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Worms invade student inboxes

University blocks certain files from e-mail.

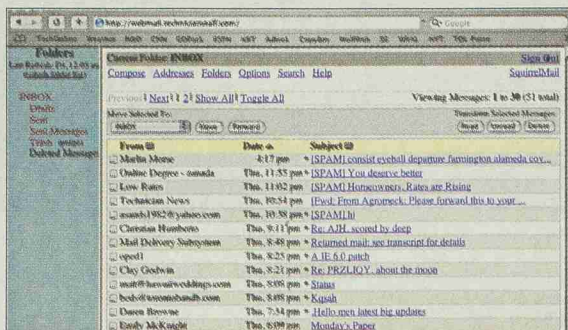
Shannon Holder
Assistant News Editor

The Internet has been a time-waster for many during the recent weather experienced at N.C. State University. Some students' Web surfing stalled as a computer worm started making its rounds Monday, and NCSU has taken several precautions to stop the virus.

The W32.Novarg.A@mm worm sends through e-mail as a .zip file, and once opened, sends the virus to everyone in that person's address book. Because the e-mail is sent by a familiar name, many students may open the attachment and unknowingly infect their computer.

"I knew my computer was running a little bit slower but didn't realize that it could be a virus," Ashleigh Scott, a junior in psychology, said, citing that she thought high traffic on the Internet was slowing her computer down.

Information Technology Division (ITD) Helpdesk Consultant Garrison Locke explained what the computer worm does when a computer is infected.



The W32.Novarg.A@mm virus littering email boxes this week often attacks unsuspecting users under the ruse of email subject lines like "Mail Undeliverable."

"When a computer is infected, the worm will set up a backdoor into the system by opening TCP ports 3127 through 3198, which can potentially allow an attacker to connect to the computer and use it as a proxy to gain access to its network resources," he said.

Locke added, "What this basically means, is that the worm itself doesn't do anything destructive to your machine, but it opens up a hole in your system which anyone can exploit to run any

arbitrary files they wish. This is the biggest threat to your machine."

Locke said he believes the worm has affected most students.

"Practically every e-mail user has been affected by the worm because it places an increased load on the mail servers causing delays in mail delivery."

The Information Technology Division Systems has decided temporarily not to deliver e-mail messages with .zip to prevent further infection throughout

NCSU Computing Resources:

NCSU's computing resources Web site:
<http://www.ncsu.edu/antivirus/>

Computing Resources Contact Info:
help@ncsu.edu or 515-HELP (4357)

Students who have infected computers:
<http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.novarg.a@mm.html>

the university's computer network.

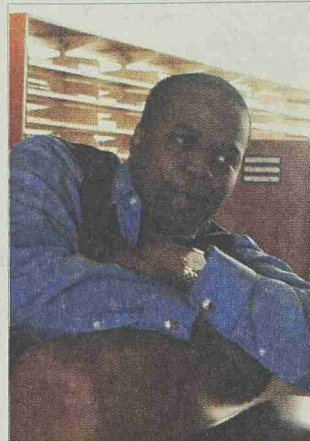
"The .zip filter will be diminished as soon as worm traffic decreases," Locke said.

Locke encourages all students to get the latest in virus protection, available through the Computing Resources Web site.

Students whose computers are infected should visit the Web site <http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.novarg.a@mm.html>.

Locke looked to the positive, "On the plus side, it's fairly easy to get rid of, so the threat will remain minimal as long as everyone who gets it cleans their machine and everyone updates their virus definitions."

FACES IN THE PACK



Ronald Funderburk, a computer engineer, has a love for business and finance.

Engineer will leave with two degrees and memories

Ronald Funderburk earns a master's degree during his fifth year at N.C. State.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

The technology boom in the '90s hooked Ronald Funderburk, so he decided to pursue a major in computer engineering at N.C. State a little more than four years ago.

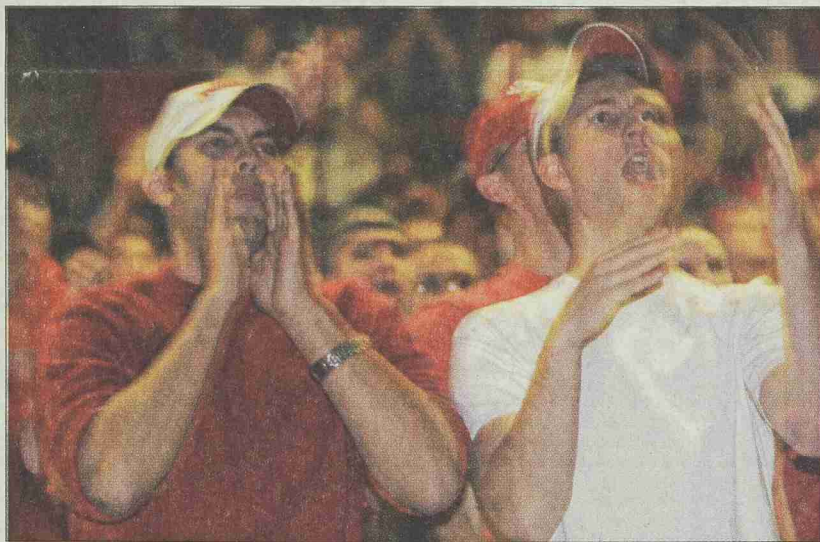
"I got caught up in the technology hype where the stock market grew and technology took off," said Funderburk, now a graduate student.

He completed four years at the university as a computer engineering major and then, wanting to expand his horizons, he applied and was accepted into the university's Accelerated Bachelors/Masters Program for computer engineering.

In this program, students start taking graduate level classes as a fourth-year student, Funderburk said. About 1,100 undergraduate and 360 graduate students take part in what the National Research Council said is one of the most prominent programs in the nation.

"I decided to stay at N.C. State for graduate school to take advantage of the benefits

The Big Event scores fans



Sophomores Scott Burwell and Brandon Hudson react to a penalty against N.C. State in the closing minutes of the UNC game. Burwell and Hudson were among a large group of students who watched the game in Reynolds Coliseum. Said Burwell, "[State's offense] is pretty good, if we could get some more shots off."

Turnout was high at Wednesday's Reynolds Coliseum screening of the basketball game against the Tar Heels.

Kate Renner
Staff Reporter

The clock struck 6:58 p.m. on Wednesday night and Reynolds Coliseum went dark.

The 16 by 20 foot television screen blazed with ESPN's live coverage of the N.C. State versus UNC-Chapel Hill basketball game. The NCSU pep band blasted the fight song and for the first time all season, the entire crowd chanted, "Go to Hell Carolina."

"The atmosphere felt so real. Even during the 'Hey, you suck' song, we all still chanted 'you suck,' even though no one from Carolina was there to hear us," Pamela Counsell, a freshman in communications, said.

The Big Event served as an alternative for students to watch the game, instead of finding a sports bar and getting drinks. For the seventh year in a row, the event was sponsored by a number of different groups who called themselves Advocating Choices Through Increased Options Now (ACTION).

"The Big Event is focused on making positive choices having to do with alcohol or sex,"

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Political humor

Capitol steps, a troupe of Congressional staffers, invades Stuart Theatre this weekend. See page 3.

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Writer recalls childhood in Nigeria

Born in Nigeria, author Elaine Orr shares her recently published memoir.

John D. Willingham
Staff Reporter

"I could die and be satisfied because once I knew a place of such stunning grace that my life has already been fulfilled," Elaine Orr wrote in her book, "Gods of Noonday."

The place that she is describing is Nigeria, her childhood home. Orr brought out those experiences in her life as the Guy Owen-Tom Walters reading series kicked off its spring run on Wednesday night in Winston Hall with a reading from her recent book.

An accomplished author and teacher, Orr is currently an associate professor in the English department.

Distinguished poet Chimalum Nwankwo provided an introduction for Orr.

Nwankwo is a revered African poet also from Nigeria and an English professor.

Nwankwo referred to Orr as a "kindred spirit," while reiterating the importance of sharing perspectives of the world.

Orr, the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, was born in 1954 in Nigeria. She spent the majority of her childhood in Nigeria around the missionary compound.

At 16, she left Nigeria to pursue her high school education in Arkansas. She received her bachelor's degree from Campbellsville University in Kentucky and her master's in English from the University of Louisville before heading to Emory to receive her doctorate in literature and theology.

It was at the University of Louisville that Orr first discovered her interest in writing. She began to write poems of Nigeria, which led to her first published work. In 1997, Orr began her first book, "Subject to Negotiation." Written for scholarly purposes, she

intended the book for a different audience than she appeals to now but still provides a glimpse into her background.

The next year Orr experienced kidney failure. Despite her illness, Orr said she felt "exhilarated" at the chance to continue her writing, which strongly reflects her Nigerian roots.

"I was able to see the world in some respects as a Yorba girl," Orr explained. She said she always wanted to be a Nigerian girl, but she was also conscious that she would one day have to leave Nigeria because her parents were missionaries.

Orr's reading presented listeners with a peek into a different world.

The book provides an introspective look into her life. Writing "Gods of Noonday" provided an almost surreal experience for Orr. She said she would dream, then write out her dreams and repeat the process over

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Elaine Orr reads from her book, "Gods of Noonday," which is heavily influenced by her experiences as a Nigerian living in America.

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WORLD

Explosion kills seven U.S. soldiers
in Afghanistan

An explosion at a weapons cache killed seven U.S. soldiers and wounded three more Thursday, in one of the deadliest incidents since U.S. forces deployed in Afghanistan. The U.S. Central Command also said an American soldier was missing.

An Afghan interpreter also was wounded by the 3 p.m. explosion near the city of Ghazni, 60 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul. The soldiers were working around a weapons cache when the blast happened.

—Wire Reports

Suicide bombing kills at least 10
in Jerusalem

A powerful blast on Thursday blew a Jerusalem bus to pieces, killing 10 Israelis and the Palestinian bomber and showering a placid, palm-dotted residential neighborhood with shattered glass, twisted metal and human remains.

The explosion was less than a block from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's official residence. It was the second suicide bombing close to the residence in two years.

—KRT

NATION

Dean will concentrate on future
contests

One day after shaking up his presidential campaign,

Howard Dean said Thursday that he doesn't have to win in the seven states voting Feb. 3 as long as he does well enough to pick up delegates there.

His new strategy is becoming clear: Bank on doing well in Michigan,

Washington state and Wisconsin, which vote later in the month and have much larger caches of delegates, not to mention more liberal Democrats likely to respond to Dean's antiestablishment appeal.

For the next five days, Dean's scheduled to touch down in the Feb. 3 states of Missouri, New Mexico and Arizona, but he'll spend at least half of his time in Michigan and Washington, which vote Feb. 7, and Wisconsin, which votes Feb. 17.

This is a critical time for Dean, who was rich and believed by some pundits to be the front-runner little more than two weeks ago, until the former Vermont governor finished third in Iowa and a distant second in New Hampshire.

—KRT

Republicans gaining new support
from Jewish voters, survey says

In its annual survey of Jewish opinion released this month, the highly regarded and influential American Jewish Committee found that the number of Jews who considered themselves Republican had increased from 9 percent in 2000 to 16 percent in 2003. The interest group surveyed 1,000 Jews nationally, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent.

A Republican poll conducted last year indicates 48 percent of all Jewish voters would consider voting for Bush's re-election.

Only 22 percent of Jewish voters cast ballots for him in 2000.

The importance of these polls is intensely debated by Democrats and Republicans nationally, with Democrats dismissing the numbers as inconsequential.

"The vast majority of Jewish voters remain Democrats," said David Harris, deputy director of the National Jewish Democratic Council.

—KRT

STATE

Kinston explosion studied

One year after a deadly blast rocked Kinston's West Pharmaceutical Services plant, federal investigators have launched a national survey of dust explosions in an effort to protect workers.

Six people died and dozens were injured last Jan. 29 when dust from the plant's rubber-making process ignited.

Stephen Salk, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's lead investigator on the Kinston incident, said Wednesday that laboratory tests will examine whether a hot surface or spark could have ignited the dust.

He said investigators are also evaluating the causes of other fires and explosions in the rubber-making industry to see whether there is any similarity.

The board had said possible sources of the West explosion included static electricity, machinery, a tool or smoking. Although the board does not issue citations or fines, it makes recommendations to industry and government.

—N&O

Side streets still await snow-
plows

While snow-plows, salt and sunshine have left most interstates and primary roads in decent shape, people who drive less-traveled routes reported long stretches that are still well beyond the capacity of school buses.

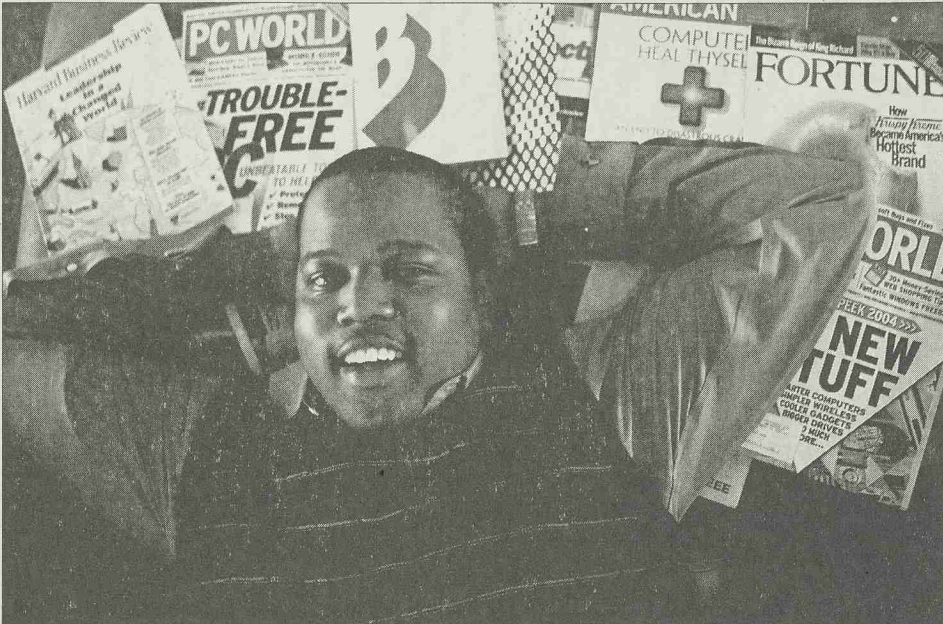
"For my bus drivers, places like Sunset Lake Road and Johnson Pond Road are important thoroughfares," said Kathy Hlatt, a transportation supervisor who oversees bus routes for parts of southern Wake County.

"Those roads just aren't looking good yet. Buses are horrible when it comes to driving on ice."

A mass of cold air that kept temperatures just below 40 degrees was largely to blame for the remaining snow and ice on feeder streets and subdivisions.

It also underscored how difficult and important it is to clear the last miles of road where people actually live.

—N&O



Ronald Funderburk, a computer engineer, has a love for business and finance.

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of the Accelerated Bachelors/Masters Program. I also wanted another year to figure out specifically what I wanted to do," Funderburk said. "I needed to be more challenged and the workload definitely kicked in."

Funderburk has a passion not only for his schoolwork but also in everything that he does.

"I am a jack of all trades, not necessarily a master at anything," he said.

With this mindset, Funderburk has accomplished and experienced many things during college. He has held two internships in New York City. Last summer, he interned with

Goldman Sachs, an investment-banking firm. He explored the information technology field in a hands-on manner. For two and a half years, he was a resident advisor, influencing the lives of his residents. By doing this, Funderburk was able to pursue something that interests him, learning about people.

"I love learning about people and their different cultures and attitudes," Funderburk said. "I treat people as if race, status and class doesn't matter. It's never situational; everyone is equal in my eyes, and that's the best thing about college, learning and knowing people."

Regarding his hobbies, Funderburk has played piano for nine years, has taken up golf and attends every NCSU athletic game that he can. He also

likes to be with his friends.

"I was able to go to Brent Road the year before all the cops shut it down and it was awesome...probably one of my greatest memories at N.C. State."

In the classroom, Funderburk said that his favorite professor is Mindy Sopher in the department of communication. "Even after the class has ended, Ms. Sopher and I have maintained a close friendship."

His favorite class was portfolio management.

His family got him into all the intricacies of investing in high school. At NCSU, he joined Young Black Entrepreneurs, which brings business situations to students.

"Although this class wasn't in my major, it helped bring some

of the things that I enjoy outside of school together," he said.

According to Funderburk, he strives to make his father proud, who passed away when he was in eleventh grade.

His father wanted him to go to school and achieve the most in life. He hopes that he has put a smile on his father's face with his overall GPA of a 3.78.

Funderburk's expected graduation date is this summer.

After he graduates with a master's in computer engineering, he hopes to work for an investment management firm and later attend a professional school.

"I will go wherever I have to. It's wide open. I'm in it for the opportunity and experience," Funderburk said.

High-carb foods get makeover

Dianne Solis

The Dallas Morning News
(KRT)

Behold the carbohydrate: It will fuel your body's engine.

Beware the carbohydrate: It will swell your waistline and other parts of your body, too.

Low-carb evangelicals are winning converts as the nation's obesity spreads. The number of new low- or no-carb products nearly doubled in 2003 from the year before, according to New York-based market research firm ProductsCan Online.

And like good politicians, many makers of carb-rich foods such as bread find they must appeal to both athletes and aesthetes.

From its brick bunker of a headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, Bread maker Bimbo Bakeries USA came up with a two-pronged approach to keep its bottom line plump. That's because the popularity of low-carb diets, first espoused in 1972 by the late Dr. Robert Atkins, has led to a stomach-

churning statistic: 40 percent of consumers are eating less bread than they did a year ago.

Bimbo, the Fort Worth-based division of one of the world's largest bakeries, Mexico-based Grupo Bimbo SA, last year introduced breads with six net grams of carbs under its U.S. Oroweat brand. ("Oroweat is proud to introduce its new Atkins-endorsed 'Carb Counting' breads created specifically for the low-carb lifestyle," a Bimbo release says.)

But it is also the proud official bread supplier to the U.S. Olympic team in Athens, Greece. ("Carbohydrates are the primary fuel utilized during high-intensity exercise," says Judy Nelson, U.S. Olympic Committee nutrition coordinator, in a news release distributed by Bimbo.)

Chicago-based Sara Lee Corp. has just launched its own low-carb breads, dubbed "Delightful White" and "Delightful Wheat." Three months ago, San Antonio-based H.E. Butt Grocery Co.'s upscale Central Market

chain began baking low-carb breads and hamburger buns daily.

Dallas-based 7-Eleven Inc. joined the "low-carb revolution" this month with a promotion with the manufacturer of Atkins Nutritional Inc., a company formed by Dr. Atkins. CarbSense Foods Inc. serves up a low-carb tortilla chip. Keto Foods and Snacks has launched a low-carb milk.

Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. credits its new Michelob Ultra, a low-carb brew launched in late 2002, with lifting its 2003 profits. It's been matched by several competitors. Along with the plethora of snack bars, there are low-carb pestos, pastas and puddings.

New low-carb products are hitting the shelves daily.

It seems that only the potato is still a potato, packed with carbs and unadulterated by marketing mutations.

The rise of "low-carbers" is so significant that in November the bread industry held a "summit" on how to compete.

It was led by the National Bread Leadership Council on the Providence, R.I., campus of Johnson & Wales University. A council-commissioned survey found that of 1,000 people questioned, 16 percent had gone on a low-carb diet and 40 percent said they had cut back on the carb load.

Worse yet, bread's suffering from an image crisis in a country where obesity is reaching new highs. Only about a third of those queried said that bread was a healthy carb.

"Bread isn't the problem in America ... overeating is the problem," argues Bimbo spokesman David Margulies. Moreover, in Europe, where people eat two to three times the amount of bread as Americans, there is a lower rate of obesity, he asserts.

"I think a lot of people have just gone to an extreme," says dietitian Lona Sandon, assistant professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Assault
arrest

News Staff Report

A woman called police after she was robbed and assaulted in the Coliseum Deck Saturday at 2:58 a.m. After the victim gave a description of the assailant, an officer caught him walking down Cates Avenue.

Darrell Lennox Fleming, 38, is suspected not only of the assault and robbery on Saturday, but of a previous crime in November when he was found breaking into a person's car. An officer who had seen him, but was unable to apprehend him at the time identified him from this crime. Fleming, a resident of 1420 South Wilmington St. in Raleigh, has been taken to jail.

Given the pattern of behavior, police suspect Fleming may have been involved in other incidents on campus. If you have any information about these and other crimes, contact Campus Police at 515-2498.

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Chris Austin, a substance abuse prevention educator, said.

Before the lights shut off for the game, Lin Dawson, a former NCSU football player who went on to play for the New England Patriots, provided students with a message about making good choices.

"We usually give out information on health and positive choices in the Brickyard the day of the Big Event, but because of the weather we are postponing the pamphlet distribution until before spring break," Austin said.

With a turnout of around 1,100 students, fans routing for the home team nearly filled the stands.

"This event is bigger than I thought it'd be, it almost feels like a real game," sophomore Zack William, a member of the ACTION group, said.

The cheerleaders and dance team kept the crowd pumped up with the traditional cheers.

"It was pretty freaking loud and intense. Everyone was just as excited as a live game," Shawn Campbell, a freshman in biomedical engineering, said.

At commercial breaks raffle tickets were drawn for the chance to win numerous prizes, including two free airline tickets, a signed football by Chuck Amato and several \$100 gift certificates.

During halftime students competed in a shooting competition for a mountain bike sponsored by the ACTION committee.

However, not everyone was thrilled with the festivities.

Sophomore Andy Brown said, "I enjoyed my experience at Reynolds. What's not to like? People yelling at a TV screen, women's basketball raffles and a double overtime halftime competition because no one could make a lay-up."

Other students enjoyed the chance to watch the game with fellow students since tickets to the game were difficult to come by.

"If the game wouldn't have been played on the big screen in Reynolds, I'd probably just be watching it in my dorm or doing homework," Campbell said.

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and over.

She explained how this experience shaped her perspective.

"Wherever you are, that is the world you see," Orr said.

Although Orr has been in the United States for quite some time, she said she feels the urge to go back to Nigeria for good. She told the listeners that the people and the land call for her to come back. Due to her medical condition, however, it is impossible for her to stay in Nigeria year-round. But she said she would like to live there for half the year and in the United States for the other half.

POLICE BLOTTER

January 27, 2004

2:17 AM | Harassing phone calls

A student called to report receiving three unwanted phone calls in his room in Lee Hall. The calls apparently came from somewhere on the Peace College Campus. We attempted to contact Peace College Security, and left a message for them to contact us reference a follow-up.

10:55 AM | Fire

A resident hall staff member noticed a piece of paper on fire in the stairwell of Sullivan Hall between floors one and two. The staff member put the fire out with an extinguisher. There was no damage to the stairwell. Only a portion of the paper was burned.

11:23 AM | Fire alarm

Officers and RFD responded to a fire alarm at Carter Finley Stadium. The alarm indicated room 105, where water was coming from the floor. A fire sprinkler head blew off the water pipe. Contact was made with the Athletics Director. He arrived and Physical Plant was also notified for repair. The Fire Department requested a fire watch until the system is repaired.

12:48 PM | Traffic Accident

A Toyota slid into two parked vehicles in Lee Lot.

3:20 PM | Medical psychiatric

A female subject was transported to Wake Mental for evaluation after making suicidal statements to her roommate.

4:38 PM | Fire alarm

The fire alarm went off at D.H. Hill Library. Police and Fire responded to the area. The cause of activation was unknown.

5:03 PM | Suspicious persons

A staff member called to report that four people were inside the fence underneath the scoreboard at Carter Finley Stadium. An officer checked the entire area, and did not locate anyone or note any problems.

8:18 PM | Hit and run

A student reported that her car was struck while parked in the Dan Allen Deck on level one west side. An accident report was filed.

8:51 PM | Medical assist

A student began feeling lightheaded at Carmichael Gym. Officers, EMS, and RFD responded. He refused transport for further treatment.

January 28, 2004

10:29 PM | Traffic accident

A staff member called to report that an NCSU Waste Management truck slid on the ice behind Pylon 1 and 2 while collecting trash and ran into a guard-rail. Less than \$200 damage to guard rail only. No other damage noted.

1:24 AM | Alcohol violation

A student called to report possibly underage subjects drinking and being very loud at North Hall. An officer found the room locked and empty. He was unable to locate any subjects partying. No problems noted.

8:06 AM | B or E / Larceny

A non-student called to report the College of Engineering construction site on Partner's Way had been broken into between Saturday night, 1/24/04, and this morning, 1/28/04. Four jackstands and a banner saw were taken.

10:39 AM | Check person

A staff member reported that subjects were in the Talley Student Center when no one was supposed to be in the building. Officers checked the area and found members of Phi Gamma Delta. Everything was o.k.

1:01 PM | Larceny

A staff member called to report the theft of a plaque from the main entrance to Unger Miller Field.

2:51 PM | Larceny

A student reported that his brother's bike had been taken from a bike rack on the west side of Mann Hall today between 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM.

3:41 PM | Safety program

A Sergeant presented a Rape and Sexual Assault Training Program at the Student Health Services Building.

4:08 PM | Suspicious vehicle

A caller reported a number of four wheel ATVs in the natural area off Main Campus Drive on Centennial Campus. The officer responding was unable to locate any vehicles.

7:19 PM | Assault-female

A student reported that she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend in the Aventura Ferry Campus parking lot. Investigation is continuing.

7:48 PM | Suspicious person

A non-student reported two males riding bikes through the Coliseum Deck. An officer checked the area, but was unable to locate anyone.

8:23 PM | Larceny

A student reported that his bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack at Syme Hall.

Political burlesque in Stewart Theatre

Ashley Hink
Senior Staff Writer

Late night television personalities and comedians have never been short on political material to spread a few laughs. From Clinton's sexual escapades in the oval office, an endless number of "Bush-isms" and Howard Dean's slightly disturbing outburst after being defeated in the Iowa caucus, it is inevitable that every high-profile politician will be the butt of jokes. Yet, even though the cast of "Saturday Night Live" has successfully mimicked President Clinton and Janet Reno for years, only the people that intimately work around them can truly capture the humor of America's politicians.

The Capitol Steps is a group of current and past congressional staffers that turn the issues and personalities of our nation's government into hilarious comedy routines and musical parodies. Just in time for the heated Democratic primaries, the Steps will be performing two sold-out shows Saturday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre.

The Capitol Steps began spreading political humor in 1981 when three staff members for Senator Charles Percy were planning entertainment for a Christmas party. Since then, the Steps have performed satirical skits and songs to thousands of audiences across the United States. Members of the

troupe perform every Friday and Saturday at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington D.C., but other members of the group frequent churches, universities and concert halls on tours throughout the nation.

Even the past four presidents have seen the Steps in action and the politicians themselves cannot help but laugh along. They also appear on radio shows, PBS specials and they have released 18 albums. The latest, appropriately titled "Between Iraq and a Hard Place," is a compilation of songs from 2003.

The parody songs found on the Steps albums are the bulk of their performances. While some are slightly vulgar and dirty, the majority are relatively clean fun. One of the many songs about Bill Clinton, "Our Love is Here to Stain," speaks

for itself. The group sings, "He passed his written but failed his oral," as they speak of Clinton's sex scandal. While some politicians may provide more material than others may, one must not worry about party affiliation bias; Democrats and Republicans receive an equal slamming.

Hot topics in Congress and current events are themes of the parodies and skits too. "God Bless My S.U.V." satirizes American abundance by defending the right to own the enormous, gas-guzzling automobiles. Crowds are likely to be surprised with lyrics like, "A land of mass consumption / Our lives filled with excess / But my daddy wasn't fighting on Normandy that day / For the right to drive a Hyundai - I refuse to live that way" and "I'll never trade my Escalade / God bless my S.U.V."

The Steps also features media headlines from the past month in their latest songs.

"Mo-o-o-o-o-o" is about the mad cow disease craze, "Spider Hole" is a perspective from Saddam Hussein about his hardly royal living conditions before being captured and "We Arm the World" is about none other than the United States' role in weapon distribution.

However, the lucky crowds attending the performances on Saturday will view and hear hilarious material pertaining to the Democratic primaries. While the Steps are never short of new material, election time surely provides an extra bonus. Inspired by the younger generation's interest in past marijuana use by the candidates, "Green Grass at Home" reveals who has smoked, who hasn't and who should. The group sings, "It's like a

badge of honor to say you smoked the green, green grass at home" and "Though Lieberman won't smoke weed, he needs to. Though Al Sharpton says that pot is a dumb thing / His barber must be high on something / He's wearing reefer madness on his dome."

The Capitol Steps will try to provide much-needed political comic relief to crowds at Stewart Theatre this weekend. While the public receives a bombardment of political news with front-page stories and television coverage, reminders of the humorous imperfections of politics is a good thing. For those that weren't lucky enough to grab tickets, there will be other opportunities to see a performance. The Steps are touring throughout the year and as long as America has politicians, they will never be short of material.



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Elvis is alive, JFK never died and Marilyn Monroe was good in bed; I don't know about you, but my conscience has been eased. Oh yeah, and a soul-seeking mummy has been unleashed in a small Texas nursing home.

"Bubba Ho-Tep" is from director Don

Coscarelli, the acclaimed creator of the "Phantasm" series. Coscarelli finally brings to the light of day what *really* happened to Elvis. This "true" story focuses on Elvis' and JFK's expedition to stop the evil forces of a murderous mummy. The obscure storyline comes from the mind of Joe R. Lansdale who originally wrote the Bram Stoker Award nominated short story on which the film was based.

In a small Texas nursing home, the film introduces the audience to a very much alive but not so well Elvis (Bruce Campbell). While preoccupied with his unidentified ailments (believe me, you really do not want to know what his ailment is) and the regrets of his younger years as "The King," Elvis befriends the alive, kicking and now black John F. Kennedy (Ossie Davis) because of some mysterious occurrences in the home. The elderly Elvis and JFK find, in their in-depth investigation into the matters, that their fellow nursing home patients are quickly dying off from what seem like unnatural causes. In their quest to save the lives of their neighbors, the duo discover the existence of a soul-seeking mummy with a fondness for cowboy gear and an infatuation with the elderly anus. It is the job of the king of rock 'n' roll and the former president of the United States to stop the

mummy from stealing the helpless souls of their fellow patients and save the nursing home from the clutches of Bubba Ho-Tep.

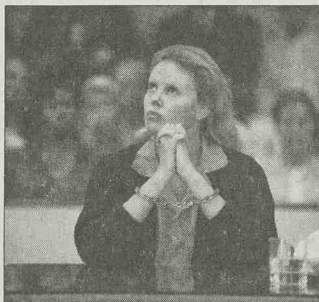
Bruce Campbell gives a delightful performance as Elvis, exemplifying the characteristics of what the king might really be like had he not died so many years ago. Campbell provides the viewers with an insight into the true happenings after Elvis' rise to fame and an outlook on the rise and fall of pop stardom.

Davis gives a similar, exemplary performance...well, as much as one would expect because we all know that JFK was, in fact, black. He really did do a wonderful job capturing the full parody and cultural statement that was accompanied with the role. Davis' role as JFK brings unparalleled humor to the film, which is unleashed at every single point the character is on screen.

The incredible subtext of the film enlightens one to the fabulous world of the rich and the famous, the heroes and victors, the kings and presidents.

With split-tongue humor, Coscarelli brings life to Lansdale's satirical tale of heroes whose lives have deteriorated from the effects of stardom and the over titillation of public opinion

- Jake Seaton

**Monster**

Directed by: Patty Jenkins
Starring: Charlize Theron, Christina Ricci



Based on a serial killer prostitute, "Monster" sounds as if it is either a B- horror film

or a "Law & Order" detective thriller. It is neither; instead, it joins the ranks of the biographical melodrama.

Presenting the story of Aileen Wuornos, director Patty Jenkins not only faces the challenge of exploring the psyche of a serial killer, but also of a hitchhiking prostitute and an awkward homosexual relationship.

Charlize Theron, with the help of a purely incredible makeup crew (and gaining 30 pounds), plays Aileen, the now-executed Floridian of whom the narrative revolves around. Early on in the film, a struggling Aileen happens across an equally ostracized Selby (Christina Ricci). With alcohol to smooth over the awkwardness, Aileen and Selby begin to validate their unlikely intimacy via sex.

The grittiness, both of the situation and of the characters, is conveyed beautifully throughout the film. A controlled color palette of browns, faded greens and yellows maintains a visual aesthetic of despair and poverty. Equally important are the vividly

dominant, gritty textures, in terms of mise-en-scene (stucco walls, dirty floors, the individual pores on Aileen's face).

The film's aural elements, both the soundtrack and the score, lack the depth as seen in the visual textures. Brian Transeau's original score is fitting for a dark melodrama, but barely notable. The songs used in the soundtrack feel like forced audio cues to remind the audience that the film is supposed to be set in the 1980s.

Unfortunately, the extreme violence used for conveying desperation and shock works all too well. With no comedic relief anywhere to be found, "Monster" is painful to watch. And where is the positive message? The moral? Reality may not always award a hiatus from intensity, but "Monster" could afford to take one or two creative liberties, for the sake of soothing one's emotional investment. In short, the film is a disturbing downer, but visually well-crafted, especially for a first-time director.

-Chris Nicholas

RULE OF THUMB

**bin Laden will be caught by year's end**

The U.S. military is "sure" it will catch Osama bin Laden this year, perhaps within months, a spokesman declared on Thursday. The spokesman then said, "But we will certainly have him in custody. In time for President Bush to impale bin Laden's head on a sharpened stick and wave it off the side of the U.S.S. Constitution sometime right around November."

James Brown released from jail

Soul singer James Brown was released from jail after being arrested on suspicion of domestic violence in an argument with his wife. Authorities said they became worried when they reached Brown's home and heard a sound like someone punching a side of beef followed by a shouted chorus of "Get on up! Get on up!"

**Microsoft scared**

Security experts warned that the fast spreading MyDoom virus would plague e-mail users for some time, prompting Microsoft to offer a \$250,000 reward to anyone who helps authorities find and prosecute the author of the virus. One Microsoft executive said, "I think I hear George Orwell laughing. Hard."

Exxon announces huge profits

Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest publicly traded oil company, said fourth-quarter profits rose more than 60 percent on soaring oil and gas prices, a huge tax gain and rebounded chemical earnings. One spokesman for the company added, "It also helps that we quietly kill anyone who builds one of them electric cars. Damn hippies."

**Masturbating cop back on force**

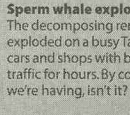
A San Diego policeman who sold videos of himself masturbating after removing a police uniform was wrongly dismissed from the force, a U.S. appeals court ruled. The San Diego Chief of Police said, "We thought someone said there was video of the officer in his police blues whacking some guy with his stick... not whacking his own... stick."

**Polish President held suspect**

Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski said on Wednesday he was briefly suspected by Canadian authorities of being an illegal immigrant, during an unexpected stopover on a flight from Washington. This gaff by Canadian authorities has left them being unfairly stereotyped as the stupidest country in the world, a title formerly held by...um...Poland.

**Bank customer attacks with snakes**

A disgruntled customer faces possible attempted murder charges after he released five venomous snakes into a South African bank. The man only got angrier when police showed up and openly mocked his attack. "Poisonous snakes? You attacked a bank with snakes? No, good one, Moses... What was next? Locusts?"

**Sperm whale explodes**

The decomposing remains of a 60-ton sperm whale exploded on a busy Taiwan street, showering nearby cars and shops with blood and organs and stopping traffic for hours. By comparison, wonderful weather we're having, isn't it?



WEEKEND CALENDAR

FRIDAY:

ON CAMPUS
Swimming Pool is being played at the campus cinema at 7 p.m. followed by **Under the Tuscan Sun** at 9 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS:

The **Big Bounce** is opening at local cinemas along with **You Got Served**, **The Perfect Score**, **Girl With a Pearl Earring** and **Bubba Ho-Tep**.
Dark Star Orchestra is performing at Lincoln Theatre.
Hobex is playing at The Pour House Music Hall.
Centaur Presents a Hip-Hop Function at King's Barcade with **Spectac**, **The Remix Project**, **Median of the Justice League**, **Dan Johns**, **Lyrikal Buddah**, **DJ Forge** and **J. Riggie**.
Adrian Duke is opening for **Jimmy Landry** at Six String Cafe.

Murphy's Law and **Antagonizers** are opening at Cat's Cradle for **Pietasters**.
Permanent Darling, **Oh My God**, **Hurry Up Offense** and **Army of Me** are performing at Go! Room 4.

SATURDAY:

ON CAMPUS
Capitol Steps are performing at Stewart Theatre at 4 and 8 p.m.
Under the Tuscan Sun will be shown at the campus cinema at 7 p.m.
The campus cinema is showing **Swimming Pool** at 9 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS
Lincoln Theatre has **Dark Star Orchestra**.
MANDORICO is performing at The Pour House Music Hall.
Glamore Productions presents **Winter Wiggle 2** at King's Barcade with **Lem-**

oore, Riktor and **DJ.exe**.

Hooverville is performing at Six String Cafe with **Josh Lamkin** and **Eliot Bronson** opening.
Chapel Hill's **Roman Candle** is opening for **Thad Cockrell** at Cat's Cradle.
The Unicorns, **The Strugglers** and **Mansions** are performing at Go! Room 4.

SUNDAY:

ON CAMPUS
The Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, & Public Service is showing **Boys Don't Cry** at the campus cinema at 7 p.m.
OFF CAMPUS
The Pour House Music Hall is hosting **Meanflower**.
Senses Fail, **Moneen**, **The Beautiful Mistake** and **Boy's Night Out** are performing at Go! Room 4.

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LATINO STUDENTS NEED ATTENTION

OUR OPINION: IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE FOR THE GROWING NUMBERS OF HISPANICS ON CAMPUS, N.C. STATE NEEDS TO STRENGTHEN SERVICES FOR HISPANIC STUDENTS.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education released a study that followed the trends of Hispanics through the public school system. They project that by 2008, nine million Hispanics will be enrolled in the public schools, or Hispanics will account for 21 percent of the public school population in America.

This means more and more Hispanics will be graduating and entering public universities. The study said public universities are not prepared to handle the huge population influx that is coming. Many Hispanic students graduate and go into the workforce straight out of high school, but that is changing. Hispanic students are enrolling at the same rate as non-Hispanic students,

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but many cannot go to school full-time, because they have to work to support dependants.

At N.C. State, there are models and programs in place to help historically underprivileged minority students. While those models are in place, programs geared toward Hispanic students need to be strengthened.

In the Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs, Dr. Jose Picart is already making partnerships with the Latino community. Peer mentoring and tutorial services geared for minority students are in place at NCSU to help students get the help and advising they need in order to succeed. The university needs to actively recruit students and faculty into these programs. Peer mentoring works as an outreach service to catch struggling students early enough and teach them college skills, such as how to study and time management, that otherwise would not get from anywhere else.

Also, actively recruiting Latino professors and Latino community leaders to become mentors for Hispanic students would bolster the support needed to make peer mentoring programs work.

Right now, these programs are geared mostly toward African-American students. But with appropriate modifications, as Picart said, these programs could be applied for use with Hispanic students.

Now there is the potential for the perception that one minority group would get preferential treatment over another. The administration needs to work toward making NCSU a welcoming place for students and dispel any notion that one group of people is treated better than another. One thing is for certain: The Hispanic population is growing and public universities have an obligation to accommodate all students.

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No shirt, no ID, no service.

Meghan Howard experiences firsthand how life on campus can be difficult without a student ID.

[Editor's note: Technician contacted Randy Lait, the business manager for University Dining, and made him aware of the situation. He said that University Dining should feed every student despite a lost or stolen AllCampus card.]

Although the recent snow days were wonderful and much appreciated, they brought to light a new side of N.C. State. New issues came up that I had

Meghan Howard
Guest Columnist

let alone cause me problems.

Alright, it's late Saturday evening. As I am getting ready to clock out from work, I notice that my wallet, which was once with my belongings, is missing. Besides the obvious task of canceling debit cards, replacing my driver's license and getting a new student identification card, I never would have thought that getting my ID stolen on a weekend would be such a hassle.

As (almost) any person would do, I called Campus Police to place a police report. This was only after waiting 40 minutes for a Campus Police officer dispatched to the wrong building. My wallet was stolen, and 20 minutes after making the complaint, I got a call back from the dispatch office informing me that I am in a storage closet.

Well my friends, upon the much-anticipated arrival of the officer, he handled the situation well. He got all the details, made sure I had covered my bases in terms of canceling accounts, gave me a police report number and checked the trash cans around the vicinity to ensure parts of my belongings weren't immediately discarded. He also reassured me that with my police report number on hand I could get a new ID for no charge. This is what I like to call good service.

Police report number in hand and your new ID number memorized, oddly enough, I decide it is time to go give eating a whirl at the dining hall, without an ID. I go in, explain that someone stole my ID and informed the staff that I have a police report number (for proof, of course) and I actually know my new ID number. In return, they tell me that the procedure is not going to fly. I ask to speak to a manager, explaining my situation yet again,

to no avail.

Just because I was unlucky and my ID was stolen on a weekend I can't eat? This just doesn't seem kosher to me. Imagine you are an NCSU employee, a recognizable face at this venue and a broke college student...How does it feel when you are unable to eat for three days on your meal plan because there were two snow days following the last day of your weekend, making ID retrieval an even longer process?

But this, however, goes beyond being unable to dine. I was patient in waiting for university operations to get back up and running after the inclement conditions. Lucky for me, I have awesome friends that spotted me meals and such over the past few days. This is the part I least expect: I had to pay for my new ID card.

From what I understood, with a police report number, the university would replace an ID at no charge. That makes sense but, unfortunately, this was not the case. Along with all the other confusions of the new IDs there come new policies to learn as well. Not only is there a policy about eating on a campus meal plan without an ID, there is also a new policy that stolen IDs are no longer replaced without a charge.

So, with my life still gone with my wallet, I am forced to write a \$15 check for a new ID when, because my wallet was stolen, I'm not positive I have that money at my disposal anymore. After all, it was a weekend, so the bank hasn't been open to track my account and for some odd reason they will only let me find out all the pertinent information I need at the office even though I can do crazy amounts of banking and balancing online. Anyway, I digress.

What is NCSU coming to? Due to a turn of bad luck, not only can you not eat if you lose your ID, but you have to pay to get those privileges restored. I think that is ridiculous. It would be one thing if you lost your ID, but it is quite another issue if someone's fingers were a little sticky and they stole it from you. Just because a university is trying to climb the technological ladder doesn't mean they should get rid of the "small" policies that save those of us with bad luck.

Something needs to change.

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It's okay to marry gay

Zack Medford says the government should support homosexual marriages as they support heterosexual ones.

My heart was broken Jan. 3. I read a news article detailing the unlikely romance and subsequent wedding of two of my favorite stars. No, not Will and Grace.

No, apparently Britney chose Jason Alexander, that lovable rage-a-holic George from Seinfeld. I was devastated! I had always imagined a picture-perfect ceremony between Britney and I.

We'd walk down the flower-laden halls of the picturesque church in Louisiana she attended as a small girl. Our mothers would be crying, our fathers would proudly gaze upon their two children, now all grown up.

Little Jaime Spears would be tossing rose petals as we approached the altar, ready to admit the love in our hearts would be there for eternity. Instead, she married the fat guy from Seinfeld.

So it turns out that she got divorced 55 hours after marrying our chubby friend. Also turns out that our chubby friend was not a Seinfeld star but rather a hometown hog handler from Britney's past. After a drunken night of partying in Las Vegas, Britney accidentally found herself married, and she wanted out.

Well, now wait a minute, what the hell? Why is the only thing that our government requires to define marital status is that two people are of the opposite sex? Why can a male and a female get incredibly drunk and be pronounced married by the king of rock 'n' roll, while a lesbian couple that has been together for 20 years can never file as married on their taxes?

Now let me make this clear, this is not a religious argument. I don't

know nearly enough about all religions to convince anyone that God is okay with gay marriage. Personally, I think God has enough to worry about as it is. I'm just saying that the government should recognize the civil union between two human beings.

Britney got really wasted in Las Vegas. She was having a great time with one of her hometown buddies and they decided to get married on a whim. The marriage didn't go so well and after 55 hours they called it off. It turns out there was no love in the marriage, the one ingredient necessary for a perpetual union.

From a political standpoint, I don't think the argument can be made that homosexual people can never "love" each other. Whether it's a mental choice or a genetic trait, the emotions that are felt between heterosexual couples that have been together for 10 years are arguably the exact same emotions felt between gay couples. You will never hear a president tell two gay people that they are not in love. Rather, the argument is that recognizing a gay civil union will devalue the institution of marriage in general.

Now good ol' George is suggesting a constitutional amendment in the "defense of marriage" and ignoring the fact that the constitution gives the power to determine marital status to the states.

So, how come we're not amending the constitution to say "no more 'Joe Millionaire' or 'Married by America'?" Ladies and gentlemen, gay people do not threaten the institution of marriage! It's threatened by Hollywood! We have a lot more to worry about when it comes to the government-recognized institution of marriage than

what sex each person is. How about we crack down on, I don't know, drunken weddings maybe? We should stop vesting the power to marry in Elvis impersonators. How about drive-thru wedding chapels or any reality TV show that involves marriage? We should get rid of Las Vegas in general! In this country where half of all first marriages end in divorce, how could gay people destroy marriage anymore than "Joe Millionaire" already has?

Granting two gay people who love

each other the same rights afforded to straight people is not only fair; it's the right thing to do. It's time we stop playing politics with people's lives. It is not the government's job to say that gay marriage is against God, and it

is certainly not the government's duty to make it unconstitutional.

So here's my suggestion: The federal government needs to stop trying to pass laws making it against the law to recognize gay marriage. Actually, why don't we give religion back the term "marriage" and just use the term "civil union" for all federally recognized inter-human relationships? Inter-racial marriages were once illegal, and without them we wouldn't have Tiger Woods! Gay rights are just another form of civil rights, and it's the government's responsibility to set the standard for tolerance. I think it's about damn time for the government to cowboy up to the table and say "Hey gay people, you guys are alright with me."

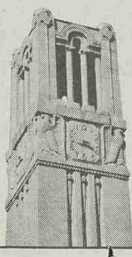
Zack is straight as an arrow, and he's currently looking for the new Mrs. Medford. E-mail him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com to apply for the position.

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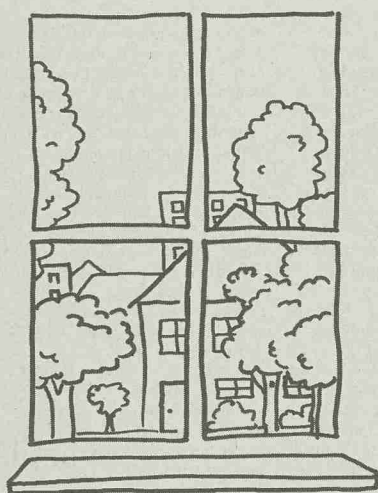


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awarded a certain amount of days by the state to finish."

The project is part of a \$6.2 million campaign funded by the Wolfpack Club and the athletics department to revamp State's tennis facilities and Doak Field, home to the baseball team. Initially, athletics officials hoped the project would be completed by winter 2003, but the new target date is March 20.

Renovations to the home of the Pack baseball team include improvements to the playing field, the addition of new seats with backs and a new clubhouse with locker rooms and coaches' offices.

The 30,000-square foot tennis complex will provide the men's and women's tennis teams with four indoor courts, locker rooms, players' lounges and coaches' offices. The indoor facility will also offer seating for 200 spectators and a diffuse lighting system that will make the ball easier for the players to follow, while also minimizing glare.

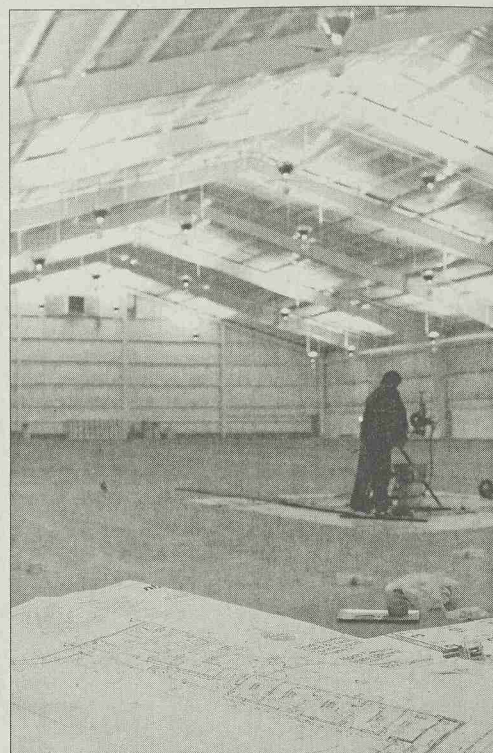
Changes include resurfacing the existing courts and adding a new court. After renovation to the existing bleachers is completed, up to 1,000 fans will be able to check out the action on the seven outdoor courts.

Should the weather cooperate, the tennis teams will host their first matches on the outdoor courts Saturday. If the weather doesn't cooperate, each team would have to move to one of several indoor facilities off campus or cancel the match altogether.

The baseball team should be able to host its first home game on Feb. 14 against Campbell, though like the tennis teams, baseball players and coaches will not be able to move into their new digs until well after the season begins.

And then, Horning said, players and fans will have something special to share.

"It's going to be like an Olympic village, it will have a nice area where you have baseball and tennis," Horning said. "Behind the baseball outfield there used to be an area there that had permanent tennis courts that we tore up and we're going to use that as a gathering area for picnics."



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Workers, whose progress has been delayed by continual rainfall, labor to complete the new indoor tennis complex.

"[The renovations are] going to help our kids and it's going to be great for the entire student body watching and experiencing games."

The tennis facility's namesake is the winningest coach in State tennis history.

From 1968-1981, the men's tennis team compiled a record of 168-98 under head coach J.W. Isenhour. The long-time Pack coach took the men to the NCAA tournament in 1978 and led them to an ACC championship in 1979. Since then, the men have not won another ACC championship and have returned to the NCAA tournament only once, in 1999.

But current men's tennis coach Jon Choboy said the addition of the Isenhour Complex could spark a resurgence.

"It's going to bring a sense of pride to the program, and I think that's been missing," Choboy said.

Choboy, who said he believes

the facility will be on par with any other facility in the ACC, believes the Isenhour Complex will help some in recruiting, but he said the biggest effect will be on practice.

On Thursday, for example, players had to scrape ice off the back of the court to practice outside.

"In any sport, [if] you take away 15 to 20 practice days, that team's not going to be prepared to play," Choboy said. "That's where it's going to affect us probably more so than recruiting. Our kids know that no matter what the weather is like, all day long they're going to have a place to train, to get help from the coaches, and to come work out with other people on the team."

The men's match with High Point will begin tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., while the women will host UNC-Wilmington at 2 p.m. Updates on the location of the matches can be found at www.gopack.com.

MARYLAND

OFFENSIVELY

Maryland runs a version of the flex offense that is one of the better executed in the country. Behind the inside-outside scoring of Nik Caner-Medley, the Terrapins average 72 points per game, just like the Wolfpack. State's Princeton offense can be tough to prepare for on short notice, which is the task Maryland, who lost to Wake Forest last night, faces.

Advantage: Even

DEFENSIVELY

State's defense against UNC Wednesday was some of its best of the season, as it forced the up-tempo Tar Heels into 18 turnovers and held them 20 points below their season average. Maryland doesn't possess a solid big man with polished post skills, the type of player that can have a field day inside against State.

Advantage: N.C. State

COACHING

Gary Williams brought his alma mater its first national title two years ago with a Final Four triumph in Atlanta. He's facing a whole new challenge this year with a majority of his rotation being either freshman or sophomores, but still has led the team to 11 wins and a road victory over former No. 1 Florida.

Advantage: Maryland

INTANGIBLES

1989. That was the last State road win in College Park. This year's team is 1-5 on the road, which doesn't bode well for a team heading into a hostile environment. Still, there was something about Wednesday's loss to UNC that has us believing the streak ends here.

Advantage: Even.

PREDICTION:

N.C. State 72, Maryland 68

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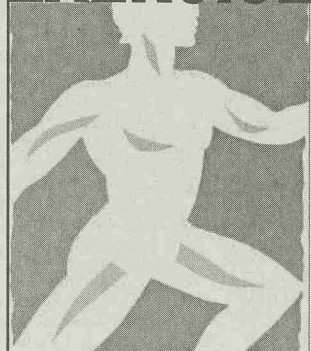
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This season, life on the road doesn't seem to be any different from the Sendek-coached teams of recent years.

The Wolfpack has already lost at Boston College after maintaining the lead for most of the game. On Wednesday, the Pack let a second-half lead slip away against UNC with a six-minute scoring drought that led to the loss.

Despite the road woes, N.C. State hasn't lost two games in a row all season. "Our mentality is you don't want to see our team after a loss," Julius Hodge said. So if the Pack wants to continue its trend of bouncing back, it has to do something it hasn't done in over a decade - win at College Park.

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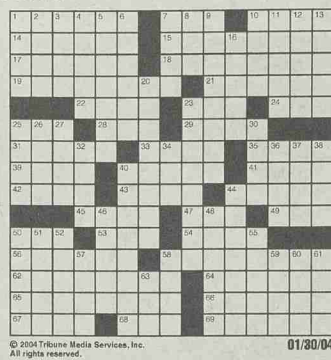
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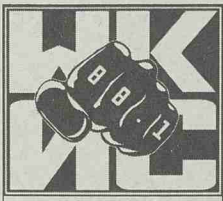
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Wolfpack Weekend

Women's basketball

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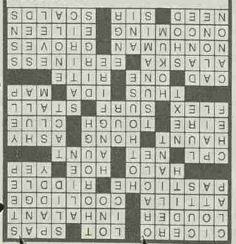
State has picked up two straight ACC victories with a win at Florida State and a win at home versus Maryland. Duke recently ended its 15-game winning streak with a loss to then-No. 2 Tennessee.

The Blue Devils haven't lost an ACC game since the Pack downed them Feb. 18, 2001. State returns home for a game in Reynolds Coliseum Sunday at 2 p.m.

Gymnastics

N.C. State continues its road schedule with a meet against Iowa Saturday night in Iowa City. Sophomore Kyla Bachman has been hot for the Pack as of late, as she was the only gymnast to place in last week's meet. State scored a 194.875 last week at Florida and next returns home Feb. 13 for the Hearts Invitational

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LINDSAY BARWEGEN



Lindsay Barwegen is a freshman on the women's swim team, who picked up her first win of the season in the mile freestyle two weeks ago against Richmond. The team wraps up its home schedule with a tri-meet Saturday at noon against Clemson and Alabama.

Major: Textiles
Favorite Food: Chicken poppy-seed casserole
Favorite movie: I don't watch TV a lot, but my roommate and I like to turn on the TV, radio and computer all at the same time!
When did you decide you wanted to swim competitively? I started swimming competitively at four, but I got really serious around 10 years old.

Why N.C. State? It came down to here and Florida State, and everything was so much better here at N.C. State.

Favorite event: I like the mile swim, because you can have a really bad beginning, but you can still make up for it.

Favorite hobbies: I learned to surf this summer, so that's my new thing. I also like to relax and shop 2-3 times a week.

Biggest influences: My parents. My dad, Doug Barwegen,

is a huge sports person (he used to play for the Washington Redskins), but my mom took me to my practices.

Did you play any other sports in high school? I played soccer until my junior year in high school, but I chose to swim in college.

Daily routine: I swim between 5-6 hours a day, lift weights 3-4 times a week and do cardio two hours a week.

Career aspirations: I am majoring in textiles, but I have no idea. want to become fluent in French and work in international business-type stuff. I like to travel back and forth from France.

What do you hope to accomplish as a swimmer? Definitely make it to the NCAA meet, and try to place at the meet. I feel I have a good chance of making the meet, but I want to place as well.



Where does your last name come from? I think it is German. I know that there are only four Barwegen families in the entire world.
-Memie Ezike

DAVIS

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In his last season with State tennis, Davis wants to see the young talent around him produce.

He knows they aren't ready to compete for an ACC title at this point, but Davis wants to be able to finish in the middle of the pack this year, instead of dead last.

Oh, and he has one more goal before the season is over.

"What I really want to do this year is beat Carolina," Davis said. "I've lost to them three straight times, and I just want to beat them."

The Pack kicks off the dual-match season tomorrow with a 9:30 a.m. home match against High Point, weather permitting with a women's match to follow at 2 p.m.

By rule, the teams can't play outdoors if the temperature is below 40 degrees, according to team spokesman Pat Norris.

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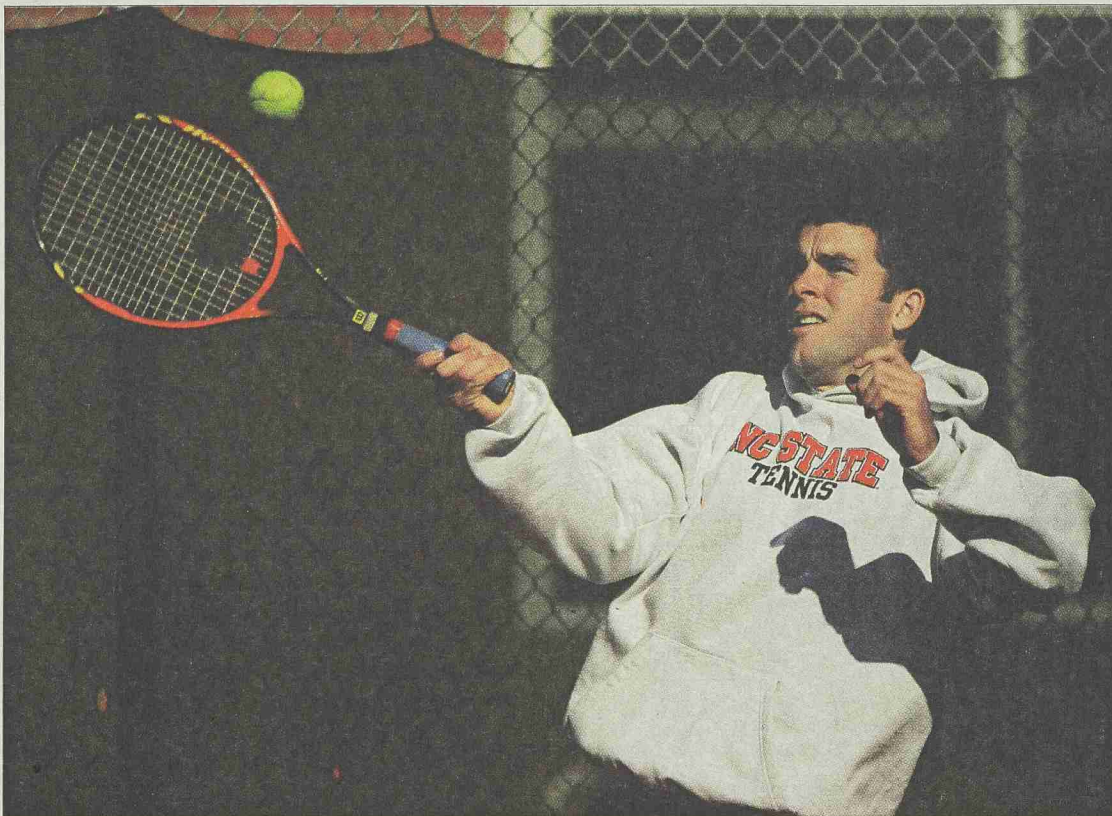
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Women's tennis vs. UNCW, 1/31, 2

Scores

No games scheduled

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Fighting through it all



Jon Davis reaches to hit a forehand during a chilly practice this week. Davis is the lone holdover from the reign of former coach Eric Hayes, who resigned in 2002.

DESPITE THE TURMOIL SURROUNDING THE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM, JON DAVIS NEVER QUIT PLAYING.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

Senior Jon Davis has seen a lot in his four years with the N.C. State men's tennis team.

He's seen a program in complete disarray, which culminated in the resignation of former coach Eric Hayes two years ago.

He's seen his new coach, Jon Choboy, step in and restore order last season. Before him now is a team full of first- and second-year players trying to establish an identity in one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

"The second-most experienced players after me are sophomores," said Davis. "I feel like I need to be the mature one, to try and set an example."

But Davis almost missed out on being the team leader. After his sophomore year and the resignation of Hayes, Davis gave serious thought to not returning for his junior campaign.

"There was all kinds of drama," said Davis. "I almost quit the team because the program was in such a mess."

Later in the summer Davis found out the team had a new coach in Choboy, who had successfully turned around Brown University's tennis program. After a few phone conversations with



Jon Davis, whose father follows him to many matches, is the only upperclassman on the men's tennis roster.

Choboy and Davis' father, Chris, who played collegiate tennis at East Carolina, Jon decided to keep playing.

"I told him quitting was always an option," Chris Davis said. "But the first option was not giving up and sticking with it."

It was never hard to spot Davis' father

at a match last year. He was the one in the lawn chair (the Cary Tennis Center where the team played last year was lacking in comfortable seating) right in front of the court his son would be playing on, yelling encouragement.

Chris Davis has been around encouraging his son to play tennis his entire life. Despite being surrounded by some of the best golf courses in the world in their hometown of Pinchurst, neither plays much golf. Instead, they spent their weekends playing each other on the tennis courts.

Since Davis began playing at State, his father has traveled all over the country just to see his son play. In the three years before this one, he's gone everywhere from Las Vegas to Oklahoma.

"I just really care about my children I guess," Chris Davis said. "Plus I work for myself so I have some time [to travel]."

This season the elder Davis will be watching a completely different team for the second year in a row. Gone from last year's team are R.J. Murray, Rehman Esmail and walk-on Chris Mills. Replacing them are five freshmen and Conor Taylor, a junior-college transfer from Dublin.

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Scooter Sherrill (23) steals the ball from Sean May. Sherrill says State "owes Maryland one."

College Park threatens Pack

N.C. State hopes to beat Maryland at College Park for the first time in 15 years.

Ryan Reynolds
Staff writer

Jim Valvano knew what it felt like — 15 years ago.

In the middle of the 1988-89 basketball season, N.C. State and its head coach handily defeated Maryland 90-67 at College Park.

Ironically, the Terrapins defeated State later that season in the ACC Tournament in Atlanta, becoming the first No. 8 seed to defeat a No. 1 seed in ACC Tournament history.

Valvano labeled that game "the nightmare on Peachtree Street."

The last 15 years in College Park has been an equally bad nightmare for the Wolfpack, which has lost every game there since, in a hodgepodge of blowouts, blown leads and black jerseys.

The person behind the State struggles, which it will look to bounce Sunday, is Maryland coach Gary Williams.

Williams was hired by his alma mater after coaching at Ohio State for three seasons and has caused trouble for the Wolfpack ever since.

Williams is 14-0 against the Pack at College Park since he took over as head coach of Maryland in 1989. "I haven't had time to think about it much, but we do owe Maryland a lot," guard Scooter Sherrill said after his team's two-point loss to North Carolina. "We're just going to go up there and try and get it done."

Valvano only got one shot to defeat Williams away from home and lost by one point before resigning after that season.

State head Herb Sendek, on the other hand, has lost in his first seven trips to Maryland, and several of the losses Sendek would like to forget.

In 1999, Steve Francis and his Maryland teammates didn't take it easy on the Wolfpack in a 94-48 victory. The outcome was the most lopsided ACC victory in school history.

But the 14-game Maryland winning streak at College Park hasn't come without close calls.

In 2000, the Wolfpack seemed poised to make a return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1991.

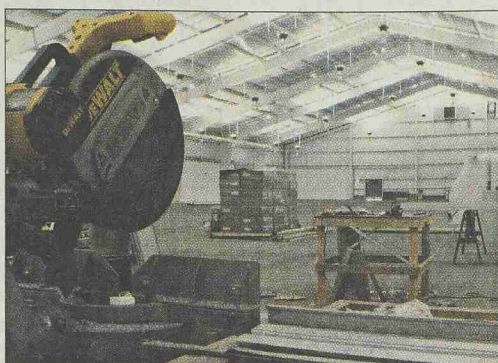
Until it traveled to College Park.

The Wolfpack, donning black jerseys for the first and last time in school history, held a 12-point lead with a little more than seven minutes left in the game.

But the lead slipped away from the Wolfpack, and so did Sendek's best opportunity to win a game in College Park. Also slipping away was the NCAA birth that seemed eminent at the midway point of the ACC season.

Last season was a tale of two halves for State when it played at Maryland with ACC first-place implications at stake. The Terrapins turned a first-half deficit into a 15-point blowout win.

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Construction continues on the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Complex, which university officials say will be complete in March.

Tennis still out in the cold

The men's and women's tennis teams host their first home matches Saturday, weather permitting, but rain continues to slow construction of their new indoor facility.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

The reason why N.C. State is building an indoor tennis facility is the same reason that's delaying the project's completion — precipitation, whether it's rain, sleet, snow or ice.

According to senior associate athlet-

ics director David Horning, the North Carolina State Construction Office has awarded contractors over 130 rain days since construction began on the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Complex in July 2002. Once completed, both Wolfpack men's and women's tennis teams will be able to host all their home tennis matches at the facility, regardless of approaching thunderstorms or snow clouds.

"Whenever it rains more than a half an inch in North Carolina, the State Office of Construction will award a rain day depending on the water table and how much it's fallen," Horning said. "They're not late on the project, they've just been

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