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New rape line created

A new phone number to connect rape and sexual assault victims to a crisis hotline is easier to remember.

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

The Women's Center has created a new phone number to assist rape and sexual assault survivors that is easier to remember. The number 618-RAPE will connect to a 24-hour hotline students can call if they need assistance or need to talk to someone.

Meta Uzzle, the assistant director in the women's center points out that this is not a new service, just a new, easy number. "Molly Hays Glander 24-hour response line has been on campus for years, we just changed the number this summer. This number will be more effective because it is easier to recognize and remember," Uzzle said.

According to the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, about 3 percent of college women experience a completed and/or attempted rape during a typical college year. Women, however, are not alone. In 2001 one in every 10 rape victims was male.

"The response line is the first point of contact for rape and sexual assault survivors on our campus. Anyone can call 618-RAPE and get support, crisis intervention and referrals to both campus and community resources," Uzzle said.

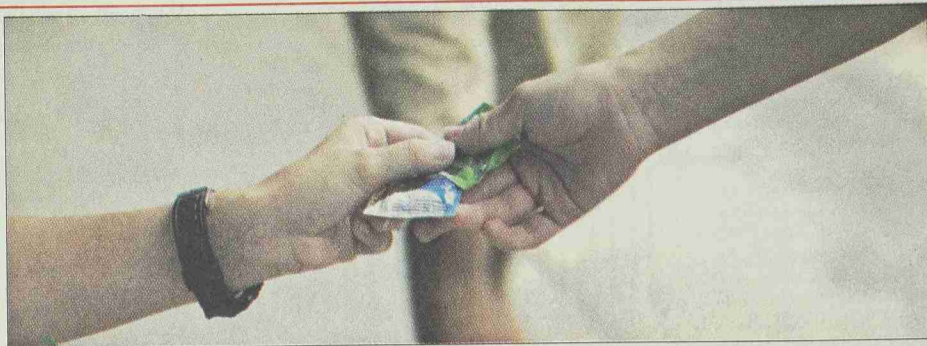
Students are already recognizing this number across campus. "I think it's great. It's an easy number to memorize and the fact that it's available 24 hours a day makes you feel like there's always someone there for you," Emily Carlucci said.

"The hotline is cool because it gives students the opportunity to talk to someone about something personal that they wouldn't talk about to anyone else," Sara Powell, a freshman in education said.

Volunteers who answer the phones are trained to assist survivors in getting assistance. "If they experienced a sexual assault several years ago or a rape last night, the advocates are prepared to support and assist survivors," Uzzle said.

The Women's Center is advertising the new number across campus with stickers and posters, but the old phone number is also forwarded to the response line; both numbers work.

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Employees for Wake County Human Services and the Alliance of AIDS Services of Carolina distribute vanilla and mint flavored condoms to pedestrians in front of the bookstore on Thursday. The two organizations were on campus to "bring awareness of HIV and STDs to [NCSU]."

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Triangle HIV cases rise

Edward Scanlan
Staff Reporter

HIV cases among college students in the Triangle and in North Carolina are on the rise. Area experts blame unprotected sex for this recent trend.

"Our numbers have been fairly consistent over the past four or five years in terms of numbers of new cases. This past year we've seen a significant increase in the first quarter of this calendar year over the first quarter of last calendar year -- we've almost doubled the number [in North Carolina]," according to Gibby Harris, Community Health Director for Wake County.

"Over the past couple of years, we've seen an increasing incidence among women and...increased incidence in our younger population...teens to mid-twenties," she said. In Wake County specifically, "about 70 percent of the cases are in the minority population."

A statewide outbreak is occurring. "We

will have had a 23 percent increase in HIV among adults in ages 18-35 [if the trend holds throughout 2003]," Peter Leone, associate professor of medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill and medical director for the HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch of North Carolina, said.

"From 2000 until about the middle of 2001, we had four cases of new HIV diagnoses among college students in the triangle...from June of 2001 until the end of March in 2003, 25 cases [among college-age men, 4 among college-age women]. That's a really substantial increase considering we haven't done anything to increase the amount of testing done."

Wake County agrees with Leone's findings: "Just this past year we've seen an increase of...new cases among college age students in a number of college campuses across the state," Harris said, "and [Wake County] is not immune to that."

Outbreak and Spread
The vast majority of the recent cases came from risky, unprotected sex, and these cases involved both heterosexual and homosexual partners. "A lot of women -- because they engage in heterosexual intercourse and they're not injection drug users -- ...they don't view themselves at risk

for HIV," Leone said, "and so we may see fewer women who are potentially at risk coming in for testing than men...about a quarter of the cases come from prenatal screening. It's possible we may be missing women in this outbreak."

Alcohol and the club drug Ecstasy are involved in some of these college-age cases, but very little injected drug use is represented among them. "Drug use in terms of alcohol and other recreational drugs are all part of [the recent surge in infection]," Harris said, "though they are not directly related to the transmission of the disease."

"People are meeting partners over the Internet and at clubs," Leone said, "Those are all things that haven't really been described in this population." In other words, the club scene in the Triangle has become a new bastion for infection and is just now being looked at by scientists.

The Internet has become a new medium of exchange for the risky, unprotected sex leading to infection as well. "We plan on doing some intervention at the clubs and we plan on doing interventions over the Internet," Leone said. "Just because you're not engaging in 'high risk behaviors' doesn't mean you're not at risk. If you're

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Election books close Tuesday

Tuesday is the final day for freshmen to apply to run for Student Senate seats.

News Staff Report

For the first time in seven years, freshmen will have the opportunity to choose their Student Senate representatives, rather than have upperclassmen do it for them.

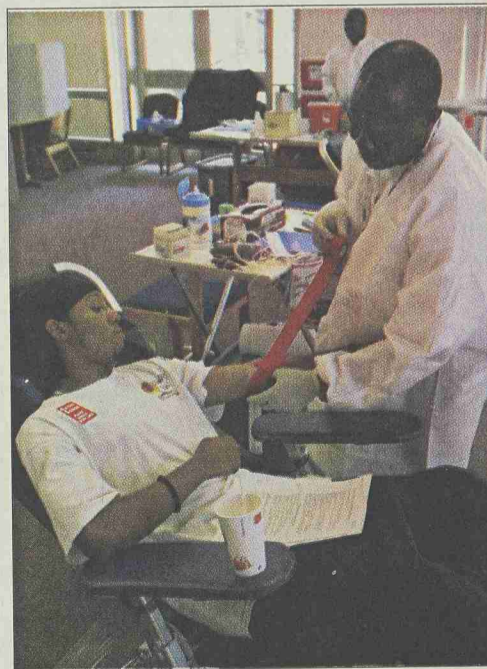
On Tuesday, the books fall close for elections, kicking off campaign season for freshmen and first-year graduate students who want a seat in Student Senate.

In the past, students have ELECTIONS see page 3

applied for vacant seats in the fall and were selected by a Fall Appointments Committee composed of upperclassmen senators.

"It's more appropriate for freshmen to choose their representation than have older people make the decisions," Gary Palin, chair of the Government Operations Committee in Student Senate said. "I personally don't believe we can choose any better than freshmen."

The new system, which will be run by an elected Fall Elections Commission, was a



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Mack Hedrick, a freshman in industrial engineering, gives blood for the first time Tuesday to the American Red Cross. Hedrick was lured into the blood drive by a nurse handing out flyers.

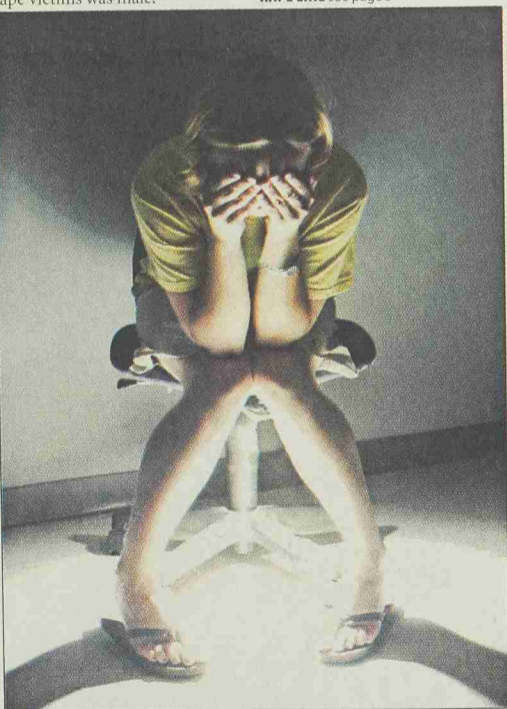


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Rape is a violent crime done to fulfill a need for power or to release aggression which can leave the victim with emotional scars. Rape can also leave a victim feeling ashamed and confused, however she or he is not responsible for the act being done to them.

Marching band shifted to Method Road

N.C. State's marching band has only recently found a new practice field.

Jordan Cooke
Staff Reporter

N.C. State's marching band suffered a huge blow earlier this month when they were denied access to their Centennial Campus practice field.

Their application to use the facilities again this year was denied.

John Fuller, assistant director of athletic bands, said that, despite the hardship, everything is being done to ensure that lack of a permanent home for the band to practice doesn't prevent them from being present during football season.

"The upper administration is doing their best to prevent such a situation," Fuller said. According to Fuller, notice of the denial came just one week prior to the start of the fall semester, allowing very little time to find a new practice field where the band could

prepare for this week's opening game against Western Carolina.

Casey Byrum, a rank leader in the band, said that the middle school had cited several reasons for not allowing the band to use their facilities.

"They told us that we were taking up too many parking spaces and that they were afraid we would damage the field."

For now, the band is sharing the Method Road soccer field with NCSU's soccer team. While grateful for a practice location, a move farther from campus

has made things more difficult Fuller said.

"It's hard to move the band to and from a more distant location and still have sufficient practice time," Fuller said.

Tyrone Jenkins, marching band equipment manager, said that Student Senate is now making an appeal to allow the band to practice on the upper intramural fields on campus. Fuller acknowledged this and said that he hopes that the band will have the upper IM fields as a permanent home by fall of 2004.

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Leader of the Pack application due date nears

Michele DeCamp
Staff Writer

On Nov. 2, 2002, Andrea Hernandez and Tony Caravano stood in the middle of Carter-Finley Stadium and listened as their names were announced as the 2003 Leaders of the Pack -- a title that recognizes achievement and grants distinction.

Now two other students will have the opportunity to join their ranks.

"Leader of the Pack is a scholarship program that recognizes students for their scholarship, leadership and community service. Those qualities embody what it means to be a leader," claims Mike Giancola, the director of the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service (CSLEPS), which now oversees the application process.

They are currently taking applications until noon Sept. 2 for students interested in competing for Homecoming 2004's Leader of the Pack.

Applicants can be any year at N.C. State, but they need to remain a student at NCSU through the 2004 fall semester because the winners must help organize activities for the following Homecoming as well as sit on 2004's Leader of the Pack committee. Applicants must also have at least a 2.6 GPA when applying.

Interested students should complete an application and submit it online at <http://www.ncsu.edu/csleps/Leadership.html> or in person at 3115 Talley Student Center. The information on these applications will make up 50 percent of the final decision.

On Sept. 3, no more than 20 semi-finalists will be chosen to be interviewed. Interviews will be conducted by a panel of faculty members and student leaders and constitute another 25 percent of the final decision. Six students will then be chosen as finalists on Sept. 5 and the remaining 25 percent of the decision will be made through student voting.

On Sept. 20, all six finalists will be introduced at halftime of the Homecoming game, and at this time a male and female finalist will be chosen as Leaders of the Pack. They will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and enjoy a title that past winners cherish.

"Leader of the Pack gave me the opportunity to share in a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It was simply a great time. I will not forget the feeling of being on the field and having my closest friends cheering for me during halftime," Tony Caravano, one of last year's winners, said.

Giancola felt that Hernandez and Caravano won last year because they exemplified the qualities that the judges look for in a student leader.

"They were role models on

campus. They were involved in activities, and through those activities they showed leadership. They're both outstanding students, and their service both to the university and the community was outstanding," Giancola said.

With Homecoming 2004 on the horizon, CSLEPS wants all interested students to remember that their applications must be in

by noon on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Giancola feels that Leader of the Pack separates itself from traditional Homecoming awards because it stresses more than campus popularity. "When you think of a traditional Homecoming king and queen you think of a popularity contest, and leadership is not just about popularity but about providing vision and inspiration."

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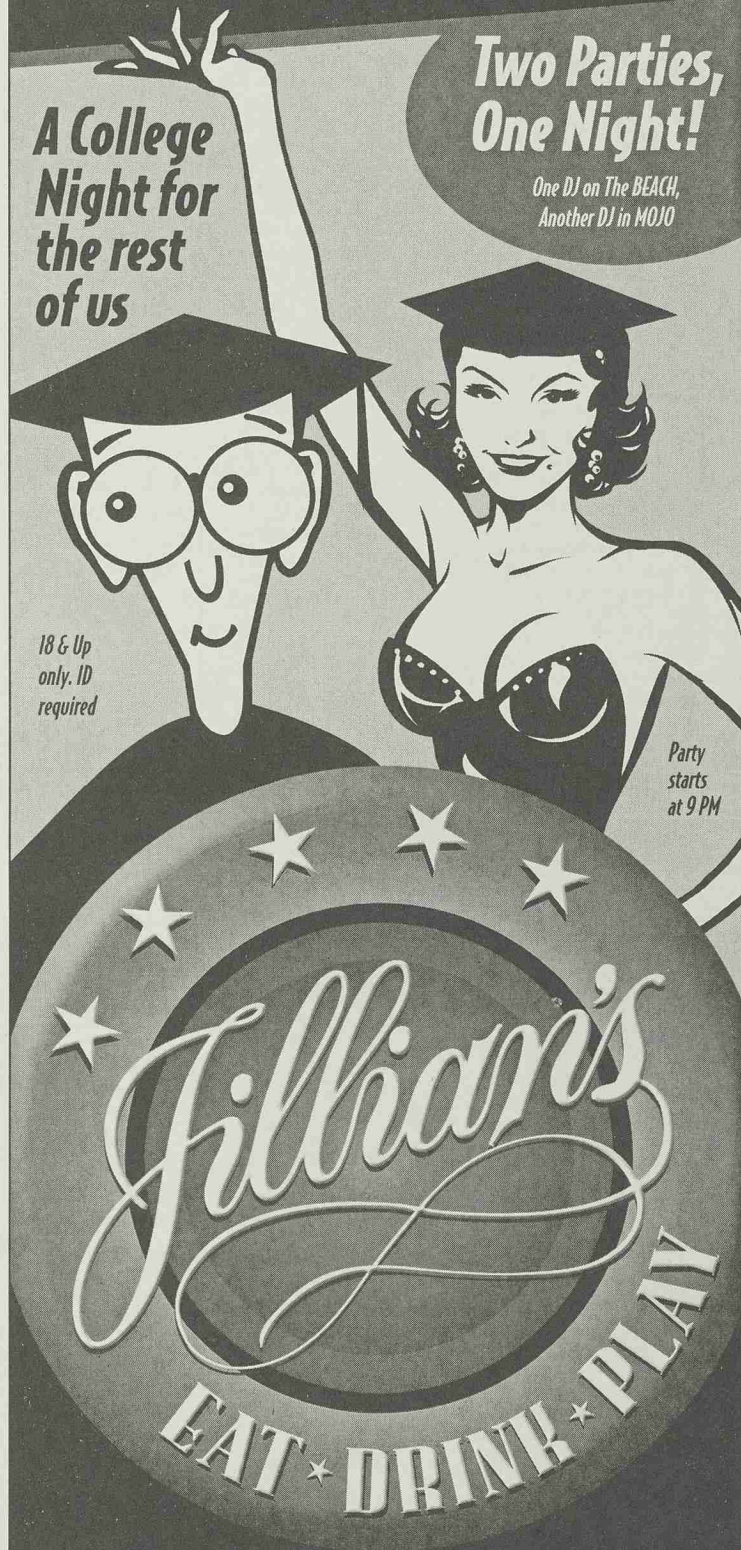
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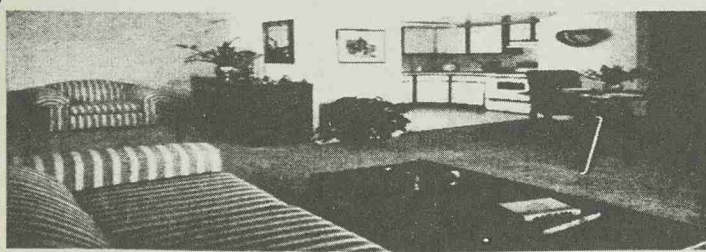


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sexually active [testing] is something to be considered."

Harris believes that people are less concerned with the idea of AIDS as they were in the past. "The population of 10 years ago saw a lot of people dying with AIDS and we're not seeing that now." Messages should be directed towards young adults and college students, reminding them that AIDS is still out there, killing people everyday.

Testing and Prevention

"Some campuses offer free HIV testing through student health, others don't," Leone said. "We're trying to make sure free testing is available in all." To get tested at N.C. State, one may make an appointment by calling the Student Health Center at 515-7107 or by going to the appointment desk and requesting an HIV test.

There are two ways to get tested; both involve counseling before and after the test has taken place. The Wake County Health Department arrives Wednesdays at the Student Health Center to do blood tests on interested students and give counseling regarding the

meaning of the test results. Approximately two weeks later the results are shared. This testing is free and is not recorded on any medical record at NCSU. One may also request a test for a fee from the Student Health Center; the results would be given in person to ensure anonymity though they are required by law to record some things in a medical record. Be sure to indicate when you think the infection took place; differing tests can show infection points along the way. There are at least two blood tests available to detect HIV. The antibody test is \$18 if results are negative (re-

sults take 4 to 6 days) and an additional \$67 if results are positive or indeterminate. The additional fee is for further testing (which may take a total of 2 weeks). The antibody test requires that the infection be eight to 12 weeks old, but an antigen test can reveal infection as soon as two weeks; the antigen test is a flat \$25. Talk to the medical professionals you meet with to discuss the most effective test for you.

The Wake County Health Department, in partnership with NCSU and other organizations, has taken steps to prevent further infection. A postcard and

condom campaign that ran last week was a step in this direction. Free condoms were given out at campus bookstores and in some of the dorms, along with information on HIV testing. "We believe there are twice as many people infected that don't know it...because they haven't been tested," Harris concludes.

Free condoms can be obtained at the Student Health Center pharmacy, up to three per visit. Condom machines are also located on the first floor of residence halls across campus, and look for one in Talley Student Center in the next few weeks. Condom use will also be described in the "Johnny Door Bulletin" handed out to resident advisors and Greek organizations in the upcoming weeks.

If you want information regarding free condoms or testing sites off campus you can call the Wake County Health Department at 250-4510. There is the CDC National HIV/STD ho-

pline that you may also call, at 1-800-227-8922. If any resident advisors, Greek organizations or clubs would like to participate in raising HIV/AIDS awareness, you may contact Marianne Turnbull at 513-3293.

Where to get condoms on campus:

- Student Health Center pharmacy (up to three free)
- First floors of residence halls across campus
- Talley Student Center (forthcoming)

For more information visit the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov.

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In 1998, the Women's Center renamed the Advocates Program in honor of the late Molly Hays Glander, an expert at crisis intervention and a true visionary in women's issues. She was gifted in dealing with human sexuality, substance abuse, eating disorders and relationship issues.

If you are interested in volunteering, visit http://www.ncsu.edu/womens_center/ and download a volunteer application. The N.C. State Campus Police Department is also spon-

soring a Rape Aggression Defensive Systems class each night from 6-9 p.m. at Carmichael Gym. For more information or to register for this class, contact Sgt. Jon Barnwell at 515-5963.

"Rape and sexual assault are acts of violence that threaten the entire NCSU community. As chancellor, I want you to know that NCSU will not tolerate rape or sexual assault by any member of the campus community; sanctions for being found guilty of such behavior include expulsion or dismissal by the university and/or criminal prosecution." Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said.

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heated topic of debate amongst senators in the spring.

On one side, senators argued that freshmen are not prepared to run their own campaigns, much less make educated decisions about their peers. But others charged that it's only fair that freshmen have a voice in their Student Senate representation, which votes on issues from campus dining to tuition and fees.

"Quite frankly, the freshmen at this point probably know each other a lot better than [upperclassman] students that run," Palin said. "They live together, live in close areas, have similar classes and they eat together. They're pretty exposed."

N.C. State did run fall elections in the past, but the process stopped because of low voter turnout. To remedy the problem, voting will be done online and will coincide with "Leader of the Pack" elections.

"The largest difference is that we have online elections. You can vote from the comfort of your dorm room, your office -- whatever," Palin said.

To run, interested students must fill out an application online and attend an "All Candidates" meeting on Wednesday. If elected, they will be responsible for attending all Student Senate meetings, serving on a senate committee and will be charged with representing their respective constituents.

Palin stressed that no experience is necessary to run, just a desire to serve and get involved. "It doesn't matter if you know a thing about how legislatures run, we can teach that," he said. "What we can't do is instill a desire to serve and a desire to make a difference in people."

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Restaurants battle Girl, Declassified to make the grade

Ashley Hink
Staff Writer

For most college students, eating out is the best way to fulfill daily nutritional requirements. Hectic schedules and lack of cooking abilities often limits many to macaroni and cheese, burgers and the occasional, decently balanced frozen dinner. However, there is nothing more disappointing or disgusting than sighting a chewed-off nail or dead fly mixed in the tomato sauce of a restaurant-prepared bowl of pasta. The stories of mysterious and gross findings in food are endless. Yet, while hairs and insects can ruin an appetite, the most dangerous, things hiding in food cannot be seen by the naked eye.

Many food items, especially raw meats and seafood, provide ideal environments for harmful bacteria, viruses and parasites. Salmonella, E. coli, Campylobacter and a virus known as Norwalk cause the most common food-borne diseases. Other infections like Hepatitis A and Shigella, which share other methods of transmission, can infect people as can toxins present in certain types of food such as shellfish and mushrooms.

The Center for Disease Control claims that 76 million cases of food-borne diseases are reported each year in the United States. Most mild symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, stomach cramps and vomiting only last for a couple of days. However, there are over 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths from food-borne infections each year.

Since there are so many restaurants that could provide potentially contaminated food, all food establishments must follow strict guidelines to ensure the safety of hungry customers. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources issues a 22-page, detailed list of rules for the sanitation of restaurants and other food-handling establishments. Rules regarding employee hygiene and pest control might be obvious and considered common sense, but there are very specific guidelines for the preparation, storage and serving of food. Unannounced county health inspectors visit restaurants once every four months, which holds them accountable. The inspectors use a one-page list of 34 abbreviated rules to assign a number and letter grade to each inspected food establishment. Each rule is allotted a particular numerical deduction based on its severity, and comments detailing specific violations are also written.

Some of the main rules which they are graded upon include meeting temperature requirements for thawing, the proper preparation and storage of food, having no contaminated or spoiled goods, practicing proper hygiene and using separate sinks for the rinsing and disinfecting of utensils and plates. Health inspectors also look at the treatment and disposal of waste, pest control, lighting and ventilation, the condition of the building and the proper labeling and storage

"Anywhere I go to eat, I want to be clean. I expect the same in my restaurant."
- Dorothy Ellis

With so many guidelines to follow, one might be curious as to how such minute details are implemented by owners and managers of restaurants. Since an establishment's reputation and the safety of its customer

is on the line, it is essential for employees to know and follow the state sanitation guidelines. Stephanie Fronzaglia, an employee at The Third Place coffeehouse and cafe on Glenwood Avenue, has been in the food industry for over 10 years.



The new Gelato Cafe on Hillsborough Street received a perfect score of 100 to achieve their sanitation grade of A. Another new restaurant one block down the road scored a C.

While never receiving a great deal of training regarding all of the guidelines, she has seen a number of inspections.

"A lot seem pretty thorough," said Fronzaglia, in reference to the inspectors. "They tell you what is not right and what to do to fix it. I don't recall getting asked a lot of questions. We simply fix the problem."

The Third Place has a respectable 93.5 percent, or a low "A." Deductions were taken for not storing eggs on the bottom shelf in the refrigerator and for not wearing hair constraints around the food. However, customers seem pleased. The coffeehouse is very clean, the workers are friendly and it's often packed with locals and stressed-out students hunching over notebooks. Alfie's Caribbean Soul Restaurant on Hillsborough Street proudly displays a perfect 100 percent on its door. The owner, Dorothy Ellis, had inspectors come in when the restaurant first opened and talk to the staff about proper hygiene, the temperatures at which the food must be cooked and stored and numerous other sanitation guidelines. Obviously, the extra efforts have paid off. The employees wash out garbage cans, clean the bathrooms several times a day, change linens when dirty, immediately wipe spills, use gloves when handling all food and keep their hair restrained at all times.

"I'm a stickler when it comes to all of this. Anywhere I go to eat, I want to be clean. I expect the same in my restaurant," Ellis claims. "When something is out of order, we take care of it right away."

The neighboring Shanghai Express did not fair as well on its first inspection. With a brief glance inside the new eatery, one could hardly miss the bright red "C" displayed behind the counter. When asked about the inspection grade, an employee quickly said, "We have called in an inspector and he should be here in the next few days for a re-inspection. Most of the violations had to do with places drinks and other items were stored. Also, the bathroom was out of paper towels. We have fixed everything since [that] inspection."

The inspection sheet from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources reveals that points were deducted for a number of other reasons. For instance,

Restaurant	Grade	%
Alfie's	A	
Frazier's	A	98.5
Papa John's	A	97
Porter's Tavern	A	97
Wing Zone	A	97
El Rodeo	A	96
I Love NY Pizza	A	96
Two Guys	A	95.5
That's Amore	A	94.5
Mitch's Tavern	A	94.5
Sadlack's	A	94.5
Sylvia's Pizza	A	94.5
Gumby's	A	94.5
Steak-Out	A	93
PizzAmerica	A	91.5
Daryl's	A	90.5
Shanghai Express	C	78

All information obtained in person on Aug. 25. All grades subject to change with the next inspection.

containers of chicken products were found at 77-112 degrees, or room temperature. As stated in the guidelines, potentially hazardous foods must be stored below 45 degrees and cooked above 140 degrees to effectively prevent spoilage and infection. There were also no containers of properly mixed sanitizers found to clean surfaces. Eggs and raw meat were stored inadequately amidst other foods, food debris was not cleaned from the grinder and plastic to-go containers were being reused.

If one is looking for other places in the area to grab a bite to eat, note that Arby's, Subway, Golden Dragon, East Village, Mellow Mushroom and El Rodeo all scored at least 97 percent on recent inspections.

When in a rush or on an empty stomach, it's easy to ignore the sanitation grades posted in restaurants. However, the signs are worth glancing at. If the floor of a restaurant is dirty, food is found on utensils, bugs are swarming over plates and trash is overflowing from bathroom trashcans, just imagine the sanitary precautions overlooked when preparing the food. The appearance and cleanliness of an establishment is probably indicative of the concern, or lack thereof, for following necessary guidelines to keep customers safe. A quick bite to eat at an unsanitary restaurant could have disgusting, or more importantly, dangerous consequences. Spending a night beside the toilet or even worse, in the hospital, is hardly worth a convenient lunch.

Tim Coffield
Staff Writer

I am the greatest lover the global female community has ever encountered.

This contention I do not make lightly, for I am fully aware of its potential to open me up to criticism for false journalism. I have no doubts that the naysayers will shower their nay-sayings upon me with a soaking intensity, an intensity perhaps exceeded only by R. Kelly when above a teenage girl. But I will not back down, dear readers. I have not been this sure of myself since the last time I shot pool with my one-armed cousin, Travis.

It was not always this way for me, not by a long shot. They say that the whole of earth's human population consists of 51 percent females and 49 percent males, theoretically providing every man on earth with slightly more than one woman per, seemingly a thoughtful gift from the creator-gods, provided the fraction of a woman one receives is useful.

For the first two-plus decades of my life, this statistic baffled me, as I was certainly not receiving my personal divvy in this matter. I would often lie awake late at night, wondering where exactly I could find my allotted one-and-a-fraction women. I decided they were most certainly not in Raleigh. I figured it was not unlikely they were living in Utah, selfishly participating in a polygamous marriage to a Mormon.

But that was before I began paying closer attention to the few girls to which I was allowed within hearing distance. I listened to their conversations and took notes. I analyzed words and searched for deeper meaning. I took pictures and wallpapered my bathroom with them (but let's keep that one between us, dear readers). I soon noted that all conversations between girls, no matter how they started, eventually and flawlessly turned to the same subject.

It was in this subject that I found the holy grail, that which has been searched for since times forgotten by haughty philosophers and common men alike: I found *what women want*, what fills their little hearts with boundless joy, warms their souls with a peaceful contentedness. And with this knowledge I armed myself, exploited it and

haven't looked back.

These days, women swoon when I enter a room, clamor when I leave, call me when they miss me (which they often do) and beat on my door in the middle of the night. It's a welcome change.

"But Tim! What is the answer?" the alert reader may ask. "What do women want?" Power? No, I say. Money? No, no, I repeat. Attention? Good guess, but no. Love? Not directly. Then what?

The answer is simple, dear readers, they give it to us all the time and you need only open your ears and listen.

"This has been a bad day," one might say. "I need to go eat a whole bucket of Moosetracks ice cream."

"I'm so happy right now, another might say. "I'm gonna buy me some Double Chocolate Peanut Butter Cookie Dough ice cream to celebrate!"

"This is my third tray of nachos, and I can't stop eating them," one might note breathlessly. "I think I'm having a food orgasm."

"I ate seven sugar cookies and three Hotpockets tonight. I couldn't stop eating. I'm such a hippo. I love Hotpockets!"

This is *low fat Kettle Korn*, so I can eat as many bags as I want!"

The old saying was backwards, dear readers: the key to a woman's heart is through *her* stomach. It's as simple as this: women want food; everything else revolves around the acquisition of delicious and soothing, sweet and filling food. No relationship is closer to a girl's heart

than the one she shares with her chow.

The whole facade about finding a guy to marry is no more than a way to secure society's acceptance, a home to eat in peace, and a provider (read: feeder). Having children? Simply an excuse to eat more, maybe put on a few pounds without falling under the critical eye of society's harsh expectations. This is not as far-fetched as it may sound, readers. The whole deal smells a bit like the intra-species competition we read about in biology books.

So go forth, young men! Take what you've learned and apply it today! Buy her dinner, and ice cream and chocolate. Feed her consistently, and she will trust you. If she can trust you, she can love you. If she's of the binge-and-purge variety, forgive her, for she is torn between her natural carnal cravings and society's oppressive and unrealistic expectations for the female form. Tell her what she wants to hear, that it's okay to eat the entire box of candy or the whole bag of cookies. Rub her hand softly and spoon-feed her Oreo-flavored pudding. These are the things that will win her heart and appeal to her innate yearning to be fed, and she will be yours.

Now, dear readers, please excuse me. I have a date.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

A PLACE TO CALL THEIR OWN

OUR OPINION: THE MARCHING BAND SHOULD HAVE A PERMANENT PLACE TO PRACTICE.

For three years, N.C. State's "Power Sound of the South" packed up their instruments, stuffed music sheets under arm and loaded buses to travel a few miles down the road for an available practice field. While the football team watched the construction of their million dollar training facility and the revamping of Carter-Finley, the sound behind the game-day pep and pomp had to travel from Price Music Center to Centennial Middle School just to have the room to run formations.

And then, Centennial closed the doors. Just weeks before the football season opener on Saturday.

On Wednesday, it wasn't even a matter of boarding buses. The marching band simply didn't have a place to go. They played their music inside instead.

The dilemma may have been temporarily

fixed by moving the band's practices to a vacant soccer field on Method Road, but the problem is still the same: we're taking our marching band for granted.

It's a sad message to send at a school where "Go to Hell Carolina" can be heard outside the football stadium on game day. And it's a sad sign to send to a group of students that practice hard each week to make sure that their peers have the game day atmosphere they've come to love.

Few could imagine a touchdown that's not followed by the fight song or a game that isn't punctuated by "Red and White." Yet, the university doesn't seem to want to give the marching band the attention and recognition they deserve.

Instead, they'll bus the 200-strong unit, instruments in tow, a few miles down the road when intramural fields are empty.

It's not necessarily that the band needs its own practice field - a feat that would be costly, if not impossible, at the present state of the university - it's that the band

needs a place to call its own on campus. They haven't had such a place since they outgrew Derr Track three years ago. But it wasn't until this most recent episode that the situation gained attention.

Too often, we've taken the dedication and hard work of the marching band students for granted. We sing along but rarely give a second thought to the students, faculty and time that go into making the music. Now, the university needs to step up and make accommodations to house them somewhere closer to campus. Perhaps closer to Price Music Center where many house their instruments.

We may not have a strong music degree program like our peers but that doesn't mean we can't give our band just as much attention.

NCSU should show some pride in the "Power Sound of the South" and think, for a moment, what Saturday would be like if the band decided to repay the respect that they aren't receiving.

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Marry whom you choose

Now that sodomy has been legalized, many see gay marriage as the next step. *Christin Liverance* defends the right to choose who to marry

We as people make many choices throughout our lives, but our sexuality is not one of them. I believe that a person's sexuality, whether homosexual or heterosexual, is a biological trait. It is ingrained in them from the time of their birth and surfaces after puberty. A straight person does not simply wake up one day and consciously chooses to be straight, just as a gay person does not wake up and decide to be gay. Keeping this in mind, it would also be safe to say that we don't choose whom we love. Whether that special person is a man, a woman, African American, Hispanic, Asian, tall or short. However, we should be able to choose whom we marry and have our government recognize that union as legitimate.

Gay marriage is a subject that has received much attention in the media recently. President George W. Bush maintains that marriage should only be a joining of a man and a woman and the government will not legally recognize anything else. I couldn't disagree more. Marriage is union between two people who love each other enough to spend the rest of their lives together. Homosexuals can be just as committed to their partners as heterosexual individuals, and given the current divorce rate, perhaps even more so. Gay marriage in no way demoralizes the institution of marriage. Gays and lesbians should have the same rights as straight couples to form lasting, committed unions through the sacred institution of marriage. They should also receive the same responsibilities, protections and benefits.

The Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada all allow legal same-sex marriages. The United States is a nation that prides itself on the freedoms it gives to its people. We are free to print what we choose, speak as we choose, and worship whom we choose. There are those who may not agree with these choices, but that is the beauty of America - we don't have to care what others think of our preferences. Allowing homosexuals to choose to marry their same sex partners isn't hurting anyone. There are those who don't approve of course, as with any debatable issue, but it is not their decision to make. Essentially what we are doing is not allowing individuals who love each other to enter a civil union because there are those out there whose opinion it is that same sex relationships aren't right and moral, and should not be valued by our country. Yet, there are also those out there who are racist. Should the rights of minorities be taken away because of the differing opinions of those groups? Of course not. There are misogynists in society who believe that women should not have any rights, so should the rights of all females in this country to hold a job, vote, and own property be taken away because some do not agree with what they're doing? The obvious answer again is no. The point is that there will always be things in society that we do not approve of, just as there will always be things that we believe are right that others will despise. We just have to move on, not caring what others think of the decisions we make. We must also turn the other cheek on the issues that we do not approve of and think about how they really affect our daily lives.

Whom we marry is a personal choice and should not be regulated by the government. Gay marriage, just like straight marriage should be legally recognized for what it is - A union between two mature, consenting adults, an affirmation of love and respect for another individual, and a commitment to one's partner meant to last a lifetime.

Christin is awaiting your comments. But please be gentle, she's new and we don't want to scare her away. clivera@unity.ncsu.edu

The Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada all allow legal same-sex marriages. The United States is a nation that prides itself on the freedoms it gives to its people. We

What Do You Think?

"If people have something special between them, they should be able to ratify the relationship in anyway they choose."

-Hannah Lewis
 Sophomore, Biochemistry and Chemistry



"I don't think same sex marriages should be allowed because it's not the way we're made to be."

-A.J. Eller
 Freshman, Business Management



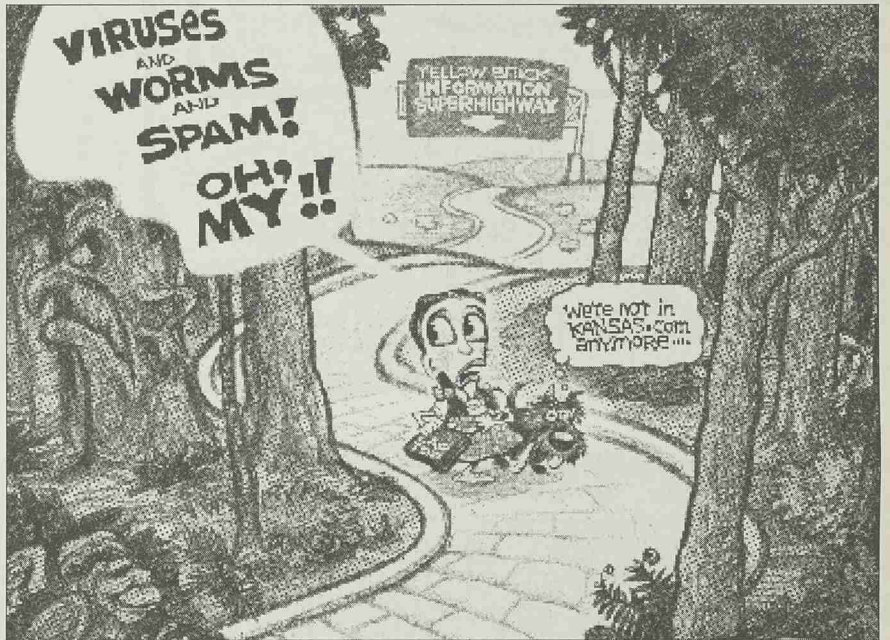
"It's their choice."

-Yency Williams
 Junior, Wood Products



"If they want to get married, they should."

-Robert Shepard
 Junior, Computer Science



Student Government should support Zack Medford

Student Government is the leading advocate for the student body, yet they have not thrown their support behind Zack Medford, a 20 year old student running for Raleigh City Council. *Amanda Devore* lays out the reasons why we should support Medford's campaign.

Over the last two years, the City of Raleigh has embarked on a strategic agenda that unfairly discriminates against students. Specifically, this agenda consists of the passage and "zero tolerance" enforcement of the new Nuisance Party Ordinance and the recently proposed Housing Ordinance. The Nuisance Party Ordinance, passed by the Raleigh City Council, is worded so



Amanda Devore
 Staff Columnist

loosely that citizens can receive a ticket for actions that are considered "annoying" -- anything from playing a car stereo too loud to having 10 of your friends over to watch a football game. The proposed Housing Ordinance was introduced last semester and the City Council luckily failed to pass. It would have lowered the number of unrelated people who could live in a house from four to two, and would have effectively limited all students living within the city limits to dorms and apartments. This issue has been kept alive through the creation of a taskforce.

I'd like to think that many students are wondering who they can trust to stand up against this anti-student sentiment and fight for student's rights as legitimate Raleigh residents. One obvious choice for this role is N.C. State's student government. In fact, the purpose

of student government, as found on its website (students.ncsu.edu), is to "serve as the official voice of the student body and attempt to better the student experience at the University." What better way for student government to serve the student body than by putting an end to this discrimination?

Zack Medford, a junior majoring in business management, was recently placed on the ballot to run for Raleigh City Council District D. He is running as the "N.C. State Candidate," included on his campaign Web site is a page devoted solely to his campaign priorities on student's behalf. Two of Medford's three opponents have played a major role in strategic anti-student agenda. Benson Kirkman, NCSU's current representative on the Raleigh City Council, was an author of the Nuisance Party Ordinance. Thomas Crowder, a local architect also vying for the position, was one of the most outspoken residents in support of the Housing Ordinance.

With the above mission, student government should come out in support of Medford. It should step-up to ensure that students don't keep getting screwed by the City Council. If you ask many members of student government this question, they will give you some rather absurd answers. Some members state that they are not "allowed" to

support or endorse Medford because student government receives student fees. Ridiculous. That is like saying they aren't allowed to oppose a tuition increase because the Chancellor might get mad. Other excuses include the belief that supporting Medford will hurt the credibility of student government if he does not win. Insane. An organization cannot be credible if it doesn't follow its purpose. Maybe it is simply

that members of student government do not have time in their schedules to support Medford. In that case, perhaps the student body should find themselves representatives that will have more time to make positive changes instead of fight over legislation that doesn't affect them. Whatever the case may be, student government needs to put all the excuses and pettiness behind them and come together for the good of the student body.

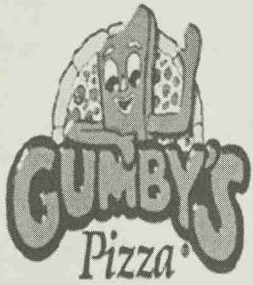
On Oct. 7, 2003 the student body has the opportunity to vote for the "N.C. State Candidate." I hope that before this election, student government will find the courage to support Medford. He is our best hope to cease anti-student agenda.

Are you a member of Benson Kirkman's fan club and wish to disagree? Email Amanda at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



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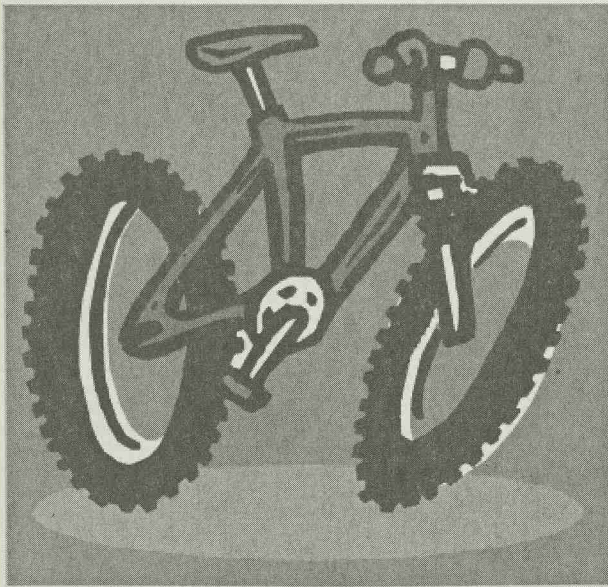
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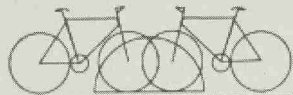
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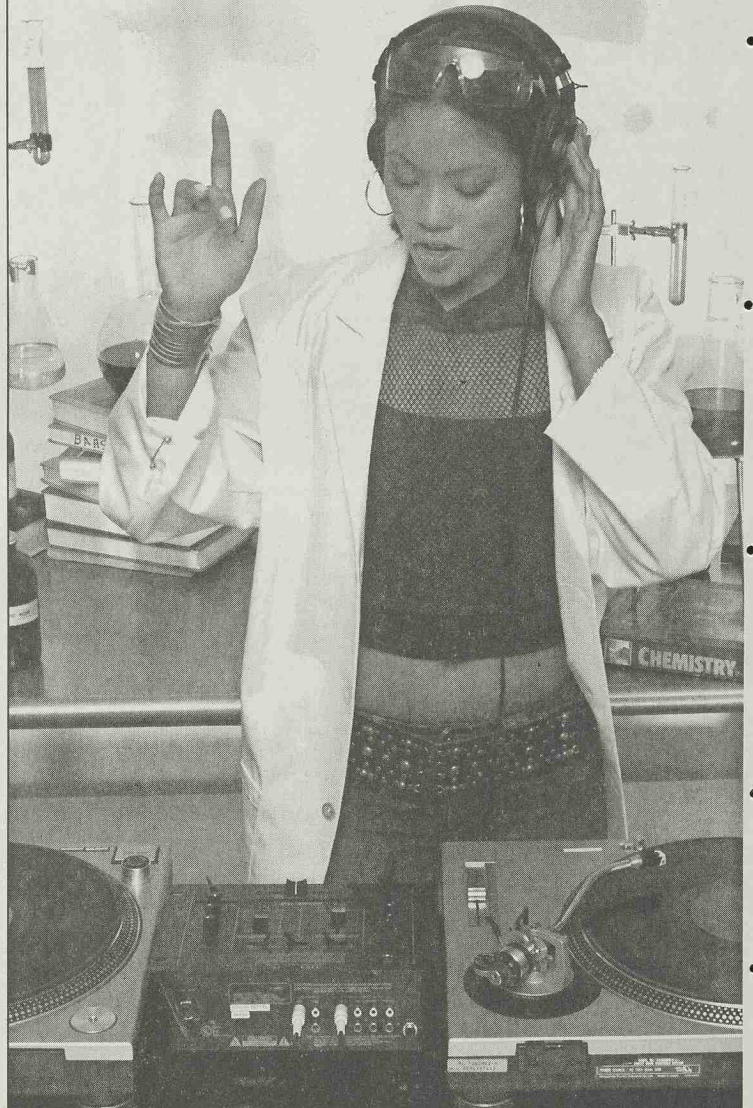
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Cautious optimism

Listen carefully to Chuck Amato's voice. Somewhere scattered in the raspy tone, the humor, the almost-clairvoyant talk



Matt Middleton
Staff Columnist

of championships, could there be a little concern? A little uncertainty? Nah, just a little prudence. Entering just his fourth

season as head coach of his alma mater, expectations swirling around his program are higher than ever. Whispers of a national title and a trip to New Orleans almost seem to supersede talks of an ACC title.

That national media attention is there. Sports Illustrated, ESPN, all the pre-eminent outlets seem to be mentioning the Wolfpack more and more. The local coverage is also significantly expanded to the tune of special newspaper sections and TV spots.

But wait a minute. Somewhere along the line have we all forgotten Amato hasn't finished better than fourth place in the ACC? Fourth in a conference that until this year was always perceived as being ultra-weak. The same conference Florida State manages to run through unscathed almost every year. The same conference where basketball supposedly reigns supreme.

He hasn't. "We haven't finished higher than fourth, what makes you think we're going to finish first?" he perpetually asks the media.

"Before we need to think about winning a national title, we need to win a conference one," Amato adds.

That's the message that's lost in the wonderful sense of optimism surrounding this football season. Yes, a national title is a goal — and it should be. As cornerback Greg Golden succinctly put it, "If that's not your goal, you have no business even stepping on the field."

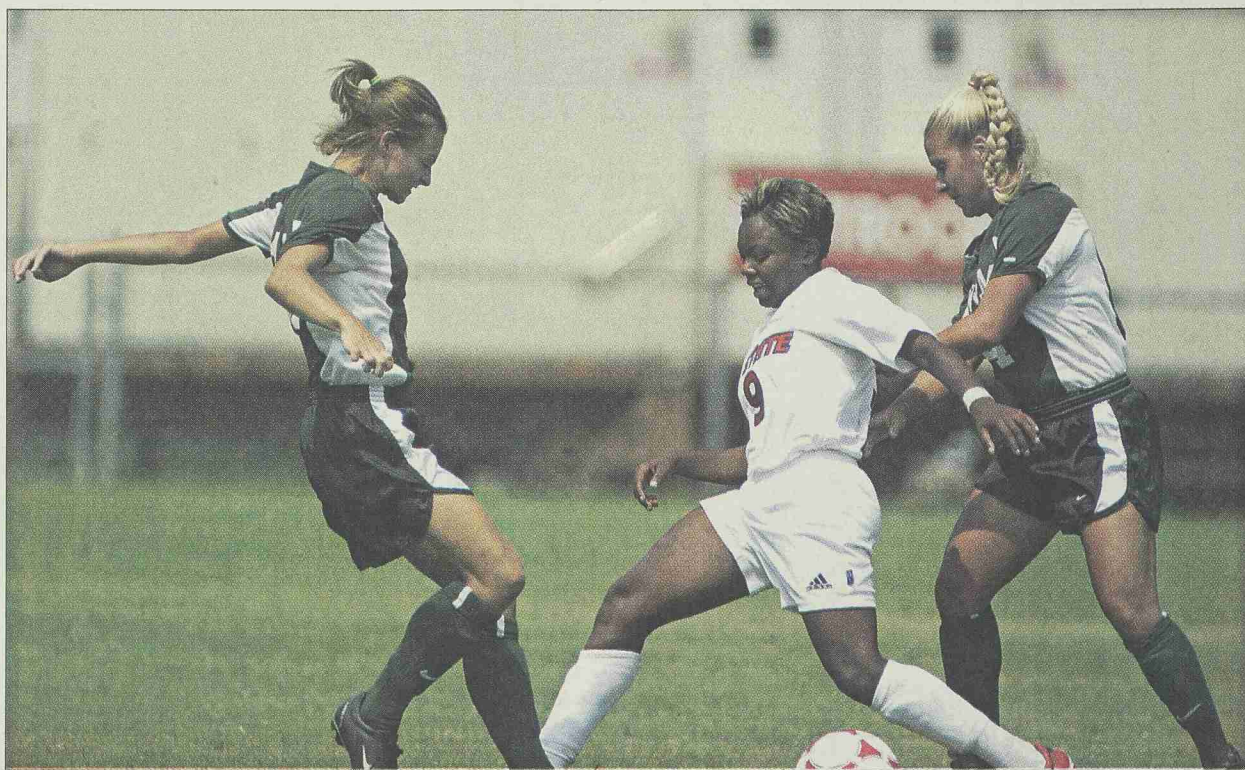
In actuality, most teams only superficially believe they can attain the ultimate prize. Even more do it just to be long-shot dreamers. Only a handful of teams can be considered serious title contenders.

After all, there is only one undisputed national champion,

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Women's Soccer

A lesson to learn from



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Lydia McBath is double-teamed by her William and Mary opponents on Saturday at the Method Road soccer stadium. The Wolfpack is hoping to build on last season's two ACC wins and feels it was robbed of an NCAA tournament bid a season ago.

N.C. State hopes to learn from last season's aftermath of historic victory over UNC

Joe Overby
Staff Writer

Oct. 10, 2002 could have been the most dramatic and historic day in N.C. State women's soccer history. Under the lights of SAS Stadium and amidst a torrential rainfall, Lindsey Underwood's goal in the 65th minute sealed a Wolfpack win over No. 1 UNC, the program's first ever over the Tar Heels.

The outcome set off a celebration in the rain, and a memory that a lot of the players will never forget.

"It's hard to say what was going through our heads, but it's the greatest feeling I've had so far in athletics, beating the number one team in the country," said Underwood.

The victory was arguably State's biggest in women's soccer history and left some even speechless.

"I can't even describe it in words...it was amazing," said senior forward Adrienne Barnes. "We all wanted it so

much. I don't think it sunk in until the next day."

At that point of the season, the team's momentum and confidence were running high. With an 8-3-1 record and two wins over nationally ranked teams, State jumped from being unranked to No. 19 in the country and their 2-0-1 conference record was tops in the ACC. It seemed as if things were falling into place for a NCAA tournament run.

How quickly things changed. The previous momentum suddenly came to a screeching halt as the Pack dropped its next two matches, losing to Duke and Florida State by a combined score of 8-1.

"We lost our focus after that [victory over UNC]," said Barnes. "The next game we played was against Duke and we couldn't get it together. After that it was a domino effect."

The Pack would go on to drop three of its next five matches, losing a heartbreaker to Virginia in the closing seconds and eventually losing to Clemson in the ACC tournament and missing the NCAA's altogether.

"We let ourselves down," said senior defender Jaci Harper. "We deserved to

beat UNC. We should have expected to win; I don't think we did that. Our confidence wasn't pointed in the right direction."

To avoid a similar situation this season, which kicks off this weekend in Charleston, head coach Laura Kerrigan said the team can't let itself slip into a hole after tough losses.

"It's easy for people to look at our season last year and say, 'Once they beat UNC they went downhill.' Not really. We went downhill for two games, but those two games set us in a hole and it made it difficult when we lost a close one to Virginia and a close one to Clemson," said Kerrigan. "Those are things we're definitely going to keep in mind so the next time we win a big game we're obviously going to do things a little bit differently."

Kerrigan added this year's team needs to maintain its focus practice by practice, and game by game in order to keep momentum rolling after a big win.

"Everyone learned a lesson from last year about what you do immediately after winning a big game" said

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Numerically speaking Women's soccer

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1 - the number of times N.C. State has beaten North Carolina which happened last October

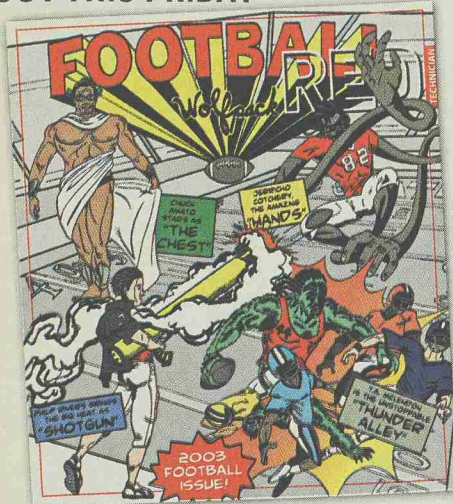
4.0 - GPA of head coach Laura Kerrigan (class of 1998) as an N.C. State undergrad

5 - consecutive ACC games lost by the Wolfpack following the 2-1 win over UNC

10 - goals scored last season by Lindsey Underwood, the top mark on the team

13 - freshman members of the team, nearly triple the number of seniors (five).

MARVEL AT TECHNICIAN'S FOOTBALL PREVIEW OUT THIS FRIDAY



Barnes looks to dazzle again this season

'Flashy' Adrienne Barnes seeks to lead young Wolfpack team to greatness.

Brian Grossman
Staff Writer

Flash and focus: two essential elements in the field of photography. The flash gives enough light to the picture so it can be seen. The focus gives the balance and clarity necessary to understand the picture.

Flash and focus: two of the many facets of the outstanding game of Adrienne Barnes, senior forward on the N.C. State women's soccer team. The flash enables Barnes to take control of the team and stymie opponents with her skills. The focus enables her to elevate her game to new levels whenever necessary.

"Everyone on the team is going

to bring something to the team," said head coach Laura Kerrigan. "What Adrienne brings to us is an ability to finish and a certain intensity and focus. It's very similar to when you have a professional team that has some veterans, and they bring a certain level of professionalism and experience to the table. Adrienne does that in many ways for us."

Using all of her intensity, professionalism and experience, Barnes finished second on the team in goals and assists as a junior en route to being named team MVP.

"While I was awarded the MVP, my teammates really helped me accomplish that," Barnes said. "They gave me the chances so

that I could get the goals for the team."

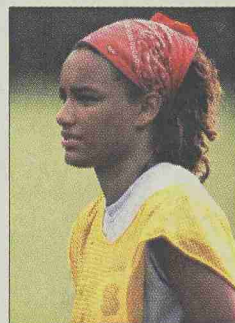
Barnes' teammates believe she is valuable to the Pack.

"Adrienne is just a really flashy player and the way she plays just tears defenses apart because she's so speedy and tricky," said senior teammate Lindsey Underwood. "Besides soccer, she's just a great person and she's really fun, and she has a great personality."

Flash and focus is what makes Barnes so important to her team, but soccer is not the only important activity in Barnes' life.

"I'm really into photography," Barnes said. "Not many people know that I studied abroad in

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Adrienne Barnes goes through drills in a preseason practice. Injuries have limited her participation in exhibition scrimmages.

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