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Discussions stimulate talk about sex taboos

Students, counselors and staff converse about the topic we all love to avoid.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

This year sex is the word. The Women's Center is sponsoring different activities to make students aware of their sexuality; they have chosen the theme, "Celebrating Your Sexuality," to coincide with their focus for this school year.

"We want students to become more familiar with their sexuality and appreciate others sexuality," Meta Uzzle, the assistant director of the Women's Center, said. "You can't learn without talking about it and it ties in with our mission statement, which is students first."

Fifty percent of sexually active N.C. State students indicate that they have engaged in sexual activity with their partners because they enjoy the physical sensation of having sex. This is just one statistic that contributed to the Women's Center focus for this year. They determined that sexuality is important for students, and it is their goal to facilitate discussion about this subject.

One way they have initiated the discussion is by creating programs that tackle sex and the aspects of it that some

people may not have talked about before.

In a three-week series, the Women's Center has covered two different aspects of sexuality including a "Candid Sex Talk," and "Sex -- Enjoying What You've Got!" The second part of the series, "Sex -- How to get What You Want," had to be rescheduled for Nov. 11.

In an effort to facilitate discussion on the subject, the Women's Center created a diverse panel of counselors, students and staff. For the "Candid Sex Talk," students in attendance turned in questions they wanted answered and the panel discussed the different issues.

At the second session, the administrators had a similar plan, took up more questions to answer and then engaged the students in a hands-on activity.

Overall, the students enjoyed the discussions and learned a little more about what other people think about sex.

"I learned different sexual hang-ups that people have, what different people like sexually and different methods of birth control," Tara Adams, a freshman in social work, said.

Counseling Professionals Richard Tyler and Jonna Tobin were keynote speakers at the two events, and they were

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ASG in focus

The Association of Student Governments encompasses all 16 UNC campuses and works to bring student issues to light.

Cetty Abraham
Senior Staff Reporter

Their offices sit just a brisk walk from campus, on the heart of Hillsborough Street. Their president is an N.C. State student.

Yet, few students on NCSU's campus even know what the UNC Association of Student Governments is or what it does.

"I do think that students would be very interested in knowing they have a vested interest in the ASG -- \$1 of their student fees goes to them," said Tony Caravano, student body president and delegate member of the ASG. He admits that few students know or understand what the organization is.

However, as budget cuts continue and tuition rates continue

A closer look

The ASG is a non-partisan organization that reaches across all 16 campuses of the UNC system. It serves as a liaison between the separate campuses and between student issues and the state government.

Established in 1972, the ASG particularly zeroes in on issues that affect all UNC-system students like budget cuts, tuition hikes and transfer equivalencies. The president sits on the UNC Board of Governors, but is not a voting member.

to rise, their voices are becoming louder and their prominence better known across the state and in the state legislature. NCSU, in particular, is having a large role in that transformation.

Some have attributed it to better organization and increased involvement within the group.

Jonathan Ducote, president of the ASG and a senior in natural policy, agrees with this assertion. He attributes the growing respect among legislators for student leaders to improved lobbying tactics in dealing with such issues as state budget cuts and tuition increases.

"As student leaders, we realized that we weren't spending meaningful time with state legislators, unless it was in the form of protesting," he said.

Ducote said the problem wasn't so much that legislators were not hearing students; rather, he said he believes that it was that they were not interacting at an optimum level with student leaders to discuss and deal with student concerns.

"The biggest thing the legislation understood was that students were upset about increases in tuition and budget cuts, without really knowing why or how the students

themselves were dealing with these issues," he said. In that sense, student leaders of the ASG made it their job to get to know state legislators and work with them.

Ducote isn't the only NCSU student working in the ASG or the state legislature.

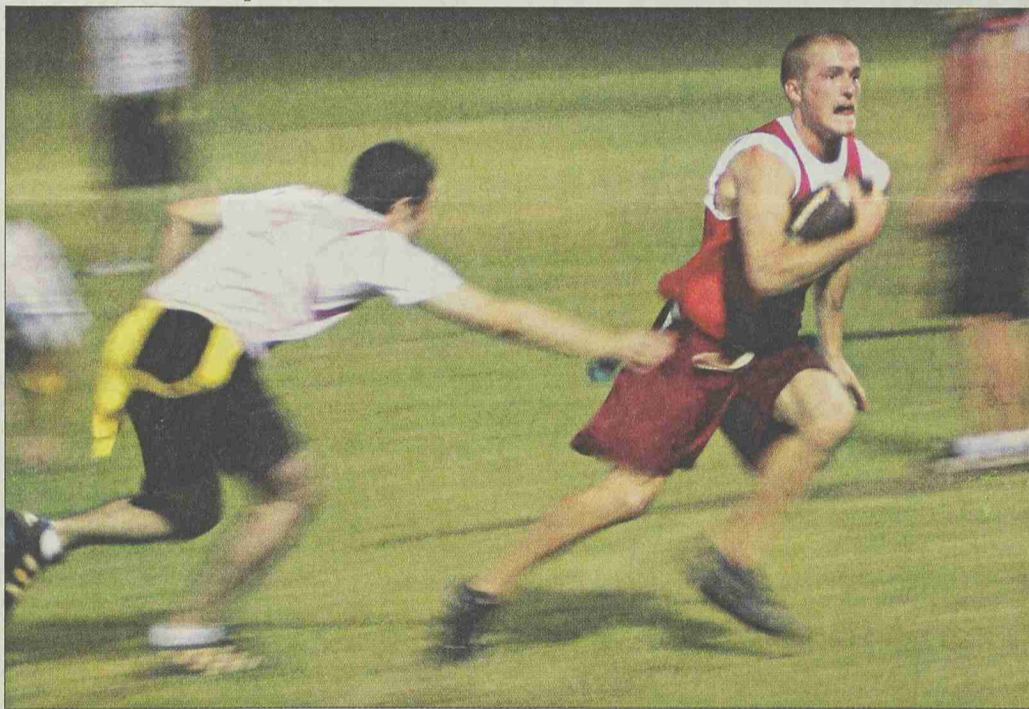
Senior Amanda Devore, vice president of legislative affairs, works to make contact with the legislature. She is working on a project with senior Mital Patel to compile students' experience with issues such as increases in tuition to bring before the legislature.

The project's expected completion date is the end of November, and it will then be published as a book. A copy of the book will be submitted to each member of the General Assembly, the Board of Governors, the Campus Board of Trustees and the Chancellors.

Caravano deals with campus issues and has spent a great deal of time at the state capitol fighting

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Narrow escape



Leif Gunderson, a senior in mechanical engineering, breaks a tackle for a touchdown on his way to an 18-8 win during an intramural flag football game last night.

TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Wear red - get fed



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

N.C. State Alumni Association's 'Wear Red Get Fed' council hands out free pizza and gifts in the Brickyard Monday for Homecoming. Of the 200 pizzas handed out, 125 were donated by Papa John's. The Alumni Association will hand out food at lunchtime through Thursday.

Feet for the Fight raises money for prostate cancer awareness

Saturday's Feet for the Fight run raised money and awareness about prostate cancer.

Jeff Wilkins
Staff Reporter

For one day Centennial Campus was about more than NC State and industry. For one day walkers and runners alike joined together for the annual Feet for the Fight 5K Run/Walk to End Prostate Cancer. It marks the third year for this event, held Saturday, and the race gave many people, including students, the opportunity to raise money for prostate cancer awareness and research.

Feet for the Fight is an event organized by the Genevieve Heri-

tage and the Association for the Concerns of African-American Graduate Students (ACAAGS), with the intention of raising money and increasing public knowledge about prostate cancer. The groups encourage people to be educated in detection, prevention, diagnoses and treatment options available to men who contract prostate cancer.

Rex Healthcare, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Prostate Cancer Coalition of North Carolina and Student Government sponsored the event. Runners and walkers alike have averaged between \$5,000-7,000 in donations from previous years, with additional funding coming after the race, according to Mike Taylor, the co-director of the event. The coordi-

nators hope at least to match that with this year's monies.

Each year, 5,600 new cases of prostate cancer are diagnosed in North Carolina alone, according to the Prostate Cancer Coalition of North Carolina (PCCNC). North Carolina has one of the highest rates of prostate cancer in the nation. This disease can be attributed to many risk factors, such as age, race and genetics. The risk attributed to age increases as men grow older. African-American males have the highest incidence of prostate cancer; they are roughly two times as likely as Caucasian males to contract the disease. As with other cancers, anyone with a family history of prostate cancer has a higher likelihood of developing the disease.

People of all ages and backgrounds attended the event. Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker was there in support of the cause.

Taylor said he was very pleased with the turnout.

"NCSU's Air Force ROTC had the largest numbers out there, with around 30 members present, and their group was large last year as well," Taylor said. Taylor's involvement stems from his own father's experiences with prostate cancer. His father contracted the disease, and as a result, Taylor came to North Carolina to take care of him.

"He is the inspiration and the catalyst for this initiative," Taylor said.

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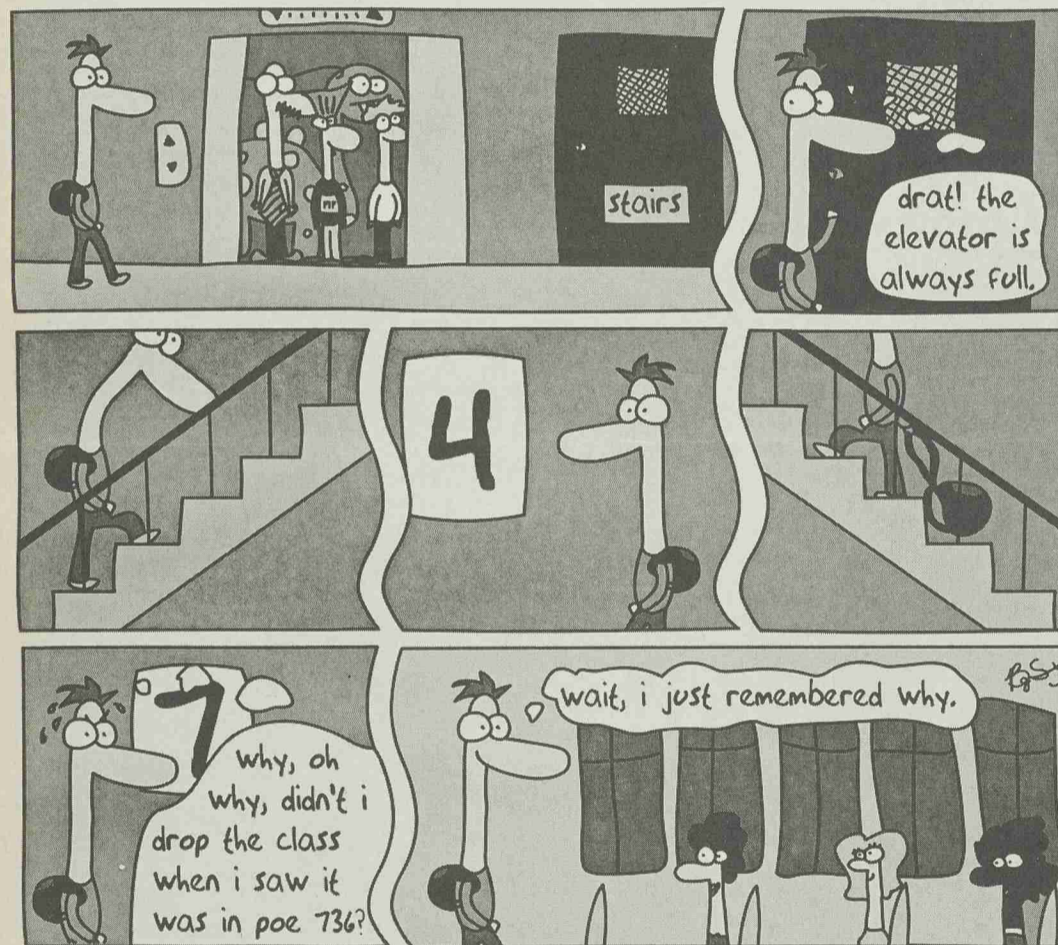


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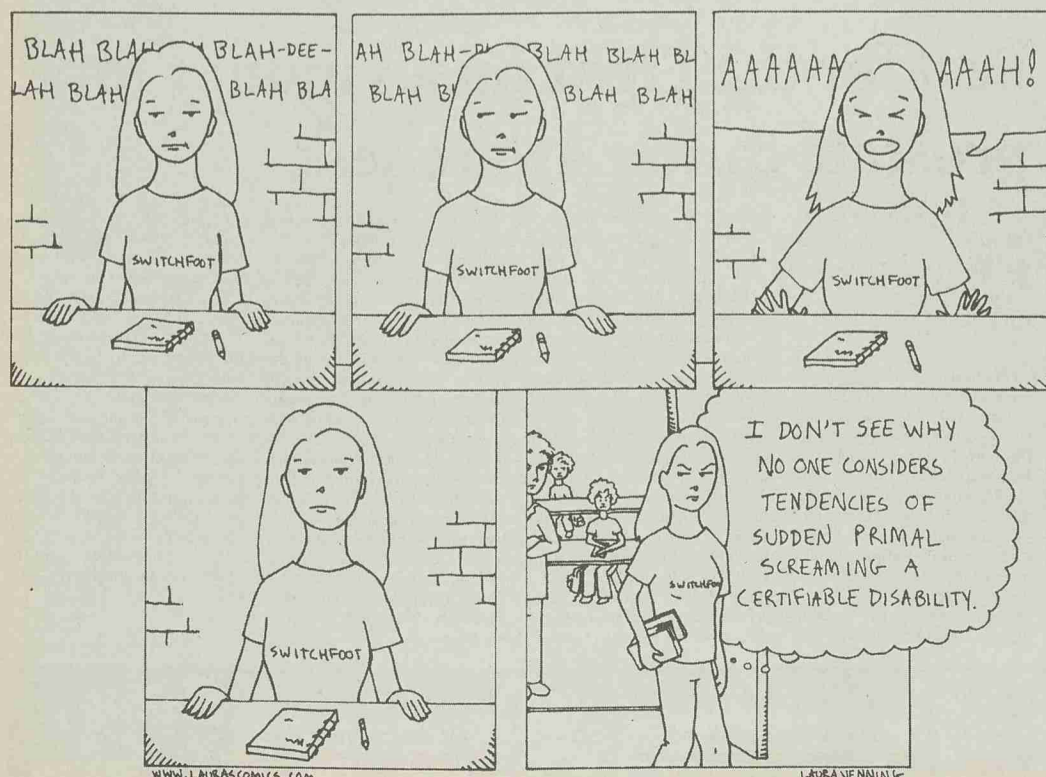
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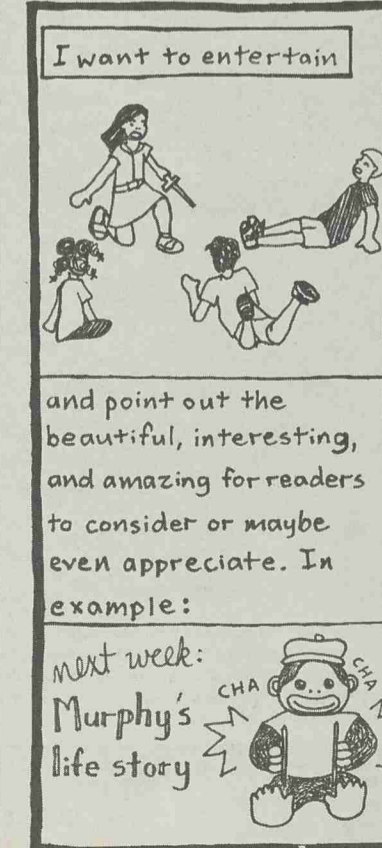
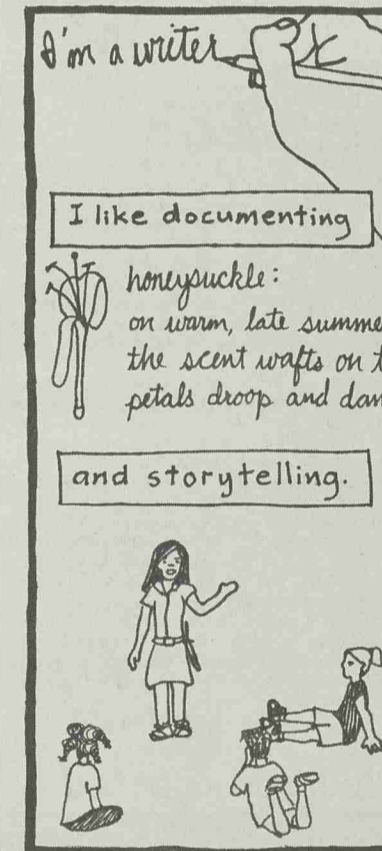
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In the know

News briefs from around the world.

Federal appeals court blocks California recall election

Daniel Borenstein, Dogen Hannah and John Simerian
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN FRANCISCO - A federal appeals court put the brakes on California's gubernatorial recall election Monday, ruling that inherent defects in the state's unchallenged voting system threaten to disenfranchise about 3,000 voters statewide.

The judges rekindled the 2000 residential election debate over "hanging chads" as they ordered a halt to the recall election just 2 days before the scheduled Oct. 7 balloting. The decision delays the vote on the fate of Gov. Gray Davis and the selection of a possible replacement.

The judges concluded that 4 percent of voters would cast their ballots using an "antiquated" balloting system that former Secretary of State Bill Jones had deemed unacceptable and had banned for use in future elections.

"Compounding the problem," the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled, is that "approximately a quarter of the state's polling places will not be operational because election officials have insufficient time to get them ready for the special election, and that the sheer number of gubernatorial candidates will make the antiquated voting system far more difficult to use."

The court stayed its order for seven days to allow time for appeals. Thomas Hiltachk, attorney for recall initiator Ted Costa, promised to turn to either the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals or to the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the ruling.

The court's decision to stay its order suggests the ruling isn't rock solid, Hiltachk said. "I think if you're a judge and you're confident in your decision, why wouldn't you just order it?" Hiltachk said. "We're confident that his decision will be overruled."

Bush highlights 'Clear Skies' initiative

William Douglas and Seth Borenstein
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MONROE, Mich. - President Bush hailed a coal-powered power plant in Monroe, Mich.,

on Monday as a clear example of how his efforts to clean the air and boost energy are good for the environment and the economy.

But his arguments were attacked by environmental critics and undermined by data from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Monday's message was delivered from a Detroit Edison power plant to highlight Bush's "Clear Skies" initiative.

It aims to cut government regulations that hamper older plants from getting upgrades needed to improve energy efficiency and reduce polluting emissions.

The Clear Skies measure would phase in caps on emissions of nitrogen oxide and sulfur from coal-burning plants beginning in 2010.

It also would put the first controls on mercury releases.

In addition, the administration finished new rules last month that would make it easier for factories and other industrial facilities to upgrade without adding expensive equipment to lower pollution.

Bush said the Monroe plant is "a living example of why" his administration is seeking to change environmental rules. Five years ago, the plant embarked

on a plan to change the blades on its turbines to make it more efficient, Bush said.

But the plant delayed the improvements after an EPA review led to a complicated ruling about the planned change, the president said.

"The rules created too many hurdles and it hurts the working people," Bush said.

Environmental groups contend that Bush's policies weaken the Clean Air Act and will not cut the emissions that contribute to smog and global warming.

FEMA ready for Isabel, director says

Seth Borenstein
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - The nation's disaster chief said Monday that the federal government is ready to meet Hurricane Isabel with emergency workers, generators, cots, bottled water and ice.

But others worry about the Federal Emergency Management Agency's abilities since it was absorbed into the new Department of Homeland Security and, some say, pushed down the bureaucratic food chain. Isabel may be the big test to see if it works.

Isabel is expected to strike on Thursday on North Carolina's Outer Banks and then sweep inland through Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York, according to the National

Hurricane Center. A slight jog north could send Isabel smashing into the coast from Virginia to New Jersey, where a storm of this magnitude hasn't hit directly in more than a century.

FEMA Director Michael Brown said his agency is up for the test, but worries about inexperienced residents in those areas.

"This could be a very big one," Brown told Knight Ridder Monday. "I feel like we're prepared to respond to this. We have all of our plans in place, all our people in place, all our money in place."

Other disaster experts aren't so sure.

Former FEMA Director James Lee Witt and former National Hurricane Center Director Jerry Jarrell told the Society of Environmental Journalists in New Orleans on Saturday that they are worried because the government has dramatically changed the way it responds to hurricanes.

Witt, Clinton's disaster chief who won praise from Republicans during his tenure, said folding FEMA into the new Department of Homeland Security was "a fundamental mistake."

Too many FEMA jobs, such as national preparedness, the National Flood Insurance Program and hazard planning, were shifted to other agencies, such as the Coast Guard and Treasury Department, Witt said. Key disaster funding was diverted to homeland security, he said.

In addition, funding to study hurricanes, which helps improve predictions, has been slashed, Jarrell said. He said the Department of Commerce has nearly closed the Hurricane Research Division in Miami.

"They neglect the hurricane problem," Jarrell said.

"It's certainly fair to say there's anxiety in the emergency management community," said Florida State University professor Jay Baker, who chaired the National Hurricane Conference last April.

FEMA's Brown maintained that the federal disaster program is still doing well and already has proved itself in the Columbia space shuttle disaster and midwestern spring tornado outbreak.

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Taylor has been investigating the topic and advocating research and education since his father contracted the disease. He also said that the previous Feet for the Fight events have caught the attention of several organizations and may be hitting other cities, like Atlanta and Washington, D.C. in the future.

Representing NCSU, Mr. and Mrs. Wolf entertained the children of the participants while members of the running club came out for the run.

Birnetiah Killens, president of the Society of African-American Culture (SAAC) reported a good turnout for the event, which she said was a personal goal for her as well as the other members, who showed up to run and volunteer.

"We just made this event a personal goal and we strove to achieve it, and I am very rewarded with our turnout," she said.

There were also many people whose lives had been personally touched by the disease, either as survivors themselves or as relatives and friends of people with prostate cancer.

Mary Anderson, one of the members of the PCCNC, was there to show her support and to help raise awareness for this disease, and to continue in her father, Bob Anderson's footsteps. Anderson, diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1996, was one of the key board members of the organization. He made big advances in prostate cancer awareness, and his daughter is now, along with the other members, out to reduce the death rate from prostate cancer in North Carolina by 50 percent in five years.

Kerri Barnhart, a woman whose father and uncle were diagnosed in 2001 and survived because of radium seed surgery, said it was her first time running for this event, but that she has been doing the Race for the Cure for Breast Cancer for a few years now. "It feels good to come out and support this cause, and I plan to come out next year as well," she said.

The run is over and prostate cancer continues to be a major issue for thousands of men, but Taylor is hopeful that their efforts will bring about some change.

"The only way we can hope to fight this battle is with a unified effort, and NCSU has shown great support," Taylor said.

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glad that students were interested in discussing their sexuality.

"Relationships need to be healthy, mutual and based on trust and respect. Each partner must meet each other's needs without feeling pressured," Tobin said. "We are not culturally taught to bring up these issues unless it is really pressing, and it needs to be brought up!"

Through these programs, the Women's Center hopes that students will come away with further understanding of what is involved in sexual relationships. Many of the same themes ran throughout both programs. The students viewed condom use, sex before marriage, casual sex, drugs and sex, and sexually transmitted diseases as common hang-ups about sex.

"It is normal for people to have hang-ups about sex, but by communicating with your partner, you can move past them," Uzzle said.

Twenty-three percent of sexually active NCSU students also report that they have had sexual experiences that they later regret-

ted. Uzzle said "This is why it is important to communicate with your partner about intercourse, your likes, dislikes, what is acceptable and what is unacceptable. You need to set your own boundaries."

Although the program successfully reached students, Tyler said there are a few things that could be changed in order to make it better.

"A more balanced group of women and men would have made this program better. However, it is a tough subject to talk about, so anytime there is discussion about it, people tend to clam up," Tyler said.

The second event will be emphasizing how to meet new people, how to decide whether sex is the right choice for you and how to engage in a conversation about sex. This event will wrap up the series.

"Sex is a major issue, because the reality is that a lot of college-aged students participate in sexual activities," Adams said.

All students are welcome to attend the last sex discussion event in the series, "Sex -- How to Get What You Want." The discussion will be held in the Talley Student Center in Room 311B on Nov. 11.

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for financial aid and other issues concerning NCSU students. He appreciates the increased and improved interaction between the student government leaders, the legislators, the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees.

Caravano also recognizes the better attention given to student body presidents in the UNC school system.

"We have undergone New Trustee Orientation with Molly Broad, president of the UNC system, and she has enabled better dialogue among the student body presidents regarding our

individual campus concerns," he said.

Freshman Hannah Gatlin, president pro tempore of the ASG, spends a lot of time with the ASG constitution. She said she stands behind the mission and goals of the ASG, and said she believes that the student organization does its best to represent all students in the UNC system.

Moreover, Gatlin agrees that the amount of work accomplished is due to student leaders that are involved and organized in present-student concerns.

"It's amazing to work with so many other student leaders with the same motivation and concerns," she said.

Correction: In the Sept. 15 issue of Technician, we incorrectly stated in the Homecoming preview that the Homecoming parade would take place on Sept. 16. The correct date for the parade is Sept. 19.

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- Louisa Chrisco, freshman animal science

“Big steak from Outback. Loaded bake potato. Big salad. Iced tea. Peach cobbler a la mode.”

- Maarcus Baxter, sophomore undeclared



“A lot of mahi-mahi. Kaluha. Cantelope. Keg of Killians Red.”

- Meghan Beckel, freshman animal science



“Chicken - grilled, fried, any way you can cook it - it's mine. Mashed potatoes without gravy. Potato salad. Deviled eggs. Gallon of Diet Coke. New York cheesecake with chocolate syrup.”

- Amanda Aydelette, freshmen animal science

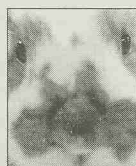


“Pizza: extra cheese and pepperonis. Kaluha cake. Parrot Bay on the rocks.”

- Grace Marie Thomas, freshman First Year College

Getting pumped - the pressure is on!

So yesterday I'm layin' around, loungin' at my "crib," you know - yuckin' it up, reveling in my own little cloud of hedonistic delirium, when suddenly - poof! I had the inclination to do something with myself. Something *non-video* game related. I put



Tim Coffield
Staff Columnist

down my (excellent) ergonomically-designed controller and headed to the gym, futuristic visions of toned muscles flitting in my head like naive, energetic children. I really wouldn't have bothered because "working out" entails a measurable amount of "physical pain" and me being an

evolutionary animal - or "wuss," for short - I mostly aim to "avoid things that hurt," but the ol' parents have really been putting the proverbial heat on me lately to find a potential mate. And, I see all these guys on TV, the ones that get the girls - they're just all-around pretty angular and square-looking, so I figured that's generally the only way to get a half-decent gal these days. So, I hit the gym.

Dad's been making it pretty clear I need to find a girl with long fingers and broad shoulders - his grandson is gonna be a star quarterback, dammit. With half the genes coming from me, the kid might need a little help in the genetics department - kind of like how Kobe Bryant might need a little help in the defense lawyer department, Dad says. Then he laughs. Sometimes milk comes out his nose, if he's drinking milk. Mom, on the other hand, doesn't hide her wish for me to find a nice "church girl."

This is problematic, as church girls are generally devoted to God or whatever, and I staunchly refuse to share my woman's devotion with anyone, omnipotence or not. So, for all you nice young women-folk out there, an ultimatum: It's either God or me. And only one of us can buy you a nice Chinese buffet at Ten Ten.

Such issues aside, I figured a little workout would do the body good. After all, my doctor recently informed me that my blood pressure has shot up 40 points in the past year. Yes, it seems my heart is quite prolific in the points category these days - perhaps it could earn a job as the new Wolfpack fullback. I suspect my pressurized blood is a direct consequence of the stress brought about by the eleven consecutive High Terror Alert - Code Red days we had towards the end of the summer. I never quite recovered from my government-mandated fear.

The primary problem with the gym is the unfortunate fact that people are there. Gym people, like eel sushi and adult baseball card collectors, make me uncomfortable. The men, grazing like hairless bison amongst the bench presses and squat racks, size me up and chuckle amongst themselves. At frequent intervals, they make loud, guttural noises and lift large, man-sized blocks of metal. Then, satisfied, they congratulate each other.

My greatest fear is that one of them will ask me for a "spot," which, in layman's terms means "help me hoist this sizeable block of metal, whilst I grunt and spew saliva in various directions." This, for me, has an appeal comparable to that sponge-bath Chancellor Fox demanded last year, after I inquired about as to how the library could stay open a little later.

As luck would have it, I ran into an old schoolmate of mine from years past. She was getting off the treadmill, glowing with sweet-smelling feminine sweat. I'd been hiding behind the water fountain, watching her for a few minutes. I was amazed by the numerous and magical ways in which she had grown since fifth grade. She turned and walked straight for me. We made eye contact and I sensed mutual recognition.

With a little smile, she opened her mouth to speak. I took the most logical course of action; I jumped to the side and ducked into the men's restroom, clutching my heart, breathing heavily, grateful I'd escaped in time.

The way I figure it, we would've had a brief conversation about our respective recent life-paths, then made a polite agreement that "we should get together sometime," without even so much as exchanging numbers. Doubtless, it would've been an exercise in the most extreme futility.

Well that whole situation was shaping up to be a real pain, since I'd have had to dodge her for the rest of my workout, taking refuge behind weight machines and large gym-men whenever she strolled past. My heart didn't need that kind of stress.

So, I bounced; my video games and ergonomic controller were calling my name anyway. I figured I'd worry about my blood pressure later, like when I start having more trouble breathing.

Ah, how good it feels to be young, healthy and free!

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Jack Black hopes his 'School' may roll to TV

Mike Szymanski
Zap2it.com (KRT)

TORONTO - Jack Black says he hopes his irreverent film "School of Rock" - in which he teaches fifth graders about rock 'n' roll - will turn into a regular TV children's series in the style of "Pee-wee's Playhouse."

"I miss Pee-wee, that was not only the best children's show at the time, it was the best TV show period," Black tells Zap2it.com. "My dream has always been to do something with kids, and something that I would enjoy seeing, too."

Although Black's doing well in film, with "High Fidelity," "Shallow Hal," "Orange

County" and the upcoming "School of Rock" (coming out Oct. 3) under his belt, he's willing to do a regular TV show with a great cast and wacky double-entendres, much like Paul Reubens' character.

A fan of classic '70s family films like "Bad News Bears," "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" and "Meatballs," Black says he thinks kids today don't appreciate schmaltzy family films and like them even less than the parents who have to take them to see those movies.

"Learning bad words don't hurt kids, but what's worse about censorship and what causes more damage is that we're making stupid kids who don't know good comedy," says Black, who is at the Toronto Interna-

tional Film Festival.

"School of Rock" was written specifically for Black by his friend and Los Angeles neighbor Mike White (who wrote and starred in "Chuck and Buck"). Directed by Richard Linklater ("Slacker"), the film stars some real-life musical prodigies who've not been in movies before, as well as Joan Cusack. Critics have raved about the movie, calling it one of the funniest at the film festival.

When reminded of W.C. Fields' warning for actors not to work with either children or animals, Black responds, "Well, that means no one should work with me, because I'm both a child and an animal!"

NOTES FROM ABROAD

The good, the bad and the slightly traumatizing

Senior Katy Bishop takes you inside her first week in Santander, Spain.

I have been in Spain for a week now, and never in my life have I seen so many beautiful sites, so many bars within one block and so many people who don't use deodorant. I have enjoyed all of it, except for the deodorant issue, which causes a nauseating smell of body odor on the city bus.



Katy Bishop
Correspondent in Spain

Santander, Spain is completely different from what I expected. I was imagining a small village with free-roaming animals, little electricity and nowhere for me to buy shampoo or soap. To my surprise, Santander is a decent-sized, beautiful, modern city of about 200,000 people who never leave the house without being dressed to a T. Everything worn here is fancy, tight and - unfortunately for my wallet - lots

of fun to shop for.

To put it simply, if I were to go outside in a T-shirt, people would think I was homeless.

I live on one floor of an apartment building that is on top of a travel agency and across the street from a popular Cervezaria (beer bar).

On Tuesday, we arrived and I met my host family. Of course, it was 15 minutes later than everyone else because my family was late and I was the last one waiting, like that kid in gym class who has no partner.

It was then that I met Nani, my host-mother, and what I thought was her son but in actuality turned out to be her very butch daughter, Lucia. I will tell more about my awkward moments with Lucia later.

Nani has a fisherman husband named Nacho and three sons. Before you even ask, let me answer: NO, they are not cute. At all.

Anyways, back to Lucia. She is 21, speaks very fast, and for some reason makes me very nervous when I have to

respond to her. The only truly dumb language mistakes I have made have been around her.

For instance, last night as I was leaving for a bull fight in another city, I told her in Spanish "I am going to a goat fight, see ya later." Too bad I didn't realize my mistake until an hour later on the bus.

No wonder she looked at me weird. So yeah, my friends and I went to a bullfight last night.

Let me pre-empt this story by telling you that I am not ignorant; I simply did not know what goes on at a bullfight. Let's just say that nobody warned me that they actually KILL the bull. I was under the impression that all they do is prod the bull with sticks, piss it off a little, then run away so they don't get hurt while everyone cheers and then goes home.

During the bull fight, I all of a sudden started to pay more attention to the actual fight than the old Spaniard to the left of me with the strange nose hair, and realized "Hey, is that blood?

Why is the bull lying down like that, is he taking a nap or something? Why are they still stabbing him with little knives?"

Then comes my favorite part. From about 10 feet away (why we sat in the front row I still don't know), I witnessed them cutting the bull's ears off so they could parade them around.

Pretty traumatizing and gross, but the matador was cute so I took pictures anyways. We had fun, but not as much fun as we did at the bars this weekend.

All of the bars are about one block from my apartment, and we have already made friends with several bartenders and a busboy named Javier who gets us free drinks.

I have to admit it is amazing how much easier the Spanish language flows after having some "vino con Coca-Colas."

Too bad I can't have some of those when trying to communicate with my host family. I have only made a few stupid mistakes, such as asking Nani if

I could wash my apple with ham.

Then there's the fact that I just realized yesterday: for a week now, whenever someone has said to me "what's up?" I have been responding with "good."

Otherwise, I have done well. My Spanish has improved dramatically in one week, and I was placed in the "smart class" at school. The only problem I have at school is when my teacher Rosa speaks to me, because she has a lazy eye and I never know if she is directing questions at me or not.

All is well in Spain though -- it is siesta time right now, which means I get a nap from 2-5 p.m. everyday, and I just don't understand why we do not have that in the United States. I am off, but more to be continued!

E-mail Katy between your own afternoon "siestas" and ask how things are going in Spain this week at: kmbishop@unity.ncsu.edu.

NO MORE PUNCHCARDS

OUR OPINION: THE CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION SHOULD BE STALLED UNTIL ALL VOTING MACHINES ARE UPDATED.

Some days you just can't get rid of a hanging chad. Yesterday, in a dramatic turn of events, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals put on hold the recall election of California governor Gray Davis.

The three-judge panel halted the elections due to inferior voting machines in precincts with high minority populations. The judges, all Democrats, ruled on a lawsuit brought before the court by the American Civil Liberties Union, who argued that the recall vote, being pushed by the Republican party, undermined the state constitution by setting a date that was nearly impossible to prepare for properly in such a short amount of time.

They want to push the election date back to March 2, which is the California presidential primary election. By then, the punchcard voting machines will be out of service. The Court of Appeals

stayed its ruling for seven days to hear appeals. It is unclear if the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case.

This is just another twist in the California election drama. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the leading Republican in the race, has already come out with a statement calling for an appeal of the ruling. Granted, the 9th Circuit is the most liberal, and the most reversed, court of appeals. They are infamous for the Pledge of Allegiance case, where they ruled that the words, "one nation, under God" violated the First Amendment.

But in this case, the election should be postponed until all election precincts are brought up to date and all voting machines are the same so everyone, no matter that race, has an equal vote and not one that is up for interpretation.

This is what got the country in trouble during the 2000 presidential race, and made Florida the laughing stock of the world for a couple of months. Already, California is receiving flack for the idea of a recall election. They don't need

to embarrass themselves anymore by a lengthy recount fiasco, ala Katherine Harris.

In this country everyone has the right to vote and the right to have their vote count. It is not known for sure how many voters were disenfranchised during the presidential race, but with so many minority votes waiting in Los Angeles County alone, California cannot afford to not count so many of its own citizen's votes.

If the recall election is truly for the good of the people, then let the people vote and decide. In order to do that, state officials must be prepared to have a legal and constitutionally sound election, not one that is done on the fly and have the results full of mistakes. But then again this is the state that Gigli was filmed in.

Move the election to March 2 and let the candidates better prepare themselves and their platforms for the polls. With no platform to speak of yet, Ahnhold needs all the help he can get.

Student Affairs, listen up!

Student Affairs works hard to provide students with the services they need to make the best of their education. But nobody's perfect.

With University tuition and fees on the rise, it is important for students to receive the absolute best combination of student services for their precious dollars. Last year University Dining increased its prices by \$5 for each meal plan. Each year for the last several years, Talley Student Center has requested a fee increase to make much needed renovations. Oftentimes it is difficult

for students to see exactly what their increases are doing to improve student services. Here are three easy ways that Student Affairs can considerably improve student life at NC State:

1. The most drastic change would be to move the Student Affairs and administrative offices out of Talley Student Center and perhaps over to Hillsborough St. This would serve several purposes. First, it would free up more space in the student center for officers and services that more students could use.

Typically you go to Talley Student Center on a weekday after class, you will find only a handful of students enjoying the student center aside from the dining facilities. Wouldn't it be great for it to be a place where the entire campus could hang out together? How about if there were more group study areas in Talley? Or a Unity lab where student could come and work on homework or check their email between classes? Then a greater percentage of students would actually be using the facilities they are paying an increasing fee to renovate.

Second, moving those offices to Hillsborough St. would give the University more incentive to improve the street. If a student needed to meet with an administrator in Student Affairs, they could meet over lunch at Two Guys or a smoothie at Planet Smoothie. Just think-it could be something our school is actually proud of.

2. Another large improvement to Talley Student Center, which could be made during renovations, would be the addition of a fully functioning post office. On-campus residents could use Talley to send off letters to friends, pay their cell phone bills, buy postage, and pick up those "care packages" from mom and dad. This would serve as a convenience to on-campus students and as another incentive for students to make more use of Talley Student Center.

3. With the addition of Hill of Beans last year to University Dining's on-campus facilities, many students were excited about the possibility of enjoying a steamy cup of caffeine after studying organic chemistry for hours at a time.

However, the largest downfall of Hill of Beans is that it is not open during the hours that students need it the most. During the week when the library is open 24 hours a day, Hill of Beans only stays open until 11:00 PM—basically the same hours as Global Village and Starbucks directly across the street. It seems like nonsense for the University to entertain this direct competition with Hillsborough St. establishments during the day and then not provide this service at night when it is most needed by students in the library.

So my recommendation to Student Affairs is to change (at least on a trial basis) hours of operation for Hill of Beans to 8:00 PM to 4:00 AM. These are hours when students should not wander out of the library alone in search of some quick caffeine and it would direct students to Hillsborough St. establishments during the day. While I may be just a random student at NC State, the best part of the office of Student Affairs is their unique ability to listen and help alleviate students concerns. So I hope, Dr. Stafford, that you are listening and students can be looking forward to these changes in the near future.

Amanda is passionate about student affairs. Email her at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com to let her hear your concerns.

CAMPUS FORUM

Technician welcomes your comments. Send letters to: viewpoint@technicianstaff.com. Letters may be edited for size, style or grammar.

In response to lowering the drinking age

I enjoyed the well-thought out discourse on lowering the drinking age. I would probably agree with the conclusions, except that I once upon a time lived in Fargo, N.D.; just across the Red River from Moorhead, Minn., which at the time had a drinking age of 19. The most irresponsible drinkers, and the ones most likely to drive home drunk, were the 19-year-olds. Shortly thereafter, Minnesota tried moving the drinking age to 20. Same story, same result.

So Minnesota moved the drinking age to 21, where it stayed until I left those premises for warmer climates. I don't know the solution. It is too bad that the few can control the destiny of the many. You have the energy of youth on your side; so perhaps you will find the answer. Just remember Spiderman's credo: With great power comes great responsibility.

Jim W Smith, Ph. D.

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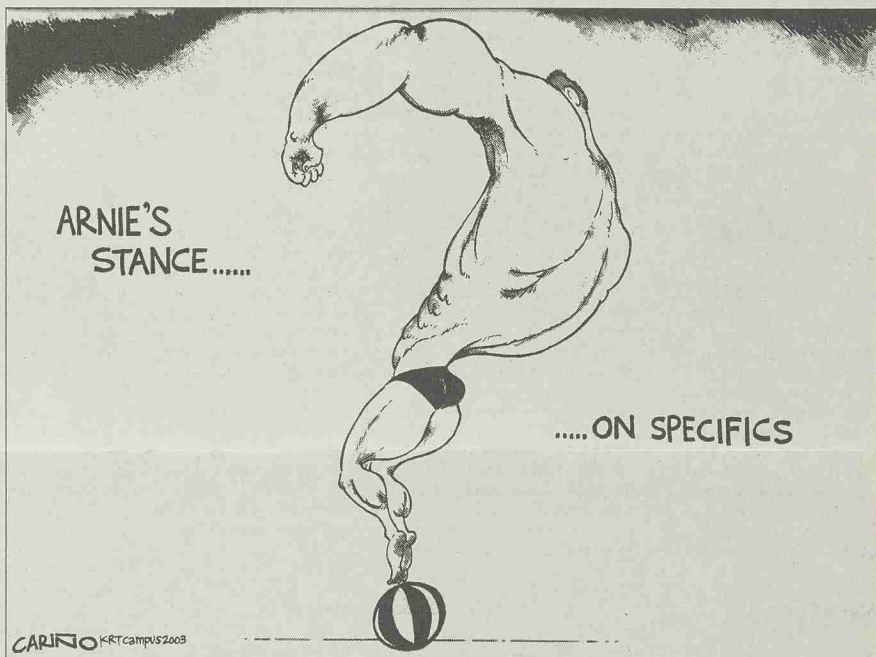
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10 Things I Hate About State

When you live somewhere long enough, you start to notice its flaws. Jason Eder goes off about campus.

Doctors don't know the reason for an aneurysm. I'll give you 10.

Pedestrians—Remember when you first learned to walk and your parents always said to look both ways before crossing the street? So what drug gives some of you people the balls to step out in front of a 30 mile an hour moving vehicle? Sometimes I actually want to hit one of you so you'll learn a lesson. One can abuse privilege. Don't be stupid.

Transportation—The spineless scavengers from the Underworld. If I can fork over two months of rent to park in a storage closet, I should be allowed the three extra minutes on my meter at 4:57 in the afternoon. These people get paid to drive around campus in a divide and conquer attack to ruin the poor individual who needs two minutes at the bookstore or ATM. Ladies and gentlemen, your tuition dollars hard at work.

Coke—What crap. How could N.C. State sell us out like that? Pepsi is the drink of champions. Jeff Gordon, the NFL. Pepsi has their own golf tournament for crying out loud, not to mention it tastes better. Coke would be bankrupt if it weren't sucking blood off Sprite's skin. The only thing Coke has going for them is that the crackheads out there still use it to cut their party favors, and there's just enough of them out there to keep Coke in business.

Gary, the Brickyard Preacher—I love seeing the look on the people's faces that hand me a mini-Bible and

I yell, "Satan Rules!" and go running wildly through the tunnel. The only thing that keeps the students from littering them on the ground like every other flyer is the fear of a destiny in hell, which ups its paperweight value. Let's not forget about the Brickyard Mass. I pity the people who waste their time trying to argue with bigots. The next time you see Gary, instead of trying to change his twisted mind, walk silently up to him, look him dead in the eye, and say, "People like you comfort me. I know there's always someone worse off than me." Then follow him around in rainbow boxers shouting "Gary, Gary he's our man, since Osama won't do it, we know he can!"

Smokers—I don't have a whole lot of beef with you, except when I'm walking back from my 8 o'clock class behind you in the tunnel with the other half of campus. I may have missed the memo, but I didn't know we had to buy air on eBay. I mean, can I breathe? My lung spontaneously convulses, my contacts feel like rocks, and you wonder why the paint is chipping off the Free Expression Tunnel. Show some respect.

Skateboarders and Bikers—I can't help but laugh when I see one of you Tony Hawk or Lance Armstrong wannabes bust your tail when you come haulin' through the brickyard. You deserve it. The brickyard is NOT a slalom course. I promise the place you're going will be there in the 30 seconds you could spare to keep us walkers from having a heart attack. Don't be surprised when logs seemingly come out of nowhere.

The Wolfline—I genuinely appreciate the services the buses offer. They are a great benefit to students. But you know what? There's something really disturbing about seeing two Aventura

Ferry buses directly behind each other. One would think if I see one Aventura Ferry bus, the one directly behind it must be King Village, or Centennial Express, it surely can't be Aventura Ferry. So you look again. And sure as Roseanne at a pig pickin', there's another Aventura Ferry bus.

Dorm Visitation Hours—I'm a grown ass man. If I can vote, I can keep a girl in my dorm at 2 a.m. My RA is NOT my momma, and nowhere even close. I wish he would try and open up my door—I keep a basket of baseballs nearby just for the occasion. Can we learn something outside of the classroom for a change?

Parking—You know the drill. You have a route that you follow at certain times of the day in the small chance of finding the perfect spot. It sucks that you have to leave 30 minutes early and use Derby tactics to cram into a space a foot wider than your car. Let's not forget about Permit Patrol watching you to make sure you're not some place that'll screw up his chi.

Amtrak—What dimwit decided train tracks going through the heart of campus was a smart idea? "It adds character," they tell me. What?! No it doesn't. It adds insomnia to my night-life. Great. As if the train itself wasn't loud enough, they had to attach a foghorn just so I know it's half past the hour. Got to love them for that. If NCSU could afford its own engineers, this type of thing could be avoided.

So what am I going to do about it? Absolutely nothing. I'm resorting to the dim hopes that one of you will care and visit me at Rex.

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injury, the sophomore from Albemarle hasn't yet gotten on a normal practice schedule. His current practice regimen includes 5:30 a.m. wake-ups for rehab purposes.

"I really am [tired of being injured]," McLendon said. "It happens to the best of them, though."

What McLendon misses most of all is helping his teammates, especially in those situations where he knows he'd be a factor.

"Sometimes they could use my help a little bit more than usual. Whether it's to be a decoy or to catch a few more passes in the flats, or to run the ball up the middle a little more," McLendon said. "If I were in there, I think I could set up a little more play action."

Now, though, he's just ready to return to practice at full-speed, something he hopes will happen this week.

"It hurts me to sit on the sideline to see them practicing and working hard," McLendon said. "I want to be out there, working hard, too. I want to be in good

shape. I want to be able to stay in for a whole drive sometime."

As if he needed more motivation, the Pack next plays Texas Tech, the team McLendon shredded for 150 yards and five touchdowns in a memorable overtime State win last season. McLendon has watched the tape of that game many times, just to remind himself of what it was like to play 100 percent. In fact, he says that was the last game in which he was 100 percent healthy.

"I've just seen the difference from when I was healthy to when I was hurt," McLendon said. "Anybody can see it."

ANDREW

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easy, the game would have all the drama of "Hey Dude." Nice touch.

Chill factor. The feeling that questions if you're really witnessing something. It makes you rub eyes and do double-takes. The emotion that asks, "Am I really seeing this?" The part of the event that gives goose bumps. Symptoms of a good chill include: jaw-droppedness, profuse head-shaking, repeated muttering of

the phrase, "unbelievable," and rapid heart beat/hyperventilation. The Game induced all of the above. And more.

The play. Every classic needs the play. Jordan over Ehlo. Montana to Clark. A slow roller to Buckner. For The Game, it was the stand. A brutal hit at the goal line to preserve Ohio State's 16-game winning streak.

After the play, of course, it all seemed surreal. Fans, many of the 105,000 that watched for nearly five hours, stayed in their seats and applauded the Wolf-pack's efforts. Cameras rushed to capture the images of an ago-

nizing defeat and a triumphant victory. Players lingered about the field, waiting to play more.

I was just happy to be there, soaking it all in. Smiling that sick smirk. Maybe one day I'll grow up and things like this will become routine. Maybe one day, I'll be the old sportswriter who's unfazed and undazed. The guy who yawns at stuff like this. Maybe one day, it won't be so special.

I hope that day never comes.

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TRANSFERS

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as a senior, in addition to earning all-state, all-region and regional All-American honors. As a junior he scored the game-winning goal to win the state championship.

Tarantini regretted that he could not offer Tabor a scholarship initially as a freshman, but he's glad to continue the Tabor legacy at State, even if Andy will only play two seasons for the Pack.

Tabor remembered watching Tarantini yell at his brother -- at everyone on the field -- throughout every game. But instead of turning him off, the yelling was one of the main reasons he wanted to transfer to State.

"He yells all the time, but he is so passionate," Tabor said. "I really hadn't seen that many coaches that were so passionate. It looks like he yells for no reason but he really cares so much. He loves soccer."

Tabor also appreciates Tarantini's sense of humor. "[On the bus to away games] he gets on the microphone and tells jokes," Tabor said. "He will sit with us and watch movies and just talk. Our coach at ECU would never do anything like that."

Catlett's reasons for transferring from Hampden-Sydney were purely academic.

As a sophomore, Catlett earned Verizon Academic All-District III second-team honors. He

recorded a 3.3 GPA in physics but wanted to pursue a career in engineering.

He was attending the private, all-male institution on a three-year plan that would conclude with a two-year stint at the University of Virginia, but he decided the move back to State made more sense financially. He could also enroll immediately in State's mechanical engineering program.

A native of Warrenton, Va., Catlett intended to transfer to State even if he couldn't play soccer. But he spoke to long-time friend Branch, who encouraged him to talk to State's assistant coaches about earning a spot on the roster.

Branch also played with Catlett at Martin Middle School and Apex.

"It's nice to be back on the same field with him," Branch said. "It's a definite advantage because we've played together for so long. He knows how I'm going to play and I know how he's going to play."

State assistant coach David Allred saw promise in Catlett at an early age, without receiving heavy recruitment out of Apex as a goalkeeper by ACC schools. The former keeper for Tarantini's 1990 ACC championship squad, Allred gave private lessons to Catlett when he was 12.

Allred said Catlett's performance Sunday against No. 1 Maryland should assure anyone who doubted that he could com-

pete against the best in the ACC. He also said Catlett's experience in goal before college makes him an outstanding asset as a defender.

"He's a good athlete and very intelligent," Allred said. "He reads the game well and he's a good communicator - those are skills you develop as a goalkeeper and he's done a great job of transitioning those to the field as a defender."

Thus far, Tabor has seen action in every game, while Catlett continues to find his way onto the field. Neither player has started a game, but Tarantini foresees both players factoring prominently in the Pack's efforts as the season progresses.

State will need plenty of fresh legs Wednesday against a Temple team that hasn't played a game since Sept. 7. Since then, including the match with Temple, State will have played four games.

"That takes its toll," Tarantini said. "I think we have a great schedule and it's taxing, but that's the league; the ACC is the best."

But thanks to the familiarity of their former CASL teammates, including the fact that half this season's team consists of freshmen or transfers, the transition to playing in the ACC has been smooth not only for Catlett and Tabor, but for the entire team.

"From what the coaching staff tells us, this is the closest a team at State has been in years," Tabor said. "Everyone gets along and we're all excited about the rest of

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Under-21 laws are there for a reason

Today's Viewpoint article is another instance of the repetitive, inconsequential nonsense that has come to characterize this section. We all pity those who get drinking tickets, but not those who drive drunk (an obvious and serious repercussion of underage and legal age drinking alike). These laws are in effect to regulate the behavior of the under-21 crowd because, quite frankly, the lawmakers and police don't want every immature jackass with a high school diploma to be able to get drunk on every/any impulse.

To make this more concrete, look around yourself in class, on the bus, in the dorm, or even at friends/aquaintances from high school and think seriously "do I want this person to have undeniable access to liquor?" There are enough budget problems with people staying in college so long, not to mention that many of these people who are not allowed to drink are irresponsible and might not consider the life-long consequences of alcoholism.

Not to say that there aren't those who deserve the privilege, I spent six years as a U.S. Marine and am well aware of the "I'm old enough to fight, then I'm old enough to drink" reasoning. In foreign countries those coming of drinking age are taught or are expected to respect alcohol and consume moderately. Police tickets suck, but we all know the unwritten "it's not illegal unless you get caught" law.

I understand also that this is an opinion column and the writer is granted some journalistic license, but back to my main point, many of the Viewpoint columns being published are just rehashing the same old arguments that we all have grown so tired of. Please, as editors, spark some creativity and breathe new life into this section. The political viewpoints are getting better, but the free-for-all opinion articles are stuck in the summer between high school and freshman year (i.e., irrelevant and don't really go anywhere). You could possibly even institute a weekly meeting with your staff, if it's not done already, to plan and get rid of these inane topics and challenge each other to produce more relevant, and possibly even a little bit factually supported, opinion columns.

Mike Pappano
Senior
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There is an absolute truth

Thank you so much for writing your article! It encouraged me so much to sit down and read about someone else standing up for what I believe in. God does matter in the world today. He mattered in the past enough for our forefathers to dedicate this country to Him, and He will matter just as much in the future. I really appreciate your touches on the topic of absolute truth. People who say, "There is no absolute truth" rarely realize that they have just undermined themselves. But I wasn't writing to preach and teach; I was just writing to say thanks. You made one girl's day.

Michaela King
Freshman
English

Ozbolt is overreacting

Tommy Ozbolt's column "Does God matter?" claims, with little argument, that Christianity provides its believers with an objective moral compass. If he is correct, then I must ask why Christians around the world are divided on countless moral issues. Is capital punishment moral? Abortion? Homosexuality? Birth control? Should women be submissive to their husbands? The fact is that every Christian - Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, etc. - has an opinion that is not necessarily objective truth. Many people disagree, even though they pray to the same God and read from the same Book. Everyone inevitably "create[s] their own standard of morality," even Tommy Ozbolt. We need not blame non-Christians for uprooting the "objective" moral foundation upon which Ozbolt says our nation was founded. Where Ozbolt's arguments lack validity, he substitutes a hefty dose of sensationalism. His column starts by describing a controversy over removing the Ten Commandments monument from the Alabama Supreme Court building. Before long, he is writing about pervasive moral relativism, a society that denies God, and a chaotic, lawless world "destined for anarchy." This is all very dramatic, but doesn't really prove anything. Relax, Tommy - I don't think the sky is falling just yet.

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Scores

No games scheduled

TECHNICIAN

Classic in every sense

For one of the few times in my 22 years, I was jealous Saturday. And, though surprising, the envy wasn't directed at Melissa Stark's husband, or the hit man hired to get Ryan Seacrest. You see, I wished I was a fan in the Ohio State Stadium.

When covering the N.C. State/Ohio State game, I went through a thought process something like this: *To hell with this press pass credential around my neck, curse this shirt and tie and shoes and tape recorder and computer bag. And objectivity? To hell with that, too.*

Then I shut up and realized how lucky I was. Lucky and objective.

How could a person be objective in a situation like this? How could a person stay neutral, stone-faced, during a comeback so energized, so electric, so chilling, it could have given life to a dead man? How could a person stay calm during an atmosphere so frenzied, so thick, you needed a gas mask to avoid breathing the fumes of nostalgia? You'd have to blanket yourself in saran wrap from soaking in the history.

Yet, that's what they ask press people to do. To be an unbiased observer. While they're at it, they might as well ask us to give up our heart, emotions, brain and all bodily fluids.

You won't be needing those, right?

Just replace all that useless junk with computer chips and wires, program us to enjoy Twinkies and hot dogs, bolt us up and don't let us get near water. We short circuit faster than Bob Knight.

I wanted to be in the stands, jumping like a crazy person during N.C. State's historic comeback, one that fell just short of what would have been an even more historic win. Instead, I settled for a spot on field during the fourth quarter. Right at the 10-yard line and between the paparazzi I stood, near the end zone where the Pack scored 17 points in nine minutes to tie Ohio State and send it to overtime. The whole time, I wore a small, sick smirk on my face. I knew what I and 105,000 fans were witnessing, and it was heart-pounding and adrenaline-pumping. I was lucky.

If Saturday's contest had been played for a national title, it would have been considered the greatest game in the history of college football. Still, The Game, as it will now be referred, possessed everything needed to be an all-time great:

Emotion. Any classic needs displayed passion and feeling. Think Thomas Hill in tears after Christian Laettner and Duke beat Kentucky in 1992. Think Jim Valvano streaking down the court looking for someone to hug in 1983. Think gimpy Kirk Gibson running the bases and pumping his fist in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series. Think T.A. McLendon lying on the field for minutes after Saturday's game ended. Think Philip Rivers near tears kneeling by the goal line. You could *<i>feel</i>* it on Saturday.

Improbability. Sometimes, the more unexpected, the more classic. Think the Miracle on Ice, USA over Russia in 1980. Think Ohio State over Miami in last year's Fiesta Bowl. Think N.C. State, scoring 17 points in less time than it takes to microwave a Stouffer's lasagna. The improbable comeback was just as tasty, too.

Drama. Will McLendon play? Why are you punting on 4th-and-1 from midfield with 10 minutes remaining? Why is State moving the ball with the speed of a 1987 IBM? Oh, I get it. It's all part of the script. If it happened too

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McLendon almost 100 percent

BANGED-UP RUNNING BACK SAYS HE COULD PLAY AS MUCH AS NEEDED THIS WEEKEND.



T.A. McLendon celebrates after a 27-yard run against Ohio State. The sophomore should be close to full strength Saturday.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

N.C. State running back T.A. McLendon, bothered by a knee injury for much of the season, says he's "90 or 95" percent and can play as much as needed when the Wolfpack hosts Texas Tech this weekend.

"If they [need me to] run the ball 25 times, that's what I'll do," McLendon said Monday.

A first-team, All-ACC selection and the league's rookie of the year last season, McLendon has been limited to just 22 carries in State's first three games due to a strained patella tendon in his knee, an injury he suffered in the Wolfpack's season-opening win over Western Carolina.

McLendon didn't play a down in State's loss to Wake Forest two weeks ago, and touched the ball 11 times in gaining 88 total yards during the 44-38 triple-overtime loss at Ohio State. In that game's first overtime, McLendon slipped and fell on a track-like surface just off the playing field after turning a screen pass into a 17-yard gain. Trainers iced the running back's knee, and he only touched the ball again once -- a 2-yard touchdown run -- before the game's final play. McLendon, listed as doubtful before kickoff, says he could have played more if called upon.

"That's not my call," McLendon said. "I want to be in there every play, but it's not my call."

Amato scoffed, however, at the idea of putting McLendon in sooner than Saturday's final play, which fell inches short of the goal line.

"You don't believe the kid was hurt?" Amato said. "I looked him in the eyes, and kid almost had tears running down his face. He knew what was there, and he felt that he would be a detriment. At least, I felt that way."

McLendon also said he didn't know where rumors of him slipping in the players' lounge at the Murphy Center started. This injury occurred sometime in the Western game Aug. 30, though he couldn't remember when. As a result of the

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Local standouts return home

Junior transfers Andy Tabor and Chris Catlett are finding their niche as reserves for the men's soccer team.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

During his CASL Elite team's 2001 state championship game, Chris Catlett broke his hand on a slide tackle and elected to wait until after the game to go to the hospital.

It's a good thing he did. His bone poking out of his hand, Catlett told the trainer he wasn't going to leave, so she taped up his hand, gave him some Advil and he took the field in the second half. Late in the game Catlett recorded the game's only goal off a corner kick.

His teammate, Andy Tabor, also broke his hand, but he watched the game from the sideline.

A week before the championship game, Tabor lost control of his Corvette and crashed into a tree breaking his left hand, right foot and

collarbone.

With Tabor, a product of Leesville High School in Raleigh, headed to East Carolina University and Catlett, an all-conference defender and goalkeeper at Apex High School, on his way to Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, it appeared to be the pair's last stand as teammates, even though Tabor was injured and could not play.

Two years later, Tabor and Catlett are together again. The junior transfers join the Wolfpack, reuniting them with two other members of that 2001 CASL Elite team -- sophomore goalkeeper Matt Durrant and junior defender Justin Branch.

Tabor started eight games at ECU as a freshman, but only two games as a sophomore. The Pirates underwent a coaching change at season's end, a transition Tabor hoped to avoid by

transferring. Also, he simply wanted out of Greenville.

Head coach George Tarantini welcomed him to the Pack like an old family member. Not surprising, considering Tabor's older brother Matt played for Tarantini from 1998-2001.

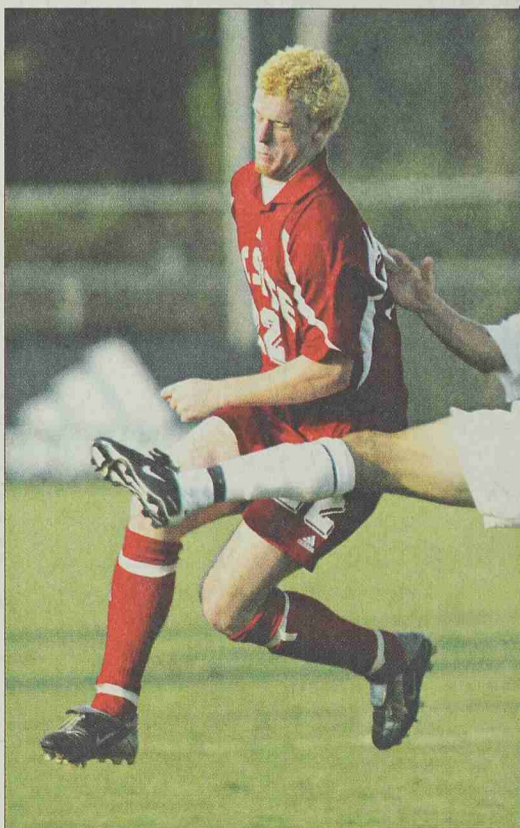
"He's a very gifted athlete," Tarantini said of Andy. Durrant, who redshirted a season at UNC-Greensboro before transferring to State last season, guided Tabor through the transfer process.

"I went through the same thing the summer before," Durrant said. "I talked to him about grades and the necessary things he needed to do to transfer."

"Obviously, we were both excited about playing together again."

At Leesville, Tabor was the conference player of the year

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Andy Tabor (above) has bolstered the men's soccer team's front line.

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