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Solar Center sets the example

For more than 20 years, N.C. State's Solar Center has given students hands on opportunities.

Payam Rohani
Staff Reporter

The N.C. State Solar House is like any ordinary furnished house with hot water and appliances such as a refrigerator, a computer, a television and, of course, several light fixtures. But when the electricity bill arrives at the house, it is the utility company that owes money.

Outside the main house, there is a pickup truck in the garage, but no fuel cost. Thanks to the Solar House, there is no need to periodically pay a visit to a gas station. The pump in front of the garage uses solar energy to provide fuel for the car.

Built in 1981, the Solar House housed residents for three years as part of a research project. It now serves as an educational and demonstration facility to educate the public about the alternative, renewable sources of energy - in particular, solar energy.

"We don't do just research that goes out in the journals. We give hands on experiences and show the viability of these technologies," Tim Dunn, one of the graduate students at the Solar Center, said, referring to the Solar House and other projects at the Solar Center.

On the roof of the Solar House, a photovoltaic (PV) system harnesses the solar energy. The system's presence is hardly noticeable on the roof. It provides energy for the appliances in the house and the car in the garage. They sell the excess energy produced to the utility companies.

It is not just saving money on utilities that brought the solar house into existence. "It is a matter of living within your energy budget," Alex Hobbs, director of the Solar Center and a professor in the department of mechanical and aerospace engineering, said.

"As we take carbon from the ground and dump it in the atmosphere, we will have serious environmental issues," Hobbs said, referring to the overuse of fossil fuel.

Hobbs said most of the fuel for generating electricity in North Carolina comes from the coal

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Students upset over ordinance

Student leaders brought off-campus concerns about the Nuisance Party Ordinance and housing restrictions to the chancellor on Wednesday.

Jade Salazar
Staff Reporter

Off-campus students at N.C. State are concerned that the city of Raleigh is treating them unfairly. Student leaders brought their concerns to top administrators at Wednesday's Chancellor's Liaison meeting.

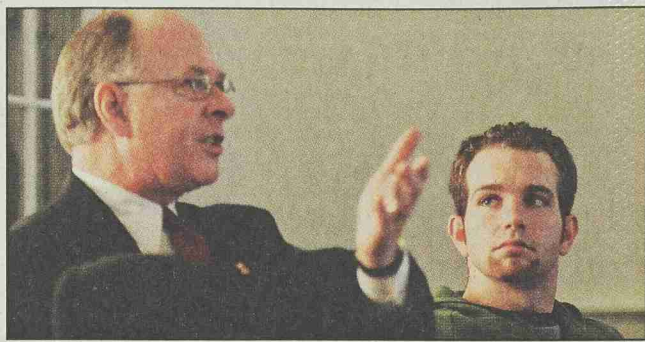
"Our students deserve to be treated like any other adults in this part of Ra-

leigh, north Raleigh, or east Raleigh," Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said in response.

On July 18, 2000, the city of Raleigh created the Nuisance Party Ordinance (NPO) to control parties and other social gatherings that cause problems within a neighborhood. Since the ordinance was adopted, many off-campus students feel they are being unfairly targeted.

Students point to testimonies that police officers do not just respond to phone calls or tips about disturbances in progress. Instead, they say officers just drive around problem areas to

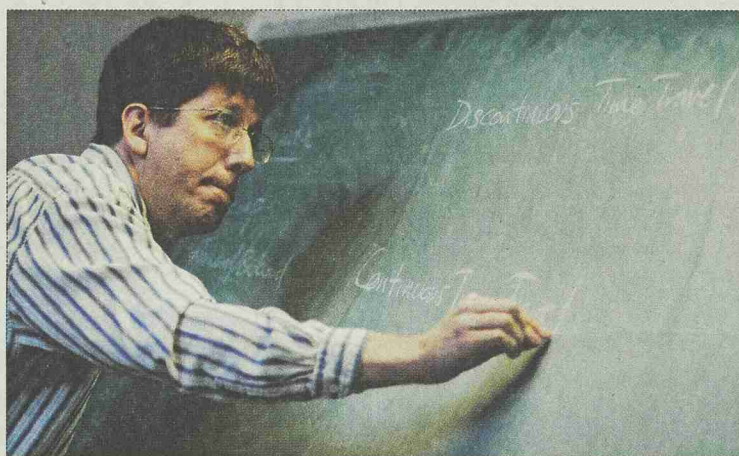
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Provost James Oblinger speaks Wednesday as Sean Casey looks and listens.

ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

TAKING A TRIP THROUGH TIME



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Professor John W. Carroll shows students there is more to time travel than science.

Students in HON 341 will explore questions about the philosophy and feasibility of blasting into the past.

John Willingham
Staff Reporter

For honor students looking to blast off or go back to the future, they have their chance this semester in HON 341-Time Travel.

The course, taught by John W. Carroll, is not educating students in the art of building their own time machines; rather, it focuses on the philosophy of time travel.

In particular, classroom discussion provides an in-depth examination of these paradoxes revolving around constraints on free will. One of the paradoxes that the class debates is the Grandfather Paradox associated with

time travel.

In a simpler approach, it points out that if you were to travel into the past and ultimately kill a younger version of yourself, then you would not be alive in the future to travel back in time, or if you go back in time and kill your grandfather, will you be alive in the present to travel back to the past.

Carroll also includes a short story that revolves around this question titled "All You Zombies," written by Robert Heinlein.

"The story provides students with a chance to discuss some introductory philosophical paradoxes," Carroll said of Heinlein's short story's example of the Grandfather Paradox.

Carroll explained that with philosophy, many of these contradictions can be explained. "Philosophy provides the essential tools needed

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Programs offer free self-defense workshops

Students can discover several ways to learn to protect themselves on campus.

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

After several assaults and robberies on campus last year, students, particularly females, are looking for ways to protect themselves. Protecting yourself is not just about learning how to kick someone where it hurts.

Frances Graham, the director of the N.C. State's Women's Center, stresses the importance of being observant of one's surroundings. "An important thing is to be alert. Often times we walk around with millions of things on our minds and we're on our cell phones," she said. "It's good to always be conscious when you're walking around campus at night or when you're leaving your apartment complex in the morning and nobody else is around."

Both the Women's Center and Campus Police offer free programs for young women to learn how to protect themselves physically and mentally. Jon Barnwell, a Campus Police officer in charge of crime prevention, points out that overall, crime rates at N.C. State are down 14 percent from last year. However, sexual assault and aggravated assault have each increased 1 percent.

"Our major crimes on campus are theft of property and breaking and entering and damage to property," Barnwell said. "Even though our crimes against persons are infrequent, it's important we concentrate on them and prevent them from occurring."

National statistics show that one in four women between the ages of 18 and 25

are sexually assaulted.

Tara Zechini, a junior in communications said, "Having a free self-defense course on campus is a great opportunity because it is a tool that I will benefit from long-term. I think it's important for me to invest in something more than mace to keep myself safe."

The first "SafeSkills" self-defense workshop will be hosted by the Women's Center Jan. 31 in room 4114 in Talley Student Center.

"We're not saying you're going to be prepared to fight anyone off, but if that situation were to occur, then you would have some idea how to use your voice in a way that would be most effective. You would also have an idea what parts of the body might be easiest to injure that would allow you to get away, and it would also help you help other people," Graham said.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), which will be carried out by Campus Police, is a self-defense class for females. It is an intense program that teaches self-defense techniques. RAD has four sessions.

"The first aspect is prevention, the second and third are learning actual self-defense and the last is full contact simulation," Barnwell said.

Barnwell believes that awareness is very important and teaching the fundamentals reduces the risk of assault.

"I think it's [self-defense class] important because not only does it teach the females self defense, but it also shows them a dependency on self," he said. "A lot of females don't realize they have strength and power within themselves to handle a situation that occurs. That's part of the fun of teaching this class, to see young ladies who become empowered through the class."

Students study across the nation

National Student Exchange gives students a chance to attend colleges in other states.

Jessica Horne
Deputy News Editor

Although students may be familiar with the concepts of foreign exchange and study abroad, they may not be familiar with the idea of national exchange.

The National Student Exchange (NSE) gives students with a minimum of a 2.75 GPA the opportunity to study at a different school in another part of the country, while maintaining their full-time status at N.C. State.

Students are able to choose from over 170 colleges, ranging from locations such as Hawaii to Maine.

Want to travel?

Applications for the NSE program are available in room 4130 in Talley Student Center and are due by Feb. 2. For more information about the program, contact Alex Miller (alex_miller@ncsu.edu) or Christy Rain (christy_rain@ncsu.edu).

Depending on the college chosen, students can pay their tuition and fees directly to NCSU or they pay the in-state tuition rate at the campus they are attending.

Alex Miller, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, has recently begun to oversee the NSE program and hopes to expand the number of students that participate each year.

According to Miller, NCSU has an average of 25 students that par-

ticipate in the program each year, but there is no limit to the number of NCSU students that can be accepted to the program.

"The NSE allows students to pursue their academic, personal and professional goals in settings that may be wildly different from N.C. State -- Hawaii, Alaska, New Mexico or Massachusetts for example," Miller said. "With over 170 participating NSE institutions to choose from, our students can explore unique interests in fascinating locations around the country."

Amber Reavis, a senior in English, participated in the NSE program in the fall of 2002. She had the opportunity to go to Florida International University

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Amber Reavis, a senior in English, studied in Florida through the NSE program.

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WORLD

SHARON COULD BE INDICTED IN
CONNECTION WITH BRIBERY CASE

An Israeli businessman was indicted Wednesday on charges of bribing Ariel Sharon with hundreds of thousands of dollars. Justice Ministry officials said they were considering indicting Sharon as well.

The indictment against real-estate developer David Appel complicates the prime minister's clouded legal situation. The Supreme Court has ruled that an indictment would compel Sharon to leave office pending the outcome of a trial. Increased pressure on Sharon could further endanger the already moribund peace progress, destabilize the coalition government and trigger a gloves-off battle for succession in the upper ranks of the Likud, politicians and analysts said.

Sharon was not charged with any criminal wrongdoing, and officials in his office said he was conducting business as usual Wednesday.

-Wire Reports

U.S. EXPERT SKEPTICAL ABOUT
NORTH KOREA WEAPONS CLAIM

An American nuclear weapons expert who recently visited North Korea's main nuclear complex said Wednesday he saw no convincing evidence that Pyongyang can build a plutonium-based nuclear device, but it most likely can make plutonium.

Siegfried Hecker, a former director of the Los Alamos, N.M., nuclear research laboratory, also said that he remained unconvinced that the North Koreans could convert any such nuclear device into a nuclear weapon. Hecker, who visited North Korea's secretive Yongbyon nuclear site on Jan. 8 as part of an unofficial U.S. delegation, was speaking to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The North Koreans claimed that day that they had reprocessed 8,000 spent fuel rods to extract plutonium, Hecker told the committee. He said the visiting delegation could not definitively substantiate the reprocessing claim, but said he saw evidence that the North Koreans had the technical expertise to do that.

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NATION

SALVATION ARMY TO GET \$1.5 BILLION
OF McDONALD'S FORTUNE

The charity famous for its red Christmas kettles is getting a record donation from the woman behind the golden arches. The estate of Joan Kroc, the McDonald's heiress, said Tuesday that it is giving an estimated \$1.5 billion to the Salvation Army to build community centers across the country. It's the largest single donation ever given to a charitable organization.

-Wire Services

GRAND JURY INDICTMENT CHARGES
MINNESOTA SOMALI OF AIDING AL-
QAIDA

A federal indictment unsealed Wednesday charged a Minnesota man with conspiracy to provide material support to the Al-Qaida terrorist network. Authorities said the man acknowledged being in training camps in Afghanistan at the same time as Osama Bin Laden.

Mohammed Abdullah Warsame, 30, a Canadian citizen of Somali descent, was charged in an indictment returned Tuesday by a grand jury in Minneapolis.

The indictment alleges that from March 2000 until his arrest last month, Warsame conspired to provide material support and resources for bin Laden's terror network.

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STATE

ALMOST 900 LOW-WAGE N.C.
WORKERS GETTING EXTRA IN PAY-
CHECKS

Nearly 900 state workers are getting rare midyear raises aimed at distancing their salaries from the poverty level.

State personnel officials unveiled to legislators Wednesday how \$4.5 million would be spent from a special fund designed to make salaries more competitive with the private sector.

Gov. Mike Easley's administration agreed that part of the money would go to ensure all state workers have salaries of at least \$18,312, or 20 percent above the poverty level for a family of three.

About half of the 898 low-wage workers are employed on the University of North Carolina system campuses. Another 393 work as housekeepers, cafeteria workers and utility workers for the Department of Health and Human Services. They will see the raise in their February paychecks.

-The News & Observer

GRAHAM STILL HOSPITALIZED
FOR HIP REPLACEMENT

The Rev. Billy Graham continued to recuperate Wednesday at St. Luke's Medical Center from partial hip replacement surgery after falling and breaking his left hip.

"He's doing well. He's working to build his strength up," said Eric Kaldor, a spokesman for the Mayo Clinic, which owns St. Luke's.

Graham, 85, who was in Jacksonville for a checkup, fell in his hotel room on Jan. 6. A partial hip replacement was done that night and he has been hospitalized since then.

Kaldor said Graham continues to receive physical therapy. Doctors have not determined when Graham, who lives in Montreat, N.C., will be released from the hospital.

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scan for parties or gatherings, even if no complaint has been placed.

In April 2003, the Student Senate proposed a resolution to repeal the NPO. The resolution states that the ordinance is in violation of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states, "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile," and the principle of comity.

Due to these violations and the vague language used in the ordinance, the Student Senate proposed the ordinance to be "both unethical, unconstitutional and a menace to the public good."

The representatives from multiple student organizations were told by Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, that in order for the university to consider taking a side on the issue they must "provide documentation that [students] are being treated disproportionately."

Student Body President Tony Caravano argued that students holding gatherings of any size at their off-campus houses are not being treated the same by the Raleigh Police and the situation is getting to a point where students cannot have friends over without it being considered a nuisance to the neighborhood.

Students said the problems are not just limited to parties.

Even after the "Roommate Law" limiting unrelated roommates in a house to two was taken off the city council table, students fear the "Neighborhood Preservation Task Force" is revisiting the plan.

"That will not be a position that the university will take," Stafford said.

Many of the students are concerned that charges are brought when they are in fact causing no harm or disturbance.

Caravano believes that students can make a change with the university's involvement. "We are a large majority of this city."

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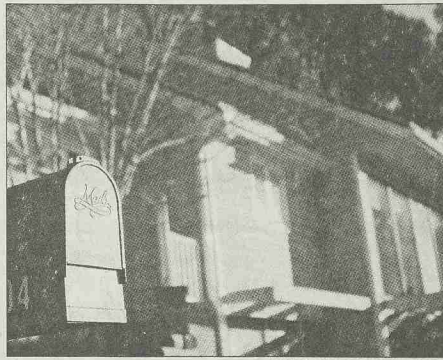
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mines in Kentucky and West Virginia. He said the coal-fired power plant emissions have caused enough pollution for the Smoky Mountains to have been ranked as the fifth endangered national park in the nation.

Comparing the cost of solar energy with fossil fuels, Hobbs said solar energy might be less expensive.

"If you take the environmental effects and factor in the health effects, what would the price be?" Hobbs asked. Currently, a center similar to the one at NCSU would cost about \$20,000.

Steve Kalland, an associate director at the Solar Center, said NCSU students could do more to support use of renewable energy. He said the student body at UNC-Chapel Hill have gone as far as to in-



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

The Solar House sets an example for efficient energy use.

Solar House

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crease the student fees by \$4 a semester to support the use of renewable energy on campus.

AIR TIME



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Kelly Reid, a freshman in chemistry, interviews Chancellor Marye Anne Fox on air at WKNC 88.1 FM's studio Wednesday. Fox discussed upcoming issues such as tuition and her goals for the university, along with describing her daily schedule, her brief stint as a military general for a day, and her brand of toothpaste (Rembrandt).

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in Miami, FL.

"It was a wonderful experience," Reavis said. "The program was well developed and well thought out."

All of the NSE participants at Florida International University were housed in the same area. Reavis said this made it helpful in not only getting to know the students at the school, but also the students that were

participating in the program.

Through the NSE program, Reavis was able to "reconnect" with family and friends that she had in Florida, which she said was a big help.

"If you participate in the program, then go to a place where you have family or friends," she said. "Contacting the people you know there helps you to not feel so lost."

Students accepted into the program can choose to go for the fall or spring semesters, but some choose to stay the entire year.

Reavis chose to stay only one semester but enjoyed her experience so much that

she might participate in the NSE program again.

"My advice is to stay for as long as you can," she said. "Participating in activities at the university will whet your appetite and will make you want to do more."

Reavis encourages other students to participate in the program.

"It gives you a chance to reinvent yourself and to gain new experiences," she said. "It's important to keep an open mind and have a good attitude. You only get as much out of your experience as you put into it."

Kansas students, lawmakers debate
university human sexuality class

Colleen McCain Nelson

The Dallas Morning News
(KRT)

LAWRENCE, KAN. - On the University of Kansas campus, a scantily clad student strikes a provocative pose for a photographer.

In a classroom, images of sexual encounters flicker across a screen as students silently take notes.

As an election year cranks up, with caucuses in neighboring Iowa on Monday, the candidates are mired in Medicare and the war on terror. But at this Midwestern school, a human sexuality class and a sexually charged calendar are the issues.

The separate controversies have spurred students to consider the boundaries of academic freedom and freedom of expression. "This has brought a debate to campus

that's worth having," says Brian Thomas, a KU senior.

Long considered a left-leaning outpost in a largely right-wing state, the University of Kansas sparked a statewide political debate and a national discussion with its support for a popular class devoted to human sexuality.

The discussion started when a state senator took an interest in a class she deemed obscene.

For more than two decades, Dennis Dailey, a social welfare professor who has received frequent accolades from his peers and his students, has taught a sexuality class that draws standing-room-only crowds of 500 students.

But when her intern raised questions about the curriculum and its execution, Republican lawmaker Susan Wagle sought to deny funding to Dailey's

department.

The course, "Human Sexuality in Everyday Life," includes frank discussions about sexual development and expression. Students view educational films that show homosexual sex and masturbation.

Wagle registered several complaints about the class, saying that some materials were obscene and suggesting that the professor used vulgar "street language" in class. A university investigation determined that the allegations were without merit.

But Wagle's declarations that the class is pornographic and her attempts to persuade the Legislature to rein in a highly regarded professor prompted a renewed level of student activism.

Students jumped into the political fray, collecting petitions, contacting administrators and making their voices heard. Wagle

and a couple of students turned up on Fox News' "The O'Reilly Factor" to respond to the host's question: "Perv or prof?"

For most on campus, the answer was obvious.

"If the curriculum doesn't fit within your beliefs, speak up, and if you're really offended, don't take the class," Thomas says. "It's an elective class, and it always has been."

Still, when the state pays the bills, a public university can't dismiss lawmakers' views.

"They fund us, and they have the right to look into what we're doing and whether it's appropriate," says Blake Shuart, director of the Student Legislative Awareness Board. But Shuart and other students say they were concerned about the prospect of legislators micromanaging class content.

While Wagle's attempts to freeze state funds failed, she

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to solve these paradoxes," he said. "Much of the classroom discussion uses 'hardcore' philosophy."

Much of this theory is centered on the work of philosopher and metaphysicist David Lewis; Carroll met Lewis at a conference at New York University and regards him as one of the biggest influences on philosophical thought related to time travel.

Many of the main points of the class focus around the work of Lewis, especially his article from 1986, "Paradoxes of Time Travel." In fact, Lewis has written most of the philosophical literature available about time travel.

However, Carroll considers much of Lewis's philosophical literature as the starting point for other areas of philosophy and metaphysics as well.

The class does try to answer some of the major questions surrounding time travel. Specifically, students debate over theory asking whether or not it is logical and technologically feasible.

Carroll himself has spent his career working as a philosophy and metaphysics professor. He has been at N.C. State for eight years and has written several pieces on philosophy such as the book "Laws of Nature."

Students do get to go back in time through portions of films such as "The Terminator," "Back to the Future," "12 Monkeys" and "The Time Machine." They examine the films and discuss discrepancies that arise when tested by philosophical theory on time travel.

Carroll said the class often finds that these clips reveal easy "traps" that students of time travel fall into when approaching it from a philosophical standpoint, much like in "Back to the Future" when Marty McFly and Doc debate on whether or not interaction with the people of the past has an effect on the future.

Stephanie Kennerly, a freshman in philosophy, said "the class makes me think in a way that's different than most normal subject matter in that it is mainly all speculation."

"I've always liked thinking about abstract concepts and in the process I can gain a better understanding of my own thought process," she said.

As a die-hard Red Sox fan, maybe Carroll has another motive for teaching this class. Could solving the mysteries of time travel prevent the Curse of the Bambino?

succeeded in compelling the Legislature to adopt a policy on the use of explicit materials in the classroom.

Wagle hoped the requirement would force KU to spell out what, specifically, were acceptable discussion topics in classes such as Dailey's. But university administrators responded to the state mandate with a generic academic freedom policy, declaring that "students are entitled to an atmosphere conducive to learning."

"Ask a stupid question and get a stupid answer," says Andy Knopp, KU's student senate president. "Certainly the university has to be accountable, but it's a disaster to get the Legislature involved in what goes on in each classroom."

1:06 a.m. | Arrest n Trespass

A non-student was arrested in DH Hill Library for 2nd degree trespass.

1:19 a.m. | Check Person

A student reported a subject sitting in a car in the Coliseum Deck. Officers checked the area. A non-student was waiting for a student. Everything was o.k.

barrel west of Brooks Hall. Subjects stated they had removed the barrel from a construction site on Tryon Road and were going to use it for an art project. Both subjects were referred to the University and were escorted by an officer to the site to return the item.

11:23 p.m. | Larceny

A student reported his bicycle was removed from the bike racks south of DH Hill Library.

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11:03 p.m. | Suspicious Incident

Two students were carrying a traffic

2:59 p.m. | Suspicious Incident

A non-student called to report an in-

11:27 a.m. | Fire Alarm

A fire alarm was received indicating

6:38 a.m. | Welfare Concern

A non-student called and asked Campus Police to check on her daughter, since she had not heard from her since she returned to school. The responding officer could not contact the student. The mother called back and advised that she had spoken with her daughter, who had stayed at her boyfriend's place. Everything was o.k.

an activation at Williams Hall on the third floor. There was no fire. Accidental activation by someone cooking popcorn.

2:08 p.m. | Suspicious Incident

A student reported relationship problems with an ex-girlfriend other, and wanted to speak to an officer concerning the situation. No other information was available at the time of the report. This was a walk-in report.

cident on the 8th floor of DH Hill Library. She heard a noise under the desk she was sitting at and saw a white male in his late 20's to early 30's masturbating on her shoe. The subject left the area; officers were unable to locate him.

10:02 p.m. | Larceny

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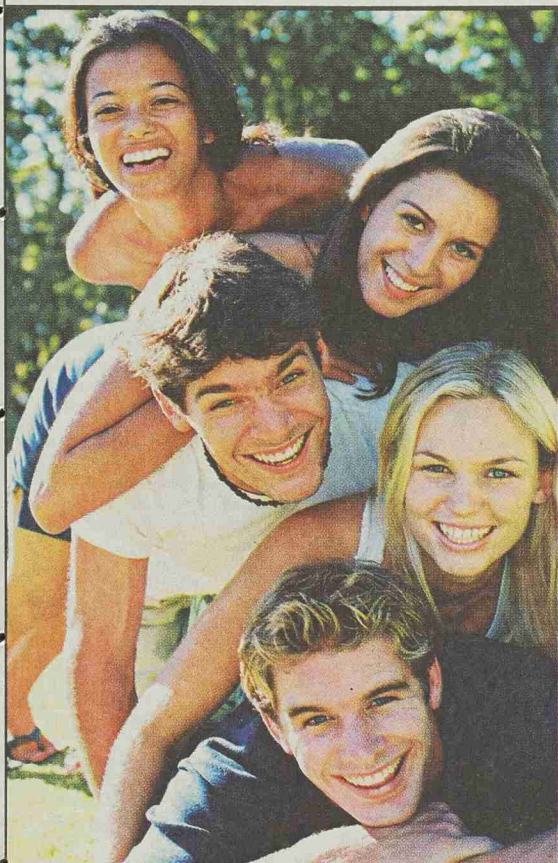
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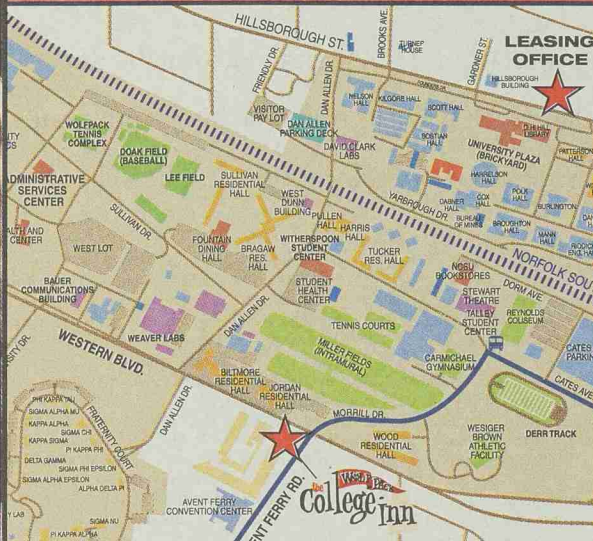
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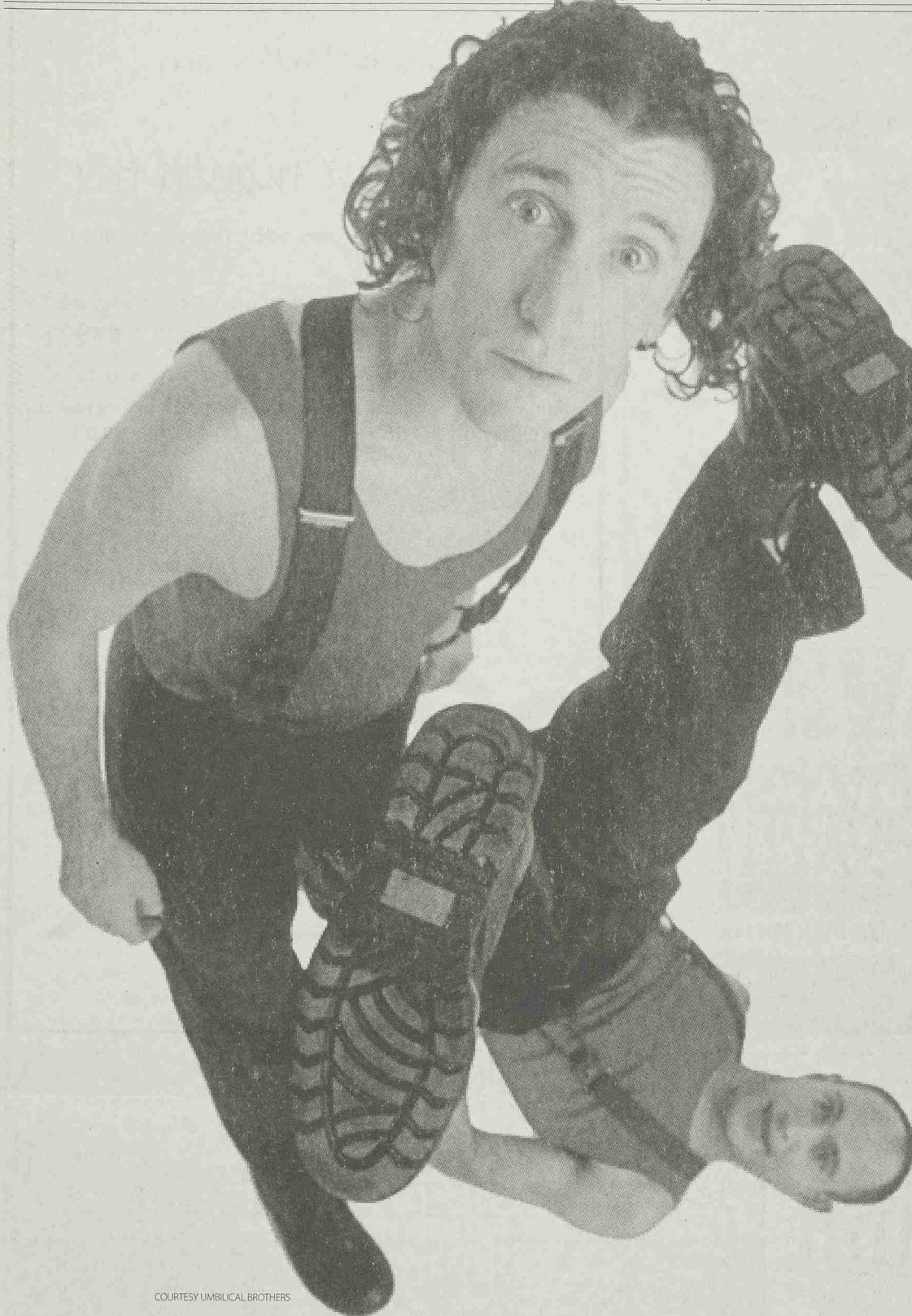
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COURTESY UMBILICAL BROTHERS

Brothers twist into Talley

THE AUSTRALIAN COMEDIC DUO WILL APPEAR TONIGHT AT STEWART THEATRE.

STORY BY: JAKE SEATON

Imagine if a mime could talk. Or maybe if you could speak for a mime... but then it really wouldn't be a mime, but more like a cartoon with your own dialog interpretation. The Australian comedic duo, the Umbilical Brothers effectively blends the two arts of pantomime and vocal effects into a high energy comedic routine of carefully choreographed chaos.

David Collins, the curly haired guy, and Shane Dundas, the bald one, make up the wacky duo formed of elastic vocal chords and wildly imaginative theatrics. The two met as fresh-faced drama students in acting school in Sydney, Australia where they mastered the arts of low confidence, abject poverty and breaking a man's nose with a single kick.

In uni - the Australian term for university - the Aussies found themselves brought together by the common love of juvenile trickery and antics and were soon showcasing their theatrical anarchy in comedy clubs under the moniker Schwartz & Eggar. The result of their unconventional routine was what was to be expected - laughter and a new name, the Umbilical Brothers.

With this new found talent and a fresh act to unleash on the world, the Umbilical Brothers saw quick success by winning a trip to Los Angeles via a first place finish in a major Sydney stand-up competition. The reign of supreme comedic conquistadors was furthered by their completion at the top of the ranks on Australia's "Star Search."

Now globally known for their outlandish stage show, the duo have starred in a BBC television show for children known as "Umbilical

TV" and have also won the Australian Entertainment Industry's MO Award for Best Comedy Group for the past five years.

Resisting the temptations of a Hollywood career and the possibility of their great fame vanquishing the group's existence, the Umbilical Brothers made a cameo in the Australian film "You Can't Stop the Murders." The majestic duo learned nothing more than to keep their act on the stage as their characters die on screen as quickly as their cinematic careers.

As they travel, lost between reality and fantasy while meeting somewhere in the middle, like Australia, the Umbilical Brothers introduce to each of their audiences a tangential journey of sketch comedy without the intricate backdrops.

Two-man and too funny, they've been linked to the likes of Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd and even our childhood heroes, Ren and Stimpy.

Where they go from here, nobody knows, but they are making an appearance at Stewart Theatre tonight at 8 p.m. The Umbilical Brothers are ready to smack the N.C. State community with their wild tomfoolery and physical humor.

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Liesl Clouse

Senior Sex Columnist

On the other hand, some options are mind-bogglingly difficult to deal with. Pepsi or Coca-Cola? Superman or Batman? Big Boi or Andre? Lifestyle or Trojan? New York or Los Angeles? Boys... or girls?

At one time, bisexuality was something I responded to with a sigh and a quick roll of the eyes because the indecisiveness of people seemed so fickle to me. I mean, choose already! Be gay. Be straight. There is no happy medium, right?

It wasn't a huge shock when word around the campfire spread about Grace*. Although she always had a profound tomboyish aura, complete with crude jokes and the insistence to avoid skirts at all costs, it was hard to believe the oh-so-trustworthy rumors of her 360-degree conversion into strictly loving girls; I recalled that she had a plethora of hetero-relationships.

Come to find out, gossip-flourishing hens are not consistently 100 percent correct in their rumors. Grace did not cross the bridge completely - she just met some friendly people halfway. Once again, I became frustrated at the apparent dithering that hindered my friend from a simple, one-way path to sexual freedom.

After a while, I began realizing the potential of Grace's situation. She has the best of both worlds! Similar to having extreme loyalty to two rivalry teams, one who is bisexual always comes out winning. If males are not working for you today, then you move on to the women, and vice-versa. It would be so easy to just have one favorite team, but why not go for two of the best? For example, as an Atlanta native, I proudly cheer for the Braves. Always. However, someday I plan to live in New York City, so it would be unbearable to ignore the Yankees. God knows if a Brave can't do it for me, then a Yankee damn well better pull through! (Or out?)

I remain true in my devotion to the male gender, I can see how it would be fun to always come out on top in the bisexual world. So why doesn't everyone choose bisexuality? Wouldn't everyone just get along a lot better? I bet there would be less wars and violence; there may be some heated arguments, but they would always result in hot make-up sex. Imagine the world leaders getting along so well because they were somewhat attracted to one another. Think Bush and bin Laden. It is almost easier to think of women running the bisexual world. Why is it so much more acceptable for girls to flirt with the idea of bisexuality? When was the last time you heard a guy say, "Oh, yeah. I tried the gay thing in college for a while, but I'm totally over it now," and continue to think of him the same way?

It seems like people generally tolerate girls who, although claim to be firmly attracted to males, participate in extreme tonsil hockey with their same sex. Some may assume that the game we play is due to the excitement that we get out of it, or maybe we do it in hopes for that slight chance at a "Girls Gone Wild" cameo. However, speaking strictly from an observer's point, the one and only outcome these girls truly appear to be seeking is the divine and sole attention of the males around them. And what is that about?

Why are guys so turned on by girl on girl? There is no contest - kiss another girl and you've got him in the sack. So, if the ultimate goal there is to deftly maneuver her way into the man's pants then is girl-kissing-girls really considered to have bisexual tendencies? Or is she waving from afar to Grace & Co. keeping it real on the middle of the bridge?

Our sexually oriented preferences contribute to the fascinating composition of the human race and it would be a shame if everyone loved two ways. So love me one way, boys, and hey - go Panthers! But I'm rooting for you, Patriots.

*Names have been changed to protect the young and fabulous.

PUT YOUR TICKET WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS

OUR OPINION: THE TIME IS NOW FOR STUDENTS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE NPO. THEY CAN START BY MOUNTING THEIR DEFENSE.

It only takes four words to make a party scatter in Raleigh: "Officer Bowen is here."

The Raleigh Police officer - whose name is cursed by the number of students on the receiving end of his Nuisance Party Ordinance tickets - is the one common link many off-campus residents find with their peers. Since the Raleigh City Council passed the Nuisance Party Ordinance in 2000, a growing contingent of students have been issued tickets and further convinced they're being unfairly targeted.

As complaints have mounted, student leaders turned to the administration on Wednesday to ask for a firm stance from the university. In response, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford said that before the university can take

sides, they have to have proper documentation that students are being issued citations at a disproportionate rate.

Fair enough. Students had the opportunity to send a strong message to Raleigh in November when a student ran for a seat on city council but despite campaigning efforts by student government, their attempts came up hundreds of votes short. [Full Disclosure: Zack Medford is a Technician columnist.]

Now students have another chance by taking the first step in what should be an all-out war against the NPO.

Students - and Technician - have always spoken out against the ordinance because its vague wording and militant application has always seemed to be directed towards off-campus students instead of any Raleigh resident. But what started as a successful effort by the City of Raleigh to squash Brent Road has morphed into a license to break up any gathering by students - from parties to game-viewing to cookouts. And many times, these "disturbances" are caught by a passing officer's eye instead of a real complaint.

Now it's time for students to put their tickets where their mouths are. Stories about groups of friends asked to scatter from watching a movie in their apartment need to step out of the whispers of campus lore and into documented e-mails to administrators. When students are handed NPO tickets, they need to document whether complaints were filed by neighbors and what sort of disturbing behavior was taking place and send those notes to student leaders. To get allies, students must first make their case.

If administrators want proof, students have to provide it. But we sincerely hope the administration will stand by its motto of "Students First" and join students in fighting the true nuisance in Raleigh these days: an ordinance that's out of control.

Overplaying our hand in Iraq

Robert Jallall questions the viability of future Iraqi leaders as the United States tries to set up a democratic government there.

Nowadays, the stance of the Bush administration is to distance itself from the infamous "mission accomplished" gaffe, but in truth, the administration needs to give itself more credit; a lot of work that needed to be done in Iraq has already been done. Weapons of mass destruction turned out to be a boogeyman, and there aren't many terrorists in Iraq that the United States didn't bring there. With Saddam Hussein captured, the administration has achieved the ancillary goal of liberating the Iraqi people, adding nice closure to the invasion.

The only remaining reason for the U.S. military to stay in Iraq is to prevent civil war. The problem is that the way to do this is not clear-cut, unlike the solutions for the already completed objectives.

Moreover, from the start, the United States has had the disadvantage of facing the paradox of destabilizing Iraq with its presence (by serving as a terrorist magnet) while seeking to stabilize the country's future. Because of terrorists, the United States cannot have long-term military presence like in Japan, South Korea or Germany because it is too easy for terrorists in the Middle East to take potshots at American objectives in perpetuity, regardless of American military superiority - witness Israel. Also taking example from Israel, the crackdown on terrorists may only exacerbate the situation.

Discussion about the selection of Iraq's future leaders is starting. With its current plans, the United States *de jure* would like to examine Iraq's future leaders. The problem is that the qualities this examination process preserves, such as being especially liberal or pro-American, may very well conflict with the qualities a leader needs to keep Iraq together.

To see how this can be problematic, one need only look at Afghanistan's Hamid Karzai. Karzai sings the songs that America wants to hear, but when it comes down to governing Afghanistan as a real country, Karzai is notoriously limp-wristed. And while Karzai was

popularly elected by Afghanis, it is difficult to say that many people would vote for him if U.S. military forces did not constantly back him.

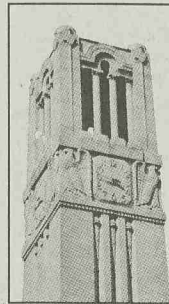
Another key point to recognize is that if U.S. forces are to leave Iraq, they have to leave a domestic force in place. If Karzai is indicative of America's leader selection process, it is hard to imagine this process producing someone who will draw military volunteers from the Shiites, Kurds, Sunnis, and Iraq's other ethnic groups. A division in loyalty of Iraq's military forces might as well be a recipe for civil war.

Thus, Iraq faces a limit of how long U.S. forces can stay in Iraq and administrators have imposed a limit on who can lead Iraq. These limits serve as obstacles to installing a stable long-term government in Iraq and have been erected by a fundamental difference in the stakes America wants to pursue and the stakes Iraqis want to pursue. America has pushed hard on the idea of democracy; it has pushed hard on its choice of leaders, and it has pushed hard on its economic plans for Iraq, but it is not all that apparent that Iraqis are accepting the U.S. agenda.

Indeed, this week's Shiite protest (a group that has constantly surprised the administration with its lack of support) highlights the view that American plans are insufficiently addressing the concerns of actual Iraqis. Sure, the clerics organizing the protests have their own motives, but their message that Iraq's leaders should actually be chosen by Iraqis is an important one - important for keeping Iraq together while enabling the United States to leave the country on its own.

Given the conflicts of interest at play in Iraq, it may very well be that the United States by its own hand cannot install an Iraqi leader who will draw broad support from Iraq's ethnic groups and hold the country together as into the future. The United States' inability to brute force all of its plans is a principle that America's Iraq policy does not acknowledge. As a result, this lack of finesse may lead to the United States overplaying its hand in Iraq and making the situation worse than what it expected. After all, United States overplay failed to foresee Saddam Hussein's ignoble tenure as Iraq's ruler.

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The Wolfline is an integral part of campus transportation. Wolfline Transit Manager Pat Mitchell details services and routes offered by Wolfline.

Every time I say this I preface it by admitting it sounds silly, but Wolfline truly is here to serve our riders. Why else would we be here? I want to assure you that as transit manager for Wolfline, I do share your experiences. I am right there with you, riding the bus, waiting at the bus stop and walking across campus during the best conditions and the worst.



Pat Mitchell
 Guest Columnist

Cliche but true - safety first

We work to provide you with safe, timely transportation. Our focus is definitely on safety and, as many of you have experienced firsthand, safety sometimes has an impact on timeliness.

Construction on campus and traffic congestion on certain streets at certain times of the day often affect the routes our buses take.

If our drivers have to choose between being late and safety, safety will absolutely win every time.

Spring is in the air - at least on the schedules

We've made some exciting changes for students this term. The most exciting is the opening of the Centennial Park & Ride lot, located between Centennial Parkway and Main Campus Drive. We've adjusted several routes to serve this lot, which now provides 400 parking spaces and will eventually be home to more than 600 parking spaces.

If you do not have a parking permit (or don't want to get one) you can park at the Centennial Park & Ride and take Wolfline Centennial Express Rt. 2A, Centennial Shuttle Rt.

3, Southeast Loop Rt. 8 and the night service Werewolf A Rt. 10 to your destination.

Another exciting change is primarily in name only. Last fall, construction detoured King Village Rt. 4. We heard a lot of very positive comments about this detour, specifically that it provided the opportunity to actually board the bus along the line before it reached the Kmart Park & Ride lot.

So, for spring, we decided to keep this bus on its detour and change its name to Westgrove Rt. 4. We usually name bus routes for their destination. This bus makes the turn to come back to campus at the Westgrove Park & Ride lot on Blue Ridge Road, so it made sense to rename it to more accurately reflect its destination.

Help us help you

Those are some things we've done to help you. Now here are some things you can do to help us serve you better. Talk to us. We want to know about your experiences, your opinions and your needs. If you had to wait for a late bus, want to request a new stop or want to compliment a Wolfline driver, visit our Web site, www.ncsu.edu/wolfline, and click on the "Contact Wolfline" button in the bottom left column.

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Speaking of walking, this is certainly a pedestrian campus, as it should be. Pedestrians do have the right of way at crosswalks (hear that, car drivers?). However, if you are walking across campus you need to use these crosswalks. If you are walking

across the street between crosswalks or, worse yet, walking down the middle of the street, you do not have the right of way and are creating a potentially dangerous situation.

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And to all of our riders, thanks for riding Wolfline.

Contact Pat Mitchell at pat_mitchell@ncsu.edu.

Club Sports Blotter

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Canes Cup at the Rec Zone in Cary - Jan. 16-18
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Upcoming events

Ice Hockey - A

N.C. State vs. Tennessee
Friday at 10 p.m. at the Rec Zone
Saturday at 10 p.m. at the Rec Zone

Ice Hockey - B

N.C. State vs. Appalachian State
Saturday at the Rec Zone

Roller Hockey

Spring Event
Saturday-Sunday in Raleigh

Social Ballroom Dance

Workshop
Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Feb. 1, 1-9 p.m., Carmichael Gym

Women's Volleyball

Tournament
Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Carmichael Gym

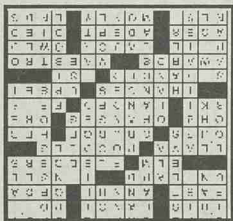
Club Sports Away Events

Friday, Jan. 30

Men's Ice Hockey - A at West Virginia
Men's Ice Hockey - B at Virginia Commonwealth

Saturday, Jan. 31

Men's Ice Hockey - A at West Virginia
Men's Ice Hockey - B at Richmond



TAYLOR

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"I honestly don't have much technique right now," Taylor said. "All I have is a little bit of speed, a little bit of strength and what Coach is teaching me. I really have a long way to go before I can start talking about technique."

With pole vaulting, a sport whose primary goal is to fling an athlete as high in the air as possible, fear of trying new techniques or equipment is always a possible obstacle.

"One big bonus for him is that he is really fearless," Olsen said. "He doesn't have a fear of pick-

ing up a pole and grabbing in a new place or jumping on poles he hasn't jumped on before. Athletically and physically, he has what it takes to be a good vaulter. Now he has to do a bit more learning about what to do when he gets in positions he hasn't been in before."

Taylor sees nothing special with his approach to the sport.

"You just have to trust what your coaches tell you to do," he said. "It's not really one of those things that you can do timidly. If you don't go all out, you'll probably end up getting hurt. If you don't go all out, then you really shouldn't be doing it."

MATT

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change the venue to Reynolds. It doesn't need to be a game in which ticket demand is already going to be high. Not Duke or Carolina, but how about a charter league member team like Clemson or Virginia?

Season ticket holders can have the right to purchase a reserved ticket to the game starting with their priority, and, say, around 3,000 of the tickets - way less than a third of the building's capacity - can be reserved for students, who can have the op-

tion of camping out.

Until then, enjoy Saturday's game at the RBC Center. The 19,722-seat building will not be full, probably not even close.

But somewhere amidst the flags of European countries and the banners proclaiming the Hurricanes' Stanley Cup triumph in 2002, you'll see a corner of the ceiling devoted to Wolfpack basketball heroes of the past. Legends that once roamed the halls of Reynolds.

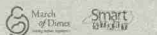
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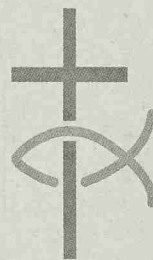
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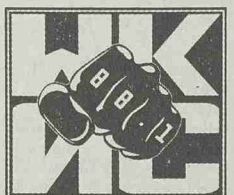
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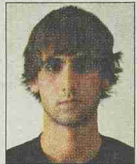
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TECHNICIAN

Rethinking Reynolds return

Forget for just a moment that Reynolds Coliseum is an out-dated facility. Forget that it was once the most feared arena in



Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

the country. That it provided a home court where the students were as close to the opposing team as their teammates - the noise as deafening as a jet

plane, the cheering utterly and completely relentless.

Forget the way Reynolds made you sweat, the way that popcorn smell hit you as soon as you walked into the arena, the way it stood proudly in the middle of campus as an everyday, on-the-way-to-class reminder of the good times.

Forget the glow of the red seats, the voice of C.A. Dillon, the huge red No. 44 that hung beside two national title banners, the way those rambunctious students seated in the end zone picked up the chairs in an effort to deter the flight of an opponent's free throw.

Forget for a second that it rocked - and I mean <i>rocked</i> - during the most futile of all eras in school history, the early and mid 1990s. Forget that it was going to hold the same impact on a game no matter the record of its tenant.

Its residents wouldn't have it any other way.

Don't think about any of these things. Only then you can fool yourself into thinking the RBC Center is a satisfactory home for N.C. State basketball, and you haven't missed a thing by missing out on the Reynolds of old.

When the RBC Center was being constructed, it was promised to be the finest facility in all of college basketball.

Now in its fifth year of existence, the same venue has been described as housing the loudest fans in the entire league.

In hockey.
So that's what the home court of State basketball has been reduced to. A hockey rink. Of the top five most memorable events in the history of the building, the Carolina Hurricanes own at least three.

If Everett Case heard the news, he would not only roll over in his grave, he would make it a point to forever haunt the building until his old team was returned to its rightful place - Reynolds Coliseum.

That, of course, is never going to happen. The university has multiple years left on its lease, and the way it bartered with the Hurricanes about the arena's naming rights, there's no doubt the home of Wolfpack basketball will remain the same for quite sometime.

So the next best thing to do in the opinion of the athletic department is to find the weakest non-conference opponent in the land, bring it into Raleigh for a December tilt in Reynolds and pass it off as a throwback style of a game.

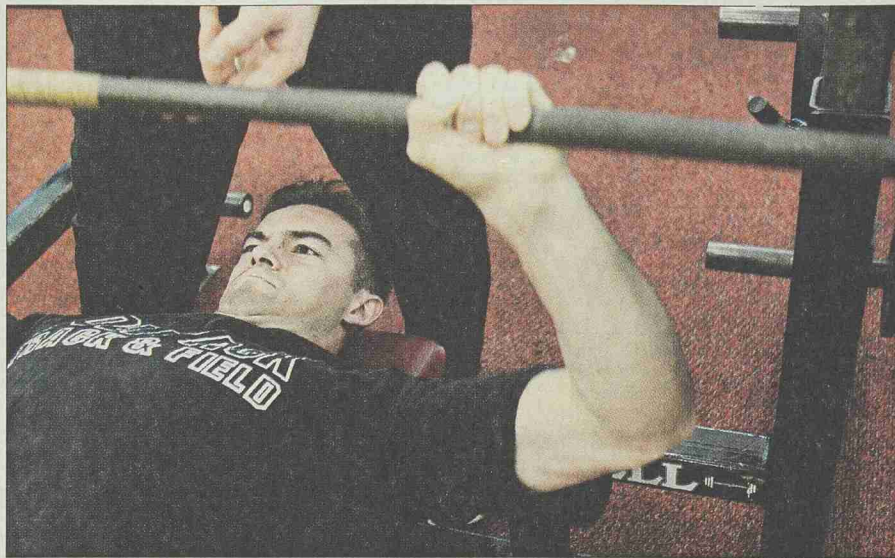
It worked so well that this past December, all of 5,287 people showed up to hop in the time machine, far less than the capacity of 12,400 the "Old Barn" held in its heyday.

Clearly, this is not the answer to exposing Reynolds to students who were never fortunate to take in a game. The student turnout for that game was by no means disappointing; the discouraging fact, however, was that only 5,000 people showed up, total.

The solution to this problem is to take an ACC game played in January or February and

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Vaulting to new heights



Steve Taylor pumps iron Wednesday afternoon. Taylor pole-vaulted to a second-place finish in his opening meet at State.

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UNC-CHAPEL HILL REFUGEE STEVE TAYLOR FEELS RIGHT AT HOME AT STATE

Todd Lion

Senior Staff Writer

With a highly rated business school and a solid track program with a brand new indoor practice facility, the University of North Carolina is an attractive lure to the interested high school senior.

For Wolfpack pole vaulter Steve Taylor, that was enough to draw him to Chapel Hill.

But it wasn't enough to keep him there.

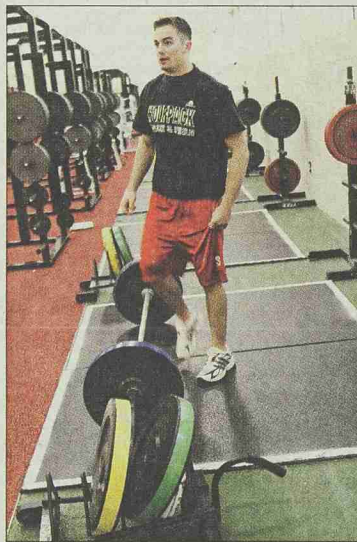
"UNC is a really good university in general, but I've always been a Wolfpack fan," Taylor said. "My dad went to State, and I've been going to Wolfpack football games for years. I never really got into the 'Tar Heel born, Tar Heel dead' thing, to be honest."

After a year of competing for UNC, the Raleigh native turned around and came back to his hometown.

"I love N.C. State — the track program here and the people," he said. "The people on the team and the coaches were probably the most influential factor in my transfer. [They were] down to earth people over here — that's what I really liked."

Of course, as with any intra-conference transfer, Taylor had to sit out from competition for a year. During his time off, he trained heavily with the team but was unable to compete very often.

"He did a few open competitions," assistant coach Gail Olsen said. "He mainly just did a lot of



A lifelong N.C. State fan, Steve Taylor transferred to the Wolfpack from Chapel Hill to pole vault for the track team.

training, a lot of jumping. It's hard when you're a redshirt and on your own to go to meets. If we're in a scored meet, he can't jump there. In this area, there aren't that many meets available that you can just jump in your car and get to."

But even vaulting in open meets is not quite the same as competing in uniform, and after a year and a half layaway, Taylor finally got back onto the runway wearing his school colors this past weekend at a meet in Chapel Hill — of course, they were red this time.

"I actually did alright in my opening meet," Taylor said of his 16-1 performance. "I jumped better than I thought I would. We haven't been doing much jumping here because of the weather, and we don't really have an indoor practice facility."

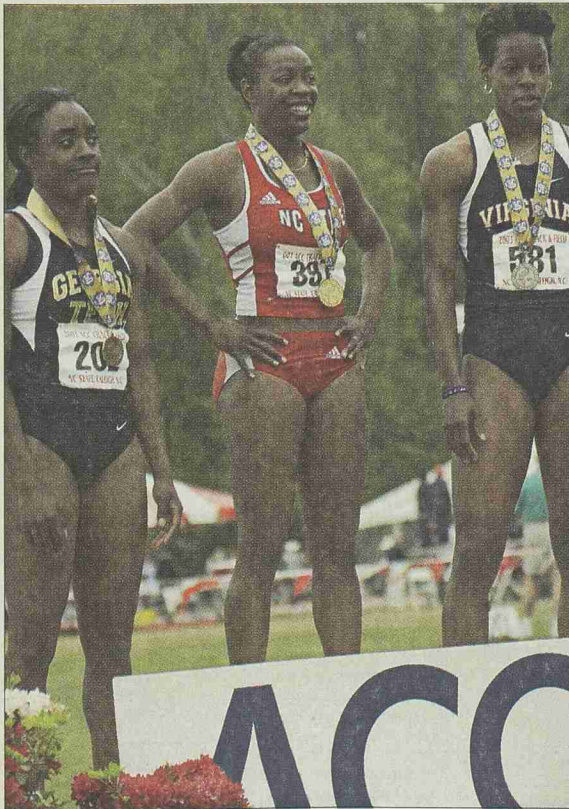
Coach Olsen sees this height as a good starting point for a talented young vaulter.

"There's going to be rust we have to knock off after a long time without competition," he said. "Steve's a good competitor, but in practice you'll never be able to get up to full speed and duplicate a meet situation. As he gets more meets under his belt, I think he's going to progress, get more competitive and get a little better technically."

That height is already better than his 2002 best of 15-11, and Taylor still has plenty of room to improve.

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Fant continues success indoors



Todd Lion

Senior Staff Writer

On the board above coach Terry Reese's desk is a list of times and goals for N.C. State's premier female sprinter, senior Felicia Fant. Phrases like "All-ACC" and "All American" splash an impressive background for a list of even more impressive numbers.

"Are those high goals?" Reese asked. "They're always high goals. I believe in setting them high. That way, even if you don't attain them, but you do come close, then you'll have some pretty good marks."

For the returning 100- and 200-meter ACC champion, these are goals that could very well be met during this spring. In the first meet of the year, Fant clocked a 7.43 in the 60-meter dash, a time good enough to provisionally qualify her for the NCAA indoor track and field championships this March.

Hitting a national qualifying mark in the first meet of the year is impressive, especially considering that Reese has not even begun to work on raw speed with his athletes yet.

"We haven't gone into any real specifics about our training so far," said Reese. "We're still doing a lot of things that will carry us over through indoor to outdoor. I'm developing them for a long season, especially those who have the ability to go beyond what most athletes get to compete in."

Fant's college career has been one of constant improvement, even if hampered by the too frequent injury.

She placed 13th in the 100 at the ACC outdoor track championships as a freshman and improved on that finish to cross the line in eighth place as a sophomore.

"Felicia is starting to come into her own, with her winning the 100 and 200 last year," Reese said. "It's been a building process, and I'm enjoying seeing the payoff from the hard work we put into all those years with her and her injuries. Now that she's overcome the injuries, she can really focus on the things she needs to do to become a top level athlete."

During her junior indoor campaign, she saw the first glimpses of how far her talent could take her.

Over the course of the season, Fant posted a total of seven times in the 60 that either tied or broke the previous school record, with her best time hitting 7.50 seconds.

During the outdoor season, the 100 school record also fell to Fant, improving to 11.56 seconds. Judging by the results so far this season, it's like she is picking up exactly where she left off six months ago.

"She set personal records twice in the first meet of the year, and the second mark was a provisional qualifying time," Reese said.

"Last week, our training was easy at the beginning of the week, and then we hit it hard at the end of the week, so she didn't perform at the same level in that meet, but she still had some outstanding times."

This weekend at Clemson, Fant will get her first shot at her second distance of the indoor track schedule, the 200-meter dash.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how she'll run the 200 this weekend at the Clemson track, because that's where the conference meet is going to be," Reese said. "She'll go into the indoor season as one of the favorites in the 60, and after we see how she performs on the Clemson track, she may be a favorite in the 200 as well. She has the kind of ability to pull off a double again."

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Felicia Fant (center) parlayed her successful 2003 outdoor campaign into a solid start to the 2004 indoor season, already qualifying for nationals.