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Student-parents wear two hats

Two N.C. State students talk about the ups and downs of raising a child.

Diane Cordova

For many college students, mornings are filled with snooze buttons, coffee and test-cramming. But for the college student with a child, add to that list bottles, dia-

pers and tear-drying. For a college student, school alone can be challenging, but some N.C. State students juggle parenting, as well. Junior Diera Parham and senior Logan Stone know from first-hand experience.

Unlike the average college student, "I have to think for two people instead of just one," said Parham.

"My day is a lot more structured," added Stone.

Parham is raising her 2-month-old son, Kim, attending school full-time, working, is part of a sorority, and is very involved with an on-campus organization. People are typically "surprised" that I can balance school, parenting and participating in organizations simultaneously, said Parham. However, they think it is a 'wonderful thing" that I am able to do so.

"People seem to think it's a big deal [raising a child], but it's not a whole lot different from any other mother with a career," said Stone.

But Stone admits that raising a child in the college campus is a "different atmosphere" from the business world.

Stone is raising her 2-and-a-half-year old daughter, Hailey, while working and attending school full-time.

Although some days Stone does not have class until 11:50 a.m., she wakes up at 7:45 a.m. to take her daughter to school. And even though sometimes she needs to do more work, Stone leaves class or lab around 5 p.m. in order to pick her daughter up from school.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Parham wakes up at 7 a.m. to get ready for classes. Parham has classes from 9:10 a.m. until 2:35 p.m. After classes end, she returns home and makes sure to spend about two hours with her son before heading to her job at Phase II Gym. Parham works as a personal trainer at the gym six days a week — Monday through Saturday. When working, Parham can either bring him with her or leave him with his father, depending on the father's schedule.

After leaving work, Parham usually does her homework, takes time to eat, takes a shower, and continues her homework if she has any remaining.

After picking her daughter up from school, Stone's evening is similar to Parham's.

Parham is also vice president of an onampus organization, modeling troop Black Finesse. While the organization can be time-consuming, Parham admits that it is something she truly enjoys. On Wednesday evenings, Parham attends Black Finesse meetings, which last about

"It's not that [raising a child] is hard because I'm living on my own and supporting myself," said Parham. "It's that people look at you in a different light and in a different way because you have a child.

'Having a child makes little, daily things seem trivial," said Stone. "[It] has been the most amazing thing I've ever done. It's something that I wouldn't pass

Parham said she is continually watched

because she has a child.
"People look at you as if you are crazy for having a child at this age," said Parham. In response to the perpetual looks, Parham describes feeling "angry" because "people don't know me, and they always assume things."

"I am a grown woman, and I'm not asking for help from anyone," said

Parham's goal is to graduate from college within the next year with or without help because after graduation she knows that while she will no longer be studying and going to classes, she will still be taking care of her child.

"To everyone out there who has a child, don't let your dreams die just because you have a child," said Parham. "As you grow, your child grows too

Parham noted that it is difficult when one still has to have a relationship with an ex-mate, with whom the situation went "sour."

"You still have to talk to them and deal with them on a regular basis," said



Diera Parham is raising her 2-month-old son, Kim. Staff photo by Tynesha Harris

Parham acquires some outside help with her son from his father, her faculty adviser from Black Finesse, her child's godmother, NCSU senior Rachel Scott, family and friends and her Theta Nu Xi sorority sisters

Raising a child requires an attention span and patience, said Parham. In ad-

dition," [having a child] makes me see things a lot clearer. I have to live my life also live my life for [Kim]," said Parham.

Stone expressed a similar sentiment. "Hailey is the most important thing in my life, and my life revolves around her," she

Military recruiters get a hand from new law

Congress ordered the school-tomilitary cooperation as part of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Ron Hutcheson

WASHINGTON — Military recruiters looking for a few good high school students will have an easier time finding them, thanks to a new federal law that

A beary merry Christmas

names, addresses and phone numbers. Congress ordered the school-to-mili-

tary cooperation as part of the No Child Left Behind Act, the education overhaul that President Bush championed last year. The law, which went into effect in July, also forces high school administrators to let military recruiters onto their campuses. The terms apply to any school, public or private, that gets federal mon-

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Wolfpack Student Initiative unique in UNC System

N.C. State's Wolfpack Student Initiative is the only student-run, student-funded scholarship endowment in the UNC System.

Jordan Cooke

Staff Reporter

November marked the first anniversary of the Wolfpack Student Initiative, a scholarship endowment established in 2001 by Student Government to help combat unmet financial need among students.

Student Government statistics show that the average student runs about \$4,000 short of needed financial aid.

During the month of November, Student Government held its second annual Two-Dollar Campaign and bake sale, fund-raisers for the Initiative. Money raised from this year's fund-raiser came

to approximately \$260.

The Two-Dollar Campaign was the first initiative project of the academic

The inaugural year of the campaign brought in approximately \$14,400, which left organizers short of the \$15,000 base needed to see the endowment fully established. Much of the money raised during the first year came from Student Government funds and from alumni con-

The Wolfpack Student Initiative is highly unique among scholarship endowments because it is both studentrun and student-funded. According to a Student Government document from former Student Body President Harold Pettigrew, "there [has] not been a program such as this done by any other student government."

Taymour Hammoudi, treasurer for the initiative, said that Georgia Tech is the only other school known to be considering the establishment of a similar endowment.

Ironically, the idea for the initiative began at Georgia Tech in the first place. Pettigrew first thought of the idea after speaking with student leaders from Tech about programs at their university and levels of student involvement.

Anna Grant, director of the initiative, said that while no other university within the UNC System has planned to establish an endowment like this one, that may change. She said that Jonathan Ducoté, president of the Association of Student Government, is working with UNC officials to establish similar scholarship programs at other North Carolina universities.

The initiative also is linked to the Student Memorial Fund. In the past, families of deceased students received letters requesting that they select a fund to which Student Government would make a donation on behalf of the late students. According to Hammoudi, response

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Eva Clayton Lecture

Eva Clayton will present a lecture to N.C. State students, staff, and faculty. The title of her lecture is "The Need and Joy of Public Service.

Witherspoon Multipurpose Room.

University-Community Brotherhood Dinner

ne University-Community Brotherhood dinner will call attention to contributions that African-Americans have made, and continue to make, in the nation and the world. Friday, 6:15 p.m.

McKimmon Center

NCSU Holiday Concert

N.C. State's music department presents its traditional holiday concert with a blend of choral & instrumental ensembles.

Concert will feature contemporary gospel and

Talley Student Center, Stewart Theater

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believes a diverse faculty is important, but schools snouldn't ignore qualifications. p. 4

people began their holiday buying. Staff photo by Andrew I

Classifieds

Four-year-old Kellie Knight of Raleigh gives her teddy bear a shower at the Build-a-

Bear in Crabtree Valley Mall. The weekend shopping rush generated long lines as

reminds you there are only 23 days until Christmas. Buy your stuff from us! p. 7

gets ready for Jacksonville as Chuck Amato accepts an invite from the Gator Bowl. p. 8

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Today Partly sunny High 55, Low 33



Partly sunny High 54, Low 39

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ey under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The only schools exempted are private ones with religious objections to military service, such as those run by Quakers.

The requirements are welcome news at the Pentagon, but some school administrators aren't at all happy about them. Schools that refuse to obey risk losing federal education money. Parents can block the release of their children's names, home addresses and phone numbers by instructing school officials to withhold them.

Critics say the law is an invasion of students' privacy and an affront to the principle of local control over schools. They also question the need for the changes, since all of the armed services met their recruitment goals last year. Some educators are becoming

aware of the new requirements only now because the recruiting provisions were overlooked in the midst of Bush's far-reaching education overhaul. The main thrust of the law is to require standardized tests for all students and to set tough accountability standards for schools.

School administrators were put on notice about the recruiting terms in October, thanks to a joint letter from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Education Secretary Rod Paige, who urged schools to "work closely with military recruiters.

They reminded educators that the disclosure requirement applies to juniors as well as graduating seniors. Before the law went into effect, as many as 2,000 high schools barred military recruiters, out of about 21,700 high schools nationwide, according to Defense Department estimates. Most schools are extremely reluctant to share personal information about their students, especially since other federal laws severely limit the release of students' data.

"We've been very zealous about student privacy, and with good reason - the parents want that," said Bruce Hunter, director of public policy at the American Association of School Administrafors. The Defense Department predicts that easier access to high school students will significantly reduce recruitment costs, which have nearly doubled over the past decade, to \$11,600 from \$6,500 per new enlistee. Many schools already were cooperating with military recruiters. "We've been handing over that information anyway, for at least eight years probably longer than that," said Paul Jackson, a spokesman for the Philadelphia school system.

Although male students are required to register with the Selective Service at age 18, Defense De-

partment officials say they have no plans to reinstate a military draft. The armed services need about 210,000 recruits a year to maintain the all-volunteer military, in addition to 150,000 recruits annually for National Guard and reserve units. Finding recruits has become more difficult in recent years. The boom economy of the 1990s, an increase in college enrollments and even the shrinking military all made it harder to find volunteers. "Many of those best able to advise youth about post-high school options teachers, counselors, coaches, parents _ have little firsthand experience with today's military," says a Defense Department explanation of the new law. "Those adult influences may underestimate the military's value as a powerful foundation for success

in any endeavor."

Dress rehearsal teaches students polite conventions

The transition from college to career includes mastering manners, say experts.

Cynthia Boyd ght Ridder Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Dana Yoder learned the proper handshake Monday night, the one that impresses prospective bosses from Fortune 500 companies and graduate school interviewers and maybe even future in-laws.

Yoder is intent on a career in theater management. So she, along with about 90 Northwestern College classmates, donned black suits and fancy shoes and came to dinner. Call it one of their final courses, or better yet, a dress rehearsal for entry into the world of work.

These college seniors came to master the multi-course dinner 🔺 and learn the manners their mamas didn't teach them. Or, maybe it's only now that they want to learn how to eat soup at a business dinner, work a room full of prospective clients, know which fork to use first, and how to perform a proper introduction.

"We're trying to transition them from college to career," explained Bridget Kenadjian, employer relations specialist in the Career Development Center at the college and coordinator of the annual Professional Protocol dinner for seniors.

For eight years, students at this Arden Hills college have come to

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The following is a list of reports issued by Campus Police for Tuesday.

7:57 a.m. Suspicious Person

A staff member reported a subject sleeping in his or her car at Brooks Lot. The subject was resting for a trip to Kentucky.

7:58 a.m. Breaking & Entering

A non-student reported a suspect entering the construction site to the new field house at Carter-Finley Stadium by peeling back a section of the fence. Numerous sections of copper pipe were

9:45 a.m. Larceny

A student reported that a pair of stolen jeans taken out of a dryer in the laundry room of Gold Hall. The victim's wallet was

10:51 a.m. Safety Program

Officers conducted a safety program in Leazar Hall. There were 18 people pres-

12:13 p.m. Safety Program

Officers conducted a safety program in Leazar Hall. There were 15 people pres-

12:16 p.m. Suspicious Person

A staff member reported a possibly intoxicated person acting strangely at the Hillsborough Street bus stop. Officers were unable to locate subject.

2:02 p.m. Larceny

A non-student reported that an air compressor had been stolen from a construction site near Capability Drive.

2:33 p.m Damage to Property

A staff member reported that the electronic gate to the parking lot of the large animal hospital had been struck by a horse trailer, causing damage.

3:25 p.m. Hit & Run

A student reported his or her vehicle was damaged while parked on Faucette Dri-

4:04 p.m. Larceny

A student reported that someone had stolen his or her ID card and used it.

4:22 p.m. Larceny

A student reported his or her wallet stolen from an unsecured bookbag in Shaub Hall.

5:29 p.m. Breaking & Entering A subject reported that a vehicle had been broken into while parked on the second level of Dan Allen Deck. A cell phone was removed.

6:56 p.m. Traffic Accident

Two students were involved in a traffic accident that occurred in Lee Lot involving property damage only.

9:58 p.m. Check point

Officers conducted a checkpoint on Cates Avenue. One citation and nine verbal warnings were issued.\

10:35 p.m. Noise Disturbance

A student reported kids making loud noises on the playground of E.S. King Village. The officers were unable to locate the subjects.

10:44 p.m. Suspicious Person Officers responded to Founders Drive for a subject. No one was located.

11:09 p.m. Skateboarders

A student was skateboarding in the Free-Expression-Tunnel area. No property damage was found, and the student was informed of university policy.

2:36 a.m. Larceny

A student reported his or her purse stolen in the Brickvard.

3:55 a.m. Molested Fire Equipment Unknown subject activated pull station in Tucker Hall.

Calls to 5-3000 - 76

Calls to 5-3333 - 101 Escorts - 15

Assist Motorist - 7

False Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 10 Actual Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 0

Tuition Payment Deadline Reminder

Students registered through TRACS for the 2003 spring semester are reminded that full payment or complete financial aid information must be received in the University Cashier's Office by the billing statement due date or their registrations will be cancelled.

The spring 2003 semester financial aid checks will be mailed directly to students' university correspondence address. Financial aid checks will no longer be picked up at the Cashier's Office.The Cashier's Office encourages all students to enroll in the direct deposit program to ease the disbursement of financial aid refunds. To enroll in the direct deposit program, complete and return a Direct Deposit Consent form to the Cashier's Office. Additional information, including the consent form, can be obtained at http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/ cashier/fadd/index.html.

If you are receiving a non-university scholarship, it is necessary that you come by the Cashier's Office immediately after the semester begins to sign for your financial aid scholarship. It is important to adhere to these instructions each term since failure to do so may result in financial aid funds being returned to the lender or sponsoring agency. Cashier's Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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from parents was low, and parents who did respond often gave no preference of a fund for the donation. Student Government then decided just to have the money donated to the Wolfpack Student Initiative.

As for the future, Student Government hopes to plan other fund-raisers and events for the Initiative in order to surpass the \$100,000 mark by the 2005-2006 academic year.

"It is unclear as to when the first scholarships may be awarded," Grant said, "but we hope to give out the first scholarship as early as next fall."

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Students Having Smarter Sex, Says New Survey, But More Education Needed

New research about the sexual habits of students is offering a positive look at what might really be happening behind closed doors.

New survey results suggest students ages 18-24 take sex and monogamy seriously and that more men than women in this age group say they are virgins. The survey also showed that most students know the basics of "safe and smart" sex (using both barrier and hormonal contraceptives), but there is still a need for

Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Network and Hamancal Corporation, makers of DEPO-PROVERAW Contraceptive Injection (medroxy-progressreno accatate injectable suspension), 1.051 men and women ages 18-24, currently enrolled in school, participated in an online survey that asked about various escual topics ranging from contraception to sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Likewise, men and women share similar views on relationships, emphasizing the importance of monogamy and healthy relationships. On average, those surveyed had 1.2 sexual partners during the last year.

"The good news is that most students have the knowledge they need to make smart sexual health decisions. But more information is always beneficial," says Drew Hunter, executive director, Bachus and Ganna, "If sudents truly know the flets, we should see a further reduction in unintended pregnancy and STI transmission rates."

To provide more information about smart and safe sex, a new website, www.Smartersex.org has been established to help college students manage their sexual health safely and smartly.

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Survey results suggest that three out of four women (73 percent) do not use a condon as a back-up method when they have missed a birth control pill - the form of birth control used by most women surveyed. And, more than half of the survey participants (62 percent) believe they can tell if someone has a STI "just by looking," even though the two most common STIs, chlamydia and HPV, may not exhibit any noticeable symptoms.

"A problem is that women and their partners don't always use contraception correctly or consistently, which puts them at risk." says Margaert Bridwell, MD, OB/GYN, and Director of the University Fleatth Center, University of Maryland. "With so many birth control methods available that do not www.Smartersex.org will encoura to discuss with their healthcare what birth control options may

r important product information, eb site at www.depoprovera.com.

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dine and walked away confident

about how to get along, she said.
Enter Berva Bocklage, director of the Midwest School of Etiquette in Minneapolis and teacher of the business handshake and other good manners to employees of Fortune 500 companies and colleges throughout the Twin Cities and beyond.

"Manners and etiquette can only help with whatever they will be doing in their lives," Bocklage

Manners are the framework to human relations. Take the job in-

terview, or even dinner conversation with work colleagues.

"We always say, you don't speak about your health, politics, about religion or money," she said.

Good manners mean you cut your meat one piece at a time, use antiperspirant on your palms if they tend to get sweaty and you're shaking hands, and never eat before your host picks up his or her napkin. Forget about blue jeans.

"Dress for the job you hope to aspire to," Bocklage said. No white socks, but, she advised the gentlemen, DO wear socks.

Some Northwestern students saw good manners as the bottom line, the clincher in competition for a place in graduate school, at a desk in a cubicle or as a theater

Say the final interview was dinner, said Jesse Frey of Medford, Wis., who is planning on pursuing an advanced degree in psychology. "I'd hate to go and feel so uncomfortable I'd botch the interview," he said.

And as for that handshake, there's etiquette to that, as well. The proper handshake is firm and enthusiastic, Bocklage said, not

clammy or bone crushing.

"I've always wondered what the correct handshake is," said Yoder, a 22-year-old senior from Hibbing, Minn. "Now I know. Now I've got the confidence to stretch out my hand."

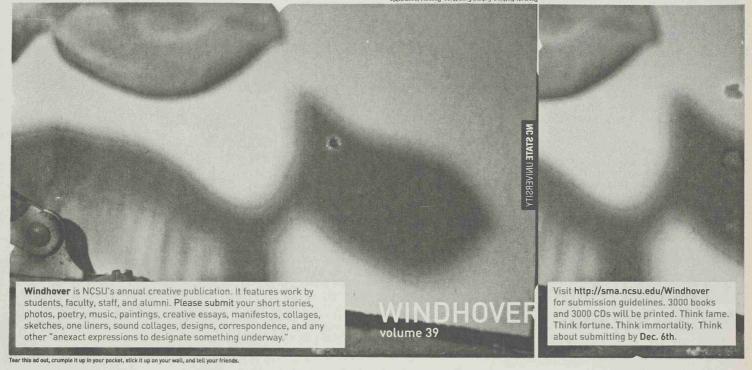


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Diversity increases should include faculty

When people hear about universities increasing efforts to expand diversity and recruit students of different races, many do not know that universities also strive to increase the diversity among faculty members as well. The News & Observer reported Sunday that both Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill are vocal about their efforts to expand their numbers of black faculty members. While recruiting a diverse faculty is important in expanding the perspectives of students and providing differing backgrounds and views, academic excellence and potential for achievement should be some of the top

requirements for new faculty members.

The Department of Education said blacks make up 4.9 percent of faculty members in the United States, and 4.4 percent of both N.C. State and UNC-CH's faculty is black. Clearly, these numbers are not equal, but NCSU is making important strides to increase the number of black professors to improve this

percentage

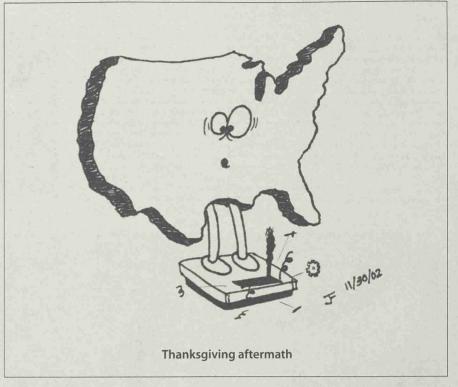
Last year, NCSU lost four black professors but hired ten new ones, such as Bernard Mair in the mathematics department, according to The News & Observer. An important aspect of this should be hiring, rofessors in fields such as mathematics and sciences, in addition to areas such as African-American studies. To simply hire professors in fields such as African-American studies to improve the mere number of black profes sors overlooks the benefits these faculty

members could provide in other areas

Universities have been criticized for spending funds to actively recruit minority faculty members, including Duke, where a professor, Roy Weintraub, submitted such a criticism a criticism to The Chronicle, the student newspaper. In light of Duke's number of winners for competitive awards such as the Pulitzer and Nobel prizes, Weintraub questioned the university, saying, "Have we chosen to settle for using our resources to achieve a more diverse faculty instead of a more intellectually distinguished one?

The response of Duke Dean William Chafe appropriately assesses the situation: "This is not an either/or objective: diversity or excellence." To simply hire a faculty member because of race, how-ever, should not be the focus of this drive. Universities should seek the best professors in terms of academic excellence, integrity and the benefits they can bring to the university - and yes, this includes their diverse backgrounds and unique viewpoints.

NCSU has already taken action in 2001 to improve salary differences for minority and female faculty members, which is an important decision in correcting an existing problem. Now, continued measures should be reached to ensure faculty members of all minorities are recruited, increasing diversity at NCSU while also raising the standards of academic excellence



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"From the steeply sloped greens to the artful drifts of wildflowers, almost everything is

better at UNC Finley." This is the opening line of a full-page color advertisement in the game-day program of the N.C. State vs. Carolina football match. UNC Finley is UNC-Chapel Hill's *uni*versity-owned golf course

You may be asking yourself, "Who cares about Carolina?" But recently NCSU has come under fire from the hotel and tourism industry for developing an executive conference center and hotel along with a championship golf course on Centennial Campus. It appears there is a double standard when it comes to treatment of the state's research universities can have what it wants while the other must stand idle.

If that is not true, why then has there suddenly been a surge of controversy over the plans to develop NCSU's Centennial Campus? UNC-CH already has a golf course, "designed by Tom Fazio for an elite group of members -Heels" (as the advertisement boasts) and a hotel-conference center, the Carolina Inn. But now that NCSU is preparing to break ground on similar facilities, it is reported that the hotel industry is willing to take NCSU to court and take any means necessary to stop the project.

The Centennial Campus Executive Conference Center and Hotel has been

planned since 1986 as part of the uni versity's master plan. In fact, one of the main reasons that many of the corporate partners located on Centennial Campus was the promise that such a facility would be built in the future. The conference center will provide executive training as a part of the university's mis-

sion to provide continuing education. The Centennial Campus Golf Course has been developed to promote the university's mission of teaching, research and service to the state. The course will be a working laboratory where teams of scientists from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will pursue cutting-edge research in turf and soil management.

Golf is a more-than-\$3-billion industry in North Carolina and accounts for one-third of the state's tourism dollars. This is in large part due to NCSU's turf grass management program, one of the leading programs in the nation.

Last year NCSU received accreditation from the Professional Golf Association for a new professional golf management program. Bearer of one of only 11 such programs in the nation, NCSU is poised to help the N.C. golf industry, but it cannot happen without the golf course

Almost all of NCSU's peer institutions and athletic competitors have golf courses on or adjacent to campus for their intercollegiate golf teams. Without a golf course, NCSU's golf team is at a competitive disadvantage. Also, our golf student athletes have to travel hours just to practice a round of golf, and wouldn't it be nice to be able to show your support at a home match against the Tar Heels?

After much debate and discussion, the conference center/hotel and golf course project was approved by the UNC Board of Governors. This occurred after the university had to cut a number of amenities and pledge millions in private support. The deal must now go before the Council of State and the N.C. General Assembly for ratification. Perhaps if things fall through, the university could partner with the City of Raleigh and Wake County to build a similar facility, which both government entities are researching.

It is clear that the project's benefits to the North Carolina travel and tourism industry outweigh any costs that may pop up along the way. Could there be envy that NCSU will surpass another school and become the state's true flagship university? This is not the sole reason behind the project's opponents, but I do know that the Centennial Campus Executive Conference Center/Hotel and Golf Course will benefit not only NCSU, but the entire UNC System.

E-mail comments and questions to andrewpayne@wknc.org. Andrew hosts "The Andrew Payne Show" every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. on WKNC 88.1 FM.

McDonald's blamed for obesity; more health education needed

Staff Editorial

Daily Forty-Niner California State U-Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Calif. Last Wednesday lawsuit was argued in New

York City's U.S. Courthouse suing Mc-Donald's for contributing to the obesity of Americans

The class action complaint stated that about 300,000 deaths a year in the United States occur that are associated with obesity. The case argues that McDonald's is a leading factor responsible for children becoming obese and suffering health problems related to their weight because the company has failed to pro-vide warnings about eating too much fast food.

As ridiculous as this lawsuit is, it so adequately displays the mentality of Americans in this day and age. "Let's just blame our problems on someone else, and sue

It simply is not McDonalds' responsi-

parents who should be responsible for teaching their children proper eating habits. Just because parents are not doing their job does not mean that restaurants and other business in the food industry are responsible for picking up the slack

Common sense tells us that an extreme amount of anything is usually unhealthy. Let's use marshmallows as an example. If someone just ate marshmallows day and night for an extended period of time his or her health would probably suffer as well, but the thought of the person suing the marshmallow company is ludicrous. The same can be said about the lawsuit blaming McDonald's for obesity.

So how do we curb obesity among children? Why not teach better health and nutrition classes in schools? Or offer more free-parenting classes that include nutrition tips? There are many positive steps that can be taken to curb the problem. Suing McDonald's is not one of

Buy Nothing Day running in its 11th year



Ariel Urena

For the past 11 years, Buy Nothing Day has been gaining popularity. Buy Nothing Day falls on the day after our Thanksgiving, the busiest day for holiday shopping in the year, and the name explains itself. The premise is that our

quentially our holidays, have become engrossed in consumer culture to the point where many of us can't think of a day that's passed when we haven't bought ing - filled up our car with bought a pack of gum, ordered out for pizza on a lazy Friday night.

Buy Nothing Day is a day to recognize that enjoying life doesn't have to mean big spending.

For most Westerners, Christmas entails buying a Christmas tree, trimmings, household decorations, greeting cards and gifts for family, friends and coworkers, all in the days after Thanksgiving leading up to Dec. 25. The origins tend to get lost in the scuffle to spend and to see a smile on your kids' faces when they find that long-awaited Malibu Barbie or Power Wheels Jeep.

In fact, so closely tied are Christmas and consumer culture that in Japan, Christmas is celebrated without any of the religious bog-down; it's a day to put gifts under the tree, give your neighbors fruit-cakes and deck the house with trimmings. It's not surprising that, to an outside observer, Christmas boils down

to not much more than that But by no means is Buy Nothing Day about finding "the true meaning" of Christmas; it's about recognizing that participating in a consumer culture won't wash all our ills away. From an economic standpoint it takes money to make money, and for a society to thrive, its participants have to be willing to spend. Economically speaking, prosperity is what put our country "on top," and it has given us a reputation that keeps many from less-prosperous nations hoping to one day find themselves here. But Buy Nothing Day isn't about a national fi-nancial breakdown, either — it's simply saying to chill out and put down your wallet for a change.

Buy Nothing Day has caught on in 50 countries (according to Adbusters magazine) and has proven to be quite suc cessful in the United Kingdom, where the similar Canadian Buy Nothing Christmas has also been successful. Aside from taking time off from being a consumer, participation in Buy Nothing Day is also important in recognizing that we should have power over our lives, that the products that advertisements and shopping malls tell us we need we can often do without. Why do people insist on spending; is it to fill a void in their

Maybe all these wide-open ranges in

America convince us that we'll always have room to keep all that junk we buy. Or maybe not: My relatives in New York City are some of the biggest spenders I know. I think the bottom line is that spending is how we measure success, and

success is the key to happiness. Buy Nothing Day aims to prove that the spending cycle doesn't have to be some linear equation for us to measure our worth. It's kind of ironic that I'm writing this from my parent's house in Ft. Lauderdale, where consumer culture makes the residents of Cary appear thrifty. A common thing for me to hear while I'm in Florida is, "You know, you should come with me next weekend to get a manicure, or, "Have you ever thought our hair highlighted maybe I'm reaching out to the wrong set of people at N.C. State.

So maybe Buy Nothing Day came and went this year, but you could consider participating next time around. Think of it like the last time the power went out at your house: you thought it was an annoying inconvenience at first but then decided that doing without for a bit never hurt anybody.

Ariel's a little antsy to get home to her '89 Volvo with the broken tape deck in this land of lemon-yellow Audis and guys dressed like extras from "Miami Vice. it adbusters.org for more on Buy Nothing Day and comments are welcome as usual at midnitelamp55@yahoo.com.

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Spread holiday cheer, not fear



Abbie Byrom Staff Columnist

parties, parades, presents, dinners and more. Every year the holidays are heralded as the happiest time of the year, when you should give to your

times,

New

Christmas and

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neighbor and love your enemy. After recently seeing the documentary "Bowling Columbine" by Michael Moore, I realize that the whole idea of 'Happy Holidays" is a farce.

I have a few reasons to believe this is true. As Moore brought out in his film, America is a nation consumed by fear. We are a nation consumed by money and guns as well. Add these three together and it is seemingly impossible, even for a few weeks a year, for the country as a whole to be in good spirits, get along and spread the holiday cheer.

I am thankful for the country I live in, I appreciate the freedoms afforded to me and my family, and I am proud to say I am an American. However, it has become startlingly clear that our nation is in trouble. You may say that you do not live in fear, but you probably don't even know that you do. Do you lock your

doors at night? Were you afraid to go to school during the school up, there will shootings? Did you worry a little happy about getting on a plane Sept. 13, 14 or 15 of 2001? Then you live in fond memories,

The holidays are a time every year when people are supposed to put aside all hatreds, forgive all grudges and bond together celebrating everything from a pros-perous year, to a family member who has gotten over an illness, to just toasting a happy family, a good job or a new friendship.

The American people can't do that because our happiness is in direct relation to whether the market is good, whether we got that promotion or whether we beat our neighbor in the housedecorating contest.

We have been conditioned to fear our own children, thinking that they are unstoppable monsters that carry guns everywhere, shooting up whoever they come into contact with.

We put locks, bolts and chains on our doors because we are afraid that while we sleep, the people we trust will come into our homes, take our belongings and maybe even murder us

We think our lives are over when the market drops and we lose money on our stocks, even when we have a healthy family at home and other blessings to ap-

Did you know that the majority of people in Canada sleep with their doors unlocked? Their reasoning is that they aren't afraid of their neighbors. Did you know that students in other countries don't have to go through metal detectors on their way into school every morning? Their teachers aren't afraid of them.

Did you know that gun deaths in the U.S. annually average more than 11,000 while in the United Kingdom and Germany they are in the hundreds, and in Australia and Canada they are under 100 a year?

Many people this holiday season will not get presents; they will not have warm homes where they can eat and sleep. They will not even have bad jobs and terrible apartments to come home to. Many people will be depressed and sick this season. There will be others who are destitute

Most of us will be too scared to help someone we see on the street or lend a comforting shoulder to the weird woman who lives alone down the street. In fact, if we pass either of these people, in the alley or walking near their houses, we will most likely herd our children to the other side of the road. We will walk with our eyes fixed forward, only thinking of how those people were eyesores or how glad we are not to be them.

I challenge the students and faculty on this campus, and the neighboring businesses, to take a minute to share the holiday cheer Forget about the sensationalized

crime on TV. Don't think about the fact that the kid down the street or two cities over could be thinking about taking a gun to school. Give him a Christmas card anyway. What I have begun to realize is that the more we ignore and avoid the problem, the worse it gets.

Fear is contagious, and for the past year through every commu-nication medium, we have been told by our police officers, our fire fighters and even our President not to show fear.

Rather than going out and buying a gun to protect yourself from what is not there, go out and buy a box of candy canes and give them to the children in your neighborhood. Go out and get a box of Christmas cards and deliver them to every one of your friends, and then deliver them to the people you are afraid of. Spend the season doing random acts of kindness - not expecting anything in return.

Maybe if everyone did her or his best to be kind this season and look fear in the face, rather than cower because of it, we too could all sleep with our doors unlocked and trust our neighbors.

If you have any comments about how Abbie can enjoy Dead Week with cheer, you can e-mail her at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.

Men, don't think with your pistol

Decker Ngongang Over the past weeks and months; I have up on some

commonplace jargon around campus and in the nightlife in both Raleigh and in my hometown of Charlotte. It's the power that the penis holds in these environments. It is the way guys constantly reference the size of their penis as an extension of their

More specifically, it's the way guys, both black and white, seem to hold black men in the upper echelon of penis size and sexual power. Many people ask me in casual conversation or some drunk white guy will come up to me and say, "Is it really true?" or "You must be huge." I must admit this kind of talk plays to one's ego, but if the perpetuation of this stereotype can happen this easily, what is to say it can't happen for another one?

I know many people have thought about the "myth" with black guys, and I even saw a television special devoted to it, but a very select few men and women will actually say something about it in public. I don't know why I happen to meet almost all of these people when I go out or when I am hanging out. The comments come in both subtle and very blatant forms.

"Dude, your penis has got to be huge; I mean you are black, and you are a big guy." This is the comment most often given to me by white guys. I definitely am not picking them out, but when I am out they seem to hold the most confidence issues about the size of my penis. Then I get comments from females like, "You have to be huge. I was with a black guy three years ago, and he had a big penis; you must be big, too.

Granted, all of this sounds great to any guy who needs a little confidence boost, but I find these comments a little offensive. For one, applying such a sexual stereotype has more than furthered the stigma applied to black males that we are inherently sexual beasts with "monster schlongs" who just want to have sex with anyone.

Though reality shows are, by everyone's standards, amazingly fake, they do give us an idea of what mainstream media thinks of what reality is or should be. I noticed through watching "Real World" that in the past four series, the black male within each cast was referenced almost initially by his sexuality, and he was one of the most promiscuous members of the entire cast. I know this is on those guys, but it still sends off a signal in my head.

Some black men are the worst perpetrators of the huge-penis stereotype. I believe partly because it is one of the few stereotypes about black men that seemingly works in our favor. In theory, I can steal some guys' woman by just saying, "You know what they say about black guys," or "You ever been with a black

I have heard all these comments, and I know many of you have. The latter comment I often hear when black guys are speaking to a female of another race. I don't see anything wrong with interracial relationships or interracial "relating," but I do see a problem with any black male who feels he has to prove to others why they should be with him, especially by referencing his penis.

I am in the club, and I hear men talk like that and try to spit game to women talking about how good black guys are in bed, and I think that all of these men are no better than the Uncle Tom who holds such a negative connota-

The civil rights movement initiated both legislative and social change allowing blacks and minorities to be held in the same referencing as whites, and now certain black males want to go and say, "No I am not equal to you; I have a big penis." That is ridiculous, and it is the height of ignorance.

Playing up to this stereotype or any other form of stereotype perpetuation only gives room for other stereotypes to be said about black males. It is no coincidence that black males are assumed to be the most prevalent sex offenders, but statistically they are not. As to the black males who do commit sexual offenses, I only wonder where that assumed sexual power was nurtured.

Face it: Every female doesn't want a huge penis. I hate to say it, but when I was thinking about writing this column, several females were telling me that males think so much about their size, but bigger isn't always better.

Aside from the socially troubling points I made above, stressing about size is a waste of time. Commercial America wants you to care about it; with all the Viagra commercials, size enhancers and herbal supplements, you would think that a penis is a separate being.

Personally, I have been on all spectrums of this column because I used to play up the stereotype at the club or in conversation. I definitely thought size was so incredibly important, but I soon realized men should be happy wherever they are on the size spectrum because you really can't change your size, no matter what pills you take or what techniques you use.

Females — stop accepting "You ever been with a black man?" as a pick-up line or even validating such comments, and you black males who say this - stop trying to spit these tired lines. Check your friends when they make the little comments, and realize that a penis is only an extension, not who you are. So, as Wyclef Jean once said, "Think with your mind, and not with your pistol.'

Uncomfortable with your size? E-mail Decker at dtngonga@ unity.ncsu.edu for his new herbal supplement, "Decker's Pecker Fuel."

Swan song

Hickling

As my watch beeped 9 a.m., I was making my way up the

relson Hall. I walked into James Banker's HI 209 class. I took my seat in the back of the classroom. It was August 1999. This Friday, I will make my way down Hillsborough Street, cross at the Zip py Mart and take my seat in Philip Pavlik's Public Policy class. At 11:05 a.m., my college career will

There is an overwhelming urge to make a swan song a comprehensive piece; something that encompasses the knowledge and wisdom gained over the years. So, here we go.

Francisco Solis is fond of a good metaphor. Political parties, he says, are just like a body. "I think there is too much party bureaucracy, and that's just like my belly, which eats many calories that get stuck there," said the 320pound legislator from Mexico City.

To illustrate his point better, Solis posed with nothing but a fig leaf in a recent edition of Cambio magazine. With a cigar in his mouth and a glass of champagne in his hand, Solis stood proudly.

Just up the Pacific coastline, 72year-old Donna Sheehan and 50 of her friends decided to lie down in the park. End to end, the women spelled the word "peace." Unlike the Mexican legislator, these women were not wearing smiles on their faces, but simply baring their flesh in an attempt to capture their feelings about

Klosterbrauerei, a brewery in eastern Germany, has finally com-bined two things that we all love -bathing and beer. A company spokesman says that three liters of suds combined with bath water "opens up the pores, the yeast penetrates the skin and after 15 minutes your skin feels softer everywhere.'

Why, in my last column for Technician, would I choose to write on nudity and German beer? Why is my final bow not spouting universal truths and advice for a better life? Why have I not catalogued observations over the past three-and-a-half years?

Why? Because I am no more knowledgeable or wise than anyone else - I simply have a medium to express my thoughts. I get paid \$10 every week to stand on the soapbox. On this occasion, my last time in Technician, I have

tried to step down from the box. Anyone who claims to be able to express wisdom in 600 words is almost certainly not wise.

These stories highlight people who are living life. They get naked for happiness, they get naked to protest war, they take baths in beer. Why? Because they want to. Live your life as you want to.

This is nothing earth-shattering, but with my graduation 17 days away, it is what I feel. Two of my favorite bands, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Foo Fighters, came to Raleigh June 11, 2000. To this day, I still have no clue why I chose not to go. It remains a moment that I deeply regret. Every time I didn't go and talk to the girl that I liked, every time that I took an easier path to my goal, every time I let fear or ignorance or money or any arbitrary fact keep me from an experience, I later regretted it.

Eventually, most of you will come to this day, too, when people ask you what you have learned over the course of time. In reality, graduation day is no more important than any other day of the year, or your life. Final exams are not final; existence doesn't end with a diploma. A last column is no more important than a first. Tune out anyone who tells you to enjoy your time in college because it will be over before you know it. Enjoy every day simply because it is every day.

No. I'm not wise. If I have ever claimed to be, it was an oversight and I apologize. I'm not wise, but I am grateful. I'm especially grateful to have this forum. Over the past year and a half, I hope that I have made you angry, made you smile and most of all made you think. Life won't end for me when I take off my cap and gown, but I will close a chapter in the book

To the intelligent people I have been privileged to share a classroom with, to the joyous masses I have partied with, to my formal and informal teachers, I have nothing more to say than thank you. I'll get off the soapbox now.

Chris will miss writing his column, but he's glad that he won't have to come up with a snappy line for his e-mail tag again. Write to cwhickli@unity.ncsu one last time. "To the fort, PKP, PCM, London and all the readers: thanks for putting up with me.'

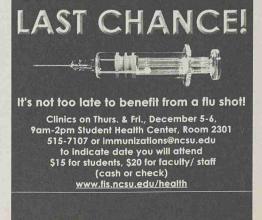
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ball game. Like, where's the time of possession column on the stat sheet?

The Pack did a better job in the second half but once again took its time getting warmed up. The team missed its first six shots before Powell authoritatively dunked an offensive rebound



Scooter Sherrill was one of four State players in double figures, scoring 10 points. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

home for a 26-18 lead. The Eagles, of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, wouldn't quit, however. They went on a five point spurt, capped by a three from Deke Thompson to pull within three.

It would be as close as they would get State finished the contest strong as it went on a 32-14 run over the last 13 minutes to lock it up. Like Sendek told his team at the half, the Pack started penetrating the zone and knocking down

Finally, the Pack started to attack. Not only in its halfcourt set but also off its rabid, pressing defense, which forced 16 turnovers. One such turnover led directly to perhaps the play of the night by Hodge. The sophomore from Harlem stole the ball near midcourt, raced down the lane, and somehow managed to throw a prayer over his head as he was being fouled and knocked out of bounds. The ball banked in, and Hodge completed the three-point play at the free-

As dazzling as Hodge's circus shot was it was Crawford who was most solid down the stretch. While it may not have appeared so on the stat sheet, the senior yed a complete game and handled the ball well down the stretch. Crawford had no turnovers in 31 minutes and would have been credited with several assists if not for fouls that nullified them. In the past, a younger Crawford may have tried

to force his game too much. Not on this

"We came in and really grinded it out and played hard," said Crawford. "It gave us an opportunity to slow down and run our offense. It was good to get everyone involved.

Crawford's defense, as well as the entire team's, kept the Pack in the lead despite many lulls. Though Coppin State deliberately slowed down the game, the Ea-gles routinely found themselves with virtually no chance of getting a decent shot off late into the shot clock

Larry Tucker, with 13 points, was the only Eagle to crack double digits. Four of State's five starters scored in double digits, marking a balanced offensive attack Behind Hodge, Melvin added 13 and knocked in three shots from behind the three-point arc. He also led the Pack with 8 boards. Powell (12) and Sherrill (10) also had solid nights.

But for State, every night is solid as long as it ends with a win

It's easy to get frustrated because you look up and think, 'We should have more points than that,'" said Sendek. "You've got to maintain your focus and discipline, and I thought our guys did that. The tempo aside, when you hold a team to 32-percent shooting and 37 points, that's a positive sign for us.



The tenacious N.C. State press forced 18 turnovers and held Coppin State to only 37 points and 31.9 percent shooting from the field. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

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GATOR

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the way he prepares his team for this bowl game after last year's loss to Pittsburgh. He felt his team was prepared last year for the bowl game.

State is expecting to bring approximately 25-30,000 fans to the game, and tickets have been on sale since Tuesday. The Gator Bowl is estimated to bring ap-

proximately \$35-million business to Jacksonville

For the Wolfpack, it's an opportunity to show off in a New Year's Day bowl game

"It's all part of building a program," said Amato. "It's all part of just getting one step closer to the ultimate.

"If we can continue to have senior classes like the senior class was this year, we will be going to a bowl forever and ever."

SPLIT

Lions. Murray led the Lions with 13 of her 22 points in the second half en route to being named tournament MVP. Fellow senior Claudine Auld followed with 14 points while Turner ended the game with 12

The Pack cut LMU's lead to 57-53 on a field goal by Liz Bailey with just under six minutes remaining in regulation, but that would be as close as State would come as LMU increased its lead to

as many as 9 points with just 30 seconds left in the game.

The Lions pulled out the win

despite being outrebounded by State 41-27 In the opening game, State

picked up its first win in an overtime thriller versus Iowa, 69-66.

The opening moments of the game saw State begin as it had in the previous two games, behind in scoring and leading in turnovers. State went into the half trailing by 9 points.

The second half began just as the first had, with the Pack be-

hind. With five minutes remaining, the women pulled within three points, the closest gap since the first tick. Senior Amy Simpson was subsequently fouled during a three-point shot, and she made all three free throws to send the

women into overtime. Halfway through the overtime period, Simpson gave the Pack its first lead of the game at 67-66. The Pack would never relinquish the lead.

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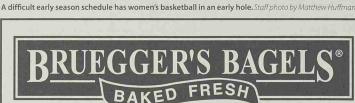
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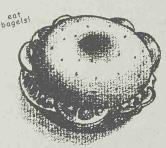
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May 21-June 21

Today is a 6. You'd better pack a lunch, because you might not have time to go out. You could get so involved in a fascinating project that you forget about food. Plan ahead.

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Cancer June 22-July 22 Today is a 6. Love is plentiful, but money

may be tight. Luckily, you have a natural

talent for making a lot out of a little. Besides, you're lucky now.

Today is a 6. Leave your money in your pocket or in your savings account, whichever applies. You won't need it to have a good time. And leaving it behind will keep you from buying something



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Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

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July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 7. It's not quite as easy to get

what you want, but that might just make you more determined. Don't let them outvote you! Put up a fight and

make a good presentation.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 7. Don't get pushed into

making a foolish mistake. Don't do something just because it's good for somebody else. Make sure it's good for

now. You might even have trouble getting your e-mail through. Allow extra

Libra
Sept. 23 Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 7. As you're compiling your lists, don't despair if you don't have a ortune to spend. Make that your excuse



Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6. Feel like you're not getting anywhere? Don't struggle or complain. Wait, and conserve your strength. You may need it soon, along with your other



Today is a 7. Something that has you worried may be a false alarm. If the plan isn't working the way you expected, rework the plan. Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

you'd have to take back



but somebody is coming up with reasons to reject them. This game gets old fast. Stop playing and wait for a better time



Today is a 6. Travel isn't such a great idea

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Wolfpack gets Gator Bowl

Tuesday afternoon State accepted an invitation to the Gator bowl over Virginia and Maryland.

Austin Johnson

The rumors were flying Tuesday morning. N.C. State was going to be invited to the Gator Bowl.

At 2 p.m. that day it became official.

The Wolfpack accepted an invitation to play on Jan. 1 at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida. It will be the third straight year the Pack has played a bowl

The Gator Bowl made its selection earlier than most had anticipated. The selection committee spent most of last Monday looking at Virginia, Maryland and State before coming to a decision on the Wolfpack.

"As the discussions continued around the fact that N.C. State was our team, then the people here thought there was really no reason to wait for another week," said Gator Bowl selection committee chair Jim McCollum.

The committee had several reasons for picking the Pack over Virginia or Mary land even though both teams finished with better conference records and beat State this year. A stipulation allows the Gator Bowl to pick State because it was only one game out of second place.

One of the factors was that State had an extra week to promote ticket sales because its season ended a week earlier than Virginia's or Maryland's.

As for the team itself, at the time of the invitation, State was the highest ranked team in the ACC. The Wolfpack is also coming off a dominating win against Florida State — the ACC champion.



N.C. State's 17-7 win over Florida State propelled the Pack to a Gator Bowl berth. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

State's double-digit victory total was also a determining factor.

"Most of you realize how important that win was Saturday. It's 'Who have you beaten lately?'" said Amato.

As for N.C. State's opponent on New Year's Day, the Gator Bowl will probably choose West Virginia, which beat Pittsburgh on Saturday to assure its number-two finish in the Big East.

State could also potentially play Notre Dame if the Irish are not chosen to play in a BCS bowl game. The selection committee may make its pick early this week, but it is more likely that it will wait until the BCS makes its picks before making a decision official.

I know [Sean] Berton and coach [Doc] Holliday want to play West Virginia, but I'd love to play Notre Dame,' said senior wide receiver Bryan Peterson of the WVU transfer (Berton) and alum/former coach (Holliday). "They're one of those teams that is at the top every

After the Florida State victory, players

were chanting "A-T-L" in the locker room, expecting a Peach Bowl invitation after the win. For the players, the Gator Bowl invitation came as a pleasant sur-

"When you play good against good teams like Florida State, people recognize that," said senior offensive lineman Scott Kooistra. "I guess right now we're just reaping the rewards of having a good

Amato said he has no plans to change

See GATOR page 6

Women's basketball falls in title game

After picking up its first win of the season over Iowa, State fell to Loyola-Marymount in its second game over Thanksgiving break.

Sports Staff Report

The Loyola-Marymount women's basketball team claimed its second straight LMU/Furama Hotel Thanksgiving Classic Championship with a 66-58 win over N.C. State Saturday evening in Gersten Pavilion. State had defeated Iowa in the tournament opener to advance to the championship game.

Kaayla Chones and Billie McDowell were selected to the all-tournament team for State. Chones had 13 points and 10 rebounds against LMU while McDowell ended with 8 points and 4 rebounds.

The Lions (3-0) got off to a 10-4 start against the Wolfpack (1-3) with State's points coming on free throws by Chones and Amelia Labador. The Wolfpack's first field goal of the game did not come un-til the 12:45 mark, when Labador drained her only three-pointer of the

Carisse Moody gave N.C. State its first lead of the contest, 13-12, with a field goal at the 10:00 mark. What followed was a flurry of scoring by both teams resulting in six lead changes before the

The Lions regained the lead at 33-32 on a Mary Turner field goal late in the period. LMU would take the slim onepoint lead into the locker room.

LMU opened the second half with a 10-1 run that pushed the score to 43-33

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Pack grinds out win

N.C. State pulled away late in a grueling affair with pesky Coppin State.

Andrew B. Carter

If it had been a beauty pageant instead of a basketball game, the pickings would have been slim indeed.

But in a contest as gritty as it was ugly, as hard-fought as it was sloppy, N.C. State just found a way to win, and win big, in a 58-37 victory over Coppin State on Saturday night at the RBC Center.

Despite the 21-point margin of victory, the Wolfpack (2-0) hardly won with ease. It was a laborious, teethgrinding affair. It was a game in which minutes passed without a point but rarely without grunts, groans and hustle. It was the kind of play that prompted frustrated looks from several Pack players and exasperated pleas from many of the 11,000 in attendance.

Most importantly, though, it was a win.
"Tonight was another game on our

schedule," said Julius Hodge, who led State with 16 points. "We just had to play it out and get a win.'

By halftime, Hodge and company had already found that to be easier said than done.

Coppin State (0-4) executed the same game plan it had in close contests with No. 19 Marquette and Ohio State: Play a tough zone defense, run a patient offense and take a much more skilled opponent out of its game. For a half, it worked, as the Eagles trailed the Pack only 24-18 at the

"They really ran their offense to a "T" and really slowed down the game," said Hodge. "In the first half, we fell victim to that, and we weren't attacking the sweet spot in the zone. We listened to coach [Herb Sendek] at halftime, and he told us to get the ball in the middle of the zone and hit open shots. We started to do that in the second half."

Really though, the Pack started with just over five minutes left in the first half. At that point, State had just a 10-9 lead. But then, Hodge went to the line and hit two free throws. Scooter Sherrill knocked in a three. Josh Powell got free underneath for an easy basket. Marcus Melvin hit another three. Cliff Crawford pulled down an offensive rebound and put it back for two more. Sherrill had another basket with 37 seconds left in the half.

Suddenly, State had scored more points in five minutes (14) than it had in the first 15 minutes of the game. Despite the slow start, Pack coach Herb Sendek wasn't too disappointed. In fact, he knew this type of game was coming.

'It was a game which we knew go ing in we would have to grind out," said Sendek. "It was a game that was similar in many respects to the games we were able to watch on tape that they played against Marquette and Ohio State. You have to get 35-second defensive stops, and if you give them 14 second shots, now you have to play 70 seconds on defense

"And it almost becomes like a foot-

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State took control of the game once it started getting baskets inside the paint. Staff photo by Rob B



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