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polls open Students in the 01-23 precinct can vote in Witherspoon Student Center.

Anna Edens

Run-off elections in Wake County take The Witherspoon Student center polling site will be open for students who live in the 01-23 precinct and registered to vote within

30 days prior to the election. The race in Wake County City Council District (D) is between Thomas Crowder and the incumbent Benson Kirkman to finish the four-way race from Oct. 7 in which no candidate received over 50 percent of the vote

October's ballot for city council featured both Crowder and Kirkman along with Jack Alphin and Zack Medford, an N.C. State junior in business. Medford finished fourth in the race with

14.11 percent of the vote, while Kirkman re-ceived 32.33 percent, Crowder 31.41 percent and Alphin 22.01 percent. Medford ran on a platform highlighting student issues such as fighting the Nuisance Party Ordinance, improving Hillsborough Street and enforcing student rights in the

Street and enforcing student rights in the apartment and home markets in Raleigh.

Turnout for run-off elections varies by year, and the Wake County Board of Elections declined to comment specifically on turnout projections for this year. However, Medford, who had endorsed

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A matter of choice, not race say students

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The majority of North Hall's residents are black, as opposed to the usual white majority in other on-campus dorms.

Shannon Holder

Tiffany Kay enjoys her life at North Residence Hall. A junior in communications, with a minor in law and justice, she has many of her classes across the street in Tompkins, Winston and Caldwell. When she decided what dorm she wanted to live in, North was the natural choice. "Personally, I chose to live in North

Hall because of the living accommoda-tions it has to offer," Kay said. "Living in North to me is the closest thing on campus currently to living in an apartment in many ways." When Kay, who is black, decided to

move to North, race was never a fac-tor in her decision, but it may be for some residents of the Hillsborough Street dorm.

For over a decade, North Residence Hall has housed a higher percentage of black students than any other dorm on campus.

According to Associate Vice Chancel-lor for Student Affairs Tim Luckadoo, 77 percent of North Hall's residents are black, 21 percent are Caucasian and 2 percent are another race.

Compare that to other campus residence halls, which average 74 percent Caucasian residents, 18 percent black and 8 percent of another race. "North is a very good place, a place where there is a strong sense of com-



Sophomores Marie Johnson, left, in criminology, and Crystal Sermons, in communications and Spanish, both agree that the racial composition of North Hall is changing. Johnson said, "it's becoming more balanced." Sermons agreed, saying "it was pretty much a black dorm last year, but now that's changing."

munity," Luckadoo said. "We have very few maintenance problems there; we have very few disciplinary problems there

When Luckadoo arrived at NCSU 11 years ago, he questioned why there was such a high percentage of a minority at one dorm and not the other dorms. He

decided to run a focus group. "Students kept saying that they liked the bigger rooms, the location or that there friends lived there. They liked the computer lab on the first floor," Luckadoo said. "It really didn't tell us anything sociological.

Lamar Simpson, a junior in computer engineering, came to North because it was close to his classes. "I like it here because there is lots of

beautiful scenery, for example, the girls around," Simpson said jokingly. "I like around, simpson said jokingly. The the fact that people are nice to you even if they don't know you, which is a big change from where I am from." Luckadoo said the high percent-age might come from talking with friends.

"I think the main reason why people choose a dorm is word of mouth," he said, adding that location plays an

important role.

Luckadoo and those that stay in North said the lack of diversity is not an issue.

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"Obviously, the only disadvantage I could see is if it gets to the point where people who are not the majority race feel uncomfortable," Luckadoo said. "We have not had that problem at North Hall."

Some residents acknowledge the lack of diversity. "I think there could be more diversity. There is some here,

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N.C. State hosts law schools

Booker said.

juniors and seniors, with the rest

Booker then offered advice

Start early, do your research

to freshmen and sophomores interested in law school.

early because you want to be in

a position where you can apply early," she said.

Ally Amavisca, a senior in ma-

rine and coastal resources, said

that her purpose for attending Law School Day was to gain

information on different law schools that she was interested

in as well as talk to representa-

After speaking with Kott, Amavisca talked about some of

the things Kott told her

being underclassmen.

Students gathered at Talley Student Center Monday to learn more about law schools and the application process.

Jodi Swicegood

The second annual Law School Fair held yesterday in Talley Student Center attracted more than 50 schools from across the than 50 schools from across the nation, ranging from Wake For-est University to Whittier Law School in California. Given the opportunity to explore several law schools, students talked with representatives and discussed the aublication process

application process. Colleen McKeone, a representative for Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Del. and Harrisburg, Pa., com-mented about the purpose of coming to Law School Day at State.

"We certainly hope to inform students of what Widener has to offer to them and answer any questions they might have," McKeone said.

"It's really good to talk to the students, face-to-face. If they are applying to a professional school, they want to go about it in a pro-fessional manner," she said. Sharon Booker, a representa-

tive with Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., talked about Florida State's mission for at-tending the fair.

"Our purpose for coming is trying to find competitive ap-plicants for our law school,"



B.J. Mosely and Geneva Melissa Williamson listen to a represenative of Howard Law School at the law school fair on Monday. Mosely said he wanted to go to law school "To give back and help others less fortunate...who can't afford the best legal council."

the whole person, not just one Booker said. Booker commented that ap-proximately 80 percent of the students she had spoken to were aspect of you." Amavisca is also interested

in schools in Maryland and Vermont, as well as William

and Mary. Tony Pease, sophomore in mechanical engineering, spoke with representatives from Wake Forest

and UNC-Chapel Hill. "I would definitely want to stay in North Carolina. I'm an out-of-state student and would like to pay in-state tuition rather than out-of-state rates," Pease said. Pease also commented on his purpose for attending Law

School Day, 'I wanted to see how the transition is, the criteria for acceptance and what other things [clubs] I can do to make my application better," Pease said.

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Campus checkpoint arrest ends in death

An on-campus checkpoint produces an arrest, but an abnormal occurrence leaves Campus Police shaken and puzzled.

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Brandon Barnett 1 of 2247 Rumson Rd. was in the custody of Campus Police officers when they said he suddenly appeared to be having convulsions or a seizure. He was quickly transported to a nearby EMS station, where he received immediate treatment and transport to Rex Hospital. He was pronounced dead at Rex Hospital. Cause of death has not

ly unusual" and said nothing like this had ever occurred during his three years at N.C. State.

According to Younce, Barnett was driving a 2003 Hyundai when he was stopped at a rou-tine license checkpoint on Var-sity Drive, near the McKimmon Center. When Barnett failed to other identification, officers ran a driver's license check that revealed he was driving with a

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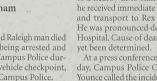
Vaulting to new heights



Sophomore pole vaulter Teresa Reed looks to work out the kinks in her technique during an off-season practice session Monday afternoor

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Carie Windham A 19-year-old Raleigh man died Sunday after being arrested and detained by Campus Police during a routine vehicle checkpoint, according to Campus Police.

At a press conference on Mon-day, Campus Police Chief Tom Younce called the incident "high-

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News

Nearby plasma donation clinic sees few students

Biomat USA, Inc. encourages N.C. State students to consider donating plasma for various reasons, including pay.

Brenda Lawrence

Business is brisk at Biomat USA, Inc., the plasma clinic located across from N.C. State's landmark Bell Tower where cars jockey for limited parking spaces. People are milling around out-side, smoking cigarettes and chatting. A student strolls past the clinic, heading home from classes.

Inside, the waiting room is full of people, most appearing to be in their mid-20s to early 30s, patiently waiting their turn to donate their blood plasma. Plasma is the blood's "transpor

tation system." A clear, straw-col-ored liquid, it carries the red and white blood cells, platelets and other materials through the body. After collection, the plasma is fro-zen and sent to a factory where it is processed (fractionated), sepa-rated into components and made

into life-saving drugs. Plasma can be frozen up to 10 years. Craig Byrum, 35, a construc-tion worker of Roanoke Rapida, is waiting outside the clinic to donate. Byrum has one very special reason for donating plasma twice a week at the clinic- his 9-year-old daughter. She had to have heart surgery at six weeks old and again at 6-years-old, and both times, she needed plasma. Byrum gives the money he receives for his blood to his daughter. "She's God's angel; she's a

miracle child," Byrum said about how she survived the two surgeres performed at ECU Children's Hospital. "They have a picture of her heart in all the medical books," he said, acknowledging how rare her heart condition is. "She's doing great now, except that she had a stroke that affected one side of her body, and she'll need another operation when

she's 16." At Biomat, the intake process starts at the front desk with Patrick Granger. Granger has developed a rapport with many of the repeat customers, and his demeanor seems to put newcom-ers and others at ease.

Customers sign in, then have a seat and wait to be called for a brief physical exam and screen-ing; donors are required by the Food and Drug Administration to have a physical before donating. A medical history is also taken and tests, including a urinalysis, are given for syphilis, hepatitis, HIV, plasma protein and hematocrit levels. Donors are also screened for drugs.

Granger explains that once accepted in the program, donors are constantly reminded to drink ample amounts of fluids and to eat small, low-fat meals before and after donating, "You can get light-headed and pass out if you haven't eaten," he said.

According to Granger, the clinic sees an average of 60-70 people a week, with slightly more males than females. He estimates that roughly 20 percent are college

Blood plasma is collected using a fully automated process called plasmapheresis. A needle is placed in the vein of the donor's arm and a machine collects the plasma and returns the other parts of the blood to the donor. The amount of blood involved varies from 705 ml for a person in the 110 to 149 pound range to 900 ml for someone 175 pounds and up. "When the same site is used over and over, it calluses up with scar tissue," Granger said.

Donors can make up to \$165 a month for their plasma. Facility Manager, Jeff Hardin, explains it this way: "You can donate up to two times every seven days. Compensation is \$20 for the first visit, \$25 for the second visit, and thereafter, \$15 and \$25, respectively, per visit." The second visit pays more to encourage patrons to return, since the clinic must have two negative test results before it can use the

blood plasma. Hardin said he has had customers who have donated twice a week for as many as 10 years and that customers range in age from 18-69.

"Most people donate for the money," Hardin said.

There are over 400 for-profit plasma collection centers in the United States, making it the largest supplier of blood plasma products in the world. Because the body replenishes plasma more quickly than whole blood, plasma donations can be made twice weekly. Whole blood can be donated only about once every two months.

Hardin said he'd like to have more students donate and recently advertised in local news-papers. "Students seem to be put off by the time it takes to donate." Hardin said it usually takes a minimum of three hours for the first donation and anywhere from one-and-a-half to two-hours for subsequent donations, although "once a routine is established, vis its can go much more quickly."

"Most students could use some extra money to pay bills and our convenient location is easy access for them; they can walk to our

for them; they can walk to our facility," Hardin said. Blair Lake, 39, of Raleigh, has been coming twice a week for six months. "I do it for the money," she said. When asked why she thought more students didn't donate, she said, "I think they're scared." Lamee Julian, 33, of U.

James Julian, 33, of Houston, James Junan, 23, 01 Houston, Texas, said he, too, does it for the money, and for the people who need plasma. "I've been coming twice a week for about three months."

The only requirements are that you be in good health, 18 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have valid identification and a permanent address," Julian ex-plained. The clinic also disquali-fies homosexual men, anyone infected with HIV or Hepatitis B, anyone who has sex for pay, hemophiliacs, alcoholics, drug users and people from certain African countries African countries.

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but very little," Simpson, who is black, said. The black majority in North Hall was never planned, but residents are happy with their

living situation. "What tends to matter more is who your roommate is, not what race is predominant," Luckadoo said.

Students who live in North Hall, or any other dorm, have a high return rate for the following year, which University Housing uses as an indicator of happiness with the dorms. Luckadoo stated that return rates are more than 60 percent, higher than most universities. Though having a black ma-

jority in a dorm is an abnor-

faculty.

T. Amarasiriwardena

"Freezing time" sounds like the stuff of science fiction, but not in Nobel Laureate Ahmed

H. Zewali's world. The Riddick Lab auditorium

was packed Friday with faculty

and students, many filling the

aisles and leaning on the walls to

hear CalTech professor Zewali, who holds a doctorate in chem-

istry, speak about the "Miracles

and Mysteries of Time." Zewali, awarded the 1999 Nobel Prize in chemistry, spoke of his research, effec-

view dissecting time to the 0.0000000000001 seconds, opening the door to science to further discoveries.

Dropping numerous humor-ous asides along his speech, Zewali, a native of Egypt, ex-plained his work by looking at

a phenomena that had scientists perplexed in the 1800s. How,

they asked, did a cat, dropped upside down *always* land on

it's feet? Eliciting laughs, he

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- Tanahu where y Jeremy Schmid, a sophomore in environmental technology,

doesn't see much racial diversity in North Hall."I'm one of the few white people in North Hall," Schmid said.

mality in University Housing, race seems to have little to do with why students decide to live there.

You can walk down the hall and talk to people, or go to your room for some privacy,' Luckadoo said.

Privacy is important to students. As resident Kay put it, "I enjoy the privacy and the fact that I have my own bathroom, which I only have to share with one other person as opposed to approximately 20 other girls."

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Freezing time opens doors

Nobel prize winner speaks said that the phenomena, to them, was a gross "violation of Newtonian physics." on campus about "freezing time" to students and

Eventually a French scientist figured out the question that had miffing scientists centuries prior. In 1894, Etienne-Jules Marey, devised a high-speed camera - recording 60 distinct images a second and thus "freezing time." With his camera, Marey

dropped a cat upside down and saw how it wriggled and righted itself up before landing on the ground within a second.

From that point onwards, with the high-speed camera as a tool, scientists were able to dissect and break time into manageable periods where further analysis could be made. where What was once missed by the eye was now within sight.

Zewali's research produced similar effects on contemporary science. Previously, at the atomic and

molecular level, one "might know the initial state and the final state, but nothing in be-tween," Zewali said.

Through Zewali's laser sys-tem, he was able to bring the precision of science down to femtoseconds. If one could read one word per femtosec

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ond, and the average book has some 50,000 words, it would take approximately 645 D.H. Hill Libraries to have enough books to read in one second.

Cutting time to such a small period is more than a novelty. When I started out, you could just say [a particular discovery] was just 'interesting.' Now you need to solve the energy crisis and cure cancer or something. By being able to slice time into periods as short as a femtosec-ond, chemists and physicists were able to answer questions

that had previously eluded them in years past. It opened so many doors that, at Caltech, of the 1,000 graduate students there, 100 are associ-ated with Zewali's burgeoning field of femto-chemistry sci-

Based on Zewali's work, scien-tists have learned that the DNA structure indeed is capable of transmitting a current, like a wire, along with systems for more precise electronic manufacturing. With every advance in sci

ence and measurement of time, Zewali acknowledges that his work will become old. "Time is going to be shorter as science goes on," Zewali said.

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suspended license.

A subsequent search revealed an outstanding warrant with Wake County for failure to appear in court for a Chapter 90

drug violation. Officers placed Barnett under arrest, handcuffed him and de-tained him in the backseat of a Campus Police vehicle to await transport to the Wake County Jail. Ĥe began convulsing while handcuffed in the back of the

The arresting officer immediately transported Barnett to Wake County Emergency Services Station 8, across the street from the site of the arrest. There, paramedics administered emergency treatment and transported Barnett to Rex Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Younce said Barnett was un der constant observation while detained and that no arresting officers had witnessed any signs and he said yes," Younce said on Monday. "When they turned back around, that's when he appeared to have some kind of convulsions or seizures." Younce said that Barnett's sweating had caught the officer's attention, but during arrests

"At one point one of the of-ficers asked him if he was OK

sweating is sometimes not unusual. "He was compliant during the entire incident and did not resist," Younce said. "There was no force used by the officers other than putting handcuffs in him."

As standard procedure, Younce has asked the State Bureau of Investigation to conduct an in-vestigation of the incident. Until the investigation is over or word is received from investigators, the arresting officer, whose name has not been released, is on administrative duties.

Younce said it's standard procedure to take officers out of the field so they will be available for interviews and so they will have time to recover emotionally

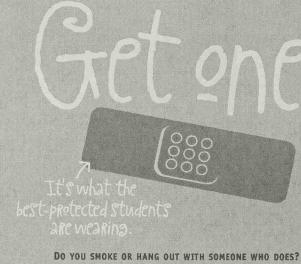
Younce said the arresting officer was shaken after the incident. "This is not something officers

deal with on a day-to-day basis, he said.

Barnett's vehicle was searched and secured at the scene of the ar-rest and is still in Campus Police custody. Younce said controlled substances were found in the vehicle, but a positive identification is still awaiting test results.

Barnett's family was notified of his condition while in transport to Rex Hospital. They were later notified of his death. He had no affiliation with N.C. State. Campus Police made two ar-

rests Sunday night at the Varsity Drive checkpoint for driving with revoked licenses and gave three verbal warnings for expired reg-istrations. Officers at the checkcenses after a series of automobile



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Ayo Adeyeye, a freshman in English and literature, also vis ited the career fair, and spoke about the booths he visited such as Cornell Law School and Chapel Hill.

Adeyeye then commented on why he was interested in law school and the advantage he had by visiting Law School Day as a freshman.

"I feel the more prestigious the law school that you attend, the better your chances are of having successful career," he said.

Because I am a freshman, I have adequate time to prepare for what they're [law schools] looking for," Adeyeye said. POLLS

October election many people came to vote just for mayor; if impact on the election."

of Kirkman last week, citing his

views to be recognized by the council," Medford said. "We need to work together to elect a candidate who will appreciate What

our votes.

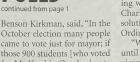
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those 900 students [who voted for Medford in October] vote tomorrow, we'll have a huge Medford came out in support



point were checking driver' break-ins in the area. Younce said that vehicle check-

points have become standard practice since Sept. 11 as a way to

of sickness

Diversions

this dish features a flaky pastry crust enveloping spicy ground

beef, and it's phenomenal. Ever-conscious of the vegetar-

ian customer, Alfie's also serves

Vegetable Patties in the same tasty crust. Jerk Chicken is probably the

first thing that comes to mind when thinking about the food of the Caribbean, and Alfie's

corners the market on this deli-cious dish. Cooked to fall-off-

cious dish. Cooked to fall-off-the-bone tenderness in a slight-ly spicy jerk sauce, Jerk Chicken goes well with the traditional side of rice and peas or rice and greens. They don't skimp on the portions either - expect to

have difficulty eating all of your meal. Other savory meat entrees include Brown Chicken Stew, Oxtail Stew, Curried Chicken and Curried Goat (bet you've never had that before!). Alfie's cocks all the meat entrees hones

cooks all the meat entrees bone in, which adds to their flavor.

Notable and very tasty veg-etarian dishes include Candied Yams, Banana Fritters and Cur-

ried Chana (a close relative of

the chickpea.) In an effort to bring more health-conscious food to Hillsborough Street, Al-fie's even offers vegan desserts. The carrot cake is the most

mouth-watering of them all. My latest favorite of the vegetarian dishes is Ital Stew

a simple stew from the Ras-

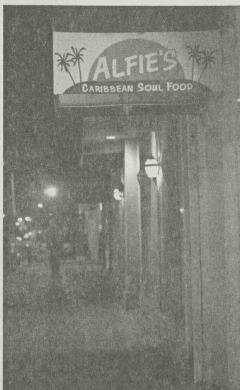
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ing cabbage, greens, corn, red beans, onions, tomatoes and chickpeas. The soup includes

no spices, but is surprisingly sa-vory, due to the mingling of the

vory, due to the minging of the vegetables' natural flavors. If in doubt, go try it for your-self - I believe you'll be pleas-antly surprised.

DINING Bringing island taste to the mainland





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Alfie's Caribbean Soul Food serves authentic island flavor right on Hillsborough Street.

Ana Pardo

Alfie's inconspicuous entrance (next to Shanghai Express) often escapes the notice of the regular Hillsborough Street pedestrian. However, anyone in the mood for traditional "soul

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ated by dark wooden panels on white walls, ceiling fans, well-placed plants and posters of the Caribbean Islands. The staff is Caribbean Islands. The start is dedicated to making customers feel welcome, and the service is great. Served cafeteria-style, the food offers plenty of entrees, sides and desserts to choose from.

The appetizers alone are a good introduction to traditional Caribbean food. Coco Bread is a dense yeast bread made with cocoa for a delicately sweet flavor. Plantains are the equivalent of huge bananas, and they are served sliced and sauteed, Caribbean-style. The most delicious appetizer I've had yet at Alfie's has to be the Jamaican Patty. Similar to a meat pie,



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The Strokes ★★★ Room on Fire

Thankfully, The Strokes debut album, "Is This It," was not it for this New York based garage-rock quintet. Two years after they found their way in to the modern music scene, The Strokes have returned

with their sophomore release, "Room on Fire." With "Is This It," The Strokes rang in a new era of music - or rather, they introduced the general public to a genre of rock that had been thriving in the New York underground within bands such as Long-wave, Interpol, The Rapture, The Walkmen and Radio 4. By keeping the dirty guitar melodies, hollow bass and drum licks that were prominent on its precursor, "Room on Fire" does not stray very far from the beaten path that the band

created. created. Normally, a band's sopho-more release is expected to straight-up suck. The band will make a strong debut with the songs that they had re-hearsed countless times and toured with few years before toured with for years before signing. But then, when the time comes to release a follow up to the successful debut, the result turns out to be a complete let-down, as it's lack-ing the predecessor's strong points. Well, leave it to The Strokes to figure out that by sticking to the formula that worked on the first album, they could recreate success on their second

One common trait of garage-rock in which The Strokes excels is their lack of,



Aesop Rock ★★★ Bazooka Tooth

I knew that anything Ian Bavitz, aka Aesop Rock, put out after his 2001 masterpiece "Labor Days" would fall short of the previous album's allaround amazing quality. But his new LP, "Bazooka Tooth,' can't even hold a torch to his earlier works.

There are still quite a few good tracks on this album, but many of the songs are repetitive and too dissonant. This might be due to Aesop's decision to produce most of the album himself, having dismissed former producer Blockhead, who was respon-sible for the brilliant sound of 'Labor Days

My initial reaction after first listening to "Bazooka Tooth" was one of disappointment. How could such a musically talented, lyrical genius go from "Labor Days" to this? A few of the songs reminded me of previous efforts, but generally the album seemed hit or miss. After a few more listens, I got a better feel for the album, and while it does seem to flow better after having experienced it a few times,

it's still a bit of a letdown Aesop's signature fast-paced

rhymes are as much of a ence on this record as before, and if you like Aesop Rock solely for his poetic charm, you won't be disappointed.

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or actually abundance of, caring. For a band that comes across as not caring about commerciality or the fame that comes with it, they certainly do appear to care a lot about not caring. Singer-song-writer Julian Casablancas portrays this flawlessly in the lines "I wanna be forgotten / And I don't wanna be reminded" from the opening track "What Ever Happened?" Any senti-ment meaning otherwise is an act on their part, but it defi-nitely makes the album what it is, for anything else would just is, for anything else would just

not be The Strokes. Though The Strokes mainly stick to the formula created on their debut, at some points they stray. Missing are the catchy pop tracks that "Is This It" offered, the ones that hung in your head for days at a time. Memorable songs such as "Take It or Leave It" and "Last Night" have been replaced by less ambitious tracks like the Cars-esque "12:51," which sounds as if its poppy trails are provided by an '80s keyboard; however, impressively, there stick to the formula created however, impressively, there were no keyboards used in the song or on the album, but rather the synthesized sounds

rather the synthesized sounds are provided by guitar. Standout tracks "Automatic Stop" and "Under Control" provide the listener with something a little different than what one would nor-mally expect from a cookies. than what one would nor-mally expect from a cookie-cutter follow-up album. Both of the songs take on a reggae feel as the band displays their Bob Marley influence. Yet while "Stop" travels down the ska side of the reggae tracks, "Control" sticks to the tradi-tional droned grooves with lowe-inspired lyrics. "Room on Fire" is what it is - a Strokes album. You get

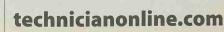
is - a Strokes album. You get what you pay for with subtle difference here and there. Had someone told me two years someone told me two years ago that The Strokes sopho-more release would not be a collection of "Last Night" variations, I probably would have laughed in their face -pleasingly, it's not. - Jake Seaton

Lines like "he could talk his way out of a sunburn and be home in time for dinner" and "I could kill a cockroach with only wallabies and rug burns" reaffirm Aesop's penchant for bizarre lyrics, and set him apart from other mainstream hip-hop artists. However, the lack of musical accompani-ment (be it hip-hop beats or jazzy sounds) on many of the songs causes the album to fail where past productions suc-ceeded. Several of the songs end with odd samples, which sometimes come in the form of mini-songs, and although some are amusing, they also tend to detract from the al-bum as a whole, causing more

dissonance than flow. Tracks such as "NY Electric," which has a great combina-tion of Egyptian synth sounds mixed with a sexy saxophone, "Super Fluke," "Frijoles" and "Cook It Up" stand out as well-produced attempts (interestingly enough, these first three were produced by Aesop himself, the fourth by Block-

Unfortunately, the rest of the album cannot live up to these standards. Particularly annoystandards, Particularly almoy-ing are "No Jumper Cables," "Limelighter" and "Freeze," all of which resonate with either annoying distortions that in-terrupt the track or repetitive, draping togics, or both

droning lyrics - or both. Taken as a whole, "Bazooka Tooth" is nothing worth stepping over your grandmother to run to the store to buy. Many friends have purchased this CD, and while they typically fall in the camp of either loving or loathing it, one thing is clear: Aesop Rock has had two years since "Labor Days" to put something decent to-gether, and this record, while still good, falls short of expectations. - Chris Skull



T.V.

24 **** FOX, Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

It's going to be another long day for Jack Bauer. Yet another season of 24 began last week. The real time show follows the day's events of CTU agent Bauer.

Throughout the commercial-free premiere, we find Bauer three years later watching a suspect he put in prison kill his lawyer with a gold fountain pen. For the man that fended off the assassination of the presi-dential hopeful, saved LA and the southwest US from a nucle-ar bomb, he now faces an even greater challenge in the threat of bioterrorism in the US.

As the season progresses, we are sure to be witness to the many twists and turns the show

has become known for. has become known for. The real time aspect of the show continues its great pattern of keeping us on the edge of our seats and wondering what next could Jack Bauer possibly face in the span of 24 hours. How-ever, the incredulous comes in Baueric duchter Kime means Bauer's daughter, Kim, now a CTU agent with her own clearance level, who always seems to find herself in her own world of mortal peril

Stay tuned for a season filled of suspense, thrills, and ac-tion. Pay attention to Palmer's health issues as they could lead to something more. Watch how Bauer handles his heroin ad-diction, and as always count the number of times Kim manages to get herself into trouble. -Jessica Gluck





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OUR OPINION: U.S. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE RELAXED IN •ORDER TO ALLOW LEGITIMATE INTERNA-TIONAL STUDENTS TO COME TO AMERICA AND ATTEND OUR UNIVERSITIES

Student visas obtained by international students wanting to study in the United States grew less than 1 percent during the last academic year, according to a study from the Institute of International Education (IIE). This is the lowest the rate has been in seven years. The IIE blames this drop directly on the restrictions placed on student visas following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Even though it was only two years ago, the lingering effects of the attacks are still being felt.

N.C. State took a big hit in international student numbers after Sept. 11, 2001. From fall 2001 to fall 2002, the number enrolled dropped from almost 2,000 to a little less than 1,600. This year, there are approximately 2,000 international students enrolled, the

majority of them in N.C. State's Graduate School. Each college and academic department has their own requirements, and admits the number of internationals they want each year. There are no centralized requirements for international students to attend NCSU; each department makes the decision. With that, while the national average of inter national students has dropped, NCSU has enrolled about the same amount as it had in the past.

Of course, there are always problems. According to the Office of International Scholars and Student Services (OISSS), this year about 30 students were unable to attend in the fall semester due to visa delays. This is a common occurrence at universities across the country. Because of the strict regulations now in place, and because the Sept. 11, 2001 hijackers were admitted to the country on student visas, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is keeping out bright and deserving students that

are truly on a successful academic track. Many students are staying away from the United States, favoring countries like Great Britain and Australia to avoid being tangled in a web of red tape. Many students from India and China prefer Australia, because many universities there can issue student visas without going through the government.

Yes, there should be extra precautions taken in immigrant screening to prevent another terrorist attack. But many students that can't get a better education outside of the United States are being shut out needlessly, in favor of stricter immigration laws that only give the illusion of heightened safety. The INS should allow students going to accredited universities (not bogus flight schools) in and screen better for academic achievement. To severely limit the number of students that come every year does the world a great disservice, since the some of the best schools are in the United States.

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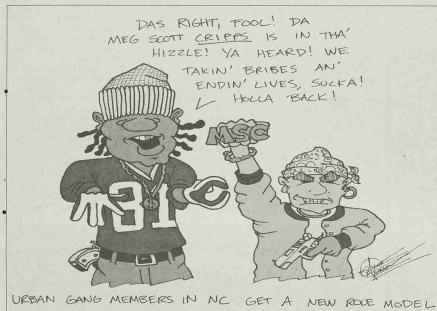
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Occupation then and now

Japan was a successful example of nation building. What about Iraq? Robert Jailall debates U.S. occupation.

The occupation of Iraq has been for a while the major news topic, and on that subject recently, President George W. Bush explained his vision for the country's

future, remark

ing, "We've got very close alli-

ances with Japan

now as a result of not only winning a war, but doing

the right things in the postwar period." Bush's com-



ment encourages one to adopt a favorable outlook for the United States work in Iraq, if the country does indeed follow the course of Japan. Inconveniently for Bush, sound argu-

ments are not made on, sound a given on analogy alone, and they are especially not made on false analogy. Outside of the fact that they are both accurations the seculity and both occupations, the realities and problems officials face in Iraq are sig nificantly different from those faced in Japan

Japan's quick recovery from total un-ironic way affected by its previous two decades of wartime activity During this time, the country developed modern industries and enough economic and administrative competence to direct those industries in war. More importantly, it developed a

capable and tested bureaucracy the ability to run the country in a legitimate matter. The great windfall for Japan was

that this bureaucracy that waged war before surrender was kept largely in tact during the occupation. An ele-ment of great controversy at the time and still today was the pardoning and whitewashing of the emperor's role in · the war as well as many top wartime

officials who could have had credible war crime charges brought against them. The analog in Iraq would be forgiving Saddam Hussein and his subordinates and welcoming them into memory drag and set Thus far, the administration has not

reacted warmly to any such sugges-tions, and so it faces the unparalleled task (certainly not in the Japanese occupation) of creating a competent bureaucracy and civil service from nothing.

The administration must also abandon the idea that Japan's success was a function of occupation administra-tion. On the contrary, many of Japan's successes are because the wartimeturned-peacetime bureaucracy was able to resist changes.

The Japanese economic system after the occupation ended, for example, the occupation ended for example, can be termed as essentially a war-time economic system except geared toward producing goods rather than weapons - it was illiberal, heavily regulated, hardly transparent and an anathema to America's capitalism.

On this system, Prime Minister Ikeda Hayato promised and achieved a doubling of Japan's income in 1968, years. At the end of the occupation in 1952, the per capita consumption of Japan was one fifth that of the United tates; when Hayato's promise was fulfilled, it was the second largest economy in the world.

Equally damning of America's oc-cupation plans is the realization of democracy in Japan. Simply put, Japan's occupation-borne democracy was far from ideal.

The country has been under oneparty control almost continuously since occupation, and occupation authorities themselves squelched many nascent democratic movements. Douglas MacArthur's administration ran an extensive censorship program,

preventing any speech critical of the occupation authorities, the emperor and his buddies, or postwar condi-tions. These U.S. policies ushered in the semi-democracy that character-ing lenge to der izes Japan today.

The inability of the United States to create credible democracy in Japan does not bode well for a Bush admin-istration in Iraq whose biggest politi-cal challenge is to establish credibility. In fact, when talking about credibility, we come across another crucial difference between Iraq and Japan. In the postwar period, "kyodatsu," a mental state of postwar exhaustion, permeated through Japanese society and caused the people to be surprisingly receptive to American occupa-

The Japanese will to fight quickly collapsed after surrender. Out of this kyodatsu condition, the Japanese soon came to treat MacArthur as a hero who saved them from the militarists who started the war.

In addition to Japanese acceptance of occupation, international support from western countries and neigh-boring countries coalesced around America, and no one questioned the

The situation then is a stark contrast to Iraq today, where vocal skeptics exist within Iraq, in countries sur-rounding Iraq, among American allies and within America itself.

Any American administrator today would wish the Iraqi occupation to transpire as the Japanese one did, but wishes don't make good policy and analogies don't make successful oc-

For his Iraq plans, one must hope that George Bush has something better than the words that come out of his mouth.

E-mail Robert your thoughts at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

Our fees pay for what?!

Student Body Treasurer, sorts out the whole tuition and fee fiasco.

[Editor's note: Student Body Treasurer asked to write a column to carify mis-conceptions many had about tuition and student fees.]

Many students feel overwhelmed with all these dif-ferent terms and



very hotly debated matters. My goal is for you to feeling a bit more educated about the hot ing a bit hole calculated about the hole topic of the rising costs of a college education. My most genuine wish is that you do something with that edu-cation – share it, act on it, learn more, or make a difference.

The most prominent question that I've come across in explaining all this to students is, "What is the difference between tuition and student fees?" Though many students hold the mis-conception that Student Fees and Tuition fall under the same category, the simple difference between Tuition and Fees is the difference in the way they

are spent. Your tuition money is spent on things like decreasing class size, increasing faculty salary, bumping up the number of sections of classes, and a slew of other things, including upkeep

and maintenance all academic buildings

Your fee money would be spent on things of a non-academic nature, such as building a bigger, better gymnasium, or maybe demolishing Harrelson Hall and building a new Student Center in its place, or perhaps building a time machine to send Gary the Brickyard Preacher back to 1969. Wouldn't that be fun?

But nonetheless, with the thick and

thin of that out of increasing amount the way, we then move to the situation of students playing higher education at hand. Buildings are falling down, a College of Management can't register for that class she needs for graduation, faculty are being enticed and lured away with bigger and better salaries, and students are poorer than they've ever been. This problem certainly isn't for us to bear alone, though, as it plagues almost every public university in the United States today

Couple that with decreasing state support, as higher education has taken the back seat in North Carolina's fa mously backwards General Assembly, and an economy in shambles. The result is universities everywhere scay enging for money faster than a crack pusher with a van full of VCRs.

What's an institution of higher learn-

ing to do? Getting money from state and federal governments is comparable to juicing an onion with your left hand. Having no other source for money, the university must turn to its only source

left – you! And, as universities across the nation are milking money out of their cash cows, the students, more and more of these cows are buying the farm. That is, they're leaving without a degree and a mound of debt.

For some people, it's just too expen-For some people, it's just too expen-sive to be a student.But many students now are leaving school wondering if the debt is really worth the education. In 1995, the average debt for a student leaving undergraduate school was roughly \$10,000. In just 6 years, that number shot up beyond \$15,000. Stu-dents now are leaving with as much as \$20,000 and \$25,000 in total combines debt, and with an average of four credit debt, and with an average of four credit cards, some of which are maxed out.

Picture graduation: Starry-eyed students in elegant commencement wear, all lined up to take their degree, go out into the world, and follow their dreams. Their hearts led them to this success, but their debts will land them

a much less palatable reality. With today's sour job market, most graduates can consider themselves lucky to even snag a job. And if they do, it's not going to pay what a student needs to cover living costs and debt

repayment. With an ever-increasing debt looming and no end in sight, our graduates do the most feasible

Sung to the tune of "The Old North State"

Here's to the land of the Long Leaf Pine, The summer land of scholastic decline, Where the value of school is up for debate, Here's to down home, The Old North State!

thing possible – file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Some turn to less ethical solutions. Some even choose to end their debt by put-ting a pistol in their mouth and firing. And, with genuine honesty and assured-ness, all of these situations are on the rapid

Then we have the students who will never be granted the opportunity of a higher education, for they could never expect to afford these rising costs. With an

hooky, we've got a growing number of their lack of a degree. Moreover, with this denial of higher

education to its citizenry, N.C. blindly continues to cherish its reputation as "The Outhouse State." So, let's recap: we've got dropping

graduation rates, increasing bankrupt-cies, and students and recent graduates with no extra money to spend beyond the costs required to keep themselves afloat. Oh, and let's not forget the dan-gerous mentality shared by University leaders and state officials alike that almost guarantees the unparalleled growth of the above problems.

procedures regard-ing tuition and fees, so I'm dab-bling in print to day to shed a little Seth light onto these Lester

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said. "[You can do] play action, it opens up things. Big plays. Big plays. No had a better view of McLendon's big plays than of-

fensive lineman Leroy Harris.



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Harris' block on State's final of-fensive play opened up the hole through which McLendon ran to the end zone.

"We're a whole different offense when we have T.A. in there," Harris said. "It opens up a lot more weapons, but he's not just a great runner, he's also good out of the backfield for screen passes and swing passes. He's got great hands, probably the best out of all the running backs." Amato lobbies Both Matt Schaub and Philip Rivers put up huge numbers Saturday. Rivers threw for 410 yards and four

touchdowns; Schaub went for 393 and four scores. Both quarterbacks came into the game as favorites for ACC Offensive Player of the Year honors, and

neither disappointed. It's just that Rivers was a little better. Amato took the oppor-tunity to remind the media of that fact after the game, too. The coach pointed out the fact that last year, when Schaub's Virginia team beat State 14-9, it likely led ACC media to vote Schaub as conference player of the year.

"Last year, if we make the play on the last play of the [Virginia] game - it would have been a fabu-lous catch - I wonder if [Rivers] would have won it all last year," Amato said. "Don't forget that now if sou're soing to do it one now, if you're going to do it one year, don't forget to do it the next year, too, when you're voting for all that stuff."

Rivers owns almost every career ACC passing record.

Senior staff writer Jon Page contributed to this report.

ricanes. It is great for Clay Ai-ken concerts. It would be great for an NBA team. For college basketball, it's among the least imposing environments in the ACC. Cameron Indoor Stadium, Littlejohn Coliseum, Uni-versity Hall, Joel Coliseum and

Georgia Tech's "Thriller Dome' are all superior. There is a reason, too, why State fans laughed and mocked North Carolina's Dean E. Smith Center. And when State played at Reynolds, one of the most storied buildings in college basketball history, there was good reason to chide our light blue neighbors to the west. Now, though, no

reason. The Entertainment and Sports Arena is just a newer, glitzier, red-seated Dean Dome. Devoid of character and per-sonality. At least the Dean

Dome is on campus, though, and at least Carolina does not A while ago, I asked Marcus Melvin if he wished the team still played at Reynolds. Melvin has played only one real game in the Old Barn, a romp over North Carolina A&T last sea-son. But even after one game, he'd trade in a ribbon board and sizzling steaks for the noise meter and the real scent of popcorn any day.

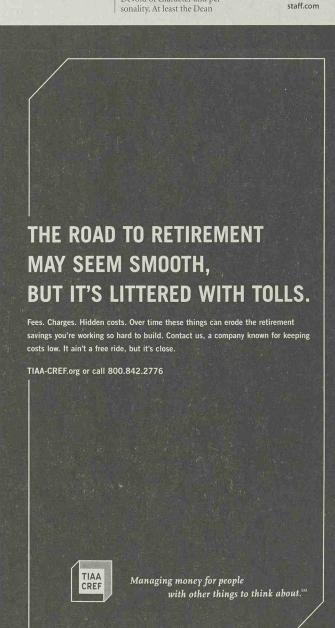
'It's unbelievable, man, it's an unbelievable atmosphere," Mel-vin said. "The opposing team has no room to breathe, really. They're jumping down your throat, right up close and personal. That's a great thing. "It's a great experience, and I'm glad to have had it."

So are we. Too bad, it's just a memory.

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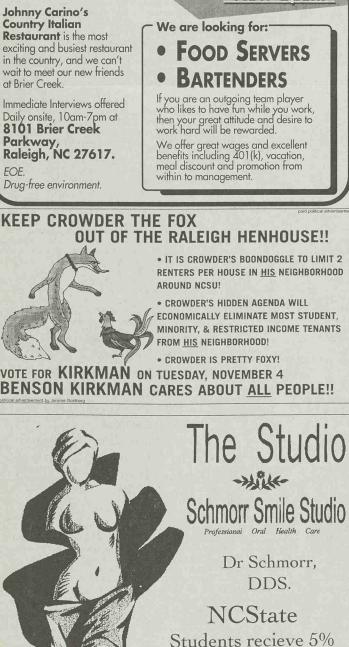
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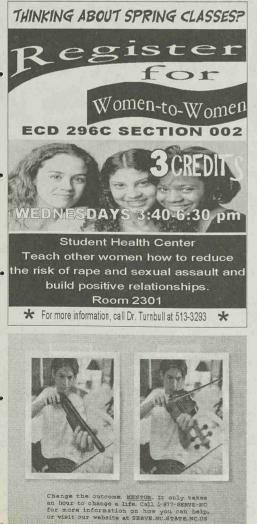
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they were before, the memory of the injury affected his play last season.

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bit, physically, not mentally." Now Watkins only thinks about the injury when he looks down at his knee and sees the scar, and that is a very good thing for the Pack, according to junior forward Julius Hodge

school version of Levi Watkins.

Watkins averaged 23.2 points and 11.2 rebounds to earn a spot on the 2001 Parade All-American

"He's a good player," Hodge said. "I knew eventually that he'd

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"Levi played well," Hodge said. "He's really sticking the jump shot, getting in there and getting boards He's getting back into the flow and we need that. I think he's back out there to the young, high

As a senior at Montroes Christian High School in Rockville, Md., Watkins led his team to a 21-4 record and a No. 25 final ranking in the USA Today Super 25. Rated as the 40th best player in the freshman class of 2001,

team

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Another teammate is glad to see Watkins back at 100 percent. because if Watkins can do it, so can he.

Illian Evtimov's season was cut short last year in the team's first exhibition game when he also tore his ACL. Although the specifics of their injuries are different, Evtimov said his road to recovery has been smooth, thanks to Watkins' advice and friendship.

'He's a great help," Evtimov said. "Every time I have a ques-tion or every time I'm going through a slump or I have pain I ask him if he experienced that or not. Just before hitting his first

three-pointer of the game,

w.SpringBreakTravel.com 1-800-678-6386 Watkins collided with Evtimov and sent the 6-foot-7 forward to a rough landing on the floor. The crowd at the RBC Center breathed a collective sigh of relief when Evtimov bounced back

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up, but neither player said they thought about their knees when it happened. "I'm just glad to be healthy and I'm not worried about my knee at all," Watkins said. "I feel com-





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Scores No games scheduled



Tuesday, November 4 2003

Word association time. Springboard. Hardee's thick burg-ers. Nortel. Sprint. Harris Teeter. Pepsi. Fox Sports Net. Diet Pepsi. The rock station. Dodge.

Give up?

these names

is plastered all over the Entertainment and Sports Arena,

the supposed "home of N.C. State basket-

Guess how

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many times the name "Jim

the name "Jim Valvano" appears? None. Guess how many times the name "Everett Case" pops up? None. Heck, before Saturday's Red-White men's scrim-mage, the jerseys of N.C. State's all-time scoring and assists leaders (Rodney Monroe and Chris Corchi-ani) were found right next to the bit ani) were found right next to the big wax sculpture of Dean Smith in the

wax sculpture of Dean Smith in the arena concourse. Though a No. 13 (Corchiani) and No. 21 (Monroe) were nonexistent, at least there was a picture of a steak on the video board atop the arena, and at least there were sound effects of that steak sizzling. Also, if there can't be a sense of NCSU basketball history in the arena, I am glad that there cell bhone comparise competer three cell phone companies compete for my attention in case I get bored

with the action. Let's say I'm watching a game later in the year, the N.C. State - North Carolina game for instance. And as I'm watching, I'm just not feeling the action any more. Sure, it is a big game, has post-season implications, yada, yada, yada. Well, when I start to yawn, I remember something. "What is it, friend," I ask myself,

drifting in and out of sleep while trying to watch one of the most heated rivalries in the best basketball conference in America.

Oh, yes, I remember now. I need to get a new cell phone. And with that, all I need to do is look up, at the space between the first and second decks, and there are my options. Will it be Sprint? Nortel? AT&T? I don't know, but I'm just glad the "home of N.C. State basketball" reminded me of my important impending decision. Then, after that, I'm reminded of dinner when I hear the comforting, N.C. State basketball noise that is a steak

State basketball noise that is a steak rustling on the grill. SSSSSSSSSSSS SSZZZZZZZZZZZZ Isn't that what N.C. State basket-ball is all about? Sizzling steaks? If it were not for sizzling steaks, House-Autry Mills (whatever that is), luxury boxes and Fox 50, State basketball might implode into a cloud of vapor.

cloud of vapor. Another boost for the men's basketball program will definitely be that new ribbon board that circles has now no order and Sports Arena like a tacky Christmas decoration. Nothing screams, "HOME OF N.C. STATE BASKETBALL" like an an-round State Tain and the state and the noving State Fair-reject prop that blares John Deere advertisements while 10 guys try to play ball. And I just love the neat-o effects of the ribbon board, too. When the

of the ribbon board, too. when the players' names were introduced at the Red-White game, these awesome flames circled the arena, and then the player's name appeared, and it had flames coming off that, too. Man, it was radical, almost as gnarly the seizure inducing effect of the as the seizure-inducing effect of the ribbon board alternating between bright red and blinding white, and blinking like a spastic, rabid animal. It made me want to get up and howl for my love of the "home of N.C. State basketball."

Right. N.C. State basketball belongs in the Entertainment and Sports Arena as much as Forrest ° onged at the Black Pan. Gump ther Party. What's it going to take for some higher-up to realize this and get the program back where it belongs in Reynolds Coliseum?

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Junior forward Levi Watkins is showing no signs of hesitancy in his second season back after reconstructive surgery to his ACL. Jon Page Senior Staff Writer

A fter the completion of the 2002-2003 basketball season, N.C. State forward Levi Watkins got a new tattoo: a small design with a crown above the phrase "King of Kings" emblazoned on the 6-foot-8 junior's right pectoral muscle.

muscle. But it's not some form of self-glorification. "It's talking about the Lord," Watkins said. Maybe so, but Watkins ruled the court at the RBC Center for the Wolfpack's annual Red-White game. Tonight, Watkins and State will take on an opponent for the first time when EA Sports visits the RBC Center for a 7:30 p.m. tilt. In the public's first chance to see this season's State team in action on Saturday. Watkins led all

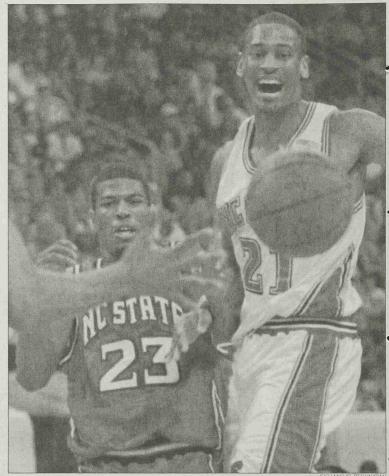
State team in action on Saturday, Watkins led all scorers with 13 points on the strength of a perfect 3-of-3 performance from behind the arc. "He just made shots," Pack coach Herb Sendek said. "He has worked hard on his shooting. When

he first came in as a freshman, he was more com-fortable just inside the arc. He's really developed his range and in [the Red-White game] he played with a lot of confidence and that's what we need from him."

It's a confidence Watkins did not possess last season, a season after his freshman campaign was cut short, and it all went back to one, little jump shot

Thirteen games into his career, Watkins was developing into a key player on State's front line. In his first ACC game vs. Maryland, Watkins conharms and a constructive surgery was set for the middle of January. Although the surgery was a success and Wat

kins said his leg muscles are now stronger than BBALL see page 7



Levi Watkins releases a smile while reaching for a loose ball in Saturday's Red-White game, in which he scored a game-high 13 points.

A long awaited rest

After 10 straight games, State is the last ACC team to enjoy a week off.

Andrew B. Carter

It might be two months late, but

When scheduling specifics were still undecided by the ACC before the season, Wolfpack coach Chuck Amato originally wanted his team's bye week Sept. 4. That would have given Amato and the Pack an extra week to prepare before going to Columbus, Ohio for a hyped game with defending national champion Ohio State.

T.A. McLendon in early September,

12 Wolfpack. Now, the Pack has a week off after playing its best game of the season.

the Demon Deacons upset the No.

"Well, you know what the way we're playing I wish we didn't have it," Amato said, joking after Saturday's game. Actually the coach will take the

fact, it's so late that the Pack is the last ACC team to get an off week. "It's huge. It's huge," Amato said. 'We should have had it our first game, that's when we had it on the schedule. The schedule was made that way. Can you imagine being 7-2 and one of those losses being against the defending national champion in triple-overtime? "But no - life goes on, I'm just

kidding. Instead of getting a week off to prepare for Ohio State earlier in the year, the tradeoff is this: the

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Victor the predictor Before the

Virginia game, senior defensive back Victor Stephens told team-

mate Andre Maddox he was going to return an interception for a

touchdown. And in the closing moments of

Saturday's 51-37 win, Stephens did just that - picking off a Matt

Schaub pass and taking it 26 yards

"Vic said he was going to do it," Maddox said. "I'm so happy for

But Stephens was more than

just happy after the game - he was ecstatic. That is because he scored

the first touchdown of his career in front of his parents, his brother

and his girlfriend. The group of Stephens' fans came from Texas

to see their first Pack game of the

same play twice in a row.

State was in a zone defense, and Stephens said the Cavaliers ran the

The play before, they ran almost

Jerricho Cotchery and State get a week off before playing Florida State on Nov. 15.

the exact same play and I came close to picking that one off," Ste-phens said. "[On the next play] I jumped the route and he threw it right to me." Pack gets two weeks to ready itself for a game at No. 3 Florida State, which will kickoff at 3:30 p.m. on Two years ago, State shocked the Seminoles in Tallahassee, 34-28, in a game that also started at 3: right to me."

The score came with eight seconds remaining with Virginia driving, hoping to tie the score after McLendon's go-ahead

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"It was a big time win and to cap it off, for a senior to intercept a pass and bring it downtown was outstanding," Amato said.

Serious question Amato had a serious question for media mem-bers following his team's dramatic win over Virginia. "Do you think 44 is important to

this football team?" Amato asked, referring to running back T.A. McLendon.

McLendon is important, maybe just a little bit. After all, the back did have over 200 yards of total offense and did score the winning touchdown Saturday, all after recovering from two knee surgeries the past two weeks.

"It's amazing when you've got a little bit of a running game with someone that can tote him like him, what you can do," Amato

FOOTBALL see page 6



T.A. McLendon tries to escape the grasp of Chris Canty. State is off this week.

hey, it is finally here: a bye week for the N.C. State football team.

The league office denied Amato's request however, instead schedul-ing State for a meeting at Wake For-est, Without injured running back

Actually, the coach will take the week off - better late than never. In