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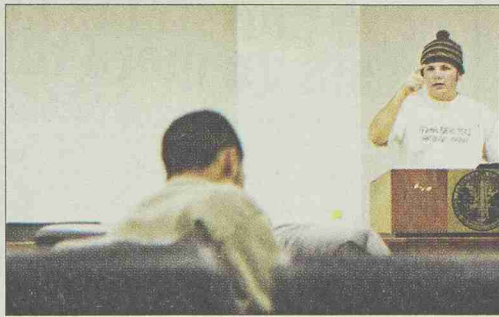
Kenneth Ball
Staff Reporter

While most students locked themselves in their rooms to study for final exams, the body of the Student Senate convened Wednesday night in Witherspoon Student Center.

Wednesday night's regularly scheduled senate session was the last meeting before the end of the fall semester.

A delegation from the NCSU Libraries gave a presentation on their contract negotiations with Reed Elsevier for its ScienceDirect online product.

David Shuford, a master's student in genetics, said that Reed Elsevier is offering NCSU Libraries, along with the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN), a contract deal that is unfavorable



Mark Matthew counts missing senators at the meeting on Tuesday. Senators attributed the absences to Dead Week studying and work.

in light of budget problems that the libraries are facing.

"[The contract] doesn't allow us to effectively manage the journal

subscriptions, in terms that the library feels it can support," Shuford said.

Shuford and the delegation

asked for the senate's approval of a resolution supporting the NCSU Libraries position not to renew the Elsevier ScienceDirect Contract.

Student Body President, Tony Caravano, then thanked senate members for their continued involvement in the tuition and fees process and discussed the current status of proposed tuition increases.

Seth Lester, student body treasurer, also discussed the current student government budget and audit, as well as a plan to set up credit information booths during the first days of the spring semester.

Citing concern over the increasing debt-related suicide rate in college students, Lester said these booths will provide information to students about the risks and responsibilities of credit card use.

A community responsibility

The Counseling Center offers counselors and help for those who feel overwhelmed, depressed or in crisis.

Diane Cordova
Deputy News Editor

After three apparent suicides at New York University this fall, the issue of suicide prevention has been pushed center stage on college campuses.

"Suicide prevention is a community responsibility," Lee Salter, director of the N.C. State Counseling Center, said. "If anyone you know is having suicidal ideas or makes an attempt, it is important that they seek help."

On N.C. State's campus, according to Salter, about 4 percent of students that the Counseling Center sees for personal counseling reported extreme trouble with suicidal thoughts.

He estimated that the actual number of students who report that they are struggling with moderate or severe suicidal thoughts has risen from about 100 to about 120 over the last three years.

"If [a student is] struggling with suicidal thoughts, we are always available in the Counseling Center or on-call," Salter said.

For individuals who don't want to see a counselor, Salter suggested talking to a chaplain or a physician. He said that the important thing is to talk to someone.

"It is very important that

Counseling Center

Counselors are available to assist students dealing with depression and students who may be contemplating suicide during the center's office hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and in emergencies anytime the counseling center is closed.

Walk-in hours are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Counselors respond to emergencies around the clock.

The on-call counselor is available every day year-round and can be contacted at 515-3333.

serious or even joking expressions of suicidal ideas, especially if they are repeated, be taken seriously," Salter said.

In Salter's experience, suicidal thoughts are frequently associated with loss, depression and/or relationship crises.

"I think that with all the war and troubles in the world, depression is becoming more common, even here at school. Homework, assignments or whatever you have going on can seem like a mountain sometimes," Zac Schell, a junior in technology education, said.

Salter said signs of depression include sleep difficulty or excessive sleep, crying spells, withdrawal from activities, loss of appetite or overeating and a general sense of hopelessness.

Salter noted that depression has many causes - "situational, medical or both."

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Ryan Hutcheson, a senior in computer science, makes a picture frame out of K'netex for his ENG 331 class. After the frame is finished he will have to write a paper directing others on how to recreate the frame.

FACES IN THE PACK

True to her roots



Cassandra Locklear pushes students in her hometown to pursue higher education.

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

Cassandra Locklear knows everything there is to know about the Lumbee tribe.

Locklear, born in a predominantly American Indian community, was raised to appreciate her American Indian roots. When she first came to N.C. State, the amount of students who did not know about Lumbee Indians surprised her.

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Living with HIV

Jose Ramirez shared his experience of contracting, learning and living with HIV as part of Student Global AIDS Campaign.

Aniesha Felton
Senior Staff Reporter

"I see him and I runaway. I blame him, but then I don't blame him. It was my responsibility to ask - I should have asked to use a condom," Jose Ramirez said.

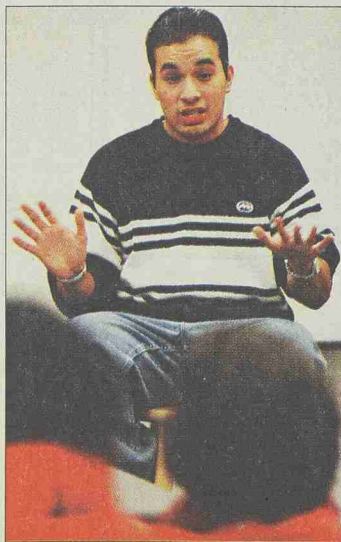
On Tuesday, Ramirez spoke to a group of students in an event sponsored by the Student Global AIDS Campaign (SGAC). Ramirez told the audience that he feels it's his responsibility to tell people about AIDS and HIV.

"I just want people to know and be educated. This disease has no respective person," he said. "I do this day in and day out because it is a mission God has given me to do."

Ramirez contracted HIV when he was 16-years-old from his "sugar daddy." According to Ramirez, his parents were poor, they couldn't afford to give him the things he always needed, much less what he wanted.

"I mean this guy gave me everything. All I had to do was what he wanted. If he didn't want to use a condom, fine with me. I didn't

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Jose Ramirez shares his experiences as an HIV positive youth with students at a forum on Tuesday. "Young people think they are invisible, that they can't get [HIV]," Ramirez said. The event was put on by the Student Global Aids Campaign.

No leads for Price break-in

Ben McNeely
Staff Reporter

Campus Police are investigating a break-in and robbery at Price Music Center over the Thanksgiving holiday but have no suspects or motive yet. A student discovered the break-in around 11:20 a.m. on Sunday.

The perpetrator broke into one office on the second floor and attempted to break into two others. A multimedia projector and a camcorder were stolen.

In addition, the perpetrator stole several instruments from a locker in the downstairs area. A handmade violin valued at \$8,000, two French horns, a trumpet, six horn mouthpieces, a metronome and a horn mute were missing from a locker.

Tony Sprinkle, the marching

band assistant, discovered the break-in.

"I found the back stairwell door was propped open with a folder. I picked up the folder, looked down the hall and saw broken glass near Professor Ward's door. That's when I knew something had happened," Sprinkle said.

The back outside door to the building also had been propped open.

The camcorder and projector were stolen from the office of Shana Tucker-Williams, the building administrator. Her office is a part of a suite of offices protected by two large doors with a metal bar protecting the lock. The bar was bent, which allowed access to the door latch.

It wasn't until later that evening that a student discovered

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The Lumbee tribe is located in southeastern North Carolina and their name originates from the Lumbee River. The Lumbee tribe is the ninth largest tribe in the nation.

"I grew up in a place where just about everyone was Lumbee Indian. We all have the same look, talk the same, eat the same kinds of food, same music and we mostly have the same values. When I came to NCSU, it was like a culture shock because I had rarely been away from home and never for more than a week," Locklear said.

Because many do not know about the Lumbee tribe, Locklear is asked a lot of questions.

"I get asked all the time what nationality I am and rarely ever does anyone even guess American Indian," she said. "A lot of people do not know the Lumbee Tribe or about many other natives. That really shocked me when I came to school too because although I had been out of the state and traveled, I always saw family and I didn't realize that we were not as well-known as I thought."

Locklear loves her hometown

and would still like to help it out as much as she can.

"I love that I grew up in a place where I didn't have to explain what I was or why I talked the way I do," Locklear said.

She plans to help her hometown by getting more American Indian students from the Lumbee area to further their education and to educate others. Many from her hometown have only high school degrees, and some even lack that.

"It seems to be getting better, but I encourage these kids to go away to school or at least to get out of our hometowns for a while because when we venture out into the world, more people can learn about our heritage," she said.

Locklear has a drive to educate others as well as pursue her own educational goals.

"I am passionate about American Indian studies and learning more about the traditions of my tribe as well as those of other tribes," Locklear said. "Another goal is to get my masters in business. Eventually, I'd like to own my own business. I also am very interested in serving the people of my hometown and helping to make it easier for them to get a better education and have a better quality of life."

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the instruments were missing. Ted Gellar, president of Mu Beta Psi, the music fraternity, went to his locker after a meeting and found it was empty except for some music folders. The combination lock was missing from the locker, and it was unclear if the lock had been forced.

A standard investigation is underway. There are no suspects or motives as of yet, according to Sgt. Jon Barnwell of Campus Police.

However, Barnwell feels that there are ways they might be able to locate the stolen items.

"One good piece of information is that the instruments that were stolen are very specific. The students provided us with serial numbers and descriptions so if they do turn up, we can track them down easily," Barnwell said.

"We are taking extra precautions to reinforce the building and secure the instruments," Tucker-Williams said.

Individuals with information concerning the robbery, can contact Campus Police at 515-3000.

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Prolonged high stress levels are one frequent cause of depression, according to Salter. When the Counseling Center comes across a student contemplating suicide,

Salter said, "We try to assist them with resolving the underlying causes of the suicidal feelings and relieving the related symptoms of anxiety and depression."

Salter feels that suicide prevention begins with the many campus resources that help students maintain their physical and mental health.

"I think that N.C. State is doing well with providing resources, but I also know that we are not reaching all of the students who could use our help. Many students, however, are helped - particularly this time of year - because someone cared enough to be aware of the distress of someone around them."

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want to lose him and the benefits of being with him over a simple condom," he said.

Ramirez said that the 30-year-old man was always taking medicine and that when he asked about it, the "sugar daddy" said he had diabetes. Ramirez didn't find out really what the medicine was for until he was in a club and a stranger came up to him and told him it was for AIDS.

Reluctant to take an HIV test, Ramirez told the audience that he waited a couple of weeks before he did so. The first time he took the test, it came out negative, but he took it again three months later and found out he was positive.

"When they told me that I was HIV-positive I had no feeling, I just wanted to go back to my cooking class," Ramirez said. "When I got home I was like 'oh sh--', I have AIDS and I'm going to die."

Because Ramirez didn't know too much about the disease and he was taking five pills in the morning and three at night and had no understanding as to why he was taking the medicine, he went out into the community searching for youth groups that could educate him on his disease. Since then, Ramirez has gone around speaking to churches, youth groups and college students to make people aware of the disease.

Ramirez said that he doesn't want to preach to people because that would turn them off, but he wants to make it clear that people are not invincible, anybody can get it.

"Some people think that they cannot be touched, that 'this could never happen to me; I want to shake them and say 'No, this can happen to you.' One mistake, one request not asked, and you could be f--ed up for the rest of your life," he said.

Ramirez shared that when he told his father that he was HIV-positive, his father replied, "Well, that's what you get. Only people like you get this disease."

Ramirez said that although people often think this, with the exception of his father, he doesn't get too many "smart comments" like these anymore.

After concluding his story, Ramirez asked the audience if they knew what the downstairs bathrooms at Crabtree Valley Mall, Homestead Park, Duke's library and student center bathrooms and the three bookstores on Highway 70 have in com-

mon.

When no one answered, he said, "These are the hotspots for cruising."

Cruising is when men are "serviced" by other men. Ramirez stated that the majority of the men who go to these places are married and these men have no regard for safe sex.

While on the topic of safe sex, Ramirez commented that he is against abstinence-only programs.

"I work with 11-year-olds who are already engaging in sex and could tell me more about sex than me," he said. "Nowadays, we need to promote safe sex harder and more persistently than abstinence, because what Bush is doing now is not working."

Briefly, Ramirez told the audience that he does not have AIDS, but HIV. After explaining that with HIV the immune system can still fight off disease and that AIDS makes the immune system

too weak to do anything.

According to Ramirez, it doesn't really matter what he has because he thinks about it all the time.

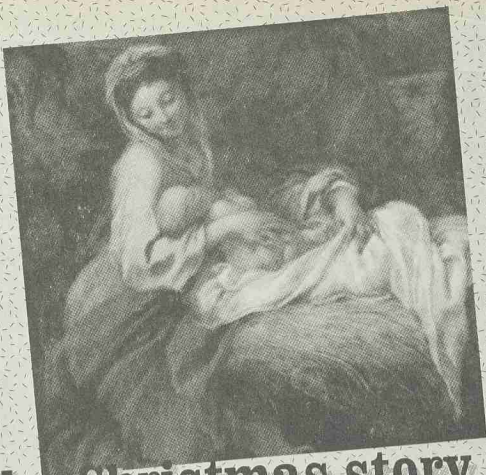
"I try not to think about it, but it is hard," he said. "I wake up every single morning, conscious of my state. It's horrible, but I have to stay optimistic."

Sheena Sherman, a junior in business management was glad she came to the event.

"I learned so much. A lot of the things he talked about I have never heard of, like cruising and the cost of medicine," she said. "He was a really good speaker, it is a shame that more people didn't come. Whether they have the disease or not, they really could have learned a lot tonight."

Mike Adelman, a sophomore in microbiology said that he enjoyed Ramirez's openness.

"He was very candid and open. It was intriguing to see the perspective of someone with the disease," Adelman said.



The Christmas story rests on more than straw.

When it comes to the historical facts about Christmas, some people feel Christianity rests its claims on straw, that it is merely wishful thinking. Some would even question whether Jesus actually ever existed. Other than the Bible, did anyone else write about Jesus? Yes. The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, who lived soon after Jesus, mentions in his Jewish Antiquities that Jesus was a wise man who did surprising feats, taught many, won over followers from Jews and Greeks, was believed to be the Messiah, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and was considered to be resurrected. Roman historians, such as Cornelius Tacitus (considered the greatest historian of ancient Rome), also wrote of Jesus.

Then there are the eyewitness accounts of the gospels. Even the broadest scholarly consensus finds the gospels to be historically reliable, describing the life and works of an actual person—Jesus. He taught, healed, and lived such an extraordinary life that by the end of the first century nearly a million Jews had come to believe he was the Messiah.

The question is not whether Jesus lived. The only real question is a personal one. As Jesus asked his disciple Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" A good place to begin investigating is by asking God to reveal the truth to you—He will. God promises in the Bible, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Then open to the section of the Bible called "John" and begin reading. If you have questions, contact us at EveryStudent.com.

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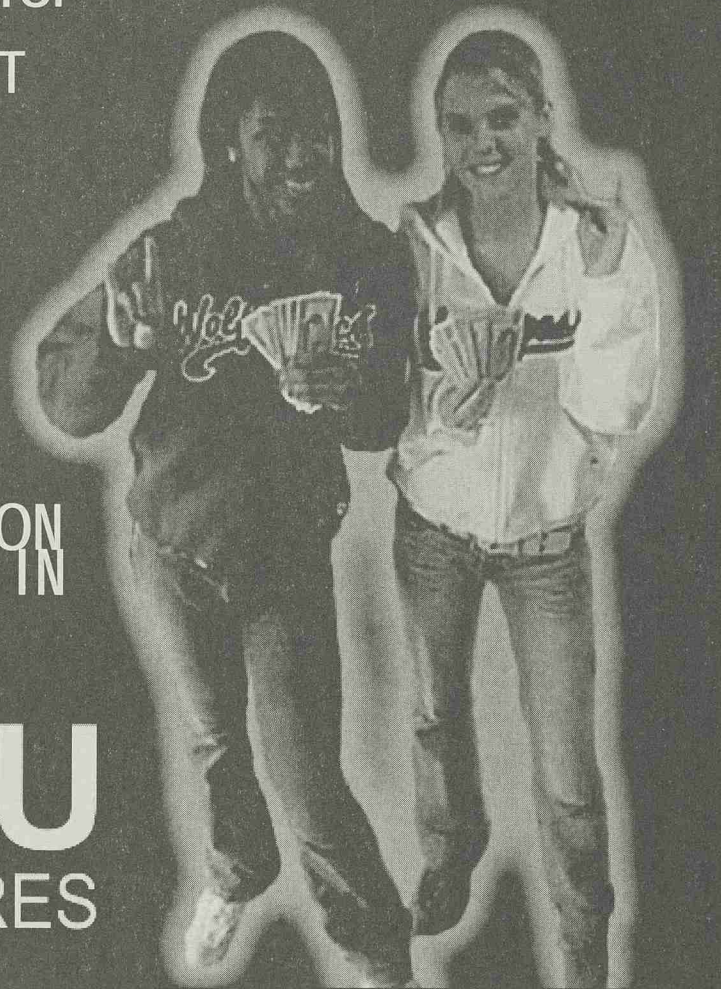
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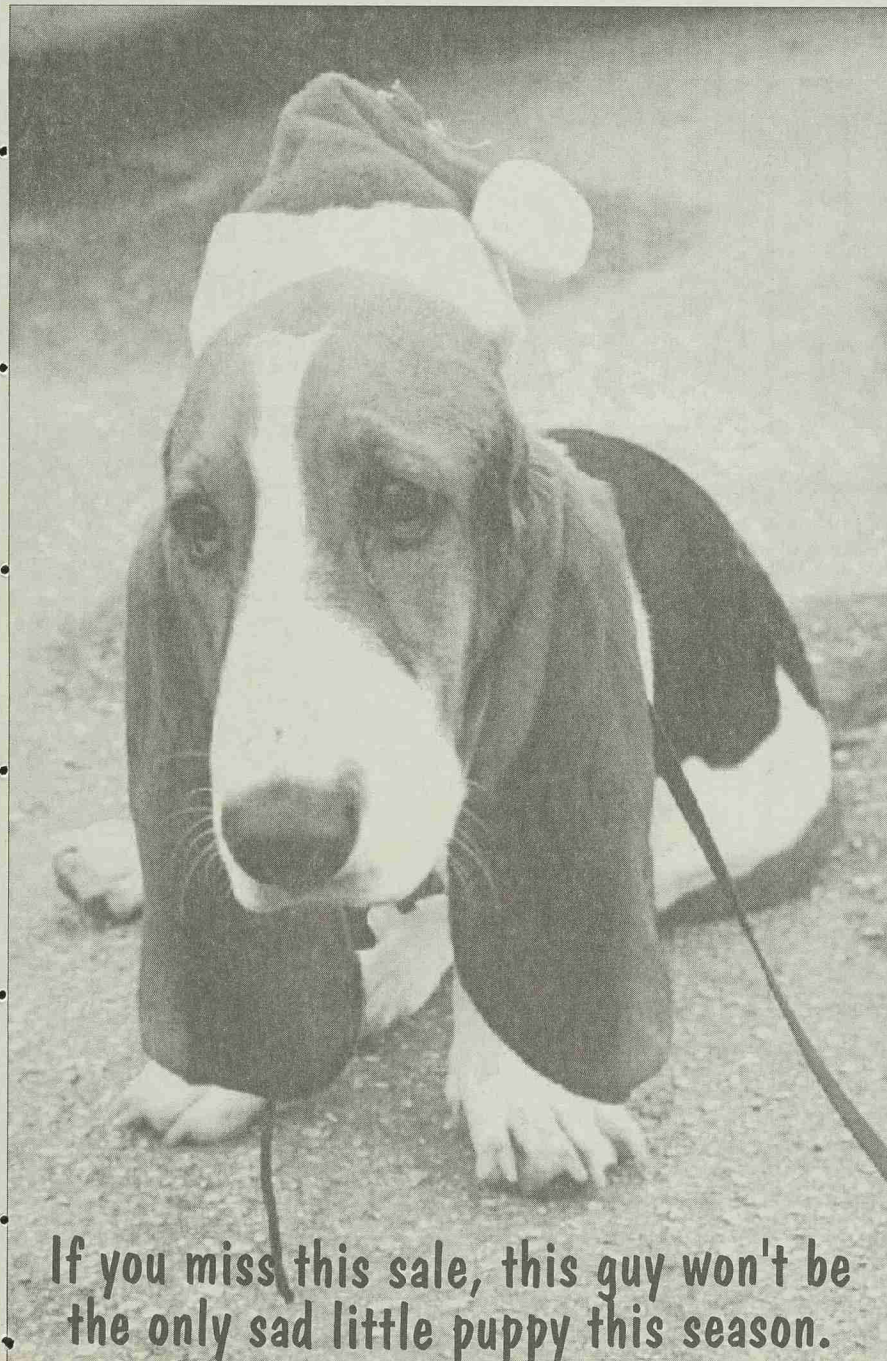
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FASHION COMMENTARY

Fashion! Turn to the left

Ashley Hink
Senior Staff Writer

Between dodging omnibuses and making beelines around solicitors at Piccadilly Circus, I occasionally found homage in the fabulous clothing and shoe stores lining the busy streets of London this past summer. While it is an hour plane ride north of Paris, the designated fashion capitol of Europe - if not the world, London hardly lacks the edgy style and fashion trends of its American sister city, New York City. With my light red hair, large black shoulder bag, torn jeans and Puma sneakers, I should have had "American tourist" tattooed on my forehead.

Upon entry into most stores, many sales people would flock around me with their best plastered-on fake smiles and beautifully crafted British greetings to provoke consumer and fashion gullibility from this American credit card holder. However, while traveling down a scarcely walked cobblestone street lined with Prada, Burberry, Coach and Hermes boutiques, just to name a few, I encountered a much different shopping experience.

Because it was the sale season and I had been a frugal spender over most of my stay, I joyfully entered the Max Mara boutique in hopes of finding a fabulous slinky black blouse to flaunt back in the United States. Yet, while sifting through the carefully hung beautiful clothing, I couldn't help but notice cold and unwelcoming glares

from perfectly tailored saleswomen. They energetically greeted and sucked up to older, well-dressed customers, but not once approached me to see if I needed help - even after I carried around a silk dress with the intent of trying it on. However, the women looked more nauseated at the site of me rather than eager to guide me to a dressing room. So, I placed the dress back on the rack making sure to leave one shoulder off the hanger in hopes of it falling on the floor and left the store feeling neglected and second-rate.



I mean, my gosh, I had on Levi's Premium jeans that usually run for \$149 and Gucci sunglasses, I totally looked savvy enough to be in there! Sure, the jeans were marked down to \$50 at a Saks 5th Avenue outlet store and

the Gucci glasses were at least three seasons old, but I was voted "best dressed" in high school and refuse to believe that my taste in fashion has wavered that low. What did those 30-something year-old women with developing wrinkles and saggy boobs have on me?

Somewhere between sitting among South American women toting classic Louis Vuitton luggage on the plane and attending the first fraternity band party of the year where guys continuously turned their heads to stare at girls' butts tightly wrapped in costly Diesel and Seven denim, I figured it all out. In trendy, metropolitan areas where young women sip on \$10 cocktails and flaunt much more than

breasts enhanced by Victoria's Secret push-up bras, some girls are more likely to ask another, "Who is your shirt by?" rather than "Where do you work?" or "What are you getting a degree in?" Designer clothing and accessories symbolize far more than one's sense of taste and style; they represent status and power.

Jennifer Lopez struts her stuff in Versace skirts rather than Gap cords, the cast of "Friends" attends Donna Karan fashion shows in New York rather than midnight sales at Old Navy, prominent political figures properly wear well-tailored Armani suits and even rappers that supposedly grew up in housing projects proudly sport Coach pants.

For greater understanding on the phenomena of designer names positively correlated with wealth, fame and social power, I turned to a few sources for insight. My first stop was the official Web site for Fendi. There, staring back at me, was a beautiful woman with dark wispy bangs, smoky eyes and flawless skin wrapped in a fur collar.

Browsing the site for the new fall and winter lines, I watched a video clip of the latest fashion show where towering six-foot, dark eyed women strut in apparel resembling metallic purple space suits. I then checked out the new accessories that mostly comprise wrap-around leather and metal bracelets that could either pose as S & M accessories or slap bracelets from the late '80s - or even better, both. How convenient for the sexually adventurous and fashion conscience!

My last viewing was of no other than the classic Fendi handbags and clutches. While some looked more like shopping bags covered with road-kill skins, others were undeniably exquisite and maybe even worth the \$3,000 retail price. The popular "Fendi baguette" apparently has a history and it's own link to its "life story." Part of it reads, "In between philosophy and



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creativity cult object, vintage handbag, status symbol, the baguette bag has become the 'phenomena' of the fashion world. The baguette has a new gestural character in terms of carriage that is psychologically reassuring."

All this time I've missed out on a purse that is "psychologically reassuring." Who knew that fabric, thread and a few beads could be psychologically rewarding! Someone should let psychiatrists know. This could be quite the breakthrough.

Amazed with my finding, I searched through the most recent "Vogue," otherwise known as the bible to fashion savvy women, to seek out other unknown perks and benefits of a designer name.

In a section previewing spring lines recently unveiled in Paris, the article reads, "Fashion is back on 'the good foot' as James Brown would say. The spring collections were a sudden burst of optimism, a sudden bloom of vibrant color and energy."

Well I know what will be on my Christmas list this year; if Chanel belts and Prada skirts are sure to bring a "burst of optimism," they will surely be the key to remaining hopeful through a projected difficult spring semester.

A feature article titled "Heroines among us" profiles successful writers, actresses and CEOs, which, of course, are decked out in their finest apparel. One of the featured women, U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, is described as "the former First Lady

turned public servant." The side note continues to read "Oscar de la Renta navy pin-striped suit. Calvin Klein Collection shirt."

My gosh! If Calvin Klein and Oscar de la Renta can warrant admiration and a title as "public servant" for one of the most deceiving and undeserving politicians in office, they must be quite influential.

So, if power Prada loafers will land me admission into a top medical school and a Fendi baguette will not only carry a wallet and lip gloss but emotional baggage as well, I suppose I will readjust my spending priorities to support my soon-to-be rewarding, but ultimately costly, adoption of designer brands.

While most of my money outside of rent is spent on food, I can save quite a bit by skipping a meal or two a day. Besides, nothing goes better with Versace heels and a Helmut Lang miniskirt than a solid case of anorexia. That way my modest size six butt will look even better when being able to comfortably fit into a \$200 pair of size two special edition Diesel jeans.

Add to that, even though winter is approaching, I can turn the heat off and significantly reduce the electric bill. My saved funds will land me in a fabulous sheer Gucci blouse.

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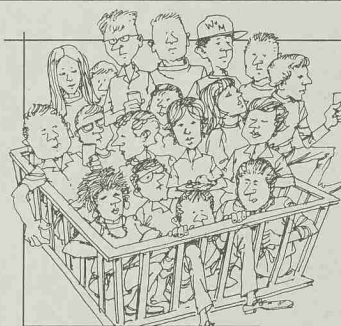
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MOM AND DAD, FIGHT MY BATTLES!

OUR OPINION: A PARENT'S LOBBY IN CONGRESS THAT FIGHTS FOR THEIR COLLEGE-AGE STUDENTS ON ISSUES LIKE TUITION HIKES IS A GOOD IDEA. PARENTS HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION.

Tell your parents to watch their mailboxes! Soon, they might be getting a postcard in the mail encouraging them to join College Parents of America. This new organization is poised to become as big as AARP in their lobbying power in Congress on college issues, like campus safety, financial aid and the ever-popular tuition increases. Tell your parents to join today!

OK, seriously, the College Parents of America is a new organization started this summer and is trying to recruit parents of college students across the nation. The objective is clear: become a powerful lobbying group in Congress to push college issues to the forefront of the national agenda.

Every college campus has a parents' association that keep parents informed of campus events and such. Some are more active than others. For example, at West Virginia University, the parents' association arranged for a shuttle service to go from Morgantown, WV, to Pittsburgh International Airport. At Oklahoma State University, an arrangement was made with local auto shops to give free tune-ups to students over long holiday breaks.

A national lobby would take college issues to a larger level. Tuition increases hits parents in the pocketbook, especially when it comes time to pay the bill. With a voice in the ear of Congress, parents can help their children get through college debt-free or with as little debt as possible. Other issues that College Parents of America will tackle are education programs for students about credit card abuse, substance abuse and suicide prevention on campuses.

Many parents drop their kids off at

school, give them a check and wave goodbye until the next holiday.

Sometimes it works well that way. College students need to learn responsibility and how to live on their own. But on some issues, students do not have a strong enough voice. The recent tuition increase battle is a pertinent example. Students need back up when they need help with political battles. Students, while inexperienced, are still adults and need to have a say in financial processes. After all, we spend money too. But our parents spend more money, and therefore, have more of a voice in determining where the money goes.

Some might see this as students getting their mommies and daddies to fight their battles for them.

That may be the case, but when the parents foot the bill, and universities keep upping the price, students and parents need to stick together and work on a fair and balanced solution to higher education.

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ADMINISTRATION THURSDAY

Where have all of the true Wolfpack students gone?

Student Body President Tony Caravano laments the lack of spirit and tradition at N.C. State.

At times, I feel as if our campus has no pulse. As students, we become engrossed in routine and monotony.



Tony Caravano
Student Body President

Even saying hello to a fellow student has become a task too arduous or time consuming for most. Instead, we do things like sell extra tickets to other students rather than giving them freely as we are supposed to.

Where have all of the friendly

Wolfpack students gone?

Just a few years ago thousands of students mobilized to march from the Bell Tower to the capital downtown as part of a demonstration against tuition increases. This year however, we struggled to collect 100 personal stories from students that cannot afford a tuition increase and only filled the Board of Trustees meeting room, where the final campus vote on tuition took place, at the last minute.

The Campus Greens are active almost daily it seems and some members of Greek Life and community service organizations have stepped up their presence, but where have the "concerned" students gone?

If I were a student-athlete at State, there would be times when I really questioned student support of athletics. Our soccer teams made great strides this year but few saw their improvement.

Now we prepare for our basketball teams to take home court, but many of us will not see them play until Duke and Carolina come to town.

These student-athletes spend multiple hours each day in class and then practice for a few more hours, sweating and pushing themselves to new limits - each win increasing the reputation of our university - only to see waning attendance, often fortified by the small contingent of truly dedicated Student Wolfpack Club members that stay the whole game. We hate on Carolina for their fair weather support, yet we leave some of our own teams stranded at the end of their games to brave an opponent's comeback without support. Where have the committed Wolfpack fans gone?

Campus life to some is lackluster and boring. As a community, we must begin to broaden our social borders because there is plenty going on here. Every evening some club puts on a program, an intense and passionate speaker is present or a performance is held right here on campus.

These events are always more fun when non-members of the organization attend. Simply consider your own group, after meeting continually with

the same people it is often enriching to have a new face and perspective present.

A few tips: events held in the African American Cultural Center are for EVERYONE. When members of Agri Life, Greek Life, or Student Government are present in the Brickyard they enjoy meeting other students and are often there for that purpose alone; and you do not have to speak another language to attend a Mi Familia or Muslim Student Association event.

If you would like to receive e-mail notices of different events taking place on campus subscribe to the HOWL at <http://students.ncsu.edu/howl/index.php>. I have learned that the support we give to others returns 10 fold, often when you need it most. Where have all of the students seeking culture and new experiences gone?

We are all fed up with the disappearing traditions on campus, the lack of life on Hillsborough Street and the arbitrary enforcement of the Nuisance Party Ordinance.

Now that our campus battle with tuition has subsided, I will dedicate my role as student body president to these three issues. This will be a chance for students who have never been involved in anything to take pride in our university and the lives of fellow students. We will make positive changes to this area, and we will do it together.

Our constant source of inspiration will be the fact that we drive to Franklin Street for fun. Even more, we can all be motivated to organize a responsible course of action against an ordinance enforced on student parties only, even with as few as nine people present.

That is clearly as unconstitutional as it is void for over breadth and void because of vagueness. Many students and I are gearing up for a new push to make N.C. State an exciting place to learn and grow. There is no more time for apathy or excuses, so ante up and do something to make the lives of other students better.

Side Note: Hillsborough Street Hike is once again time for our graduating seniors to gather for their last romp up and down Hillsborough.

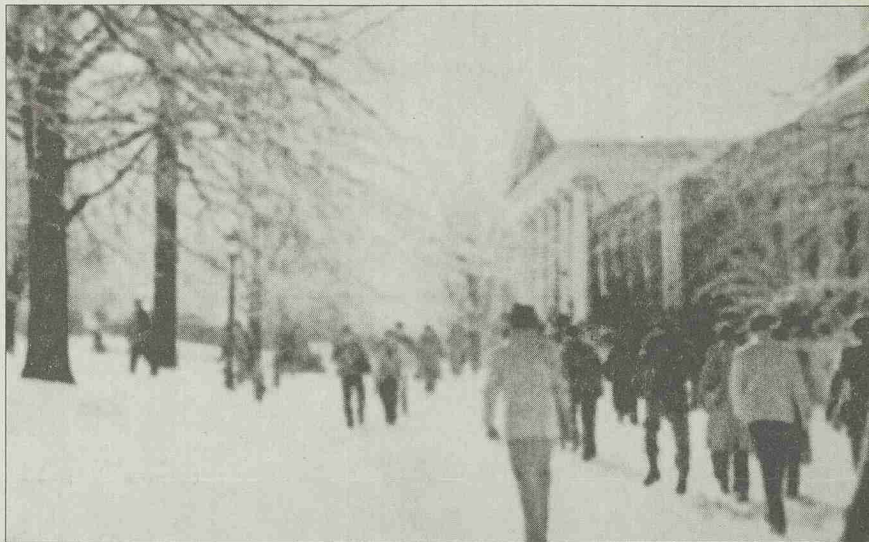
Please be sure to be safe and responsible. This is a tradition on the Raleigh Police Department's radar, and it must be preserved.

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If you litter you can receive a trash violation, and you may not open an alcoholic container while inside a convenience store.

Please do not drink and drive and like the signs say, "It's a hike, not a race!" Congratulations and good luck seniors!

GHOSTS OF WINTER'S PAST



Students walk in the snow out front of Leazar Hall in 1947. Leazar Hall used to be the dining hall on campus before Fountain Dining Hall was built in 1982.

Middle East at the crossroads

Baruch Mechanic is confused about why destruction is involved with trying to reach peace.

A little more than a week ago, I attended a forum called "From Pain to Reconciliation," and it shocked me with how pro-Palestinian the audience was.

It seemed as if there were two kinds of people that attended the forum: those that

support the "plight" of the Palestinians and those that want to learn more about the situation.

But, I ask, how can you expect people to have a better understanding of the current situation in Israel when the forum took on the same point of view as the mainstream media? I thought the reason for these forums was to create discussion and interest about a certain topic and not be blinded by our biases. CNN (also known as Chicken Noodle News), BBC (British Biased Corporation) and other major networks present what I call dramatized news. The headline news covers topics that would result in better ratings such as the O.J. Simpson and Peterson trials, tiger attacks, murder, missing interns, Ms. Lewinski and other topics. Similar to the situation in Israel, the news takes a dynamic situation that spans over thousands of years with tons of variables and turns it into black and white, good and bad - where the strong are the bad and the weak are the good. Such simplification of the Arab terror war against Israel is malicious, one-sided and outright wrong.

The Palestinian view is always the one that most people attach themselves to because they see a "suffering people" that are being "oppressed" by the big bad Israelis. First of all, let me take a second here to correct this misconceived notion of Palestinian people. Before 1948, the land that is currently Israel and Jordan was called Palestine. After 1948 the people that lived there were Israeli, Jordanian or

Egyptian. The area called the Gaza Strip was under control by Egypt, and the area called the West Bank was under control by Jordan. At this time there was never any mention, talk or existence of Palestinians. After The Six Day War in June 1967, Israel took control of Gaza and the West Bank. This is when you first heard about the Palestinians and their pseudo love for their lost land and country. They were merely created to destroy the Jewish identity of this land that has existed for thousands of years.

The major argument of the forum was the "occupation" - what most people call Israel's control over Gaza and the West Bank. When Ghazi Briegith, a Palestinian peace activist, was asked how peace would be accomplished, he said that if Israel would leave Gaza and the West Bank there would be peace. I can't help but to laugh at such a ridiculous idea. Time and time again these terrorist groups known as Jihad, Hezbollah, Hamas, PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization, now called the Palestinian Authority), Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade and many more continually state that they will never stop their attacks until the occupiers have left their land. In other words, not until the destruction of Israel will the terrorists rampage of murder and destruction stop. There are multiple accounts of the Palestinian Authority (PA) providing funding for these same terrorist groups. Guess where the PA receives their funds to carry out the murder of innocent Israelis - Americans or Europeans? Without the financial support of the governments of Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait and other Muslim countries, the PA would be unable to carry out their wave of cold-blooded murder throughout the land of Israel. Peace? I think not.

When the areas in dispute were under Arab control there were still continuous attacks by terrorists. They

would do everything in their power to kill Jews and to think otherwise is pure delusion. One must quintessentially ask, "Will Israel's security wall prevent the continued murder of innocent Jews?" Not when an Arab dresses as an Orthodox Jew and carries a bomb strapped to his chest onto a bus that is carrying innocent men, women and children, as was the case with the last Palestinian attack that killed more than 23 people including four Arabs at the Maxim Restaurant in Haifa.

Will a Palestinian state stop the mortars and crudely made rockets from falling on homes where people are sleeping, where the shells rip holes in ceilings that are just above baby cradles? No, it will not! Will the shootings along highways stop? No they will not! Every day Israel receives about 40-50 terrorist warnings - EVERY DAY!!!! And every day a few succeed. Since three years ago after the Camp David summit, the amount of terrorist attacks in Israel would be about the equivalent of an Oklahoma City bombing every week within the United States.

Israel is about the size of New Jersey with about six million Jews surrounded by more than 500 million Arabs. Would another sliver of Israel given up actually create peace? It would make Israel about 11 miles wide at the thinnest part. So, for pseudo peace, should Israel make itself less defensible? I would hope not.

Like anybody else in this world, I want peace in the Middle East; I want peace in the entire world. But for those terrorists this peace means the destruction of Israel. Is that really peace? No, it's not. And I would hope that the Muslim countries that support terrorism would soon see the grave mistake in their policies.

E-mail Baruch your comments at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

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Pretty girl gets show and thinks she'll have 16 ridiculously good-looking guys courting her. Instead, pretty girl gets 16 regular dudes, ranging from fat, dorky, nerdy, gross to all of the above. Pretty girl whittles losers down to three, then producers throw in three "hot" guys. Now only two guys remain. One "hot" and one "average."


Yes, this show airs on Monday nights. Yes, that's at the same time as Monday Night Football. No, that doesn't make me feel like less of a man for watching, it just means that there's only so much of John Madden any normal human being can endure.

Philip Rivers will throw eight touchdowns in the Tangerine Bowl and the Pack will beat the Jayhawks in quadruple overtime.

Kansas is better than you think, but Rivers orchestrates his final masterpiece for the Pack, while I watch from a bar in Vegas, with dollar signs in my eyes.

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All bets are on

Dec. 20 marks the second in a series of sendoffs for dear friends of mine soon to walk the plank and take the plunge face-first into that sacred institution of marriage.



Jon Page
Senior Sports Writer

For his bachelor party, my buddy Mike Hepp decided the only acceptable destination would be the home of almost-

killer tigers, all things that glitter and crappy music (thanks to Celine Dion).

Las Vegas, Sin City, America's Playground - the place has so many glitzy names, it's a wonder Don King didn't invent the town himself.

So, while the Wolfpack is staying with Mickey Mouse in Orlando, Fla. for the Tangerine Bowl, I'll be headed to Vegas with 12 friends for three days and three nights of trouble, debauchery and fornication. OK, just kidding. Besides, I'm forbidden to bring home any STDs.

Instead, I'm mainly looking forward to betting on sports.

Being fairly new to the arena, I don't plan on going Pete Rose out there. I've never actually even placed a real bet, unless you count an NCAA Tournament pool or bowl pick-ems. So, I'll only be making small, modest bets.

But if a big bag of money falls from the sky and lands in my lap when I get off the plane, it would be foolish not to take a couple risks with the money.

George Clooney said it best as Danny Ocean in the 2001 version of the film "Oceans Eleven": "The house always wins. You play long enough, you never change the stakes. The house takes you. Unless, when that perfect hand comes along, you bet big, then you take the house."

So true Danny, so true. However, he was a thief. As for me, I just want to lay down a bet or two.

Oh well, robberies aside, here are a few bets I would take to the house.

N.C. State will sweep North Carolina in basketball for the third straight season in a row.

Actually, I've already bet on this, though I wish I could take it back now. Whether Roy Williams physically removed Rashaad McCants' head from his own ass or had someone else do the deed for him, it worked. The Tar Heels are playing together and living up to their top-10 ranking. Meanwhile, the Pack fizzled against Michigan Tuesday night and is one Josh Powell short of consistency.

The 2003 Women's College Cup will come and go from nearby SAS Soccer Stadium with no more than 308 people actually caring that the event ever took place.

That's counting coaches, players, parents, boyfriends and sports information directors. Do the math, you'll see.

Oklahoma's Jason White will win the Heisman Trophy, then promptly disintegrate into thin air, a la Eric Crouch.

Someone really ought to create a special trophy, just for White. They could call it the "Congratulations on being in the right place at the right time with a supporting cast that would make Quentin Tarantino jealous and not blowing it" Trophy.

Sure, the guy's thrown for over 3,000 yards and tossed 40 TDs with only six INTs. So what? Try putting up those kinds of numbers with a junior varsity defense and a legless kicker on your squad, like Philip Rivers did for State.

Melana will pick the "hot" guy on NBC's two-hour finale of the hit show Average Joe.

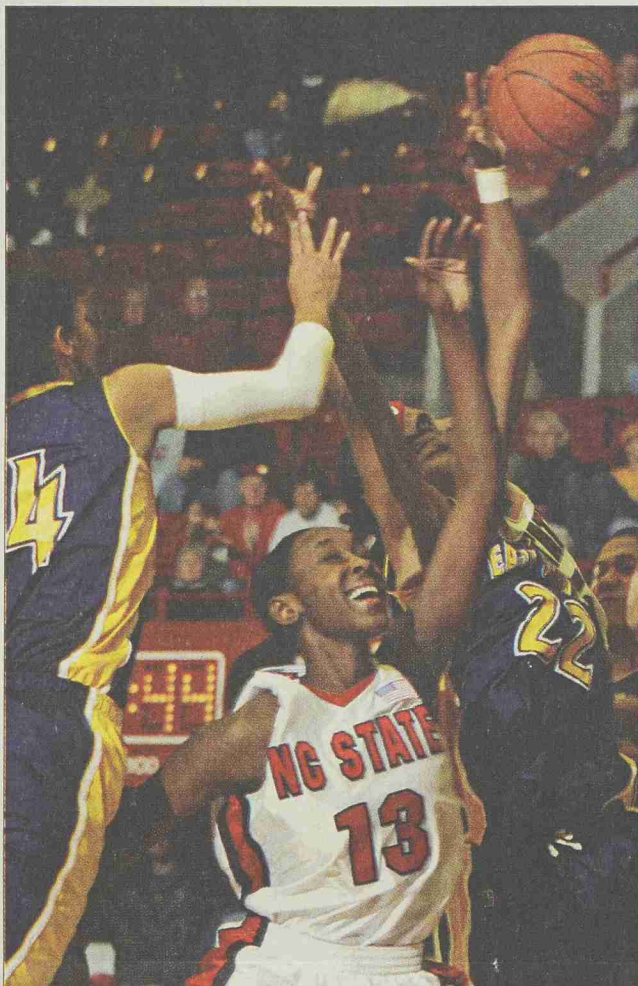
If you haven't been watching, here's what you've missed.

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Wolfpack blow Pirates to sea

BENCH SCORES 64 POINTS AS THE STATE ROUTS ECU.



Billie McDowell (center) fights for the ball in Wednesday night's win. McDowell came off the bench to add 12 points.

Memie Ezike
Staff Writer

From the excitement of the fans to the atmosphere in Reynolds Coliseum, anyone could tell that the women's basketball was excited to play its first home game of the regular season.

With a team pumped up and ready to dominate, coach Kay Yow led her players to an 88-51 rout of the visiting East Carolina Pirates. All Wolfpack players got playing time and they all contributed. With All-American center Kaayla Chones in early foul trouble, the Wolfpack bench rose to the challenge, actually outscoring the entire ECU team by 13 points. The Pack's top scorers all came off the bench, led by senior guard Terah James with 14 points and sophomore Rachel Stockdale with 13 points.

"It's really great at this point in time to get a lot of players some playing time and let them see what they can do as well as the coaching staff in game situations," Yow said. "It's really nice when everybody is playing."

With ECU willing to play zone defense all night, the Pack took to shooting from the outside. James and Stockdale each had a career high in 3-point shots made with three in a piece. Both players were torrid from the field, combining for a 10-12 shooting night and 6-8 from behind the line. The bench outscored ECU 64-51 in what was a dominating performance.

"We tried to keep the defensive pressure up," Yow said. "I thought [freshman] Ashley Key did a great job in helpside defense, and that is something we are trying to work on."

The scrappy Wolfpack defense also forced the Pirates into 26 turnovers, scoring 32 points off those ECU miscues. The Pack used the press early and often and the Pirates had difficulty all night bringing the ball up the court. State took good care of the ball in turn, allowing a season-low

eight turnovers.

"Pressure defense is our system," Yow said. "We know we need to have depth to keep up the pressure."

From the moment the game began, State was primed to dominate. For the first eight minutes of the second half, the Pack was content to dump to ball to Chones to the post and let her do her work. The senior center scored six early points to propel the Pack to an early 12-9 lead.

ECU head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener, however, came into the game knowing that Chones was inclined to get into early foul trouble and continued to dump the ball into the post to her Conference-USA All-Tournament center Courtney Willis. The senior used a variety of moves to draw three early fouls on Chones, sending the senior the bench.

Naturally, with Chones out, Baldwin-Tener expected the Pack to have a difficult time searching for offense. That didn't happen.

"State is a much, much better basketball team this year," Tener said. "It is obvious from watching them that they got a lot more balance and a lot of people that can score."

With Chones out, State outscored the Pirates 31-10 to take permanent control of the game. During one stretch, sophomore guard Billie McDowell outscored the entire Pirates team 8-0 to stretch the lead to 40-15.

The second half had a similar flow to the first half, as Chones got her 4th foul only three minutes into the half. Freshmen Sasha Reeves and Darline Jasmin stepped up to control ECU's only offensive force in Willis.

"Seeing that Sasha and Darline can give us help in the post is really good," Yow said. "Their wider bodies and size is felt inside. They just need some time on the court in order to work with our team."

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Guards bomb Pirates

With leading-scorer Kaayla Chones out with foul trouble, guards Terah James, Billie McDowell and Rachel Stockdale score in double figures for N.C. State.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

Kaayla Chones sat on the bench, twiddled her chewing gum with her fingers, then jumped out of her chair as Sasha Reeves hit a jumper to put N.C. State ahead of East Carolina 84-41.

The sight of the All-American candidate cheering from the bench, warm-up shirt over

her jersey, was a familiar one Wednesday night against the Pirates. And not just because State held such a commanding lead for most of the action.

Less than eight minutes into the contest, Chones collected her third foul, forcing coach Kay Yow to sit her senior center on the bench. With their leading scorer out, Chones' teammates took over the game, going on a 31-10 run to close the first half, sparked by guards Rachel Stockdale, Terah James and Billie McDowell.

Senior guard Nanna Rivers scored 7 points and freshmen Ashley Key and Marquetta Dickens also contributed, each netting 6 points off the bench.

State led 12-9 when Chones sat

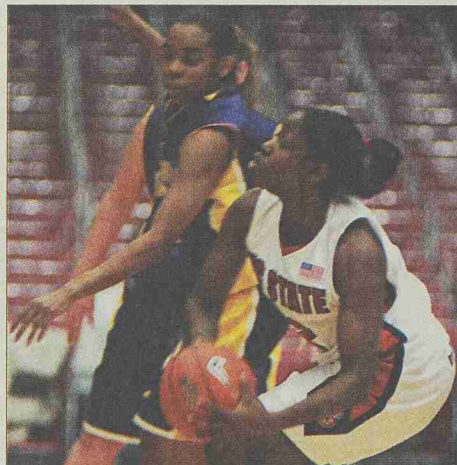
down and that's when Stockdale took charge.

Following a Pirates turnover, the redshirt sophomore drained a 3-pointer from the wing. She added two more 3-pointers and a jumper in the first half to complete the game with 13 points.

"Our teammates did a great job of feeding us the ball," Stockdale said. "They noticed we were hitting our shots so they were definitely looking for us."

McDowell, who missed her first five shots of the game, saved her offensive firepower for the closing minutes of the first half. She scored eight of the Pack's last 11 points in the half to finish with

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Freshman Marquetta Dickens looks for an open teammate as a Pirate defender closes.

Investigation leads to resignation

John Candler, diving coach of 36 years, has a history of sexual misconduct.

Sports Staff Report

Athletics Director Lee Fowler announced the resignation of long-time diving coach John Candler Wednesday.

Candler, who had coached at State with great success for 36 years, had been under internal university investigation after an e-mail sent to Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, among others, informed university officials that Candler was convicted in Michigan in 1966 for taking indecent liberties with a 12-year-old girl.

Jane Schneider, 53, of East Lansing, Mich. wrote the e-mail to Fox Nov. 19, and Candler, who was an All-American diver at the University of Michigan, was



John Candler, former diving coach, resigned Wednesday

curiosity. Schneider said she was shocked to learn that Candler had become State's diving coach.

"I am curious if the university knows it

placed on paid administrative leave the next day. Candler, 63, remained on paid leave until his resignation.

According to Schneider, she was the victim of Candler's 1966 crime and sought Candler's whereabouts out of curiosity. Schneider said she was shocked to learn that Candler had become State's diving coach.

has employed a convicted child molester for many years and celebrated his accomplishments as their own," Schneider wrote in the e-mail. "I wonder if the university has had anything to do with endorsing his work with hundreds if not thousands of young girls who have sought his special help and convinced parents like mine that he was a man to be trusted alone with their daughters."

"And, if so, I must ask myself, 'Why?'"

According to Washtenaw County, Mich. court records, Candler pleaded guilty to one count of taking indecent liberties with a minor and was sentenced Nov. 30, 1966 to five years of probation.

In 1968, Candler began coaching at NCSU and remained with the diving program ever since.

According to Wake County court records, Candler again was convicted

of sexual misconduct in 1985, as he pleaded guilty to another charge of taking indecent liberties with a minor, this time with a 15-year-old girl. Candler received a suspended sentence and served three years probation for his second felony conviction.

Despite his second conviction, Candler kept his N.C. State coaching position.

During his time at State, Candler coached 16 All-Americans and 52 ACC champions.

"We sincerely appreciate the contributions that John Candler has made to our diving program," said Fowler in a statement. "He has been an outstanding coach and will be missed."

According to the university, Candler will remain with the athletics department in an administrative position until his March 31, 2004 retirement.