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Senate compromises on tuition increase

◆ The Student Senate is proposing a tuition increase up to 4.1 percent, if the increase is accompanied by additional financial aid.

SAARAH E. MIRNO
Senior Staff Writer

If you randomly pulled aside any student on the N.C. State campus and asked them if they would favor a tuition increase, the answer would most likely be "no."

Therefore, one might expect a resolution proposed by the NCSU Student Senate to be rejected by the proposed in-state tuition increase by the UNC Board of Governors.

However, the details and alternatives surrounding this new resolution would possibly lead students to change that point of view.

According to the senate, there is no way to avoid a tuition increase and they have responded accordingly.

"If you look very carefully at the issues, we're in a tight situation," said Seth Whitaker, Student Senate pro tempore.

The resolution is in response to Governor Hunt's budget proposal, requesting that the UNC Board of Governors raise an additional \$6.5 million in tuition revenues for the 1999-2000 academic year.

In order to meet this budget demand, each of the 16 UNC institutions would need to increase tuition by 4.1 percent for both in-state and out-of-state students, according to

Whitaker. However, the UNC Board of Governors is considering a recommendation for in-state tuition to be increased by 4.9 percent and out-of-state tuition by the same dollar amount, which would raise \$7.8 million.

The Board originally planned to vote on the proposal in February but has postponed action on the matter until mid-March, partly so that student input could be reviewed.

The NCSU Student Senate is responding to the call for student input with their resolution that opposes any tuition increase over 4.1 percent and supports an increase up to 4.1 percent as long as financial aid accompanies it.

"We wanted to take a stand," said Whitaker.

However, Whitaker said, the stand

needed to be an informed one.

While the senate normally opposes any tuition increase, this year they recognize that the level of tuition had to be minimally increased in order for the university to provide the highest quality education possible. If the Board of Governors had an option, and chose not to provide for the additional monies demanded through a tuition increase, the likely result would be a reduction in the funding of student services or the elimination of faculty positions.

"At this point in time, it's the best we can do," according to Whitaker, who co-wrote the proposal with Raj Mirchandani, student senator.

In addition, Whitaker sees this informed stand as a position that the UNC Board would see as not only informed, but reasonable as well.

"Because we recognize the realities, I think they will be very impressed and will want to work with us," added Whitaker.

Over the past 10 years, in-state tuition at UNC institutions has increased at an average rate of 7.4 percent per year. Still, the tuition that in-state UNC students pay still covers less than 15 percent of the total cost of their education.

In addition, the senate reaffirms the Report of the Board of Governors' Task Force on Tuition Policy that encouraged the UNC Board to develop and implement a need-based financial aid program.

This program would meet the economic needs of all current and prospective students of the university by providing sufficient aid that would offset any further increases in

student tuition levels.

According to the senate, students envision a future process in which their input into tuition and fee increases is welcomed. In order for this to occur effectively, the senate proposes a timetable that would allow the UNC Board to submit its proposed increases to the campuses by October of each year. Through this changed timetable, students would be able to conduct sufficient reviews of the proposed increases for the upcoming year and give their input to the board. Additionally, students would also know what their charges would be further in advance.

Student Senate planned to vote on the tuition increase proposal at last night's meeting, but the results were not available at press time.



Students learn to lobby for what they want

◆ A group of students went to the state legislature to voice campus concerns.

ZACK MAZER
Assistant News Editor

With a new approach to an old problem, two student senators, Raj Mirchandani and Seth Whitaker, are doing as the Geico commercials say and cutting out the middle man.

As part of a plan that will eventually involve all 16 universities in the North Carolina system, Mirchandani and Whitaker, along with a group of 12 N.C. State students, went downtown Tuesday to



Reeves

learn first hand how to lobby the legislature — and bypass Student Government.

"No matter how much time Student Government spends sitting here writing

resolutions, the only way to make a lasting difference is to go down there ourselves," Whitaker said.

The students watched the legislature in action and spent time with Senators Eric Reeves and Andy Dedmon, who taught them how to best organize their efforts, present

their ideas and be effective, according to Perrin Fourmy, a junior in political science who participated.

"The key is to develop a relationship with them," Fourmy said. "They will listen to us if we can present them with something worth doing."

Among the other participants were Student Senator Ryan Avent, a junior in economics, and Toni Nata, a sophomore.

Both, along with Fourmy, con-

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Robinson named to NCAA committee

◆ Director of Athletics Les Robinson was named to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee for a four-year term.

TIM HUNTER
Staff Writer

N.C. State director of athletics and former head men's basketball coach Les Robinson has been selected to take on even more responsibility.

This week, Robinson was chosen to

serve on the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee, starting in the summer of 1999.

The committee is one of the NCAA's most prestigious committees. It is responsible for site selection for each round of the NCAA Division I men's basketball championships, chooses at-large teams that are picked to compete in the NCAA Tournament field of 64, and makes other decisions regarding men's basketball at the Division I level.

"I'm very honored to have been selected to join this prestigious

group," Robinson said in a press release. "It is a great privilege and great responsibility and I take it very seriously."

Robinson was one of four new members chosen by the 34-member selection panel.

The 1965 NCSU graduate has served as the athletics director at NCSU since 1996 and was the Wolfpack men's basketball coach from 1990-96. Robinson will attend a NCAA regional in two weeks as preparation for his appointment and will meet with the committee for the first time in June.

He is the Atlantic Coast Conference's only representative on the committee.

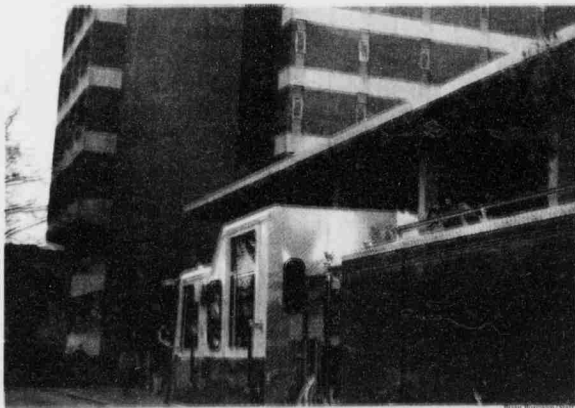
"This is great news for our conference, as well as for Les and N.C. State," ACC Commissioner John Swofford said. "Les is an ideal choice for the Men's Basketball Committee. His credentials are exactly what we needed. He knows the game inside out and that will serve the committee well."

Robinson played basketball at NCSU under legendary coach Everett Case.

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Come on baby, light my fire



The library was evacuated in the mid-morning yesterday for a possible fire that turned out to be a false alarm.

Y2S highlights campus service

◆ Student Government hopes that Year 2 Serve will display NCSU's commitment to service.

JIMMY BYRLES
Senior Staff Writer

The coming of the millennium brings with it an effort that will require complete cooperation, particularly on the N.C. State campus. The Y2S issue will affect all of us. Yes, that was correct: Y2S. No, it's not a computer glitch that threatens PCs, cell phones and other major appliances. It's the Year 2 Serve, a project that Student Government hopes will "display what we as students, faculty and staff already display in our everyday lives — our shared commitment to the public."

The Year 2 Serve, according to Student Body Vice President for External Relations Jennifer Lin, centers on three projects in the Raleigh area: Service Raleigh, the Special Olympics and Service Learning.

Service Raleigh is a joint volunteer effort between the Park Scholars

and Student Government. Now in its second year, the project is a "one-day service" project for area non-profit organizations throughout the county," according to Lin.

The inaugural Service Raleigh drew over 500 participants last spring. This year's incarnation will take place on Saturday, March 27, and students interested in taking part in the event should e-mail project coordinators at

servicer@lappss.net.

This summer will bring to the Triangle area the Special Olympics World Games, a sporting event larger than either the Summer or Winter Olympics. Scheduled to begin June 26, the event will bring with it an estimated 7,000 athletes and will require the help of over 2,000 volunteers. Three of the events will take place on the NCSU campus, and many of the athletes will be housed in campus dormitories. Those interested in participating in the volunteer effort can receive information by emailing Henry Ward at shp@ncsu.edu.

One new ongoing effort in the Student Government Y2S plan is called Service Learning (SL). SL

focuses on offering students an "integrated curriculum, which combines an academic setting with community service," Lin said.

While nothing has been officially instituted for SL, Lin said that the program could easily be integrated into a number of existing courses. She cited the freshman introductory classes offered by each college as courses that could easily include SL activities.

"NCSU may also create new classes that apply credit to the General Education requirements," she said.

Lin called SL "a way to incorporate volunteerism into the current curricula by maintaining academic rigor but supplementing the classroom education with hands on work that benefits the community."

Lin and the SGA see Y2S as an opportunity for students to celebrate volunteerism and prepare for a new year and a new century of public service.

"Y2S will prepare not only our individual selves but our community for a stronger and healthier century," Lin said.

**1999 TRACS REGISTRATION CALENDAR
SUMMER I, SUMMER 2, FALL**

ADVISING PERIOD: MARCH 15 - MARCH 30

	REGISTRATION PERIOD	LATE REGISTRATION	TUITION BILL DATE	TUITION DUE DATE	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
SUM I	March 17-Apr 30 (5pm)	May 6-May 20	April 19	May 4	May 17
SUM II	March 17-June 18 (5pm)	June 24-July 9	June 7	June 22	July 6
FALL	March 17-July 23 (5pm)	July 29-August 30 (5pm)	July 13	July 27	August 16

WINDOW OPENINGS:

	Date	SOPH	Hrs Pass	Date
DR,DV,GR,MR,PR,05	Wednesday, March 17		53-59	Monday, April 5
SENIORS			48-52	Tuesday, April 6
121+	Friday, March 19		43-47	Wednesday, April 7
111-120	Saturday, March 20		38-42	Thursday, April 8
101-110	Monday, March 22		30-37	Friday, April 9
92-100	Tuesday, March 23			
UN,02 (AGI)	Tuesday, March 23	FRESH	20-29	Tuesday, April 13
			16-19	Wednesday, April 14
JUNIORS			13-15	Thursday, April 15
84-91	Wednesday, March 24		1-12	Friday, April 16
77-83	Thursday, March 25		0	Saturday, April 17
70-76	Friday, March 26	UGS,PBS	FALL	Saturday, June 26
64-69	Saturday, March 27			
60-63	Monday, March 29			
AGI (01)	Monday, March 29			
UGS,PBS (SUM I & II)	Wednesday, March 31			

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 12 midnight
 Saturday, March 20, 27, April 17, June 26, August 14 - 11:00am to 12 midnight
 Sunday, 2:00pm to 12 midnight

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sidered the event a success and commented that both state senators seemed interested and open for ideas.

"We will need to be extremely organized, but we can be effective even without a lot of money, especially if we build a relationship with them," Avent said.

Participation was decidedly limited for Tuesday's trip, according to Mirchandani, because limited planning time and facilities could not support more than a handful. The 12 students were selected from the Political Science department, CHASS and the Student Government through a computer message posted by Mirchandani, who selected the first four to respond from each category.

Mirchandani selected these various groups, he says, because a shortage of time and a need for quick responses. He figured these areas would draw the most responses.

Despite the limited participation, according to Whitaker, the group hopes word will spread quickly and generate interest in time for the proposed, but not finalized, date of March 23, when students from all 16 campuses will go lobby the legislature, primarily on tuition issues.

"Students should understand that their voices need to be heard, and that their opinions are, in fact, heard," said Mirchandani of the program's intent.

Interestingly, Mirchandani and Whitaker planned and conducted the entire event apart from student government, as students instead of student senators.

Whitaker hopes this will draw attention to a main point of the pro-

NCAA

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and was a student-assistant coach for the Pack in 1965. He went on to become the head coach at The Citadel and Eastern Tennessee before returning to his alma mater in 1990 to coach the Pack.

In 1991, Robinson was named the District Coach of the Year as selected by the National Basketball Coaches Association after leading the Wolfpack to a 20-11 record in his first season.

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Secrets of the Nile

DANALLE DUGGINS
Spotlight Editor

For centuries, the Great Pyramids of Egypt have stood outside the nation's capitol (Cairo) as one of the Great Wonders of the World. "Opening the Lost Tombs: Live from Egypt" gave would-be tourists a glimpse inside these magnificent wonders all from the comforts of home.

"Opening of the Lost Tombs" provided the first live on-television excavation from the world-renowned site of the pyramids from Egypt's Giza Plateau on Tuesday night. FOX, in conjunction with the Egyptian government, presented an excavation lead by two expert archaeologists, Drs. Gaballa Ali Gaballa and Zahi Hawass.

"Since only 15 percent of Giza has been excavated to date, the potential for new discoveries is extremely high," said Dr. Gaballa in a FOX broadcasting press release. Since October 1997, Gaballa has been the Secretary General of the Supreme Council of the Egyptian Antiquities Organization. The council, which seeks to promote tourism of Egypt, hopes that "Opening of the Lost Tombs" will attract more tourists, particularly to the Nile River delta region.

Gaballa's fellow archaeologist, Dr. Zahi Hawass, is Egypt's foremost Egyptologist, who oversees all excavations at Giza and Saqqara archaeological areas. During his career, Hawass worked on every major archaeological site throughout Egypt.

The archaeological exhibition included the opening of a sealed tomb. Kai was a high priest and spiritual leader to the Pharaohs Snetru, Khufu, Radjedef and Khafre during the 4th Dynasty. His tomb was recently discovered and excavated, but Kai's sarcophagus was not found among the ruins. An adjacent tomb had uncovered the mummified bodies of Kai's wife and daughter.

At Tuesday night's presentation, Hawass slid the lid off a dark brown wooden sarcophagus to reveal Kai's mummy. Believed to have been buried 4,600 years ago, Kai's mummy is older than the famed tomb of King Tutankhamun. Also found in the tomb were artist's signatures and pictorials of Kai's life.

Inscribed with the message "a crocodile be against him in water, a snake be against him on land, he who would do anything against this tomb," speculation has arisen in regards to whether or not Kai's tomb is cursed.

"This is the first time we have done something live," Hawass told the Associated Press.

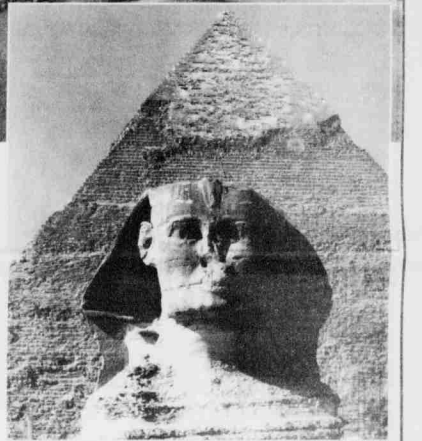
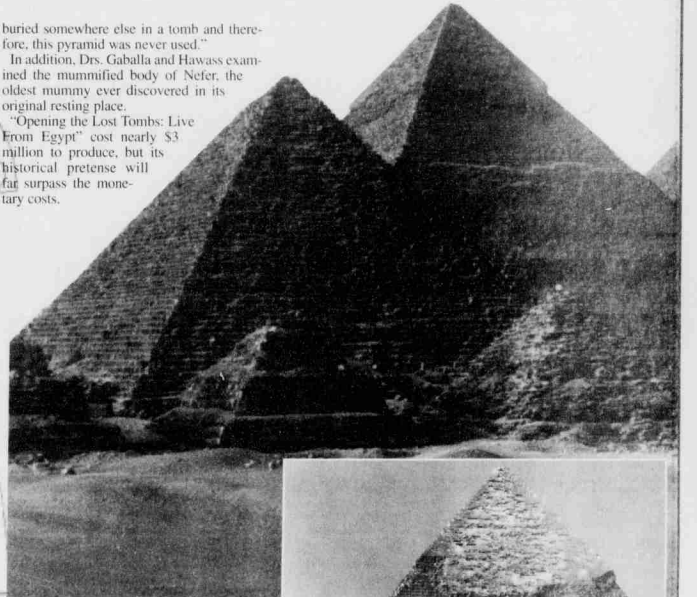
Hawass and Gaballa also opened the sealed tomb of Queen Khameremebty II, one of the wives of Pharaoh Menkaure. The excavators had hoped to find the remains of Queen Khameremebty II. But when they traveled 60 feet down through a narrow passage, they found an incomplete burial chamber. Inside, there was a skeleton he believed could have been a grave robber. They often loot Egyptian tombs for their jewelry and gold.

"No pyramid is similar to this at all," he told The Associated Press afterward. "The entrance and the chambers were unfinished and the queen was never buried here. She is

buried somewhere else in a tomb and therefore, this pyramid was never used."

In addition, Drs. Gaballa and Hawass examined the mummified body of Nefer, the oldest mummy ever discovered in its original resting place.

"Opening the Lost Tombs: Live From Egypt" cost nearly \$3 million to produce, but its historical pretense will far surpass the monetary costs.



Television history was made this week with the first live excavation on Egypt's world renowned Giza Plateau on "Opening the Lost Tombs: Live from Egypt."

PRESERVATION OF THE PHARAOHS

Mummification is the method utilized by Ancient Egyptians to preserve their dead. The practice was commonly reserved for ancient Egypt's highest castenobles and pharaohs. However, as time passed, more commoners sought to emulate the pharaoh by undergoing the mummification process. Unlike the upper classes of those times, many of the commoners were unable to afford the "luxuries" associated with the mummification of a noble. So instead of undergoing a complete mummification and burial inside a tomb, the commoners just paid for what they could afford. Today,

visitors of Egypt's famed Valley of the Kings and Queens will see the "tombs" of these people along the roadside (their "tombs" are nothing more than piles of sand).

The more complicated process of mummification that pharaohs and members of nobility underwent was a 70-day task. The procedure had to be performed by a special priest, ordained to perform the mummification. The steps for the process included:

1. Removal of the internal organs (including the eyes) from the body.
2. Using a special tool with a hook at its end, the priest had to

3. fish out portions of the brain, by reaching the hook up through the nostrils.
3. Next, an incision is made on the left side of the abdomen in order to remove abdominal and chest organs. However, the heart remains in tact because the Egyptians considered it to be the center of a person's being.
4. All the organs removed from the body are preserved in Canopic Jars, which will eventually be placed alongside the mummy in the tomb.
5. Natron salt is placed in the inside and on the surface of the corpse to remove all remaining moisture.
6. False eyes, extravagant linens and padding are added to the body to fill any sunken areas, making the body look more life-like.
7. The corpse is wrapped in hundreds of yards of linen and coated in resin. During this process, priests often placed amulets among the linens and inscribed prayers in order to protect against misfortune.
8. The mummy is then placed inside a sarcophagus, which are typically elaborate gold-laden coffins.



Joe, Parish, Tommy and Tony (l to r) play it up offstage.

Firstman makes the break

◆ Charlotte band plans to hit the road, then the airwaves.

CATHY WILFONG
Staff Writer

At first glance, the band Firstman appears on the surface to be a typical opening "fratertite" band. But like the proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing, this band is so much more.

A surprisingly talented and enthusiastic group, the Charlotte, N.C., based band brings an infusion of pop, blues, jazz and rock to their music and on-stage presence. Firstman has opened for such acts as Cowboy Mouth, Edwin McCain and, at a recent performance at Lake Boone County Club, Gran Torino.

Drummer Parrish McIntyre describes the

group's sound as "fun music that people like to dance to."

"We all kind of write," he explained, noting that some of the band members create their original lyrics while others come up with the music.

"I think that's a plus as far as our music goes, because we all get to write," McIntyre said.

The result? A sound that sticks in your head, leaving you humming the tunes of songs you've probably never even heard before. Think of a cross between Cravin' Melon, Edwin McCain and Ben Folds Five — but don't try to categorize Firstman by any of these genres. The group throws in an eclectic mix of their own musical backgrounds and influences, ranging from study at North Carolina School of the Arts (lead vocalist and pianist Joe Fuerstman) to self-described "musicologist and folklorist," guitarist and background vocalist

Toby Weaver.

"I play bluegrass like crazy now," said Fuerstman.

The songs could be described as "radio-friendly," but this isn't necessarily the group's goal. They just want to play their music and have a good time — and it shows. From bassist Tony Ananya's blithe smile to Fuerstman's encouragement to the crowd to join in, this band looks like they enjoy being on the stage.

"It's the most incredible thing, being up there and having fun," McIntyre said.

None of the members, however, would object to having their songs invade the airwaves. In fact, when pressed, most of them could come up with one or two they would choose to release as a first single.

Fuerstman's choice would be the upbeat "Firefly," while McIntyre would pick the

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COMING UP

<p>Cinema Campus Cinema (shows \$1.50 w/student ID) Thurs., Mar. 4 Eel at 6:45 p.m. and 9 p.m.</p> <p>Music Brewery Thurs., Mar. 4 Flipside Phonix Fri., Mar. 5 Negative State/Sluggin'/Notch Sat., Mar. 6 Dry White Toast/Punch Drunk Piranha/Tusk Wed., Mar. 10 Bez Mongold Thurs., Mar. 11 Unsound/7 Ton Diesel/Spite Fri., Mar. 12 Resin/Face Plant</p>	<p>Sat., Mar. 13 Big Joe/Chris Smith/Stillhouse</p> <p>Cat's Cradle Thurs., Mar. 11 Jets To Brazil Fri., Mar. 12 Sparklehorse w/ Vamaline Sat., Mar. 13 The Abba Party Record Exchange - Hillsborough St. Fri., Mar. 12 In The Clear at 7 p.m. Sat., Mar. 13 Anti-You at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Performances Duke West Campus Sat., Mar. 13 Ying Quartet Concert at Reynolds Theater</p>	<p>Carolina Theatre, Royall Center for the Arts Thurs., Mar. 4 & Fri., Mar. 5 Story Salad II at 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Reynolds Theater, Duke West Campus Fri., Mar. 5 & Sat., Mar. 6 Carolina Ballet Concert</p> <p>Events Barnes & Noble - SE Maynard Road, Cary Wed., Mar. 10 Ready for Y2K? from 7:30-8:30 Thurs., Mar. 11 Book Discussion of "All the Pretty Horses" by Cormac McCarthy</p>	<p>Fri., Mar. 12 Girl Scout Week with Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council talking about the past, present and future of the Girl Scouts Fri., Mar. 12 Live music performance featuring The Offramps from 8:30-10:30 p.m.</p> <p>Louise Jones Brown Gallery-Duke University Fri., Feb. 5-Fri., Mar. 5 Symbolic Images of Africa N.C. Museum of History Sun., Mar. 14 George Hebert Moore & Lightin' Wells from 3-4 p.m. (Free) N. C. State Fair Fri., Mar. 12-Sun., Mar. 14 Collector Car Event</p>	<p>Fri., Mar. 12-Sun., Mar. 14 NCHA "C" Indoors Horse Show Sat., Mar. 13-Sun., Mar. 14 Golden Spike Train Show Sat., Mar. 13-Sun., Mar. 14 Coin & Stamp Show Talley Student Center Thurs., Mar. 4 Peace Lunch Forum in Blue Room on 4th Floor at 12-40-1:40 p.m. The topic will be "The Rebirth of Student Activism." Sodas and coffee will be provided. Raleigh Little Theatre Fri., Mar. 12-Sun., Mar. 14 Opqrs, Etc.</p> <p>Exhibitions</p>	<p>Bryan Center - Duke West Campus Fri.-Fri., Feb. 5-Mar. 5 Symbolic Images of Africa by Dr. Willie F. Hooker</p> <p>Historic Oak View County Park Sun.-Sun., Jan.-Mar. 14 "The Art of Agriculture" (Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10-4, Sun. 1-4)</p> <p>NCSU Gallery of Art and Design "Building on a Small Scale" at Foundations Gallery through March 7</p> <p>"Stephen Asshel: Ordinary/Extraordinary Figures" at Cannon Gallery through March 7.</p>
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catchy sticks-in-your-head
"Crashing Possibilities."
And Weaver?

"Sweetie," because it's my
song," he said with a grin.

All five band members are from
Charlotte, and four of them
attended high school together at
South Mecklenberg. McIntyre and
Fuersman joined Ananya and
guitarist Tommy Pope in 1996.

although several of the group's
members have been performing -
together and separately - for much
longer. Weaver, who other band
members call a "musical genius,"
recently became Firstman's
newest addition.

Although the group is currently
not signed to a major label, they
are touring throughout North
Carolina - South Carolina and
Virginia through spring 1999 to
promote their debut self-titled
release. Catch them in late March
at the Metropolis in Wilmington,
where they will be opening for
another North Carolina favorite,
Athenaeum.

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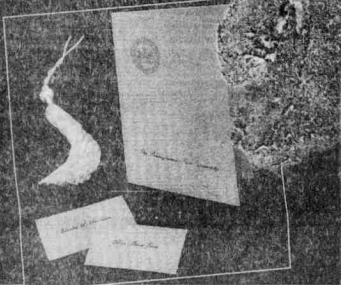
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Plimpton talks about her role in '200 Cigarettes'



(Top, left to right) Martha Plimpton stars as Monica, Brian McCordie stars as Eric and Catherine Kellner stars as Hillary in Paramount Pictures' latest release "200 Cigarettes." Plimpton has also starred in "The Goonies" and "Pecker."

DONALD WHITE
UNC-Charlotte

(U-WIRE) Charlotte, N.C. — You probably know her best from her roles in mainstream Hollywood films like "The Goonies" and "Parenthood." But some of Martha Plimpton's proudest accomplishments are films you've probably never seen.

Plimpton said she once pursued a career in popular, mass-appeal, big-budget Hollywood movies. But in a phone interview to promote her latest film, "200 Cigarettes" (which opened Friday, Feb. 26), Plimpton says that by the early 1990s, she began to find that pursuit "frustrating" and moved on to smaller independent films like the critically acclaimed "Eye of God." That was the film she was proudest of and one of the few she can actually stand to watch, she admitted. But unfortunately for Plimpton, "nobody saw it."

For an actress who grew disenchanted with major Hollywood studios, Plimpton even sounds somewhat cynical about the independent scene. "I think 'independent film' is an oxymoron right now and there's really almost no such thing anymore," Plimpton said. "Half the freaking movie theaters are owned by major studios."

These days, Plimpton seeks out acting projects, whether in film or onstage, that are high-quality and well-written, regardless of their potential popular appeal. "I'm not a snob who's shunning the [major] studio system," said Plimpton, attempting to dispel a commonly held belief about her.

Indeed, "200 Cigarettes" is the sort of film Plimpton might have made during her brief flirtation with mainstream acceptance a decade ago. The movie, co-starring Courtney Love ("The People vs. Larry Flynt"), Ben Affleck ("Good Will Hunting") and Christina Ricci ("The Opposite of Sex"), is a comedy set in the early 1980s.

In the movie, Plimpton's character, Monica, hosts a New Year's Eve party and becomes perturbed when it seems nobody will attend. "I end up getting frustrated, getting drunk and passing out," said Plimpton of her character's role.

Even though Monica is passed out throughout much of the movie and even misses her own New Year's Eve party, she is a pivotal character whose holiday shindig ultimately brings the talented ensemble cast together. But at its core, Plimpton said, the movie is "a bunch of people experiencing their own separate stories."

The characters in "200 Cigarettes" are part of the "me generation," according to Plimpton, "emblematic of the '80s...the characters are fixated on themselves." Monica herself is "sort of desperate. She's very self-absorbed, [and] dejected, because her party is being ignored."

Plimpton gave several reasons she was excited to work on a project like "200 Cigarettes." First, Plimpton was anxious to work in the comedy genre again. It was also a chance to work in New York, Plimpton's hometown. And, finally, Plimpton said she could not pass up the opportunity to work with "a lot of other actors who are doing some good work right now." (In addition to Love, Affleck and Ricci, the film co-stars up-and-coming talents like Dave Chappelle, Janeane Garofalo and Jay Mohr.)

Plimpton says that, as a child of the '80s, she could relate to the pop songs on the film's soundtrack. She was upset that she missed the day of shooting when singer Elvis Costello made his cameo appearance, and she "insisted" on being flown back to New York at the end of filming when Costello took pictures with the cast. "He was outrageously cool," Plimpton said.

In the future, Plimpton says, she would like to continue acting, both onstage and in films. Nick Nolte is the actor she would most like to work with, and she expressed a desire to star in a Western and a "hard-boiled, noisy crime thing."

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Technician's View

Students can lobby

◆Student can bypass Student Government and go straight to the legislature by lobbying for their voices to be heard.

Students have a voice. Some choose to use it, some choose to ignore it. N.C. State's student government is trying to provoke students to project their voices so that local government officials can hear their sentiments. Specifically, on issues like tuition increases.

NCSU's Student Government is to be commended for their efforts in motivating students to get more involved in the democratic process. However, what is more important is that students lobby the legislature if their views on such issues like tuition increases are not fairly represented by Student Government to the local legislature.

Such is the case with the Student Government's apparent reaction to the legislature's proposed tuition increase. The resolution supports a tuition increase of 4.1 percent, assuming that adequate financial aid is available. Their decision did not represent the student body's overall opinion. If the Student Government had polled the student body they would have found that under few circumstances would students want their fees to be increased.

Since the Student Government did

not pursue student opinions, students should not be complacent with Student Government's alleged representation of their voice and actively contend their sentiments via lobbying.

That's not to say that students should not support Student Government's recommendations on issues that reflect their points of view. Lobbying collectively is just as important in showing support for a vote as it is for demonstrating disapproval.

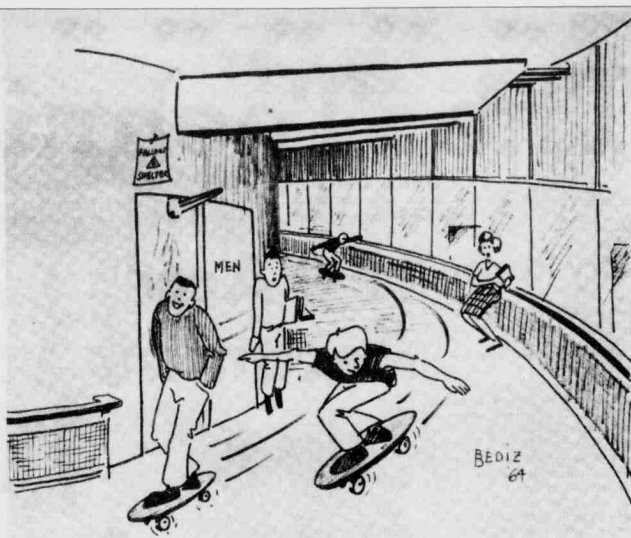
Students must keep in mind that the key is lobbying collectively. Lobbying is a game, and students are the underdogs. Because of the stereotype that students are out of touch and ill informed on political concerns, students need to lobby actively but cautiously. To effectively have their voice heard, students must go the extra mile to be proficient in the presentation of their opinions and ideas.

Above all else, students need numbers on their side. It doesn't work for one student to express to a senator "what students want." The argument needs to come from the student body as a whole. Numbers are intimidating and are more likely to be heard.

In order for students to get fair representation and challenge the apathetic stigma attached to them, they need to take a proactive attitude towards making a change and lobby for their voices to be heard.

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MATTHEW CALLOWAY
Staff Columnist

Education in itself is no more important than experience, for they are both excellent ways to explore new ideas and to learn. In a way, experience is simply an alternative form of formal education. Taken together, education and experience are powerful engines which drive the mind further into the frontiers of art, science and technology. Structured education is necessary before one can have the best use of experience, however. We need to learn the

foundations of how to read and write to express ourselves through communication, to use math and to conduct scientific inquiry first and foremost. A house cannot be constructed on the bare ground — first there must be a foundation capable of supporting the weight of the walls. Education is this foundation to experience. The greatest importance must be placed on education to prepare students for the time when they will use what they have learned. Educators must do their job well to instill the basics in today's students. After all, no one can expect to understand calculus without first comprehending the principles of algebra and geometry. Likewise, one could not solve algebraic functions without having previously learned basic operations like multiplication and division. Once the foundation is built, then we can turn to experience. Experience expands our knowledge beyond what education has taught us. It puts to use the accumulated skills in an environment of practicality. We learn through experience why we have been educated. Experience is most rewarding when we have been successfully educated. For instance, a chemical engineering student who does not know chemistry would

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CAMPUS FORUM

Don't have sex

Kudos to Matt Damick for his forum letter "No Sex is Safe Sex." Thank heaven that there are some people left who realize that responsibility for your actions is a natural law, not just a dried-up, old-fashioned idea.

Sex is a pleasure, which is rightfully enjoyed only in the bonds of marriage. But society has taught us that it's all right because hey, you can use condoms and birth control pills and if those don't work, there's always abortion. What a tragedy it is that someone who has been sexually irresponsible would destroy a life for the sake of convenience! Once you are pregnant, it is too late to consider whether or not you want to have a baby. If you don't want to be a mother, there are thousands of people, unable to bear children of their own, who would love to provide a loving home for your baby. If you have an abortion, the emotional scars will be with you for the rest of your life. You will always wonder, and you will always regret.

So in closing, I ask you, please take responsibility for your

actions. You are adults. If you don't want children, *Don't have sex!* And if you get pregnant, don't take one life for the sake of keeping your life simple. It just doesn't work that way.

Tommie Fitzgerald
Sophomore, Microbiology
Newspaper listens to student body

Bravo Technician! I was impressed and excited to see the article "Single entrance helps safety at DH Hill" in Monday's newspaper. A few weeks ago I had written to Technician asking one of the staff writers to write an article as to why the doors in the Erdahl-Cloyd Wing of D.H. Hill Library, facing Hillsborough Street, were closed and why everyone has to walk around the whole building, through the brickyard, to get on Hillsborough Street. Boy was I surprised to find out that Technician had actually written an article on it. It just goes to show that Technician really

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Education is better than Experience

JUSTIN SNOU
Staff Columnist

Leonardo DaVinci, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, Eli Whitney, Sam Colt. What did these men have in common?

Well, they were all great, no doubt about that. They were inventors, creative geniuses that drew upon the world around them for their inspirations. And with the exception of DaVinci's early painting instruction, none of them had much schooling. In fact, it was Twain (Samuel Clemens) that coined one my favorite quotes by saying, "Never let school get in the way of your education." That is to say, most of what you'll need to know in life is taught outside the classroom.

Ernest Hemmingway was one of the greatest authors of all time. His work is concise and expertly written to convey the exact images he wishes his readers to have.

Hemmingway's secret? He wrote about what he knew — what he had experienced firsthand, and it gave his work a level of competence unattainable from mere classroom study alone.

In "Green Hills of Africa", it is clearly evident from every minor detail (from the sights and smells of the hunting paths, to the internal thoughts and feelings of the main character) that Hemmingway had actually been to East Africa on safari. And I doubt very much that he could have written "The Old Man and the Sea" from reading a couple of articles out of "Field and Stream." The point I'm trying to make is that experience with a particular subject matter is the key for success in whatever you do, be it writing, forestry, fishing or engineering.

Education is great. I mean, that's why we're all here in school, right?

We feel that education will, in the long run, somehow improve the quality of our lives. Maybe it will help us get a job we'll like, or help us make money to buy nice things. But your education plays a smaller part in which you are as a person does than you might think.

Take a look at your resume. Don't have one? That's fine —

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Living in a world of government regulated spies

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Staff Columnist

Should the government force banks to become government spies? Should the government be allowed to monitor the activity of your bank account, stock portfolio and other personal finances without a court hearing? Should you be subject to criminal investigation every time you make a deposit or withdrawal from your financial accounts? If you harbor genuine respect for the individual liberties guaranteed by our Constitution, then your answers are clearly "No!" But sadly, your friendly federal government answers for you — with a loud "Yes!"

Perhaps you've heard of the recent FDIC "directive" known as the "Know Your Customer" regulation. This proposal by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation would require banks and other financial institutions to develop cus-

tomers' profiles, monitor their customers' accounts and report any "unusual transactions" to federal law enforcement agencies (like the FBI, DEA, and the ever-infamous IRS).

More specifically, the "Know Your Customer" proposal, as published in the Dec. 7, 1998, Federal Register requires that banks: 1) Determine their customers' sources of funds, 2) Determine their customers' "normal and expected" transactions, 3) Monitor customer transactions and identify transactions that are inconsistent with "normal and expected" transactions and 4) Report any "suspicious activity" to federal investigators.

Not only would this FDIC proposal (if enacted and enforced) turn every American with a bank account into a criminal suspect, but also the immediate results of this proposal will be economically devastating. Spying for the government simply

costs money, and banks would be forced to pay for that money. But where will this money come from? You guessed it — from your own pocket! Imagine being denied for a student loan or home loan simply because the banks need this money to pay for the government's unjust and costly directive.

As expected, our federal government is armed with a media-friendly excuse for the FDIC proposal, claiming that it is "merely" trying to "crack down" on money launderers and drug dealers. But the government's intentions are impertinent on this matter. The simple fact is that the Know Your Customer proposal, if enacted, would violate the 4th, 9th, and 10th Amendments. (My personal research also suggests a violation of the 3rd Amendment. But before I assert such a violation, I must first examine court precedents.

Consider the 4th Amendment:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause..." Is it just me, or is the meaning of this statement as clear as freshly rubbed baby oil on a tan, bikini model's chest? Clearly the 4th Amendment prohibits the government from monitoring personal records (including finances) without the issuance of a warrant. Hence, the "Know Your Customer" proposal is legally null and void.

If the U.S. government were to force banks to comply with this unconstitutional FDIC proposal, private banks would legally become a government bureaucracy. But the Constitution does not give the federal government the authority to assimilate private enterprise into

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does listen to the student body. Thanks!

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Mistaken identity

In Wednesday's review of the new CD by Rufus Wainwright, Christine Oldham refers to his song, "Beauty Mark" by saying

"...I speculate it's a song to a girlfriend or close friend..." From you would assume he would have a girlfriend but not say that it could be a song to a boyfriend.

This shows the point that most gay students on campus try to get people to understand; that you can never make assumptions about who we are. In fact, as the cover story in the Sept. 1, 1998 issue of gay news magazine, "The Advocate", Rufus Wainwright speaks openly about being gay and not fitting people's preconceptions of what a gay man is like. So, you see, the song "Beauty Mark" is obviously referring to a guy,

although without gender-specific nouns.

Wainwright is an excellent musician and music lovers of all sexual orientations should give his music a try. He is admired in the gay community for being proud of who he is and breaking stereotypes, as well as admired by the music community for his talent and musical abilities. Cheers to Oldham for rating his CD highly with four stars. I'm sure his boyfriend would agree.

Rob Ridings,

Senior, Fisheries & Wildlife Science

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probably not have a rewarding co-op experience. The student would have to spend too much time learning the chemistry she does not know. But a chemical engineering student well versed in chemistry will be able to gain valuable experience from a co-op. She will be able to see what chemical engineering is by putting her knowledge to practice.

We cannot learn everything from experience alone. That is usually called "learning the hard way." Some things must be taught to us before we are prepared for a career and for life. What good is a chemical engineer that does not know chemistry? How can a writer not know the works of Shakespeare? Who knows a minister who has never read the Bible?

Experience and education are both necessary in the course of learning, but they have their proper times. Neither of the two is more important than the other. But education is the precursor to experience, and experience furthers our education. So education must come before experience if our experience is meant to educate us.

Required reading for anyone who knows a kid.

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just think about what you'd put on one if you made one. OK. Now, how much of your resume is education? let's see, on mine I've got my GPA, where I'm going to school and when I hope to graduate. Three lines. Now, take a look at the experience and skills and honors section of your resume. Maybe you have information about summer jobs, or proficiency in MS Word (who doesn't have that on their resume?), or you're part of a club or society. This is the place where you show an employer what kind of person you are. This is where you show them if you can hack it or not; show them that you can triumph in the face of peril, journey deep into the heart of darkness, take a long cold hard stare into the depths at the edge of the abyss — and come back. Or maybe just show them that you can change oil at fifty Lube. I dunno.

Yeah, education is what a lot of employers look at first. Especially when trying to decide whether or not to hire a recent college graduate. But let's say you're not a graduate college grad. Let's say two 45-year-old guys are applying for the same job. Do you honestly think they're going to be asked what their college GPAs were? Hell no. You think they're going to be talking about their experience in the workforce? You got it.

So go on, and get your education. It's good for you. You'll always be glad you went to a fine university, and had a chance to experience the college life (even if you did get slapped with excessive parking fines). But keep in mind that the golden age of your life is right now; get out and enjoy it. Just remember — Henry David Thoreau went into the woods by Walden Pond to experience firsthand what it meant to be alive, to sack the marrow out of life.

He went into the woods. Not the library.

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government bureaucracy without amending the Constitution. Thus, by the 10th Amendment, the "Know Your Customer" proposal is legally impotent. In fact, even if the FDIC begged Congress to amend the Constitution (which requires a high-possible two-thirds congressional vote), the 9th and 5th Amendments would prevent Congress from granting the FDIC this tyrannical wish.

Any one of these three Amendments alone would be enough to legally negate the "Know Your Customer" proposal. Yet, we have three (and possibly four) Amendments at our disposal all at once! So the question that naturally follows is: "Considering the obvious Constitutional violations of the 'Know Your Customer' directive, why hasn't this unjust proposal been launched into the center of the sun?"

There are several reasons for this lack of congressional responsibility, and I have space to mention only a few. One reason is because of "power and money" — the government simply wants more of it, and at the expense of individual liberty. Another reason is because our congressmen are often ignorant of the Constitution; many congressmen don't understand the Constitution any better than Bill Clinton understands the meaning of "sexual relations." But perhaps the most loathsome reason that Congressmen are ignoring the Bill of Rights is that that challenging the FDIC, an executive bureaucracy, is somewhat like challenging the President himself. And challenging a well-liked President (such as the "honorable" Bill Clinton) can cost some major votes.

But there is good news. The Libertarian Party, in coalition with the ACLU, the Free Congress Foundation, Texas Congressman Ron Paul, the California Bankers Association and others, has launched a major campaign against the adoption of the "Know Your Customer" proposal. Specifically, the Libertarian Party has contacted thousands of concerned citizens in an effort to flood the FDIC with e-mails politely protesting the "Know Your Customer" proposal. And so far, the campaign has been a major success.

This past Friday, Steve Dasbach, the national director of the Libertarian Party, recently showed me a graph relating the number of e-

mailed letters sent to the FDIC from concerned citizens. As of Friday, this number exceeds 80,000, which sets a record, I believe.

Already, the FDIC has backed down on its original proposal in favor of a more "lenient version." But while this news is certainly encouraging, the battle for personal liberty is far from over. As with the case of the income tax, history has proven that "lenient" laws that sacrifice necessary liberty serve only as stepping stones for more government tyranny. This FDIC proposal must be entirely scrapped. And this is where you come in.

The fact that the FDIC is backing down only proves that our campaign is working. But we need more letters if we are going to completely trash the Know Your Customer proposal. You can help immensely by sending a polite e-mail to your senators and representatives expressing your concerns regarding the FDIC proposal. But you must do so before the March 8 deadline (this coming Monday!) Senator Jesse Helms can be reached at Jesse_Helms@helms.senate.gov and Robert Feldman (Executive Secretary of the FDIC) can be reached at comments@fdic.gov.

Like a good lover of liberty, I have sent e-mails to both the FDIC and Senator Jesse Helms. The FDIC did not respond, but Senator Helms expressed extreme determination to terminate the Know Your Customer proposal entirely. I was particularly impressed with the Senator's response because, though he is an adamant supporter of the assault on drug use, he did not let this blind him from the reality of government tyranny.

Said the Senator: "I share in your dismay with the proposed 'Know Your Customer' regulation proffered by the FDIC. Even well intentioned government regulations go awry when bureaucrats fail to acknowledge the privacy rights of law-abiding citizens. I strongly support efforts to bring drug dealers and money launderers to justice, but requiring banks to keep tabs on each and every one of its customers is absolutely unreasonable."

The tyranny of the "Know Your Customer" proposal confirms the immortal words of Thomas Jefferson: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Simply because our rights are preserved in print on a sheet of paper, it doesn't mean that our government will honor them. We must be alert and ready to fight! <I>Help stop the passage of the FDIC's assault on individual liberty. E-mail your senators, representatives and the FDIC today.</I>

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Haney. At FLU, she tied for first on floor exercise with a personal-best of 9.9, but that was not even close to being the highlight of the meet. Saturday evening, her performance on balance beam earned her a place in the N.C. State record books with the first perfect 10 in school history.

"When I landed, I felt like it was a good routine, and the way they were scoring, I thought the chances were pretty good that they would give me a 10," said Haney. "But, when I went back and watched the video tape, there were a couple of things I could definitely work on."

"I'm going to try to get them taken care of this weekend, so maybe I can get a 10 at home," she joked.

The NCSU gymnasts will need to keep the momentum from Rhode Island going into the Wolfpack Invitational. This will be a six-team meet that will feature the Pack, James Madison, Radford, William and Mary, Pennsylvania and the ninth-ranked Maryland Terrapins.

The big match-up for State will be with its East Atlantic Gymnastics League rival, Maryland. The Pack beat the Terps earlier in the season at Governor's Cup and would love to get another win over the current leader in the EAAGL.

"They're doing really good this year. It's going to be pretty tough," said senior Lauren Mazzurco. "If we do what we can do, then I think it shouldn't be a problem. But, it'll be real close."

The Wolfpack Invitational is scheduled to get underway Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in Reynolds and is free to all N.C. State students.

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every major offensive category including batting average (.432), home runs (four), and RBI (20). Fellow seniors Todd DeMikes and Matt Postell have also been solid. DeMikes is hitting .343 with 15 RBI and has been out-

standing at shortstop. Meanwhile, Postell has delivered from the cleanup spot with a .382 average and 11 RBI.

"The play we've gotten from Matt Postell and Todd DeMikes have made us a better team than we thought we'd be this early," commented Avent.

But, everything is not rosy for the Pack right now. Starting catcher Dan Mooney was injured on a play at the plate in the fourth

inning against Elon. He's been diagnosed with a twisted medial collateral ligament (MCL) and will likely be out for one to three weeks.

While NCSU has already played 12 games, this will be the first action that UMass has seen. This means that Coach Avent is not quite sure what the Minutemen will bring to the table this weekend.

"They've had a good club the

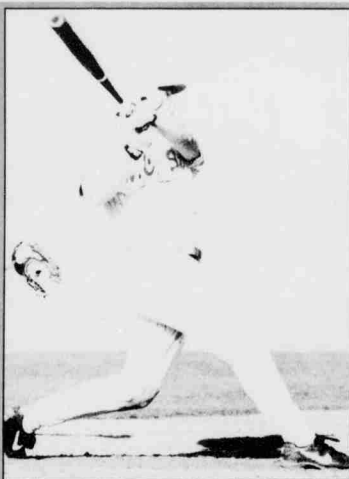
last few years. But, they're young this year, and they haven't been outside as much as we have, so you don't know what to expect," said Avent.

Game times for the weekend are 6:00 p.m. on Friday and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Pack will also host Ball State and Cleveland State over the break before traveling to Georgia Tech to open the ACC season.

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Brendan Rodgers and Chan Pons will represent N.C. State at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Heading to Nationals

◆ Chan Pons and Brendan Rodgers run at Nationals this weekend.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

By the skin of his teeth. Brendan Rodgers will be running at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, but not without a lot of effort and a little help.

To qualify for Nationals, Rodgers turned in a big performance with the heat on. Despite a provisional qualifying time in the mile earlier in the season, he needed to drop his time to be included in the field of 15. He responded by dropping almost two seconds from his mile time in the last meet before Nationals, running a 4:02.75 at the Alex Wilson Invitational held at Notre Dame this past weekend.

Despite the effort, Rodgers needed some help to get in. He had qualified with the 22nd best time, but ended up seeded 14th as other runners dropped out to concentrate on other events.

"It was kind of weird," Rodgers said. "Two years ago, I was 16th, but nobody dropped and I couldn't get in."

Rodgers' first priority at the NCAA's will be to run well in the slower qualifying trials and make the finals. But, after qualifying a week ago, Rodgers is running his best and hopes to improve from last week.

"I'm in better shape than I was a week ago, and I'm going to try to run faster," Rodgers said.

Rodgers' trip to Nationals in Indoor follows a great cross-country season in the fall, where he won the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship and finished 30th at nationals.

Also running at Nationals will be Chan Pons, who sat out last week's meet with the flu, but is fully recovered, and ready to run.

Pons has returned with a passion, having sat out a year since last competing for the Pack. Pons posted qualifying times in both the 3000 and 5000 meters, and will be running the 3000 meters.

"It's been tough, watching my teammates suit it up for an entire year," Pons said of redshirting. "Especially during cross country."

Pons took the pressure off himself by qualifying early in the 3000 meters, running an ACC season-best 8:01.49 at the Butler Cannon IV Classic.

But despite his quick time, Pons enters the race seeded 15th, in a year where the 3000 meters is loaded and the competition to get in was fierce.

"It'll take the pressure off," Pons said. "I can just go out there and lay it all out, run as fast as I can."

Pons led the Pack at the ACC Indoor championships, winning the 5000 meters and finishing second in the 3000 meters.

The Championships will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, with the qualifying trials beginning Friday afternoon.

Player of the Year

◆ N.C. State junior center Summer Erb is named the ACC's Player of the Year.

Sports Staff Report

At 6-foot-6-inches tall, N.C. State center Summer Erb has never had trouble attracting attention. Erb did that and more this season, and was honored Wednesday as the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year.

"I'm very excited to be named Player of the Year," Erb said. "It's an honor to be selected first team All-ACC, but to be considered one of the best in the league, it's a good feeling."

Erb had a superb season for the Wolfpack, who are hoping for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"My teammates had a lot to do with me receiving this award," Erb went on to say. "They did a good job of getting me the ball and supporting me throughout the season. I worked hard in the off season to improve my strength and it's nice to see it pay off."

The Ohio native led the conference in scoring and rebounding and finished third in field goal percentage. Erb, who transferred from Purdue University after her freshman year, represented the best scoring threat in the conference. She was instrumental in the Wolfpack's run to the Final Four last year and kept that momentum going all season long against stiff competition

in the conference.

"I'm really happy for Summer because she worked hard over the summer and in preseason workouts," State Head Coach Kay Yow said. "From day one, you could tell Summer had so much more confidence and was mentally and physically ready for us this year. She has improved each week and has become a consistent player for us."

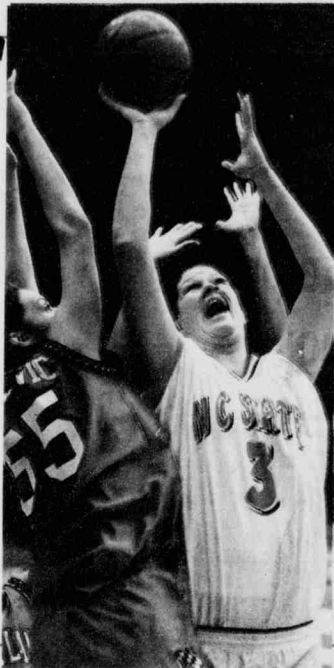
Only one other N.C. State player has been so honored by the conference. In 1990, Andrea Stinson was named the Player of the Year. Last season, Kodak All-American Chastity Melvin fell just a few votes shy of winning the honor, losing out to UNC-Chapel Hill's Tracy Reid.

"To come into a league like the ACC and not only hold her own in her first season as a starter but rise above is outstanding," Yow went on to say. "Her stats speak for themselves but she is also a great team player."

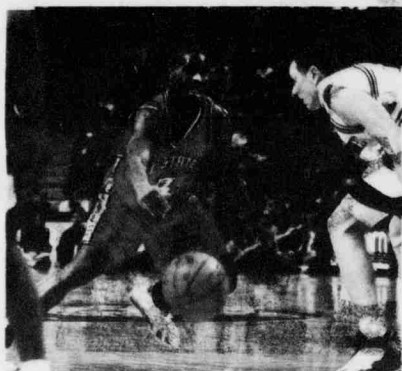
Erb had to beat out some tough competition for the award.

Fellow centers Michelle VanGorp, who helped lead Duke to a 15-1 regular season record and Virginia's DeMya Walker, who also made first team All-ACC last season, finished behind Erb in the voting for Player of the Year. VanGorp and Walker both beat out Erb in the voting for All-ACC, but barely.

The three were separated by only two votes for the all-conference team.



In her first year as a full-time starter, Summer Erb earned Player of the Year honors in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Erb led the ACC in scoring and rebounding, guiding the Wolfpack to a 9-7 conference record and two wins over UNC-Chapel Hill.



Damon Thornton led the Wolfpack in scoring in Sunday's defeat. N.C. State has a chance to redeem that loss Friday at noon.

Rematch time

◆ Men's basketball faces Wake Forest in the opening round of the ACC Tournament in Charlotte, hoping to revenge last Sunday's loss.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

In the aftermath of a 29-point loss to Wake Forest, the N.C. State men's basketball team has to turn around and face the Demon Deacons again. On Friday, the fifth-seeded Wolfpack will face Wake in the opening round of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament in Charlotte; game time is at noon.

"I think we have the most difficult job of any coaching staff in the country having to come back and play the same team," Wake Head Coach Dave Odom said. "We expect the same type of game that we did not get Sunday."

State will be seeking to avenge the loss in Winston-Salem, one of the most uninspired performances of the season for the Pack. The loss left State reeling and puts the Deacons (16-12, 7-9 ACC) in a good position to receive a NCAA bid as the fourth place team in the conference. The Wolfpack (17-12, 6-10), on the other hand, has likely played itself out of consideration barring a run in the tournament.

"We were soundly defeated," Pack Head Coach Herb Sendek said in Tuesday's teleconference, referring to Sunday's game. "Make no excuses. Wake handled beat us." Still there is a lot on the line for both squads this Friday. Wake has certainly not secured an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, and State will be seeking to revenge the embar-

assing loss and put itself in a better position for post season play.

"It will not be the same North Carolina State team we saw on Sunday," Odom went on to say. "I think we all know that."

The Pack will have to come out ready to play Friday and will have to improve in several areas. State was out-rebounded for only the third time all season and had trouble scoring against Wake's match-up zone defense. Sophomore Damon Thornton led the Pack in the scoring column with ten points.

"Wake Forest deserves credit," Sendek said. "But also we played poorly. That combination led to a long afternoon."

The tournament will start Thursday at 7 p.m., when seventh-seeded Clemson takes on eighth-seeded Florida State for the rights to battle second-seeded Maryland on Friday. Top seeded and No. 1-ranked Duke will face last place Virginia at 9 p.m. Duke has beaten UVA by 46 points on two occasions this year and is the odds-on favorite to win the tournament after going undefeated in the regular season in conference play.

On Friday, the Wake/State game will get things moving at noon, followed by the Maryland versus the Clemson/FSU winner at 2 p.m. At 7 p.m., third place UNC-Chapel Hill will face sixth place Georgia Tech. The semifinals will be played Saturday at 1:30 and 4:00 p.m., respectively and the Championship game will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The selection for the NCAA Tournament will be on Sunday night after the completion of all conference tournaments. The winner of the ACC Tournament will receive an automatic bid.

A perfect 10

◆ N.C. State gymnastics is flying high as it heads into the Wolfpack Invitational.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

After experiencing the grind of the road for the last two weeks, the N.C. State gymnastics team will make its return to Reynolds Coliseum on Saturday night in the Wolfpack Invitational.

On its road trip, the Wolfpack made stops in Pittsburgh, West Virginia, and Rhode Island. The team is certainly ready to spend a weekend at home for once.

"Traveling gets old. It gets tiring," said junior Maggie Haney. "We're at home for two weeks in a row. We have spring break, so we can catch up on our homework and sleep in."

The Pack (14-4) ended their odyssey in successful fashion last weekend in Rhode Island beating out the host Rams, Massachusetts and Vermont for first place. The team's score of 194.225 was its best away from home so far this season and helped improve its national ranking to No. 24.

State was obviously pleased with the results, but the general consensus among the gymnasts and coaching staff is that things had gone a little differently, it could have been higher.

"We were pleased with the meet and pleased with the win. The score definitely helped us. That's our second 194 of the year," said Head Coach Mark Stevenson. "It could have been a 195, though, if we'd hit bars or if we'd been judged correctly on vaulting."

At the moment, State's hottest gymnast has to be

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Saturday night the No. 14-ranked N.C. State gymnastics team will host the Wolfpack invitational.



◆ The Wolfpack baseball team begins a marathon stretch this weekend with a three-game series versus Massachusetts.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

While the rest of the student body is enjoying spring break at the beach, the N.C. State baseball team will be kicking its season into full gear.

The Wolfpack begins a lengthy stretch of games this weekend with a three-game series against Massachusetts. Starting Friday, the Pack nine will play 14 games

in the next 17 days, a run that will carry the team into the Atlantic Coast Conference season.

At the moment, the Pack is on fire. Tuesday's 11-4 win over Elon College ran the team's winning streak to eight games. State is currently 11-1, marking the school's best start since 1993. That has enabled NCSU to climb to No. 25 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and No. 22 in the Collegiate Baseball Rankings.

"This year our pitching is doing a lot better than last year and is keeping us in games. And, the offense is obviously doing its job producing runs at all different times of the game," explained senior second baseman Brian

A long road ahead

Senior captain Brian Ward (left) has been a hot bat in N.C. State's lineup. State will host six games in a row at Doak Field starting Friday.

Ward. After getting no-hits by East Carolina on Valentine's Day, State has turned into an offensive juggernaut. The Pack is averaging 13.5 runs per game since that loss. This has been a pleasant surprise to State Head Coach Elliot Avent. "Without question, we're ahead of where I thought we'd be," said Avent. "But, does that mean we're going to be good? No, it depends on how much further we go. If we get a lot better, I like our chances. If we get a little bit better, we're not good enough to play in the ACC."

Ward continues to be the pacesetter. He leads the team in almost

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