

## Tough Weekend

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## Election contention continues

◆ Raj Mirchandani and Michael Juby are two of the candidates running for student body president.

MICHAEL T. ROBELE  
Senior Staff Writer

Today the Technician profiles the remaining candidates for student body president.

In order to better inform the student body about the candidates and their platforms, Technician has asked each candidate for responses to a number of pertinent questions.

Today's profiles feature the remaining candidates: Philip Michael Juby, Jr. and Raj Mirchandani.

Kristopher Larson, who was formerly in the race, has dropped out due to a "family

emergency," according to his co-campaign manager, Erica Lezan.

The general elections will be held on April 5 and 6. In the event of a run-off, that election will be held the following week, April 12 and 13. More information about the elections and the candidates can be found on the Student Government web site at [www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud\\_govt/homepage.html](http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_govt/homepage.html)

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### Raj Mirchandani



Name: Raj Mirchandani  
Age: 20  
Classification and number of years at NCSU: Sophomore, 1 1/2 years  
Major(s): Political Science  
Platform/Issues: Mirchandani said he believes that many students here at NCSU came for strong academic programs.

"We have some of the best colleges in the nation," he said, "but what students will remember most about their college years are the social aspects, and I believe we can work to make the social atmosphere here at State much stronger."

The way that Mirchandani has structured his platform will allow him to address many different aspects of the campus.

"I am going to lobby the N.C. Legislature," Mirchandani said, "to fight unjustified tuition increases."

Mirchandani points out that NCSU's proximity to the N.C. Legislature should persuade students to go and voice their opinions there. "There is absolutely no reason," he said, "for us as students not to be there as often as we can to voice our opinions and concerns."

In addition, Mirchandani feels that student safety is also a very big concern. One of his ideas is to implement a "point-to-point" busing system, which will assure students a safe means of transportation, especially during evening hours.

"Another issue that I am greatly in favor of," Mirchandani said, "is revitalizing Hillsborough Street." His plans for doing so would call upon merchants to keep their stores open longer, bringing in more student-friendly business.

Finally, Mirchandani wants to implement a system that he calls the "3 I's": Student Interest, Input and Involvement. "This will require me as student body president to go to the student first and see what they want and never try to assume what they want," he said. "This will also get students and Student Government to come together and have a more active partnership."

Why do you want to be Student Body President? "I cannot even begin

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### Michael Juby, Jr.



Name: Philip Michael Juby, Jr.  
Age: 20  
Classification and number of years at NCSU: Senior, 3 years  
Major(s): Economics

Platform/Issues: Juby wants to ensure that the tradition of student participation in Reynolds Coliseum is preserved in the new Entertainment and Sports Arena. He also wants to provide a strong voice for ticket placement, bussing and other issues.

"I want to help begin a new tradition with a campus-wide Homecoming celebration with emphasis on student and alumni interaction and cooperation," Juby said.

He also wants to provide the safest campus possible for students and faculty. In addition, he wants to continue to enhance efforts of campus beautification and revitalization of Hillsborough Street.

Finally, Juby wants to set up lobbying efforts in the General Assembly regarding tuition and fees by involving alumni and other community and state leaders.

Why do you want to be Student Body President? "Next year will be one of the most important years ever at NCSU," Juby said. "With the Entertainment and Sports Arena opening, the continued development of Centennial Campus and with other major initiatives in place, State is ready to take the step into the new millennium with confidence. Next year is also important symbolically, as it is essential to set a course for the university for the next century that will strengthen NCSU's status and prestige both within the area and around the world. In these times of excitement and growing, focused, visionary student leadership will be of the utmost importance. I am confident that, together, we can build a foundation of innovation and success that will enrich the college experience at NCSU."

Activities/Honors: Student Government Chief of Operations; Chairman of Student Fee Increase Review Committee; Inter-Fraternity Council Vice President of Standards; IFC Representative; Vice President-Sigma Chi; Member-at-Large-Sigma Chi Executive Committee; Park Scholar; Co-Chair of Park Scholar Symposium Committee.



Tracy Ogin, a student senator, reviews her notes while debating at last Wednesday's meeting.

## Senator faces impeachment

◆ Excess absenteeism and senate procedures was the focus of last week's meeting.

ZACK MAZER AND NATALIE DUGGINS  
Staff Writers

The N.C. State Student Senate seemed more concerned with policing itself at last Wednesday's meeting, the second to last this year, in which bills on the number of allowable absences, a mandatory review of operating procedures and the impeachment of a freshman senator dominated discussion.

Senator David Wooten, the chairman of the Government Operations Committee, introduced Senator Greg Doucette's controversial Government Bill 17. If implemented, GB 17 would allow senators five total absences before a mandatory impeachment, instead of the three unnecessary absences currently required for impeachment. The bill also makes it easier to appoint an alternate.

The goal of the legislation, which was voted down by a vote of 13 for, 23 against and one abstaining, was to "take away the [subjectivity] problems with considering absence excuses," according to Wooten.

The senate then moved on to consider the impeachment of freshman Senator Mike Trivette, who, until last minute absence justifications, had amassed 12 1/2 absences. Introduced by Senate Secretary Mike Borwick, Resolution 15 sought to impeach the senator for his excessive absenteeism.

The resolution passed by a vote of 23 to five with nine abstentions, leaving Trivette as the second senator to face removal from office this term.

Trivette, who serves as the Student Senate web master, spoke on his behalf, arguing that one did not necessarily need to be at meetings to effectively serve his constituents.

"How do you define what a good senator is? You have to decide whether or not absences are enough of a reason to remove me from office... and ruin my Student Government career," Trivette said, defending himself against possible expulsion. "I feel that the Student Senate is a wonderful organization, and I've tried as much as possible to serve it."

If removed, Trivette would not be allowed to hold office or have any involvement with Student Government for one year.

"We basically have to decide whether Senator Trivette represents his constituents well enough, which I do not think is possible with that number of absences," said Senator Ryan Avent.

Other senators, though, focused on the necessity of setting a precedent.

"We need to make a statement against absences," said Senator Gary Paylin.

"It's about accountability... it's important that we stick to our rules. If we let it go now, we let it go forever," Senator Karl Smith, who is also a member of the Government Operations Committee, said.

Those in support of Trivette, including Doucette, argued that a student senator's primary job is to be a student and that it would be unfair to penalize Trivette for what they thought were primarily academic concerns.

Though the senate did consider a censure move and removing him from his web master position, both of those ideas met with limited success. However, after carefully marking each vote as it was called out and thinking he had no chance, Trivette interrupted to enter his resignation before the vote was announced.

When it was proposed that Senate President Alexis Mei could not accept a resignation during a vote, and Trivette realized that the Senate did not have the three-fourths majority for his removal, the senator hastily withdrew his offer for resignation.

Also considered Wednesday was GB 19, a bill to require the senate to review and rewrite its own rules at the beginning of each session. The bill, though, met with much debate from senators who claimed the process would be too time-consuming and pointed out that systems are in place to deal with changes.

The bill, though, passed with 19 in favor, seven against and five abstaining.

In other business Wednesday, the senate briefly considered their budget for next year's session and a resolution to add a list of questions to the ballot for student offices, so that students could voice their opinions while voting. However, both were sent back to committee for further development.

## U.S. Senator John Edwards to address 1999 graduates

◆ A committee has selected the NCSU graduate to speak at the May 15 exercises.

CARRA FROEDGE  
Senior Staff Writer

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, along with a committee of advisors, has invited Senator Jonathan Edwards to speak at the May 15 commencement exercises, said Clara Kristofco, senior assistant to the chancellor.

While it is obvious why Senator Edwards was a candidate for the position, Kristofco did not know whom the committee selected as the other candidates.

"There are still a number of outstanding invitations," she said. However, she did say that she would have to ask the chancellor who those people were, but has not yet had the opportunity to do so.

Edwards, who is an N.C. State graduate, is looking forward to speaking, said Mike Briggs, one of the senator's employees.

"I am sure he is excited about returning to his alma mater," Briggs added.

However, Senator Edwards has

not yet chosen a topic for his speech.

"We just haven't gotten that far down the road yet. We have several other things to write first," Briggs said.

While the senator makes speeches frequently, he has never spoken at a commencement exercise, added Briggs.

"I think it was such a great idea to invite him," said Meredith Nasekos, a sophomore in civil engineering. "I think someone with such a strong background in NCSU and North Carolina, for that matter, would make the perfect person to speak to the graduates."

Senator Edwards worked his way through North Carolina State University and graduated with honors in 1974, after only three years in school. He earned a B.S. degree in textile technology.

Then, in 1977, he earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, also with honors.

"I would rather it be Jesse Helms," said Anthony Deloretto, a junior in textile management. "He has been in the senate longer and I would like to hear him speak

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## Rollin' on the river



Professor Carroll's canoeing class of the Physical Education department spent Friday on the Neuse River for their six-mile trip requirement.

## Ballonists ride winds of history

◆ Two men became the first ever to circle the globe without stopping.

JOHN DANISZEWSKI  
Los Angeles Times

CAIRO, Egypt — Balloonists Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones in their shimmering silver Breitling Orbiter 3 descended safely Sunday in a remote Egyptian oasis, completing the dream of becoming the first balloonists ever to circle the globe and the longest nonstop flight ever without refueling.

Their 9-ton, helium-and-hot-air craft, nearly as tall as a 20-story building, achieved the goal of circumnavigation that had eluded balloonists in at least 17 attempts since 1981.

The landing after nearly 20 days aloft was

in the Dakhla Oasis, 350 miles southwest of Cairo, shortly after 1 a.m. EST. Flight controllers said, Touchdown was north of Mt. the capital of the oasis that was once an outpost of ancient Rome.

They were an unlikely pair. Piccard, a 41-year-old Swiss psychiatrist with a penchant for hypnosis, is the son and grandson of aeronautical and nautical pioneers, and aimed to add his own world record to his family's impressive list of accomplishments.

Jones, 51, a British grandfather of three and a balloon-flying instructor, is a man described by his wife as "not an adventurer." He joined the expedition only at the last minute in December, when a spot opened up for him.

The powerful jet stream sped the Orbiter

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## Window Access Dates for Fall 1999

### Classification Opening Dates

Graduate Students  
DR,DV,GR,MR,PR,05 March 17

Seniors  
121+ Hours Passed March 19  
111-120 Hours Passed March 20  
101-110 Hours Passed March 22  
92-100 Hours Passed March 23

UN,02 (AGI) March 23

Juniors  
84-91 Hours Passed March 24  
77-83 Hours Passed March 25  
70-76 Hours Passed March 26  
64-69 Hours Passed March 27  
60-63 Hours Passed March 29

AGI (01) March 29

Sophomores  
53-59 Hours Passed April 5  
48-52 Hours Passed April 6  
43-47 Hours Passed April 7  
38-42 Hours Passed April 8  
30-37 Hours Passed April 9

Freshman  
20-29 Hours Passed April 13  
16-19 Hours Passed April 14  
13-15 Hours Passed April 15  
1-12 Hours Passed April 16  
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## Ballon

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across North Africa at 125 mph at an altitude of 36,100 feet. The balloonists began their descent after crossing the Egyptian border from Libyan airspace.

The race to circle the globe intensified two years ago, when U.S. brewer Anheuser-Busch offered a \$1-million prize for the first team of balloonists to circle the Earth by the end of the 20th century.

Having transcended political barriers, zigzagged around storms and found a providential breeze through a Central American calm, the Orbiter clinched the around-the-world record at 4:54 a.m. EST Saturday, when it crossed the "finish line" of 9 degrees 27 minutes west longitude over Mauritania.

By then the pilots had flown 19 days, 1 hour and 49 minutes, and had covered more than 26,000 miles, each taking six-hour shifts at the controls.

## Raj

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to tell you how much I love this university," Mirchandani said, adding that it's about time someone stood up for the students of NCSU.

"We have a great administrative staff here at NCSU," he said, "but recently they have begun to take things away from the students."

Mirchandani cites the removal of Lawn Party, as well the crack-down at Brent Road as two instances in which traditions have been derailed. He wants to fight to regain these privileges and keep the traditions alive.

Mirchandani also wants to keep the interest of the students at the forefront by making sure that their needs are met, "whether it be dealing with tuition or cold water in Avent Ferry."

**Activities/Honors:** Student Senator; Executive Assistant to the President of the North Carolina Association of Student Governments; Inter-Residence Council; Political Science Club; Supporter and Initiator of Diversity Student Circles.

"I am with the angels and just completely happy," Piccard exulted.

"Just a fabulous way to finish," Jones added.

Asked if they had had any chance for celebration inside their cramped, pressurized capsule, Jones said: "I think what I am going to do is phone back the control room in a minute and tell my wife I love her, and then have a cup of tea like any good Englishman."

Piccard burst into tears Friday, when it became clear from meteorological reports that they would be able to complete the circuit of the Earth.

"We can hardly believe our dream has finally come true. We almost got lost in the global problems and then the slow winds of the Pacific and the bad heading over the Gulf of Mexico," the two pilots said in a message to their control room. "But each time, with God's help and the great teamwork, the balloon got back on course for success. We are the privileged two of a wonderful and efficient team that we would like to thank with all of our hearts."

## Edwards

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instead."

On the other hand, communications student Patrick Goeke said, "I think Senator Edwards is a very sincere and caring person who would do a great job. I know him personally, and I think he would be a good and effective influence in giving the graduating seniors advice."

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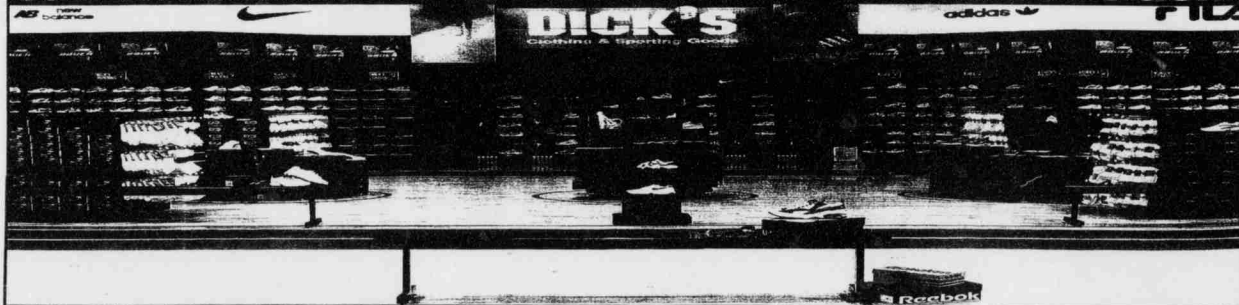
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# Keeping the faith

♦ Avenues for students to pursue religion on campus.

CARRIE LUBUS  
Staff Writer

Whether we have no affiliation with it or a deep devotion to it, the issue is always present. It goes beyond what classes one might take or which fraternity to join. Some may not give it a thought; others live for it every day — and religion is present everywhere from T-shirts to bible study meetings.

When students become a part of the university scene, often times the religious faith they grew up with gets lost in the shuffle. Between pulling an all-nighter for the biochemistry exam and those Friday night hall crawls, college life can be overwhelming for students, to say the least. This stress

Fellowship.

NCSU has taken steps over the past few years to reach out to such students who recognize a lack of faith and seek a more rewarding religious experience on campus. Poindexter concedes that "many people won't pursue a Christian group when they come to college." Yet for the increasing minority who do, there are many organizations specifically founded for spiritual fulfillment in the college environment.

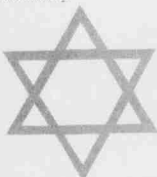
The Chaplains' Cooperative Ministry, located in the Talley Student Center, provides an outlet for encouragement and support of faith on campus. The Ministry is composed of 23 Christian organizations. Among them are Campus Crusade for Christ, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, REACH Campus Ministry and NC State Hillel, which is the foundation for Jewish student life.

These groups were created "for the direct purpose of helping students by providing a spiritual avenue for them," commented Poindexter.

The two largest Christian organizations are InterVarsity and Campus Crusade for Christ. InterVarsity is an inter-denominational campus ministry that welcomes all students. It is composed of small groups for Bible study and personal growth as well as a large group. The large group, which consists of roughly 125 active members, meets each Thursday for a time of worship and prayer and listens to speakers on topics concerning college students. Graduate student Cindy Dorsy, currently involved in InterVarsity, said it helped her to find herself in such a large university. As a freshman, she was unsure about joining a Christian group until she discovered "IV."

Campus Crusade for Christ is also

an interdenominational organization dedicated to delivering the message of Jesus Christ to the campus community.



In alliance with Meredith, Peace and Wake Tech Community College, Crusade is composed of 60 bible study groups, focus groups and "prime time," a weekly campus-wide meeting of 350-400 students.

"It is a very evangelistic group — the name says it all," commented Tim Horton, a freshman in industrial engineering and active member. "Campus Crusade is very focused on reaching the campus and exposing as many students to Jesus Christ as possible."

Emily Landers, a junior in pre-med and agriculture, has been exposed to both groups. She claims that they have helped her to grow more in her Christian faith and allowed her to find influential role models. "Now I am able to have my own beliefs, not just my parents' beliefs," she affirmed.

Students sometimes have the misconception that these groups compete with each other. They both meet on Thursday nights for the purpose of "encouraging students to find which group they are most comfortable with and become leaders," said campus staff member Tyler Jones. The Cooperative Ministry does not discriminate between any of its organizations and encourages students to join

which group fits their needs the best.

Although they both have similar goals, "Campus Crusade has more focus on outreach and InterVarsity is more student led," commented Matt Tringali, a junior in mechanical engineering.

The Campus Ministry also has a focus group which unites all its organizations on campus three times per semester so members of each group can get to know members of other religiously affiliated groups. Together, the constituents of the Chaplains' Cooperative Ministry try to find students who are "losing faith" and uncertain about their path in life. Once this task is accomplished, the goal is to present a new perspective of faith to these students and try to offer spiritual answers. Chaplains are on duty at the center each day ready to talk to students or just listen to spiritual and personal problems.

NCSU certainly does not limit its religious outreach to just



Christianity. The Muslim Student Association is an organization open to all students and focuses on spreading the message of Islam. Muhammad Aly Balagamwala, a junior in textile chemistry, said that its mission is "to provide more awareness of the religion and clear away any misconceptions por-

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Monday, March 22, 1999

12:00 pm, Opening Ceremonies, Brickyard  
3:00-4:00 pm, Keynote Address, Stewart Theatre, Talley Student Center  
5:00 pm, Reception for Andrew Sullivan, AACC Rm 126, Witherspoon Student Center  
7:00 pm, Study Circle on Diversity, Rm 3118, Talley Student Center  
7:30-9:00 pm, Andrew Sullivan, Reading and Book Signing, Quail Ridge Books, 3533 Wade Ave.

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

11:30 am-1:00 pm, Oye Book Club, Rm 3120, Talley Student Center  
12:40-1:40 pm, "Assurin Democratic Elections in El Salvador" Green Room, Talley Student Center  
4:00-5:00 pm, "Multinational Corporations and the Sustainance of Dictatorships: A Nigerian Case Study," AACC Rm 356A, Witherspoon Student Center  
6:00-7:30 pm, "Environmental Injustices as a Human Rights Abuse" AACC Rm 126, Witherspoon Student Center



can diminish any religious convictions that fall short of intense. Those who were persuaded or forced by their parents to attend church during the early years often lose that incentive upon entering college by finding distractions that inhibit the growth of religious faith. The majority of students "do not necessarily lose their religion, but they do put it on hold while in college," said Jim Poindexter, a campus minister of Campus Christian

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THU.	2/18/99	Washington Capitals	7:00 PM
SUN.	2/21/99	New York Islanders	5:00 PM
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MON.	3/8/99	Buffalo Sabres	7:00 PM
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SUN.	3/28/99	Tampa Bay Lightning	1:30 PM
TUE.	4/6/99	New Jersey Devils	7:00 PM
WED.	4/14/99	Washington Capitals	7:00 PM
SAT.	4/17/99	Ottawa Senators	7:00 PM

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trayed by the media." The organization is open to any student and will soon be sponsoring an Islamic awareness week together with the African American Cultural Center.

Maitri is the newly founded Indian Student Organization. Meaning "friendship" in Hindi, Maitri explores the Hindi faith as well as the culture of India. This two-year-old organization takes

part in various celebrations, Deshi mixers, and shares the word of Hinduism.

With such a wide variety of religious groups it seems that almost everyone on campus should be able to find one that fits their lifestyle. Yet, it is obvious that not all students can be reached or necessarily want to.

Some students become overwhelmed by the intricacies of the issue and therefore practice faith in their own way. "I find that personal time and meditation is much better for me than organized events," commented Jason Smith, a senior

in electrical and computer engineering who feels that organized religion is too strict and does not let people truly express the way they feel about their God.

In some cases, students are quite resolved in their beliefs, yet know little about other religions. Computer science junior Aaron Dixon feels that college is a time to make a decision about what your faith truly is. "Anyone who takes a serious stand on a religious belief should be knowledgeable of what's out there before making a decision."

## Goodbye CDs, hello new technologies

◆ Competing formats to present strong threat to Compact Disc

KEVIN HUNT  
The Hartford Courant

The CD will flip out when it hears about two new discs that want to become the king of all recorded digital media. It's going to be a regular disc-o-rama by the end of the year, with scheduled introductions of the two competing formats. After three years of haggling, manufacturers represented by the DVD Forum last month approved specifications for DVD-Audio. Copyright protection issues should be resolved by summer, which could mean DVD-Audio players on store shelves by Christmas. Based on storage capacity, flexibility and sound quality, the CD doesn't stand a chance. Nothing approaching DVD-Audio has ever been offered in consumer form. (For a full rundown of the new format's capabilities, visit [www.dvdforum.com](http://www.dvdforum.com).)

DVD-Audio's centerpiece is its 24-bit, 96kHz audio circuitry, which promises more lifelike musical reproduction — up to six channels — than today's 16-bit, 44.1kHz two-channel CD.

Owners of DVD-Video players equipped with a two-channel variation of the so-called 24/96 circuitry have been able to sample the new sound on a limited number of 24/96 DVD discs on the market. Unfortunately, those video players will not play the upcoming DVD-Audio discs unless record companies release albums with a special second track retrofitted for the older players. The industry will play it low-key with DVD-Audio. The first players will be expensive, and there won't be much software immediately.

Manufacturers want people to keep buying those new bread-and-butter CD players just introduced

for '99. They're more interested in fortifying the DVD lineup, which now reads:

DVD-Video, DVD-ROM, DVD-RAM, DVD-R and, soon, DVD-Audio. They also don't want to get beaten into the marketplace by the other new audio disc on the block, the Super Audio CD, or SACD, from DVD dissenters Sony and Philips. The first SACD players will appear in Japan, then by the end of the year in the United States. The SACD is a worthy competitor to DVD-Audio in purely musical terms, but it is overshadowed by DVD's versatility — eventually, you might listen to, say, a "Star Wars" DVD-Audio disc with the complete John Williams score in high-resolution audio, then pop it into a PC with a DVD-ROM drive for more data and links to the Internet or drop it into a DVD-Video player and watch video clips or interviews with the stars.

Despite their physical similarities — both resemble a standard CD — SACD and DVD are not compatible. Some hardware manufacturers might try to sidetrack a format war by issuing players that play both formats and perhaps even DVD-Video discs. Either way, DVD-Audio or SACD, there's going to be some mighty fine 21st-century listening.

What does May's "Star Wars" prequel have to do with the future of home theater?

Dolby Laboratories and Lucasfilm THX will introduce a digital audio technology for movie theaters with "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace." The new Dolby Digital-Surround EX adds a center-channel signal in the rear, which should make special effects even more dramatic.

The current Dolby Digital features six separate channels: three front, two rear and one low-frequency, or subwoofer, channel. The rear center channel in the

Digital-Surround EX is not a separate audio signal but is derived from the two rear channels, much as Dolby Pro Logic derives a center "dialogue" channel from the two front channels in a home theater.

But don't set aside a space on your back wall for another speaker quite yet. Given the relative newness of Dolby Digital, Dolby EX for the home is way off in the distant future.

Reading about the intricacies of digital television goes down like a bell of castor oil. It's almost impossible to find a package of information both coherent and comprehensive about the new technology that will affect every television viewer/owner in the next several years.

It's time to summon the Dummies for one of those plain-language presentations wrapped in the familiar yellow cover. Sure enough, "DTV for Dummies," from the Dummies Press division of IDG Books Worldwide, might be the best resource available to consumers interested in digital television. Actually, the book was written by digital TV manufacturer Philips Electronics — obviously, Philips didn't read "Publishing for Dummies" — but propaganda seems to be at a minimum. There's only one reference, for example, to "the nice people who make consumer electronics." "Dummies" covers a brief history of digital TV, details of the government's plan to convert the country from analog to digital, how digital TV works and whether to buy a set-top converter to use with your existing set or buy a new digital set by the time stations are scheduled to turn off their analog signals in 2006. You'll even learn the difference between NTSC and ATSC (it's an analog, digital thing).

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## Tennis

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good warm-up, and felt really confident," said Gildemeister. "Furman's Dunnigan wasn't playing too well, but that could have just been me."

At the no. 4 spot Francie Barragan staged an impressive second set come back, capturing the last six games to take the match in two sets, 6-4, 7-5.

"I was down 5-1, and coach came over to my court and I started fighting harder after that my opponent got a little nervous, and I started hitting more balls in the court and playing more aggressively," said Barragan. "I expected it to be a good match, Furman is really good. This match is always special for me because I almost went to Furman. I was nervous going into the match, but I played exceptionally well."

A difficult three-set match at the top seed proved to be State's only singles loss for the day. Nena Bonacic lost 6-7, 6-4, 4-6 in a

match that could have gone either way.

"Nena had a tight first set, losing 6-7 in a tiebreaker, but came back in the second set and played really solid," said head coach Kay Louthian. "I'm really happy with how she is staying positive and coming to the net."

Halfway through Bonacic's second set, victories from Kristen Nicholls, Katrina Gildemeister and Briie Glover secured the match for the Wolfpack before any doubles play took place.

"It feels pretty good to win the first five matches, and I didn't expect that," said coach Louthian. "Furman has been very tough and very close with Clemson who we play Sunday, and I'm expecting a much tighter match. You have to give our players credit though, we showed up today at our peak, and it's been a great win."

At doubles, the team defeated the first seed match, but captured the remaining matches 8-6 and 8-5, respectively.

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## Technician's View

# Accepting no excuses

Students have no excuse not to vote in the upcoming student body elections because of the tremendous exposure given to the candidates.

It's that time of year again, student body elections. And every year students don't vote. Why? Because they feel they don't have enough information about the candidates and their platforms.

This year, however, information is in abundance. Students read the first installment on student body president candidates last week, and the second part today. Not only has Technician plastered its pages with information about the issues facing our student population, but also candidates themselves have already begun to litter the campus with flyers and handbills.

Candidates this year have also come up with clever ideas to draw attention to themselves. One candidate teamed up with Pizza Hut and placed a coupon on the back of his handbills.

Students can even ask the candidates questions this year by listening in to WKNC 88.1 FM Tuesday night from 6-7pm, as they square off on the "Leader of the Pack Show." Call in, 515-2400, and

question the candidates on their motives and the feasibility of the programs they are proposing.

With all these sources there is still another forum for students to get information. The Elections Board is putting on a debate Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Waterspoon Cinema. This is great opportunity for the voting public to see the candidates go head to head on university issues.

Be careful though, don't get lured into candidates who promise more parking or lower tuition. These candidates are only blowing smoke and trying to mislead you to grab that precious vote. Look for someone who has passion and enough zeal to stand up to the administration when need be.

Also stay clear of candidates who ramble on about their memberships and titles they have earned. Most of the time these don't signify a good leader but a person who is out to build their resume. This university needs good student leadership and this can only happen if the student body does its homework and votes April 5-6.

Look in upcoming newspapers for Technician's endorsements of a Student Body President and Student Senate President candidate.

### CAMPUS FORUM

## Saying bye to a friend

This letter reflects the sentiments expressed at the funeral of Cristie Abigail Fleming, the NCSU student killed in a car accident last week.

There is so much that I wished I would have said. Now, I can only talk to you when you lay down to bed.

I can only wish and pray you hear me when I talk to you. Because you were a wonderful person, and that I hope you knew.

Your time here was short, but you did so much.

You were always there for me, making me smile and such.

From us riding with Kevin, hanging on with all I had.

To me crying on your shoulder, because I was sad.

I could always talk to you and you would listen to me.

You constantly gave me your support, even if you didn't agree.

You were a true friend to me an never turned your back.

You were loyal to all, and besides Duke, also the great Wolfpack.

Abbi, you will be missed dearly by me and others too.

I've tried to be strong and do what you would want me to.

But, it is so hard to be strong and not to cry.

You were someone who wasn't supposed to die.

I want to say so much now, if it is not to late.

I only wish there were some way we could communicate.

I love you Abbi and will always hold you dear to my heart.

I knew our friendship would be true, even from the start.

Your dad said some words to me that made me think.

The tears began to stream with the very next blink.

He thanked me for what I meant to you, and I began to see.

I hope I did mean a lot to you, because you meant the world to me.

You will forever be in my thoughts and in my heart.

Jennifer Justus  
Freshman, FYC

In a recent article on Native

## One-sided narrative

American student organizations. Technician presented a rather one-sided picture of the relationship between Native American organizations and the Union Activities Board. While the article focused on Native American organizations working together, it did present less than the full truth about the UAB.

It is true that there is not a Native American representative on the UAB voting board, but there are in fact no ethnic groups on the board. In a recent restructuring, the UAB decided that the areas of Films, Leisure and Entertainment, Issues & Ideas and Diversity would be on the board.

Note that last area: diversity. This is where Native American organizations, and in fact all ethnic organizations, belong in the UAB. This structure was designed to reach out to as many students as possible, and to be as fair as possible.

The focus of the UAB is programming. The UAB is unique in that it is broad enough to program for the entire campus, and this helps groups like the Native American groups to put on programs for a larger audience. Our structure allows for any group on campus to come to the UAB, since the four categories are so broad and all encompassing, then there is a place for everyone! This was somehow omitted from the article.

It has been the goal of the UAB this year to reach out more to large organizations, such as Student Government, IRC, Greek Life, etc., as well as smaller organizations. We feel that this is the best way to serve the student body.

Some other facts left out in the article: Native American organizations such as the Native American Students Association and the Society of Native American Culture have received funding for events from the UAB, and are active participants on the UAB Diversity Committee. It is also rather ironic that the photo accompanying the article, which depicted a Native American student performer,

## NC STATE UNIVERSITY Human Rights Week: part 1

### Sojourner Truth's Speech to the Akron Convention, 1851

"Well, children, where there is so much racket there must be something out of kilter. I think that between the negroes of the South and the women at the North, all talking about rights, the white men will be in a fix pretty soon. But what's all this here talking about?"

That man over there says that women needs to be helped into carriages, lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud-puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed, and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man (when I get it) and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? And when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me. And ain't I a woman?"

Then they talk about this thing in the head; what's this they call it? [Intellect someone whispers near.] That's right honey. What's that got to do with women's rights or negroes' rights? If my cup won't hold but a pint, and yours holds a quart, wouldn't you be mean not to let me have my little half-measure full?

Then that little man in black there, he says women can't have as much rights as men, because Christ wasn't a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman! Men had nothing to do with Him.

If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the whole world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right side up again! And now that they are asking to do it, the men better let them! Oblige to you for hearing me, and now old Sojourner has got nothing more to say."

painting at left: Sojourner Truth Reclaiming Her Son, Peggy Michael from www.sojournerttruth.org/ArtGallery1.htm marko3.22.99



# Spring Break blues

AUSTIN ADAMS  
Staff Columnist

As you may or may not have noticed (more than likely not), I did not have a column in last Monday's paper. But it wasn't because of my normal excuse, which is over sleeping my 3:30 deadline. I actually had a good excuse this time. I was still on spring break, in mind and body.

While most of you were in class on Monday, my liver and I were lying next to a pool in Key West, Florida. But you all should feel good because at around 1 p.m. on Monday, I did raise my margarita to all N.C. State students that were hating life in class at that moment.

But while I certainly don't ever feel guilty about skipping class, especially if it is for a good cause, I did feel pretty bad when I arrived back at RDU airport.

The week of spring break (and the extra that I added on) was the greatest week of my life, but reality kicked me in the teeth when I got back to Raleighwood, and is continuing to kick me in the teeth at this very moment.

I encountered reality check number one no more than 10 minutes after I got off the plane. I quickly discovered that I am now in a state of financial ruin courtesy of the bars of Duval Street and a couple of ill-advised loans. I was waiting for my baggage and my roommate leaned over and said, "I haven't cashed that check you gave me yet."

"That check" was for the electricity bill and was for about \$50 (which of course I didn't have). I kind of just laughed it off because it was going to take a lot to ruin the mood I was in. Then when we got home, our landlord was waiting at the front door,

wanting his rent checks. I don't know if I have ever bounced a check that hard because I think I wrote the check for like \$300 more than I had to my name. Mood? Ruined.

Since I am usually in a state of financial ruin for the most part anyway, that reality check wasn't the one that really has killed me since I've been home. I had to come back to the reality that nothing in Raleigh, for the most part, can come close to anything in Key West. That may be part of the reason that I think I am actually clinically depressed because I am back here.

First of all, the bars in Key West are unbelievable. They stay open until four and that in itself makes them better than the ones in Raleigh. Most of them are at least three times as large as anything we have here, (except Club

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# The flavor of Human Rights Week

TOMIS CARBONELL & WALTER CLARK  
Special to Technician

March 21, 1999 marks the beginning of the sixth annual Human Rights Week here at N.C. State. An event organized by NCSU students, faculty and staff, Human Rights Week features a series of informative and lively programs that touch on a variety of human rights issues. With presentations on such controversial topics as gay rights, the death penalty, the democracy movement, reproductive rights, economic imperialism, cultural diversity, environmental justice, gender bias and the Middle East, this year's program promises to provide thoughtful questioning and spirited debate.

BRETT WEITZELL  
Staff Columnist

This was going to be a letter explaining that I couldn't write a column because I'm sick, but instead I figured I'd just take advantage of this space and use it as a sort of self-therapy, by complaining about being sick, of course.

I generally don't get sick. You know people like me, the kind that just never cough or sniffle, and have never taken an Advil in their life. We never get silly things like flu shots, and can usually stroll unharmed through the middle of an outbreak or bug going around. This isn't as glamorous as it sounds because we are stripped of any legitimate excuse to ever miss class or work. But

when we do get sick, strange things happen.

One of two courses of action ensues when a person with an overzealous immune system finally is weakened by something deadly like a headache or cold. We may complain and moan and suffer relentlessly, facing what seems to be the obvious approach of death. But we generally won't take any medication because "pills are bad" or "drugs make you more sick." Or as others may describe it, so we'll still have something to complain about.

The worse scenario is when we actually get sick, but refuse to admit it. In these frightful instances, we may stalk about groggily and stubbornly, passing whatever terribly bug we're carrying to any and all innocent passersby. We are benign to

Students for Life, the Women's Center, the African American Cultural Center, Student Action with Farm workers, Psi Chi, GRASP, Omega Psi Phi, the Cooperative Chaplain's Ministry, Project SAFE, the Peace Lunch Forum, the Arab Club, the Park Scholars and others. The ultimate result of this open planning process is an event notable for its diversity of views and vitality.

For the last several years, Human Rights Week has also enjoyed the support of the Faculty and Staff Senates and Student Government. These groups, along with Chancellor Fox and former Chancellor Monteith, have issued resolutions supporting Human

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# Students are getting a little sick of it all

repeated observations by friends, and in many cases, strangers that we "sure look tired today." This statement is not meant to compliment our hard-working or illness-fighting spirit, but to indicate that we look like crap and should not have embarrassed ourselves by leaving our home.

Because I have too much to do to afford to get sick, the latter scenario can be applied to me for the past week. I mean, I know it's nothing a couple of "Halls" won't fix, and it'll go away soon. Granted, it's been a whole week and a lot of people have begun to look like crap after letting me drink from their glass, but it's nothing I need to do anything rash like see a doctor about.

I mean, the last time I saw a doctor she gave me two fat

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## Wetzell

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blowing bubbles is the true source of how all of you really get sick.)

It's little solace that throughout my childhood I had to compete with a hypochondriac asthmatic ultra-allergic younger sister, who could swallow four pills at once without water when she was two. If I ever wanted to fake being sick it was futile because in my house only a fever greater than 102 coupled with raspy wheezing and choking could qualify. The mere smell

of fish sticks in the oven could send my sister into a raving fit of hives and wheezing and straight to the hospital. Did I mention that my relatives never read my columns? And if little Brett did actually project enough misery to garner the sympathy necessary to convince the jury that forcing me to school just wouldn't be fair for the other kids, it was a spoonful of white bitter powder from some crushed tablet and a chaser of orange juice directly on the way. And now I have in front of me another big white pill, a steak knife and spoon, and a glass of an appropriate beverage to chase it down. I know this will make me sick.

## Adams

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Zone but I really hope that very few of you go there. There usually are bars within bars so each one is kind of like downtown Greenville (not really, but that is the closest thing I could think of).

In theory, these bars are also cheaper because they have something called "drink and drown" which basically is "all you can drink" for like \$10 for a period of time ("in theory" because I spent more at Key West bars than I ever have at any bar in Raleigh).

Somehow, standing in cramped

Capporals with my \$4.75 Southern Comfort and Coke is just not going to be too much fun anymore.

I think the reality that is hurting the most, though, is that nothing here is as laid back as it was there. Everybody on spring break was just looking to have fun. Now I have to come back here and put up with all the labels people have and the reputations they have to uphold. This bothered me before but now I can't stand it.

In Key West last week, it didn't matter if you were in a fraternity or not or where you were from (even if you were from Bowling Green, C. Snead). The only thing that those counted for was, as a way of getting a conversation rolling with someone you didn't

know.

What really mattered was whether or not you were fun to party with. Thus, the people who are fun to party with and didn't care what they looked like in front of everyone (myself) had plenty of fun and plenty of back with members of the opposite sex.

While people who usually just rely on their labels that they have back home may still have had a good time but I doubt as much. Too bad that isn't always the case here because things would be a lot more fun overall as far as I'm concerned.

So, I guess there are only a few things that I can use to console me now. I guess my financial state will stabilize with time and a few paychecks but it may take

awhile. Then there is the fact that parties in Raleigh are still good parties. You just have to know the right ones to go to.

And then the thing that I guess I will get the most consolation from is the fact that there are still some beautiful, laid back women in this town somewhere. They are just sometimes hard to find. Don't get me wrong, I love Raleigh. It is just going to take me a while to get over coming back from heaven.

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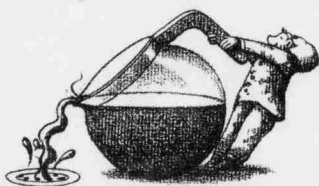
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Rights Week as an event that encourages learning, personal growth and social responsibility.

Human Rights Week is a momentous occasion at N.C. State. Seldom in the academic year do we face such a large number of difficult topics that force us to reexamine some of our most entrenched political, societal and religious assumptions. Many of us are unfamiliar with the issues to be raised this week and are unsure of how to negotiate the ethical quandaries they pose. Many of us may have also been lulled into complacency by the seeming remoteness of the college environ-

ment from the injustice and iniquity that we know surrounds us. For some, then, Human Rights Week is an enlightening experience that causes them to become concerned about the broader world and its grave problems.

But this week is also one of the few periods in the year wholly devoted to freedom of expression and to the celebration of human dignity. This week encourages students to exercise their powers of reason, to speak their minds, to ask incisive questions, to test their ideas in the public arena—and by doing so, learn more about themselves and the world around them.

During this week, please visit as many of the Human Rights Week presentations as possible, even if just as a gesture of support for the work of your fellow students. For

those who are unsure of which events to attend, what the issues are, or what is meant by human rights, a good place to start is the Human Rights Week information table in the Brickyard open during lunch hours every day this week. Or read the UN Declaration of Human Rights online at <http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>.

To derive the most benefit from the week, attend the presentations whose titles seem most provocative to you, most contrary to your beliefs and your principles. Ask difficult questions of the presenters. Discuss the ideas and issues with friends and professors. Learn about the topics in newspapers and on the Internet. Be challenged and be challenging. You may find at the end of the week that you need to look no

farther than your own backyard for causes of concern, outrage and action.

For more information about human rights issues we face both domestically and abroad, as well as links to local human rights organizations, please visit Amnesty International's Website at <http://www.amnesty.org>, or visit the Human Rights Watch Website at <http://www.hrw.org>.

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was taken at a UAB event, the International Festival '99!

It wasn't at all obvious from the article in question, but the UAB is here for all students, so we encourage your feedback. We are "For students, by students." Our office is on the first floor of the Talley Student Center, or you can reach us at 515-5918.

Scott Litzelman  
UAB Secretary

## U.S. should lift Iraq sanction

Technician's editorial viewpoint on Tuesday March 16 entitled "Iraq needs self help" is laced with false information, misleading statements and a lack of understanding of the region. We need to understand that the U.S. government is

imposing genocidal sanctions against the 23 million people of Iraq, sanctions that are themselves a weapon of mass destruction.

According to UN reports, the sanctions are directly killing 250 people every day! According to UN reports, more than 5,000 infants and toddlers die every month in Iraq because of the sanctions. By supporting the maintenance of these sanctions, the Technician is justifying and supporting the killing of these innocent lives. What about the "weapons of mass destruction" and "military capabilities"?

The UN Weapons Inspectors themselves have stated that they had already wiped out any possible chemical and biological weapons sites in Iraq by 1995. (4 years ago — and yet the sanctions have continued). In the meantime, the U.S. has been violating UN Security Council Resolution 687 (that explicitly calls for the downgrading of arms throughout the Middle East), by selling approximately \$40 billion of weapons of mass destruction to the Gulf States.

Iraq possesses over 400 thermonuclear weapons and

has violated 70 UN mandates, yet the United States uses its veto power in the UN Security Council to prevent the UN from seeking Israeli cooperation with UN mandates and ignores Israel's possession of nuclear weapons. All the while, Technician is worried about "putting Middle East security in jeopardy."

Is there security now when Turkey invades Iraq time and again, as it has done for the past eight years with the support of the United States? Is there security now when Israel bombs Lebanese villages, and continues to illegally occupy Lebanese land for 21 long years? (By the way, UN Security Council Resolution 425 demanded that Israel "immediately and unconditionally withdraw" from Lebanon; that was 21 years ago.)

Is there security now when Iraqi children die by the hundreds every day? The Technician culminates the editorial with the biggest farce of all — that the U.S. has tried "every alternative to bring peace with Iraq."

The U.S. government has repeatedly refused any negotiation settlement with Iraq.

rejected every conciliatory offer submitted by France and Russia, and refused to meet with the Iraqi government.

Without UN support, the U.S. has been bombing Iraqi cities all year (more than 100 attacks that left hundreds of civilians wounded). With disregard to the UN, the United States administration has stated that it will not lift the sanctions against the people of Iraq — even when all the UN resolutions against Iraq are fulfilled. Is this the path to peace? Sanctions are an act of war, a silent war whose victims are children and civilians.

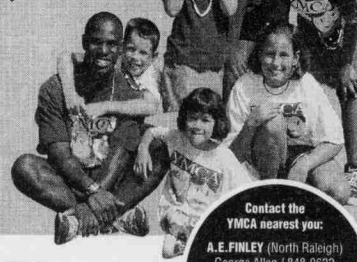
Supporting these sanctions, or attempting to justify them with any political rhetoric, is supporting the deaths of children. How can we claim to respect human rights and calmly state support to genocide?

To get more information on the sanctions war, please refer to the following website: <http://iraqaaction.org>

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# Baseball

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Martin could have asked for a better performance from their respective starters. State senior Rodney Ormond suffered his first loss of the season, going seven innings and allowing just six hits and two runs and walking two. Ormond tied a career high with eight strikeouts.

FSU's Nick Stocks improved to 7-0 on the year with an eight-inning, five hit outing, striking out 12 and walking just three.

Ninth-inning starter Mike DiBlasi gave up the lone Wolfpack run, while Chris Chavez picked up his first save of the season.

Jason Smith came through for the Pack on both sides of the line-up card. Along with some key defensive plays at third base, Smith drove in DeMikes with a single to center-field.

**Florida State 14, N.C. State 4**  
In the series opener, the Pack's first night game of the season, three Seminoles sent shots out of the park to propel Florida State to the 10-run blowout.

The Seminoles tagged the four Wolfpack pitchers for eight extra base hits on the night. Freshmen Ryan Steadham and Ryan Combs combined for seven and two-thirds innings, giving up 12 earned runs and seven walks, while striking out seven.

Steadham, the Pack's starter, picked up the loss, which was his second of the year.

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senior co-captain is well on his way to recovery.

"With Luis, it still bothers him a little bit, but it is a question of warming him up and stretching him properly before he goes in," said Smith.

"He is ready to play, he is still working on strengthening the elbow, but he is cleared to play," said Smith.

Figuerola batted twice for the Pack in Sunday's 13-1 loss and saw an inning of action in leftfield and an inning back at first base.

# Dawgs

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on every single apparatus. UGA did not have a score below 9.775 that counted towards its team score, and three different gymnasts had perfect routines.

Meanwhile, the Pack had a slightly down beat compared to its recent showings. In particular, NCU had some problems on balance beam, usually one of its better events. Out of six routines, the team had three falls with two counting against its score.

"Beam was a real shaky event for us which surprised me," said Head Coach Mark Stevenson. "We've been so solid as a rock in practice and

in the last few meets. We had a couple of good performances. But, we counted two falls that took 1.5 out of our team score which really surprised you when you're trying to do the things that we're trying to do right at this moment."

However, in spite of what the huge gap with Georgia would suggest, State did do many things well. All six gymnasts that competed on floor exercise hit their routines and scored in excess of 9.750. That put NCU only 6 points behind UGA on the same event.

In addition, the Pack got five strong performances on the uneven bars and continued to improve on vaulting.

Among the Pack's top performers was junior Jenny Sommer, Sommer, who has come on strong

recently, nailed all three of her events. Her 9.750 on beam gave her a share of the team lead with sophomore Kara Charles, but she saved her best performance of the night for floor where she posted a 9.825.

Langendorf also produced three big scores for NCU. Langendorf tied with junior Maggie Haney on floor with a 9.850, the highest score of the night for anyone not wearing a Georgia uniform. Later in the evening, she set a new career high on vault with another 9.850.

Despite the lopsided result, this meet could go a long way toward helping State in its postseason hopes.

"I think this meet was good to prepare us for our postseason," said Sommer.

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## Seminoles sweep

◆ N.C. State drops three more conference games.

**K. GRIFFNEY**  
Sports Editor

It might not look pretty, but the worst is out of the way.

After a three game sweep this past weekend at the hands of the Florida State Seminoles, the Wolfpack stands at a below-par 1-5 in the ACC, having faced off against conference opponents in the past two weekend series.

"It doesn't sound good," said Wolfpack infielder Jason Smith. "Although we played two of the toughest teams in the conference that I think we are going to play. You can't over look UNC-Chapel Hill or Wake Forest or Clemson, or anyone. We've haven't played bad, but we haven't

played to the level that we can so far in the conference."

State's lone win came in the final of three games against Georgia Tech two weekends ago, a series in which N.C. State faced the preseason No. 1 team in the conference without its starting catcher and first baseman.

"Any time you play (Georgia Tech and Florida State) right off the bat in the conference, it is going to be tough," said N.C. State catcher Dan Mooney, who returned to the line-up in this past week. "Maybe now that they are behind us, we can go on a nice little winning streak. It would have been nice to win one here today."

After a mid-week outing with the Citadel, a team the Pack has already faced once this season, State heads north to Charlottesville for a three game set with the Cavaliers, and the intention of notching a few wins on their belts.

"We have a lot of young guys who are still trying to work their way in," said Smith. "We'll see, I think that we will be alright once we get going next weekend."

**Florida State 13, N.C. State 1**

Florida State completed the sweep with a 13-1 win over the Pack on Sunday afternoon, completing the game just before a second wave of severe thunderstorms and sheeting rain hit the Raleigh area.

FSU picked up three runs off of starter Dustin Baker in the first two and a third innings, but then solidified the lead in the fifth.

Grant Dorn put the inning's lead-off man Marshall McDougall on first base after hitting him with an inside pitch. Three consecutive singles followed by a two RBI double from FSU catcher Jeremiah Klosterman scored four runs for the Noles.

Dorn retired the next three batters to get out of the inning, but not without the Seminoles tallying another run on the board, pushing the lead to eight.

Florida State rallied again in the top of the seventh for another three runs, before Todd DeMikes, Brian Ward and Matt Postell turned a double play to get the Pack and Dorn out of the inning.

**Florida State 2, N.C. State 1**

Neither Elliot Avent nor FSU Head Coach Mike

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N.C. State's baseball team fell to 20-6 overall and 1-5 in the Atlantic Coast Conference with three losses this past weekend against the No. 1 ranked Florida State Seminoles. State takes on the Citadel on Wednesday at 3 p.m.



N.C. State senior Dustin Baker gave up three runs in Pack's 13-1 loss to FSU.

## Filling out the line-up

◆ Injured list dwindling for the Pack

**K. GRIFFNEY**  
Sports Editor

The numbers on the final box scores from this weekend's three-game skid against No. 1 Florida State may not have been encouraging, but the names accompanying them were.

Just one weekend into the Atlantic Coast Conference schedule and 26 games into the season, the Wolfpack had already lost two starters and seen a few reserves sidelined due to injuries heading into Friday's match-up with the Seminoles.

Coming out of Sunday's final game, the roster looked a little fuller. Catcher Dan Mooney made his first appearance behind the plate since the beginning of the month on Friday. Mooney, a junior, left the Pack's March 2 non-conference match-up with Elon midway through the game after a collision at home plate left him with a strained MCL.

Mooney missed 10 games for the Pack earlier in the month, before returning to the line-up in limited capacity last week against Western Carolina.

Against the Catamounts, Mooney was 2-4 in two games as a designated hitter for the Pack, but didn't see any action behind the plate. Wolfpack trainer Mike Smith released Mooney last week to return to full action, leaving Wolfpack head

coach Elliot Avent able to slate Mooney for Friday night's line-up.

"Thursday night we practiced because Friday was our first night game, so I went down in the corner of the field with our trainer and did some blocking, did some running, did some different things, and it felt good," said Mooney. "I told coach that it was up to him. If he wanted me to go all three, I could, or if he wanted me to go two, whatever he wanted me to do."

The six-foot-one-inch transfer from Brevard Community College in Florida had been slated to catch two of the three games in the weekend series, but if three games in three days wasn't enough, Mooney highlighted his return by catching his fourth batter of the year, throwing out FSU shortstop Brian Groves at second base.

"It was good to be back. I would rather catch well and throw guys out than hit well," said Mooney. "It is actually more important to me that I catch better than I hit. It was nice, it was good to be able to come back and throw somebody out."

"I felt good, a little twinge here and there, but otherwise it feels good," said Mooney. "There is some precautionary stuff. (Coach Avent) wanted me to go two just because the next 25 games are just as important as these three, but I was healthy and I was ready to go, so I was able to catch all three. I wanted to do it, I wanted to be back. I wanted to be part of it again."

Another face eagerly welcomed



Dan Mooney returned behind the plate this weekend.

into the Wolfpack line-up was senior Luis Figueroa, who had been State's starting first baseman at the beginning of the season.

An elbow injury early has held Figueroa to limited action for most of the season.

"We've been working real hard in the training room, trying to get my elbow back (into playing shape)," said Figueroa. "Hopefully by next week it will be close to 100 percent."

Figueroa says that right now the elbow probably isn't even at 70 percent, but according to Smith, the

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## Who let the Dawgs out?

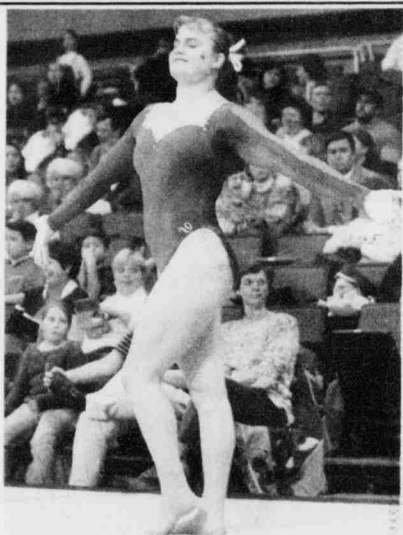
◆ No. 1 Georgia proves to be too much for the N.C. State gymnasts.

**JEREMY ASHTON**  
Staff Writer

Sometimes no matter how hard a team tries, it just runs into an opponent with more firepower.

For the N.C. State gymnasts, this was the case on Saturday night in Georgia when they met the top-ranked Gym Dogs. The Wolfpack (22-6) put up a spirited effort but finished almost five points behind the defending national champions to take second place ahead of George Washington in the three-team meet.

Although the Pack's performance was not quite on par with its last two, it still posted a respectable score of 193.525. Unfortunately, Georgia chose the same night to put up an almost unheard-of score of 198.375, easily the best in the country this season.



N.C. State competed against the Georgia Bulldogs and George Washington this weekend in Georgia.

"That's incredible," said sophomore Amy Langendorf of Georgia. "They're just really good. They're in a league of their own."

Georgia's performance was absolutely dominating. The Gym Dogs swept the individual awards

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## Stellar singles performances power Pack

◆ N.C. State dropped only two sets the entire match versus visiting Furman to run away with a 7-2 victory.

**CHRIS BOSKEN**  
Staff Writer

Saturday morning the N.C. State women's tennis team entered their match against Furman expecting a tough contest against a talented team. Five singles matches later the Pack had wrapped up the win, with a eventual final match score of 7-2.

Each N.C. State victory in singles came in straight sets. Junior co-captain Marissa Gildemeister paced the team with her eighth straight singles victory, only dropping four games in her two set victory.

"I played really well, a lot better than I have been playing the last two matches or so. I felt really good going into the match, did a



The Wolfpack women's tennis team defeated Furman this weekend, 7-2. N.C. State's ACC match-up with Clemson on Sunday was postponed because of inclement weather.

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## Boross wins two

Five N.C. State wrestlers competed in the NCAA Tournament this past weekend in State College, Pa. Kevin Boross won both his first and second round matches, but lost in the quarterfinals, just one round away from All-American status. Lee Carroll, Tommy Davis, Pierre Pryor and Zach Breitenbach also competed for the Pack.

