

Vice Chancellor George Worsley, after 41 years at N.C. State, moves aside to make way for "fresh blood."

Worsley to · retire in July

Jessica Horne

When students don their red and white shirts to cheer on the men's basketball team at the RBC Center or when they rush across Centennial Campus to make it to class on time, they may not realize the indirect connection they have with George Worsley. Worsley, vice chancellor for finance and business, helped to

negotiate an agreement for the development of the Entertain-ment Sports Arena (now the RBC Center) and was also was a key adviser in the 15-year development of Centennial Campus, which is now a model for similar research parks around the country.

Now after 41 years of service to N.C. State, Worsley has announced his plans to retire on July 31. "The excitement of working at the university and working

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EATEN ALIVE

Students share personal stories in book

THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY SINCE 1920

A book of students' own experiences with tuition increases and budget cuts is given to legislators.

Alvin Wang and Ana Pardo

Months of compiling personal stories from students, parents, faculty and alumni culminated in the release of the book, "The Personal Stories Project: Faces, Not Numbers," at a press conference Monday. Project coordinators and con-

tributors read their respective sto-ries from the book and voiced their concerns over tuition increases to a modest crowd of reporters in front of the state legislative building. The N.C. General Assembly received copies of the book from student representatives, in an effort to oppose the upcoming vote by the UNC Board of Governors

regarding the tuition hike. "It is a mystery to me how one could argue that our state constitu-tion intends, or even permits, [the cost of tuition] to fall to the young generation of North Carolinians seeking higher education, as well as their families," Amanda Devore, a senior in accounting and the book's chief architect, said.

The project got rolling, accord-ing to Devore, while campaigning at D.H. Hill Library for the office of student body president about a year ago. At the library, Devore encountered numerous stories of PERSONAL STURIES IN THE NUMBER Governments

Amanda Devore, a seior in accounting, speaks on the release of the Personal Stories Project at a press conference. Devore and other students in the UNC system compiled personal accounts of students who could not afford the rising cost of education. "This is not the time," Devore said regarding the increasing tuition.

students complaining about the rising cost of tuition and budget cuts at N.C. State.

"I wanted to use a grassroots method of compiling these ac-counts of hardships resulting from the tuition increase," Devore said. 'I wanted to show the 'faces behind numbers

The result is the online electronic forum personalstories.org, where 800 students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni from all 16 institutions

of the UNC system submitted their stories of how the steadily increas-ing tuition in North Carolina universities has affected them.

Students from universities across the state who submitted their stories also attended the press

conference. Heather Heather Robertson, a senior at Appalachian State University, commented on the project.

"I feel that this project is a great way to get students from across the state...to personally interact with their legislators, to have an outlet for their voices to be heard," Robertson said.

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Raleigh, North Carolina

Student Body President Tony Caravano contributed his story to the book and shared it in front of the crowd.

"I am now beginning to wonder how I will pay for my plane ticket to Florida for Christmas, Christ-

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Task force causes · dispute

A task force concentrates on giving off-campus students the same rights as non-student residents of the community.

Ana Pardo

The Neighborhood Pres-ervation and Housing Task Force (NPHTF) has issued a set of recommendations to the Raleigh City Council regarding a variety of hous-ing issues, including licensing rental property, tenant and landlord relations and student housing

The task force formed last spring on the heels of the city council's denial of TC-22, the text change proposal that would limit the number of unrelated occupants in specified dwellings from four to two

The denial of the proposal brought many housing issues to the attention of city govern-

The NPHTF, which began meeting in April 2003, deliv-ered a set of recommendations for the city council's consideration in December.

Part of the recommenda-tions involves implementing standardized licensing of landlords and rental com-

According to the recommendations, the licensing measure would make rental companies and landlords more account-



Margaret Gable, playing the role of predator, finds and eats Steve Kohut, the prey, in her Evolution, Behavior, and Ecology class. In this simulation, Gable's blindfolded classmates had to gather tennis balls in their arms, to find one another ("mate") and to distribute their tennis balls ("offspring") before Gable could find and "eat" them.

Activists come out of their cages

Regan's latest book focuses on raising awareness of animal rights

Rachael Rogers

Ordering a hamburger, buying a leather coat or any other product made from an animal are issues activists deal with. Tom Regan, emeri-tus professor, with a doctorate in philosophy, has chosen to lead a life he considers animal-friendly. This evening, Regan will host a book sign-ing for his most recent book, "Empty Gages," in hope of promoting a work that will challenge people to think about animal rights. "The message in Dr. Regan's

book is a calling for unconditional compassion for animals and all species including humans. He reveals the truth about 'animal welfare' in industry, a flowery euphemism of how to take away the rights and life of a sentient being without anybody caring," said Ben Kirkley, a biology caring, said ben Kirkley, a biology and Spanish major who also is vice president of Students Protecting Animals Responsibly and Compas-sionately (SPARC). that Regan said he hopes to reach. He believes that students must be educated and get involved with the fight for animal rights. Young people are the future of the

Students are one main audience

animal rights movement. If too few people enter it, then the movement won't go anywhere. The book is really written for young people who haven't made a commitment to animal rights but are willing to think about it," Regan said.

Particularly, he said he hopes stu-dents in the College of Veterinary Medicine will pick up his book. "I hope the Vet School is mind-

ful of animal rights and acts as our society's role model. I hope the future progress is in the hands of our vets," Regan said.

Regan has been writing about animal rights issues for more than 30 years. "I've been mostly writing in a philosophical way and I thought there was another type of book I could write that went easy on the philosophy and educated people about what was happening to animals in industries that turn them into food, clothes, performers, competitors or

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Small outbreak of flu-like symptoms

News Staff Report

Student Health Services provided medical care to approximately

30 students who complained of gastrointestinal symptoms on Monday, according to Dr. Mary Bengston, medical director for Student Health Services.

Students' symptoms primarily consisted of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Additional com plaints included fever, headache

and fatigue, Bengston said. Many of the treated students complained of becoming ill on Sunday or Monday.

Health Services found no common link such as residence or food consumption among those treated, according to

Bengston. Student Health Services will culture student-provided stool samples to look for bacterial or viral causes of the symptoms,

Bengston said.

Safeguarding Personal Heath

ne causes of vomiting and diarrhea be contagious. Dr. Mary Bengston rs ways to prevent the spread of bac-a and viruses that can cause these

Wash your hands frequently, especially after being out in public, before eating, before preparing food, and after using the batterners. If you use a public restroom, use a paper towel to turn the faucet on and off when washing hands and to open the door when leaving the restroom.

Frequent hand washing is also important for those who are ill to prevent spread of infection. Those who are ill should keep their en-vironment clean by decontaminating surfaces with a bleach-based household cleaner and should launder clothing with soap and hot water.

If you are a student and are not feeling well, call 515-7107 to arrange a visit to a Student Health medical provider



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Rebel uprising spreads to 11 towns in Haiti

in Haiti An armed uprising spread to nearly a dozen towns in western and northern Haiti on Monday, the strongest chal-lenge yet to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. At least 40 people have beer killed in what the government says is an attempted coup. Some residents fled the town of Grand-Goave with belong-ings perched on their heads Monday, a day after rebels evicted the police and torched the station.

torched the station. Police struggled to regain control of the port city of St. Marc, 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince, clashing sporadically in gun battles with rebels. On Sunday, hundreds of residents took advantage of the chaos, stealing TV sets, mattresses and sacks of flour from shipping con-tainers.

U.N. chief praises progress of Iraq

team The work of a U.N. team now in Iraq to study whether elections can be held before the U.S.-led coall-tion hands over power to Iraqis'is going extremely well," Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Monday. The team arrived in Baghdad on Sat-urday, and Annan said they have met with the U.S.-led coalition and the Iraqi Governing Council and were now hold-

Governing Council, and were now hold-ing separate meetings with individual council members. "They are reaching out and are open to talk to as many groups as possible," he caid

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New schedule for N.C. elections

New schedule for N.C. elections The state Board of Elections approved a revised election schedule Monday in a unanimous vote as the courts continue to consider a proposed legislative redis-tricting proposal. These are key dates leading to the Nov. 2, 2004 general election under the altered schedule. - Candidate filing opens April 26 - Candidate filing oloses May 31 - Absentee vorting begins May 31 - Primary election July 20 - Wire Reports

Teen defendant seeks death penalty ban while appeal decided

ban while appeal decided The defense lawyer for a teenager charged with murder wants to prevent prosecutors from seeking the death penalty while the U.S. Supreme Court decides whether to abolish the punish-

decides whether to abolish the punish-ment for juveniles. Attorney Johnny Gaskins filed mo-tions friday seeking to ban the death penalty against Dwight McLean, who is charged with fatally shooting a Raleigh public utility worker. Gaskins also wants McLean's April 12 trial delayed until after the Supreme Court rules, possibly this summer. Police said McLean fired the shots, but he says he is innocent. -News and Observer

Edwards' murder trial delayed by attorney's illness

attorney's illness Jury selection in the trial of a man charged with abducting a mother and her toddler before fatally beating

the woman was delayed Monday after one of his attorneys became ill over the

Andre Edwards, 34, is charged with first-degree murder, and prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. He is accused of kidnapping, raping and murdering 23-year-old Ginger Lynn Hayes of Hampton, Va., in 2001. Her 18-month-old son, Nicholas, was left for dead but survived.Since the trial opened last week, attorneys have cho-senfour_jrors- aman and three women. Fifteen prospective jurors were excused last week.

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tools," Regan said. "Empty Cages" covers a variety of issues such as fur, leather, wool, Persian lambs and cat and dog fur. The book also raises issues about negative images of animal rights advocates that are perpetuated. It discusses various industries' fraudulent claims of humane treatment of animals and also explains the ways in which laws allow for institutional cruelty towards animals. Regan's book explores the

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Regan said his main purpose in

ssue many probably disregard as raise awareness on campus, especially at a tier one research labs and for research purposes, Kirkley said.

some experience in their lives such as seeing a video or visiting a slaughterhouse that changes the way they think about animals.

thing and start to ask questions. They learn and see things and it's a process that they grow into. I hope my book will benefit these

an said he wishes to dispel nega-tive stereotypes of animal rights activists. "Animal rights activists are viewed as unbalanced, disrespectful for science or reason and emotional. We are viewed as terrorists. This stereotype is so widespread because it's in the interests of the industries to have people think this way about us. I hope students can get beyond the stereotype and examine the issue based on its merits," Regan said. "Empty Cages" has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award feel gratified that my publisher thinks that much of my book," Regan said. Those interested can have their copy signed by Regan tonight at Quail Ridge Bookstore on Wade Avenue at 7 p.m.



rodeo, hunting and greyhound racing, and points to the fact that these industries abuse animals and make money doing it.

this book is to provide a straightforward account of animal rights advocacy and animal abusers to open eyes to the realities that

"In reading this book, I hope that the invisible will become vislible, that people will see what's happening and will get mad," Regan said. "I think most people like animals and wouldn't want " • to see them abused, but that's what's happening to them and it's all perfectly legal. The law enables the abuser to abuse. It

protects the abuser." "Empty Cages' is such an im-portant educational tool because it has the capacity to open up the eyes and minds of students on an even being a social issue. I believe that this is the perfect means to university which uses many animals for dissection in science

Regan said he believes there are three different types of people who become animal rights activists. He refers to the first group as Davincians.

"These people are born with a great capacity for sympathy and do not have to be taught," Regan said. He believes these people are naturally inclined to fight for the rights of animals and do not need to be educated.

The second group Regan describes is what he calls Dam-ascans. These people are not naturally inclined to fight for the rights of animals, but have

The last group, which Regan re-fers to as Muddlers, is the target group of Regan's book. "These are the people who read or see somepeople who are on a journey and asking questions," Regan said. Aside' from opening people's minds and educating them, Re-

On the internet

To see excerpts from Regan's book and a gallery related to animal rights and other links, visit http: //www.excerption.com



During a press conference at the state legislature building, Appalachain State student Rachael Johnson recounted her stuggles trying to work while attending college. "I had to work 30 to 40 hours a week just to pay my bills," Johnson said. Students from N.C. State, ASU, and UNC were on hand, including NC State Student Body President, Tony Caravano, left.

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mas presents for my family, the GRE, Graduate School applications, fixing my car and graduation," Caravano said. "Since I had to use my Leader of the Pack Scholarships last year, I am all out of additional funding, which my mother cannot help fund, and since I am the Student body president, I do not have the time to get another job." "What happens to the students

that receive no aid or those not fortunate enough to win schol-arships?" Caravano asked. "Are they forced to leave?' Stories like Caravano's and

Robertson's have caught the attention of Gov. Mike Easley, who wrote a letter to the BOG Chairman, Brad Wilson, urging the board not to vote for the tuition hike.

"The governor has called for an end to the unsustainable and unconstitutional tuition increases of the past five years in which tuition has increased in sociation of Student Govern-ment, said. "We thank Gov. Easley for recognizing that it is still the responsibility of the state to extend the benefits of the university to the people but not on the backs of students and their families

President Matt Tepper was the first to hand deliver a copy of

Ducote, a senior in accounting and president of the UNC As-

Shortly after the question and answer session, UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body

excess of 74 percent," Jonathan the book to Democratic senior Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird. Tepper spoke to Sen. Kin-naird briefly about the tuition increase proposed for students at UNC-Chapel Hill.

If we can just get students to show up at more trustees' meet-ings and continue to send their

stories to local congressmen, we can make a difference in the decision process," Tepper said. ASG covered the entire cost

of the book by appropriating \$1 from the fees of all students in the UNC System.

concerns about the bookstore

policy from students who take correspondence courses or oth-

er distance learning instruction from UND.

Tiffany said it's also difficult for UND students who leave campus for the holiday break between semesters to get the

information soon enough to shop for better deals.

Weber said that some profes-sors have taken it upon them-

selves to post their reading lists on department Web sites as a

way to give students easier access. She also said that she has

no problem going to a professor and asking for the list.

Adam Baker, student body president, said that access to textbook information is something his administration

and the bookstore have been addressing all year.

Baker said there are some problems that could crop up if

students get their hands on the list too early. He said that if a

professor makes a last-minute change on a textbook and de-

cides to use another one, the student can't just return it to

the bookstore for the other.

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University of North Dakota: Book list access draws scrutiny

David Dodds Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

University of North Dakota students and faculty mem bers are questioning why the school's bookstore, now oper-ated by Barnes & Noble, won't disseminate a list of textbooks that professors plan to use. The discussion came up most

recently last week at a University Senate meeting, where student member Mark Tiffany took issue with the bookstore's policy of keeping such lists under wraps until only days before classes start.

Tiffany said students want the lists so they can search for better deals on the Internet or elsewhere. He also said that students who've tried to access the textbook section of Barnes & Noble in an attempt to get the information for themselves have been prevented from doing so.

"Your savings could be quite substantial; it could be 15 to 20 percent," Tiffany said. "That may not sound like much, but to a college student \$100 to \$200 is a lot of money.

POLICE BLOTTER

12:10 a.m. Breaking and entering Several subjects broke into the Tal-ley Student Center dining area. Also, several subjects were detained and questioned, but were released.

12:36 a.m. Suspicious incident

Four students were referred to the university for contempt. The incident occurred north of the Coliseum Tun-nel.

12:53 a.m. Traffic stop - Investiga-tion A traffic stop investigation occurred in reference to possible subjects in above incident. Subjects admitted running from police, but positive ID could not be made by witnesses. The four non-students issued trespass non-students were issued tre warnings from NCSU property.

1:09 a.m. Suspicious person

staff member reported a female biect in the women's restroom the Hillsborough Building. The caller stated that no one should be in the building. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate anyone.

1:24 a.m. Suspicious incidents A student reported subjects throwing eggs at parked cars near Alpha Delta Pi House. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate any subjects.

3:01 a.m. Traffic stop - Arrest DWI

Jennie Weber, a graduate his-tory student at UND, tried to get a list of textbooks for her upcoming semester classes from Barnes & Noble on Dec. 5, several weeks before the start of spring semester classes. She says a staff member began to help her, but soon another employee intervened, telling Weber that the list was not public knowledge unless she intended to buy the books.

Also, Weber said she was told the bookstore did not intend to open the textbook section of the store until the week before classes started, too late for her to order online and get the books in time. Both Tiffany and Weber are

calling for a way to compile the list on some kind of Web-based system that could be accessed by students well before classes

Weber made her concerns known in a recent Grand Forks Herald letter to the editor. The Herald showed the letter to a local Barnes & Noble manager and asked to address the claims before it was published. The bookstore, so far, has not.

.Bob Gallager, UND vice president of finance, said the textbook list is propriety infor-mation of the bookstore, and that even in past years, when the bookstore was owned and operated by the university, the

list wasn't given out. Gallager said instances in which students had been asked to leave the bookstore's textbook section were done purely for safety reasons, as the entire area had been littered with stacks of books and pallets.

He said a contract between UND and Barnes & Noble allows the bookstore to do with the list as it sees fit.

"I can't legally change the contract," Gallager said. "The point is there's not some kind of conspiracy to keep textbook numbers secret. Once that list goes to Barnes & Noble [from rofessors] that's proprietary information.

Weber said she's seen the con-tract between the school and the bookstore and that it's not set to expire until 2008.

he's also heard a number of

Activation caused by cooking. Police Fire Protection and RFD responded.

9:08 p.m. Liaison program

An officer met with the president of Pi Kappa Phi in reference to a party being given at the house. The officer offered

given at the house. The oncer one co to provide several safety programs as needed.

9:27 p.m. Traffic stop - Speeding

9:39 p.m. Traffic Accident <\$1000

A non-student was complaining of stomach pain in Tucker Hall. The sub-ject refused transport to the hospital,

11:58 p.m. Drug violation A student reported the odor of mari-juana coming from a suite in Lee Hall. An officer checked the area, but was

was taken there by a friend. Hous

10:10 p.m. Medical assist

ing personnel was notified

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student was issued a citation for leeding 39 in a 20 MPH zone on an Allen Drive.

to Rex Hospital.

An officer struck a pothole on Trail-wood Drive and bent the rim of a patrol vehicle.

8:37 a.m. Breaking and entering A non-student, site superintende A non-student, site superintendent for the College of Engineering site on Centennial Campus, reported three construction trailers broken into dur-ing the night. Nothing appeared to be missing. Report filed.

12:53 p.m. Traffic accident

An officer was flagged down on Cates Avenue south of Alexander Hall in refinjuries and only minor damage

3:52 p.m. Skateboarders student called to advise of two A non-student called to advise of two male subjects doing skateboarding tricks south of D.H. Hill Library. The wo non-students were advised of kateboarding policy and complie

6:12 p.m. Fire alarm - Alexander

A student was arrested for DWI on Hillsborough Street. The student was stopped for running a red light. He will be referred to the university.

3:37 a.m. Medical assist

A non-student injured her knee at Carmichael Gym. She was transported 4:29 a.m. Police information

A staff member and a student were involved in a traffic accident on Dan Allen Drive. No report of injuries. erence to an accident. There were no

Joey Benoit, dean of UND's Graduate School, said that

7:53 p.m. Illegal parking A non-student was issued an NCSU parking ticket for parking in a handi-capped parking space at Carmichael

12:03 a.m. Alcohol violation A student was referred to the univer-sity for underage possession in the Central Campus Pay Lot.

12:24 a.m. Traffic stop - Speeding A non-student was issued a citation on Varsity Drive for speeding 40 in a 25 MPH zone

1:28 a.m. Alcohol violation Two students were referred to the university for underage possession at Pi Kappa Phi.

2:14 a.m. Traffic accident >\$1000 A juvenile was involved in a single car accident on Main Campus Drive near Centennial Campus Middle School. The subject was charged with exceeding the posted speed. No report of injuries, Subject and passenger (ju-venile) were transported home by the driver's father. driver's father.

7:21 a.m. Emergency message

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message concerning a death in the family. The message was delivered.

An officer stopped a subject on Dan Allen Drive at Yarborough Drive

10:15 a.m. Traffic violation

requested that we contact a student at the Avent Ferry

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able for the condition of their properties as well as the behavior of their tenants.

The NPHTF recommends that tenants who violate noise and nuisance ordinances should pay fines and repeat offenders would become the responsibility of the landlord or rental company. Under the task force recom-

mendations, rental companies and landlords would have the responsibility of evicting the offending tenants or risk losing their rental license. This recommendation is a

source of controversy for many Raleigh renters, student and nonstudent alike.

support the licensing of rental companies to handle housing issues such as absentee landlords and exploitative rental companies like Preiss," Elena Ev-companies like Preiss," Elena Ev-erett, a senior in multi-disciplin-ary studies, said. "But I don't see how the students' other interests are being protected in this set of recommendations.'

If adopted, some students worry that city council will use the eviction measure as a tool to intimidate students and prevent parties

'It was all well and good for these people to have gone to college and been loud and have parties, but now that they're older they want to limit us,"

Ryan Mayer, a junior in materials engineering, said. "We have the rest of our lives to be straight-laced, but now all these stuck-up businessmen and politicians want to repress us in the prime of our lives. It's not right and, in my eyes, it's also hypocritical."

Joel Doss, a senior in busi-ness management, had a similar

opinion. "I think this is an attempt by 'the man' to hold back our rights for peaceful assembly. It's led by people who are irate that the homes they bought 10 years ago are now adjacent to student hous-

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ing. These people, who used to party themselves, have forgotten what it's like to be a young adult,"

Doss said. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Thomas Stafford, the task force member who represented the N.C. State administration, feels that the recommendations would have more positive than negative implications for stu-

don't anticipate that there will be any significant negative impacts for N.C. State students from the task force report. The primary focus of the report is to provide information and pursue educational efforts to help students be more aware of the ordinances and to be better neighbors," Stafford said.

The recommendations also stress the importance of en-forcing current laws, codes and ordinances - not just building new laws on top of pre-existing legislation.

According to recommenda tions, the city inspections de-partment improperly handles buildings currently violating using and safety because of a lack of resources.

Another issue addressed in the task force report is rental property density

erty density. The report recommends that the city pursue the development of "neighborhood preservation overlay districts" - a recommen-dation that, if implemented, could result in limiting the amount of rental property in a neighborhood to no more than neighborhood to no more than 20 percent.

Because a large number of off-campus students rent their homes instead of buying them, this measure could mean that students would comprise 20 percent or less of the residential community in the future. Peter Eichenberger, a writer for

Independent Weekly, stressed the necessity of continuing public discussion regarding the issues covered in the task force report. "The city really needs to open a dialog between the people who

will be affected by these ordinanc

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es and the people making them, Eichenberger said. "Research on municipal decision-making has shown that the larger the body of stakeholders involved in making the decision, the more effective the decision. I would encour-age the city of Raleigh to take advantage of this knowledge for the sake of its residents' quality of life."

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The NCSU student represen-tative to the task force, Meagan Langdon, a junior in accounting, felt that students were under-represented.

"It was hard being the only student on the task force because I felt that if I wasn't there, then nobody was there to represent the students," Langdon said. "I felt that the odds were against the students because out of the dozen or so task force members that attended meetings regularly, I was the lone ranger, so-to-speak. My one voice represented the 30,000 students attending State, not to mention all the students attend-ing neighboring institutions like Shaw, Meredith and Peace."

While other universities and colleges were invited to send a student representative, Langdon was the only student who partici-pated in the task force meetings.

Though the recommendations of the NPHTF are currently under consideration by city council, the dialog on the various subjects is far from closed. The NPHTF plans to continue

meeting and discussing ways to improve the neighborhoods in Raleigh and resolve the dis-crepancies between renters and homeowners. Task force member Kim Joris

offered a summary about being good neighbors

"The bottom line is quality of life - everyone deserves it. Being good neighbors is something I don't think we as a culture know how to do anymore. A college student can be just as good a neighbor as anyone. Whether my neighbor will be there for months or for years, I can make the same investment, and get the same return."



Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business, George Worsley works through paperwork in his office. He begins his final preparations for his retirement at the end of July.

WORSLEY

with the students kept me com-ing back. It's a rewarding experience to see the students develop and mature over a period of time," Worsley said. According to Worsley, retire-

According to Worsley, retire-ment is something that he has been considering and putting off "but now it's time to step aside and let new people and new blood bring new ideas to the office," he said. "My wife and I had talked about it [retiring] for a number of years Luda set an earlier date

of years. I had set an earlier date and extended it for a while. It was just time for me to do it," Worsley said.

Since coming to NCSU in 1963, Worsley has served as the assistant budget director, direc-tor to budgets and accounting and assistant vice chancellor for finance. In 1976, he became the vice chancellor for finance and busines

Worsley is responsible for all business and financial functions supporting the university's teaching, research and extension programs. He directly oversees

Information Systems, Facilities Management, Human Resources, Environmental Health and Safety, Financial Services and

the Treasurer's Office. Among his achievements, Worsley recieved the Distin-guished Business Officer of the Year award form the National Association of College and University Business Officers in 2002. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in business and financial management in higher education. In 2003, the N.C. State Alumni

Association recognized Worsley with the Honorary Alumnus

I would hesitate to say that I have accomplished anything alone. For example, as a part of a team, I was excited to develop Centennial Campus. It was a unique experience, but it was one that I view as a team member," he said. Worsley also recognized his

wife as another contributor to his accomplishments.

"I've had a lot of recognition, in particular due to the an-But my wife with her great social skills has contributed a lot for this institution over the past 41 years. She's been with me through it all," Worsley said.

Vice Chancellor James Oblinger would chair a nomination com-

When asked about his goals for the next vice chancellor for finance and business, Worsley said, "I am hesitant to make any goals or guidelines for the next vice chancellor to follow. I just hope that they would find the same excitement and rewards that I have. I hope they put forth effort to carry out their

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said that Provost and Executive Award. During the award presenta-tion, Charles Leffler, associate vice chancellor for Facilities, said that Worsley "is the most highly respected academic financial officer in the State of North Carolina...there is no one who mittee to select candidates for Worsley's position. has consistently worked from the political, operational and financial perspective over a longer period of time for the benefit of the university." Although personally recog nized for his various accomplish-ments, Worsley acknowledges that he did not work alone. new ideas. Spring Break in Panama City Beach, Florida! 800 feet of Gulf Beach Frontage • 2 Large Outdoor Swimming Pools Sailboat, Jet Ski & Parasail Rentals • Lazy River Ride & Water Slide Huge Beachfront Hot Tub • Volleyball • Suites up to 12 people World's Longest Keg Party • Live Band & DJ Wet T-Shirt, Hard Body & Venus Swimwear Contests

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Diversions

TECHNICIAN'S MUSIC CRITICS GIVE THEIR INSIGHT INTO THE TOP 15 ALBUMS OF 2003.

Jake Seaton, Joel DeBerry, Ashley Hink and Chris Reynolds Music Gurus

A year of rock, a year of pop, a year of rap, a year of death, a year of scandal. Over the course of 2003, the music industry has seen its ups and downs through album releases and celebrity faces. From the deaths of country music great Johnny Cash and rock stars Warren Zevon and George Harrison to the Michael Jackson and Phil Spector scandals, music has seen its fair share of significant changes.

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Since our childhoods, music has served as a profound impact on our lives. Each memory has a song and each event has its soundtrack. After 12 months and 52 release days, it is quite impossible to listen to every one of the thousands of albums released. However, between the four of us music aficionados, we've heard around 1200 albums this past year and have divulged 26 of our precious hours to present to you our list of the top albums released in 2003.

The list ranges from the pop stylings of John Mayer to the hard rock attitude of the Deftones. Every stone was turned for the list, bands were defaced and albums were straight laughed at.

One thing is for sure though, these are our opinions; criticize as you will as music has been a significant part of every person's life since the day they were born.

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TOP ALBUMS

A Perfect Circle

"Thirteenth Step" Three years after "Mer De Noms" smashed into the music scene, A Perfect Circle finally returned with the album that may have never been. With "Thirteenth Step," the band laid the raw rock roots of yesteryear down and picked up a more heartfelt divulging into a flamboyant eulogy. Each track is riddled with perfection in Maynard James Keenan's shape-shifting, mesmerizing vocals and Billy Howerdel's expertly tuned guitar manifestos. "Thirteenth Step" is too good to be true as it lays the groundwork for a band that is just beginning to change the face of music. As haunting as it is a blessing. "Thirteenth Step" is the first step in the right direction.

The Mars Volta

"De-Loused In the Comatorium" This album is quite possibly one of the most ground-breaking rock albums to date. When At the Drive-In broke up in 2001, Sparta and The Mars Volta were born, and the latter produced a bold, audacious sound that could leave you banging and scratching your head simultaneously. "De-Loused" is an intense musical extravaganza, with more transitions and breaks than one could imagine. However, the band keeps a tight sound amidst all the chaos of chants and moans, floating and crunchy guitar licks, and gaudy, pretentious, yet precise drumming.

Massive Attack

Trip-hop kings and pioneers Massive Attack show us all that they can still define a genre that they helped spawn. A sweet victory for those of us that have kept "Mezzanine" in the stereo since '98, Massive Attack's newest gives us that enthralling, mind-numbing intensity fix that only they can deliver. "100th Window" has the same attention to detail and hypnotic dynamic we have come to expect from Massive Attack. You can look at "100th Window" as a look into the future of trip-hop, the sound that everyone else will be scrambling to emulate for the next five years...until the next release.

Madlib "Shades of Blue

Madlib's innovative production style proves a success on "Shades Of Blue." Having grown up around the Blues in the '70s (his father was Blue Note artist Otis Jackson), Madlib (O.J. Jr.) is well-versed in the stylings of his upbringing, while flawlessly fusing the blues, jazz and hip-hop into a soothing concoction of audio dessert. Known by many for his work with Peanut Butter Wolf's Stones Throw Records, Madlib was chosen to take his pick of past Blue Note classics and retouch their respective canvases with a refreshing flow of drums, bass hooks and samples - which he does without a single kink.

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The White Stripes

Following the release of the market-crashing hit album "White Blood Cells," The White Stripes unleashed yet another fury of garage rock with "Elephant." Songwriting mastermind Jack White takes his listeners back again to the late '60s and early '70s of raw rock 'n' roll and pre-glam bliss. With nothing more than a guitar, drums and an almost prehistoric recording studio, The White Stripes let the public know how it is and reintroduced new audiophiles to what rock should be.

Outkast

"Speakerboxxx/The Love Below" Already established as the most creative, unique and innovative hip-hop duo, Big Boi and Andre have once again proved hip-hop superiority in "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below." The southern jewels of the music world have mastered an unconventional mix of psychedelic rock, rigid rap, jazz and soul that fantastically and appropriately suits the paradoxical themes of unattached sex, love, politically charged messages of war and spirituality. While the divided double album hints at a questionable collaboration future for the clever lyricist and master rapper duo, 2003 surely has been the year of Outkast.

Cursive "The Ugly Organ"

The backbone of Saddle Creek Records in Omaha, Neb., Cursive releases a harsh, yet tranquil and hushed, rock record with "The Ugly Organ." And if you haven't heard the album, you can expect a tangential deviation from past albums like "Domestica," and even more from "Such Blinding Stars for Starving Eyes." Tim Kasher and company picked up a cellist, Gretta Cohn, who, along with Kasher's breathy vocals, makes the ugliest of topics seem beautiful. Not many vocalists can portray the lament of a bleeding heart or the difficulty of artistic expression as poetically as Kasher does on "The Ugly Organ."

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Denali "The Instinct"

Richmond based band Denali returns with their sophomore album, "The Instinct," which echoes the same ethereal beauty that radiated perva-

Viewpoint **NSUMERS RESPON**

OUR OPINION: CONSUMERS SHOULD WEIGH OPTIONS THEMSELVES, PROVIDED COMPANIES ARM THEM WITH CORRECT INFORMATION

A U.S. House committee passed a measure last month aimed to reduce frivolous lawsuits.

However, the question is not about the much-debated cap on medical malprac-tice lawsuits. This bill simply focuses on the restaurants and food industries that are battling lawsuits concerning obesityrelated claims. North Carolina's own Cass Ballenger (R-Hickory) is one of 108 co-sponsors for the bill, which has been termed the "Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act.

The bill would only throw out lawsuits related to obesity, not important crimes such as mislabeling nutritional content

or other product information. So, the 2003 case involving a group of obese New York teens against McDonald's would have no merit in courts. However, the case of the misleading trans fat The unsigned editorial that appears above are the opinion of the members of the Technician's editorial board except for news editors and are the responsibility of the editors in chief.

content of Oreo cookies would require judicial intervention.

This important distinction allows the bill to achieve its true purpose, remov ing frivolous lawsuits from the judicial system and sending the message to consumers that they are responsible for their levels of consumption. As long as corporations like McDonald's continue to disclose all health information through means such as in-store posters and Web site pages, consumers must practice healthy eating and lifestyle habits themselves.

Lawsuits concerning personal obesity have no merit, because consumption of products such as fast food do not instantly lead to obesity. Instead, consumers have a lifetime of their own poor choices and "quick and easy" fixes to blame for repeatedly picking a hamburger over a grocery store salad and an after-dinner walk.

Had fast food restaurants touted their Big Macs and Whoppers as part of a weight-loss plan, situations would be

different, but when a consumer makes a habit of relying on these foods as part of their lifestyle the consumer should be held responsible.

Although critics would like to compare these lawsuits to those facing the tobacco industry, the difference lies in the fact that cigarettes contain addictive chemicals, while a value-sized combo may only be addictive to someone who is too lazy or busy to cook a meal at home or make health decisions when eating out. Judicial members have the power to throw out lawsuits deemed frivolous, but this act assists the already clogged system by weeding out lawsuits sooner. And while it is ideal to assume the judicial system will be able to attend to these measures, many groups are forced to cut their losses and settle out of court rather than to hire lawyers and hope for the best.

Frivolous lawsuits hurt all consumers by filing the judicial system and, in the end, rising corporate costs lead to rising

costs for the products consumers want.

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OH! MY! GOD! THE BIRD IS NOT DEAD !!! SO FOR EVERYBOOY'S GAKE, REGULATE + STOP MAKIN THESE WEAPONS!!

Traditions: are there any left?

Heather Cutchin contemplates old N.C. State traditions and how to bring them back.

When high school seniors are deciding which college they want to go to, weigh many factors



Heather Cutchin

attend a particu-lar college. Some people need to know that on week-ends there will be something for them to do or somewhere for them to go. Having big events on campus is also a perk, and to be able to say to your grandchildren many years from now "Yeah, I was a part of that at N.C. State" can make a difference in college choice.

What traditions am I talking about though? It seems like as NCSU expands and builds new brick buildings over everything, the activities disappear as well as the greenery. As a freshman, I remember hearing about the campout that used to take place for football and basketball tickets. What happened to that?

Well, according to the students that used to go, it was a fun time for many people and too much fun for others. College students and alcohol do not always mix well if students do not drink responsibly. What about another chance though? Could we bring back the campout

and pledge to stay sober if underage and drink responsibly if we are of age? That would be a great tradition to have that not only helps bring students together but also helps to entice new people to come.

Wolfstock is another tradition once

mentioned to me. I was so excited about the idea! Imagine a bunch of NCSU students together while huge bands and local bands play their hearts out. There would be lots of food and

drinks and plenty of publicity! I see t-shirt sales and pictures of couples or

groups of friends being taken. It could happen a few weeks before exams to help loosen students up so that they could study better, which would help us finish up our classes with

less stre Our academic rating would go up, and voila, we would see greater enroll-ment each year. Because it is a campus event, it may not be the best idea to have alcohol there, but like any other thing, if you want it, do it responsibly and

Imagine the help it would be for local bands, like the few that claim N.C. State as their school, that need to get their names out but are having trouble. Bands once played at State. Why couldn't they again?

One thing that bothers me is that the basketball games moved from Reynolds to the RBC center. At Reynolds, on-campus students could go and watch the games and it really was a State event: at State, by State, for

Now, you have to find a ride if you do not have a car on campus, battle traffic and sit so high up in the RBC center that the players look like ants crawling around after a piece of food. Sure, it is great promotionally, and there are more people that can attend these games (therefore more money

is brought in), but I thought college basketball was for college students. It seems like excitement was so much greater when the games were at Reynolds. You could almost feel the elec-tricity in the air when

Maybe it is a lesser tradition, but it

"The social life that a college can provide can be an ime. They were not important part of the decision to attend a particular college.

Carolina or Duke came to play, and the refs (or the opposing team) could hear you when you told them that they suck. Bring it back! is one nonetheless. Remember how on Technician Online you could post responses to people's columns? I do. I got

all good, but they were responses! I miss that! I miss hearing if people liked my column or hated it or wanted me to write about something different. Every now and then, I get an e-mail about a topic, but usually it is from PETA telling me I am an animal hater.

What happened to student support? I am sure other columnists would love to hear from all of you readers too. Let us know what we can do better or what you would like to read about.

If you are interested in starting back traditions or starting new ones, let me know, or let Student Body President Tony Caravano know

He wrote not too long ago about how student support is waning. I am proud to be a Wolfpack member. Are you?

Heather really would like to hear from you. E-mail her at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com. Please! Please!

Dear students

Copy Desk Chie Katie Cox

Jason Eder vs. Higher Education. The victor gets hot chocolate and orange slices.

tool, not a life.

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it.

I look up at the clock and only two minutes have passed! I've been here way longer than that. Maybe some food will help. Yea, a nice bowl of beef-

flavored Ramen noodles (again). So three minutes and 15 seconds later, I have my bowl and my book and I'm a get to crackin'! No, no. Got to

have something to drink to go with it. Two minutes later I have my Pepsi, my noodles and my

microelectronics book, what more do I need? No really this time, I'm ready. I have a quiz in seven hours and I will be ready! "For electrons, the drift velocity is opposite in direction to the..." "I wonder if anyone's IM'd me yet."

I push the stone off my lap and take my noodles to "Education is a

my computer. I wake it up and I am greeted with the once-in-a-life time-opportunity to make my penis larger, again! Rock on. Yeah. No IMs. I

thought something extremely impor-tant would have least be paid for come up in the last half-hour. One can never know

I enrich myself

in the new American pastime of aim-lessly reading away messages, search-ing for wit and inspiration through (in)famous quotes and constant whereabouts. My e-mail is just the way I left it, go figure. Some music might help. Maybe Elimidate is on. Alas, another precious hour I let slip by and what's left? "Studying." The next blank moments I mind-

lessly read, hoping for the ability to regurgitate the information on tomorrow's quiz. As I drift into a dreary state of consciousness, I found myself questioning the intentions of this upcoming, cruel method of testing one's memory. And to think, I study better than I used to.

I used to despise class with a passion. Why were they teaching me information that I'll probably never use again? It was like high school, part II. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean to disre spect education, but there is a less than subtle difference between taking the classes required and the classes chosen.

I chose to study engineering because I was good at math (that's what the SAT said anyway), and I had a knack for electronics. But before getting to that, I had to take all the B.S. freshman asses, which I couldn't tell you today what I learned in over half of them. I often times just got my C so I could move on One could say, "Jason, you should have applied yourself, you're capable of an A." I always respond, "Ap-plied myself to what? Formulas and theories that I will never hear unless

I'm sitting in their classroom?" Some things just don't seem to have modern real world application. Imagine how I feel about GPAs.

But then one of my sociology profes-sors in my second semester once said that most students never use their ma-jor in their job. So a college degree has been reduced to a stack separator? I think a lot of us think we are sup-

posed to like our major. Maybe we choose them because we're typically good at something, or maybe we're told this is how we can make the most money. Regardless, we battle that repugnant beast named Homework nearly every night to get a good grade, because with a good grade comes good jobs, and with good jobs, comes good opposite genders, and with...see where

this is going? Really, how much of higher educa tion is information regurgitation and networking? I know very few, if any, students that merge their education

with their daily lives. A lot of us plan around education, but rarely incorporate what we truly learn into the things we experience every day. Dwell on that for a minute... No really, dwell, so this next part won't make me look like a total jackass. OK, we're

taught from when we are very young that we need to graduate high school, go to college, get an internship somewhere famous, become a CEO, get

rich, marry the person of our dreams, make a family and live happily ever after. This is the road to success and fortune, paved by education. But no one ever said dropping out could be in-terjected. No one told me how unstable the job market is. No one told me that education was overrated.

I thought, "I have been in school for 15 straight years, I deserve a break." Money was always an issue, I had never lived in Raleigh, and neither of my parents were using their major in their jobs and more importantly, they were happy. A lot of the happiest people I know never graduated college, or in some cases even attended, and all the ones that did were living in bigger houses, sure, but they didn't love what they do like the others.

So I sat there, still staring at the same page I started nearly two hours before, wondering what kind of situation will require my knowledge of morphing equations other than a test. Wondering if I had an IM yet. Wondering if this was worth it. So to every struggling student, to the one who argues with homework, the one that skips or sleeps in class, the one that can never finish homework alone; and especially to the one that finishes this column. Education is a tool, not a life. You

won't be a professional student, and at least be paid for it.

Agree with Jason? Let him know at viewpoint@technicianstaf^{*}.com.



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OFFENSE

perpetually faced. In response, its longtime coach, Pete Carril, created a hybrid of an offense stemming from things he learned from an array of coaches in the Northeast: backdoor cuts, flair screens, three-man weave and, screens, inree-man weave and, most importantly, placing a big man that can shoot from the outside and also be a capable passer in the "post-point" role at the high post.

You better have a good big guy if you're going to run this thing, Burson said.

So Burson spent a week at Princeton in the summer of 1998, observing and learning from Car-ril, a wispy old man who has the look of a mad scientist. Carril ran the offense at a monotonous pace and accumulated 525 wins in the process. Princeton also in the process, Frinceton also nearly made NCAA Tournament history by being the only No. 16 seed to oust a No. 1 seed, falling to Georgetown and Alonzo Mourna single point in 1989.

Carril is now an assistant coach for the Sacramento Kings, who run some of Carril's sets and average a league-leading 104.9 points per game in the process, thus dispelling the notion you can't run the offense at a fast pace, something that appeals to the Wolfpack.

"They [Sacramento] run all of our stuff," guard Engin Atsur said.

"We like to play like them." But the offense wasn't something you learn over night. Carril, who makes an effort to keep the secrets of the offense within the "Princeton family," wasn't about to hand out his lifetime's work for free.

So Burson labored. Then he labored some more, watching film for two years until he finally fully installed the offense prior to the 2000-01 season with the help of assistant Greg Morland after partly running its schemes

for two years. "By then that big kid was a senior and it was the best it'd ever been for us," Burson remembered. Everybody runs it different. You don't call plays, it's motion principles with patterns. We called it 'optional phasing' [because] of the options it gives you."

Following that season, Burson would be on the other end of teaching diagram after receiving a phone call from an old friend. Larry Hunter was about to

embark on his first season at State as an assistant after coaching in the state of Ohio for nearly 30 years. He had talked to Burson in 1999 while preparing for a game against Princeton, but this time his inquiry was different; he wanted to learn how to run the offense, not how to defend it. The offense intrigued Sendek, his new boss at State, after he suffered two antagonizing losses to the Tigers.

Burson still remembers the four-day trip to Raleigh vividly; he stayed in an apartment that was Hunter's temporary home and "just enjoyed the summer."

'It was an apartment or motel pretty close to campus, not too bad; life was good," he said. "Herb was intrigued with trying to adopt it, and I'm not sure I would have done it for many people, but coach Hunter is a very special friend of mine Burson then met Sendek and began his dissertation.

All I did was tie together the ends of the ribbon. I didn't do much for him [Sendek]; I talked and he went 'Oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah, '" Burson said. "We just put the finishing touches on it."

SELLING IT TO THE PLAYERS

"It was pieces, man, pieces," se-nior Scooter Sherrill said when asked to recall how he learned

"We were having individual skill workouts and some coaches put little parts of it in. We would just put one segment in, like a little flare. There's a lot of stuff to it, you just have to learn it piece by piece?

No one had ever tried to teach this kind of offense to such athletic, highly recruited players, many of whom have high-dollar wishes and NBA dreams. A Sports Illustrated article that appeared last February chronicling the of-fense stated 26 Division I teams run some version of Princeton. But that list was mostly dot-ted with small-scale teams like Campbell and Samford that were trying to do exactly what Burson had said: "negating the size disadvantage."

size disadvantage." "I see them [State] running a combination of press, fast break and Princeton; it's a great com-bination, it makes them hard to play," Burson said. "Not only can they press you, they rebound and fast break, then they'll take some time off and run some Princeton on it. It's like having a football team and all you can do is run off-tackle. You can't do that. They've added a lot of versatility to it. It makes them difficult to prepare for.

Also difficult was teaching it to the players, many of whom were initial skeptics.



Sports

State signee Cedric Simmons goes up for a basket in a January game.

"My first thought, I didn't eally like it," Sherrill, then a really like it," Sherrill, then a sophomore, admitted. "Why are we running Princeton with all

these great athletes?" Nevertheless, Sendek went with a highlight tape of Musking-um compiled by Morland, slowly brought the players along. In fact, the following year Sendek hired Morland, who Burson says has a "fantastic basketball mind," to be the team's video coordinator.

"I thought we had a group of players that it fit really well,"

Pretty soon, the learning had escalated from one concept to five different things a day, Sher-rill said. The Pack often practiced without a ball.

We just went through the mo-

would just totally be confused," Sherrill said. State won 23 games its first year

running the offense, proving athletic players can learn the style. "It's not the offense that scares me, it's the players running it," said UNC coach Roy Williams in the week preceding his team's two-point home win over State. Williams compared the offense's

execution to that of current Texas Tech coach Bob Knight's patented motion offense, which is based on a series of endless screens.

"It's the same thing against Herb's teams: you know they're Herb's teams: you know they're going to pass and go backdoor and pass and go backdoor and pass and go backdoor," he said. "You know that's going to hap-pen and you have to be patient enough to be willing to play that tions, because [otherwise] guys defense for 35 seconds. If you lose

your patience and all of a sudden get antsy, do something you shouldn't do, then you get beat." Players, Burson concurs, are

still the key to the system. "I've watched them play "I've watched them play enough, they really do a nice job," he said. "The bottom line is you better have good players and you better put good players in position where they can help the team. I think State has that.

UPCOMING COGS

To see the future of N.C. State, and its offense, on this particu-lar Friday night in February, head east of Raleigh. Way east. Down Highway 24, past the Piggly Wiggly and the low-class pizza joints to the cusp of Camp Lejune, where Jacksonville's White Oak High School gloomily sits on a

right oction growing with on a rainy evening. It's Parent Appreciation Night at the home of the Vikings, and one curious party cranes his slen-der neck through the gym's doors to impatiently view the ongoing melodrama.

Cedric Simmons does not blend in with the rest of his team. Standing 6 feet 9 inches with a wingspan he says is 7-4, Simmons towers over his West Brunswick teammates, his railthin legs jutting out from his green shorts that are perhaps a

size too small. During warm-ups, the 225 pound Simmons does not spend much time under the basket; instead, he's hovering around the perimeter launching jump shots with a smooth, controlled stroke. That trend will carry over into the game, during which Sim-mons scores 25 points, grabs 13 rebounds and finishes two blocks shy of a triple-double while lead ing his team to a win. Many of those points come off jump shots, because whenever Simmons tries to post up, he's surrounded by two, sometimes three, even four

White Oak players. "I guess they thought I couldn't shoot a jump shot," Simmons said

after the game. Indeed, but Simmons can, a product of his shooting regime that follows a pretty simple mantra.

"I just shoot until my arms get tired or when my shoulders burn," he explained.

Simmons is the prize of a three-man recruiting class that is buying into exactly what Sendek thought

about his offensive system. "I thought it would be a great offense to recruit to, because guys wouldn't be pigeon-holed into positions and would have a great deal of freedom to make decisions and play a number of different places on the court,"

Sendek said, Dave Telep is a national recruit-ing analyst for www.theinsidersh oops.com. He rates Simmons as the No. 21 player in the country and can see why players are buy-ing into Sendek's program. "It's a pretty easy answer," Telep said. "Every 6-foot-8 kid

in America in 2004 thinks he's a perimeter player. N.C. State recruits 6-foot-8 guys that play the perimeter and shoot jump shots. Their philosophy is 'If you're big guy who likes to shoot, we like that'. It's really sexy for the 6-foot-8 guy who thinks he can shoot." Simmons' eyes get big when he talks about how he'll by playing

next year. Five out, Spread the floor,

Picks. Guys playing every posi-tion," he said. "I think they can bring the best out of me. I like to play all positions, and I don't want to post up all the time and have to guard guys that are 285 [pounds]. And the strength of my game is running the floor. Those guys like to run, I do too." Telep sees that athletic explo-

sion in Simmons few players

"Simmons is one guy they stole from the gene pool," Telep said. "He's so gifted athletically; you have to tweak your offense to have him touch the ball. [For-mer Maryland star and current L & Climer Chris Wilcow ward;" L.A. Clipper] Chris Wilcox wasn't a finished product, but he was a big-time, run-the-floor athlete. Wilcox and Cedric are cut from

the same athletic mold." In addition to Simmons, State has commitments from 6-foot-10 Andrew Brackman from Cincinnati and Gavin Grant, a 6-foot-2 wing player from the same high

school as Julius Hodge. "If he [Brackman] were 15 "If he [Brackman] were 15 pounds heavier, he might be the ideal poster child for what they want," Telep said. "Herb Sendek could very well be walking around Raleigh in four years with a poster with his picture that says 'Wanted: More guys like this." "I think State is bringing in an excellent class."

excellent class. While State continues its un foreseen winning ways on the court and on the recruiting trail, Burson sits in New Concord and talks about how happy he is for coach Sendek, refusing to take much, if any, credit for the success of Pack's offense.

"I still receive phone calls, lot of people intrigued by it, a guy in my league is even running it," Burson said. "I don't send out info, but if you can convince me on the phone you're interested about it, well let me connect it for you.'

Still seeking a little respect

Despite standing in sole possession of second place in the talent-rich ACC, the N.C. State menís basketball team is still without respect.

Justin Sellers

Respect — Some teams have plenty of it, while others give their all night after night, but hardly

receive a single ounce. As for the N.C. State menís basketball team, the 2003-04 season started off a little bumpy on the road, suffering non-conference losses at Michigan and South Carolina. Now, halfway through the conference schedule, many of those humps have seemed to diminish as the Wolfpack (14-5, 7-2) has a firm grip on second place in the ACC.

For State and head coach Herb Sendek, this traveled path is one

they know all too well. "We've played good people on the road this w the conference but in our nonconference," Sendek said after directing his team to an impressive 79-63 win at Virginia Satur-day. "Going down and losing to South Carolina by three. It was a hard fought game. We schedule good people on the road, and I think in the long run that's made us a better basketball team. It's helped us. You're not going to win them all."

Since losing to the Gamecocks by three, the Pack has gone 8-3. The red and white is undefeated at home, where it boasts key wins against then-No. 11 Georgia Tech and No.16 Wake Forest. State has

put it together on the road, too, with three conference victories away from the RBC Center. The first of those, a win at Florida State, has proven to be a tough commodity given the struggle of other teams have had in Tallahas-see. With road wins at Maryland and Virginia, the Pack has the second-most wins away from home in the ACC

But that still hasn't been enough to earn respect, as judged by the latest polls. The Pack is ranked No. 21 in the latest AP poll, but is unranked in the coaches' top 25. Despite being one of the hot-test teams in arguably the top conference in the country, State isnít considered a major contender nationally, and to some, not even in line to fight.

The Pack might have something

to say about that. Julius Hodge, who was the ACC Player of the Week last week, is second in the ACC in both scor-ing (18.4) and field goal percent-age (.506). Marcus Melvin ranks fifth in the league in rebounding with an average of 7.8 a game Then, as a team, the Pack leads not only the conference, but the entire nation in free throw percentage at .796.

Furthermore, seniors Scooter Sherrill and Melvin have really stepped up their respective games lately, providing the team with an added boost when it needs it the most. But as Sendek is quick to point out, it is the play of the whole team that has increased.

"There's no question that Scooter Sherrill and Marcus Melvin have given us tremen-dous leadership, both on and off the court," Sendek said. "Both

of those guys have really been extensions of the coaching staff. But I also think we have a little bit of a ripple effect with other guys, who aren't seniors, leading in their own ways. We have a good group of guys that are fun to coach.'

So, where's the respect? Well, with the strong perfor-

wances night after night the Wolfpack, especially Sendek, may be starting to receive some indi-cation, even if it is just minute.

A key antagonist website, FireSendek.com that gives reasons to get rid of the skipper has recently been taken down by its creators. Could this be a sign of

respect? "I don't know what that in-dicates," said Sendek. "It could tonight. That's the be back up tonight. That's the

nature of our sport, and I don't think when you're in the coaching profession, and that word is an important word, profession that you can allow those things to in-fluence how you go about doing your job everyday. We're teachers. We're coaches and we're leaders. Unfortunately, our sports culture today is a little bit off center. I just hope, regardless of what happens, I hope I can always stay focused

out looking for something long overdue: a little respect.



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on why we do what we do. "Whether that website is up today or tomorrow, I really can't control that."

Out of his control it may be, but as the Pack prepares for a home game against the Seminoles on Tuesday night, it will again go

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Pete Yorn

"Day | Forgot" Somehow the catchy tunes of the talented singer-songwriter, Pete Yorn, have remained shadowed by far less deserving radio rockers. Far from his 2001 release of "Musicforthemorningafter," featuring mostly melancholy and slightly sappy love songs, "Day I Forgot" pow-erfully rocks out with more mature and upbeat songs. While the lyrics rarely venture beyond heartbreak and indecisive feelings of love, Yorn's raw voice and electric guitar carry the album. Pete Yorn soon will find a better place among mainstream listeners, deservingly so.

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Radiohead "Hail to the Thief"

Beginning their second decade of making records, Radio-head brings the old and new listeners together for a record that blends the experimentation of "Kid A" and "Amnesiac" with the time-tested greats of "O.K. Computer" and "Bends" with-out locing their sense of advan out losing their sense of adven ture. It's good to see a band that has been commercially successful not go crazy or stay the same but, instead, move forward, progressing a sound that even after 10 years is still growing.

Beth Gibbons & Rustin Man "Out of Season"

Since Beth Gibbons is the lead singer of trip-hop guru Portishead, one may expect Jut of Season" to be similar to that ethereal work. However, the only similarity is the singer's haunting tones. Despite refer ences to the more jazzy female singers such as Norah Jones, Gibbons' solo project is a spec tacle of distinct acoustic folk and jazz balladry. Each track is riddled with thought-provoking lyrics exposed to metaphors of nature.

The Strokes 'Room on F

With "Is This It," The Strokes rang in a new era of music - or rather, they introduced the

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general public to a genre of rock that had been thriving in the New York underground. By keeping the dirty guitar melo-dies, hollow bass and drum licks that were prominent on its precursor, "Room on Fire" does not stray very far from the beaten path that the band created. "Room on Fire" is what it is - a Strokes album. Had someone told me two years ago that The Strokes sophomore release would not be a collec-tion of "Last Night" variations, I probably would have laughed in their face - pleasingly, it's not.

John Mayer

'Heavier Things" Skeptics of John Mayer's staying power and talent were hushed with the release of "Heavier Things." The charming and soft-spoken guitar wiz has proven his ability to be a clever lyricist and much-ma tured musician since his 2001 release of "Room For Squares." "Things" offers more sophis-tication as he philosophizes about love, God, and life's priorities among an unpretentious mix of pop, blues and jazz. Worthy of credit, Mayer has soared in 2003 and for the sake of music, one can hope that he

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Death in Vegas

"Scorpio Rising" Noticeably more upbeat than its predecessors, this duo's third release, "Scorpio Rising," seamlessly blends each and every track, creating a flow that gets you booked for the albums entirety. With appearances by Oasis' Liam Gallagher and ex-Mazzy Star singer Hope Sandoval, "Scorpio Rising" has a diverse feel that compliments their unique electronic psychedelia.

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"Fire

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So we made the exchange - he gave me the money and his diatribe - and I gave him my word that it



Carter

would run. Problem is I lost it about three weeks

ago. The whole masterpiece Not a problem, though. I knew it would resurface and I final ly came across it - somewhat

intact - in the cat's litter box. I can still somewhat read the crude crayon markings, despite the diges-tive abuse it took within Clutch (the cat) and weeks of serving as a pee sponge. What an appropriate place to find such treasure. Honest as an Eagle Scout, I kept to my word. Here

Eagle Scout, I kept to my word. Here it is (a little bit belated): Dear reedears of the Andru Bee Carther article. I have things which to say, I must write them because I say these things with feelings, strong, which are strong feelings: Fire Hurb. Hurb Sendak as our bas-ketball coach, stinks, as coach of this basketball team. His offense looks like rotting meat and smells like it, two. Me, personally, as an Wolfpack fan,

Ne, personally, as an Wolfpack fan, has been the fan of the Wolfpack for to long for this guy named Hurb Sen-dak too still be around, at this school, he hen schele Wolfback Did the home of the Wolfpack. Did you sea the game yesterday night, the one when the team lost at Boston? The Bostons shouldn't beat the Wolfpacks. But they did. They beat the Wolfpacks and its all cause Hurb is are coach. And why such weak teams we play Other teams play good teams we puy. Other teams play good teams but the Wolfpacks plays teams which, in this man's humble opinion and thought-processes, are bad, or, in other words, processes, are bad, or, in other words, or not good. To mean my point, he should view at my data chart, which is stapled to the other sheets of paper (CLUTCH THE CAT ATE THIS PART - SORRY, ANDREW). As yoou can see, by seeing the chart attached, my point exactly. In the daze comeing next, or, in other words, in the days in the future from more word; the bashext, or, in other words, in the days in the future from now, no way the bas-ketball Wolfpacks can beat down the other teams the Wolfpacks will plhey. Judging at the schedule, the Raleigh that I love since the days of the Jimmie Valvavano seasons will loose to the George Techs, the UNCs, the Marylands the Wake Forestests, and, maybe to the Virginians. The Virginmaybe to the Virginians. The Virgin-ians, bye the whey, have the goodest coach ever in Thomas Jefferstien or something like to that effect, which schuud make the Cavleers winners over the Wolfpacks. Than, the State will lose, or, in words other then that, not win against no one else or any not win, against no one else or any uther team, for that is what's worth uther team, for that is what's worth it. At least in my onion. End you no why? Cause this Hurb person is the coach of the Wolfpacks - thats why, you foul. Also, in this riders' opin-ionion, the N.C. State has too much transfers happening. Earlyer in the basketball season this season, a player who plays basketball named Don Mekneeha left the team. folks, are you Mekneeha left the team, folks, are you serious? Yes, I am. My points exactamundoly. So, in conclushin, the Wolf-mundoly. So, in conclushin, the Wolf-packs will loose fourever if the man names Hurb coaches the Wolfpacks the team will always lose, or in other words, or in words not like preveeous words, the poach Sendaks needs going away now. I, two, have to leave now to cell plasmas and brain sells at the local scientists place so I can make honey to pay for this writings of the

words. Butts I say, Hurb musts gho. No word on what has happened to this guy since State's best ACC start in years. Maybe he's learned English. And though the cash is nice, maybe I should have left it in the litter box.

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Pack's Princeton principles



Ilian Evtimov, who Herb Sendek has utilized in the post-point position in the Wolfpack's Princeton-style offense, makes a pass in an early season victory over Florida A&M

N.C. State has seen immense success since installing a version of the Princeton offense three years ago.

Matt Middleton

The television commentator spoke with an almost startling

sense of astonishment. "How many times are they go-ing to fool someone with that?"

he bellowed. Little Princeton had done it again, won a game on a backdoor cut, the staple of its patented of-fense that, when executed prop-

This that, when executed prop-erly, produces layup upon layup. This time the victim was N.C. State, Tiger guard Brian Earl beat the Wolfpack's best defender, senior Ishua Benjamin, for the game-clinching score that won Princeton the 1997 Coaches vs.

Cancer Classic. Two years later, Princeton did Two years later, Princeton did it again to the same opponent. The lvy League school came into Reynolds Coliseum and promptly shut the building down for what was supposed to be for good with a 61-58 win over the Wolfpack in the loce WIT. the 1998 NIT.

Three years later, the head coach who had seen his frustrations boil over in those two losses decided to engage in the most sincere form of flattery.

Imitation. Since installing his version of the Princeton offense before the 2001-02 season, Herb Sendek has seen an about-face in the success of his program, which now stands firmly in second place in the ACC more than halfway through the 2003-04 season. In those two-and-a-half seasons, Sendek has made two trips to the NCAA Tournament, two visits to the ACC Tournament Final and won

at least nine ACC regular-season games twice. In the 10 years previous, the

Wolfpack went to the Big Dance just once, advanced to the ACC Tournament Championship a single time and never won more than eight games in conference

play. "It's one [an offense] that I've always had great admiration for. I've had very difficult times pre-paring to play against it," Sendek

This year, teams in the ACC are finding out exactly why. The complex and intricate scheme is peaking for the Pack this season; tate is currently on pace to win 12 conference games, something it has done just four times in its 51-year history of ACC play.

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Jim Burson is the kind of man that can talk to a stranger for hours. Instead of jumping straight into the Xs and Os of basketball, the head coach at Division III Musk-ingum College in New Concord, Ohio first wants to get personal: "How are things going for you? Are you doing well? What does your future look like?"

your future look like?" Burson has coached at Musk-ingum for 37 years, but before his 32nd, he had a problem. "We had a big sophomore kid who was 6'7" and 230 pounds, but he wasn't a post player, he wanted to go out and shoot 3s," Burson recalled. "He reminded me a lot of one of those post-points those of one of those post-points those Princeton teams had. When we played, we got beat up inside, so I thought maybe we could open that up and negate the size disad-vantage we had."

That was precisely the problem Princeton, who plays in the nonscholarship-giving Ivy League,

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