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Students react to partial-birth abortion ban

N.C. State students have mixed reactions about the ban recently signed by President Bush.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

For the first time since the U.S. Supreme Court heard and ruled in *Roe vs. Wade*, the US Government has passed a law that would eliminate certain abortion procedures.

On Nov. 5, President Bush passed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, which outlaws certain abortion procedures. One group at NCSU feels that this bill could directly affect the choices of women and is speaking up about the new ban.

"This ban is detrimental to society because it jeopardizes women's health and limits her personal freedoms," Sarah Blackmon, a campus organizer for NARAL, said. "If a woman cannot control her own body, she cannot be truly equal."

NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina at NCSU is making sure that every member of the campus's pro-choice majority understands the significance of the ban. This group is a local chapter of NARAL Pro-Choice America, formerly known as the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

The new ban outlaws an abortion procedure known as "partial birth abortion," which is usually performed in the second or third trimester. The law describes the procedure as "an abortion in which a physician delivers an unborn child's body until only the head remains inside the womb, punctures the back of the child's skull with a sharp instrument, and sucks the child's brains out before completing delivery of the dead infant."

Any doctors that perform the procedure could face a fine and/or up to two years in prison. The law does not include any exceptions if the woman's health is at risk, or if the child will suffer from any life threatening diseases upon birth. Abortion rights activists often use the latter two situations as reasons that the procedure should continue to be legal.

Blackmon disagrees with the ban. "The supporters of the ban are providing misinformation to the public. Even the name is deceptive, 'Partial birth abortion' is not a medical term, rather a term used to sensationalize the issue.

The ban's vague language actually targets more than one specific procedure," she said.

Blackmon said that supporters often claim physicians and scientists are in accordance with the ban, but the American Medical Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Women's Association and the American Nurses Association do not support it.

In 2000, a very similar Supreme Court case, *Stenberg v. Carhart*, said that Nebraska's law against abortion was unconstitutional because it failed to protect the woman's health, and it failed. Abortion rights supporters compare the new law to this case.

"The ban shows an incredible lack of confidence in a woman and her doctor's ability to make personal medical decisions," Blackmon said.

Students on campus displayed a mix of attitudes.

"I'm against the bill that the president signed. I think everyone should have self-autonomy in deciding what they want to do. I don't think the president is eligible to decide for all women. It's a woman's issue," Mana Yegani, a sophomore in biological sciences, said.

However, some students are glad that President Bush signed this bill, which is similar to two other bills that President Clinton vetoed during his two terms.

"I'm against abortion to begin with, but by President Bush signing that law, it's a good first step for the anti-abortion movement," civil engineering senior John Hugo said.

Other students wished that the bill carried more exceptions.

"I personally disagree with the procedure unless the pregnancy poses a health risk to the mother or the child," CHASS junior Gina Agostini said.

"I think it's a horrible injustice to the child as a means of birth control, but in terms of having a child who has horrible birthing defects, I can see the justification in those instances," Jessie Lewis, a senior double majoring in art and design and history, said. "I don't think it's right for one man to decide for many women and couples throughout this country concerning their birthing rights."

On campus, the Women's Center is open for women or men who would like to further discuss anything about this topic.

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Friends remember slain student

Friends came together and told stories and recalled funny memories in order to help deal with the death of Amena Khan.

Anna Kroyer
Staff Reporter

Old classmates, family members and colleagues of Amena Khan filled the Brown Room of Talley Student Center Friday Night to remember their friend with a memorial service.

"We spent most of the evening sharing all our good memories of our dear friend, Amena. Almost everyone in the room spoke and told a funny or good memory. It really showed what a wonderful person she was and how many people that she had here that care for her," close friend, Seema Khan said.

Khan, murdered on Nov. 7 in her Durham apartment, graduated from N.C. State in May with a degree in business management, marketing concentration.

She was found shot to death in her apartment with Najeebullah Naimee, who police believe shot Khan and then shot himself.

WRAL reported that while Khan was still a student at NCSU she had filed a report with Campus Police about a student stalking her. Khan decided not to prosecute, and the case was dropped. However, the case went before the student conduct committee and Naimee claimed that they had a romantic relationship. Khan denied it and the committee found Naimee guilty of harassment. He was suspended and ordered to seek psychiatric counseling. He dropped out of school shortly afterward.

Khan originally came to NCSU because of her husband's doctoral residency. Before she lived in the Triangle, she was from Minneapolis, Minn. Originally from Hyderabad, India, Khan's family moved to Minnesota in 1987.

Khan and her husband were planning to move back to Minnesota at Thanksgiving. Her husband is a medical doctor

finishing up his rotations in Minnesota and was away at the time of her murder. Her husband first contacted Durham Police Officers when he did not hear from Khan for several days.

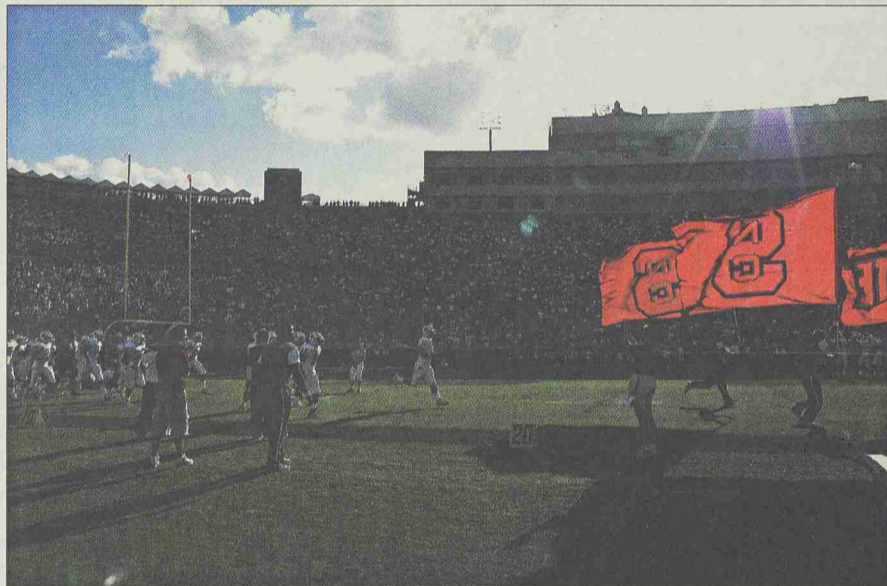
"At the beginning, we were really distraught, completely heartbroken. I think this memorial service was really a great idea, in terms of closure. Simply talking about it helped a lot and gave us the opportunity to reveal our emotions and how we are feeling," sophomore in biological sciences Mahroo Ahsan said.

Ahsan said that she had known Khan for a year since they had an Urdu class together last fall in the NCSU foreign language department. She said that she was aware that Naimee had been stalking Khan in the past but did not know if Khan had still viewed him as a threat.

"Amena was that type of person, it didn't matter if you knew her for a month or a year, she just had that thing about her that grabbed your heart. She

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TAKING THE FIELD BUT NOT THE GAME

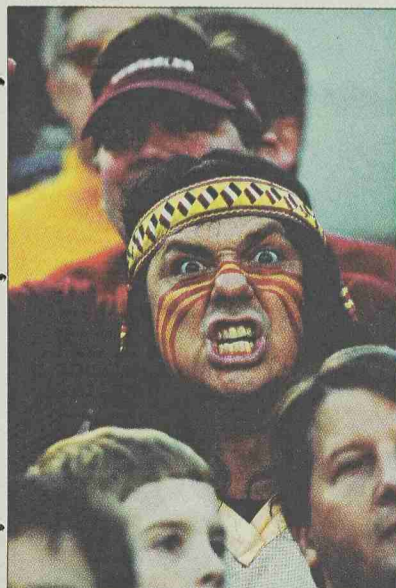


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N.C. State took the field Saturday at Florida State with a sense of hope, longing for a conference title, a BCS birth and a third-straight win over conference-power Florida State. Although the Wolfpack fell ever-so short of those goals, it left its fans with a game not to be forgotten, a two-overtime classic that

stretched every emotion possible. In the end, the Seminoles prevailed 50-44, but the team exited the field in the exact same manner it came sprinting onto some four hours before — with a standing ovation from the throng of Wolfpack faithful in Doak Campbell Stadium.

GAME FACE



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Emotions flared over several controversial calls made by the referees in the N.C. State vs. Florida State football game. A fan reacts to a reception by Jericho Cotchery that was ruled a touchdown.

The legalities of homosexuality

Lawrence v. Texas declared a Texas law that prohibited sexual acts between same sex couples unconstitutional.

Nancy Zagbayou
Staff Reporter

The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision in June, held that the right to privacy protects the right for adults to engage in private, consensual homosexual activity. The ruling overruled the 1986 *Bowers v. Hardwick* decision, which concluded that history supported the ability of states to prohibit private, consensual homosexual activity.

Thirteen states, including North Carolina, still have laws prohibiting private homosexual activity.

Traci Reid, an associate professor of political science, said that the court did not exceed its jurisdiction in *Lawrence v. Texas*.

"The Court should serve as a guardian to help the politically helpless or the politically unpopular when constitutional principles are

undermined and/or constitutional rights are denied or threatened," she said.

Robin Siska, president of the Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies (BGLA) organization, said, "This is a step closer to looking beyond the sexual acts and seeing people as people and not classify them by sexual acts in which they take part."

Siska believes that the immediate impact of the case on campus will be to open up dialogue and increase opportunities for further education.

N.C. State students are divided in their opinion of the case and its impact on campus and America.

Some students feel that the case is dangerous to the fabric of our society because it lays the argument that one can do whatever they want in the privacy of their homes. They feel that morality does not matter any more.

Jamie Ballman, a junior in communications, disagrees with the court's ruling.

"I don't think homosexuality should have been legalized. I per-

sonally don't think it is the intended way for romantic relationships," Ballman said.

Others think that individuals have the right to their privacy.

"It is not fair to go inside the bedroom of anyone, regardless of sexual orientation," Siska said.

Thomas Wright, a freshman in biological sciences, feels that people should do what they feel as long as it does not affect others.

"What people choose to do in their own privacy is not any of my concern," he said.

In his opinion, the ruling does not really affect life on campus because "people were not waiting for the ruling to engage in such activity."

"It is not like we are surrounded by homosexuality. You never see it really," said Thomas Ragot, a freshman in First Year College. "Homosexuals are not trying to impose their way of life on others. People are imagining things. It is just like being racist without ever coming in contact with members of the group you hate."

Reid said the case raises more questions and sparks more contro-

very than it quashed.

"The gay community may attempt to use the ruling to challenge laws and practices that discriminate against homosexuals in a wide range of areas such as employment, housing and family."

Siska's opinion concurs, as she said, "Now that the actual sex act is not deemed 'illegal,' we can move on to other aspects that are of more importance like attaining the same rights that heterosexuals have."

One primary concern may be whether *Lawrence v. Texas* will lead to a constitutional declaration supporting same-sex marriage.

"It is hard to predict whether or to what extent *Lawrence* will be employed in the same-sex marriage debate," Reid said.

"As young people today, the sexuality debate and the rights of heterosexuals and homosexuals will be the biggest and most influential social discussion over the next few decades," Jared Millrad, a sophomore in fisheries and wildlife sciences, said.

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Student arrested for financial fraud

Cordell Lyons was arrested by the Wake County Sheriff's Department and Apex Police on Friday.

Anna Kroyer
Staff Reporter

Cordell Antoine Lyons, a sophomore in computer engineering, was arrested in his residence hall on Friday and taken to the Wake County jail for financial identification fraud. Campus police assisted the Wake County Sheriff's Office and Apex Police in executing a search warrant for Lyons in North Hall.

Lyons was charged by the Wake County Sheriff's Office with five counts of financial identity fraud and one count of obtaining property by false pretense. The Apex Police Department also charged him with two counts of financial identity fraud.

According to the Wake County Sheriff's Office, Lyons was arrested as a result of an investigation

into stolen debit and credit card numbers. These numbers were used over the Internet to obtain car parts. The investigation is still open.

According to Campus Police Chief Tom Younce, the only involvement of Campus Police in the investigation was assistance in



Cordell Antoine Lyons

Friday's service of the warrant. He said they assisted Apex Police Department and the Wake County Sheriff's Department in gaining access to the residence hall and standing by for backup.

Lyons will make his first court appearance at 2 p.m. today. He is currently being held under \$15,000 secured bond for the five counts of identity fraud and \$6,000 secured for the remaining two counts.

Have fun with RecPack

Carmichael Gym's student development program is holding information sessions for future student employees this week.

Kate Renner
Staff Reporter

"All Work. All Play." This is the motto for the team of students employed at Carmichael Gym. More than 200 N.C. State students are a part of RecPack, Carmichael's student development program. Today and tomorrow RecPack is holding their biannual recruitment information sessions for any students interested in this unique employment opportunity.

Senior Brian Pittillo, a facility supervisor, said, "Being a part of RecPack has been the best job I've had because everything about working here has been about respecting others and staying encouraging." The RecPack team differs from other campus employment because

the Carmichael administration includes leadership activities for student employees. Most students are on committees, whether it be fundraising, social or recruitment. Students are also encouraged to include a resume with their application as well as participate in an interview process.

Dawn Sanner, director of Carmichael Gym, said, "This is the first time many students have made a resume. Our employment mirrors the same expectations and experience as life experience jobs." Students learn the importance of interviewing skills, presentation skills, student development and leadership. RecPack is moving toward becoming a completely student-run organization; as of now, the elected board of directors consists of students.

The 25-minute presentations will take place at Carmichael in Room 104, starting at 6 p.m. on both days; "Promptness is emphasized," Sanner said. RecPack is hiring basketball officials, facility team members, a marketing agent and club

sports supervisors.

There are also other benefits to working at Carmichael besides its on-campus location. All employees will be CPR, first aid and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certified for free.

Amanda Linyear, a junior in mathematics education, said, "RecPack team members go out of their way to make RecPack feel like a family."

Pittillo even used his CPR training one night while on duty with a police officer in response

to a cardiac arrest.

"I've had to deal with real life situations: emergencies, illnesses, threats. Working here has been very rewarding," Pittillo said.

Students intrigued by this "students first" work opportunity are invited to attend the informative session.

"It's not about just swiping the cards in the gym. We want people who are enthusiastic, want to gain something from this experience to bring to the real world," Sanner said.

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was such an awesome person," Ahsan said.

The memorial service on Friday opened as Khan's best friend, Maryam Ali, thanked everyone for coming and explained that there would be an opportunity for attendees to say a few words about Khan.

At a podium in the front of

the Brown Room, the following saying shadowed a 5x7 portrait of Khan. "Verily in the Remembrance of Allah do Hearts find Rest," Surah Ar-Raid Ayah said.

Beside these memorials sat a scrapbook where friends wrote letters of sympathy and comfort to Khan's family. Ali, who had previously collected pictures from Khan's friends, designed the scrapbook. Later this scrapbook as well as a video of the memorial made the trip to Minnesota with Ali and her husband, which they delivered to Khan's family.

Ali's husband, Modassar, began the memorial service with a traditional Islamic prayer recited

from the Islamic holy Quran in Arabic.

Then an open forum began, and 25 of Khan's friends approached the podium to share stories about Khan.

"I think that it really helped a lot just hearing funny stories; it put closure on the whole situation. Everyone was deeply affected by this," Ahsan said.

After almost an hour and a half, Rabiya Ahmed, who had driven in from Washington D.C., started a closing prayer in memory of Khan that reflected on the Islamic perspective of death. By sharing stories from the prophets, Khan's friends were able to send

their final thoughts to Khan who remains, according to Islamic religion, with the Angel of Death in a state where she is observing those who are praying for her and moving on without her.

"It has been hard dealing with Ahsan's loss, but it will get easier as time goes on. I can somewhat rest because I know that she is in a better place than this world can ever offer her," Seema Khan said.

Donations are being accepted in memory of Khan. Khan, an active toy collector, loved children and thus money is being collected to contribute to a Minnesota toy drive.

OPEN LETTER

Shaking, baking and aching with the flu

Mary Bengtson, M.D.
Medical Director, N.C. State Student Health Services

It is a special time of the semester with many upcoming visits with family and the Thanksgiving feast and finals less than a month away. Few things can destroy plans quicker than an uninvited visitor - influenza (flu).

Flu arrived at N.C. State last week, visited many students and is expected to hang around visiting others over the next few months before leaving.

If you were feeling well and are suddenly shaking and baking (temperature over 100), having aches, exhaustion, a sore throat, cough, runny nose, headache or some combination of these symptoms, it may be the flu.

A prescription medication started within 48 hours of onset of symptoms can shorten the course of the flu, so seeing a medical provider quickly is important. A rapid flu test done on nasal mucus takes about 15 minutes and can aid in diagnosis. Free over-the-counter throat lozenges, fever and cough medications, and decongestants may also be given upon visiting Student Health.

Even with appropriate medications, flu can lead to lost time from classes and getting behind. Once the fever and body aches are gone, it is not unusual for the fatigue and cough to linger. Antibiotics are sometimes needed for complications of flu, such as sinus infection, bronchitis and pneumonia.

With the media blitz advertising various medications, it can be confusing to know when to treat yourself and when to make a medical appointment. If the symptoms are a stuffy nose, slight scratchy throat and a minor cough, it may be a "cold" and appropriate to visit the Self-Care area of Student Health to choose items to treat the individual symptoms.

If there is any doubt about the diagnosis, and especially if symptoms include body aches, severe headache, impressive cough

or sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, persistent discolored nasal drainage or sputum, exhaustion, stiff neck, or temperature over 100, seeing a medical provider is important.

Remember that many illnesses that are not flu can have flu-like symptoms.

We welcome the end of mosquito season (West Nile virus) and tick season (Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), but other considerations may include mono, strep throat, sinus infection, acute HIV infection, hepatitis, meningitis, and other important infections. Seeing a medical provider for exam, testing and diagnosis is key.

Student Health is open 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. weekdays (we open at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays) and 8 a.m. until noon Saturdays, with appointments and Work-In Clinic available weekdays and weeknight Nurse Clinic, Saturday Physician Clinic, and after hours telephone medical advice available at other times. Call 515-7107 for a Student Health appointment.

An annual flu shot can protect students against flu. Many students took advantage of the immunization clinic offered Nov. 5 at Talley Student Center. A limited amount of flu vaccine is available to students by individual appointment at 515-7107 or look for ads about any last chance flu vaccine clinics.

To lessen the risk of getting the flu, frequent washing of hands, especially after being out in public, is important.

Eat well and get adequate rest. If you have the flu, be courteous to your roommates by disposing of used tissues and frequent washing of hands after touching the nose or coughing into hands.

If you are visiting family members, encourage them to get protected against flu so they will be healthy during your visit.

Keeping yourself and your family healthy can help assure that the only thing "foiled" is the Thanksgiving turkey and not your Thanksgiving plans!

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Frances Graham, the director of the Women's Center said, "Young women are going to be challenged in their choices because this is a serious ban. It has a different impact. Now women have to think about not only the psychological and physical effects, but also the consequences by the government."

Graham said, "Students can come share their perspective and Wolfpack NOW, the students arm of the National Organization for Women, is also able to discuss

abortion issues."

When signing the bill, President Bush said, "Today, at last, the American people and our

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Blackmon said, "The only positive effect the ban can have is to make women realize that their most personal and private rights are under attack and simply being pro-choice is no longer enough."

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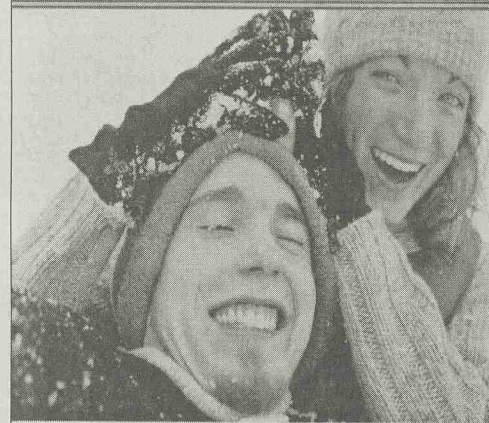
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

IMPROVE FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

OUR OPINION: UNIVERSITIES SHOULD DE-EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAT IN ADMISSIONS OR INCLUDE THEIR OWN WRITING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE CUTTING THE REQUIREMENT COMPLETELY.

High school students with their eye on Sarah Lawrence College can rejoice.

Beginning with the class of 2005, they'll no longer have to sacrifice three hours of their lives sitting in a classroom on an early Saturday morning scribbling in circles and dissecting the English language. The college is joining the ranks of a host of schools like Indiana State University, Wayne State University and the City University of New York and will no longer require standardized tests like the SAT for admission.

Officials from the college told the New York Times that a new writing requirement added to the SAT in time for the class of 2006 will not be helpful in evaluating students for their own writing-based curriculum. They also said their

decision would be a stand against an "unhealthy obsession" with test results.

Critics have long charged that the SAT is riddled with problems. Some students do not test well or panic in a timed, standardized test situation, they argue. Others say that test-taking prep programs that are often expensive or inaccessible to all make the test biased against minorities or the lower class.

But until a better alternative comes along, N.C. State and other schools should not eliminate standardized requirements completely. Instead, they should reexamine their emphasis and explore adding their own writing component.

At N.C. State, freshmen applicants are judged by their academic record and standardized test scores (the ACT or SAT), alone. Any list of extracurricular activities or personal essays are optional, but strongly encouraged.

In light of growing concerns about the fairness of SAT scores, schools like

N.C. State should reexamine their own requirements. More emphasis should be placed on the entire student - extracurricular activities and all - and less on raw scores and grades.

The new writing component for the SAT is a noble gesture that seeks to give students the opportunity to express themselves in another way. But it has its flaws. It is timed and highly subjective - eliminating the purpose for the standardized test to begin with. Also, readers will only have a few minutes to score the papers.

Instead of placing high emphasis on the SAT writing test, NCSU should consider requiring its own writing requirement as a simple evaluation of writing ability and as an opportunity for students to share part of their lives that is not evident or clear from a simple transcript.

A university of achievers cannot be built on numbers alone, and it must start with freshmen admissions.

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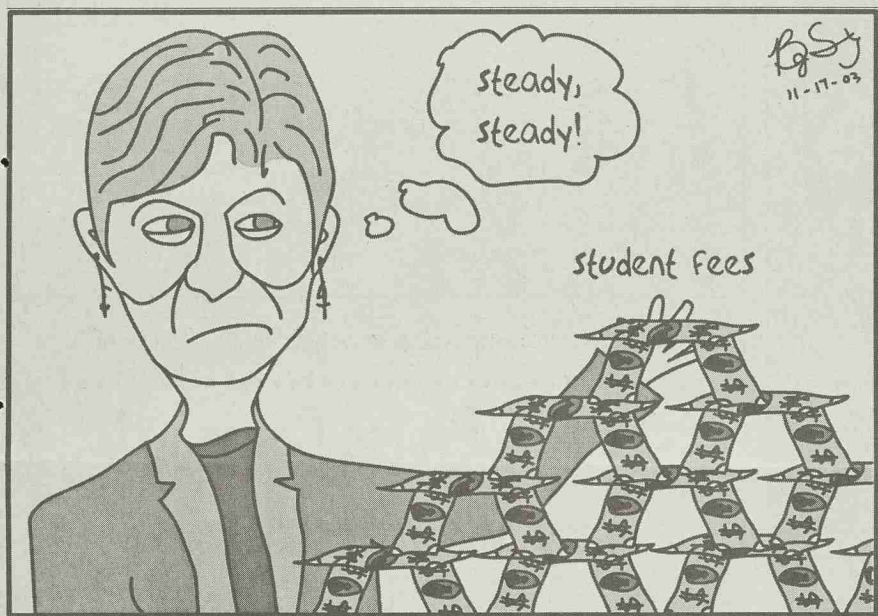
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GUEST COLUMN

Ways to fight tuition increases

The Wolfpack Student Initiative was established to help students who cannot afford tuition to attend N.C. State.

How much does your education cost you? Are you in debt to N.C. State? At what point would you no longer be able to spare the money for the rapidly rising costs of tuition? Too many students are at or near that point, forced to take a semester off or leave college all together because the costs are just too high.



Nick DiColandrea

Co-Founder
 Wolfpack
 Student Initiative

On Nov. 15, 2001, a few students, faculty, and parents gathered in a little-noticed ceremony to battle these concerns. The ceremony was kickoff for the Wolfpack Student Initiative, the first completely student run endowment and a memorial fund for students that pass away while attending NCSU. The increasing rate of higher education has caused more than just alarm from many students, anger and pessimism have resulted for many, but for others it has been the necessary catalyst pushing students to fight for change.

Those fighting for change created the Wolfpack Student Initiative (WSI) and endowment based on the same principles that so many of us here stand for: compassion, loyalty, and decency. The WSI is about changing the future of students who cannot afford to go to college because of the cost; it is about looking out for our fellow Wolfpack and helping out fellow students who are in a time of need.

The current amounts of unmet financial need are staggering and there is no end to tuition increases in sight.

Since the 1998-1999 school year more than 6,000 students have applied for financial aid each year and as of September 2003, 7,614 students are in need. North Carolina residents represent more than 80 percent of those in need, meaning that NCSU is in risk of running short of its purpose - to provide affordable education to everyone.

Although extensive efforts are being taken by the university to meet the high levels of unmet financial need many are still left barely able to attend NCSU. For the 2002-2003 school year unmet financial aid for students topped out at 11.5 million dollars, more than 25 percent of all financial aid was unmet by the university, scholarships and grants combined. Since 1998, undergraduate seniors have left NCSU with an average of over \$13,000 in debt. It is time that students step in and take an active role in decreasing the high levels of unmet financial need.

This is where the Wolfpack Student Initiative comes into play. The endowment seeks to be a scholarship to students who still have costs to make up after all scholarships, loans and grants have been utilized in hopes that students will graduate not only with a degree, but also without debt.

As you know, a plan has been passed to increase tuition \$300 each year for the next three years, a \$900 increase from just NCSU with additional increases from the UNC Board of Governors and the General Assembly likely. The sad fact we must face is that tuition is rising, instead of sitting idly by and watching the Wolfpack family suffer you should take part in WSI and help your fellow students. Now in its second full year, the WSI has raised over \$15,000 and has become an official, permanent endowment embedded within the university, as long as there is unmet need. While the university

"The current amounts of unmet financial need are staggering and there is no end to tuition increases in sight."

traditionally looks for money from outside sources to combat the whole of financial aid, the WSI, run completely by students, looks more towards the students of and from NCSU to battle the specifics of unmet need.

Donations from outside sources are still gladly accepted! Truly, we all have a great opportunity to help each other out and offer students a hand up, it falls to us to help each other before it becomes too late.

The WSI plans to raise over \$20,000 in its Phase One plan. The semester after this goal is reached; the first scholarships will be awarded. Scholarships will be rewarded to the students deemed by the university to have the most unmet financial need after all loans, grants and other scholarships have been taken into account. With this goal in mind, the WSI has set an even higher bar of reaching \$100,000 within the first five years of its inception.

To reach their goal, the WSI is going back out to the students on the week of Nov. 17-21 in the 3rd annual Brickyard Battle Against Financial Aid. Activities ranging from pie tossing to car bashing will take place to raise money for WSI. With the new campus increases promised at least \$900 for the next few years, students as a unified body need to act and act quick. It doesn't matter if this battle is for you or someone you know, what matters in this battle, in the success of the WSI, is if anything, this is for the future. Our future relies on those that come here after we do, so think past yourself and that dollar you would have spent on a soda, let's do this for the kids.

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China's "opening" suspect

Robert Jallal discusses the financial power that China is slowly taking from the United States.

To seemingly warm reception, China announced last week increased import allowances for American cars, car parts, planes and plane engines.

Far from liberalization, the dollar amounts of the new Chinese imports (about \$5.7 billion total) dwarf the over \$100 billion annual trade surplus the country holds with the United States. Therefore, one might ask: What is the significance of the deals made last week, and what do they reveal about the motives of the Chinese government?

For almost anyone, it is easy to draw a straight line between recent American complaints about the valuation of the Chinese yuan and last week's opening. As a New York Times article points out, the moves by China mirror Japan's policy of acquiescing slightly to United States demands in trade disputes of the 1970s and 1980s. More subtly, one must note that Japanese negotiators tend to resolve trade disputes quickly and without much bombast; typically, such trade disputes looked almost one-sided, with the United States voicing most of the complaints.

Presumably, the value in a "quiet acquiescence" policy is that it gives Americans a feeling of victory while allowing Chinese ventures to fly under the radar. Indeed, the United States always came away with concessions from the Japanese over cars in the 1980s, but one observes the reality today where Toyota is the most profitable car company in the United States and has a market capitalization many times larger than its nearest United States competitor. Here, Japan quietly

won the car race and America loudly lost it.

The Japanese experience should then be prophetic in any trade negotiations America now has with China. It is well known that China heavily protects and favors domestic industry. To those ends, China has been quite successful in importing superior technology from foreign companies by dangling the possibility of access to Chinese markets. Through foreign direct investment, China has upgraded its technology by leaps while foreign

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companies have largely been unable to break into Chinese markets.

With regards to China's new importing of finished planes and cars, one can see that these actions serve the complimentary goal of exposing Chinese manufacturers to top-notch foreign competition without actually severely endangering Chinese companies. Here, the competition provides incentive for Chinese companies to match international standards in car production quality.

The importing of parts also gives China a jump on its goal of developing advanced, value-added industries. For example, as part of the \$5.7 billion of imports mentioned above, \$3 billion are for engines for a domestically produced airliner. Even if it has to import some parts, China's march to the international market for planes is being advanced by these recent trade deals. This parallels the development of South Korean car-makers such as Kia, who are making

inroads into international car markets but still have to import their engines from Japan.

China's advance begs the question, what happens to the United States once it loses its edge in high-value industries such as car or plane manufacturing? The aircraft industry, at least politically, seems to be of utmost importance to America. Indeed, the government is the biggest source of life support for aircraft manufacturers.

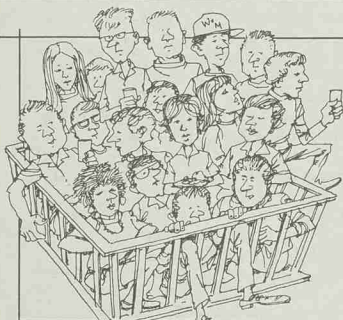
More importantly, what happens to important research and development work if American producers cannot sustain themselves against Chinese competition? The United States advantage over the world has always been its lead in research and development over the rest of the world. However, we have seen that a modern America can lose the lead in individual industries, such as cars and electronics. In addition, there is no limit to what the United States can lose in the future.

As Britain to the Netherlands, or America to Britain, or Japan to America, or South Korea to Japan, China's development is to the United States; the developer lessens the power of the developed. On a China scale, more than a lessening could happen.

Over \$5 billion from China today far exceeds the benefit of an easy, albeit transparent effort to diffuse a trade dispute. China's spending also doesn't stop at an incremental step towards WTO compliance, an achievement that carries political leverage more than anything else. China's moves are made with long-term goals firmly in mind. It would perhaps behoove Americans to realize that those goals entail unseating the United States as the world's superpower.

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A celebration of Latino culture through dance, music and spoken word.
8 p.m.-10 p.m.
Stewart Theatre
Sponsored by Mi Familia (Hispanic Student Association)
General admission: \$5, students: \$4
Tickets can be ordered from Ticket Central, 515-1100

Study abroad photo contest
See the world through the eyes of N.C. State study abroad students.
View the winning photos at <http://www.ncsu.edu/studyabroad/photo/index.html>

Tuesday, 11.18
Ethnic dress day
Wear something indicative/traditional of your culture.

Study abroad brown bag lunch
Students and faculty will share their international study experiences. Dessert and beverages will be provided.
12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.
Biltmore Hall, Room 2221.

South Asian Film Festival
The film "Fire" will be featured.
7:30 p.m.
Erdahl-Cloyd Theater, D.H. Hill Library, Room 2304
Sponsored by South Asian Studies, D.H. Hill Library, EKTA and Geet Bazaar

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Free admission

Wednesday, 11.19
Peace Corps - "Life is Calling - How Far Will You Go?"
5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
3118 Talley Student Center

Thursday, 11.20
"A Carolina Christmas Show: Welcome to New York" begins today and runs to Sunday, Nov. 23. Opportunity for a New York Christmas shopping experience, featuring nearly 500 exhibitors.
Show hours: Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Raleigh Convention Center
Admission: \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, children under 16 admitted free

"Iraq and All That - The European View on the Terrorist Threat and the Iraq Imbrolio"
4 p.m.
Caldwell Lounge
Speaker: Dr. Immo Stabreit, former German ambassador to the United States, France and South Africa
Sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and International Programs.

Global Gatherings
Weekly informal cultural discussion group for Americans and internationals every Thursday afternoon.
An opportunity to meet people from

around the world and for international students to practice English with Americans.
Snacks and beverages provided.
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
107 Witherspoon Student Center
Sponsored by the Office of International Scholar & Student Services (OISSS).

Friday, 11.18
International issues in forestry
Students will explore and discuss a variety of forestry issues encountered during their research experiences in China, India, Sweden, South Africa, Peru, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Thailand and the Tonga Islands. Pizza will be served.
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English conversation club
Weekly conversation hour where Americans volunteer to help international students practice English conversation in an informal setting.
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214 Daniels Hall
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College of Natural Resources share international experiences.
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Similar success for Pack

Todd Lion
 Senior Sports Writer

GREENVILLE - Only 10 days separate the district and national championships for the N.C. State cross country teams.

Before the regional race, head coach Rollie Geiger compared the district championships to a preliminary qualifying race in track. The main goal for the teams Saturday was to finish in the top two, qualify for nationals and leave as much gas in the tank as possible for nationals.

Both teams accomplished this goal, though with different results.

The 14th-ranked men's team put on a clinic for the rest of the Southeastern District, placing six runners on the All-District team and finishing all five scoring runners in the top 11 places to run away with the title. The women couldn't overcome North Carolina's 1-2-3 finish, but they still ran a strong race, finishing second and automatically qualifying for the national race.

"We're trying to use this as a stepping stone," Geiger said. "We view this as a qualifying race for nationals, and I think we did a good job."

Andy Smith was the Pack's top runner for the second time this postseason, finishing comfortably in fourth place with a time of 30:09.

"Andy looked really comfortable up front," Geiger said of the junior, who barely looked winded as he cruised down the final stretch. "We told him not to chase people too much during the race."

Following 17 seconds behind Smith was a pack of four State runners. Chad Pearson led this group across the line in eighth place; ninth and tenth belonged to true freshmen Bobby Mack and Wes Smith, respectively. Allen Bader rounded out the Wolfpack's scorers in 11th place. The first three were all timed at 30:26, with Bader crossing the line one second later.

"A little bit on we were a little worried," Mack said. "We saw that Virginia and William & Mary had packs up front. Chad's a fifth-year senior and kept telling us 'we're fine, they're going to come back to us.' Chad told us that, and we trusted him."

This was the longest race Mack had ever run - 2,000-meters longer than the conference championship race - and he trusted the experience of his older teammate.

"It's a longer race and you need to be a little more patient," Pearson said. "The plan coming into this race was

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Soccer hopes for bid

Jon Page
 Senior Staff Writer

Three days after a 2-1 loss to Maryland in the semifinals of the ACC tournament, N.C. State men's soccer players and coaches are keeping their fingers crossed that a shootout victory over North Carolina in the opening round will be enough to propel the Wolfpack into its first NCAA tournament appearance since 1994.

"I don't want to stop coaching this team," head coach George Tarantini said after Friday night's loss. "I hope I'll have another opportunity to keep going because I really like this team. The more they play, the better they'll get."

State (9-8-2) goalkeeper Jorge

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Philip Rivers (right) is consoled by teammate Derek Morris after throwing an incomplete pass on fourth-and-one in a 50-44 overtime loss to Florida State.

N.C. STATE AGAIN FELL IN OVERTIME ON THE ROAD WHEN IT FAILED TO CONVERT A FOURTH-AND-ONE IN OVERTIME.

Matt Middleton
 Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. - In the same jerky motion, that right arm had delivered the ball to that pair of hands so many times. To be exact, more than 175 times the two had hooked up in their careers - 10 times that night in Doak Campbell Stadium alone.

So with the game on the line, with more than 80,000 people bending their right elbows forming the "Tomahawk Chop," with the conference title up for grabs, with a BCS berth hanging in the balance, N.C. State felt it had to go to its "bread 'n butter" play.

But this time, Philip Rivers threw incomplete to Jerricho Cotchery on fourth down in the game's second overtime after Florida State linebacker Alan Augustin barely got his hand on the ball to disrupt its flight. The pass then bounced off Cotchery's hands and held N.C. State (7-4, 4-3 ACC) scoreless on its possession, opening the door for the Seminoles (9-2, 7-1) to win, which they obliged with a Leon Washington 12-yard touchdown run to clinch their 11th ACC title and a spot in a BCS bowl.

In a game where the outcome seemed to swing on any number of plays, it was the fourth-and-one from the 16-yard line that will be analyzed forever.

"Coach Amato had confidence in us. It was a play we had been running the entire game," Cotchery said. "We had been moving the ball well, why not go for it?"

Which is what Amato did instead of attempting a 33-yard field goal. Rivers had passed for 422 yards - the most the Seminoles had surrendered since 1995 - and found Cotchery for seven first downs and two touchdowns in the previous 73 plays.

"I wasn't going to lose it by playing not to win," Amato said. "It would have killed me if something happened to that field goal because I got an All-



Jerricho Cotchery wasn't stopped many times Saturday, finishing with 10 grabs.

American quarterback...that's the best there is."

The play had been set up after Rivers had been stuffed on a quarterback sneak the play before. After calling a timeout, Rivers scrambled in the pocket, then looked to run for the first down before flipping the ball to a streaking Cotchery just in front of him only to have Augustin alter its course.

"We ran our bread 'n butter play, and they covered it pretty good," Rivers said.

The two teams had traded scores in the first overtime after a series of game-changing plays occurred in the last five minutes of regulation.

Trailing by a touchdown, Rivers drove State just past midfield with around four minutes to play. On third-and-two from the FSU 44, the Seminoles blitzed and pressured Rivers, but he quickly got rid of the ball to

an open Tramain Hall, who scampered 44 yards to paydirt.

State forced Florida State to quickly punt on the subsequent possession, giving the ball back to State with 2:25 left.

On the first play after the punt, Rivers fired to an open Brian Clark, who picked up 18 yards before fumbling. The Seminoles' B.J. Ward recovered in State territory. It was State's third lost fumble of the day, compared to none for FSU.

"If we didn't have turnovers today, it would have probably been a blowout," Cotchery said. "Turnovers killed us."

This one wouldn't, however, thanks to the big paw of freshman Derek Morris. The Seminoles drove to the State 15-yard line with just five ticks remaining on the clock to set up a game-winning field goal. State iced

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Stories of an epic

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. - After leaving Columbus, Ohio on Sept. 14, I knew it'd be a long time before I experienced a college football game just as good, just as thrilling, just as special as I'd witnessed in N.C. State's 44-38 loss at Ohio State.

If a long time is two months, I was right.

You see, I just finished watching a four-and-a-half hour Shakespearean masterpiece, and the heart rate is still high, the legs still shaky, and my head still shaking. The late Jack Buck is dancing in my head, repeating over and over, "I don't believe what I just saw."

I want to tell you about it, of the images, the sights and sounds. Let you walk around Doak Campbell Stadium on a late fall afternoon, as day turns to night and game turns to history.

So, here it is: N.C. State and Florida State, two teams, budding rivals, in front of 83,000 people. And it's loud, so bring earplugs. In fact, it might be best if you just found a pair of those air traffic controller headphones. So loud, in fact, that if you yelled this sentence with a bullhorn at just about any point in the fourth quarter, you'd go hoarse trying to get yourself to hear it.

You'll hear the war chant about as much as you blink, and if you're a Florida State fan, you might develop tennis elbow by partaking in the "The Chop." And if you are one of a small but powerful sea of red - keep cheering, because you're heard. At some points, you are the loudest group in the stadium, like when the Wolfpack scores on a 44-yard pass play late in the fourth quarter to tie it.

That Tramain Hall score assures this one of classic status, because that makes it 37-37, and with that score, in this stadium, with these two teams, you couldn't cut the tension and drama with a chainsaw.

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