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Students boycott Gumby's

LATE NIGHT INCIDENT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE ANGERED GROUP OF FRESHMEN.

Diane Cordova
Assistant News Editor

After their experience with Gumby's Pizza last week, a group of students said they are boycotting the business.

Sean Hanley, a freshman in animal science, and Landon Simmons, a freshman in business management, said they had ordered from Gumby's several times in the past, but this incident was the first time they had an issue with the business.

"It bothers me that they would treat students that way. They pissed us off. They didn't show us any respect at all, so we're not going to give them our business anymore," Hanley said.

The trouble began to unfold on the night of Jan. 28.

Hanley and Simmons said they, along with a suitemate, engineering freshman Tommy Bowman, ordered a large pizza from Gumby's that night. After they paid for it, they brought the pizza up to their suite in Metcalf Hall.

They opened the pizza and Hanley said it looked like "it had been drop kicked, tossed or held upside down. The cheese and other toppings were all smeared to one side of the pizza, covering the crust and most of the side of the box."

They decided to ignore the pizza's appearance due to their hunger and already purchasing it, so they took some bites.

"It tasted terrible," they said.

According to Hanley and Simmons, they also asked other suitemates to try the pizza to ensure that their taste buds were not deceiving them, and the other guys agreed that

it tasted bad.

According to the students, they called Gumby's to complain and explained the situation to an employee, who passed on the message to the manager working that night. The employee told the students that they could get a new pizza of the same type as long as they returned the first one.

When the driver arrived, Simmons handed the first pizza to the driver, which had a few bites missing from it. The driver then gave the new pizza to Simmons. Simmons began to walk away but hesitated, watching the driver's reaction to the first pizza.

According to Simmons, the driver laughed and snatched the new pizza from his hands. The driver said he could not take the half-eaten pizza back to his boss. Simmons said the driver seemed to be trying to protect his job and said he tried to reassure the driver that it was not his fault but the driver would not listen. Simmons and the driver argued back and forth about whether or not the pizza was half-eaten, resulting in Simmons walking back to Metcalf with the first pizza.

Since they didn't see much result from calling Gumby's, Hanley, Simmons and Bowman decided to walk down to the store, which is located on Hillsborough Street, to speak to the manager in person.

Hanley said he knocked, not banged, on the locked front door three times. An employee, whom Hanley said he believes was the manager, walked to the door and said he could not take the pizza back because there were bites taken out of it. Hanley and the employee

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Josh Austin waits outside of Gumby's Pizza on Hillsborough Street.

PETE ELLIS/TECHNICIAN

Textiles opens doors for visitors

Saturday's event gives students chance to see a fire display and more.

Shannon Holder
Assistant News Editor

For students curious about what body scanning has to do with textiles, or how testing is done to see if a fabric is fire-resistant, this Saturday's College of Textiles annual Open House gives the public a chance to see the latest in textile research.

Tours of the college, geared toward high school students and their parents, will be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Featured will be "Pyro-Man," a research mannequin that is set on fire in a controlled room.

"I really think the 'Pyro-Man' demonstration will be really cool," Eddie Van Winkle, a senior in French, said. He plans to attend the event to see a part of campus he rarely explores.

There are 122 heat sensors placed on "Pyro-Man." As he ignites, a computer keeps track of his temperature. This feature can determine how badly a certain fabric would burn someone.

The College of Textiles Dean A. Blanton Godfrey enjoys the open house every year.

"I look forward most to seeing the excitement among the students visiting open house when they start to understand what the 'New World of Textiles' is all about," he said. "Most are totally stunned to see the work in medical textiles and biotextiles with everything from heart valves to artificial skin. Others fall in love with the high-tech composite materials that comprise our newest aircraft and automobiles."

Godfrey is proud of the hands-on demonstrations that visitors can experience in an open house environment.

"They really enjoy seeing real machines running at high speeds producing things they have really never had a clue of how these things are made," he said. "They love talking with the faculty and lab technicians about how what is still the second most important manufacturing industry in the U.S. and by far the most important in North Carolina actually works."

Who: College of Textiles
What: Open House for the general public and potential applicants
Where: Centennial Campus
When: Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10-2 p.m.

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Hopefuls network at CHASSnet



Joshua Hall, a senior in Spanish and textile management, accepts a free T-shirt from a job representative at the CHASSNet Career Fair on Thursday in Caldwell Lounge.

MATT HUFFMAN/TECHNICIAN

Participants from CHASS and other colleges got a chance to rub shoulders with potential employers at the daylong career fair.

Jodi Swicegood
Staff Reporter

The 12th annual CHASSnet Career Networking Fair attracted more than 30 employers and students from across disciplines to Caldwell Lounge Thursday.

Ryan Pennington, a freshman in political science, came "to make some connections, meet some people and see who could help me out with some internships in the next two years."

He said he was interested in visiting the U.S. Department of State and the SBI, as well as NCSU's Graduate School and Study Abroad program.

Besides his destinations, com

panies included A Small Miracle, Center for Documentary Studies, Teach for America and the U.S. Peace Corps.

The News & Record Inc., a newspaper based out of Greensboro, also attended.

Sheby Luck Newton, the representative in attendance at CHASSnet, said that around 60 percent of the students she had talked to were upperclassmen.

"I was excited to talk to at least one freshman, because it shows initiative even though she's not quite sure what she's majoring in, that really impressed me," Newton said.

"The one reason I'm here is [the News & Record] made an excellent hire from N.C. State for our advertising sales team, and I hope to find other students just like him," Newton said.

Newton described the importance of good internships,

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Julius' burning desire
With his roots close to his heart, Julius Hodge has refocused himself and his season. See page 8.

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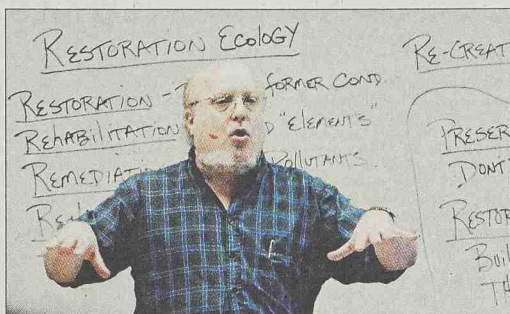
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PROFESSOR IN THE PACK

Professor spreads environmental awareness



Robert Bruck has left the classrooms of campus for the halls of Congress 13 times to present findings and research regarding the environment.

PETE ELLIS/TECHNICIAN

Robert Bruck is as concerned with the future of the environment as he is with his students' futures.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

In a time of environmental degradation, Robert Bruck is creating awareness about the environment on campus and off.

Experts in environmental issues acknowledge Bruck all over the world for his achievements. "I

have contributed nationally and internationally to awareness about the vitality of our environment and the impacts that we have on it," Bruck said.

In 1997, Bruck won the North Carolina Science Award for his efforts in understanding air pollution and its effects on forest health. He has presented these findings and his other research to Congress a total of 13 times and in guest lectures around the world over 500 times.

Not only has Bruck shared his great knowledge for the environment with the world, he has also spent 26 years at N.C. State

helping students grasp a deeper understanding of their surroundings. Four years ago, he started a new program to train and educate students about environmental technology. So far, there have been 22 graduates, not including those graduating this May.

"They are finding employment and access to graduate schools everywhere," Bruck said.

His goal is to mentor all of his students so that they will be successful in any job that they encounter. As well as teaching nine

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RUMSFELD: EUROPE RELATIONSHIP 'FAIRLY NORMAL'

U.S. relations with Europe, severely strained by the Iraq war, are now "fairly normal," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday. He has embarked on a three-nation European tour aimed in part at smoothing relations with Germany and other countries that were upset by the U.S. decision to invade Iraq and by postwar issues. Differences between allies are inevitable, Rumsfeld said in an interview en route here from Washington, and he dismissed suggestions that a major diplomatic effort will be required to mend fences.

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STAMPEDE KILLS 37

A lantern festival marking the end of China's Lunar New Year celebrations erupted into a stampede Thursday, killing at least 37 people and injuring 15, authorities said. Many of the victims suffocated in the accident in Miyun County, a northern suburb of the Chinese capital, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Officials from President Hu Jintao on down immediately expressed "deep concern." The mayor of Beijing and the region's Communist Party chief went to the scene to supervise. The prompt involvement of senior leaders was in line with China's new promise to keep people safe, including doing more to prevent disasters.

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GEPPARDT TO ENDORSE KERRY

Rep. Dick Gephardt, the former House minority leader whose presidential campaign collapsed in Iowa's caucuses, will endorse Democratic front-runner John Kerry. Kerry spokesman David Wade said the Missouri lawmaker will give Kerry his backing on Friday in Warren, Mich., a blue-collar suburb of Detroit. The endorsement is a huge boost for Kerry who has been aggressively pursuing the backing of labor unions who had thrown their support to Gephardt.

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DEAN SETS WISCONSIN PRIMARY AS HIS LAST STAND

Howard Dean, his campaign for president short on cash and election wins, said Thursday he would be out of the race for the Democratic nomination if he did not win the Wisconsin primary. In an e-mail appeal for \$100 donations, Dean stopped short of declaring he would abandon his bid if he lost in Wisconsin on Feb. 17. He earlier had vowed to remain in the race through March 2, the "Super Tuesday" election day with 10 contests for delegates. "All that you have worked for these past months is on the line on a single day, in a single state," he wrote. "The entire race has come down to this: we must win Wisconsin... We will get a boost this weekend in Washington, Michigan, and Maine, but our true test will be the Wisconsin primary."

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DEFENSE WITNESS IN PETERSON CASE DIES

A witness who claimed to have seen Laci Peterson hours after police allege her husband killed her has died, potentially dealing a blow to Scott Peterson's defense. Vivian Mitchell, 78, died early Wednesday of natural causes, according to her family. She was one of three people who said she saw Laci Peterson alive mid-morning on Dec. 24, 2002. Authorities assert Scott Peterson killed his pregnant wife the night before or early that morning, then drove to San Francisco Bay and dumped her body.

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STATE

INTERNET VOTING CANCELED

The Pentagon won't use an Internet voting system for overseas U.S. citizens this fall because of concerns about its security, an official said Thursday. The official, who requested anonymity, said Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz made the decision to scrap the system because Pentagon officials were not certain they could "assure the legitimacy of votes that would be cast." North Carolina and six other states were to participate.

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PRIMARY ELECTION DELAY LIKELY

New legislative district maps aren't likely to gain federal approval by Monday, forcing a delay in the May 4 primary, state officials conceded Thursday. State elections director Gary Bartlett said it did not appear practical that a federal court panel in Washington could act to approve the new maps by Monday, when candidates are scheduled to begin filing for office. A three-judge federal panel in the District of Columbia must decide whether state House and Senate maps meet the requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act.

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LOBBYING RULES MAY TIGHTEN

A state panel commissioned to examine North Carolina's lobbying laws will determine in part whether rules that conceal some spending on legislators need to be tightened. The advisory panel, announced Thursday by Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, is in part a response to a national survey that gave the state a failing mark when it came to disclosure requirements. The current laws appear outdated and need a checkup, said Marshall, who regulates the state's lobbyists.

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Peace forum urges acceptance

Student Affairs and the Presbyterian Campus Ministry conduct a panel to discuss GLBT issues and motivate attendees to become Allies.

Kate Renner
Staff Reporter

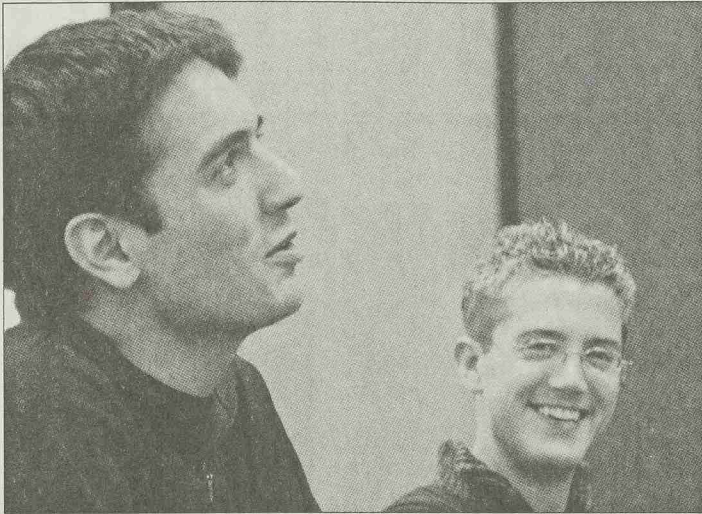
Six years ago, painted in the Free Expression Tunnel was a homosexual slur over the BGLA's (Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies) slogan for National Coming Out Day. The word "out" was crossed out of the phrase, "It's a great day to be out" and replaced with "shot."

"That scared the heck out of me," Keith Kozak, a master's student in higher education administration, said.

The Presbyterian Campus Ministry and Student Affairs discussed this topic, among others, at a sponsored peace lunch forum. Student Affairs designed the forum to coincide with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) week. As a part of the weekly activities for the "Everyone Welcome Here" theme, the forum included a presentation of an assessment of campus life for GLBT students, the results of a student survey taken last fall and a panel of two GLBT members to answer questions and share their experiences.

"I liked how open and honest the student panel was in answering questions," Mary Nifong, a freshman in First Year College, said. "They were able to help others gain an insight into the struggles of their everyday lives."

Last spring, Yancey Gulley, master's student in higher education administration, conducted an assessment of the issues and status of GLBT students on N.C. State's campus. Invited to participate in the survey were members of



Adam Attarin, sophomore in electrical engineering, and Keith Kozak, graduate student in higher education and student affairs, were the student panel representatives at the Peace Lunch Forum.

the BGLA student organization. The survey intended to evaluate whether students felt safe and accepted within the campus community.

Deb Luckadoo, director of campus activities, presented the findings of the assessment. Only about half of the student respondents reported feeling that NCSU was a safe place for them. The researcher was able to identify themes from the surveys, including a need for changing policies to be more inclusive of GLBT persons, to raise awareness among non-GLBT members of the community and gain more support from the administration in the GLBT area.

"Although we are not publishing this research, the results were very much the same as larger N.C. State assessments," Luckadoo said.

Ken Johnson of the University Scholars Program spoke of an on-campus survey taken last fall by scholars students. The

survey results were very typical to those of the public, in regard to allowing marriage, service in the military, legal homosexual relations and laws about homosexuality.

BGLA advisor Keith Kozak and Adam Attarin, a sophomore in electrical engineering, discussed the affects of being homosexual on campus and the challenges they've faced.

"N.C. State is a relatively supportive school in regard to where we are and the demographics of the school," Attarin said.

Students also asked questions relating to the panel's own personal coming out stories and asked for advice on how to be a supportive ally of a member of GLBT.

"This is ask the gay guy," as Attarin had referred to the panel. Both Attarin and Kozak encouraged gay and lesbian students and allies to join a support group such as GLBT, BGLA or PFLAG (Parents and Friends of

Lesbians and Gays).

"Coming out is an everyday thing. I come out everyday, I just come out to you guys, it's not just a one time thing," Attarin said. "Straight people don't have to worry about it, and that's why support groups are great."

One member of the audience brought up a Bible verse in Genesis 19 and asked the panel to comment on the scripture.

Kozak responded to the question by explaining his interpretation of the verses and saying, "I am still Catholic and I am comfortable talking my religion."

Luckadoo closed the panel by challenging the members of the audience to rethink their usage of the phrase "That's so gay," in a negative manner.

"Remember that horrible Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck film, 'Gigli' I encourage you to use the word 'Gigli' in place of gay, because 'gigli' is a much more powerful icon for negativity," Luckadoo said.

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especially for seniors, and she recommended that those interested in a journalism career gain experience by writing for a local community newspaper or other type of publication.

Jenny Hollis represented Residential Services Inc., a non-profit organization based out of Chapel Hill that provides developmental services to its customers.

Hollis said students who had researched the company, had their resumes ready, dressed appropriately and showed an overall enthusiasm about being at the fair impressed her.

"I would say I've gotten between 10 to 15 good resumes. It's been run very smoothly and we've had a good turnout," Hollis said.

Another company, Disability Determination Services, was present for their fourth year,

and Bobby Moody and Rhonda Reid Moody were representing the company.

Bobby Moody said that DDS visited other universities in North Carolina including UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro, Appalachian State, UNC-Charlotte and Mount Olive College.

"One of the reasons we come to the fair is the cost of the fair and the quality of the students," Rhonda Reid Moody said.

"Because of the stress level of the job and high demands we need people who learn quickly and we find that State students are usually committed," Moody said.

"[N.C. State students] are a great investment as a student," Moody said.

Natalie Chan, a senior in environmental engineering, visited several booths, which included Walt Disney World College Program, Ferguson Enterprises, Capitol Broadcasting Company and News & Record Inc.

"I just want to know more career opportunities. I know my

major does not relate to these companies, but I want to know what kind of jobs are posting if I don't get a job in my major," Chan said.

Ryan McDowell, a senior in interpersonal communication, visited CHASSnet and gathered information from Walt Disney World College and Capitol Broadcasting Company.

"I really didn't have any idea of what the companies did, so I was curious what they had to offer me," McDowell said. "I'm very interested in entertainment and those were the two companies that were the most relative to entertainment."

Woody Catoe, assistant director of the University Career Center, was in charge of organizing CHASSnet this year.

"I'm very pleased with the variety of undergrads versus upperclassmen here," Catoe said.

Catoe mentioned that students from the College of Management and other colleges also attended the fair.

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The open house gives people an opportunity to see the latest technology in the textiles field.

Students will also get to see demonstrations of the college's body scanning technology, designing clothing with the latest technology and chemistry.

Godfrey is proud of the college's accomplishments.

"The companies that will survive and even thrive are the ones who hire the best people, turn these people loose to make the necessary changes and compete and become the best at executing both technological and managerial imperatives," Godfrey said. "We intend to be the college that provides these graduates who will create the new textile industry in North Carolina, the United States and the world."

POLICE BLOTTER

2.4.2004

8:39 a.m. | Disturbance - other

A non-student reported that the company he and several others worked for was not giving them their paychecks. Upon investigation, there was a dispute between the contractor and the wall company. The subjects were advised that this is a civil matter.

8:55 a.m. | Larceny

A staff member reported that a radio was stolen from room 502 Poe Hall.

9:31 a.m. | Fire alarm

The fire alarm went off at North Hall. Police and Fire responded to the area. The cause of activation was cooking on the sixth floor.

11:20 a.m. | Damage to property - accidental

An officer responded to a water leak in Jordan Hall at room 3112. Facilities was notified in reference to repair. Water was leaking from an upstairs office. A staff member in that room was helping a student with an experiment, and developed a water leak in an incubator. Damage was done to the ceiling of the room downstairs.

11:25 a.m. | Assist other agency

Officers checked in with Raleigh Police on a Ligon Street traffic stop near the Mosque. An officer stood by while

Raleigh Officer searched a vehicle that was occupied by two subjects. No problems noted.

11:52 a.m. | Noise disturbance

Officers responded to the Tri-Towers area in reference to several students celebrating the NCSU win over Wake Forest at the RBC Center. The students were yelling, screaming and throwing toilet paper in the trees. Officers monitored the Tri-Towers and several other campus areas during the celebration. The crowds soon quieted down. No further problems noted.

2:34 p.m. | Damage to property

A student reported that someone had broken the front window of the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

2:38 p.m. | Medical assist

A female subject was having seizures at Centennial Middle School. RFD and EMS responded, but the subject refused transport to the hospital.

2:46 p.m. | Traffic - construction

A non-student was issued a citation for driving in a construction area on Baver Drive.

3:12 p.m. | Traffic - construction

A subject was issued a citation for driving in a construction area on Baver Drive.

3:46 p.m. | Welfare check

A non-student (father of student) advised RPD that he located his daughter's purse, but had not heard from her. He requested that we check her room. The RA was notified, and the room was checked. No one was present, and a card was left advising her to call. The father was notified of this.

5:04 p.m. | Traffic accident

A student was hit by a passing car while walking on the crosswalk near the Park Shops on Current Drive. He was not injured, and there were no damages to the state vehicle involved. The student said he did not want to pursue charges. No medical attention sought. A staff member was driving the vehicle. An accident report was filed.

6:19 p.m. | Traffic stop

A non-student was stopped on Sullivan Drive at the Motor Pool for having no insurance on her vehicle. A warrant check on her passenger, a non-student also, came back positive from Raleigh Police. RPD checked in and arrested the passenger, and transported him to the Wake County Jail. The driver was issued a citation for no insurance and a seat belt violation on an 8-year-old child in the backseat.

2.5.2004

1:04 a.m. | Found property

An officer found a newspaper machine sitting in a field near the Facilities compost site. Raleigh Police were notified to determine if the machine was stolen. No one was available to let us know, so the machine was secured at the station as found property at this time. Raleigh Police said they would contact us in the morning to assist in determining if the newspaper machine was stolen.

1:31 a.m. | Drug violation

A student called to report that he saw subjects possibly smoking a bong in the Tri-Tower area, last seen running towards the north side of Carroll Hall. The subjects were described as two white males wearing hats, jackets and jeans. Officers searched the Tri-Towers area and did not locate the subjects or anyone with a bong in the area.

3:26 a.m. | Medical assist

A student had been throwing up since 1 a.m. and not feeling well. He was also dehydrated. He was transported to Rex Hospital. Housing was notified.

3:42 a.m. | Traffic stop

A non-student was issued a citation for an expired registration on Morrill Drive at Upper Wood Lot.

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continued to argue through the locked door.

The employee then responded, "If you don't like it, don't come back." Simmons said he was "shocked" by the employee's response. The employee then told the students to leave, threatened to call the police and walked over to the phone.

The students said they felt they had committed no crime, so they decided to wait on the curb off to the side of the store. Hanley said they stood outside for about 40 minutes. The police never showed up, they said. They walked back to campus, deciding students should hear their story.

In response, Joe Johnson, general manager of the Gumbly's on Hillsborough Street, said he was not working the night of the incident, but "It shouldn't have happened. It's not the way we handle things, it's not good business. I pride myself on quality," Johnson said. "I'm going to have to talk to [the Wednesday night manager]. He didn't say anything to me. I'll talk to him and straighten this out."

However, Johnson added, "We [Gumbly's] do tend to get a lot of B.S. complaints."

According to Hanley, the important issue is the amount of business Gumbly's and other Hillsborough Street vendors get from college students.

"You don't treat any customers that way, especially the ones that you get the majority of your business from," Hanley said. "You should treat them with a little more respect. It was poor customer service."

Simmons said for the most part, he felt taken advantage of because he's a college student.

In regards to the driver, Simmons said, "The way he handled [the situation], he could have handled it a lot better. He could have been more understanding."

Now, Hanley and Simmons, along with their suitmates, are boycotting Gumbly's Pizza. Initially, the students said they wanted to print flyers about it but were unable to due to a lack of money. As an alternative, they are spreading the word through away messages and buddy profiles on AOL Instant Messenger.

"We're not a few cheapskates. It's a matter of principle," Simmons said.

The students said they hope Gumbly's will change the way they treat their customers.

According to Hanley, he has told their story to the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Raleigh's Better Business Bureau and the corporate office of Gumbly's Pizza.

According to Hanley, an employee at Gumbly's corporate office apologized and offered a Gumbly's gift card, but Hanley turned it down, saying all they had wanted was either a refund or the new pizza.

Other students commented on their experience with Gumbly's Pizza, particularly the customer service. Jessie Lewis, a senior in design and history, has not ordered from Gumbly's in about two years, but said, "When I lived on campus [Gumbly's customer service] was OK. They deliver in the same amount of time as anyone else on average. I do like their hours better than Domino's just because they are usually open later, especially on weeknights." Lewis said. She no longer orders from Gumbly's, citing that they stopped offering coupons on their pizza boxes.

Another student, Gina Agostini, a junior in English, said, "I think it's half and half. Sometimes their customer service is great and sometimes it's lacking, but I guess it just depends on who is doing the delivery."

On the other hand, Mahesh Kommareddi, a senior in aerospace engineering, said he felt that Gumbly's lacked in both customer service and quality of food.

"Gumbly's customer service is about that of any food service dealing with college students. Not the greatest you can receive. I believe the money that you save from Gumbly's comes from the fact they [neglect] quality both in terms of customer service as well as what's in the food," Kommareddi said.

Bush says he'd make same decision on Iraqi war

Just two days after the close of the South Carolina primary, president defends Iraq in a South Carolina city.

William Douglas
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHARLESTON, S.C.—President Bush used a campaign-style stop at this port city Thursday to vigorously defend going to war against Iraq, saying he would make the same decision again, good intelligence or bad.

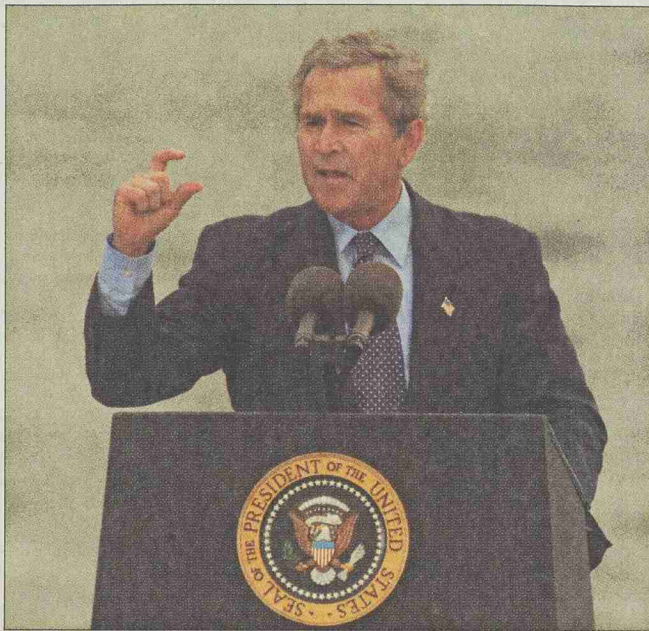
"Knowing what I knew then and knowing what I know today, America did the right thing in Iraq," Bush told a mostly military crowd at a pier at the Port of Charleston. "We had a choice: Either take the word of a madman or take action to defend the American people. Faced with that choice, I would defend America every time."

The president didn't mention CIA Director George Tenet's speech earlier Thursday about U.S. intelligence on Iraq, in which Tenet contended that the CIA never said Iraq presented an imminent threat to America. White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan, in a briefing aboard Air Force One, said Tenet had not submitted his speech for review by the White House.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the Democratic presidential front-runner, noted while campaigning Thursday in Maine that the Bush administration had said Saddam Hussein was an "imminent threat" even though Tenet said the CIA never told the White House that. Kerry said that showed the need for an immediate, independent commission to investigate the intelligence and the way it was used.

"This is a matter of security, not a matter of politics," Kerry said. "If there is that kind of failure, that kind of separation between the truth of what the CIA tells the White House and what happens, then we have to separate this investigation from that White House, so the American people get the truth."

One of Kerry's rivals, retired Gen. Wesley Clark, said while campaigning in Tennessee: "If the American people had known a year ago that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruc-



Two days after the South Carolina Democratic Primary, President George W. Bush addresses several thousand people at Union Pier in Charleston, South Carolina.

tion and Iraq was not an imminent threat, I don't think this country would have gone to war. What we have now, with 520 Americans dead and 180 billion sunk into that problem, is a mess."

Bush came to South Carolina two days after the Democratic presidential primary to give a speech billed as a discussion on homeland security. It included the themes he usually sounds at campaign fund-raisers, defending his economic and foreign-policy records.

But he spent more than usual time talking about Iraq and why the United States went to war. He termed the war decision part of his administration's proactive, post-Sept. 11, 2001, doctrine to pre-empt perceived threats

to the United States. He said America no longer could wait "to confront the threats of the world" only after those threats arose.

"I will not stand by and hope for the best while dangers gather," he said. "I will protect and defend this country by taking the fight to the enemy. ... You're the commander-in-chief, you have to be willing to make the tough calls and to see your decisions through. America's safer when your commitments are clear, our word is good and our will is strong. And that is the only way I know how to lead."

In a veiled shot at Democrats, the president said, "If some politicians in Washington had their way, Saddam Hussein would still be in power."

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courses this semester, Bruck has also mentored and advised well over 1,000 students in his time at NCSU.

"One of the most important functions in knowing what you want to do after college is learning from an internship experience. I have helped place students in summer internships locally to Alaska. If people expand their mind, they will figure out on their own what their goals are," Bruck said.

According to Bruck, teaching should include examples students can use in the real world. He notes the benefit in always analyzing two sides of an issue and thoroughly examining the context of the environment, economics, ethics and the interplay between them.

"My goals as a professor are to enhance students' critical thinking because the integration of knowledge into a meaningful context is the most important aspect of the real world."

His love for the environment

came at an early age. Although, born in New York City, Bruck's parents took him on excursions outside of the city where he established a firm connection with the environment.

"I developed a love for the natural world," Bruck said.

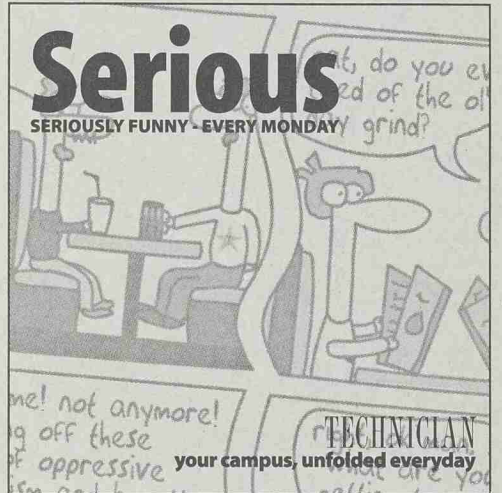
However, Bruck's original intent was to be a doctor. He pursued an undergraduate major in biology.

While doing a summer fellowship at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, he decided "sick trees are easier to deal with than sick people."

So his studies with the environment progressed and he earned a doctorate degree in plant pathology and forestry from Syracuse and Cornell University respectively.

He quickly started his teaching career at NCSU and has been a part of the school ever since.

"[It [teaching] is the best job in the world. I was impressed as a student that academia offers a great amount of freedom to work and help mold young people. I have the luxury of choosing areas of research as well as developing a new curriculum for students," Bruck said.



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RULE OF THUMB

Mass. says gay is okay

Legislators opposed to gay marriage were figuring out ways to circumvent a ruling that makes way for gay marriages. For those of you following along: being gay is great if you want a sitcom, but if you want a life with someone you love... that's different.

Dean gettin' whupped

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry gained support from former rival Dick Gephardt this week in an accelerating rush for the presidential nomination. Dean hopes to clinch the next primary by waffling on key issues, dropping his intelligent persona for one of naive idiotic charm and being blatantly power hungry, an approach he calls "pulling an Edwards."

Blake attorney quits

The Robert Blake murder case was thrown into upheaval when the judge relieved the actor's defense attorney because of "irreconcilable differences." Blake's attorney told reporters, "The biggest difference, really, was that I've never killed my wife."

This week's Microsoft joke

Microsoft has been declared war on spam and those responsible by aiming to raise the cost of spam for spammers with a new technology targeting the low barrier to sending mass messages. While the rest of the world tries to find a way to get rid of spam, Microsoft tries to help out by making money from it.

Hubble takes galaxy picture

The Hubble Space Telescope has snapped a new image of the "Black Eye" galaxy. Scientists say that it doesn't help that the "Black Eye" galaxy is located very near the "Ike Turner" galaxy.

Girl suspended for threatening damnation

A second-grade girl from Pittsburgh was suspended this week for telling a classmate he would go to hell if he continued to swear in the name of God. The little boy said, "I'm really glad she got suspended. I hate that little ***** I swear to God."

Brit finds year-and-a-half old corpse

A British retiree did not notice his brother had been dead for 18 months despite sharing a mobile home with him. The retired man is currently in negotiations for a six commercial deal with Febreeze.

Surgeons use paper clips for wounds

British surgeons are endangering patients by using paper clips to close wounds and tongue depressors as splints for babies, a government agency said Tuesday. A spokesman for one hospital said, "It was a misunderstanding. I told one surgeon to close something up with staples, but he thought I said to get to Staples before they closed."

Yes, we all saw her boob

Both Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake have apologized for the supposedly accidental baring of Jackson's breast during the Super Bowl halftime show. Also, apparently, there was a football game of some sort being played.

Bush lost intelligence

Intelligence analysts never told President Bush before the invasion of Iraq that Saddam Hussein's rule posed an imminent threat, CIA Director George Tenet said. Tenet continued, "He never really asked for that information. He was bass fishing in Montana, and every few hours he would call and say, 'Can we bomb yet? How about now?'"

In the mouth of Stewart Theatre

Jake Seaton
Diversions Editor

Only a year after guitar virtuoso Habib Koite and his band Bamada played at Stewart Theatre, they are back to promote the recent release of double-disc live album - "Foly! Live Around the World."

With three critically acclaimed albums under their belt and now the release of "Foly!," Habib Koite & Bamada have spanned continents in their 20-year career with the unique sound of Afro-pop.

Now considered as the true birthplace of the blues by critics and blues fans, the West African city of Mali is also the hometown of Habib Koite. However, don't search Habib's music for those blues undertones as the music is plucked on kora and tapped on balafon rather than regaining traditional, American blues manifestos such as the blue notes (bent notes).

Though the music is not of the American blues style, Koite did study both blues and flamenco under Khalilou Traore, a veteran of the Afro-Cuban band Maravillas du Mali. These two very different styles of music are heard through the slightest hints of John Lee Hooker's one-chord blues boogies in Koite's music along with the blend of Malian music.

Habib's music, though it is contemporary to the Malian style, is one that most American's would not consider modern. The music created develops a surreal, atmosphere that easily sucks its listener in to a mesmerizing bliss rarely explored by the common music aficionado.

Koite developed his passion for music as a child from listening to his paternal grandfather play the kamale n'goni, a four-stringed instrument associated with hunters from the Wassoulou region of Mali. From observing his parents and his grandfather perform, Habib naturally taught himself how to play the difficult roots of Malian music.

By watching the likes of his close relatives, Koite has developed a unique approach to playing the guitar. Rather than classically tuning his instrument, Koite tunes it to the pentatonic scale and plays on open strings as one would on a kamale n'goni.

His supporting cast, Bamada, is a super-group of West African rhythm section talent that takes their name from the Malian nickname for the residents of the capital,

which roughly translates to "in the mouth of the crocodile."

The unique sound that Koite has created for himself is truly a melting pot of the Mali region's distinctly different music accords. The sound that is produced is best described by Koite himself as "danssa doso." The word "danssa" is the Malian term for a popular rhythm while "doso" is a term that literally means "hunter's music." Koite says of the term, "I put these two words together to symbolize the music of all ethnic groups in Mali. I'm curious about all the music in the world, but I make music from Mali. In my country, we have so many beautiful rhythms and melodies. Many villages and communities have their own kind of music. Usually, Malian musicians play only their own ethnic music, but me, I go everywhere. My job is to take all these traditions and to make something with them, to use them in my music."

Although the West African music is not exactly the easiest musical style to market in the state, Habib Koite has garnered the respect of high profile artists such as Jackson Browne and Bonnie Raitt. In fact, Koite so impressed Raitt that she asked him to appear on her album "Sil-

Koite played acoustic guitar on the track "Back Around," a song of retribution. "We just started jamming, and I'm sitting there playing this dark John Lee Hooker thing and Habib doesn't know what I'm singing about, so he's playing this sunny acoustic guitar part... When I explained what the song was about, he said 'Sacre bleu!'" explains Raitt of her experience with Koite.

In the recent years, music has seen more of a break down of the cultural barrier. Bands such as the Armenian rockers, System of a Down, and the Icelandic atmosphere band, Sigur Ros, have broke big in to the American market, opening doorways for emerging world musicians. Habib Koite's Malian guitar rock is gaining new ground in the American music scene

and will be more widely recognized for its unique, traditional textures.



COURTESY HABIB KOITE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

ON CAMPUS:
Adelayda will be performing at Carmichael Gym at midnight. "Boys Don't Cry" will be shown at the campus cinema at 7 p.m. As part of the **Bad Film Festival**, the campus cinema will be screening "From Justin to Kelly" at 9:30 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS:

Adelayda will be opening up for **The Dave Matthews Cover Band** at Lincoln Theatre. **Seven** will have their CD release party at The Berkeley Cafe with **The Five L's** and **Field Theory**. Cat's Cradle is hosting **Camp Lo, Grand Agent, Tajai (Souls of Mischief), Tibeca** and **Mark Spitz**. **The Spinn**s will perform at Go! Room 4 with **Ghost of Rock** and **Transportation**.

SATURDAY:

ON CAMPUS:
Habib Koite & Bamada are performing in Stewart Theatre at 8 p.m. "From Justin to Kelly" at the campus cinema as part of the **Bad Film Festival** at 9:30 p.m. The campus cinema is showing "The Fighting Temptations" at 7 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS:

Cardinal Direction and **Rich Price** will be performing at The Brewery. **Weekend Excursion** will be performing their last show ever at Lincoln Theatre with **Parklife** and **Melbourne**. **The Larry Keel Experience** is performing at The Pour House Music Hall. King's Barcade is hosting **Strange, The Nein** and **Siberian**. Third Planet Management Presents: **Untold, The-Fifth, This Day and Age** and **Bind** at The Berkeley Cafe. **Robbin Thompson** is performing at Six String Cafe with special guest **Al Simmons**. **Bob Marley Celebration** at Cat's Cradle features **Mickey Mills** and **Steel, Jam Rock, Dub Addis** and **DSF**.

SUNDAY:

ON CAMPUS:
"The Fighting Temptations" will be screened at the campus cinema at 7 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS:

Lincoln Theatre is hosting **From Autumn to Ashes** with special guests **Walls of Jericho, Armor For Sleep, Silver Stein** and **AKA'S**.

ASK CAT

Avoid being a lone wolf.

Catherine Arriero
Staff Columnist

Dear Cat,
I do not feel like I have any "real" friends. There are some people that call me, but I question why they call. I feel like I am positive and make good decisions, and I try to give some of that to other people, but I still do not feel accepted by those around me. I guess that I am not the typical college student.

I do not like to do drugs or drink, but I do like to hang out with people and do not mind being around people that drink. Not to sound conceited, but I am rather attractive, and I feel that this creates an obstacle for my friendships and relationships.

The people I want to be friends with do not even seem to notice me, but the people that I would prefer not to interact with, pursue me. I want to do what is right for me, but I do not want to do it alone. Please help me! - Lone Wolf

Dear Lone Wolf,
I think that you are confused right now, mostly because you are not thinking right. It sounds

like you know what you want a little too much. You cannot be in control of everything you do. You have no control over what people think of you or the decisions that they make. If you feel that others do not accept you, even when friends call, then it sounds like you do not know what a real friend is.

If you feel you make good decisions, that's great, but not calling people back, assuming people are not interested or more interested than they are, or pushing your ways on others are not good decisions.

If you feel that you need to change the ways of those around you, then just try to change the people in your environment. Do not lose connections with the old group, but try to establish a new group.

If making friends is your sole concern right now and you are not making any, then maybe you are going about it the wrong way. Maybe you are looking in the wrong places for friends.

Join a club or get involved with some sort of organization. The university offers many different activities. Volunteer somewhere. Consider changing

your work place.

Try to start basic conversations with the people who sit around you in your classes. If they do not seem interested in the conversation then politely end it and try someone else.

I find that it works best to bring up a topic on which any one can comment. Keeping it simple keeps the pressure off and makes others feel comfortable. If that does not do the trick, then try to start conversations with people on the bus, if you ride it. Again, keep it simple. Ask what they are majoring in or where they are from.

You should be able to tell if they are interested in continuing the conversation or ending it. The biggest thing to remember is trying not to tense up and press too hard. If the other person feels that you are too needy then they may feel threatened and may decide to disengage the conversation.

If you feel that you would want to never engage in this sort of bold, outgoing act, then consider concentrating on one person. They should be someone that you can confide in and converse with. You and this person can go out and meet

people together or just go out and have a good time. You do not have to try to do this on your own; there are many other people trying to make this same change.

There are thousands of people that are a part of our community here at N.C. State. A great big pack of wolves out there that want to meet others just as much as you do. I love meeting new people.

Even if I just exchange a smile with another person, I feel a little better. A smile is very powerful and yet so simple and real. Meeting new people and interacting with lots of people is uplifting.

However, I believe that the social pressures of the world make us feel that we have to socialize in a particular manner. We must not restrict ourselves to the norm. We should choose to embrace new friends with enthusiasm; we should give more smiles and gifts than we receive.

Open the door for someone, say thank you for something, smile or say hello to someone you do not know, buy someone some special little treat just to say "I was thinking of you" or e-mail a relative!

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

KEEP THE NFL DRAFT RULE

OUR OPINION: THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RULE REQUIRING THREE YEARS OF COLLEGE BEFORE ENTERING THE DRAFT SHOULD BE UPHELD.

A U.S. District Court judge ruled yesterday that Maurice Claret, the running back from Ohio State suspended for receiving extra benefits and lying to police, could enter the NFL draft in April. The NFL has a rule that prohibits college players from entering the draft until they complete three years of college. It was struck down based on federal antitrust laws, citing the NFL was acting like a monopoly by not allowing Claret to enter the draft early. This eligibility rule is good for the league and players and should be upheld in a higher court.

The rule is in place to protect younger athletes from playing football with players twice their size. At the heart, it is a life-or-death matter. The rule protects the league from potential wrongful death suits that could result in the death

of a young player getting clobbered by an older, bigger player. Claret's defense claims size is not an issue: he is 6 feet, 230 pounds.

There are other factors to consider. The NFL's rule is the most stringent of all the major sports leagues, mainly for the safety issue.

The NBA allows players who think they are good enough to forego college and enter the league straight* from high school, as well as players from college to skip the rest of their college years and go into the pros.

This causes great speculation at the end of the season as to who will go pro next year and who will remain loyal to their school and finish their college years.

If the NFL eligibility rule is overturned in a higher court, the same speculation will happen in college football. But unlike basketball, football is a full contact sport and there are inherent safety issues. Nineteen-year-old players can-

not compete with athletes almost twice their age.

There is a school loyalty issue. Universities draft high school athletes and provide them with scholarship money in good faith that the athlete will stay four years. Colleges like N.C. State, allow the student-athlete to perfect their skill in exchange for a decent education, many times for free. Usually, student-athletes do not go into the pros after college, but at least they have a degree in a field that can lead to success.

Allowing student-athletes into pro sports leagues before they get their degree shortchanges the player and the university that signed him or her. The NCAA has spoken out against the ruling based exactly on this issue.

The NFL said it will appeal the decision and is confident the ruling will be overturned.

For the sake of the league and the players, current and future, keep the eligibility rule in force.

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Lies and empire

Alexander Sheppard says the Bush administration must leave Iraq because it openly lied to the world about the real threat of Iraq

We should note the context surrounding the recent admission by Colin Powell and others that Iraq may not have had weapons of mass destruction (WMD). It isn't the first time he's taken this position. In 2001, he noted that "[Hussein] has not developed any significant capability with regards to weapons of mass destruction.



Alexander Sheppard
Staff Columnist

He is unable to project conventional power against his neighbors." For the Iraq war, it was necessary to invent a new picture, namely that, "...Hussein and his regime are concealing their efforts to produce more weapons of mass destruction...we confront a regime that harbors ambitions for regional domination..." Now, however, the war is over and no longer needed are these pretex.

So now, it is an "open question" whether Iraq had WMD or not, and responsible leaders can now pretend to wonder, "...if they didn't have any, why wasn't that known beforehand?" as Powell said recently. It is fair to say that the fact that it was known that Iraq had no "significant capability" will not be allowed into the national press, at least not with any context. It is more convenient to simply set aside the relevant facts and report lies told by leaders with nothing to refute them. In this case, one can find that done virtually everywhere one cares to look. The elite media has created the current situation to appear as though it is a question of faulty intelligence, an embarrassing mishap, if that.

This is a scandal far more serious than any of the things that we are supposed to think are scandals - Bill Clinton lying about sexual scandals, to name one. This is a case of extended, systematic lying, about a question of supreme human importance. Like innumerable other cases, the real scandals and high crimes go unaccounted as such. The reigning corporate intellectual culture is one where statements like, "Had we failed to act, Security Council resolutions on Iraq would have been revealed as empty threats," from George W. Bush's State of the Union speech, are taken at face value. The act Bush is defending was itself a violation of the U.N. charter, a not-seldom noted in the national press.

Nor, does anyone usually point that, if the most powerful country in the world has acted in defiance of the international laws of war, this might represent a much larger crime than imaginary actions by a weak third world country. Nor does anyone collapse in ridicule when Bush mentions the "objections of a few" in the context of Iraq, perhaps noting that public opinion in every country in the world, minus the United States and Israel, condemned the invasion for most of the lead up to war, usually by overwhelming majori-

ties. "We have no desire to dominate, no ambitions of empire," another line from Bush's speech. Disagreements with this assessment have come from several sources recently. One would apparently be Iraq's majority Shiite community, around 100,000 of who marched peacefully in Baghdad recently, shouting such slogans as "Yes, yes to elections! No, no to selection!" This was in response to the plan by L. Paul Bremer to have the government of Iraq appointed by regional caucuses, who would themselves be appointed by U.S.-chosen delegates.

This elaborate process would constitute "a transition to full Iraqi sovereignty." Why are elections not a viable option right now? "Rushing into a census in this time frame with the security environment that we have would not give the result that people want," explains Occupation Spokesman Charles Heatley. Looking at the occupation authorities' outrageous economic policies provides further insight into the motives behind the U.S. plan in Iraq. L. Paul Bremer's Order 39 opens up Iraq industry to 100 percent foreign ownership, accepting the oil industry. Taxes on foreign corporations dropped from 45 to 15 percent. Wages for most Iraqis are the same as what they were under Hussein, and eliminated were many benefits. Furthermore, the main labor laws from the old regime are still in effect.

Unions, by law, cannot be recognized inside state enterprises. These are targets for privatization by the new administration, which has already started a first wave of sell offs, largely to foreign buyers. Meanwhile unemployment hovers somewhere around 70 percent. Understandably, there is growing resistance to the occupation's political policies and the economic policies behind them. There's been a big resurgence of union organizing, despite the continuing ban on recognition. Iraq's labor struggle is a rich one, and it goes back many decades.

Clearly there has been a resurgence of political organizing by the Shiites and other groups. I think we should be very heartened by the strength of this organization. Here we have a society, coming out of a horrible regime, subject to all kinds of chaos and death that has been caused by the invasion, and now about to get shoved around by United States imperialism. But do they sit down and take it? No! They clearly deserve our support. We could learn a lot from this in the United States. If we're going to help them, we must get this administration out of Iraq.

They are going to try to delay full elections, a withdrawal of the occupation, until their firm grip on real power is secure, and that must be stopped. If Iraqi democracy is not to be stillborn, torn apart by fighting between U.S. troops and angry Iraqis, or sold into the pockets of multinational corporations, then this is essential.

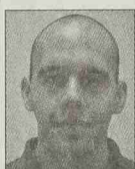
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Religious symbols under attack

Baruch Mechanic warns of the dangers of banning personal displays of religion

Wherever you go in public, like restaurants, shopping malls, schools and even places of worship, you will find that people openly show their religious beliefs. Hijabs (head scarfs)



Baruch Mechanic
Staff Columnist

in Islam, kippots (skull caps) in Judaism, jewelry with symbols of Christianity (the cross, with or without J.C.), the tilaka (the dot at the eyebrow junction) in Hinduism and many more fill the places you find yourself day after day. Now could it be that some people see this as fundamentalism? I think France does. Could America too? What about American schools?

About two months ago, France's Chief Rabbi Yosef Sitruck said "I request that Jewish youth refrain from wearing kippot in public," because of the rise in anti-Semitic attacks across the country. The Rabbi goes on to say that Jews should suffice with caps such as baseball hats so as they will not make themselves targets. This statement followed an attack of arson against a Jewish school in Paris just five days before and, more recently, a bullet being mailed to the offices of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism with a message saying "Jews, get out of here. The next bullet is aimed for you." I am not exactly pointing fingers but I would agree that this has a relation to the very large Muslim population in France, around five million. America has a population about the same size too.

I make this correlation because of the already rampant anti-Semitic views in France and now France's attempt to ban hijabs in public schools.

For my two cents, it's an attempt to keep Muslim fundamentalism under some sort of control or more like a pseudo control. For example, two days after the protests of this law someone detonated a car bomb and destroyed the newly named Prefect Aissa Dermouche's car, a Muslim himself who is the regional administrator in eastern France. Because of the large unemployment rate of Muslims in France, deputy mayor Bayrem Braiki, who is a practicing Muslim, said Muslim activists "have been stuffing the brains of our youth...explaining that the only way out [of poverty] is religion." Well you know the old saying about how today's youth is the future of tomorrow.

After Sept. 11, 2001, once we discovered who was behind the attacks, U.S. officials held many press conferences and were quick to declare how any type of "revenge" taken upon American Muslims would be looked at as a hate crime and those responsible would be persecuted by law. Well that didn't stop a few people. Do you think with all that American bureaucrats do in keeping terrorists out that they don't get headaches thinking about those that are already living in our borders? Yesterday was a blue day, the day before was a yellow day, today is a yellow day, tomorrow might be an orange day; it seems like some of our higher up officials might be a little edgy sometimes.

What I am saying is be weary of what goes on around the world and the similarities it has with us. The world is continually sending more and more of their students overseas to

U.S. schools and universities.

Take a look at the social and religious activism of many groups on our campus and campuses around the nation. The larger and larger these groups become with students from the "melting pot" of our population, the louder their voice will become and the harder their fists will become. And if somehow our lawmakers see this as a threat, they will react accordingly to this threat as they deem necessary.

Without a doubt I think people have a right to wear what they want as long as it's not some middle school girl dressing like Britney "I like to get drunk and married" Spears or other such inappropriate attire. Freedom of speech and freedom of religion are what our country is based on. We have seen the stir created when the government banned group prayer in public schools. I have no idea what the future holds for U.S. schools, private and public, which is why I will be keeping an eye out. But remember two things: Khalid Shaikh Mohammed (top Al-Qaeda operative who is thought to be the master mind behind the WTC attack who was caught in Pakistan even though he had altered his features) studied engineering at North Carolina A&T. At the same time, Mazen Al-Najjar, who is also the brother-in-law of indicted Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist fundraiser Sami Al-Arian, was a professor of computer science and taught at the University of South Florida.

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HODGE

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"And if I wouldn't let him, he would cry, so I was forced to take him with me."

Steve, who now teaches English in Yonkers, N.Y., knew early that Julius would be more than just a pair of hands to grab loose basketballs. As Steve tells it, Julius possessed a certain something that few kids did or do, an intangible passion and fire for basketball that's grown out of control over the years.

"We didn't allow him to start playing pick-up with us until maybe he was nine or 10," Steve said, laughing at the memories. "We'd sneak him for a game or two. Rough him up and send him home."

Even then, Julius made impressions on guys sometimes twice his age.

"We'd give him the ball, definitely," Steve said. "Give him his opportunity to shine. He would make a move or two and, of course, the guys would slow him down afterwards. But Julius being Julius would bounce back up and hustle his tail off."

Following his older brother, Julius played playground games in parks all over Manhattan, including the famed Rucker Park. The boisterous crowd at Rucker, where Steve said Julius is a "favorite," began calling Julius "Da Jules from Harlem" one day. It stuck.

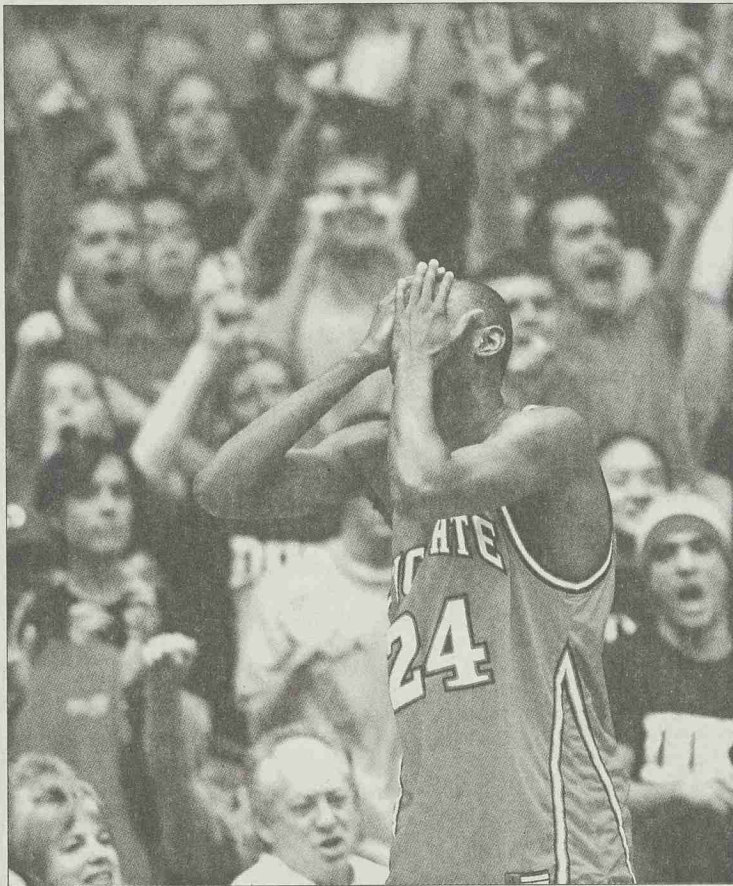
So did the lessons of New York City playground ball: trash-talk, creativity and confidence; lessons that usually came from older, bigger, meaner guys.

"When you're playing in the playground, you want to play against the older guys," Julius said. "The guys your age, you know you're better than, so it's really no competition. The older guys are going to play you hard, beat you down, bloody your nose, elbow you, be real physical and then, after the game, they're going to take your ball and not give it back to you if you don't win."

Maybe that's why losing is so unacceptable for Da Jules. Maybe he's afraid to lose his ball. Or worse. Hodge takes losing basketball games like some people take losing family members. It's that serious.

His eyes have filled with tears more than once over the past three years, most recently after the Wolfpack lost an overtime game it probably should have won at Boston College two weeks ago. Last week, Hodge sulked again in the depths of the Smith Center in Chapel Hill after his team suffered an agonizing loss to North Carolina. After such defeats, Hodge usually says little and stares at the ground, his face longer than his slender 6-foot-7-inch frame.

"He truly hates to lose," Steve said in the New York accent he shares with his brother. "He gets



Julius Hodge, shown here during an early season loss at Duke, has been working to control his emotions.

in sort of like a state of depression and I sort of pick him up, crack a joke or two with him, pull him out of that and tell him, 'There's another day.'"

Once when Julius was 13, he lost a pick-up game and became infuriated. He picked up a plastic bottle, filled it with water and hurled it onto the court. The water splashed everywhere, halting play and angering the players. Julius ran from the park to the Hodge home, nearby in up-town Harlem.

"We ran him out of the park and ran him home," Steve said. "It was maybe a block or two. After the first 200 yards, we let him go."

Though the elder Hodge tried to calm Julius, his hatred for defeat has remained afire.

After the Carolina loss, Julius called his brother and the two spoke for 90 minutes. The Hodge brothers speak often to one another — at least once a day and sometimes three or four times a day — but this particular conversation stayed in Julius' mind. The next time he stepped on the court, Julius played one of his best games in a Wolfpack uniform in leading State to a relatively easy win at Maryland. Then against No. 16 Wake Forest, Julius had assists on Scooter

Sherrill's 3-pointer that tied the game and Marcus Melvin's 3 that put the Pack up four late. The big plays, which were missing for weeks, were suddenly back. Julius' smile, at least during the game, disappeared.

"Jules has been more focused than I've seen him ever since he's been here," Sherrill said. "It started a couple of days before the Maryland game. You could see it in his face, that he was just really focused. He was more serious at practice. Usually Jules is kind of like a comedian in practice, in the locker room, in certain situations. I haven't seen that ever since a couple days before the Maryland game."

During Julius' three-game slump, Melvin, the senior who has referred to himself as the team counselor, approached Hodge and offered advice.

"With Julius, I really try to be realistic with him," Melvin said. "I talk to him about the reality of everything that's going on. I don't tell him stuff like, 'It's going to be all right,' and all that. I let him know that, but [I say] 'This is what you've got to do for it to be all right.' I really don't sugarcoat anything for anybody."

Whether Melvin's advice worked, who knows, but all does seem right with Julius again. In

State's last two victories, he's lived up to his own skyscraper-high expectations — and he's done it with controlled emotion.

Perhaps the biggest stride Julius has made is his learning when to pass or when to take over. Against Wake, his assists were huge, said his coach.

"On both big 3s we've credited our seniors with making, Julius was the catalyst," coach Herb Sendek said. "One, on an inside-

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OFFENSIVELY

"I think they present, like a lot of teams in our league, a good defensive challenge. They have a lot of balance, both inside and out," State coach Herb Sendek said of the Cavaliers. Still, it's hard to see State not repeating an 86-point performance as it did in Raleigh earlier this year against the Cavs, although big man Elton Brown could trouble State in the post.

Advantage: N.C. State

DEFENSIVELY

Serious question: has Virginia ever played defense under current coach Pete Gillen? Believe it or not, the answer is up for debate, but leaning toward the negative. State played its best defense of the year in the second half against Wake Forest, limiting the Deacs to 22 points.

Significant Advantage: N.C. State

COACHING

After Virginia made the 2001 NCAA Tournament, Gillen was awarded a new 10-year contract and has yet to return to the Big Dance. Sendek has done a great job this year changing strategies to better fit his players, such as the use of zone defense over the past couple of games.

Advantage: N.C. State

INTANGIBLES

Two wins on the road is not enough to fully quiet the whispers of State's road woes, just lessen it a bit. Keep in mind that State has won at University Hall just once since 1985 and always seems to shoot the three poorly in the oddly lighted arena.

Advantage: Even

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N.C. State 83, Virginia 75

out pass where he used his size, and secondly, in transition, he found Scooter. Both of those guys were the benefactors of Julius making them better and they obviously capitalized and made the big shot."

As much fun as Julius had engineering Wednesday night's comeback over the Demon Deacons, he enjoyed equally the atmosphere of a rabid arena, with fans going wild. He went along with it all — waving his arms, pumping his fists, jumping up and down. It must have reminded him of the playground.

"I wouldn't trade the college atmosphere for anything," Julius said. "I don't care if I could make \$100 million in the NBA, I wouldn't trade it."

Of course, it's easy to make such a statement after an emotional victory. After losses, it seems as if he would take a ham sandwich, a bus ticket and \$5 over another day on the court.

"That's something I've been working on, not to get too high,

not to get too low," Julius said. "But when I'm out there on the court, I'm going to show emotion. I've been doing it since I was 9. My mom used to see me play when I was younger and she used to laugh at it and say, 'That's my baby.' And I know if my mom doesn't have anything bad to say about it, I'm not going to change it for someone else."

His attitude has won Julius one gift, at least according to him: a big, bright bulls-eye on his back.

"I'm like a marked man. Guys are just trying to throw darts right in the middle of my heart because they see I get the most notoriety in this league and they want that," Julius said. "Younger guys...they want to stop me, they want to score so they can tell their family members, 'I did this-or-that to Julius Hodge.' I'm going to continue to walk around with a chip on my shoulder."

Or at least until he thinks everyone knows he's the best.

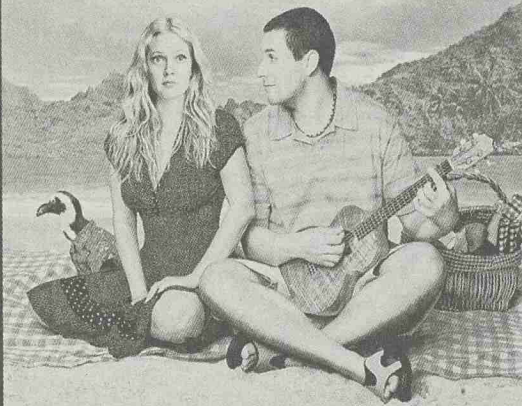
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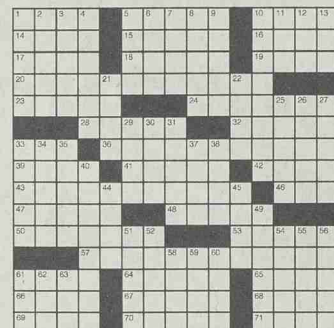
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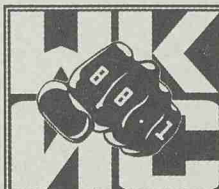
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"I think it's pretty over the top for someone who has a year and a half left to turn his life upside down like that," Murray said. "For a collegiate program that seems extreme. I wonder how it would have been different for other guys in his good graces."

Choboy has no comment on the issue, referring to it as strictly a player-coach matter. Current players also had no comment, but were quick to defend their coach's methods.

Senior Jon Davis, the only remaining player on the team that played at State before Choboy became coach two years ago, doesn't consider his coach to be strict or biased with his rules. Instead, he points to Choboy's dedication to the program and the sport as the reason behind his rules.

"He has his rules but he's fair about them," Davis said. "He is dedicated to the team, he eats, sleeps and breathes tennis."

Sophomore Will Shaw echoed Davis' sentiments about his coach, adding that Choboy holds himself to an even higher standard than what he expects of his players.

"He lays down what he expects of us," Shaw said. "He holds

himself to the same standard as well."

Even Murray admits that he made a mistake and he knew he was breaking the rules, he just didn't expect such a severe a penalty.

"It was my fault, I broke the rules," Murray said. "He was justified in his actions."

In the end, things have worked out well for Murray. Both Miami and Alabama offered him tennis scholarships in December, and he chose to play tennis for the Crimson Tide. He has already recorded two wins in singles play in the No. 3 and No. 4 spots this season for the 18th-ranked team in the nation.

Choboy knew that bringing in a new system and trying to turn around an eternally struggling program would have its bumps. Last year's 5-17 record was one of those bumps, and this year's incident with Murray has been another, but he remains confident that his system, which has worked at other schools like Brown University, will work for N.C. State.

"Not everyone's gonna ultimately make it in our system," Choboy said. "But the guys that do make it — they're gonna be tough kids, their going to be very driven, kids of a high quality of character."

WBBALL

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Wake out-rebounded State 38-33, but the Pack shot 48 percent from the floor in the second half to beat the Deacons 70-66. The win puts State in a tie for sixth place in the conference with Florida State.

State (12-11, 4-6 ACC) took the lead for good with two minutes left in the game on a 3-pointer from the wing by sophomore guard Billie McDowell. Wake (10-11, 3-7) then committed five fouls in the game's most crucial stretch, but the Pack converted 8-for-10 of its free throw shots to stave off a Deacon comeback.

Senior center Kaayla Chones led all State scorers with 18 points. Senior forward Alvine Mendeng went 7-for-9 from the field to add 16 points, while junior point guard Kendra Bell

contributed 11 points and senior guard Nanna Rivers dished out eight assists.

But after the game, Yow was most impressed by McDowell, who picked up seven rebounds and 10 points in only 13 minutes off the bench.

"Billie came off the bench the same way that Ashley Key came off the bench in the Florida State game," Yow said. "She played great minutes for us on the defensive end, on the boards and she closed down some of their best outside shooters."

McDowell hadn't seen game action in two of State's last four games, nor had she played 13 minutes or more in a game since a 79-63 loss to Baylor Dec. 22.

But she never pouted and eventually Yow called her number.

"I didn't have a bad attitude about it," McDowell said. "I just sat on the bench cheering my teammates on knowing that

whenever my time came I would just give it my all. I told myself that if she put me in I was just going to play to the best of my ability and leave everything on the court."

Statistically, both teams played an even first half, but Wake owned a decisive advantage on points off turnovers. The Deacons scored 14 points off nine State turnovers, while the Pack only capitalized on six Wake turnovers with three points.

Wake senior guard Tonja Brown, who scored 10 of her 15 points in the first half, said State was more intense than the Deacons in the second half.

"When you're down it's easier to play like you have nothing to lose," Brown said. "That's exactly what they did. They turned up their pressure and we just didn't turn up ours at the same time."

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Julius' burning desire

With his roots close to his heart, Julius Hodge has recovered from a mid-season slump and has refocused himself on becoming the best.

Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

It's Monday night around 8, and Julius Hodge is doing what he's done his whole life: basketball. The TV is on, tuned to ESPN2, and he is watching undefeated and No. 2-ranked St. Joseph's battle Villanova. He's holding the phone to his ear and he's talking, maybe for the second or third time that day, to his brother, Steve Hodge, who sits miles north in Harlem with the same game in eyesight.

"And we're on the phone together watching the St. Joe's-Villanova game and seeing [St. Joseph's guard] Jameer Nelson play," Hodge said, sitting in the locker room with a bag of ice on each knee after an emotional comeback victory over Wake Forest. "And I was like, 'He's a good player, and my brother said, 'Yeah, he is.'"

As Julius tells the story, ESPN announcer Dick Vitale is going crazy over Nelson, swooning over the player some consider the best in the country.

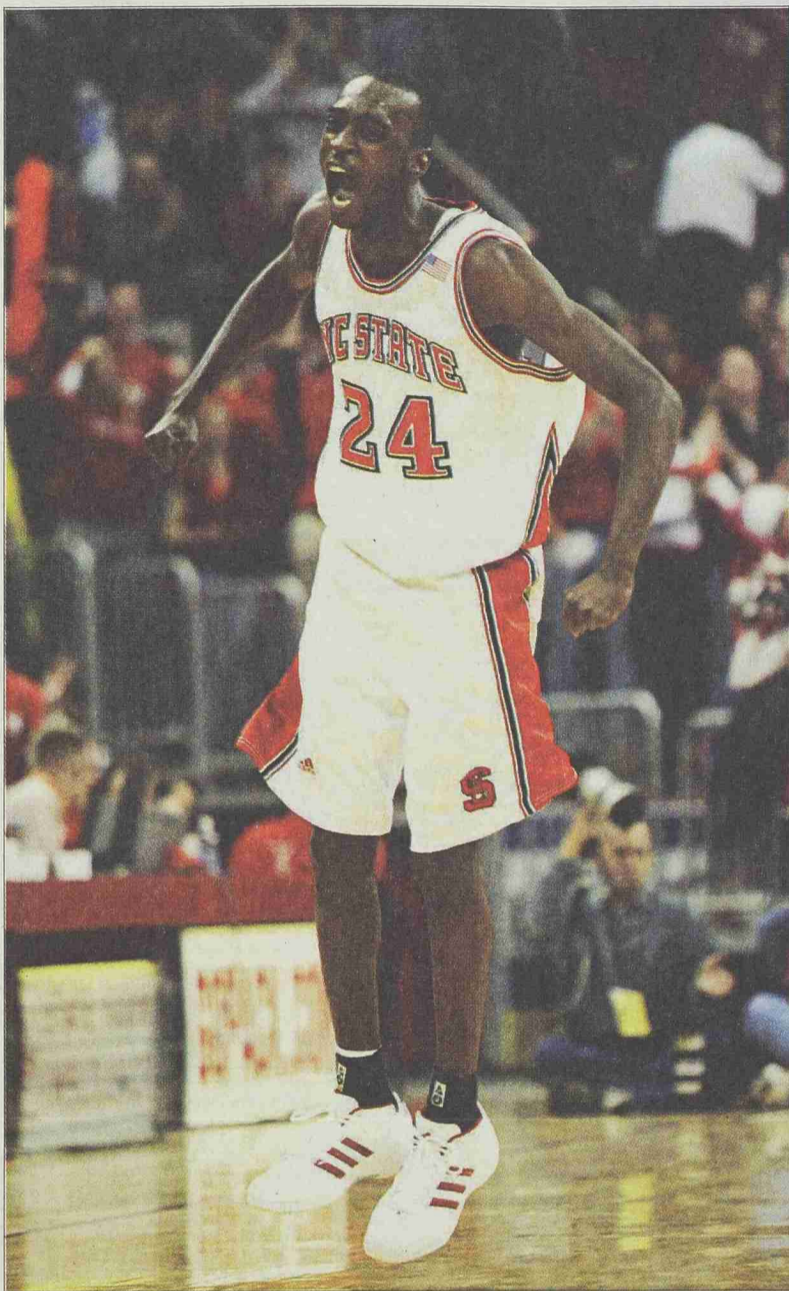
"Dickie V. said this and that, that he's the best player in the country, first-team All-American," Julius said. "And I'm saying, 'He's a good player but I think I'm better than him.' [Steve said], 'That's the problem, it's self-proclaimed...'"

Excuse Julius Hodge if he thinks he's the best. It's not his fault. Some people are born smart. Some are born to be doctors, lawyers, teachers. Julius was born thinking that he's the best basketball player in the world.

Confidence. That's what happens when a kid starts playing basketball at the age of 5, hoops it up in New York City pick-up games at 9 and has his own Rucker Park nickname before he hits puberty. It's what happens when a small boy with big dreams follows his brother around town, basketball in hands, begging, pleading to just shoot a couple more shots.

"We're extremely close," Steve, who, at 30, is 10 years older than Julius, said. "From day one, from the day he was born, I was excited because, as a basketball guy, I figured, 'Okay, I've got a baby brother that will tag along with me wherever I go. He'll get my rebounds.' Everywhere I went, he would tag along."

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Julius Hodge celebrates the play of the Wolfpack during its comeback victory over Wake Forest Wednesday night. Hodge has scored 46 points in the last two games, leading State to a 6-2 ACC start.

"When you're playing in the playground, you want to play against the older guys... The older guys are going to play you hard, beat you down, bloody your nose, elbow you, be real physical and then, after the game, they're going to take your ball and not give it back to you if you don't win."

-Julius Hodge

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-Julius Hodge

Laying down the law

Jon Choboy is trying to build his program at State into a winner, which includes installing a fair amount of discipline.

Austin Johnson
 Staff Writer

Men's tennis coach John Choboy pushes his players to be models for the university they represent and to always act appropriately.

Junior R.J. Murray found that out the hard way when the coach dismissed him after the fall semester for failing to abide by the standards. Murray had played in the No. 1 spot for much of last year, but ultimately did not mold into what Choboy expects out of his players.

"You have to be disciplined enough to do what's necessary to be successful," Choboy said. "We don't really have a lot of rules to be honest with you."

Choboy makes his rules clear to his players: be on time, dress appropriately and show a good attitude on the court. It's in the latter aspect where Murray clashed the most with his former coach.

Murray would often let his emotions get the best of him during a match. It wasn't uncommon to hear Murray berate himself between points when he would fall behind in a match. Though



Former N.C. State standout R.J. Murray is playing at Alabama after being dismissed from the team in the fall.

his actions rarely went beyond a few choice words directed towards his own play, Murray's demeanor on the court went against what Choboy, who leads his team against Yale today at 1 p.m., considers "behavior representative of N.C. State."

The nail in the coffin for Murray came a week and a half after he lost his ITA Regional match late this fall when he failed to show up for an 8 a.m. Saturday practice. According to Murray, his alarm malfunctioned and

he did not wake up until nearly 10 a.m., at which point he immediately called Choboy.

But it was too late for Murray, who was alleviated of his scholarship after the fall semester. Murray said Choboy also cited him being late for a practice in October 2002 when Murray had a flat tire and his failure to meet three mile run times as other reasons for his actions.

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Second-half Wake-up call

N.C. State's women's basketball team follows the example set by the men's team to come from behind and defeat Wake Forest.

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WINSTON-SALEM — Kay Yow didn't go to the RBC Center Wednesday night to see N.C. State's men's basketball team erase a 16-point halftime deficit on its way to defeating Wake Forest. Yow and the Wolfpack women's basketball team were in Winston-Salem preparing for their own match-up with the Demon Deacons' women.

But Yow and the Pack watched the game on TV in their hotel rooms and Thursday night there they were at halftime, staring down a similar disadvantage.

Wake guard Cotelia Bond-Young's 3-pointer at the buzzer capped a 15-5 Deacons run and put the Pack down 35-26 at the game's intermission.

In the locker room, Yow reminded her players of the previous night's game.

"I just challenged them to play the way our men did," Yow said. "The men were down 19 last night to a great Wake team, and they just turned up their defense, played hard for the next 20 minutes and ended up winning. We were down by nine at the half



Nanna Rivers dished out eight assists Thursday against Wake Forest.

and on the road that's almost the same as being down by 18."

Yow gave the challenge. Her players answered.

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