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Tuition debate grows roots

Provost James Oblinger and Student Body President Tony Caravano lead the Tuition Task Force against increases in tuition.

Sam Stern
Staff Reporter

University officials are already beginning to project if there will be tuition increases for the next school year. By October, talks within the Tuition Task Force, a group spearheaded by Provost James Oblinger and Student Body President Tony Caravano, will be in full swing.

The task force will organize a report on tuition increases in November, to be reviewed by the state's General Assembly.

"The chancellor has asked Student Body President Tony Caravano and myself to convene this task force for further discussions," explained Oblinger. "We will start those this week with un-

dergraduate and graduate student representation and a variety of other faculty and administrative members on the task force."

However, certain student groups on campus are already starting the tuition debate outside the task force.

On Aug. 27, four student senators submitted bill R27, dubbed the "Sound Tuition Policy." The bill called for a \$150 tuition increase for need-based financial aid funds and to support faculty retention. The senate objected consideration of the bill, but the possibility of a tuition increase by the senate did engage senators in discussions revolving around tuition increases.

"The tuition increases are obscene. They are putting higher education out of reach," senate treasurer Seth Lester, one of the authors of R27, said.

Tuition can be increased in three different ways. The first kind is a campus initiated tuition increase

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STD awareness SPREADS on campus

Student health services promotes safe sex by educating students about the risks of irresponsible sexual activity.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

According to the American Social Health Association, two-thirds of all STDs occur in people 25 years of age or younger.

N.C. State students have the potential to become a part of this statistic, so Student Health Services developed ways for students to be more informed about STDs, and how to protect themselves.

According to the Student Health Services Web site, their Health Improvement Program (HIP), "strives to assist students in the adoption of a healthy lifestyle by providing information, education, consultation and referral on a wide variety of health-related issues."

According to Stephanie Sobol, assistant coordinator to the Health Promotion Department, from 2002 to 2003, the number of NCSU students that have engaged in intercourse with two or fewer partners has risen 5 percent. Sobol warned that sexually transmitted diseases are a serious issue that this country faces every year and all STDs are prevalent on this campus.

Not all students are very knowledgeable about STDs and ways they can protect themselves.

"It's something college students need to be concerned about and need to be aware of," Ashley Alves, a junior in English said. "It's a scary problem."

Sobol explained that STDs are contracted in two ways. The first is by having vaginal, anal or oral intercourse with another person who has the disease. When two people transmit bodily fluids, the disease is exchanged. Some STDs generally associated with this type of transmission are HIV, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia and Syphilis.

Also, skin-to-skin contact can spread STDs as well. Genital warts and genital herpes are exchanged through such contact.

In order to protect yourself, Sobol said, "You must use a condom at all times. Also, communication with your partner about sexual experiences will help you make an informed decision."

Sobol also suggested that people ask their partners questions about past relationships: How many partners have they had? Have they been tested? If so, how long ago?

There are ways for students to ensure they only engage in safe sex.

Students now have multiple ways to obtain condoms on campus. A student can get three free condoms from the pharmacy at the Student Health Center. However, the center is not open through the night, so NCSU has



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Condoms are one option for sexually active students who want to protect themselves from STDs. Students can get three free condoms at the Student Health Pharmacy during regular health center hours.

A few FACTS about STDs

-The estimated total number of people living in the United States with an incurable STD is over 65 million. Every year, there are approximately 15 million new cases of STDs, a few of which are curable.

-One in four new STD infections occur in teenagers.

-Of the STDs that are diagnosed, only four--gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia and Hepatitis B--are required to be reported to state health departments and the CDC for statistical purposes. Hepatitis B is a recent addition to that list.

-It is estimated that as many as one in four Americans have genital herpes, yet at least 80 percent of those with herpes are unaware they have it.

-Less than half of adults ages 18 to 44 have ever been tested for an STD other than HIV / AIDS.

also put personal care machines, which include condoms, in every residence hall.

Each condom is 75 cents and they are located on the first floor bathrooms for suite style residence halls and in the girl's and guy's bathrooms for hall style residence halls.

Also, for those who do not live on campus, these machines are located in the bathrooms of Talley Student Center.

If students need more than the three free condoms, they can buy a pack of 12 from the Student Health Center for \$3.75.

"Men and women need to be

prepared and carry their own condoms," Sobol said.

Health services is also posting literature to inform students of STD risk. Johnny Door, a flyer about STDs and condom use, is now posted in residence halls, Greek houses and University Towers.

Some students see these flyers as an important preventative measure for on-campus students. Metcalf Resident Adviser, Tara Zechini, a junior in communications, said, "If they decide to be sexually active, they will know the consequences."

Health Promotion Services has held a few brickyard events this year, and again on Oct. 15, they will be out on the brickyard educating students about STDs and giving out free condoms.

The only STDs that physicians can potentially cure are bacterial STDs. Viral STDs are only treatable, not curable. The Student Health Center conducts STD testing at a low cost for students. Students can even obtain their test results within one week of the testing date.

Sobol urges all students to be tested if they are sexually active. "Error on the side of caution," Sobol said, "it is better to be safe."

Cultural Center begins Brown decision celebration

Staff Report

On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court came to a unanimous decision that it is unconstitutional to segregate schools based on race. The court case, Brown v. Board of Education, will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year, and the African American Cultural Center (AACC) will celebrate the case with a year of events and speakers commemorating the court's decision and the events that led to it.

The first event is a forum on Friday, Sept. 12, from 2-4 p.m. at the Campus Cinema in Witherspoon.

The kickoff will bring Cheryl Brown Henderson, daughter of the late Oliver L. Brown, plaintiff of the case, and Dr. Terrance Roberts, one of the first black students to attend a formerly segregated school in Little Rock, Ark., in 1957, to N.C. State this weekend to share their experiences and the history of the civil rights movement.

Henderson and Roberts will also give a lecture on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 3-6 p.m., before the AACC gallery unveils a special exhibit on the Brown case. All the events this weekend will be free to the public.

The AACC will continue to host events that highlight the history of desegregation and its impact on the country and NCSU until May 17, 2004.

"We not only want to celebrate the Brown v. Board of Education decision, but we also want to examine the impact the ruling had by examining a series of events that took place following the decision," said Toni Harris Thorpe, program coordinator at the AACC, who was quoted by News Services in a recent press release.

Students can find out more about the AACC's "Brown vs. Board of Education: A Catalyst for Change" events at the following Web site: <http://www.ncsu.edu/aacc/calendar/index.php>

Flag duty



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Sophomore Cadet Corporals John Harman (left) and Jason White fold the American flag after its lowering in the Brickyard on Monday. Everyday ROTC raises the flag at 5 a.m. and lowers the flag around 5:45 p.m.

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Lawmakers expect to pass Bush's funding request, but want details

Frank Davies and Sumana Chatterjee
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Hit by sticker shock, lawmakers in Congress said Monday that eventually they will approve President Bush's request for \$87 billion more for Iraq and the war on terror, but they want to know more about how the money will be spent and efforts to share the financial burden.

"We'll have to work on it as quickly as possible. I think it's a bill that we have to pay," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, cited the need to protect "troops in harm's way" and pledged to "aggressively expedite" the budget request.

Even Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the Senate minority leader, sounded a conciliatory note and said he would work with the administration. "The stakes for our troops and our national security are too great for us to fail," Daschle said. "The president and Congress must now work together to provide the resources needed to both prevail in these troubled areas and to meet pressing needs at home."

But Democratic candidates for president blasted Bush's spending request as the result of failed policies and miscalculations. Several charged that the administration had deliberately underestimated the costs of Iraqi occupation and reconstruction before launching the war.

"A 15-minute speech does not make up for 15 months of misleading the American people on why we should go to war against Iraq or 15 weeks of mismanaging the reconstruction effort since we have been there," said former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, widely regarded as the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Sen. Bob Graham, a Florida Democrat, said the latest request was more than what the federal government will spend on education this year, and twice as much as federal spending on highways, bridges and public transit systems.

"The president is clearly making a judgment that it is more important for us to rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan than it is to deal with the very serious problems we have in the United States," Graham said.

Federal spending on education will total \$59.4 billion this year, fiscal 2003. The Homeland Security budget is \$28.1 billion. Federal aid to highways totals \$28.6 billion. The Environmental Protection Agency's budget is \$7.96 billion.

Most of Bush's new spending request for the coming year - \$51 billion - would support military

operations in Iraq, the White House Office of Management and Budget announced Monday. An additional \$15 billion would go to military operations in Afghanistan.

The remaining \$21 billion would be spent on reconstruction of those nations' broken infrastructure - schools, roads, utilities, hospitals.

Hispanic voters getting attention from politicians

Deirdre Shesgreen
St. Louis Post-Dispatch/Washington Bureau

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Hispanics have moved to the center of the political spotlight this year, labeled by both parties as a key swing voting bloc that could determine who wins the White House in 2004.

A still-emerging political force, Hispanic voters may be the soccer moms and office park dads of this election - that all-important sliver of the electorate that both parties avidly court as the campaign season begins.

Census data released earlier this summer showed that Latinos have surpassed African-Americans to become the nation's largest minority group, a milestone that caught the attention of political strategists of all stripes.

Now, Democrats and Republicans alike are scurrying to appeal to voters like Mike Apodaca, a 50-year-old San Diego, Calif., retiree who supported President George W. Bush in 2000 but is lukewarm about his performance so far. Or Carlos Chavez, a 23-year-old Albuquerque, N.M., sales representative who voted for Al Gore but now finds himself drawn to Bush.

"The Hispanic vote is up for grabs," said New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a Democrat and the nation's only Hispanic governor. "It's a sleeping giant about to explode."

Sharon Castillo, a spokeswoman for the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign, said: "Both parties are reaching out to Hispanics in unprecedented ways. It's very clear Latinos are going to play a key role" in selecting the next president.

Already, the Democratic Party has revamped its primary calendar to create "Hispanic Tuesday," as Adam J. Segal, director of the Hispanic Voter Project at Johns Hopkins University, has dubbed it.

Iowa and New Hampshire will still kick off the Democratic primary voting. But two states with significant Hispanic populations - New Mexico, which is about 42 percent Hispanic, and Arizona, which is about 25 percent Hispanic - will follow on their heels on Feb. 3. (A handful of other states, including Missouri, will also hold primaries that day.)

In another sign of the retooling, Democratic Party officials held the first-ever bilingual presidential debate last week in

Albuquerque with a special focus on Hispanic issues.

"In the old days, it was Iowa and New Hampshire. And we didn't play a major role in those states," said Raul Yzaguirre, president of the National Council of La Raza, a prominent Latino civil rights organization. Now, he says, "things are going to change dramatically."

Arafat ally accepts Palestinian prime minister's post

Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

JERUSALEM - Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia agreed on Monday to become his people's new prime minister while insisting he cannot move forward on the U.S.-backed peace plan unless he gets more support from Washington than was given his predecessor.

Qureia, 65, whose appointment must still be confirmed by Palestinian lawmakers, said he would not set himself up for failure, an apparent reference to outgoing Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, who resigned Saturday.

Abbas quit after losing a power struggle with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and failing to get the White House to put more pressure on Israel to follow through on peace plan provisions.

Israel, which remains in military control of most West Bank towns, has ignored a requirement that it freeze construction in Jewish settlements and dismantle settlement outposts established since 2001. Israeli leaders in turn point to the Palestinian Authority's failure to dismantle militant groups as required by the peace plan.

Qureia, who is closer to Arafat than his predecessor, also called on the United States and Israel to change their approach of ignoring and undermining Arafat.

"If (the Israelis) do not want to change their attitude towards us, we do not need a government nor a prime minister," Qureia said after an hourlong meeting with Arafat at his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Both countries say Arafat is linked to terror attacks against Israel, a charge the aging leader denies.

Israeli officials declined to comment Monday on whether they would support Qureia, but chafed at his overtures toward Arafat. According to Israeli Army Radio, Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom told Secretary of State Colin Powell in a phone call that there could be no progress if Arafat pulls the strings.

"We will judge any Palestinian prime minister by his actions," Shalom said in a written statement Monday. "He will have to decide whether he stands with Arafat or whether he stands against terrorism."

Recording industry

sues 261 downloaders

The R.I.A.A. is cracking down on illegal file sharing by filing civil lawsuits in federal courts

Daniel Rubin
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

PHILADELPHIA - The recording industry sued 261 music fans in U.S. federal courts yesterday, accusing each of illegally downloading and sharing at least 1,000 songs over the Internet.

The civil lawsuits could eventually number in the thousands, said the Recording Industry Association of America, whose members include major record labels BMG, EMI, Sony Music, Universal Music Group and Warner Music.

This summer, the RIAA issued about 1,600 subpoenas to universities and Internet service providers, demanding that they identify those allegedly sharing copyrighted music.

For the industry, the stakes are huge; the RIAA blames the trading of pirated music files for the industry's declining sales, to the tune of a 31 percent decline in sales of compact discs in the last three years.

It is also aware of the pitfalls of suing its potential customers.

"Nobody likes playing the heavy and having to resort to litigation," RIAA president Cary Sherman said in a statement. "But when your product is being regularly stolen, there comes a time when you have to take appropriate action. We simply cannot allow online piracy to continue destroying the livelihoods of artists, musicians, songwriters, retailers, and everyone in the music industry."

The RIAA is offering "amnesty" to those who want to avoid being sued.

It requires those who share copyrighted music to voluntarily identify themselves and pull unlawfully obtained files off their computers. The offer does not apply to any of those sued yesterday.

Some defense lawyers cautioned yesterday against signing the RIAA agreement.

"There are a bunch of potential problems," said Megan Gray, a Washington lawyer.

The deal, she said, protects a music-sharer only from legal action by the RIAA, not from its members or other rights-holders, such as those who write a song or play on a recording.

U.S. copyright laws allow for damages of \$750 to \$150,000 for each song offered illegally on a person's computer.

The RIAA has been settling for less: Yesterday, it announced \$3,000 agreements with fewer than 10 people whose Internet service providers had received subpoenas.

The industry previously reached agreements with four college students accused of running peer-to-peer file-sharing programs.

The students each paid \$12,000 to \$17,500.

U.S. Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs permanent subcommittee on investigations, has ordered hearings on the industry's enforcement strategy.

While he said yesterday that he empathized with those whose music was being stolen, he questioned the RIAA's offer.

"An amnesty that could involve millions of kids submitting and signing legal documents that plead themselves guilty to the Recording Industry Association of America may not be the best approach to achieving a balance between protecting copyright laws and punishing those who violate those laws," Coleman, a former roadie for the rock band Ten Years After, said in a statement.

From the blotter

Reports issued by Campus Police for Sunday

10:38 a.m. Fire Alarm

Police responded to a room in Tucker Hall in reference to a smoke head activation. This was the third activation for this room. Cause of alarm is unknown. Electronics was notified.

12:40 a.m. Traffic Stop

A non-student was issued a citation on Dan Allen Drive for speeding 35 in a 20 mph zone.

12:53 a.m. Noise Disturbance

Report of loud noise at North Hall. Officer spoke with a student there. He agreed to stop his disruptive activity.

1:18 a.m. Alcohol Violation

A student was referred to the University for Underage Possession at Phi Kappa Tau.

1:27 a.m. Fire Alarm

Alexander Hall-smoke detector 3rd floor. Unknown cause of activation. Police, Fire Protection and RFD responded.

1:31 a.m. Dispute

A student stated that several male subjects were "disrespecting" her and her friend. Subjects started "disrespecting" her when she refused to give her phone number to subjects. The student stated

subjects had followed her to Owen Hall. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate subjects.

1:55 a.m. Assist Other Agency

A student was arrested by RPD on Carroll Anne Road for Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and Resist, Delay, and Obstruct. The student was referred to the University.

2:58 a.m. Welfare Check

A non-student reported that she was concerned for her friend, a student who lives in Lee Hall, who had suddenly hung up the phone during a conversation. The non-student calling thought that her friend was having a fight with her boyfriend. She tried for thirty minutes to contact her without success. She asked police to check on her. Officers went to Lee Hall and spoke to the student, and she stated everything was o.k. Her boyfriend was actually in Chapel Hill.

4:22 a.m. Noise Disturbance

Report of loud music coming from Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Officer spoke with a resident, who agreed to turn the sound down on his radio.

10:48 p.m. Fire

ES King Village Building P-flame shot up when a subject tried to light a stove. RFD stated that the gas did not get to the burners properly and when the subject turned the burner on, a flame shot up. No damage was reported. Housing personnel was notified. The gas was shut off to the stove. The stove will be replaced. Police and RFD responded. HazMat was notified.

11:50 p.m. Traffic Checkpoint

Officers conducted a traffic checkpoint on Varsity Drive. Four verbal warnings were issued.

11:58 p.m. Expired License

A student was issued a citation for expired driver's license at the above traffic checkpoint.

12:20 p.m. Fire

A student reported a trashcan fire on Dunn Avenue, north of the bookstore. Police responded but were unable to locate any fire at that location. The area was searched and still no fire was located. Officers spoke with people in the area and the people were not aware of any fire.

2:53 p.m. Larceny

A student reported that her blue and silver Raleigh bike was stolen from the Syme Hall east bike rack.

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(also known as a CITI).

CITIs funnel any increase in funds right back into the university.

"In the past, we have made investments in the library, student financial assistance and faculty salaries and program improvements," Oblinger said.

In response to school driven increases, Samantha Mitchell, a senior in the college of management, said, "NCSU has enough money to make seemingly useless changes around campus, they should have enough money to keep tuition down for a few more years."

Unlike CITIs, tuition increases mandated by the state's General Assembly go directly into the state budget. Last year the General Assembly decided to raise the cost of tuition by 5 percent for in and out of state students.

The General Assembly's guide-

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- Samantha Mitchell

line for tuition costs comes from the state constitution. Article IX, Sec. 9 states, "The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of the University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense."

"NCSU is nothing close to being affordable as possible," Caravano said.

Caravano has attempted to engage the General Assembly in reaching a compromise between

the university and the legislature. However, the two sides have not come to a satisfactory resolution.

"The senators that support raising tuition have felt that the universities are wasteful and school budgets should be cut before we contradict their actions," Caravano said.

The third type of increase is a UNC system-wide increase commissioned by Head Chancellor Molly Broad. Broad was opposed to any increase in tuition last year.

While all three tuition increases are always possible, outside factors could contribute as well.

On the fringe of the discussion is UNC-Chapel Hill. As NCSU's closest public university counterpart, their own CITI may have a great deal of influence on a figure put forth by the Tuition Task Force of NCSU.

Historically, NCSU usually asks for an increase just less than any number provided by UNC-CH.

"Within the system, we are the two most similar institutions, i.e., both are defined as research extensive institutions," Oblinger said.

The General Assembly, the UNC system and each university will have to decide what monies are necessary to continue to provide education to North Carolina's students.

Nationally, college tuition has increased at an average of 4.4 percent. Students will know in the coming months whether NCSU will continue to follow this trend itself.

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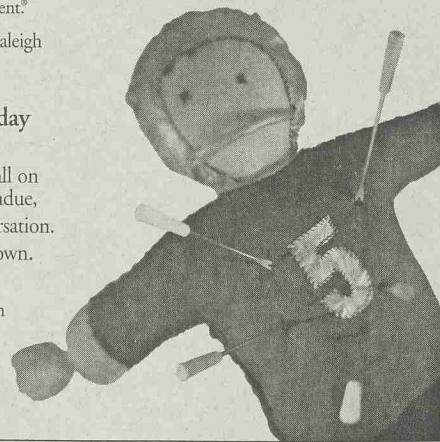
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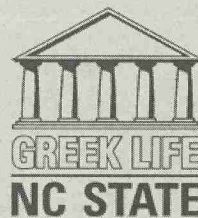
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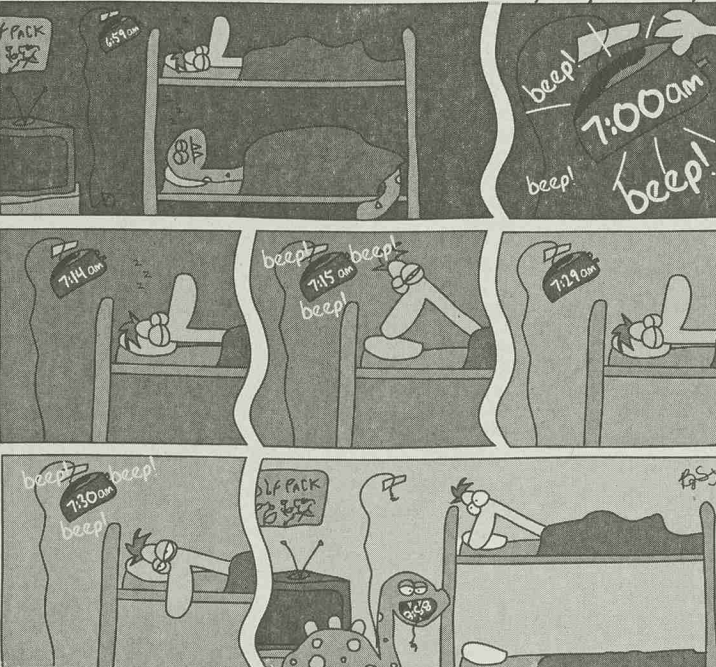


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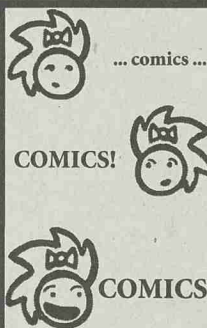
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

ELECTIONS TOO EARLY

OUR OPINION: FALL ELECTIONS ARE TOO HASTY FOR FRESHMEN TO MAKE EDUCATED DECISIONS.

In one week, time will officially run out for freshmen Student Senate candidates when fall elections end at midnight on Sept. 16.

But didn't you know?

Maybe not since the first flyer hasn't appeared on Brickyard kiosks and the only sandwich boards are advertising for Homecoming. For the first time in years, freshmen will have the opportunity to pick their own representation, but few seem to be getting in the campaign spirit.

But, that is just part of the problem with this year's freshmen elections process. The bigger issue: there shouldn't be one at all.

The Student Senate had noble intentions when it chose to launch fall elections last year. Fiery speeches and pacing senators spoke of "franchising the freshmen" and giving them their voice.

In the past, a board composed of upperclassmen selected freshmen senators from an application and interview process. This way, freshmen, not their elder counterparts, would have the power to choose their representation.

That's all fine and dandy on paper but when the elections fall just four weeks after move-in, how informed are we expecting the freshmen to be?

Few have had the opportunity to understand the role that Student Senate plays on campus, much less the type of senators they should be choosing.

Proponents of the new system argue that freshmen have the advantage of living together, eating together and taking entrance-level classes together. However, even these close quarters will not give voters the insight they need to make choices about their peers. In a few short weeks, voters can't possibly know what students have the leadership, platform and drive to serve their needs. And if freshmen don't start campaigning, they never will.

It's not the first time that freshmen have been given the chance to vote. For many years, Student Government held fall elections but the returns were plagued with low voter turnout.

Organizers made a wise choice in placing the ballot online and letting it coincide with Leader of the Pack elections but while it may make the returns higher, it won't make them any smarter.

It's not that freshmen aren't knowledgeable or even capable of making their own decisions. It's that student senators hold a powerful position on campus. They are student liaisons to the administration and they have a voice in major decisions that involve student concerns and student fees. And that's a power that shouldn't be handed over lightly.

Last year, freshmen may not have had a vote but they did have a group of senators chosen for their leadership abilities, diversity and passion by a group of involved upperclassmen that knew how to spot it.

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Those crazy freshmen

Do you remember your freshman year, when Napster was big? Matt Campbell compares those days to the brave new world we live in now.

The new school year is young and you can still easily identify the campus newcomers. You know who I'm talking about -- the freshmen. They are



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the ones who still dress up to go to class, the ones who wander aimlessly up and down Hillsborough St. on Friday nights and the ones who think there exists some legendary, Malibu-like "beach" in between Tucker and Owen Halls. We

were all there once but it is fun to look around now and laugh, just as we were laughed at during our first few weeks.

But while seniors are graduating only to find a tough transition into the real-world, freshmen are facing an easier transition into college thanks in part to the wonderful thing we call technology. You know what I'm talking about: computers, cell phones, palm pilots, motorized toothbrushes and automatic Pez dispensers. These all make the lives of college freshmen much, much easier.

Colleges around the country are keeping up with the times, putting loads of information on the Internet. From applications to virtual tours, prospective students can start the college transition from the comfort of their own home. Many colleges offer online roommate matching services and provide other information so you can find out about your future roommate.

Let me tell you, these kids are crafty. Using search engines, incoming college students can find out anything about anyone with just their name. I remember my freshman year like it was two years ago or something, when I was able to find out my roommates e-mail address, hometown, extensive list of ex-girlfriends, credit card numbers, past run-ins with the law and other general, everyday information. People need to know these things about someone they are going to live with.

Some schools have put much of their orientation information online for students to access as an alternative to the real thing. With the click of a mouse, everything from tours to buying books, from vaccination forms to registration, can be done. Students can even post a personal profile with information and photos. This is a horrible idea if you ask me; we all have been fooled once or twice from pictures we saw online. For

instance, one time there was this girl...I mean, this has never happened to me. OK, next topic.

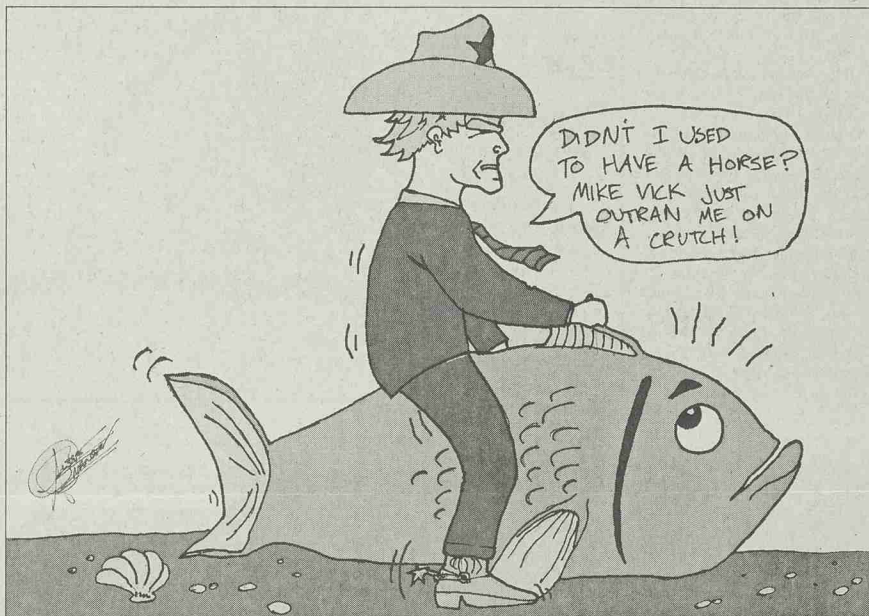
Colleges are even trying to ease the transition of incoming students into the classroom. Apparently, they have found that many professors are a lot older than students are. I will give you a minute because I bet you are as shocked as I was when I first saw that. It seems Captain Obvious has struck again, though I'm sure it took years of work at a Research I university to figure that one out.

Anyway, it has been found that there is a large cultural gap between professors and students. While students are worried about T&A and P.L.M.P., our professors are more focused on A.A.R.P. and B.E.D.T.I.M.E. This was shown in a study when freshmen at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee couldn't identify either Pete Rose or Paul Newman. For those who don't know, Pete Rose was the first man on the moon and Paul Newman was a '60s rock god. OK, maybe they weren't, but if you don't know who they are you probably can't even read this column anyway.

Experts have stated that this can be detrimental in the classroom, as professors will be using references that may be over the heads of their students. While students in this age of technology know how to 'Ctrl+Alt+Del', they will not get references of Bert and Ernie...you know, the Sesame Street characters. Tom McBride, a humanities professor at Beloit College and one of the people who looked at this cultural rift, says that even people in their early-20s will feel old seeing a list of what incoming freshmen don't know about culturally. Luckily for those freshmen, experts are working on this problem and fixing it to make it easier for them.

It seems as though the world of college is being placed on a silver platter for these freshmen. With all this technology and research, today's freshmen are becoming acquainted with their new surroundings better than last year's freshmen. So allow me to talk over their heads for a bit: I say we go have "Happy Days" with "Laverne & Shirley", while my friend "Frankie Goes to Hollywood" "Cheers"!

Matt loves all the latest technology, especially those hamsters that sing and dance. They are cool. E-mail all complaints to viewpoint@technicianstaff.com ...I dare you.



War: why or why not?

With the second anniversary of Sept. 11 on Thursday and the lack of strong evidence for a justified war in Iraq, Ratna Singh presents a case for war when it is necessary.

Sept. 11, 2001. The world is in a shock. One after the other, the two pillars of American pride are downed by despicable & cowardly acts of terrorism.

Ratna Singh
Staff Columnist

The people are outraged, and at the same time experience a sense of fear. The leaders are faced with a difficult option - to take the peaceful route, or retaliate with military power. They chose the latter, and the results justified the stance.

The above example is a classic case wherein the use of force could well be justified. The Taliban were ousted, and many militants killed. If America had chosen to remain silent, the gesture would have encouraged terrorists to further their aims of disrupting peace & taking more innocent lives. The ones in a favor of a more peaceful solution did raise their voices, but they failed to realize the fact that certain situations warrant war to achieve peace. Ironic, but true. Osama Bin Laden may have eventually escaped, but many other dangerous terrorists were killed, and terrorist-training centers destroyed. The results of these actions can be seen in the smiling faces of our countrymen, who otherwise may have become targets of these terrorists. Since the war, there have not been any instances of terrorism in the US, albeit the fact that the odd attack has taken place on US embassies in few countries. But the results achieved as a result of the war have helped the world take big strides towards curbing terrorism, which has eventually led to a significant decrease in the loss of innocent lives.

And it is imperative that the proponents of 'peace' understand this. A Nobel Peace prize can be won not only by preventing war, but also by waging one against those who disrupt peace, and the lexicon of terrorists is void of the magic word 'peace'.

By now, you all are probably thinking that I am some war freak, and its time to put your suspicions to rest. There is another side to the picture, where war cannot be justified; and in such cases preventing war would provide you a better chance of winning the Nobel rather than going to war. Yes, I'm talking about Iraq. A different scenario and different conditions. Claiming that Iraq has destructive biological weapons (in spite of being unable to provide conclusive evidence and the UN inspectors not discovering any), the US and Britain decide to go to war against the wishes of the United Nations. Agreed, Saddam is a tyrant and deserves to go, but is that reason enough to justify a full-fledged war? I don't think so. There are other countries ruled by dictators, and also known to be centers of terrorism-why not wage a war against those countries then? If one of the reasons for the war was the fact that Iraq needed to be freed from a tyrant dictator in order to establish democracy in the country, would the same action be taken and justified for other countries in similar situations. Probably not. Why then, was war waged? It was not correct to defy the United Nations-an organization which has helped maintain world peace over the past decades. It also brought to light the fact that economically and militarily

powerful nations can control the world body, regardless of what other small and not-so-rich nations desire or think. Another thing, which comes to mind, is the discrepancy or double standards adopted by certain nations when it comes to terror attacks. For instance, the attack on the Indian Parliament and the subsequent killing of army officers' families more than justified a military retaliation. But before India could do so much as raise a formal protest, let alone think about war, messages about practicing self-restraint came pouring in from all over the world. It is unfortunate that leaders adopt a varying stance for a similar issue, keeping personal interests foremost rather than think on a more global basis. They need to understand that terrorism is a global problem, and can only be dealt with effectively by means of co-operation and support.

In sum, war is necessary in certain situations, and these situations need to be assessed very carefully and with a lot of discretion. War is not something that we want, and should only be used as a last resort. Many issues can be solved by peaceful means and it is worth the effort. The value of human life should be understood and respected. It is the responsibility of every individual to work towards this, especially of the ones who wield the power to influence the destiny of millions.

This is Ratna's first column. Send comments to viewpoint@technicianstaff.com

CAMPUS FORUM

Kudos to Tommy Oz-bolt on his insightful article today about God in the public arena. I applaud you for addressing such a heated topic in an understanding way. It seems that most people have forgotten that in order to have an objective standard of right and wrong, they must

also have an objective standard. That can only be found in an unchanging deity. Rejecting that standard only succeeds in forming a morally bankrupt nation where "might makes right." Witness China, N. Korea, Cuba, the former USSR, etc. Nietzsche's "God is dead" coupled with

Marx's Communism forms a disastrous combination that should be a reminder to all of what happens when standards are formed on morally shifting sand.

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FOOTBALL

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Wolfpack locker room full of tears, frustration. But not nearly as frustrating as a game in which the Pack couldn't stop Wake on defense and stopped itself on offense too many times.

But all that is history. And as the old adage goes, history can be the greatest teacher.

Although Sunday is designated a rest day for State's players, Amato estimated more than half the team showed up voluntarily at the Murphy Center to watch film – and not of the Buckeyes. Instead, the Wolfpack wanted to find out what went wrong in Winston-Salem. How those problems could be corrected.

"It's a great thing for them to do that," Amato said of his team coming in on its own. "That shows you they're into it. It's meaningful. If after the game, our kids would have walked out of the locker room and been happy, I'd be concerned. But there were tears shed in there."

"Our kids are resilient, they get over this stuff. We're going to be fine."

The Pack will likely have to prove it is fine without the services of tailback T.A. McLendon. The sophomore watched the Wake Forest game in wind pants from the sideline, and is listed as doubtful for the showdown at OSU.

"If he plays, it's a bonus," Amato said. "Right now, I don't think he's going to play."

Offensive lineman Chris Colmer also remains doubtful. The left tackle has sat out the first two games of the year, and his return hinges on whether he can heal from brachial plexitis, a neurological disorder that causes pain in the arm near the shoulder.

With McLendon likely out, Amato indicated he'd use a committee approach at running back, with Cotra Jackson and Josh Brown sharing carries. The coach didn't dismiss the possibility of

freshman Reggie Davis coming out of his redshirt.

"Perhaps, perhaps," Amato said. "But Josh Brown gave us a bunch last year. We've got to have him involved."

In speaking of this week, Amato has already buried the loss. He even questioned a group of reporters who have been thirsting to discuss the Ohio State game for weeks but instead asked repeatedly of the Wake loss.

"You guys like to write about history, and you like to write about the [future]," Amato said. "Now we're here, let's talk about Ohio State, about this game at hand."

Amato wasn't too hard on his players, realizing the dejection was hard enough on its own.

"He knows how to get after you and he knows how to console you," Cotchery said of Amato. "After the game, he told us the things we have to work on, and he said 'Let it eat at you.' So then you know what to focus on and how to get better for the next week."

The Pack will only let it eat at them for so long. For many, Wake Forest is already forgotten.

"The loss was a blow. Period," Amato said. "Our team is confident. They're not going to stop being confident. One game doesn't make a season."

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of Wolfpack fans that will be packing their cars to drive to the Ohio State- N.C. State match-up this weekend.

The trip has been on Wander's books for a while – as early as late last spring after this season's football schedule was announced.

A senior in electrical engineering, Wander has made the trip to Ohio a number of times to visit relatives in the state. He's used to the long drive.

"My dad and I would get ev-

eryone to sleep, and we'd split the drive," Wander said.

For this trip, it will likely be more exciting than that.

Leslie O'Loughlan, a friend who will be making the trip with Wander, thinks the excitement of getting to the game will hold them over. O'Loughlan said that her group will have "enough to keep us busy. We'll be pumped. The ride back however..."

Wander and O'Loughlan's group plans to leave near 1 p.m. Friday, soon after their classes end.

Another group is planning to jet out from campus around 8 a.m. Melanie Johnson, a senior

in business management, will be traveling with a contingent of 15 others.

"It's quite a bit of a caravan," Johnson said with a laugh.

With State flags waving from their cars, she voices similar enthusiasm for the trip and game as the others.

"Everyone [in our group] is excited about going to the game," Johnson said. "I'm really excited about seeing the stadium."

The surprise loss to Wake Forest did not deflate any of their hopes.

"If anything it will be a wake up call - I didn't think they [Ohio State who won against

San Diego State by three points] did so hot either last weekend," Johnson said.

"I'm still gung-ho - I'm hoping the last game [against Wake] will light a fire under them," Wander said.

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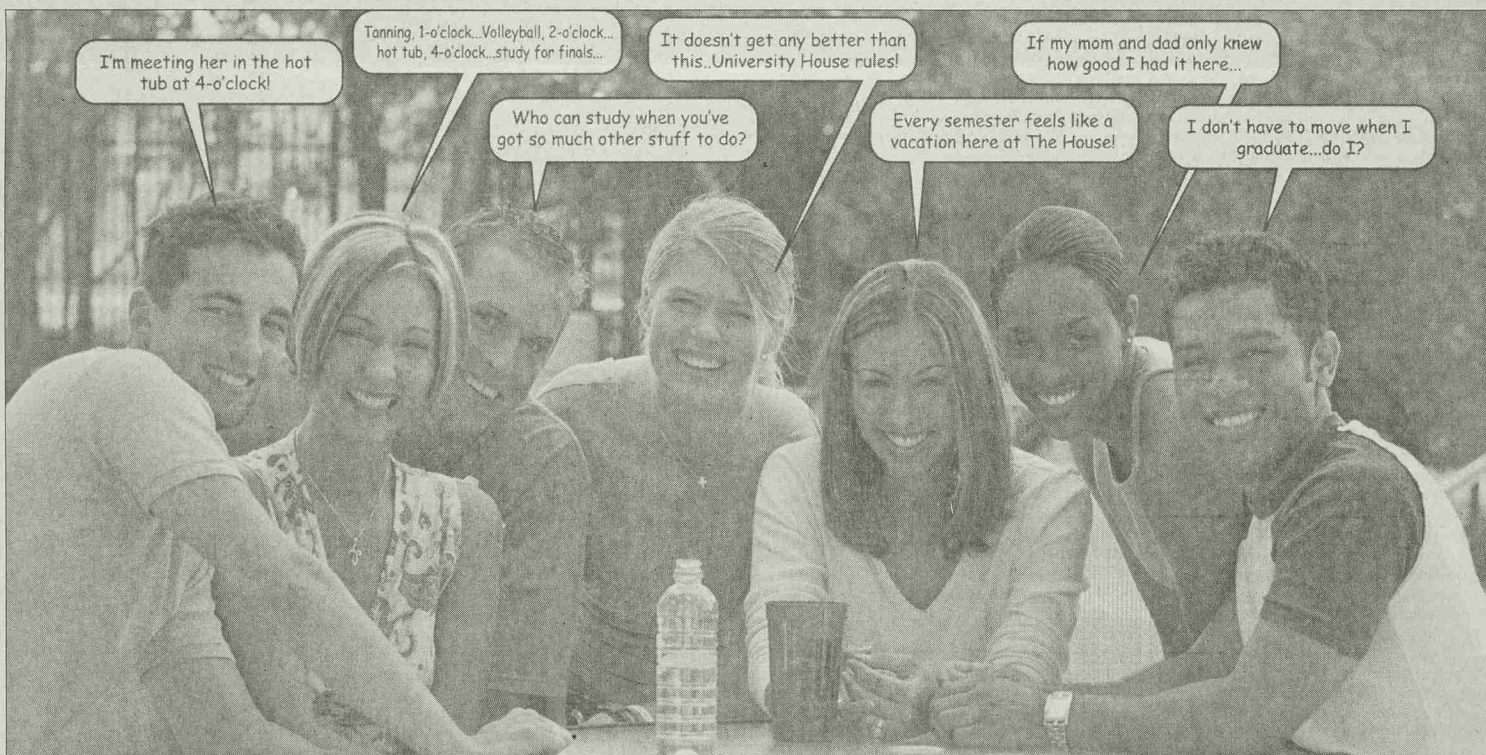
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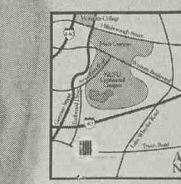
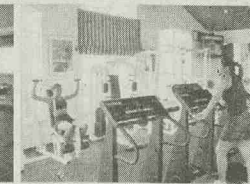
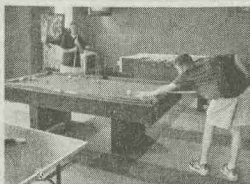


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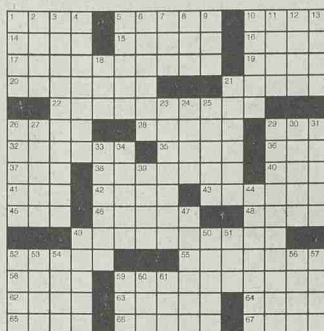
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BCS outsiders clamor for bigger share

CHICAGO - Tulane president Scott Cowen began saber rattling in the spring when he referred to the six power conferences that have automatic berths in the Bowl Coalition Series as a cartel. He also claimed the BCS was destroying college football by eliminating half of the eligible

Dick Weiss

New York Daily News Commentary

Division I programs from those \$13 million payday January bowl games.

Cowen's point was this: Last year, the 63 BCS schools shared \$104 million while the rest of the 117 Division I-A programs split \$5 million.

Monday, Cowen softened the rhetoric. He was hopeful the presidents of the 11 Division I-A conferences who met here at the O'Hare Airport Hilton can come up with a way to provide greater access to the have-nots in the sport.

"We all said what we had to say over the last three months," he said. "We said it. That's what brought us to the table and now we're at the table, let's see if we can work together. I think they're very open to possible change."

The BCS presidents seem will-

ing to listen if it benefits their schools. "They (the non-BCS presidents) think they may have some idea about structure that could increase value," Nebraska president Harvey Perlman said. "Maybe they're right. If they do and it's profitable and we don't lose anything, we'll tweak it."

Cowen claims he is not a Pollyanna. That's probably a good thing. He should get a reality check shortly and it will probably come like a punch in the face.

College football is not an equal opportunity system.

Given the state of the economy and the fact that corporate sponsors are being more judicious with their money, the BCS bowls and network TV are not about to shell out \$13 million to watch Ohio State play, say, a Marshall or even a Colorado State in the Sugar Bowl.

They want to see the traditional powers battle it out, if only for the Nielsen ratings. The only non-BCS team to win a national championship was BYU in 1984. In the 20 years before the BCS, 159 of 160 teams to play in the Jan. 1 bowl games came from BCS conferences.

"This isn't Lake Wobegone, where everybody's a little above

average," Oregon president David Frohnmayer said.

An NFL-style playoff appears totally out of the question since the SEC is not about to give up its \$12 million playoff game and the Pac 10 and Big 10 are not about to sever their ties with the Rose Bowl.

The best have-nots can hope for is the introduction of a fifth BCS game when the new deal is hammered out after the 2005 season. That would increase the chance for a non-BCS team from, say, Conference USA to crack the social elite. (Provided Conference USA is still in existence after Cincinnati, Louisville, Marquette and DePaul leave for the Big East, Tulane and Houston go to the WAC, South Florida and Memphis migrate to the Mid-American Conference and St. Louis flees to the Missouri Valley.) Or a team from the WAC, Mountain West, Mid-American or Sun Belt conferences. But it is hard to conceive of those schools ever receiving an automatic slot and any non-BCS team that wanted an at-large slot most likely have to finish in the Top 10 in the computerized rankings.

That has only happened once before, when Tulane finished 11-0 in 1998 and was ranked

10th. Marshall was ranked 12th in 1999 and TCU was ranked 14th in 2000. Since then, no one else has even been in the mix.

The BCS feels confident it could weather any possible antitrust suit. But if legislation is filed, there is this doomsday scenario presented by Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese, the head of the BCS this year.

"I think that what has happened is the BCS has become a target," Tranghese said. "Everyone's problems now are pointed at us and they say the BCS has caused those problems."

"I said to somebody, 'Why don't we just disband? What will happen?' The Pac-10 and the Big Ten go to the Rose Bowl, the rest of us will play in major bowls and TV will pay significantly less money. Who gains from that? I would argue those teams in the non-BCS conferences are getting more money and more access than they had in the previous system."

"I know president Cowen is doing what he has to do. He's arguing about Tulane and the time they went undefeated. They didn't play anybody."

Noon start for State-Texas Tech

The homecoming game will be broadcast nationally by ESPN2.

Sports Staff Report

The ACC has announced that N.C. State's homecoming game against Texas Tech, set for September 20th at Carter-Finley Stadium, will begin at 12 p.m. and will be televised nationally by ESPN2.

Last year in Lubbock, Texas, the Wolfpack and Raiders played a memorable contest that went to overtime before State prevailed on a touchdown run by T.A. McLendon.

The teams combined to score a total 99 points in an offensive shootout that feature a monumental Texas Tech comeback. The Wolfpack seemingly had

the game in hand late in the third quarter with a 28-point lead, but fell apart in the Texas sun as the Red Raiders' offense moved with ease in the game's final quarter.

The national broadcast is the second such broadcast of the season for State. The Wolfpack's Thursday night game against Clemson on Oct. 16 will be broadcast nationally by ESPN. The Wolfpack has played once on ABC already this season, a 38-24 loss to Wake Forest in its last game. The Pack's Saturday contest at Ohio State will also be aired by ABC on a split-national broadcast.

The only other game time officially set is the Oct. 11 home contest against Connecticut, which begins at 1 p.m. All other game times will be announced by the ACC league office at a later date.

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The showdown

Who cares if N.C. State can't stop Mr. Fancy Pants from bulldozing past what's-his-face and scoring a touchdown Saturday.

The N.C. State-Ohio State showdown won't be decided in front of 101,000 people at Ohio Stadium. It won't be decided on a field. It won't be decided in a giant, Jumbotron game of NCAA 2004 on PlayStation 2.

Andrew B. Carter

Deputy Sports Editor

It will be decided right here, on this piece of paper, based on complete irrationality and a scoring system that makes all the sense of square wheels. We're going to break it down where it matters most. Get to the root of the teams and extract a winner.

History: Ohio State has seven national championships, but hasn't won one since way back in January. What, have they been counting sheep since then? In the meantime, I've won 17 national titles on the PS2 in the same span. The Buckeyes have six Heisman Trophy winners, but haven't had one since Eddie George in 1995. He's practically in a rest home. And sure, with a winning percentage of .708 and 748 all-time wins, OSU is among the top five programs of all time. But, N.C. State did beat Notre Dame in the Gator Bowl. Edge: even.

Coach: Ohio State's Jim Tressel took a traditional power and turned it into a national champion. NCSU's Chuck Amato took a traditional average and turned it into a championship contender. A team with Amato as a coach has been to a bowl game every year since 1982, and the long-time Bobby Bowden assistant earned two national championship rings at Florida State. That's one more than Tressel has. Edge: NCSU.

Mascot: Brutus, a rectangular-bodied man with a huge, round, hairy head and dopey grin gets Ohio Stadium riled with his crazy and batty antics. The best is when Brutus (dressed in "Where's Waldo"-esque garb) lines up with Brutus impersonators, and the fan that identifies the real Brutus wins a lucky corn dog. Mr. Wuf is just not too exciting. Edge: OSU.

Nicknames: Free bag of marshmallows to anyone who knows what a Buckeye is. I'll throw in a campfire, some graham crackers and chocolate syrup if you don't have to look it up. Edge: NCSU.

Intangibles: The Rodney Dangerfield of ACC history, N.C. State is looking for respect. Ohio State has absolutely nothing to prove since winning the national title, and should be fat and lazy. Since the Buckeyes whipped its last opponent like an Amish donkey (a 16-13 win over San Diego State) and State lost a heart breaker at Wake Forest (38-24), the Wolfpack will be hungry to take on an overconfident team. Edge: NCSU.

School: John Tesh. Edge: NCSU.

Campus: Brickless. Edge: OSU.

Team traditions: At Ohio Stadium, 100,000 people scream as the OSU band spells "Ohio." The cheers become deafening when the lead sousaphone player dots the "i." On the back of the Buckeyes' helmets, marijuana leaf decals signify a job well done. At Carter-Finley Stadium, a busted, mechanical-sounding wolf howl like a rabies-infested owl while WB-22 promotions blare "King of the Hill" ads. Edge: OSU.

State: North Carolina is home to mountains, beaches and Sandra Bullock. Ohio is home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Drew Carey. Bullock or Carey? Hmm. Edge: NCSU.

All these important factors combine to produce an N.C. State win. With Sandra Bullock pushing it over the top, the Wolfpack wins 34-31. John Tesh celebrates. The sousaphone player who dots the "i" cries.

And, those who used this as betting advice call and thank me. You heard it here first.

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Pack recovers quickly



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N.C. State players, seen huddling before a play in Saturday's loss at Wake Forest, have regrouped and are preparing for an important non-conference game.

Still-confident N.C. State focuses on Saturday's game at Ohio State, while T.A. McLendon's injury clouds running game.

Andrew B. Carter

Deputy Sports Editor

Greg Golden wore the smile of a winner Monday afternoon, the smile of a man too sure of himself to be shaken by a loss. Bright, happy and confident was the N.C. State defensive back whose name and game has become synonymous with trash talk, gyrating arms and cockiness.

A loss to Wake Forest over the weekend couldn't strip Golden of his smile, speech or attitude. If he were any more enthusiastic, he might have started with the arm waving, too.

"I don't think any confidence or cockiness has been knocked out of me or my teammates," Golden said, head shaking and lips grinning. "We're still the same Wolfpack. Everybody has their up and down days and Saturday was our down

day. We just have to come back, get a better attitude, pick up the intensity in practice and forget about what happened this past Saturday."

A date with defending national champion Ohio State will provide the Wolfpack all the amnesia it needs. For months, The Game has been all fans and media have wanted to talk about. It was supposed to be a clash of new power vs. storied tradition. Of up-and-coming vs. defending national champion. Of speed and finesse vs. size and strength. It was supposed to feature two undefeated, potential top-10 teams. It was supposed to be an opportunity for State to prove itself nationally.

Does it still mean the same now that State is 1-1? Does it mean the same now that State, ranked No. 24, nearly fell out of the top 25?

"The loss," State receiver Jericho Cotchery said, "doesn't change our season one bit."

Not that the Wake loss didn't hurt. Coach Chuck Amato described a

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TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Philip Rivers has completed 81 percent of his passes for 753 yards and six TDs over two games.

OHIO STATE FACE//OFF NC STATE

Two of the country's best at their positions will go head-to-head when N.C. State receiver Jericho Cotchery lines up opposite Ohio State cornerback Chris Gamble Saturday. Gamble and Cotchery are similar in skill, size and personality. Both are also known for the big play. Over 70 percent of Cotchery's career catches have been for first downs, and the senior rarely drops a pass. Gamble, also the Buckeyes' starting flanker, had four interceptions and returned one for a touchdown last season. "As you can see, he's always doing awesome things," State cornerback Greg Golden said. Golden and Gamble grew up competing on different youth

teams. Come game time, though, Gamble's main objective will be to shut down Cotchery, who is coming off a huge performance at Wake Forest. Cotchery will just try to get open.



CHRIS GAMBLE



JERRICHO COTCHERY

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A trip worth taking...

Despite the loss this weekend, Wolfpack fans are still pumped to make the trip out to Ohio State.



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Staff Writer

For Miah Wander, neither the eight-hour drive nor the 480 some miles between Raleigh and Columbus, Ohio will faze him or his four friends.

"We'll be driving a long ass way to see a football game," he said. But to them, it'll be worth it.

He and his friends are just a small contingent

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