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Student Senate and Campus Police work together to inform students

♦ **Student Senate representatives spend a shift with Campus Police.**

(Editor's note- The University Affairs Committee of Student Senate conducted an inquiry into the workings of the Campus Police Department through interviews, student surveys and "ride-alongs." The following article contains their findings.)

Cameron Wells
Guest Reporter

As the third-largest police department in Wake County, N.C. State's police officers have their hands full.

They are committed to serving over 28,000 students and patrolling a campus of approximately 2,500 acres.

Many officers agree that their job is a constant pull among differing priorities from students, parents and the community as well as enforcing policy, all the while being understanding of the college atmosphere.

In the past two years, the Police Department has taken great strides under the leadership of Police Chief Tom Younce. Perhaps most notably is the name change from Public Safety to Campus Police.

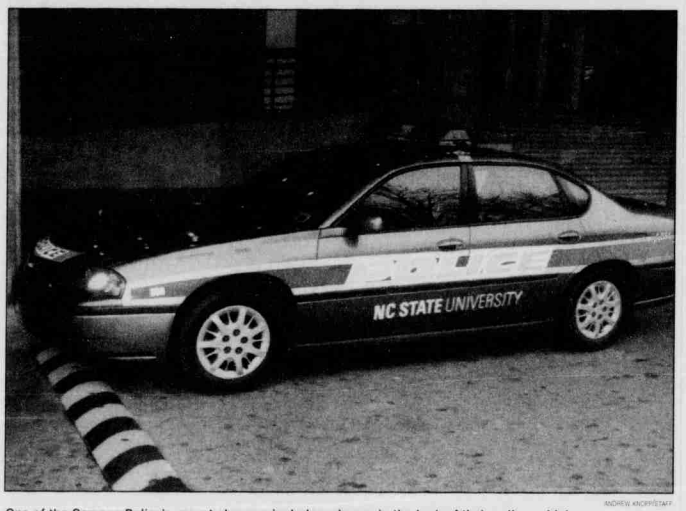
Beyond titles, however, Younce is erasing the public's smarting memory of several recent scandals through meticulous guidance of the department and by providing reliable services to the university.

A new look for the cars and new police uniforms are two of Younce's methods of recreating the image of Campus Police.

Still, with these changes it remains a common misconception that Campus Police do not have all the authority of other "men in blue." But their jurisdiction of NCSU property is like any normal municipality department.

To learn more about Campus Police, what they do and how they do it, Student Senate representatives rode around with them one Friday night. Besides feeling like they were in an episode of COPS, they were able to see how the Campus Police deal with driving violations, alcohol enforcement and other general precautions. Here is what they saw:

9:35 p.m. — Our adventure begins. I [Cameron Wells, sophomore in history] am riding along with Officer Seth McGrady, the youngest officer in the squad but described as one who is "dedicated to his job." Unfortunately, nothing is going on right now so we ride around. A large part of an officer's job is "being visible," patrolling the countless buildings and parking lots and creating an atmosphere of safety. According to Officer Allan Wimbish though, the job is "hours of boredom and seconds of terror."



ANDREW KNOPF/STAFF

One of the Campus Police's recent changes include a change in the look of their police vehicles.

11:34 p.m. — We get a call about a fight occurring outside a residence hall and turn on our lights. The call, sent from the dispatcher, is canceled and we continue our patrolling. In order to keep the officers informed, each patrol car is equipped with a laptop, radio, radar and a recording system. They even have a "police style" instant messaging system where all the officers can "chat."

11:45 p.m. — We meet and agree to work with another officer in traffic stops. Beware, if you see one patrol car, there are usually several others around.

12:15 a.m. — We get a call from another officer about an approaching car with clear brake lights. The other officer handles the stop, issuing only a warning, but our car stays out of sight, ready to provide assistance if necessary. During my "ride-alongs," I saw firsthand how much the officers care about the safety of their fellow officers.

12:38 a.m. — The evening is getting later and the cars are increasing their speed. We stop a car going 17 mph over the limit on Dan Allen Dr. The driver is underage and it appears he has been drinking, though he denies it. He is serving as the driver for the other people in the car, who also appear intoxicated. The driver takes a Breathalyzer and scores just above normal, indicating that he probably had consumed alcohol earlier in the evening. The officers decide not to arrest him for drinking, because by the time he is booked downtown his blood alcohol content level would be normal. Instead, he is charged with underage possession and allowed to leave. I get the impression that the officers would love to do their job without the paperwork involved.

12:50 a.m. — After the citation, McGrady commented on how much the driver's response determined the outcome. As he said, "be honest and I'll cut you every possible break."

1:02 a.m. — After stopping more speeders and issuing warnings, I started to wonder if we were working a quota. McGrady assured me that there are no quotas and that the department would be ecstatic to go a month without a ticket. But, as he reminded me, "that's our job."

2:37 a.m. — Our first big encounter for the evening — there is a fight on Fraternity Court and most of the officers on duty are called to assist. Throughout the proceedings, which lasted over an hour, I am able to see firsthand what our police department does. I am impressed with how calm and fair they are, especially in the face of drunken guys wanting a brawl. I am most impressed with Lt. Lenora Mitchell, a small policewoman who looks pretty tame but who could have taken them all — by herself. She has been on the force for 18 years and is perhaps the most knowledgeable and experienced in dealing with campus conflicts. Every officer I spoke with mentioned how they bring their most complicated cases to her.

4:04 a.m. — We decide to get something to eat at IHOP, because the Waffle House, the officers' first choice, was full. On Hillsborough St., we receive a call that someone heard a female voice yelling from the balcony of the Avent Ferry Complex. The response was amazing; I've never seen anything like it. In less than 35 seconds, four patrol cars were in the parking lot and officers were racing up the stairs. Fortunately, the screaming victim is only a laughing party attendee, and we continue to breakfast.

6 a.m. — I'm glad that they [the officers] are more awake then I am; I've started to nod off as the calls get less frequent. We leave as the officers end their shift and return to twelve hours of normalcy before doing it all over again the next night.

Professor of communication wins third award

♦ **Robert Entman was recently awarded the 2002 Goldsmith Book Prize.**

News Staff Report

According to Robert Entman's book, "The Black Image in the White Mind: Media and Race in America," mug shots are four times more likely to appear in a local TV news report when the defendant is black rather than white; out of 105 commercials for automobiles that showed only one race, 100 percent were all white, and in the top movies of 1996, 89 percent of black female characters were shown using profanity, while 17 percent of white female movie characters were shown using profanity.

These researched facts and many others can be found in Entman and co-author, Andrew Rojecki's award winning book, "The Black Image in the White Mind: Media and Race in America."

Entman is a professor of communication at N.C. State, and Rojecki is an assistant professor of communication at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

After being awarded the Frank Luther Mott/Kappa Tau Alpha Award for best research book on mass communication and the Robert E. Lane Award from the American Political Science Association for best book in political psychology, Entman and Rojecki were recently awarded the 2002 Goldsmith Book Prize from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

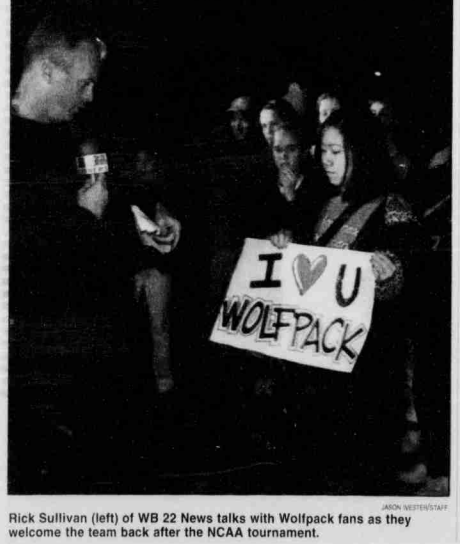
The Goldsmith Book Prize is presented annually to the academic book that best "fulfills the objective of improving government through an examination of the intersection between press, politics and public policy."

The Goldsmith Book Prize consists of two categories — academic and trade, and a $2,500 prize is awarded to a book in each category.

The Black Image argues that the media reflect the complexities of white racial thinking, which ranges from racial harmony on one end to racism on the other.

In addition, Entman and Rojecki suggest that though the media have made great strides in portraying blacks, media still unintentionally reinforce traditional hierarchies, stereotypes and ideologies.

For additional information visit: www.raceandmedia.com or http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/presspol/goldsmith/index.htm.



JASON WESTER/STAFF

Rick Sullivan (left) of WB 22 News talks with Wolfpack fans as they welcome the team back after the NCAA tournament.

The Hill of Beans Coffee Bar makes its grand opening at D.H. Hill Library

♦ **On March 25, Hill of Beans Coffee Bar will begin serving Seattle's Best Coffee in addition to other selected beverages and snacks.**

News Staff Report

The Hill of Beans Coffee Bar will make its grand opening in the D.H. Hill Library on Monday. A ribbon-cutting ceremony, prizes and free cups of coffee will help celebrate opening day for long-awaited students.

The coffee bar will open at 10 a.m. and will feature a menu of beverages and snacks, including expressos, lattes, specialty coffee, tea, fruit juice, bagels, muffins and more.

Seattle's Best Coffee was chosen as the coffee supplier of choice for the new coffee shop after many taste tests and research was completed with their main products.

The coffee bar will also offer such items as a Hill of Beans insulated coffee mug, T-shirts and buyers reward punch cards, all at opening-day prices.

The Libraries, University Dining and the NCSU Parents and Families Association worked in a two-year effort in order to bring a coffee bar to the NCSU community. Provost Stuart Cooper and Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, will both speak at the grand opening.

Beverly Wooten Stutts also played a large part in the creation of the new coffee shop. While a student member of the University Library Committee at NCSU, she was the first to bring to attention the demand that existed for a coffee bar in D.H. Hill, which is open 24 hours. She will be speaking at the grand opening as well, explaining her idea and how she gained increasing support — especially from the Parents and Families Association.

Students can receive 10 percent off the price of a cup of coffee March 25 through March 29 by bringing in coupons printed in the Technician starting March 18.

The Hill of Beans Coffee Bar will do more than sell coffee. It will also create a scholarship fund for NCSU students. A portion of the proceeds will be placed aside and translated into an educational contribution.

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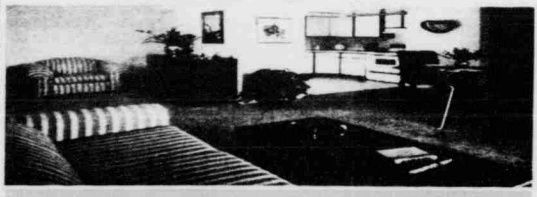

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

INS officials must shoulder blame

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT HAVE GONE FAR ENOUGH IN REMOVING INS OFFICIALS FROM POWER AFTER THE VISA 'DEBACLE' LAST WEEK.

Americans spent last Monday, the six-month anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, going over the horrific events in their head. What made last Monday even worse, however, was that as people reflected on the actions of terrorists piloting the planes, who had been legally residing and legally trained for flight in the United States, they heard that two of the pilots had just been notified posthumously of the renewal of their student visas by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. President Bush and Attorney Gen. John Ashcroft reacted strongly to this slip-up, which is just as dangerous as it is embarrassing, but even a more aggressive reaction would not have hurt.

According to the Associated Press, Huffman Aviation, the flight school responsible for training two Sept. 11 hijackers, Mohamed Atta and Marwan Al-Shehhi, received notification that the two aliens' student visas had been renewed. It was as if the INS put its feet in its own quicksand.

After learning of the mix-up, President Bush said he was "plenty hot" and Attorney Gen. John Ashcroft asked Congress for the power to fire INS officials. These were appropriate, if only sufficient, reactions. Ashcroft should be given this power, and the INS officials ultimately responsible for this should be removed from civil service positions instead of merely being reassigned. (Since last Monday, four INS top officials have been reassigned in lateral or downward moves.)

Many warn that the executive branch has bypassed the checks-and-balances system as a result of the events of Sept. 11. Although this is not entirely untrue, Ashcroft's authority here, as proven by what happened last week, is necessary.

Since Sept. 11, all Americans, bureaucrats and regular citizens alike, have been rethinking America's immigration policy. Among this pondering, one thought remains constant: Proven terrorists must not be granted any special rights or privileges in the United States.

Atta and Al-Shehhi were proven terrorists, and even though they lie dead, they slipped through the cracks at the INS and were granted even more freedom with extensions for their student visas.

The phrase "heads will roll" is most appropriate in this case. Last Monday's embarrassment has the potential to single-handedly undermine the faith the American people have regained in our national security. Ashcroft and Bush must condemn this occurrence outright and react equally as aggressively, if not more, if a similar slip-up happens again in the INS or any other major government agency.

Why Mike Tyson should work for Anderson or Enron

Decker Ngongang
STAFF COLUMNIST

I have been following the Mike Tyson drama series for a long time, and I have noticed correlations between how his issues have panned out and how, no matter how barbaric or criminal they are, they aid in promoting his sport.

Mike Tyson has been in trouble since he was 15 years old, for offenses ranging from robbery to rape to ripping a guy's ear off. He has been through it all and is still one of the world's richest athletes and will continue to be. He nearly kills every opponent he meets in the ring and tries to kill every opponent he meets out of the ring.

I have seen him get beaten before and seen him in jail, but one thing has stayed the same; he is still a crazy man, and he still has more money than he could ever spend. The events of late have caused me to draw some comparisons between him and Muhammed Ali. Though they are athletes on opposite sides of the American perspective, they each have done a seemingly equal job promoting their sport, either good or bad.

Muhammed Ali was received in his early years much like Tyson is now, as a brash, boastful black man who makes a lot of money. Not until Cassius Clay became Muhammed Ali and added a message behind his moves did he transcend the pure athlete status he had been assigned. This is what made him great; he matched his athleticism with his mouth and what came out of it. He used boxing to instigate social change as well as to convey a message. He was one of the greatest fighters but also one of the greatest civil rights activists. Now, on to my boy Mike Tyson.

He did much the same as Ali. Tyson was proclaimed to be the next Muhammed Ali, or even better. He punched harder, he was much quicker and he didn't draw fights along — he just knocked opponents out. Tyson was becoming the next great American boxer. This is where the similarities between Mike and Muhammed end. Though their paths have mirrored each other, Tyson has made negatives out of almost every correlation.

Ali was jailed and was not allowed to box for a number of years after refusing to enter the draft. His refusal served as a social message to the country about the status of civil rights inequalities of this country. Tyson also went to jail, but he went for raping a young woman in a Las Vegas hotel room. Like Ali, he spent some of his prime boxing years behind bars and out of boxing. He came back just like Ali did and redefined his hold on the boxing world. Ali would fight a number of times after his forced break from boxing, and he would end his career as the greatest fighter ever. The question remains if the same can be said for Tyson. He has had the most potential out of any fighter ever to grace the ring, but he has only cashed in on a fraction of that skill. Tyson has been granted licenses to fight in many states after his latest embarrassing altercations. I hope he takes the time to think and to try and repair the huge damage done to his legacy. He might not ever be known as the greatest boxer ever, but he can at least be known as a crazy-ass dude who tried to get his act together.

I like Mike, not for what he has done in the past but for what he can do in the future. He has been given a whole lot of second chances, and I am a firm believer that we all should have a chance to redeem our less-honorable moments. He has the opportunity in these last fights of his career to make use of them and to try and be that person he says he is. If not, then I can only watch as he becomes another "has been" who "could have been."

Decker invites people who disagree to step into the ring — or you can e-mail him at dngonga@unity.ncsu.edu.

Daschle on same path as Gingrich

Daily Athenaeum
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(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — It is only natural that individuals with differing political and ideological points of view should foster a certain degree of animosity toward each other. This tendency, of course, is taken to the next level when those concerned are politicians. Thus, it is not surprising that Republican leaders have a visceral dislike for the Senate majority leader, Sen. Thomas Daschle.

Almost two weeks ago, however, dislike gave way to vilification when Daschle dared to question the direction of the war on terrorism. When the Democratic senator, and de facto head of his party, suggested that the administration's expanding and increasingly fuzzy objectives need to be re-evaluated, he instantly moved into a more diabolical realm heretofore reserved for Bill Clinton.

For not lock-stepping behind the administration's "don't ask, won't tell" policy, Daschle's questions have been characterized as disgusting, and he has become the Republican's public enemy number one. As many Republican leaders, as well as average citizens, have pointed out, there are limits to what the public should know about military strategy. However, as Daschle and other Democratic senators have noted, what the public does know is that the objectives seem about as clear as your vision at 2:05 a.m. on Saturday.

Nonetheless, Republicans such as Sen. Trent Lott have whipped themselves into a frenzy calling into question the patriotism of the likes of Daschle and other Democratic senators, including our own Sen. Byrd. To hear Lott and House of Representative cohort Rep. Tom DeLay tell it, Daschle, Byrd and their fellow Senate Democrats (including two Congressional Medal of Honor winners) make up what might be called the domestic axis of fairly evil.

While support for how the president is handling the war on terrorism remains steady at unprecedented levels, reaction to the first cracks in the unquestioning backing he has gotten for the past six months has been mixed. It seems that even if they disagree with his criticism, most people are not willing to go so far as to call into question Daschle's patriotism simply because he is concerned about unclear objectives and the spreading deployment of U.S. troops to new places like the Philippines and Yemen.

So, is Daschle really that evil and does he deserve the increasing vitriol leveled at him? The quick answer is no, but that does not mean he is any political saint either. The reality is that Daschle is not particularly flamboyant, and if it were not for the actions of one man, he would not garner the type of press he now gets.

When Sen. James Jeffords (VT) left the Republican Party, he transformed Daschle from the neighbor's annoying barking dog to the ill-tempered and impatient pit bull that has not been fed in a week. Until that time, Daschle was merely the somewhat soft-spoken, but steely eyed Democrat from South Dakota, whose early reputation was as a consensus builder.

Whether anyone would admit or not, Daschle has a very familiar air about him. Like another politician who was suddenly thrust into a powerful role opposed to the administration some years back, Daschle grates on Republicans the way Howard Stern does the National Organization of Women. In fact, for the current batch of Congressional Republicans, except being several inches taller and a good 50 pounds of Bubba lighter, Daschle is suspiciously similar to how Democrats viewed Newt Gingrich.

In effect, Daschle is the Democrats' revenge for Gingrich and thus, when liberals get up in arms over how Sen. Lott, with the Bob's Big Boy/Ronald Reagan hair, lambastes him, just remember how they cheered when Democratic leaders and much of the press kept biting at the heels of the rabid former speaker of the House. One does not have to agree with the attacks, but at least acknowledge that liberals would do the same if the roles were reversed.

As for the conservative brethren out there, do not insult everyone by bitching and moaning about Daschle's patriotism. Like many Americans, he is concerned about the deployment of troops to new terrorist hotspots and hears the president's warnings about initiating operations against Iraq and other countries, and he is concerned that our objectives are unclear — and increasingly expensive. Daschle is voicing concerns expressed by growing numbers of people, which will certainly only increase as American casualties mount. Remember, in a recent Freudian slip, U.S. commander, Gen. Tommy Franks referred to Afghanistan as Vietnam. And would someone please tell Sen. Lott to save the rhetoric about aiding the enemy by voicing these concerns — it is not as if Daschle is Hanoi Jane Fonda.

Finally, if the similarity to Gingrich plays out, Daschle, who clearly has presidential thoughts, will implode and fall on his own sword, just like the former speaker. So sit back, calm down and wait.

Recovering from the vacation

Chris Hickling
STAFF COLUMNIST

Call me Huc. I traverse the globe in a Toyota with my gang of bandits. There's Drinky McDrunk, who is known on occasion to drink Jack Daniels and Coke with both fists. Next to him is Mr. X, who remains anonymous due to fear of his personal reputation being tarnished. Finally, we have a person whose imminent failure has earned him the moniker Biff. Conventional names are tossed out the window along with inhibition, safety and, on occasion, common sense. In two words: spring break.

Our files are generally kept secret (due to a threat of physical harm from Mr. X), but I have broken protocol this week to give you snapshots during the past week of debauchery. Too often, the scenes that occur in places from Cancun to South Padre to Myrtle Beach are forgotten once the scars heal and the sunburn turns into a tan. This list is far from exhaustive, not even the best of the best, simply life seen from the lenses of yours truly. The following are true stories. The names have been changed to protect the embarrassed.

You needn't go far to come to a stop that brings the insanity of Panama City to the highway of North Carolina. Off exit 70 on Interstate 95, you will find the Café Risqué. You say to yourself, "Huc, I really want to see completely nude women while I eat my breakfast, lunch or dinner." You, my friend, are in luck. This café is one in a long line of "We Bare All" strip club/restaurants that dot the trip down to the Sunshine State. While we didn't actually go in, it is certain to be a little taste of spring break without the nine-hour drive.

Next, we move onto the phenomenon of the yard. If you aren't familiar with this marvel, it is a plastic drinking apparatus shaped like an old bicycle horn. When Drinky McDrunk wasn't turning up bottles of Crown Royal in between his Jack-in-cokes, he was sipping from a yard. People get so used to drinking from the yard that they bring it into breakfast the next morning and get their OJ in there. Biff, or Biffy Mc Slip Slip, as he is known in certain parts of Fort Lauderdale, finds these yards to be a disgrace to everything that liquid receptacles should be. "Those tubes are a slap in the face of the Big Gulp," he exclaims to a group from Rhode Island who was ignoring him. Indeed, Biff.

Since we have talked about scantily clad dancing and alcohol, the next logical step would have to be ... you guessed it, the club. Hundreds upon hundreds of hand-stamped college students getting it on till six in the morn. I don't know what it is about the club, but for some reason, I don't seem to fit in. Perhaps it is the beard. Perhaps it is my dislike of the music. I like to think that it is because of the lack of lighting; the clubber girls just can't see how cool I really am.

At the club, I had to spend extra money because I am still 20. I wouldn't want to blame my mom for this, so I will blame the spring break planners. Couldn't you have waited two weeks? I mean, at least it would have been *spring*. MTV has warped my idea of Spring Break. I thought the authority (in this case, Rocco the bouncer) would have been a little more accepting of my lack of age, but that was not the situation at all. Suffice it to say that it is no good to be an underage male.

Finally, spring break is a good time for reflection. There's no class in the morning that you have to make, and you don't have to think about schoolwork for a whole week. So, when you are taking that three-mile walk from your friend's hotel to yours, you can observe the population. At first I thought this would be just like Jack Kerouac; I would be meeting these interesting people and inhaling their life stories into my brain. I'm sure that Kerouac would have written about the neon that makes Daytona look like it's on fire, but beyond that, I only found really pathetic guys with video cameras begging girls to lift their shirts.

As I reflected upon the week, I was reminded of a phrase spoken by Joe E. Lewis: "You're not drunk if you can lay on the floor without holding on," but that seems to cheapen the whole time. Instead, I turn to Elbert Hubbard, who said, "No man needs a vacation so much as the man who has just had one."

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State was successful in driving past the MSU defenders.

"I thought in the second half we defended them about as well as we could, and they went to just dribble driving around us," said MSU head coach Tom Izzo. "The credit goes to them. We took maybe one option away, [then] we took the second away, and they found a third one."

"[Michigan State] was not taking charges, and [the officials] were calling hand checks," said Evtimov. "We were just trying to get it to the hole, take some fouls and just get what they give us."

While Grundy was out of the game, State was able to outscore the Spartans 26-13 to build a 10-point lead. Hodge and Evtimov combined for 17 of those points, as State held onto a 57-47 lead when Grundy reentered.

MSU was able to give the Pack one last scare. The Spartans' Chris Hill banked in a 3-pointer to cut State's lead to eight points. A subsequent turnover led to a Marcus Taylor 3-pointer to further trim the lead with 2:21 remaining.

MSU wasn't able to hit any more field goals, however, and State made its free throws to provide the final 11-point margin.

Grundy kept State in the game in the first half, scoring 10 of the Pack's 18 points. He finished with 16. Hodge took over the reins in the second, scoring 14 of his 16. Evtimov also finished in double figures with 12.

"I was immensely proud of the way our guys responded in the second half," said head coach Herb Sendek. "We cut harder, our defense picked up, and our guys demonstrated tremendous constitution."

WRESTLE

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said. "Carolina kind of fell apart; they had one champion, and we ended up with five. It just shows what kind of kids that these guys are and the kind of effort that they put out today."

Virginia had another champion at 184 pounds, as Jimi Massey soundly defeated Jake Stork of Maryland 9-3. After Jason Gore defeated Daegan Smith of Duke 8-3, Carolina's Matt Kenny won his fourth consecutive ACC championship by beating Ryan Painter of Virginia 6-1.

NCAA

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when Jim Valvano's squad had 24. The ride culminated with State's first trip to the NCAA Tournament and its first win there in 11 years.

Still, it is a bitter end to the season for the Pack.

"We wanted this game as bad as anybody," said Grundy. "The Sweet Sixteen would have been special for us, but it has been a special year for us."

UConn jumped out to an early 6-3 lead, benefiting from early State turnovers and subsequent transition baskets. State responded with a 6-0 run on two 3-point baskets by Miller.

State continued its hot 3-point shooting over the rest of the first half, but a key component of its offense was missing. Leading scorer Grundy missed his first six shots and finished the half with only three points.

UConn was hitting on all cylinders, however, and a 14-0 run gave the Huskies a 33-22 lead with 4:36 remaining in the half. Over the final minutes of the half, State used an 8-2 run to chip the lead down to 35-30.

UConn built its lead up to 45-37 in the opening minutes of the second half before Grundy started to warm up. He scored six of the Pack's next eight points as State cut the lead to 47-45. Seconds later, Melvin put the Pack in the lead with a 3-pointer — State's last lead of the game.

With the game in the balance, Butler began to dominate. He scored 20 of his career-high 34 points in the last 10:44 to stave off the Pack charge. When he hit two free throws with 4:27 remaining, UConn appeared in total control, up 67-57.

"He is the real deal," Calhoun said of Butler. "I have had some pretty good ones at UConn. He does so many things with his power and strength."

State remained resilient and put together a 14-5 spurt to close the margin to 72-71. Melvin hit two 3-pointers and Miller added a 22-footer to lead the way. In the end, though, the Pack came up one call short.

Seniors Grundy and Miller ended their State careers. Both went out in style as Miller canned three 3-pointers, and Grundy overcame his cold first half to lead the Pack with 17 points.

"Looking back, it's been a heck of a time," said Miller. "To play at N.C. State, with the tradition and a lot of passion at the university, you just hope to represent them well. I think we did that all season."

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[3] @ Statesboro, Ga.

FRESHMEN

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said Grundy. "[They wondered] how we were going to cope with that. We've done a great job of stepping up to challenges ... , and the freshmen have really been the catalysts."

While Hodge will publicly take the blame for the loss to UConn, everyone around the program knows that he is the reason State was where it was in the first place.

In fact, it's questionable whether or not Hodge even made a mistake. He was defending Caron Butler like a senior and just got unlucky.

"I thought I was just playing really good defense," said Hodge. "I didn't think I fouled him but the official did.

"It's something I'm going to learn from. What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger."

Were it not for Hodge's heroics in the first round, it's unlikely the Pack would have even prevailed to face UConn.

With 14:45 remaining in the second half against Michigan State, Grundy picked up his fourth foul attempting to block Alan Anderson's fast-break layup. State was in the midst of a comeback, beginning the half on a 13-5 run to trim a 12-point halftime deficit to four. Grundy's foul, however, seemed destined to halt the Pack momentum.

Heading to the bench was State's leading scorer, passer and rebounder. He was the go-to guy — a first-team All-ACC selection. Certainly the Pack couldn't overtake the Spartans without him.

Enter Hodge.

"Anthony is a great player; he is our leader," said Hodge. "When he had to go out, it was up to us as a team to step it up and make big-time shots. I took it upon myself to make big shots."

After Anderson converted his free throws, State pressed the ball up the court and hit Hodge on the left wing. Hodge made a strong move to the basket, drawing a foul and hitting the shot. He converted the old-fashioned three-point play to pull State within three at 37-34.

After MSU's Marcus Taylor missed a 3-pointer at the other end of the court, Hodge was once again hit on the fast break. Again, he would convert a three-point play to tie the game. State would never trail again.

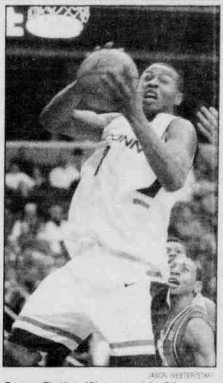
"I'd say he's going to be a lot better," said Grundy of Hodge's performance. "He's shown a little bit, but there are a lot of things he can do."

While Hodge was the key in bringing State back, he deferred to other freshmen to build the Pack lead.

Up 40-39, Josh Powell got the ball at the top of the key. He drove past Adam Ballinger, hit the runner and was fouled. That three-point play pushed State's lead to four. Seconds later, Evtimov drained a 3-pointer to extend State's lead to eight points.

That 3-pointer was followed by a Hodge layup and then a subsequent Evtimov layup. As the freshmen ended their run, State had turned a four-point deficit into an 11-point advantage. All in all, the freshmen scored all but three points during the decisive run.

"We've played a lot of minutes lately, and we're not freshmen anymore," said Evtimov. "Even though we're still in our freshman year, we play like older guys."



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Caron Butler (3) poured in 34 points for UConn, which eliminated State from the NCAA Tournament.

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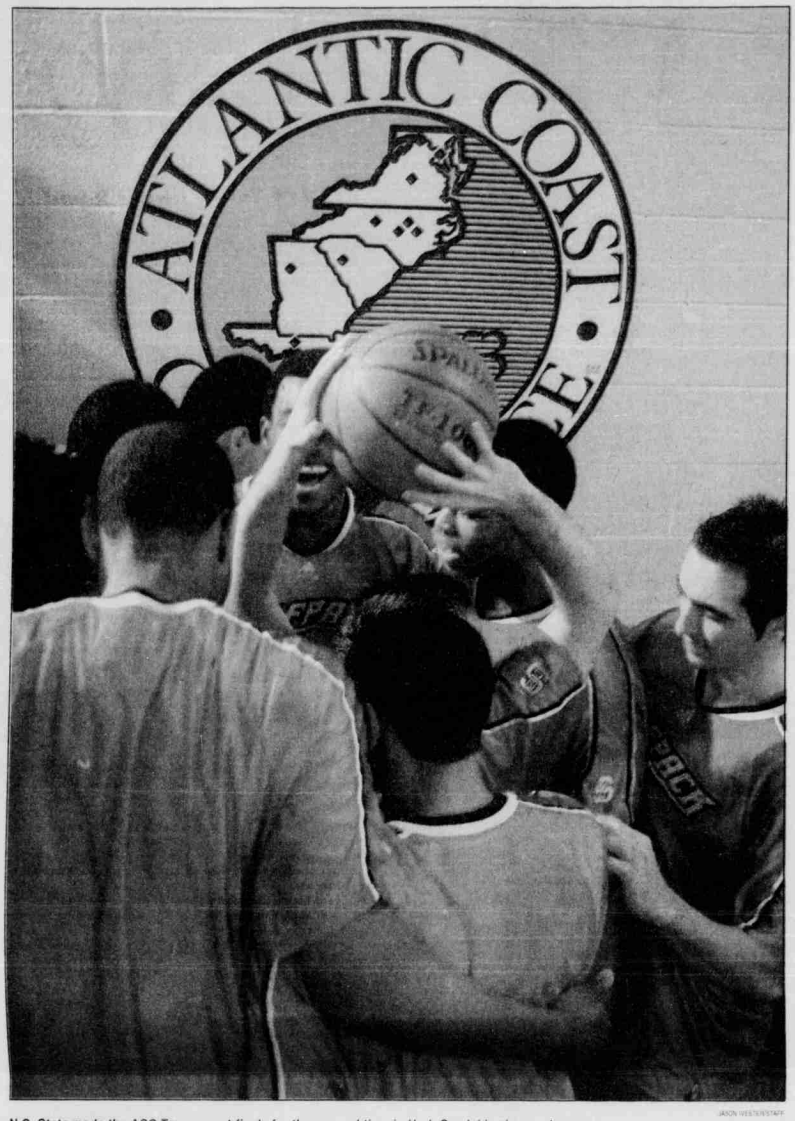

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N.C. State made the ACC Tournament finals for the second time in Herb Sendek's six-year tenure.

ACC

Boozer, Duke muscle by State

♦ Carlos Boozer's 26 points paced Duke to its fourth consecutive ACC title.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

CHARLOTTE — Anything seemed possible for N.C. State heading into the ACC Tournament's championship game March 10.

In its opening game, the Wolfpack knocked Virginia off the proverbial NCAA Tournament bubble. The next day, State stunned a Maryland team destined for the top seed in the NCAA's East Regional. The Pack overwhelmed both of those teams with its best shooting performances of the season, making 59.8 percent of its shots in the tournament's first two games.

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After beating two of the teams that beat Duke during the regular season, a win over the Blue Devils in the ACC finals seemed within the realm of possibility — until the shots stopped falling.

Duke held State to just 36.7 percent from the field while making 63.5 percent of its shots to defeat the Pack 91-61. With the win, the Devils became the first team to win four consecutive ACC Tournament titles.

"We really had no adequate response or answer today," State head coach Herb Sendek said. "I think we all saw a great basketball team in action."

State couldn't find a way to stop Duke's three premier players. Jason Williams scored 24 points for the Devils and dished out a game-high 10 assists. Mike Dunleavy hit of 7-of-11 shots from the floor, including 3-of-6 3-pointers, to finish with 18 points.

The Pack's biggest problem came inside in the form of Carlos Boozer. Boozer, the tournament's MVP, missed his first shot of the game and then made every one after that. The 6-9 junior, who converted all but four field goals in Duke's three tournament games, went 11-for-12 from the

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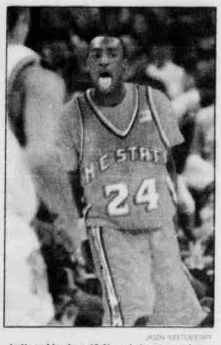
Anthony Grundy (with towel), who was named to the All-Tournament first team, sits on the bench during State's loss in the finals to Duke.



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Julius Hodge (24) celebrates after nailing a key 3-pointer late in the Pack's win over Maryland.

Pack stuns Terps for berth in finals

♦ Hot-shooting N.C. State pulled off the ACC Tournament's biggest upset with a win over No. 1 Maryland.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

CHARLOTTE — The scene at center court of the Charlotte Coliseum following N.C. State's game against top-seeded Maryland on March 9 said it all.

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The Wolfpack's Anthony Grundy stood there, flashing a broad grin. His teammate, Julius Hodge, embraced him and displayed an equally wide smile. A flood of photographers surrounded them, trying to get a shot of the two players who moments before led State to the biggest upset of the 2002 ACC Tournament.

After Maryland cut a 13-point State lead to three, Hodge buried a crucial 3-pointer with 1:17 remaining, and Grundy sealed the game at the free-throw line in the closing seconds, giving State an 86-82 win and a berth in the championship game.

"I just couldn't be more proud of the guys," said State head coach Herb Sendek, who guided the Pack to the ACC title game for the second time in six years. "If there's ever been a team that personifies really playing hard and playing together, this group has done that."

For the second day in a row, State's opponent found no solution for the Pack's offense, which shot 59.2 percent from the floor.

"We knew going into today that N.C. State was shooting the ball well from the perimeter, and we had to shut that down; we didn't do a very good job of that," Maryland head coach Gary Williams said.

The Pack entered the final television timeout with a seemingly insurmountable 79-66 lead and the crowd on its side, but the Terrapins refused to go quietly.

Maryland repeatedly fouled State in the final minutes in an effort to stop the clock and draw closer. The Pack, which shot an ACC-leading 75.3 percent from the free-throw line during the regular season, suddenly couldn't hit foul shots. State made just 4-of-12 free throws down the stretch, while the Terps forced a couple of key turnovers to pull within three at 81-78.

In a matter of two minutes, State's lead had nearly evaporated, but Hodge had the answer. With the shot clock running out, the heralded freshman dribbled to his right, spotted up from behind the 3-point arc and launched a line-drive shot. The ball didn't get very far above the rim, but it swished through, doubling State's lead and sending the crowd into a frenzy.

"Julius just stepped up and made a great shot," Sendek said. "Great players do that. He has made big baskets for us all season."

The Terps still had one last gasp left. Behind by five, Steve Blake, who finished with 21 points, 11 assists, five rebounds and six steals, converted a layup then stole the ball from Grundy as he was trying to beat Maryland's press. With 20 seconds to go, Drew

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Grundy, hot shooting down Cavs

♦ N.C. State nailed 72.2 percent of its 3-pointers and got 32 points from Anthony Grundy in a quarterfinal win over Virginia.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

CHARLOTTE — For the better part of a half on March 8, Virginia, a team desperately in search of a win to keep its fleeting NCAA Tournament hopes alive, matched N.C. State's production.

Then, a funny thing happened — the Wolfpack forgot how to miss shots.

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UVA	72

State hit 66.7 percent of its shots in the second half, including an astounding 9-of-10 from 3-point range, to turn a seven-point halftime lead into a 92-72 blowout in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament. The Pack shot a season-high 60.4 percent from the floor and made 72.2 percent of its 3-pointers, the second-highest mark in ACC Tournament history.

"Certainly, that made things a lot easier for us," State head coach Herb Sendek said. "I can't remember a team making 13 out of 18 3s ... We really capitalized when we had open shots."

UVa could not figure out a way to stop Anthony Grundy, State's first-team All-ACC selection. Grundy poured in a career-high 32 points, the most by a State player in an ACC Tournament game since David Thompson scored 38 in 1975.

"It has been a storybook year for me personally, but our team has done a really great job of sticking together and winning games," Grundy said.

The Pack also got an important contribution from senior Archie Miller. After going scoreless in the first half, Miller hit all four of his 3-point attempts in the second half.

"The performances, as well as the leadership, that we have gotten from Anthony and Archie have been priceless to our basketball team," Sendek said. "It's one thing to be an older guy that has some nuggets of wisdom, but it's another thing to provide assurance under fire like these guys have done and still yet another to play really well."

Despite the Pack's hot shooting, the Cavs surged out to an early 14-7 lead. Roger Mason Jr., who finished with 24 points, knocked down a pair of 3-pointers early to give UVa the advantage.

State was quick to offer a response, however, with Grundy shouldering much of the load. The senior hit every manner of shot from twisting layups to 3-pointers. Even when he wasn't making shots, Grundy drew enough attention to get other people open, as he did when he hit a cutting Marcus Melvin with a one-handed pass for an

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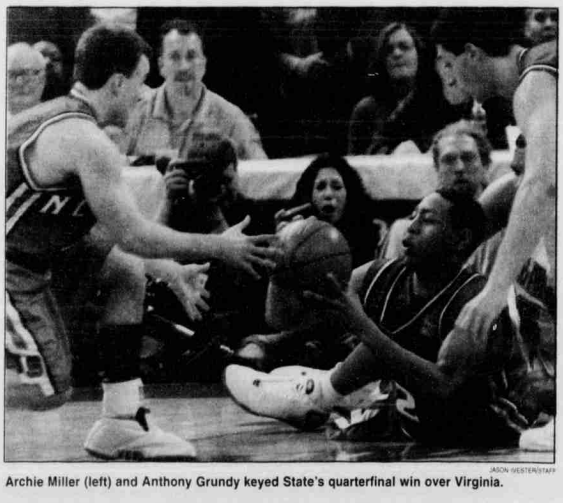

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Archie Miller (left) and Anthony Grundy keyed State's quarterfinal win over Virginia.

Tournament 2002

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The coliseum begins to fill up before the title game.

floor, mostly on layups, and scored 26 points in just 28 minutes of action.

"They have good guards, and I think we kind of forget the fact that we have to check Boozer down there as well," State senior Anthony Grundy said. "We leave one of our young big guys on him, and therefore, it's pretty much a man-to-man situation."

Trying to apply the lessons from its two regular-season losses to Duke, the Pack tried rotating defenses against the Devils, implementing more zone than in the previous meetings between the two. The strategy didn't seem to faze Duke.

"Whether you play a man or zone, you're still going to run into the same kinds of things," Sendek said. "You just want a piece of that puzzle to keep them off balance a bit. I thought Wake had some success [with a zone] after being down 27-7, but that obviously wasn't the answer."

As they did in the semifinals against Wake Forest, the Devils sprinted out to a quick lead. Behind seven points inside from Carlos Boozer, Duke opened the game on a 21-7 run and appeared on the verge of putting the game out of reach.

Before the Devils could run away with the game, however, State made its own run in the latter stages of the half. The Pack scored on four consecutive possessions, capped by a Grundy 3-pointer with 3:18 to go, to trim Duke's lead to five. State would never get that close again.

"N.C. State came up with an amazing effort to beat [Maryland]," Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "That had to knock something out of them ... I thought they got a little tired. They are a terrific basketball team."

Following Grundy's 3, Dunleavy took a feed from Daniel Ewing, converted a layup and completed a three-point play at the free-throw line. On Duke's next possession, Dunleavy drained the first of his two 3-pointers on a 13-4 run that sent Duke into the half with a 46-32 lead that would continue to grow after the break.

"Once we cut it to about five or six, we felt like we were getting a little more confidence just crawling our way back in it," senior Archie Miller said. "At one point, it was just us crawling back in it and getting ourselves in a position to where we could make another run late and really get it tight. I think those last four minutes, they really broke it back open to finish the half, and that was a big part of the game."

Grundy, who averaged 23 points per game in the tournament, was a unanimous selection for the All-Tournament first team. Miller was also selected for the first team, and freshman Julius Hodge and sophomore Marcus Melvin earned spots on the second team.

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Nicholas missed a 3 that would have tied the game, but ACC Player of the Year Juan Dixon, who was held to 13 points, grabbed the rebound over Archie Miller. Dixon tried a pass inside to Lonny Baxter, but Grundy tipped the ball away and was fouled by Baxter.

Grundy, a 75.2 percent free-throw shooter, had a chance to ice the game at the line with 9.7 seconds remaining but missed both shots. Dixon gunned a 3 at the other end, but the ball bounced off the rim and out-of-bounds. State threw the ball in to Grundy, who was sent to the line again with 2.3 seconds left.

Once again, Grundy missed the first free throw, but the Pack's first-team All-ACC selection got the second to fall, putting his team up four and ending any chance Maryland had left.

"I would say it was the toughest free throw of my life," Grundy said. "There were a lot of things going through my mind. I just blanked it out and pictured me being on the playground back at home.

"I'm always the guy who likes to keep people on the edge of their seats."

Grundy scored a game-high 24 points on 9-of-12 shooting to lead five State players in double figures. Sophomore Marcus Melvin also had a big game for the Pack, scoring 19 and making 4-of-8 3-pointers.

State had problems containing UVa's Travis Watson in the teams' two regular-season meetings, but Watson got into early foul trouble and scored just eight points. In addition, the Pack beat the Cavs on the boards, out-rebounding UVa 32-23.

"We worked hard in practice, but obviously, we played harder in practice than we did in the game," UVa head coach Pete Gillen said. "We played hard in spurts — I don't want to misrepresent — but we didn't play as hard and ferocious and as desperate as we needed to the whole time."

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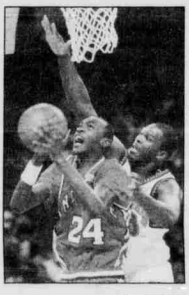
easy layup to put State up 29-27 late in the first half.

"Anthony is the heart of the team," Mason said. "All year, he has been doing what he did tonight. He is first-team [All-ACC] for a reason. He does what they need him to do. In the first half, they needed him to score, and he did that."

Leading 42-35 heading into the second half, State began getting some production from its other senior.

Miller started the Pack's 3-point barrage, draining one just 25 seconds into the half. The Cavs quickly cut the lead to two, but Miller slowed their momentum with another 3. Two possessions later, he sent home his third 3 of the half, putting State up 54-45 with 16:02 to go. The lead just steadily grew from there.

"In the first half, [Virginia] was really guarding against the 3-point shot," Miller said. "We tried to put it on the floor and make plays. In the second half, we were really staying in the scheme of things. When the first one goes down, you always feel a lot better about the next one."



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Julius Hodge (24) was one of four State players named to the All-Tournament team.

2002 ACC Tournament Results

Play-In Game

No. 8 Florida State 91, No. 9 Clemson 84 (OT)

The first game of the 2002 ACC Tournament, which pitted Florida State against Clemson, also proved to be the longest.

With time running out at the end of regulation, Clemson's Ed Scott missed a jumper, but after two other Tigers couldn't get their put-back attempts to fall, Tomas Nagys tipped the ball in at the buzzer to tie the score at 67 and send the game to overtime. In the extra session, however, FSU sank 17-of-26 free throws, outscoring Clemson 24-17 to take the 91-84 win.

The Tigers held a 64-55 advantage with 5:01 remaining in regulation, but the Seminoles briefly grabbed the lead late with a 12-0 run before Clemson forced overtime.

"I think one of the biggest things was that our guys continued to compete, continued to play and continued to fight," said FSU head coach Steve Robinson, who was fired following the tournament. "I told them at the three-minute mark that they needed to play with poise and do things that I ask them to do."

Senior Delvon Arrington was on the floor for the Seminoles for all but one minute, scoring a game-high 24 points on 7-of-14 shooting. Scott played all 45 minutes, made 9-of-24 field-goal attempts for 23 points and dished out seven assists.

Quarterfinals

No. 1 Maryland 85, No. 8 Florida State 59

For an instant, Florida State appeared primed for an upset in the first quarterfinal game of the tournament. The Seminoles trailed top-seeded Maryland 40-28 at halftime but opened the second half with a spurt. Senior Monte Cummings dropped in 10 points on a 13-2 FSU run, bringing the Seminoles within one.

Maryland head coach Gary Williams called two timeouts to try to slow down FSU, but to no avail. Heading into the first television timeout of the half, the Seminoles had the momentum and the crowd decidedly on their side.

Then the Terrapins took control.

Maryland scored 21 unanswered points and held FSU without a field goal for nearly nine minutes on its way to an 85-59 rout.

"They made a great run coming out of halftime, and we used two timeouts to try to stop them," Williams said. "We raised it up 10 to 15 percent just in terms of our activity, and from there, we were OK."

ACC Player of the Year Juan Dixon led Maryland with 20 points, and junior Steve Blake added 10 points, seven assists and five steals. Cummings was FSU's top scorer with 19 points in his final collegiate game.

No. 4 N.C. State 92, No. 5 Virginia 72

No. 2 Duke 60, No. 7 North Carolina 48

After watching his Tar Heels get blown out in two regular-season meetings with Duke, North Carolina head coach Matt Doherty figured the best way to slow down the Blue Devils was to slow down the game.

In a throwback to the days of the "Four Corners," Carolina ran out the shot clock on every possession, trying to keep the score low to have a chance to win at the end. The strategy almost worked.

Leading just 48-43 with 3:42 left, Duke's Jason Williams swiped the ball from Jason Capel near mid-court and went in for a one-handed dunk on the other end. Moments later, Williams buried a 3-pointer from the wing, as the Devils pulled away down the stretch for a 60-48 win.

Duke could have altered the flow of the game in the first half when it led 26-14, but poor shooting on its part kept Carolina close.

"That was the only time in the game we didn't take good shots, and we fouled twice, 90 feet from the basket," Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "All of a sudden it is a six-point game at the half. If you make it a 16- to 18-point game, you have forced them to change the way they played."

Amazingly, Carolina only attempted eight field goals in the first 19 minutes of the second half but made seven of them. A 17-3 deficit in turnovers doomed the Heels to their 20th loss, a first in the program's history.

No. 3 Wake Forest 92, No. 6 Georgia Tech 83

The final quarterfinal game looked like it was over by halftime.

Wake Forest blitzed Georgia Tech in the first half, shooting 64.3 percent from the floor and carrying a 52-37 lead into the break. The Yellow Jackets wouldn't be eliminated that easily.

Behind senior Tony Akins' 15 second-half points, Tech pulled within three with 1:51 left. Senior Darius Songaila responded on the other end with a hook shot, and the Demon Deacons got three quick baskets on the fast break to pull away for a 92-83 win.

"We got a chance to get out on the break a little bit and just got easy baskets," said senior Craig Dawson, who had a layup and a dunk in transition in the closing moments. "That's basically what we feed off of. When we play good defense and rebound the basketball, we are a great transition team, and great things happen for us."

Junior Josh Howard had a double-double for Wake, scoring a game-high 23 points and collecting 12 rebounds. Songaila added 22 points and nine boards for the Deacs. Akins had 22 points, seven assists and four steals in defeat for Tech.

Semifinals

No. 4 N.C. State 86, No. 1 Maryland 82

No. 2 Duke 79, No. 3 Wake Forest 64

Duke tried everything it could to run away with its semifinal game against Wake Forest.

The Blue Devils made their first nine shots and raced out to a 27-7 lead with 12:37 left in the first half. Wake, however, would gradually claw its way back. By halftime, the Demon Deacons trailed by just five, and on three occasions early in the second half, they were within one of Duke. The Deacs never could get over the hump, though.

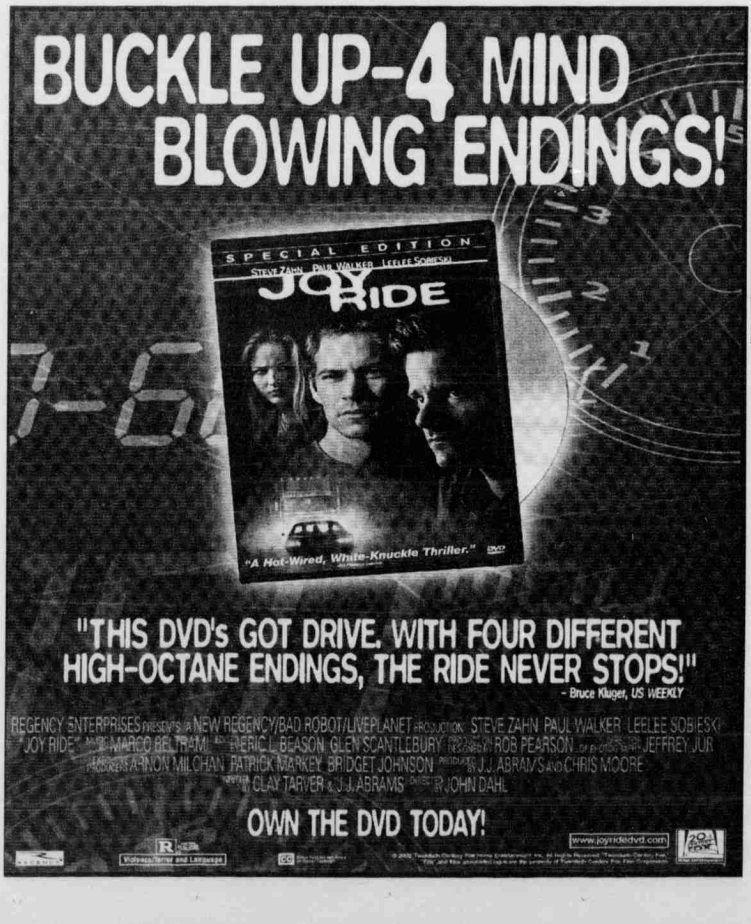
Keyed by two 3-pointers from Daniel Ewing and one each from Chris Duhon and Jason Williams, Duke used a 15-5 run to build an 11-point lead with 7:54 left. The Devils were never seriously challenged again, winning 79-64 to advance to the title game.

"It doesn't help to play Duke and go down 27-7 at the start," Wake head coach Skip Prosser said. "I was proud of the way our kids battled back, especially when we made a little bit of a run with three freshmen on the floor. They're very, very good; that spurt they had in the second half just buried us."

Junior Carlos Boozer hit 7-of-8 shots for 17 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for Duke. Fellow junior Mike Dunleavy was the game's high scorer with 18. Senior Darius Songaila had 16 for Wake before fouling out with 6:12 to go.

Finals

No. 2 Duke 91, No. 4 N.C. State 61



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State drops heartbreaker

♦ A questionable call sent N.C. State's season to an end as the Pack fell to Connecticut in the NCAA Tournament's second round.

Steve Thompson
Assistant Sports Editor

WASHINGTON — Three ... two ... one ... the shot clock was winding down, and Connecticut's Caron Butler was forced to heave a desperation 3-pointer.

The ensuing sequence of events will likely be a subject of debate for months to come, but N.C. State will be forced to accept the bitter outcome. When the final whistle sounded, it was UConn who would advance to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet Sixteen as the Huskies won 77-74 in Sunday's second round matchup at the MCI Center.

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"You want to move on [in the tournament]," said State senior Archie Miller. "We had a good enough team to keep going, but we just came up a little short."

Butler's shot hung on the rim for seemingly an eternity before sliding off. It looked like the Wolfpack was going to get one last shot. Things aren't always how they seem, however.

Official Scott Thornley made his way to the scorers' table and whistled Julius Hodge for a foul on Butler. After the three free throws, State trailed by four with 11 seconds remaining.

"I thought I was just playing really good defense," said Hodge. "I didn't think I fouled him, but obviously the official did.

"We played our hearts out. We were in the game all the way until the end. It's unfortunate the game had to end on an official's call."

With State's back to the wall, the Pack refused to let its season go quietly. Anthony Grundy found Ilian Evtimov in the right corner for a 3-point shot to cut the lead to one. Evtimov fell down after the shot, but there was no whistle.

"I just caught the ball and made sure I was shooting a 3," said Evtimov. "I knew we needed a four-point play. I ended up on the floor, but I don't know if there was a foul or not."

"To lose on a questionable call, it kind of hurts more," said Marcus Melvin. "I feel that Caron Butler's shot and Ilian's shot were identical."

Butler was fouled on the ensuing possession, and his two free throws extended the lead to three. State got one last shot to send the game into overtime, but its season ended when Hodge's 25-footer glanced off the rim.

"Tremendous credit to the kids from N.C. State," said UConn head coach Jim Calhoun. "They refused to go away and made out life certainly more difficult.

"Down the stretch, they made as tough of shots as anybody has against us. I give a tremendous amount of credit to Herb [Sendek] and his kids."

The loss ends a spectacular season by the Pack. Its 23 wins are the most for a State team since 1988

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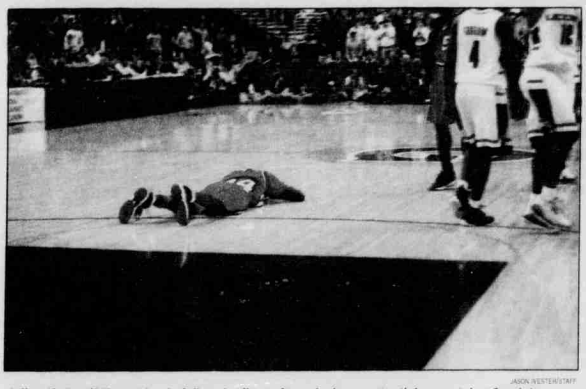

JASON WESTER/STAFF

Julius Hodge (24) could only fall to the floor after missing a potential game-tying 3-pointer.

	1	2	Final
N.C. State	30	44	74
Connecticut	35	42	77

Statistical Leaders

Points	Butler	(UConn)	34
Rebounds	Two tied with		9
Assists	Gordon	(UConn)	5

Player of the Game

Caron Butler scored 34 points, grabbed nine reboounds and iced the game at the free-throw line for UConn in the closing seconds.

Wrestling repeats as ACC champs

JOSH MICHEL/STAFF

The wrestling team won its second consecutive ACC title March 9.

♦ N.C. State placed six wrestlers in the championship round and picked up five individual titles.

Jay Kohler
Staff Writer

Mat Jam, which took place March 9 at Reynolds Coliseum, was a long, all-day affair in which the ACC and the Southern Conference both held their wrestling championships.

With as many as four matches going on at the same time, the day was full to the brim of action. When the mats were finally cleared and the points were tallied, one thing was clear — N.C. State had won its 12th ACC championship and its first back-to-back title since the Wolfpack won four straight from 1988 to 1991.

"This was very rewarding, especially with the way we started out the season," said head coach Bob Guzzo. "We really struggled, and guys made some changes in the weights that they were at. It's a relatively young team, and we were very inconsistent at times, but they really pulled it together at the end of the year, and that's what counts. This team deserves a great deal of credit."

The tournament was still up in the air when the 174-pound championship match took place between Dustin Kawa of State and Mark Canty of North Carolina. State was leading the Tar Heels 77-69.5 when the match took place. The two wrestlers were locked at 2-2 heading into the third round, but an escape by Kawa put him up by one. Kawa wrestled Canty even the rest of the match for a 3-2 victory, which clinched the championship for the Pack.

"It was quite a tribute to all the guys on the team, even the kids who didn't start," said Guzzo. "They worked hard, and they helped push the other guys. As a coach, this is a very rewarding experience to see how these young men have grown and come along. Everyone pulled together at the right time. This is very rewarding for me personally, and I know it is for the team."

Not only did Kawa and the team win, but the Pack placed four other individuals on the podium in first place: George Cintron at 125 pounds, Jake Giamoni at 149 pounds, Pierre Pryor at 165 pounds and Jason Gore at 197 pounds. Dave Miller took second at 157 pounds, and Ngozi Collins finished third at heavyweight.

The Pack ended the tournament with 83 points followed by Carolina with 72.5, Virginia with 66, Maryland with 49.5 and Duke with 36.5.

Cintron was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler and with good reason.

Cintron got the Pack some momentum as the championship brackets started that evening. In another State-UNC match, Cintron faced off against Chris Rodrigues. The match was fought furiously, and by the end of regulation, the two wrestlers were tied 1-1. In sudden death, Cintron took the upper hand and, with a takedown, won the match 3-1. Carolina, which had been winning the tournament before that match, dropped behind State 71-69.5 and would not lead again.

Virginia helped State out in the 133-pound match as Joe Alexander decisioned Evan Sola of UNC 5-4.

In the 141-pound match, Brandon York won the only championship for Maryland with a 5-2 decision over Bob Seidel of Virginia. State then wrestled in the next four championship matches, winning three of them, including Kawa's title-clinching match.

"Carolina had the lead going into the finals, and our kids responded," Guzzo

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Pack wins NCAA opener

♦ N.C. State overcame an abysmal first-half performance to down Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Steve Thompson
Assistant Sports Editor

WASHINGTON — For the first half of N.C. State's game vs. Michigan State on Friday afternoon, seemingly nothing State attempted was working. In the second half, however, the Wolfpack could do no wrong.

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State used a 51-point second half outburst to blow past the three-time defending Final Four participants, winning 69-58. The Spartans were the third straight 2001 Final Four team the Pack had faced — having upset Maryland in the ACC Tournament semifinals and falling to Duke thereafter.

State defeated the Spartans by disrupting MSU's offense with a full-court press. The pressure extended the Spartans' offense and kept them from establishing a low-post presence.

"This is the type of team that really turns the energy on defense," said senior guard Archie Miller. "Our comeback was keyed off our defense."

"The press really kept us from getting [inside points]," said Spartan center Aloysius Anagonye, who was held to only two points. "Instead of being in the post, we had to go help the guards get out of double teams. You have to credit North Carolina State for that."

After shooting only 25 percent (6-for-24) in the first half en route to a 30-18 deficit, the Pack came out sizzling in the second, hitting nine of its first 11 shots.

A 3-pointer by Miller — State's first 3 of the game — began the run. Four consecutive layups drew the Pack within three points at 32-29.

"At the beginning of the second half, our defense was creating some break opportunities," said Miller. "I think that's what got us back into it. Once you get some easy baskets, guys start playing with a little bit more confidence, and the shots started going down a little easier."

Minutes later, however, with State down 34-31, near disaster struck the Pack.

In attempting to block an Alan Anderson layup, State's Anthony Grundy picked up his fourth personal foul with just less than 15 minutes remaining in the game. He was forced to sit down, and State's comeback looked in peril.

The Pack, however, got increased performances from Julius Hodge, Ilian Evtimov and Cliff Crawford. The press had succeeded in wearing down the thin Spartans, who only play seven scholarship players due to injury, and

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Freshmen give preview of future

♦ With senior leader Anthony Grundy in foul trouble Friday, freshmen Julius Hodge and Ilian Evtimov stepped up their games.

Steve Thompson
Assistant Sports Editor

WASHINGTON — Julius Hodge was a solid performer for N.C. State throughout the season. He averaged double figures, made his free throws and picked up a few assists and rebounds each game.

Still, many had been expecting more.

During the NCAA Tournament, Hodge's game reached new levels. Against Michigan State, State's freshman star scored 14 of his 16 points during the second half, helping key the Pack's victory over Michigan State. Against Connecticut, he was the Pack's most consistent performer, with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Other less-touted freshmen, Ilian Evtimov and Josh Powell, also turned in a big performances this weekend.

Against the Spartans, Evtimov contributed 10 points on 3-of-5 shooting. His 3-point basket in the closing seconds of the UConn game was about as clutch a shot as State fans have seen.

Powell gave his strongest performances of the season, staying out of foul trouble and being more aggressive near the goal.

JASON WESTER/STAFF

Ilian Evtimov (with ball) and the rest of State's freshmen played an important role in the Pack's postseason run.

While the Wolfpack will certainly miss seniors Anthony Grundy and Archie Miller, the contributions from the freshmen are a solid preview that the upcoming three years have incredible potential.

"Everybody said that we had a group of young guys coming into the season and only two seniors,"

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Indoor track competes at NCAAs

♦ Kristin Price and Kristen Pace earned top-10 finishes at the 2002 Indoor NCAA Championships.

Sports Staff Report

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The N.C. State women's track and field team sent five athletes to compete in three events at the 2002 Indoor NCAA Championships in Arkansas.

On the first day of competition, March 8, the Wolfpack entered the 5,000-meter event with the No. 1 and No. 3 seeds. State sophomore Kristin Price earned All-America status with a seventh-place finish. Price, who entered as the No. 1 seed, completed the race in 16:26.61. Senior Amy Beykirch was 17th, running in 17:29.93.

Price, a transfer from Virginia Tech, had run the fastest time in the 5,000 during the season with a 16:08.15 when she was crowned ACC Champion in February. Last season at Virginia Tech, Price earned All-America honors in the 5,000 during the outdoor season with a 10th place finish at the NCAA Championships.

Beykirch was seeded third in the 5,000 after capturing third place at the ACC Championships with an automatic NCAA time of 16:12.41.

On the second day of the event, the Pack came away with four more top finishes.

Kristen Pace, who missed most of last season with an injury, notched a ninth-place finish in the high jump with a top mark of 5-9 1/4.

Pace made her second trip to the NCAA Championships to compete in the high jump. As a freshman in 2000, she captured 10th place with a mark of 5-10 and earned All-America honors during the indoor season. Pace entered this year's meet ranked 15th with a season-best mark of 5-10 3/4.

In the 3,000, the Pack had three runners compete. Price brought home a 10th-place finish with a time of 9:20.11. Also in that race, senior Katie Sabino was 12th (9:23.08) and sophomore Megan Coombs placed 16th (9:45.57).

Price entered the 3,000 ranked seventh. Last season she took fourth (9:18.77) in the event as a freshman. Price had posted two automatic times in the 3,000 this season, including one at the ACC Championships for a second-place finish.

Both Sabino and Coombs captured automatic NCAA times at the Last Chance Meet in Chapel Hill, finishing a mere 0.78 seconds apart. Going into the NCAAs, Sabino was the 11th seed, and Coombs was 12th.

Sabino has now competed in four different NCAA Championships in her career, including a 13th-place finish in the 3,000 at the 2000 NCAA Indoor Championships. Coombs competed in her first Indoor NCAAs.