't downplaying its win over South Carolina in tennis, but then again, they aren't clamoring to be invincible either — yet.

"It was a huge upset on paper," State Head Coach Eric Hayes said Monday. "But I don't put much into the rankings."

For the Wolfpack, the win was less of a surprise and more of something that they expected.

"We looked in for six hours," Hayes said, mentioning that he thought a longer match would favor the Pack. "South Carolina didn't believe as much as we did. We just wanted to lead more."

Senior leader and two-time defending Atlantic Coast Conference Champion Roberto Bracone put the big win into focus.

"It's a pretty big win, but we can't celebrate yet. This is such a long sea-

son," Bracone said. "We lost a lot of close matches last season, a lot of them were 4-3. We couldn't convert."

"That experience paid off and we wanted to prove it early," Bracone said of the upset over South Carolina.

Last Wednesday, converting wasn't a problem. Junior Shaun Thomas closed out the win for the Wolfpack.

"Winning the doubles point was big. We didn't do that much last year and it hurt us," Thomas said.

"It's like scoring the first touchdown in football or scoring the first run in baseball. It takes off a lot of the pressure."

"It was an emotional moment for me, one that I'll never forget," Thomas said of his clinching victory.

"But I have to put it behind me. Rankings-wise, this win was huge, but goal-wise, it was just a step."

"This was our biggest win in recent memory, but it's not an upset," team Captain Keith Salmon said, echoing his teammates. "We expect to win."

"We're in shape, we're motivated, we're together on the same page. I think that's what separates us from other teams. We have intensity and a

*"This was our biggest win in recent memory, but it's not an upset."*

-Keith Salmon

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## Down to the wire

◆ State women search to close out the season with two conference wins.

TIM HUNTER  
Assistant Sports Editor

As can be expected at this point in the basketball season, the N.C. State women's team has a lot to play for in its final two games.

The Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament is just around the corner and a higher seeding would be advantageous for the Wolfpack. More importantly however, are the team's NCAA Tournament hopes. The first road block in State's way to March Madness and a possible return trip to the Final Four is rival Duke, who is in first place in the ACC with a 13-1 record. State (15-9 overall, 8-6 ACC) will travel to Durham to battle the Blue Devils Thursday night for a crucial conference battle.

"I think what fans will see is two teams competing as hard as they can," State Head Coach Kay Yow said of Thursday's 7 p.m. match-up. "Both teams are going to be playing hard and fans will be able to see some of the best that women's basketball has to offer."

The Devils also have a lot on the line. Though the team recently suffered its first



The Pack has just two more ACC games, then on to Charlotte.

conference loss of the season at the hands of Clemson, the 10-ranked Blue Devils (21-5) are battling for one of the top seeds in the NCAA Tournament.

"Duke is a great team and they are playing very well," Yow said after State's blowout win over Maryland on Monday. "They have

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## Gymnasts take road test

◆ Two road meets in three days should test resolve of Wolfpack gymnasts.

JEREMY ASHTON  
Staff Writer

Going on the road is tough for any team in any sport. But, what the N.C. State gymnastics team has to endure this weekend will be a true test of where the program stands at this point in the season.

Tonight, the Wolfpack begins a three-day marathon road trip with stops at Pittsburgh and West Virginia. This should give the State gymnasts a chance to try some new things as well as compete against some of the top teams in the nation.

The Pack (9-2) enters the weekend on a roll having won its last two meets; Governor's Cup and the

Hearts Invitational. With each passing week, the team has made steady improvement and has taken its season high score up to 194.375. The winning streak has helped boost the team's ranking to No. 27 in the country.

"We're taking it one meet at a time," said freshman Kelli Brown. "Hopefully, we can get a few bubble outs, and we'll be up there around 196 real soon."

State's first meet of the weekend will be tonight with the University of Pittsburgh. The Panthers enter the match-up ranked just below the Pack in the national rankings at No. 31. Since the team has such a busy weekend, Head Coach Mark Stevenson plans on resting some of his regulars in this meet and giving others, like freshmen Lauren Palefsky and Aimee Pantan, a chance to compete.

"We're going to take extra kids to the Pittsburgh meet. We're not going to compete our main team at that meet," said Stevenson.

While the meet against Pittsburgh is certainly important, the Pack will be holding back a little since Saturday's meet will pit the team against two top 15 programs, West Virginia and Minnesota.

"West Virginia's our big meet, so we're going to make sure that we're going to have everybody in on Saturday," explained senior co-captain Gemma Robinson. "We'll split it up in a way that's going to be good so that we're not too tired for Saturday's meet."

Host West Virginia is currently ranked 15th in the nation. At the moment, they are the top team in the East Atlantic Gymnastics League, which State also participates in. The Mountaineers have been hot recently having topped the 195-point mark the last two weekends.

Minnesota boasts some impressive credentials heading into the meet as well. The Golden Gophers are the No. 8 team in the country and average 193.737 points per meet.

Regardless of the results, this weekend will definitely push the Pack to its limits.

**The N.C. State Gymnastics team takes on three different opponents. N.C. State is 6-5 all-time against Pittsburgh, and 2-12 against West Virginia. The Pack returns home to Reynolds Coliseum on March 6 for the Wolfpack Invitational.**



The Wolfpack continues its run at another NCAA appearance this weekend.

## Tradition on the line

◆ Pack wrestlers take on UNC-Chapel Hill again on Thursday.

K. GAFFNEY  
Sports Editor

Every year since Bob Guzzo has been at the helm of the Wolfpack wrestling program, N.C. State has met up with rival UNC-Chapel Hill twice a season.

"They're our biggest rival, and the only team in the ACC that we wrestle twice, and for that reason," said State co-captain Lee Carroll. "It's one of the most important meets

of the season. The second time around, we want to win."

And while the traditional rivalry transcends every sport that the two schools field teams in, the bragging rights associated with a win in wrestling may be the most impressive.

It seems a pretty bold statement, by both schools, to voluntarily schedule your biggest rival twice a year, especially since neither team can guarantee a win.

Since 1976, the two teams have won 22 of the 23 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament titles. The Tar Heels' answer to a leader like

Guzzo is 26-year coach Bill Lam. Between Guzzo, in his 25th year, and Lam, are 11 of the 13 conference Coach of the Year awards that have been handed out and 650+ wins, along with coaching wrestlers to 144 ACC Individual Championships, and 62 All-American honors.

So when the Wolfpack and the Tar Heels meet on the mats, it is almost like the UCLA Basketball team under Coach John Wooden playing, well, the UCLA basketball team under Coach John Wooden.

"We've been very competitive over the years. They are our natural rival, and then you factor that over the last 20 or so years, either Carolina or (State) has won the ACC title, it creates for an interesting match-up," said Guzzo.

In the previous meeting of the season, the Tar Heels got the best of the Pack in Reynolds, winning 26-12, in match that the Wolfpack wasn't out of until the second to last match.

All but four of the 10

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N.C. State is 31-18 all-time against UNC-CH.

## Men's basketball versus Tulane

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 21 @ 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** William Neal Reynolds Coliseum  
**On the air:** TV: ABC, Radio: 680 WPTF  
**Records:** (As of Feb. 16) N.C. State 15-10, Tulane 10-12

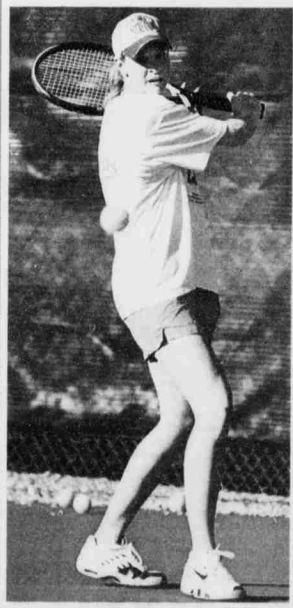
**The scoop:** The Wolfpack is taking a break from the rough ACC schedule to host the Green Wave in the second to last game in Reynolds. State can't look past Tulane and will need a good effort.

The last time the two schools met was in 1979 when the Pack walked away with a 10-1-58 victory. Tulane hasn't beaten State since a 41-24 victory in the 1924-25 season.

The ACC is 5-2 against Conference USA this season, including State's victory over Houston earlier this season.

Ledaryl Billingsley led Tulane with 20 points and 19 rebounds in that game. Tulane also features sophomore Byron Mouton, who was recruited heavily by N.C. State two years ago. Mouton has started in nine of the team's games and is leading the team in minutes played.

## Dawning of a new era for Pack



Sunday marks the home opener of Wolfpack women's tennis under first year Coach Kay Louthian. See page 9 for times.