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Night spans cultures

The Asian Students Association shared their culture with the community Saturday evening.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

If you happened to be near Talley Student Center Saturday, you were probably starting to get hungry from the aroma of the Asian foods coming from the second floor. These scents came from the annual Asia Night Live presented by the Asian Students Association.

The turnout was diverse with different backgrounds from various universities in the area coming to learn about Asian cultures and show support. Young and old members of the community attended.

"I think it is a great way for people to get to know each other and socialize that may not know about Asian cultures," Katrina Scott, a graduate student from N.C. Central, said.

The performance coordinators for the event included Sheri Chen and Diana Truong, a sophomore in biochemistry.

According to Chen, they "really try to get variety" when contacting groups to perform in an event that takes weeks of planning.

Headlining the event was Fourth Inversion, a California-based group of four girls between the ages of 17-19 who bring Asian style to hip-hop, pop and R&B music. For this event, the music group performed two original songs, "Waiting for Your Love" and "Checkmate," and two cover songs.

Other singing performers of the evening included Spice Guys, an a cappella group. The Spice Guys, an Asian boy band, each represented a major spice of Asian cuisine. Aparna Ravichander, Aarthi Ravichander and Sneha Rangarao sang an Indian folk song. In addition, Kate Hahn and Rumblestar performed a traditional Korean song.

The dance teams included NCSU's Fusion, a group of males and females that fuse traditional Asian elements with pop culture and UNC-Chapel Hill's Kamikaze, a multicultural hip-hop dance team.

There was also a Hmong Dance, a Korean Drum Dance, a Lion Dance and a Tae Kwon Do presentation.

Tamasha, a Triangle-based dance group, put together a special act to give the night a taste of South Asian culture.

The fashion show featured clothing from Burmese, Chinese, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Thai and

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Allie Mason, a sophomore in zoology, dances with the rest of the participants at the Dance Marathon.

JOSHUA MICHEL/TECHNICIAN

ONE FOR THE KIDS

This weekend's Dance Marathon raised over \$10,000 for NC Children's Hospital.

Rachael Rogers
Senior Staff Reporter

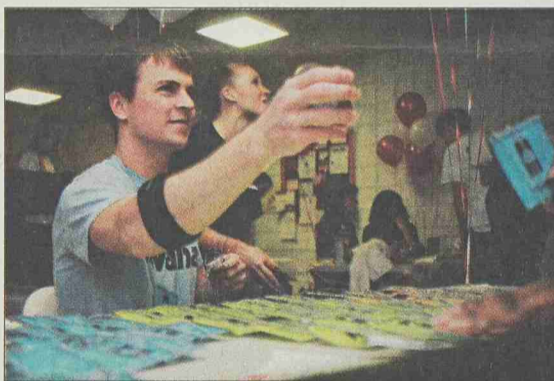
For 24 hours on Friday and Saturday, students did not let tired feet and sleepy eyes get in the way of staying on their feet to benefit the North Carolina Children's Hospital.

Hundreds of students came out as dancers, "moralers" and volunteers to help make this year's Dance Marathon a success, raising over \$10,000.

"The Dance Marathon went really well. The dancers were well fed and happy even though their feet hurt," Lee Dingle, a senior in civil engineering and overall coordinator of the event, said.

Sharon Delaney from NBC-17 kicked off the event. Participants in this year's marathon had more than Red Bull to keep them energized throughout the 24-hour period.

"Fourteen different Greek Life organizations participated, either by dancing, volunteering, bringing late night snacks or performing," Holly Moye, co-chair of Greek Involvement, said.



Walker Grossell, an undeclared sophomore, hands out visitor passes for the Dance Marathon.

JOSHUA MICHEL/TECHNICIAN

This year's marathon featured groups such as the YMCA Super Skippers, the Packabables, the NCSU Cheerleaders, Grains of Time, IMPACT and cloggers. Along with the many groups that came out to perform and show support,

dancers also had the opportunity to participate in activities to help pass the time.

Participants took part in a 1980s

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"What you are doing today is worth more than words can say. Now every day is a miracle. Our story is a very positive one."

-Corey Plant, parent of former Children's Hospital patient

Plug pulled on TV contract

With College Television Network gone, the installation of cable will allow Carmichael to have control over TV viewing.

Kate Renner
Staff Reporter

Although some of the older faculty members called the College Television Network airing in Carmichael gym "soft porn" and many students complained that the channel was degrading to women, the channel shut off due to an expired contract.

Talley and Carmichael's contract with College Television Network expired July 31, 2003. Carmichael had been waiting for CTN to remove the television sets since Aug. 1, 2003 when the contract expired.

"Most people that work out didn't pay attention to the music channel anyway. What's the point of a music channel without being able to hear the music?" said Lydia Varn, a junior in business.

Dawn Sanner, director of Carmichael, finally decided to unplug the cable hook-up since Carmichael was not under contract with CTN.

"I haven't had any complaints since turning off the channel. I've actually had two people say thank you," said Sanner. "I used to work out at 5 a.m., and the same video reel would play over and over on CTN. I just started reading magazines, and then why even bother having a channel?"

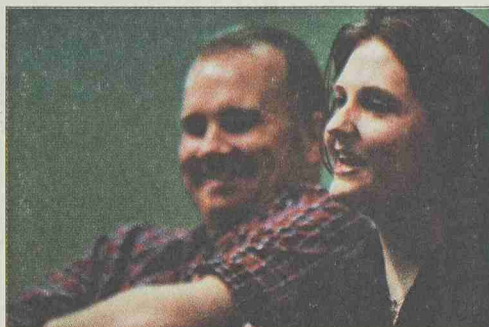
CTN went out of business and after multiple companies took their try at a college television network; MTV took over and started a brand new channel called MTVU. Instead of signing a contract with MTVU, Carmichael decided to go its own way with hopes of installing cable into the workout areas.

"When something happens like September 11, or March Madness, with a music television channel there are no options of flipping channels like there would be with cable," Sanner said.

Carmichael wants editorial control over the next type of programming aired in the gyms. MTV has no control over content played on N.C. State's campus. MTV could advertise for Pepsi on a Coke campus, or market tobacco or alcohol to students.

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Coming out in the real world



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Amanda Miller speaks on her experiences growing up gay.

Homosexuals of different ages, sexes and races shared their individual experiences of coming out to their friends and families.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, a group of individuals gathered in the Bragaw Activity Room to discuss what life was like for area professionals once they came out of the closet.

The people who were there to listen varied by age, race and sex. The panel composed of three men and two women differed by age as well as experience.

"I pretty much knew my entire life that there was something that wasn't the same about me like most of the other girls I knew," panelist Amanda Miller, a former Wake Forest University student, said.

On the other hand, Betty Rogers, a health care administrator, came out later in her

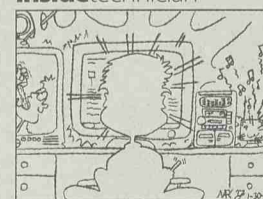
life after 25 years of marriage.

The panel all seemed to concur that at one point they realized something about them was different. Their methods of dealing went from "playing the asexual role" to thinking that "If I get hit in the head it would just go away," paramedic Christian Himerick said.

Most of the panel said that the difficult issues were admitting their homosexuality and telling their family and friends.

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Seriously

It may be Monday but there's still reason to smile. Doughboy and the gang are back to get the week started right. See page 4.

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WORLD

U.S. AGREES TO MEET TO DISCUSS REPARATIONS WITH MEXICANS

Interior Department officials have agreed to meet with leaders of a group that forced its way onto the family ranch of President Vicente Fox, a department spokesman reported Sunday. Hundreds of protesters demanding restitution for Mexicans who worked in the United States during and after World War II pushed past private guards and spent about four hours Saturday at the ranch, located about 185 miles northwest of Mexico City in the state of Guanajuato. Fox was on a different part of the ranch when the protesters entered. He did not meet with them. The protest was led by workers who participated in temporary-worker programs in the United States from 1942 to 1964. The workers, known as "braceros," have been lobbying for years to recuperate pay that was withheld and never returned to them after they went back to Mexico. *-Wire Reports*

U.N. TEAM MEETS WITH IRAQI LEADERS

Insurgents attacked U.S. Army convoys in three areas, killing one soldier and wounding three others Sunday, witnesses and the U.S. command said. Elsewhere, a U.N. team met with Iraqi leaders Sunday to discuss the chances of holding early legislative elections, and its leader pledged to do "everything possible" to help the country regain its sovereignty. Meanwhile, a bomb planted inside a police station killed three policemen and injured 11 others on Saturday, officials said. *-Wire Reports*

NATION

KERRY WINS BIG

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry steamrollered into sight of the Democratic presidential nomination Saturday with landslide victories in Michigan and Washington state caucuses, and looked ahead to primaries Tuesday in Virginia and Tennessee, where victories would make him effectively the de facto nominee. In Michigan, with 128 delegates at stake, Kerry won 50 percent of the vote. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean won 17 percent and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards was at 14 percent, with results counted from 15 of 18 congressional districts. In Washington state, with 76 delegates in play, Kerry had 49 percent of the vote and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean had 31 percent. *-KRT*

DEMOCRATS LEAD IN RACE

If the 2004 election were today, polls suggest that President Bush probably would lose. But the election isn't until November. Today Democrats are energized and optimistic in ways unfathomable just weeks ago. Driven by their loathing for Bush, they're turning out for primary elections in record numbers and seem ready to rally with unusual unity behind Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. Their attacks on Bush — rather than on one another — dominate their presidential-candidate debates and the news. Bush, meanwhile, has hit a rough patch. The former chief weapons inspector in Iraq says U.S. intelligence was wrong about nearly everything in Iraq and that Iraq probably didn't have weapons of mass destruction. January was the second deadliest month for U.S. soldiers in Iraq since the president declared major combat over last May. Forty Americans died, along with hundreds of Iraqis. *-KRT*

ATKINS INVADERS MARKET

Subway, which has more stores nationally than McDonald's, has heavily marketed its low-fat and low-carbohydrate fare. Burger King joined the low-carb trend this month by unveiling new bunless Whopper hamburgers, served in plastic salad bowls and eaten with a knife and fork. And McDonald's, based in Oak Brook, Ill., has been more aggressive in marketing its salads and this month began posting calorie, carbohydrate and fat information on its products at its restaurants in New York. *-KRT*

STATE

EASLEY: NO TUITION INCREASES

Gov. Mike Easley is asking the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to vote against campus-based tuition increases when it meets this week. In a letter to board Chairman Brad Wilson, Easley says raising tuition would hurt access to higher education in the state. "Many families have been hit hard by our national recession and unhelpful trade policy, and argue that increases of this size should not be considered at this time," Easley wrote. "I agree." The letter is dated Friday and was released on Sunday by the governor's office. *-Wire Reports*

RACIAL GULF REMAINS IN 20-YEAR-OLD W-S MURDER CASE

A 1984 murder and the wrongful imprisonment of Darryl Hunt continues to divide many of this city's blacks and whites as it has for years. Hunt's murder conviction was overturned by a judge on Friday, ending 18 years he spent behind bars after juries twice found him guilty. Rosalyn Howard, 50, and her sister, Arnette Kimbrough, rejoiced Friday over Hunt's overturned conviction. *-Wire Reports*



With the marathon completed, the participants gather together for a slide show of the event and a little rest after 24 hours of standing.

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hour, a decades hour, a luau hour, karaoke and singled out.

"The activities, which ranged from a martial arts exhibition to performances by Packabellas and Grains of Time to the Scholars' Council's '80s hour, kept everyone entertained for the entirety of the marathon," Walt Sharpton, a junior in business management, said.

Dingle said he also felt the activities helped keep people going.

"It's been happening. We had a carnival hour with carnival-type games and a hoola-hoop contest. We had karaoke too, which was hilarious," Dingle said.

To go along with these activities, dancers participated in a line dance every hour that featured moves made up by the various committee members. The line dance increased the excitement level and banded the participants together in one activity.

Dancer Evelyn Graning, a junior in English and philosophy, kept herself busy throughout the 24 hours.

"I've played four-square, learned how to hoola-hoop, ate junk food, drank Red Bull and coffee. I'm having fun and am glad I decided to do this but

I never thought standing up 24 hours would be so hard," Graning said, while hoola-hooping to keep busy.

Students said they were already feeling the impact of being on their feet for many hours but the Dance Marathon's family hour reminded students the reason for being there.

Cory Platt brought his two sons and shared his story with marathon participants. His youngest son, Sam, had a rare blood clot.

Upon finding out about his son's condition, doctors told Platt there were five hospitals in North America where he should be and the North Carolina Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill was one of them.

Throughout Platt's talk, Sam played with balloons, his brother and committee members. Sam is the only child with this condition that is still alive, to their knowledge. Upon hearing this, participants applauded.

"That applause should be directed at the doctors and that facility. And what you're doing is to give support so that a little boy like Sam is able to be here," Platt said.

"I know you're up for hours but what you're doing is phenomenal."

Platt continued giving his appreciation.

"What you are doing today is worth more than words can say," Platt said.

PANEL

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A few of the panelists found it easier to stay busy than to deal with the issue by staying involved in clubs, sports and other extracurricular activities.

"It is really funny how your subconscious can hide things from you for so long," Miller said.

"Every time I told people in the beginning it was like blacking out," Himerick said.

The reaction of panelists' parents differed, although a few were OK with the news. Many seemed to be concerned with the treatment of their children, their children contracting AIDs and their ability to have children. However, having supportive people around was very instrumental in all of their

experiences.

It was also noted that choosing a college that was accepting to different sexual orientations was just as important as finding a tolerant company to work for.

NCSU was one of the universities that the panelists said they felt was attempting to become more diverse.

"I don't think people realize just how much diversity is here," one NCSU student said.

The panelists all found their current working environment to be pretty accepting.

"I stumbled into a profession that not only embraces my sexual orientation and allows me to be a very out active person, it discriminates against its colleagues that are discriminatory against being gay," Richard Tyler, a counselor at NCSU, said.



The dancing view through the eyes of Holly Moye, a sophomore zoology major and member of the Overall Committee.

"Now every day is a miracle. Our story is a very positive one. We have a little brother that gets to play with his big brother. When I watch these two play together, I remember how blessed I am for what I have here," Platt said.

"Today, Sam is a happy toddler, who ran around the marathon chasing people with balloons. Platt said that it is because of the Children's Hospital, and people like the students gathered at the marathon that made that possible," Sara Anderson, hospital chair and a junior in business management, said.

Students also heard another personal success story. Mary Beam, a dancer at this

year's event and a past hospital patient, shared her story of success and expressed her appreciation.

"What you're doing is absolutely, positively helping people," Beam said.

This year's Dance Marathon raised over \$10,000 to benefit recreational therapy at the hospital. Last year, the Children's Hospital used the money to purchase a projection screen and Disney movies.

"What we did was symbolic of the children's fight against diseases. Raising over \$10,000 was remarkable, but it was the way that we did it that really shows the children that we care about what they are going through 24 hours a day," Moye said.

who you are and love whomever your heart desires.

"I like heavy metal, I don't dress well, I am a paramedic and I work as a paramedic full time," Himerick said.

For this group it was not that much of an issue to be homosexual in their everyday lives. In today's society, "There is a gay character on every TV show or movie and people know someone who is gay," one panelist said.

An active advocate for civil rights during the 1960s, Rogers quoted Martin Luther King Jr., "History will have to report that the great tragedy of this period was not the words or violent actions of the bad people but the appalling silences and indifference of the good people."

POLICE BLOTTER

02.05.04

8:31 a.m. | Traffic - construction
A non-student was issued a citation for driving through a construction site on Baver Drive.

8:38 a.m. | Fire alarm

The fire alarm went off at the EGRC Building. Police and Fire responded to the area. The activation was caused by contractors in room 201.

8:57 a.m. | Traffic - speeding

A student was issued a citation for speeding 35 in a 20 MPH zone on Faucette Drive.

9:17 a.m. | Traffic - speeding

A non-student was issued a citation for speeding 40 in a 25 MPH zone

on Sullivan Drive.

10:44 p.m. | Traffic checkpoint
Officers conducted a driver's license checkpoint on Sullivan Drive at the entrance to Lee Lot. Three verbal warnings were given for violations of expired inspection stickers, expired registration, and failure to carry a driver's license.

11:14 p.m. | Noise complaint
An anonymous caller reported hearing someone talking on a loud-speaker or through a megaphone in the area of Witherspoon Student Center. Witherspoon Center and surrounding areas were checked, and no one was located. No problems noted.

1 a.m. | Note
Investigators referred two students to the university in reference to Raleigh Police arresting them for possessing a large amount of marijuana. Raleigh Police served a search warrant on an off-campus residence on 1/30/04 and found money and drugs.

1:54 a.m. | Harassing phone calls
A student reported he was receiving harassing phone calls in his room in Sullivan Hall.

3:44 a.m. | Traffic - construction
A non-student was issued a citation for driving in a construction area on Baver Drive.

3:51 a.m. | Traffic - Construction
A student was issued a citation for driving in a construction area on Baver Drive.

9:54 a.m. | Welfare check
A student called police in reference to a welfare check on two students. They were last seen in Caldwell Hall, and police were told it was out of character for them not to be home yet. An officer checked Caldwell, Winston, Tompkins and surrounding areas and was not able to locate either person, or their hunter green Acura.

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Beth Larrea, a graduate student in Horticultural Sciences said, "I would rather they spend money on more equipment. I don't watch the TV."

If they can fund, install and run cable into the gym, Carmichael hopes to see cable up and running by next fall.

"I guess people would probably pay more attention if the television showed cable or sports," Varn said. Some students think that Carmichael shouldn't even bother with a new channel source for the television.

Brendan Loffin, a senior in business said, "I never watched the channel, the gym is a place to come to get away from the television; I've never been a fan of TVs in gyms."

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Vietnamese cultures. The various styles of clothing presented a contemporary and futuristic fashion.

Anh Tuan Tran, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, and Chris Hwang, a sophomore in biomedical engineering, served as the masters of ceremony for the night. The MCs and skits provided entertainment between the performances.

Tran said he felt that students would find the events interesting.

"We have a lot of good acts and this is going to be something all people will enjoy."

Despite how great the food was, students like Randy Third and Ryan Tracy came for the "cultural experience."

For Chen and other members of ASA, the best part of the night was the chance to explore their backgrounds. Chen said that "being able to share our culture to people who were unaware of it" was the best part for her.

FIND YOUR PLACE

What's happening on campus this week.

Tuesday
Lectures and Seminars
Freedom to Read: Does the Patriot Act Violate your Civil Rights, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Assembly room, 2nd floor, East Wing, D.H. Hill Library

Men's Sports:
Basketball
N.C. State vs. Florida State
7 p.m.
Raleigh, N.C.

Wednesday
Men's Sports:
Wrestling
N.C. State vs. UNC
7:30 p.m.
Raleigh, N.C.

Thursday
Film:
"Monkey Business" When a monkey inadvertently mixes up the Elixir of Life. A married couple begin to rapidly age backwards. Starring Marilyn Monroe and Cary Grant.
7 p.m.
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Women's Sports:
Basketball
N.C. State vs. Clemson
7 p.m.
Raleigh, N.C.

Friday
Film:
"Bush Mama" Dorothy is an impoverished African-American woman struggling to raise a decent daughter in an environment of acute poverty.
Witherspoon Student Center

"The Fighting Temptations" Darren, a New York Hip-Hop producer is called home to Alabama when he learns that he has inherited a large sum of money, but to claim it he must form a successful Gospel choir. Starring Cuba Gooding Jr.
11:30 p.m.
Witherspoon Student Center

Women's Sports:
Gymnastics
Hearts Invitational
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Saturday
Men's Sports:
Wrestling
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Raleigh, N.C.

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Major Tasks: Manage the Board of Directors and Union Activities Board. Authorize programming proposals by the Union Activities Board Committees (assisted by the Executive Board of the UAB). Assist in programming large events.

Students, faculty and staff! Come out and express yourselves through song, poetry, spoken word, dance or etc. This year's expression is also a tribute to African American entertainers.

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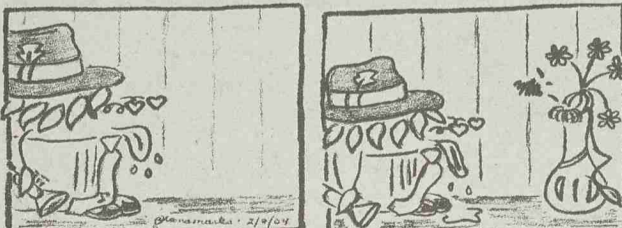
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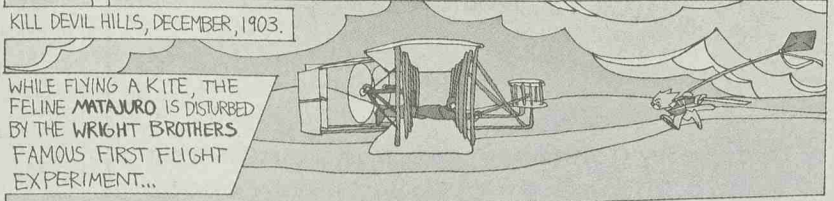
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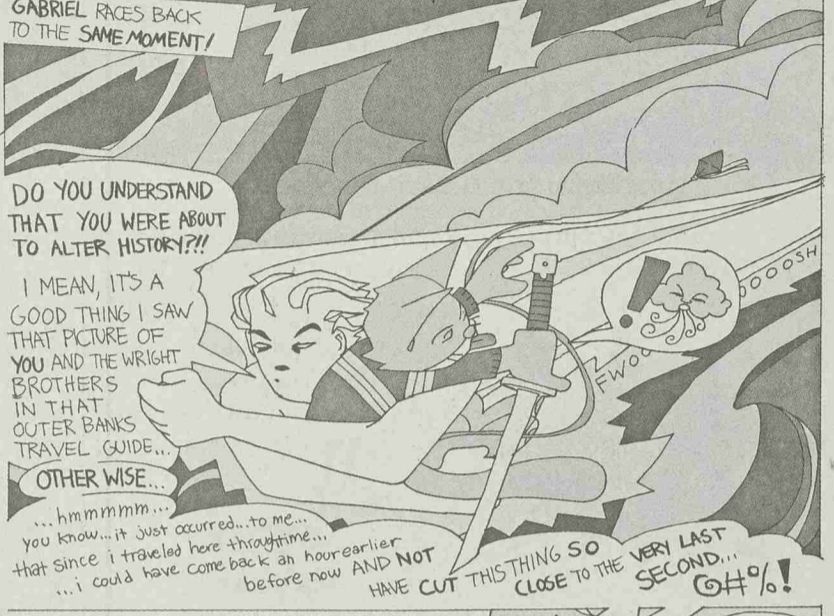
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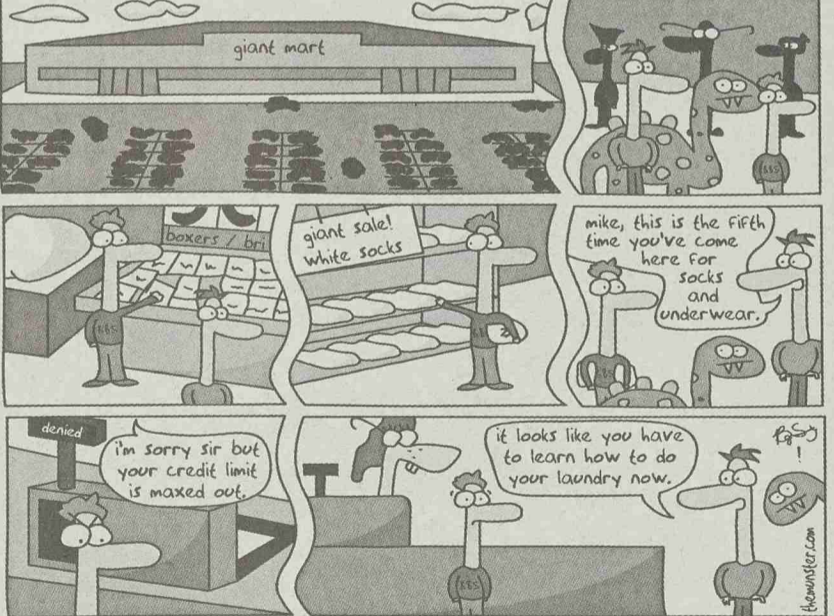
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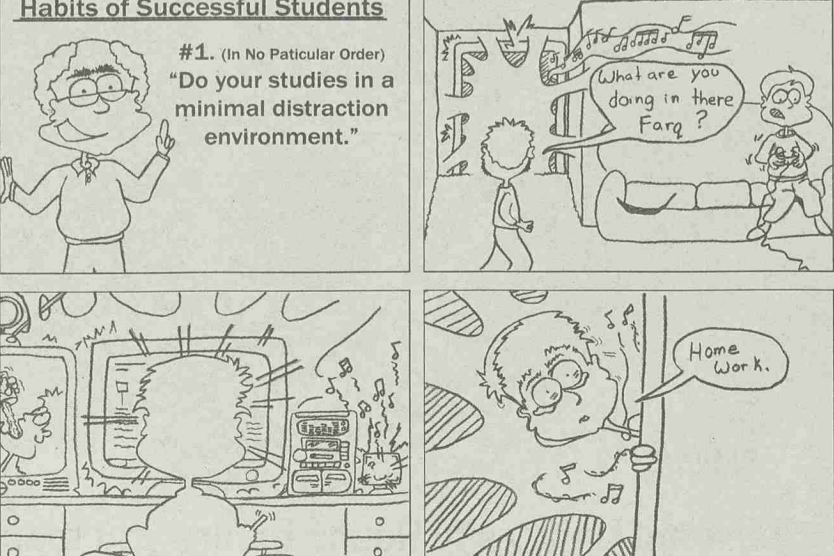
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

FIRE IT UP FOR CAMPOUT

OUR OPINION: CAMPOUTS SHOULD INCLUDE CAMPFIRES FOR THE DUKE AND UNC BASKETBALL GAMES.

The sun sets over campus as students pitch their tents out front of the "Old Barn Reynolds Coliseum. It is once again campout time for tickets to the biggest home basketball games of the year: Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill. For some it is an annual rite to get out the musty sleeping bag and tent and camp out rain or shine, hot or cold. For others, it is their first time camping out for seats to the fabled Tobacco Road matchups. But campout is not what it used to be.

In its heyday, campout was a free-for-all, all-night party where the beer flowed like water and the atmosphere was like Mardi Gras. Now there is a subdued quiet that hangs low on the fans as Campus Police roam up and down Dunn Avenue. First come, first serve is no longer the rule, thanks to Student

Government and their randomly generated computer printouts. There is no guarantee that students that do camp out get good seats. Some end up court-side, others in the upper tiers of the monstrous RBC Center.

The biggest change: no campfires. The administration says it is for our own good, but in reality, they don't want a repeat of campouts long since past.

The dawn opened over one such infamous campout where couches burned overnight and general mayhem was the rule of the crowd. The administration put a stop to the antics, but at Student Government's pleading, a watered down, highly structured campout was instituted. No more spontaneity, no more chaos, and most of all, no more campfires.

The administration should reinstate campouts but keep them under control. With enough Campus Police officers looking after the students and watching out for alcohol, campfires would protect

against the cold and bring a fun atmosphere back to this altered N.C. State tradition.

It is simple enough to do: fire rings could be set up between two campsites and the groups can share a campfire. One person in the group is designated the fire chief and is given a bucket full of water. Each group is responsible for bringing their own wood. There could even be a demonstration by Fire Protection on how to build a proper campfire. Boy Scouts do it all the time and they are in the woods away from fire hydrants.

Last year, cold weather caused the cancellation of one campout. Had there been campfires allowed, the campout would most decidedly have taken place.

What is a campout without a campfire to sit around, get warm and roast marshmallows?

Ask the administration: they are the ones leaving students out in the cold.

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A moral conundrum

Abbie Byrom faces off with the contentious issue of religious values used by government to further social policy.

The Bill of Rights guarantees its citizens freedom of speech and the press, freedom of religion, freedom to own and bear arms and protection against unreasonable searches and seizures...among other rights.



Abbie Byrom
Senior Staff Columnist

The Patriot Act has thrown the protection against unreasonable searches and seizures out the window.

Soon the Constitution may see an amendment that states what we DO NOT have the freedom to do, like choose the person we would like to marry, and have the government recognize that union on our tax forms.

There are many angles I could choose from when writing this column. I have debated on whether or not I should write it, because I don't want to write just for argument's sake.

However, when I think of the ongoing battle between President Bush and the Massachusetts courts, the only word that comes to mind is discrimination. While I know our forefather's religious morals and values gave this country its foundation, it is not a core function of our nation's government to regulate who can marry whom, based on their sex. At the least, it is a social injustice. Personally, I think it boils down to civil rights.

There are several problems to present. One, being that the word "marriage" has two meanings. A religious ceremony, marking the merging of two lives together in love in front of God and family. The second, is the definition that marks getting a marriage certificate and a tax break, where God is not necessarily involved in the ceremony, but the legal rights accumulated by the couple is important. Both the religiously faithful and those who

could care less about God use this word to communicate to the world the status of their relationships. Sometimes love is involved, but not always. Either way, the government recognizes both types of unions. As far as I can see, there is no perfect union.

Another problem is the urgency of our government in recent years to rid schools, government institutions and nearly everything else of any religious affiliation. Prayer in schools is gone, and the Pledge of Allegiance has come under fire too.

Yet, for some reason, we want to govern the morals of our country and amend the Constitution to say that same sex marriages are against the law due to religious morals and values.

I guess that is because it's too hard to come up with any other reason to tell

someone why they cannot marry the person they love.

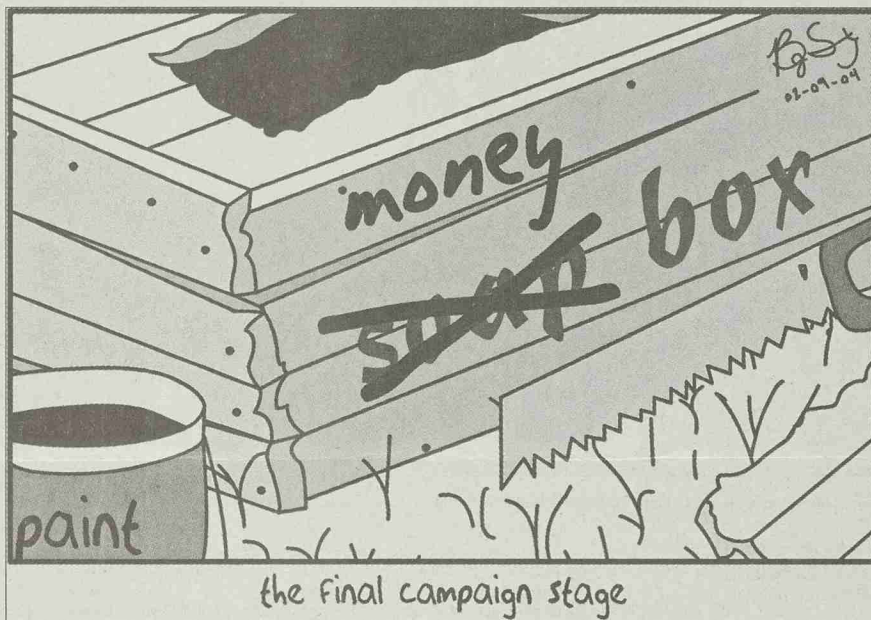
Pundits and others want to argue that amending the Constitution would not be discrimination, because homosexuals could have "civil unions" that guarantee the same legal rights. This is a big cop out. Why is it that gay couples cannot use the same word as everyone else if they are going

to get all the same legal benefits? That seems like discrimination to me, especially if the couples have a marriage just like the rest of the heterosexual population.

My one question is how can President Bush use God and religious values to govern civil liberties like marriage, but not use religion as the foundation of all our nation's laws and practices. Religion and morality are not our government's forte, despite all John Ashcroft's efforts.

When a government is established "by the people, for the people" it needs to represent all people...not just the morally conservative or the religiously right.

Questions or comments? Abbie would love to hear them. E-mail her at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



The New Economy

Not less than a month ago, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) issued a grave notice on yet another debt ridden nation that continues to spend without second thought and without concern for the long-term consequences of such actions. However, the world's superpower, the United States, was an exception to this warning.



Andrew Dugan
Staff Columnist

Strangely enough the IMF, long considered an instrument of the U.S. Treasury Department, caused very little reverberations with its unfortunate prophecies. Wall Street continued its growth. Reports of gains in jobs and continued strength in productivity also helped fuel recent positive outlooks on the modern economy.

One might say the economy seems to be in some sort of up turn. But the optimism due to the performance of the stock market or other such market indicators might quickly evaporate due to President Bush's new fiscal budget, even if the new plan does not immediately affect the performance of the markets.

The happy turn of events for the economy in recent times has had a lot to do with President Bush's drastic measures: large scale tax cuts, heavy government spending and loose monetary policy, all of which will produce a strong but short term growth in the economy. More important though is that these policies do eventually have a price tag and it is highly unlikely that the gains provided from these actions will offset their costs.

The Bush Administration projects a five year deficit, and then boasts that the debt will be cut in half by the year 2009. This last point is a fool's hope. The centrist organization, Center on

Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), enlightens us just how this admirable goal would be achieved. The methods are, of course, duplicitous. The budget "omit(s) \$160 billion in costs in 2009 that the Administration itself to propose in future budgets." These costs include relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax, originally enacted in 1969 to protect government revenue from relatively wealthy individuals from certain tax breaks. The budget also has no forecast of the predictable expenses arising from the ongoing war on terror past Sept. 30, despite the ongoing commitment in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Most interesting about this new budget, and well emphasized by the CBPP, is the sudden resurrection of the "pay as you go system." This notion was strongly credited with the small surpluses of the 1990s, though not considered the only ingredient in the mix. The legislative action, signed by the first President Bush, required that any increases in entitlement spending or tax cuts be offset by "through offsetting entitlement cuts or tax increases."

The CBPP is less forgiving of such politically motivated actions by pointing out these colorful and, ultimately, abhorring facts: like the said system mentioned above entitlement increases must be offset through some sort of decrease in overall governmental spending and refundable tax credits, which applies for low to moderate income families must also be offset. Now brace yourself here, all other tax cuts, which would be principally extended to more opulent tax payers would not be required to be offset through other measures. Some economists call this approach - that is, increasing some spending and drastically cutting revenue in order to produce national threatening debts - the "starve the beast" strategy. The doctrine espouses that once a nation is forced into such a position of high budgets and low revenue that the only

sensible alternative is to severely cut spending, mainly on the so-called New Deal programs.

Though there are some advisors within the Bush administration that have been known to think highly of this dangerous economic thought, it is premature of critics to unequivocally pronounce that this budget follows those radical overtures. This, of course, does not mean that the serious flaws of this budget should not be advertised.

The CBPP reveals, "the deficit-reducing proposals are disproportionately tilted against lower- and middle-income families, while giving more affluent and powerful constituents a virtual free ride." Worse yet the same respectable organization believes that the deficit will not be bettered even slightly by this budget, but that the "president's budget would make the problems worse."

As the election year, young voters should be all the more mindful of their place in the electoral process. As tax payers from today for some time to come, it will be our money that will have to be used to close this unbridled deficit.

More importantly if the overall debt continues to accrue it could result in a major collapse in the American economy, obviously resulting in a huge net loss of jobs. Though the latter scenario situation is less likely, the cards are not pleasant right now for the young people. Bush's budget, even in the best case, cannot make up for lost revenue and expanded spending. Something must be done for the American economy to remain competitive in the world arena and healthy on a national level.

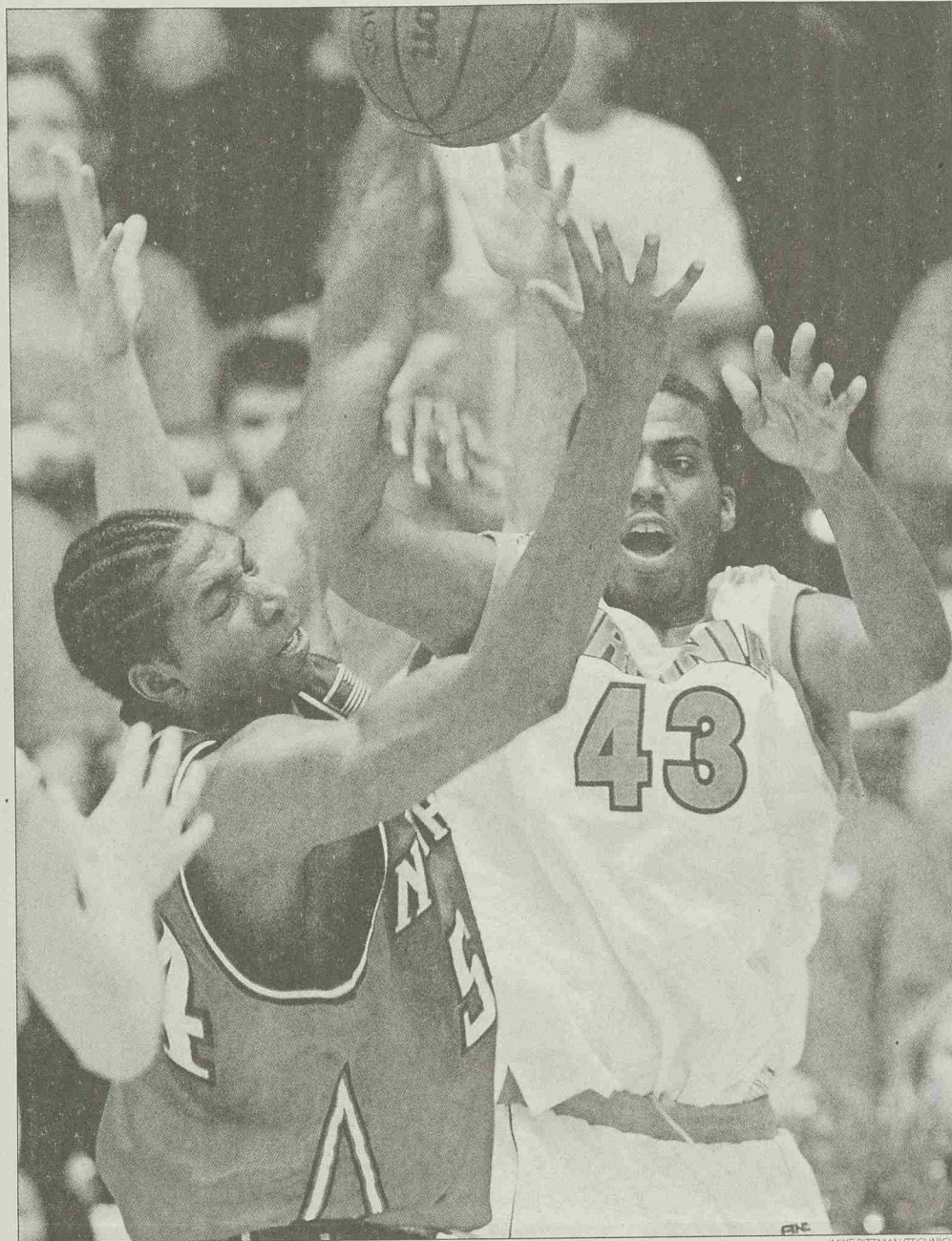
But no rhetoric thus far, from Bush or his Democratic opponents has focused on such matters. Perhaps it is time that the nation's youth, which will be most affected, spoke up.

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Marcus Melvin, eyes closed, attempts to steal the ball from Virginia's Elton Brown.

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MBBALL

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comfortable lead and dominance on the boards (39-22) helped in this game.

"We had a little bit of room for error there [at the end]," Sendek said. "Had we not, I don't know

if we would've survived with the way we took care of the ball and Virginia kept attacking."

Virginia could get no closer than 11, though, and Engin Atsur made sure of that hitting three crucial 3-pointers on three consecutive N.C. State possessions. Those shots, called "dagger threes" by Virginia coach Pete Gillen, accounted for nine

of the Turkey native's 11 points and killed any momentum the Cavs had built.

"I'm getting more comfortable everyday with the offense, with my teammates, the coaching staff...everything is better," Atsur said. "I'm just adapting to the basketball system in the States. I'm learning a lot. I found my shot."

This game marked the second consecutive double-digit ACC road victory for the Pack; the first was a 12-point win over Maryland last Sunday. The last time that happened for State was in February of 1983 with wins against Georgia Tech and Duke.

Wolfpack Weekend



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Barbara Orlay

MEN'S TENNIS

N.C. State rebounded from a 4-3 loss almost a week ago to High Point with a commanding win against Yale Friday. The Wolfpack swept all six singles matches and won two of the three doubles matches for a 7-0 win over the Bulldogs.

Playing at No. 1 singles, Conor Taylor fought for a three-set win in match against Ryan Murphy, an all-Ivy League team selection a year ago. Ryan Johnson and William Noblitt also provided the Pack with key wins.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vania Apodoca's three-set victory in the final match of women's tennis team's tilt with Appalachian State gave the Wolfpack a 7-0 victory Saturday. It was State's second 7-0 victory of the short season.

Despite the cold, windy weather, State was able to stay on track early and take care of business.

"It was a very windy day and it got kind of cold this afternoon, and I thought that the girls figured out a way to use that to their advantage," coach Hans Olsen said. "They weren't going to play where they felt really good about their game today, but they had to kind of win ugly and they did good with that."

Nandita Chandrasekar, the No. 1 player on the team, decisively won her match 6-0, 6-0 in the shortest match of the day. Barbara Orlay (6-0, 6-1) and Jennifer Jassawalla (6-2, 6-1) also defeated their opponents with no trouble.

State traveled to Davidson Sunday and picked up a 4-3 team win to move to 3-0.

-Andrew Tanker

TRACK AND FIELD

Felicia Fant continued her strong season this past weekend at the Carolina Classic in Chapel Hill, posting a NCAA

Provisional time of 7.44 seconds in the 60 meters. Renee Gunning also notched a first-place finish, winning the mile run with a time of 4:54.41.

Distance runner Chad Pearson ran in the Mayo Invite at Notre Dame this weekend and posted a NCAA Provisional time of 14:13.43 in the 5,000 meters.

GYMNASTICS

N.C. State notched its top score of the season in the final leg of a five-meet road trip, teaming with North Carolina to win the 2004 Governor's Cup. State's score of 195.225 was good for third place in the team standings following North Carolina and Maryland. State (6-7) posted season-high scores on the bars (48.850) and the floor (49.050) and will return home to host the Hearts Invitational Friday night at 7.

WRESTLING

Injury-plagued N.C. State won four bouts but fell on the road Saturday to No. 7 Lehigh 26-16. State forfeited two matches because of injury and picked up wins from Alex Hernandez, Jake Giamoni, Jeremy Hartrum and senior Dustin Kawa. State hosts rival North Carolina Wednesday night at 7:30 in a key ACC match.



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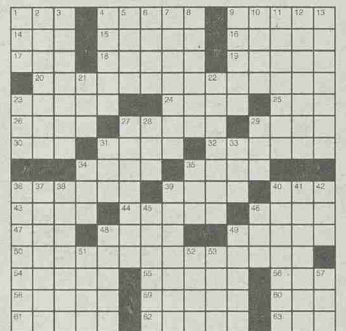
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two-point lead. From there the Pack began to pull away when the Tar Heels struggled from the field and State used crisp interior passing to set up easy baskets. State built its largest lead of the game at nine points when senior captain Nana Rivers grabbed a rebound and put the ball in the basket as she fell to the floor.

"I remember I missed the free throw," Rivers said of her attempt at a three-point play. "I was just in the right place [on the rebound]."

The State lead began to slip away from that point. With just over three minutes remaining, Alvine Mendeng was whistled for her fifth foul, propelling the Heels to an 8-0 run and cutting the Pack's lead to 55-54. But the

resilient Pack never gave the lead back, even as the Carolina crowd roared.

"In the timeout up by a point I told them we have been here before and let it slip though - we had an opportunity to redeem ourselves," Yow said.

Chones then took matters into her own hands by scoring another tough basket before her breakaway basket. State held Carolina to just 30.8% shooting from the field in the second half, holding them to just 25 points. Yow attributed the team's newfound ability to win close games to her team's consistency. "We are reaching a point of greater consistency," State coach Kay Yow said. "A few games back we didn't know what was going to happen [late in games]."

Both teams struggled with their consistency in the opening minutes of the game. Behind sloppy State play, Carolina began to pull away midway through the half.

Freshman point guard Ivory Latta stole the ball from State's Kendra Bell and drove the length of the court for a layup, giving the Tar Heels a 23-15 advantage. Carolina would eventually stretch the lead to nine before State responded with a late first-half run.

Dickens came off the bench for State and provided an immediate spark, draining an open trey and cutting through the lane for a basket to slice into the Carolina lead. A Kendra Bell drive in the final two minutes pulled State within four points going into the half.

"[Dickens] hit some big shots when we needed them," Yow said. "We want her going like that."

The upset win gives State its fifth win in its last six conference games after getting off to a dismal 0-5 start. State will try to continue its winning ways at home against Clemson on Thursday night at 7.

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M. basketball vs. Florida State, 2/10, 7
 W. basketball vs. Clemson, 2/12, 7
 Baseball at Campbell, 2/13
 Gymnastics hosts Hearts Invite, 2/13
 Wrestling vs. UNC, 2/11, 7:30
 Softball in Triangle Classic, 2/13-15
 W. tennis at Coastal Carolina, 2/15
 M. tennis at Maryland, 2/13

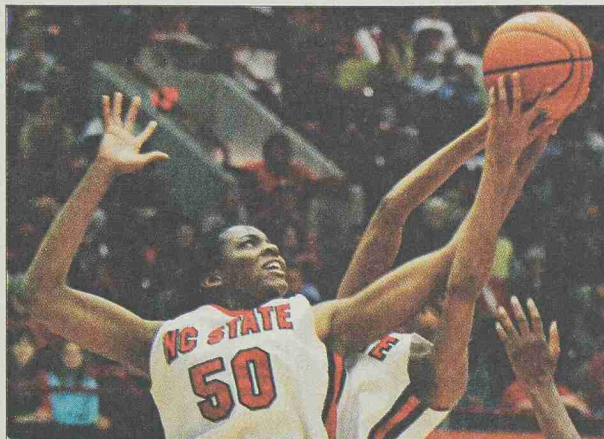
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 W. basketball 62, UNC 54
 Lehigh 26, Wrestling 16
 W. tennis 4, Davidson 3
 M. tennis 7, Yale 0
 Tennessee 119, M. swimming & diving 80
 Gymnastics, 195.225 at Governor's Cup



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Chones, Pack bury Tarheels



FILE PHOTO BY TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN
 Kaayla Chones helped down North Carolina, contributing 23 points and 13 rebounds.

State uses a 12-2 run in the second half to take down No. 12 Carolina

Austin Johnson and Andrew Tanker
 Staff Writers

CHAPEL HILL — Any N.C. State women's basketball player stealing a cross-court pass in the last minute of a game against North Carolina to preserve an upset win would have been impressive. The fact that it was the Wolfpack's starting center, Kaayla Chones, making the play at Carmichael Auditorium Sunday night was nearly unbelievable.

Yet there Chones was, jumping up to tip a ball beyond the 3-point line and then beating the Tar Heel players down the court to give the Pack a five-point lead with under a minute

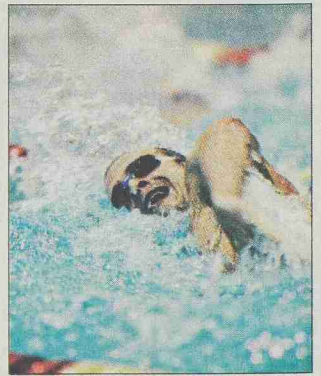
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"I had to cheat out a little," Chones said.

Minutes later an overjoyed N.C. State women's basketball team (13-11, 5-6 ACC) celebrated at center court, a 62-54 upset over No. 12 Carolina finalized. The win marked the first time Carolina (18-4, 8-3) has lost at home in 18 games and redeems the Pack's last-second home loss to the Tar Heels in January.

Chones led the Pack's scoring attack with 23 points and 13 rebounds while freshman Marquetta Dickens scored 14 of her own.

State trailed for most of the game until the 8:54 mark of the second half, when Chones spun to the middle of the lane sinking a basket and getting fouled in the process. Chones made the ensuing free throw to give State a



FILE PHOTO BY ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN
 Pete Pessagno placed 2nd in the 450 free.

Vols spoil senior's swan song

Spero Katsanos
 Staff Writer

In its final tune-up before the ACC Championships, the Wolfpack men's swimming and diving team fell to a deeper, twelfth-ranked Tennessee team 119-80.

The Pack won five out of the 11 events Sunday and placed a swimmer in the top three at least once in eight events.

"We're pretty excited about the way we finished up, especially here against one of the top teams in the nation; we really stepped up," said senior Cristian Rojas, who along with fellow seniors Brian Pursley and Jorge Gutierrez swam his last competition meet in the friendly confines of the Willis Casey Natatorium. "I think our sprint events are coming along pretty well and our distance events were good early in the season. I'm definitely confident our distance [swimming] will be there. Our sprinters have carried us all year, and we'll look toward our sprinters to carry us through the ACCs."

State opened the meet with a win in the 200-yard medley relay, an event that the team considers one of its strengths.

"Our 200 medley should probably break the ACC record this year," Kevin Devine said.

Anchor swimmer Cullen Jones sealed the race by coming from behind in the final 50 yards to overtake Tennessee's Raymond Rosal.

In the diving events, the Pack's Vitor Assuncao continued a terrific freshman year with a victory in the one-meter dive, scoring a total of 355.95, his 24th first-place finish of the season. He also placed second in the three-meter dive with a score of 336.22.

Wolfpack swimmers finished first, second and third in the 450-yard freestyle, with Chris Nixon, Pete Pessagno and Seth Hoffman, respectively taking those spots. Jones and Devine placed first and second in the 50-yard sprint version of the event with times of 21.27 and 21.36 seconds.

The Pack continued its strong swimming into the relays with a victory in the 300-yard backstroke relay. Sophomores Robert Terrell and Andy Bauman teamed with Devine to take home first with an aggregate time of 2:33.77 seconds.

The Pack swimmers will spend the next two and a half weeks readying themselves physically and mentally for the ACC Championships. One noticeable change will be in the practice routine that the Pack will employ in the days leading up to the 25th.

"We bring it [practice intensity] down," Pursley said. "Now the hard work's done and all we do from here on out is pretty much rest and get fired up."

An air of confidence is apparent in the team's mood concerning the upcoming weeks.

"Not much so with numbers, but with how much heart we have," junior Rob Yeager said. "You can only take 18 people total to the ACCs, so I think that will even out the field for us. We're still a program on the rise, we're still trying to grow, we're all really young, but we're learning how to race fast."

The ACC Championships will be held in Charlottesville, Va. from Feb. 25-28 for the men and Feb. 18-21 for the women.

"We're few, but we're strong, and I think we're ready to make an impression on the conference and make a big splash," coach Brooks Teal said.

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Road problems?

N.C. STATE DOMINATES VIRGINIA FOR ITS THIRD CONSECUTIVE ACC WIN.

Taylor Francis
 Staff Writer

CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA. — With slightly over 11 minutes left in the second half and N.C. State holding a 15-point lead, the first Virginia fans began heading for the exits. As the lead reached 19 points at the eight-minute mark, more fans filed out.

At four minutes, the mass exodus began.

That was the most active that the crowd at University Hall was able to get on Saturday afternoon as the Wolfpack (14-5, 7-2 ACC) dominated their hometown Cavaliers (12-8, 2-7) leaving Charlottesville with a 79-63 win. Julius Hodge led the way for the Pack, scoring 26 points while forward Marcus Melvin added 16, seven rebounds and four assists.

"We really feel like losing on the road has to stop; we feel like we have to grind out our road games and our home games," Melvin said. "We had to bring the energy from our Wake Forest game into this game and use it as momentum early on and I think we did a good job of that."

The game started slowly with neither team able to find its shooting touch. Hodge took over for the Wolfpack and helped it build a seven-point lead at 13-6.

The Cavs fought back to tie the game at 22 before the Pack turned up the defense and held Virginia without a field goal for the final 6:47 of the first half. Coach Herb Sendek called that the "key run" of the game for State.

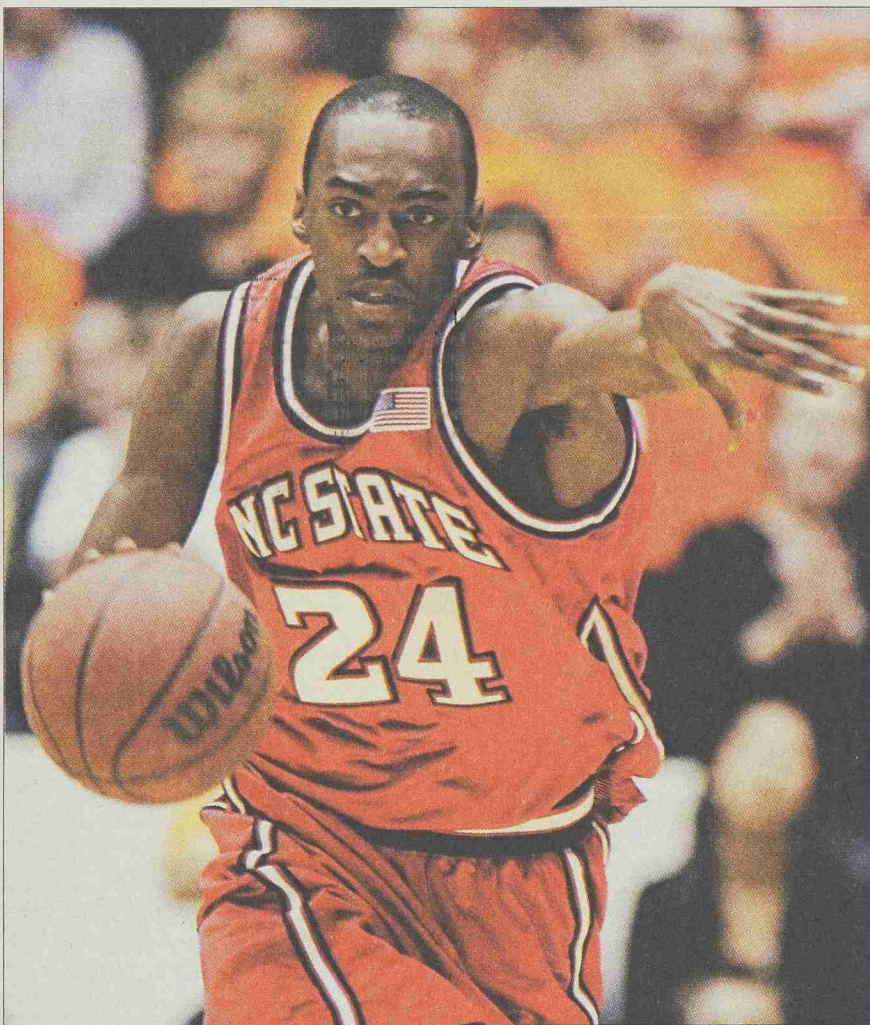
"The first half they were getting a lot of baskets on us," Melvin said. We weren't helping each other out, and that's what we usually do. We started to help each other out and it helped a lot."

The Virginia scoring drought helped State build an 11-point halftime lead, which it quickly built on in the second half. State scored the first five points of the second half while the Cavs remained scoreless until a three-point play by Elton Brown 2:47 into the half.

Combining the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half, Virginia went over nine minutes with only one free throw.

That proved too much to overcome. "That's pretty funny because that's usually us," Scooter Sherrill said. "We're usually the team that goes nine minutes without scoring a point. We just played good defense and got back."

Virginia did not plan to lose a home game so quietly and fought back to within 11 points by playing aggressive defense and forcing the Pack into offensive mistakes. Turnovers have been a nemesis of State this year, but a



PHOTOS BY MIKE PITTMAN/TECHNICIAN
 Julius Hodge directed State to its third straight win, finishing with 26 points and seven rebounds.

| N.C. STATE | 34 | 45 | — | 79 |
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| VIRGINIA | 23 | 40 | — | 63 |
| LEADERS | STATE | UVA | | |
| POINTS | Julius Hodge 26 | Devin Smith 14 | | |
| REBOUNDS | Ilian Evtimov 8 | Jason Clark 5 | | |
| ASSISTS | Marcus Melvin 4 | T.J. Bannister 4 | | |
| BLOCKS | Julius Hodge 1 | Three tied with 1 | | |
| STEALS | Jordan Collins 1 | Three tied with 1 | | |
| | Engin Atsur 1 | | | |
| | Scooter Sherrill 1 | | | |

State made life on the road in the ACC look relatively easy with double-figure scoring efforts from four players and a decisive 39-22 edge on the boards. The win was the Pack's third ACC victory on the road this year.



The N.C. State coaching staff, including (l-r) Larry Hunter, Larry Harris and Mark Phelps, wore tennis shoes in Saturday's game to take part in a nationwide Coaches vs. Cancer event.

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