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Tuition vote postponed

The Board of Governors will not be discussing campus tuition increases in today's meeting.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

This morning, volunteers were supposed to board buses heading for Chapel Hill where the UNC System Board of Governors will be meeting. However, those buses have been cancelled because the board has agreed to hold off on voting about potential campus tuition increases and across the board increases

until March.

The week began with the release of "Personal Stories: Faces, Not Numbers." Students distributed several copies of the book at the legislature on Monday, and the student leaders involved hoped to mail the additional copies to the other interested parties before the meeting on Friday.

Additionally, Gov. Mike Easley released a letter during the weekend to Bradley Wilson, chairman of the B.O.G., with his own recommendations for tuition increases.

Easley called for no tuition increases this year because he

believes that financial problems have hit too many families and any increase may inhibit some students from being able to pursue their academic goals.

"Their [students'] patriotic duty is to become as educated as possible in order to be able to compete in the global marketplace and to build their skills, talents and innovations to their full potential," Easley wrote. "Raising the cost of education sends a contradictory signal."

Easley also mentioned that he asked for a freeze on in-state tuition increases in his State of the State address last year.

Wilson acknowledged Easley's

letter to the News & Observer earlier this week.

"The governor's letter will, by all members, be given the weight and consideration it deserves," he said.

Members of the board's Budget and Finance Committee had asked for additional information regarding the 16 UNC requests when they met earlier, and the board has sent out requests to some campuses for more information regarding where the tuition monies would go if approved. According to Jim Phillips, chairman of the Budget

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Virus spreads around campus

Students and faculty should be extra careful when it comes to contact with germs and make hand-washing a priority.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

More than 100 students have come into the Student Health Center this week with gastrointestinal symptoms, and the medical staff believes they have discovered the cause - norovirus.

According to the National Center for Infectious Diseases, noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause something called viral gastroenteritis, or inflammation of the intestines and stomach. Many students call this the "stomach flu," but it is not related to influenza.

Students are complaining of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Some cases also included fever, headache and fatigue. Mary Bengtson, medical director for Student Health Services, said symptoms last between one and two days, and students can catch the virus from others who are currently sick and for a few days after their symptoms subside.

Student Health officials had sent stool samples to a lab to test what kind of virus was causing the sudden outbreak, and they received one positive result for norovirus on Thursday evening. They believe that this virus is linked to all of the other nausea cases, and this

Ways to decrease contracting norovirus:

Frequently wash your hands. Be especially careful around meal times and in bathrooms.

Thoroughly clean and disinfect any vomitus and/or stool contaminated areas.

Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens in soap and hot water that may have come into contact with vomitus or stools.

Flush or discard any vomitus and/or stool in the toilet and make sure that the surrounding area is clean.

Review symptoms and other ways to prevent the virus from spreading at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/rvb/gastro/norovirus-qa.htm>

Source: CDC

is the same virus that put many UNC-Chapel Hill students in the infirmary a few weeks ago.

Anyone with gastroenteritis can spread the virus by not washing their hands and touching public surfaces.

Students who don't have the virus are encouraged to wash their hands frequently.

Bengtson hopes they will be able to stop the spread of the virus now that they know the cause.

"It's unbelievable to know this already since the problem started this week," Bengtson said.

Students who have contact with the virus can expect to see symptoms within 12 to 48 hours of exposure. There is no treatment for norovirus, but a liquid diet usually helps with possible dehydration through the loss of fluids from vomiting.

The other stool sample results should be in within a week.

FACES IN THE PACK

Chemistry calls to Cooke

For Taylor Cooke, chemistry is his passion but raising money for the N.C. State Annual Fund is also important.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

"Hey, my name is Taylor and I'm calling from the N.C. State Annual Fund." This is the way Taylor Cooke, a senior in chemistry, and his co-workers begin calls at the university's calling center four days a week.

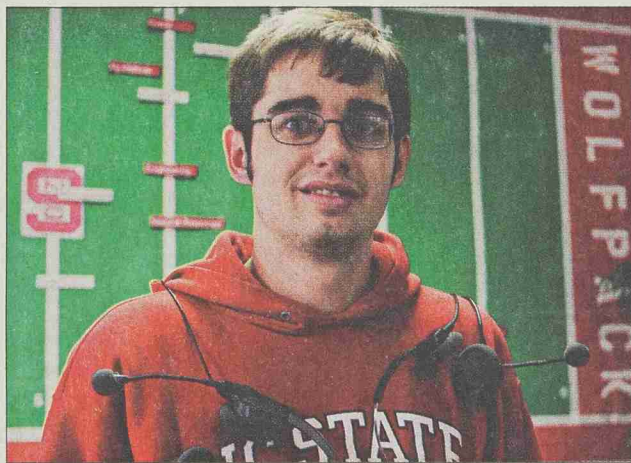
"We call alumni, parents and seniors to ask them to generously make unrestricted gifts to N.C. State," Cooke said.

He has worked with the calling center for two years in two different positions. As a caller, he did just this, calling a wide array of people to help with the betterment of NCSU through contributions. In his second position, he serves as a coaching supervisor where he both trains and listens to new employees' phone calls.

"I give them advice on how to ask alumni to make offers to the Annual Fund. I tell the callers to provoke good conversation with them by keeping them updated with the achievements of N.C. State," Cooke said.

All the money raised from the Annual Fund goes directly to the individual college that the sponsors specify.

Cooke has personally raised more than \$50,000 in his time at the Annual Fund and his most significant gift has been more than \$500.



Taylor Cooke is a manager at the Annual Fund Calling Center after excelling in fund raising as a caller. As a manager, he no longer has to take calls, though he said that occasionally does so "just to keep in practice." However, as the call center only accepts tax-deductible donations, "we don't really get the gifts that are in the news," said Cooke.

His success is not only apparent in his job, but also in all aspects of his life. Born in Atlanta, Ga., Cooke moved to Charlotte where he spent most of his childhood until coming to college.

When he arrived at NCSU, he wanted to dig deeper into the chemistry field; however, his interest in chemistry developed long before college. It interested him in high school

so he decided to make it his major. During his second semester, he was absolutely sure that it was the right field for him.

"It was a subject I understood and could explain better than any other area," Cooke said.

Since then, Cooke has spent time research-

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Writer emphasizes discussion

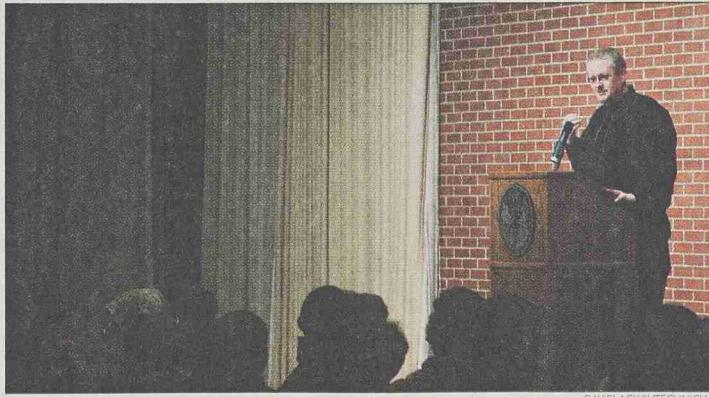
Orson Scott Card visited to address the significance of war on America.

John D. Willingham
Staff Reporter

Fans of Orson Scott Card gathered in the Talley Student Center Ballroom for the opportunity to hear the accomplished author speak on Wednesday night. However, Card came to campus to discuss topics more in line with his weekly column, "War Watch," than his award winning novels, "Ender's Game" and "Speaker for the Dead."

He wanted to focus on what he sees as a more pressing issue facing the country right now - the War in Iraq. "I am not here as a writer," Card said, "but as a student of history and current events."

Card lectured on his views on present and past U.S. foreign policy to a mix of students and professors in attendance. The author provided a brief synopsis on U.S. involvement in the international arena, by pointing out successes and failures of the U.S. government in the past. Card also presented questions to the audience that



Orson Scott Card, author of the bestseller "Ender's Game," speaks to a crowd of students in the Talley Student Ballroom. Card was on campus to discuss the war in Iraq.

he said he feels are important to discuss in order to understand why nations go to war.

"Is war ever justified?" Card asked. He hoped to answer this "ever important question to all generations" by analyzing the reasons that nations resolve their conflicts through warfare. The author provided an in-depth look at the justifications of war, which included the right to self-defense, mobilization, embargoes and when vital national interests are threatened.

By examining these accepted reasons to engage in warfare, Card said he feels that we can tackle the even tougher question, "Why and when do we intervene?" He said he believes the answer possibly lies in America's self-interest positions.

Speaking on the debate of whether oil was a legitimate reason for going to war in Iraq, Card said, "Oil is the lifeblood of our economy." Card also emphasized the importance of the United States finishing what

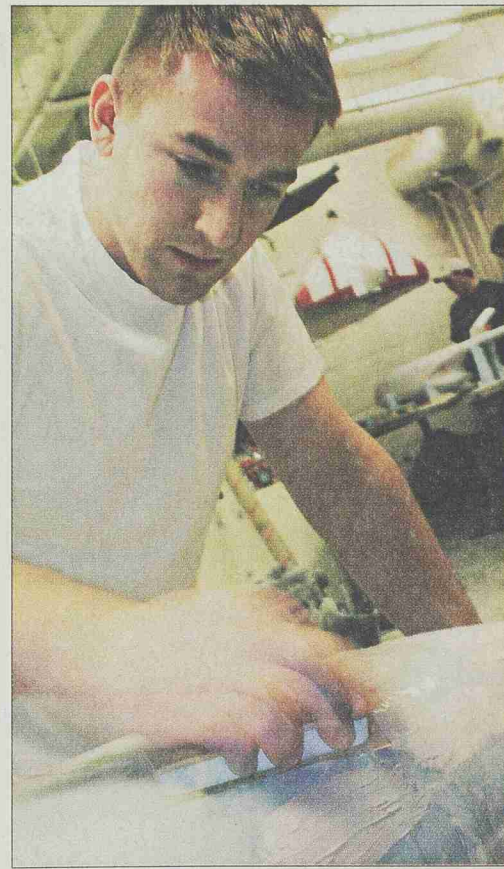
it started. "If we stop fighting, all credibility is lost," he said. The author reminded the audience of the difficult game that the Bush administration is playing.

"Winning the war is the most important thing this country is facing."

Emphasizing the lack of a legitimate authority in international law, Card said, "All we have is our own best judg-

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I BELIEVE I CAN FLY



While working on a senior design project, Erick Daniels sands down the model aircraft his team is building.

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MILITARY INVESTIGATING
GRENADE ATTACK

The U.S.-led coalition is trying to determine whether a security breach may have led to a grenade attack Thursday on a military convoy that was carrying Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of all American forces in the Middle East, and another top U.S. general.

Abizaid and Gen. Charles Swannack escaped unharmed after guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades and other weapons at their convoy from rooftops in Fallujah, about 30 miles west of Baghdad, military officials said. A spokesman said it was too early to tell whether the assailants attacked the convoy as a target of opportunity or whether they had been tipped off that the two generals were in it.

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ARISTIDE MILITANTS FORCE
MARCH CANCELLATION

Militants crushed a rally against Haiti's president before it began on Thursday, setting up flaming barricades along the route of a protest march and hurling stones as demonstrators tried to gather in the capital.

Opposition leaders accused President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of orchestrating the suppression. But the United States said it was standing by him as he confronts an armed rebellion affecting a dozen provincial towns.

"The policy of the administration is not regime change," Secretary of State Colin Powell told the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "President Aristide is the elected president of Haiti."

-Wire Reports

NATION

AIRLINE SECURITY FALLS FAR
SHORT, CONGRESSMAN SAYS

Despite \$12 billion spent since the terrorist attacks of 2001, the basic task of screening passengers before they board flights remains a weak spot in the nation's aviation safety net, a congressman who oversees airline security charged Thursday.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., and chairman of the House Transportation Aviation Subcommittee, said classified spot checks by three different federal agencies revealed lingering problems in the passenger-checking system that is supposed to keep would-be hijackers and their weapons out of the skies.

Rep. Peter DeFazio of Oregon, the panel's top Democrat, said the TSA must work out the problems because "if it doesn't succeed, people will die, and that's not an acceptable alternative."

-KRT Campus

SOLDIER ACCUSED OF TRYING TO
GIVE INFO TO AL-QAIDA

A National Guardsman was arrested Thursday and accused of trying to provide information to the al-Qaida terrorist network, the Army said.

Army Lt. Col. Stephen Barger said Spc. Ryan G. Anderson was being held at Fort Lewis "pending criminal charges of aiding the enemy by wrongfully attempting to communicate and give intelligence to the al-Qaida terrorist network." Anderson, 26, will remain at the base near Tacoma.

Barger declined to give any details on the arrest, including what information allegedly was given to al-Qaida or how it was provided.

-Wire Reports

CLARK OFFICIALLY QUITS WHITE
HOUSE BID, PROMISES TO STAY IN
POLITICS

Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark ended his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday but vowed to remain in politics and work to defeat President Bush and his "fatally flawed" foreign policy in November.

"This soldier stands ready for duty, and I need every one of you to join me in this battle," said Clark in a tearful speech but composed concession speech in a Little Rock hotel ballroom.

Clark's presidential campaign had many shortcomings, but it may end up being only a trial run. Many have speculated that Clark, 59, would be a good secretary of state if the Democrats retake the White House. Others envision him running for governor of Arkansas or for a Senate seat here, or even becoming a candidate for vice president, perhaps in 2008 with New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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STATE

WAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
INVESTIGATOR FOUND DEAD IN
CAR

An on-duty investigator with the Wake County Sheriff's Office was found dead in his car Thursday, and authorities were treating the death as a homicide.

Durham television station WTVB identified the investigator as Mark R. Tucker, who had worked with the sheriff's department since 1976 and previously worked for the U.S. Marshall's Office.

Sheriff Donnie Harrison was on the scene, a field near Holly Springs that a sign said is the future site of the Southeast Wake YMCA. About 30 police and emergency vehicles also were at the scene.

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and Finance Committee, these requests were one of the reasons the board decided to delay its decision.

The Association of Student Governments still plans on going through with a protest while the meeting is in progress today, but N.C. State student leaders only plan on providing buses for the meeting on March 19.

Easley also guaranteed Wilson that he will do his part to help

the UNC System through the next fiscal year.

"I will make every effort for my 2004-05 budget to include full funding for enrollment increases, support for financial aid and pay increases for state employees, including university faculty and staff," Easley wrote. When the board meets in March, they will vote on proposals, some possibly revised, that could increase individual schools' tuition from 9 to 19 percent. They will also vote on a possible 2 percent across the board increase.

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ment when deciding to get involved."

Concerning U.S. involvement in Kosovo and its handling of Rwanda, Card urged that, in fact, some wars are worth fighting for especially if something more important than peace is achieved and if something worse than war is avoided.

Card also spoke of the influence of terrorism in foreign policy decisions related to war.

In particular, the author addressed the debate of the role of the United States as a police officer in world affairs.

He offered choices for other possible countries that could play the role of police officer and then analyzed each choice on whether or not it was a legitimate candidate. In the end, all of the choices had some down-

fall, which made them unfit for a job he feels the United States is the prime candidate for doing in an effective fashion. Card stressed the importance of remembering that international police work is only good in the countries that allow it, and that the recent obsession over internal security should not compromise freedom for a false sense of security.

Card said that each new war is a new discussion and citizens must talk in a civil manner that provides evidence in order to come to a complete understanding of the situation.

He explained that citizens could still be good Americans even if they disagree with the reasons for going to war.

"We don't need a patronizing and condescending attitude in discussing U.S. involvement," Card said. "We must discuss!"

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ing and discovering opportunities for his future career.

His favorite chemistry class is CH 221, organic chemistry, a class some students despise.

"This class showed me how little we actually know about such a huge field and how much potential there is for it in the world," he said.

Because of his deep involvement in chemistry, Cooke took a challenging step and chose an internship to provide a backbone for his studies.

"I helped them calculate formulas to alleviate problems that exist. I also did some testing for the company," Cooke said.

After college, Cooke hopes to get a job with a research company or a pharmaceutical company.

He admits there might be a little problem finding a job after graduation this May, but said "the Research Triangle Park area is a good region for chemistry."

Cooke is considering graduate school as a possibility for the future, but "not right after college. I have had enough homework for a while."

Correction:

In Wednesday's paper, the article titled "Faculty Senate focuses on nighttime safety," incorrectly quoted Liz Miller. Miller does know people who have had problems with safety on campus, but she, herself, has never had a problem. Miller said she is careful on campus.

POLICE BLOTTER

02/10/04

1:54 a.m. | Assist other agency

An officer assisted Capitol Police with a traffic stop on Hillsborough Street near Rosemary Street.

2:52 a.m. | Traffic stop | Arrest DWI

A student was stopped on Dan Allen Drive for a vehicle equipment violation. He was then arrested for driving while impaired, and transported to Wake County Jail. He was also referred to the University.

9:54 a.m. | Larceny

Two staff members reported that someone had entered their offices and taken their wallets. The credit cards were used later. Their offices are in Gardner Hall.

10:53 a.m. | Suspicious person

A staff member reported seeing a white female walking around Nelson Hall who was carrying two bags of luggage and talking about the Panama Canal.

1:26 p.m. | Safety program

A Sergeant conducted a safety program at Partners II.

2:34 p.m. | Larceny

A student reported that someone stole several basketball tickets and a parking pass from his room in Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

4:20 p.m. | Larceny

A staff member reported that someone had stolen her wallet and used her credit card. The wallet was recovered in the bathroom at Cox Hall.

6:38 p.m. | Larceny

A student called to report that his bookbag was taken from a room in Dabney Hall.

9:43 p.m. | Traffic stop | Arrest

A student was stopped on Cates Avenue at Jeter Drive for a vehicle equipment violation. His license came back revoked. He was arrested and transported to the Wake County Jail. His vehicle was released to a licensed driver at his request. He was also referred to the University.

10:24 p.m. | Hit and run

A student in a vehicle was struck by a bicycle, which kept on going. The incident occurred on Yborborough Drive south of the USTL Building. An accident report was filed. No injuries were reported.

10:45 p.m. | Building liaison

An officer met with residents of Syme, Gold, and Welsh and discussed Baver Drive parking issues, as well as future safety programs. Twelve people attended the meeting.

11:01 p.m. | Traffic checkpoint

Officers conducted a driver's license checkpoint on Dan Allen Drive at the entrance to the Central Campus Pay Lot. Seven verbal warnings were given for violation.

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12:49 a.m. | Alcohol violations

An officer issued citations for underage possession of alcohol to two students at Lee Hall. Both subjects were referred to the University.

2:25 a.m. | Traffic stop | Arrest DWI

A non-student was stopped for a vehicle equipment violation on Dan Allen Drive. He was then arrested for driving while impaired. He was transported to the Wake County Jail, and refused to take the Breathalyzer test.

3:25 a.m. | Suspicious incident

Officers responded to Delta Gamma House in reference to receiving a call from Raleigh ECC, saying a female subject called from this location. Officers responded to the location, and found that the caller and another student were intoxicated. They denied calling 911. Both subjects were referred to the University for alcohol violations and providing false information. One of the students was also referred to the University for contempt.

5:00 a.m. | Damage to property

A staff member reported a broken window in a room in Ricks Hall. The damage appeared to be accidental by the wind.

11:42 a.m. | Suspicious incident

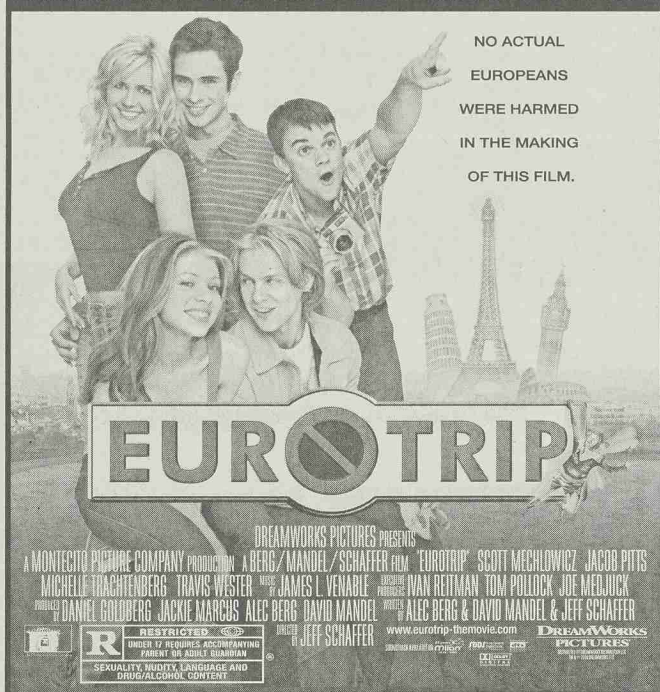
A staff member reported that someone tried to use a student's campus ID card to gain access to Carmichael Gym last night. The staff member was standing by with the student who apparently lost the original card to speak with an officer.

7:23 p.m. | Noise disturbance

A student reported that a preacher was talking too loudly and disturbing others nearby. An officer spoke with the subject, who complied to keep his voice down. Everything was o.k.

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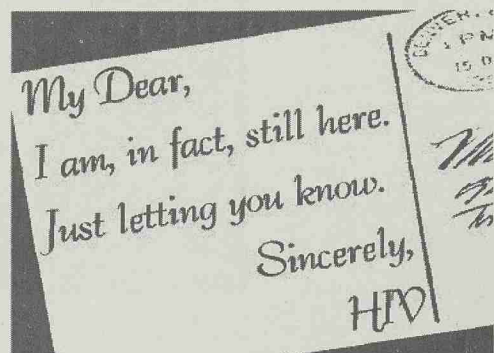
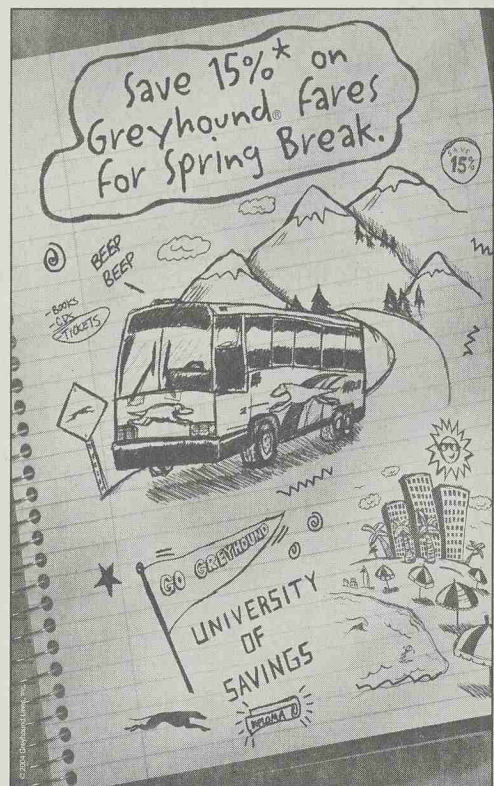
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Date: February 13, 2004

From: Marye Anne Fox, Chancellor
James L. Oblinger, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
George Worsley, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business

To: NC State Students, Faculty and Staff

Subject: Liability for illegal file sharing

Dear NC State students, faculty and staff,

This open letter is to alert students and employees of the personal risks involved with unauthorized file sharing of copyrighted materials. Copyright holders, such as the Recording Industry of America (RIAA), are more aggressively initiating legal actions against individuals engaged in illegal peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing. Students, faculty and staff who participate in these activities should be aware that they risk criminal prosecution and civil litigation. Additionally, students risk suspension or expulsion from school, and faculty and staff risk being dismissed from their jobs.

The practice of trading music, movies, games and software over the Internet has become commonplace on many college campuses. Although P2P file sharing programs (such as KaZaA, BitTorrent, Gnutella, iMesh, CuteMX, Scour and FreeNetfile) are not illegal, they can be used for illegal purposes. Downloading or sharing copyrighted materials without explicit permission from the copyright holder may be a violation of U.S. copyright law and punishable with prison time and severe fines.

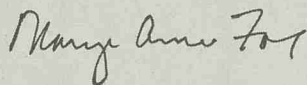
Some people erroneously believe that illegal file sharing will not be noticed. The RIAA and other copyright holders use automated methods to identify infringements, and even small amounts of sharing can be detected. When copyright holders resort to legal actions, there is little the university will be able to do to protect those who infringe copyrights.

NC State University, in compliance with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), takes quick action when notified of alleged copyright infringements occurring from a computer attached to the campus network. Incidents are referred to appropriate campus officials, and steps are taken to stop unauthorized downloading or distribution of copyrighted materials. The university may also take disciplinary action against the individual responsible for or participating in the infringement.

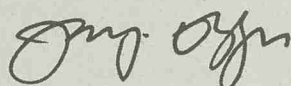
We also urge you to consider the information security risks associated with the use of P2P applications. Many of these programs are set up by default to share personal information. This can be a significant risk if you store confidential information on your computer system. Additionally, file sharing applications have been used to introduce viruses which can cause irretrievable loss of data. For these reasons, individual colleges or units with data requiring high security may determine that individual users in those units may not use peer-to-peer file sharing applications.

In cooperation with sister University of North Carolina institutions and the national higher education community, many individuals at NC State work to educate the campus about copyright and file-sharing issues. We hope you will join these efforts. For more information, see <http://www.ncsu.edu/copyright>. For assistance with removing peer-to-peer file sharing applications and copyright infringing materials, contact your departmental computer support professionals or e-mail help@ncsu.edu.

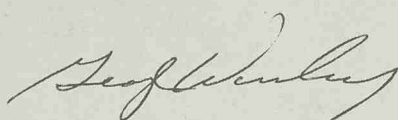
Sincerely,



Marye Anne Fox, Chancellor



James L. Oblinger, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor



George Worsley, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business

Armed and dangerous

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

It doesn't look like much on the outside. All the signs of construction are still there - the boards, machinery, the dust and red mud. But take a step inside Doak Field and the view has never been better.

The sight of opposing batters walking back to the dugout shaking their heads in disgust is enough to make anyone forget about the unfinished surroundings. Whether the batter has just been baffled by Vern Sterry's changeup, frozen by Michael Rogers' curveball or simply overpowered by Joey Devine's fastball, they'll all have the same look of frustration.

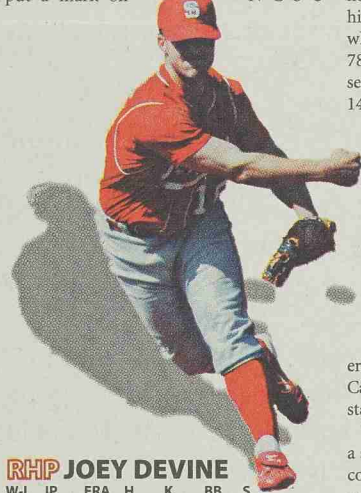
Last year N.C. State pitchers Sterry, Rogers and Devine became the first All-American trio from the same school in ACC history. State rode the arms of these three pitchers all the way to the Super Regionals against Miami before faltering. Along the way, the three hurlers threw for a total 307 innings and a combined ERA of just 2.93. They also struck out an overwhelming 315 batters, proving aluminum bats don't help if you can't make contact.

"What makes these guys so good is that the three of them are completely different pitchers," one National League scout said. "Batters never see the same thing in a series."

Last year those differences translated into wins for State, 45 of them to be exact. Any hope of repeating the success of last year starts in the hands of three pitchers with three unique pitching styles.

The senior Sterry, who was drafted in June by the Oakland Athletics in the 16th round but decided to stay for his final year, baffles hitters with what one scout called a "plus-plus" changeup - adding that it's extremely rare to see such a young pitcher master the changeup.

Sterry came out of California's Cypress Junior College last year and used his deadly changeup to immediately put a mark on N C S U



RHP JOEY DEVINE
W-L IP ERA H K BB S
6-3 65.2 2.19 49 78 16 14

baseball history. By going 11-0, he became the first pitcher in State history to be undefeated and win more than 10 games in a season. He also became a first-team All-America for his performance, State's first since 1997. For Sterry, pitching strategy is simple: go with what you see.

"If I see them trying to sit on something inside I come with the changeup," Sterry said. "I just look for a body motion, anything that gives me a hint to what they're doing."

In fact, observation has become one of Sterry's greatest weapons as a pitcher. The California native usually follows Rogers in the weekend rotation, giving him an opportunity to break down hitters before he takes the mound. From his vantage point on the bench, he watches hitters, studying what they look for in situations, and then comes back and exploits their tendencies.

"Mike pitches and I just hang out and watch," Sterry said. "I just pick them apart after they adjust [to what Rogers threw the previous game]."

Rogers, a redshirt sophomore who missed most of the 2002 season after a line drive fractured his right fibula, will be the opening starter for all weekend series. It's the same roll he had last year when he compiled a 12-3 record. It's also a situation Rogers relishes, going on just scouting reports without having seen the hitter in person. As he explains it, he dictates what happens when a batter faces him.

RHP VERN STERRY
W-L IP ERA H K BB
11-0 116.1 3.25 99 124 39

"I like being the guinea pig, getting to go out there first," Rogers said. "I pitch against them, they have to hit me."

By his own admission, Rogers is more of a finesse pitcher, changing locations and speeds to avoid becoming predictable. While his fastball tops out in the high 80s, his ability to mix up his fastball, curveball and changeup keeps batters guessing and flailing.

"I just work on location, mixing speeds here and there," Rogers said. "I think that's probably my biggest strength, being able to throw any pitch in any count. I'm not really a power pitcher."

Sophomore Devine fills in as State's power pitcher, utilizing a fastball that clocks as high as 96 miles per hour. While he had always been a flamethrower, Devine noticed last year that if he changed his delivery motion to more of a sidearm throw then his pitches moved more.

"I've always had a three-quarters arm angle, and when I got here I noticed I get a little more movement on the ball being down there," Devine said. "It just feels natural to me."

This subtle change turned Devine from great into devastating. The added movement he found with the new delivery, along with his eye-popping velocity, gave State a pitcher who was nearly impossible to hit - as his 78 strikeouts in 65 innings illustrates. Last season he set an ACC freshman record with 14 saves in the closer role, where he'll remain this year.

"Devine at the end of a game - that's what separates [State] from a lot of other teams," a National League scout said.

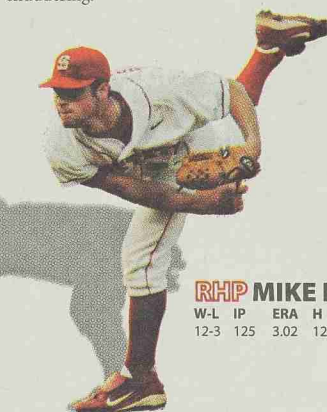
What's remarkable about the trio of pitchers that combined to go 29-6 last season is that all the success came without a pitching coach. In the off-season, State filled that role by hiring Chris Roberts, who turned around the staff at Western Carolina. When he joined the Catamounts, the staff ERA was 6.06. When he left it was 3.77.

"I don't know of anyone that has come into a situation like this before - where you are coming in with three returning All-Americans," Roberts said. "With them I pick my spots but stay away a little bit. I'd be a fool to try to mess with them too much."

Roberts also has the staff on a throwing schedule designed to maximize performance on the day a pitcher is scheduled to go. He's also planning to move senior Daniel Caldwell, who missed all of last year with a torn elbow ligament, to the setup role in order to take stress off Devine.

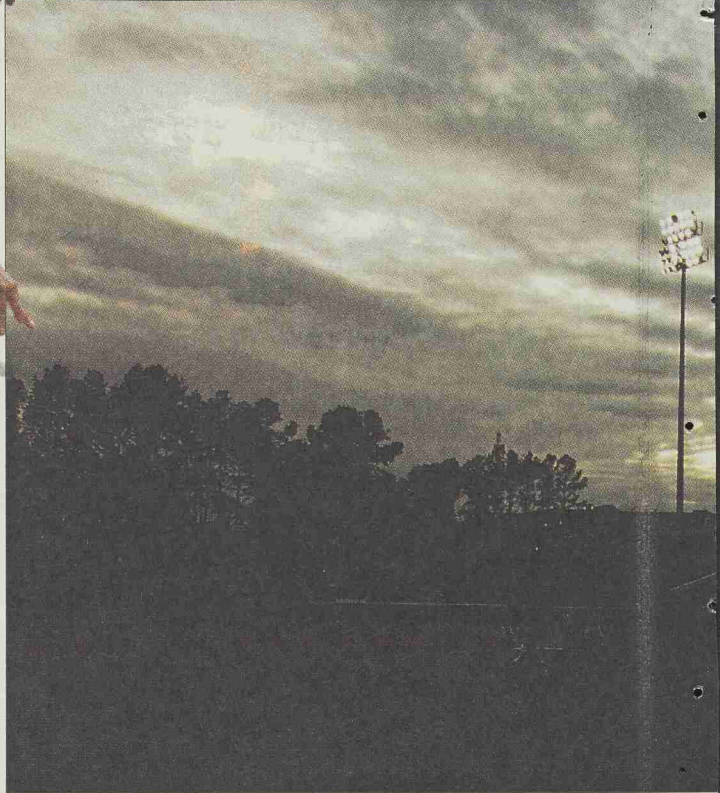
"We have so much depth at pitching, now [Caldwell] can come and go the seventh or eighth," Devine said. "Hopefully this year I'll be able to throw all three weekend games - Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

That sound you just heard was ACC hitters shuddering.



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BATT



A revamped Doak Field hosts the Wolfpack's home opener Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. The entire fac

WOLFPACK NINE COMING

As the baseball team wound down its Tuesday practice earlier this week in the absence of sunlight and warm weather, All-American closer Joey Devine stared in for the sign on the day's final play. His subsequent offering then broke the bat. An aluminum bat.

That moment was a testament to how strong N.C. State's pitching staff will be this season, as the team readies to follow up last year's run to the Super Regionals, its most prolific season in 35 years. Only occasional reliever Chad Orvella is gone from last year's staff, which accounted for more than 574 innings and returns three All-Americans.

"We're going to be just as good, but in a different way," junior outfielder Marc Maynor boasted. "We want to win again; we don't want it to be a one-year wonder."



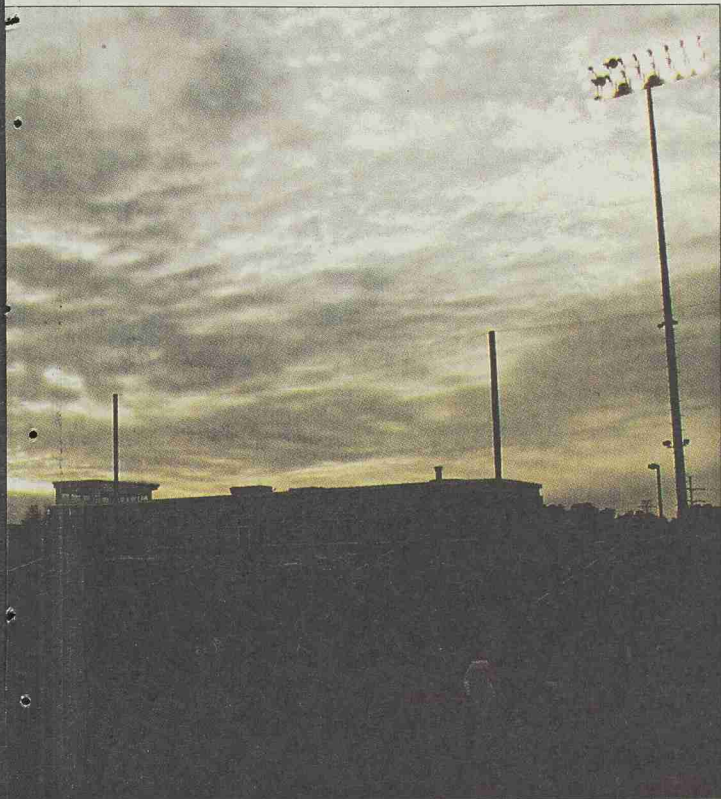
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is not yet complete, a task that should be done sometime in late March.

TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

OF BEST SEASON IN 35 YEARS

Maynor should know first-hand how different things are going to be, at least offensively. On a team of power hitters last year, he hit .318, scored 50 runs, stole a team-high 21 bases...and didn't hit a single home run.

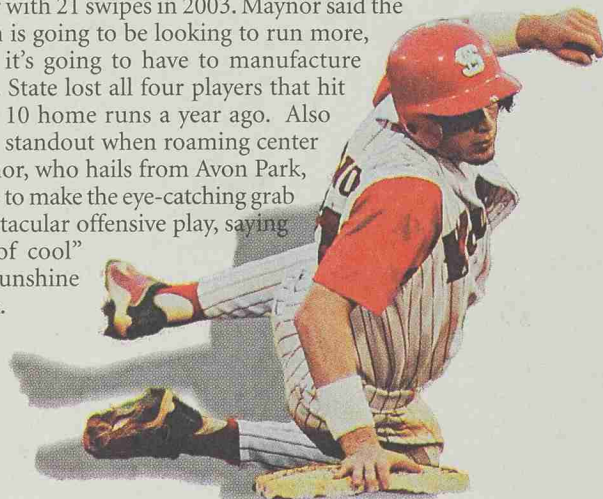
Along with the versatile Matt Camp and first baseman David Hicks, Maynor is one of the few offensive holdovers from last season's team that thrived off the four-bagger. That team rode the long ball all the way to the sixth-most wins in school history (45) and a No. 12 final ranking.

"Last year was a lot of fun, I'll never forget it, but we're focused and ready for this year," Maynor said.

This year begins in earnest today with an away tilt at Campbell followed by a Valentine's Day affair at Doak Field against the Camels Saturday at 2 p.m.



Outfielder **Marc Maynor** (above) is the team's leading returning base stealer with 21 swipes in 2003. Maynor said the entire team is going to be looking to run more, being that it's going to have to manufacture more runs. State lost all four players that hit more than 10 home runs a year ago. Also a defensive standout when roaming center field, Maynor, who hails from Avon Park, Fla., prefers to make the eye-catching grab over a spectacular offensive play, saying it's "kind of cool" in typical Sunshine State speak.



Road to summer

State played just 10 home games at Doak Field last year due to construction. This year, the team will break that mark by early March, and the entire stadium should be complete by the end of that same month.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
February 13	CAMPBELL	Buies Creek, N.C.	3:00 PM
February 14	CAMPBELL		2:00 PM
February 17	WILLIAM & MARY		3:00 PM
February 20	ELON		3:00 PM
February 21	ELON		2:00 PM
February 22	ELON		2:00 PM
February 27	CHARLESTON	Charleston, S.C.	5:00 PM
February 28	THE CITADEL	Charleston, S.C.	2:00 PM
February 29	CHARLESTON	Charleston, S.C.	1:00 PM
March 2	LEMOYNE		3:00 PM
March 3	LEMOYNE		3:00 PM
March 5	SAN DIEGO ST	San Diego, Calif.	9:00 PM
March 6	SAN DIEGO ST	San Diego, Calif.	4:00 PM
March 7	SAN DIEGO ST	San Diego, Calif.	4:00 PM
March 9	GEORGE MASON		2:00 PM
March 10	GEORGE MASON		2:00 PM
March 12	NORTHEASTERN		3:00 PM
March 13	NORTHEASTERN		2:00 PM
March 14	NORTHEASTERN		1:00 PM
March 17	THE CITADEL		4:00 PM
March 19	DUKE		7:00 PM
March 20	DUKE		2:00 PM
March 21	DUKE		2:00 PM
March 23	NC WILMINGTON	Wilmington, N.C.	7:00 PM
March 26	VIRGINIA		7:00 PM
March 27	VIRGINIA		2:00 PM
March 28	VIRGINIA		2:00 PM
March 30	OLD DOMINION		7:00 PM
March 31	DAVIDSON		7:00 PM
April 2	FLORIDA STATE	Tallahassee, Fla.	7:00 PM
April 3	FLORIDA STATE	Tallahassee, Fla.	7:00 PM
April 4	FLORIDA STATE	Tallahassee, Fla.	1:00 PM
April 7	OLD DOMINION	Norfolk, Va.	7:00 PM
April 9	MARYLAND	College Park, Md.	7:00 PM
April 10	MARYLAND	College Park, Md.	1:00 PM
April 11	MARYLAND	College Park, Md.	1:00 PM
April 14	CAMPBELL		7:00 PM
April 16	WAKE FOREST		7:00 PM
April 17	WAKE FOREST		7:00 PM
April 18	WAKE FOREST		2:00 PM
April 21	EAST CAROLINA		7:00 PM
April 23	CLEMSON	Clemson, S.C.	7:15 PM
April 24	CLEMSON	Clemson, S.C.	7:00 PM
April 25	CLEMSON	Clemson, S.C.	2:00 PM
April 28	NC GREENSBORO	Greensboro, N.C.	6:00 PM
April 30	GEORGIA TECH		7:00 PM
May 1	GEORGIA TECH		2:00 PM
May 2	GEORGIA TECH		2:00 PM
May 11	CAMPBELL	Buies Creek, N.C.	7:00 PM
May 12	EAST CAROLINA	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 PM
May 15	TEXAS	Austin, Texas	3:00 PM
May 16	TEXAS	Austin, Texas	2:00 PM
May 18	NC WILMINGTON		7:00 PM
May 20	NORTH CAROLINA	Chapel Hill, N.C.	7:00 PM
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Taking the field

Fresh faces will be aplenty for the Wolfpack starting today. Coach Elliot Avent will start five new position players, including the heart of the defense that lost its starting catcher, second basemen and shortstop.

RULE OF THUMB



Send in the clones

South Korean scientists described on Thursday how they cloned several human embryos and extracted valuable stem cells from one. Immediately, this news got the attention of President Bush and the White House, which prompted North Korea to shout, "Hey! Nuclear bombs! We have nuclear bombs!"

Man finds wife in Internet porn

An angry husband who came across a video of his wife having sex with her lover on the Internet called the police, who arrested a man suspected of filming a string of people without their consent. So, if you masturbate to porn of your wife on the Internet, but you don't know it's your wife...should you still feel guilty?



Italian woman steals breasts

An Italian woman who had her breasts enlarged with the biggest silicone implants available is being hunted by police after she skipped out on the \$9,500 plastic surgery bill. Fortunately, breast implants are now using the same technology as department stores, and the woman should be easy to spot, as each breast will be covered in indelible red ink and making loud beeping noises.



Illegal immigrant condo found

More than 160 illegal immigrants, some who had not eaten in days, were found crammed inside a house in a well-to-do Phoenix suburb this week. After they had been recovered, they were all intensely interviewed and they all agreed that they did not find Janet Jackson's nipple on television offensive.



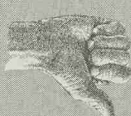
Ransom money breaks man's leg

Relatives of a kidnap victim in Taiwan struck a passing motorcyclist with more than \$600,000 in cash when they tossed the ransom money to the kidnappers from a highway overpass. In other news, God took a day off and let the writers of Seinfeld run everything.



Spam sucks

Consumers should not submit their e-mail addresses to a Web site that promises to reduce unwanted "spam" because it is fraudulent, said the FTC. What the Web site actually does is compile a list of the e-mails that have registered to not receive spam and sells those addresses to spammers, who spam the recently less-spammed with higher grade spam, in a "spam spam," to which the spammed shout, "Damn! More spam!"



Harvard approves skin mag

Harvard University has approved a student magazine about sex that will feature art, sex advice and fiction—as well as photographs of undressed Harvard undergraduates. This decision has prompted other Ivy League schools to show their own lax attitudes about sex, including Princeton's addition of Jello Wrestling 101 and Yale's announcement of guest Philosophy professor Larry Flynt.



Ken and Barbie call it quits

After 43 years as one of the world's prettiest pairs, Barbie and Ken are breaking up because, as "business manager" Russell Arons, vice president of marketing at Mattel, said, they "feel it's time to spend some quality time—apart." Though Barbie told one interviewer, "There were some qualities I need in a man that Ken just doesn't have...not so much emotionally...or intellectually...more...anatomically..."



TRIANGLE ROCKS

Inflowential's Convictions

The N.C. State-based trio brings meaning back into hip-hop with their articulate style.

Joel DeBerry

Staff Writer

With the insurgence of insignificant third-grade rhymes, electronically produced music and music videos that all seem to be cut from the same template, one could say that the hip-hop genre has slipped into a state of mediocrity and predictability.

However, despite this intrusion of "artists" with absolutely nothing to say, there are plenty of hip-hop outfits that feel compelled to bring fun and manually produced music to their listeners. One group with such convictions is Inflowential, a N.C. State-based hip-hop trio who bring passion, good times and music back to hip-hop.

"We just try to give people positive music," said Tab-One, the emcee of the group. "So much hip-hop out there is watered down and seems so fake. We just want people to have a good time."

That attitude has paid off too, for the not yet 1-year-old group. Their dynamic sound is produced by Tab-One (Taylor Burgess), beat boxer Adid (Adam Smith) and bassist Michael Bender, all juniors. The group came together last year when mutual friends introduced Bender and Smith to Burgess at a party.

"They kept telling me about their friend [Burgess] that could rhyme like crazy," Smith said. "So the first time I met him we did a freestyle session for the people that were there."

The band hasn't looked back since, and has played countless parties and a successful show at The Berkeley Cafe in August of last year, when they were barely 5 months old. That same show spawned their first release of sorts, because Bender's father was there to record it.

"My pops does it as a hobby [recording]," Bender said. "Most of the show you can find online, and we sell it at our shows sometimes."

Inflowential also won the N.C. State Battle of the Bands last year and a battle in Wilmington where they were against six



From left to right, Inflowential is Michael Bender, emcee Tab-One and beat boxer Adid.

other bands.

"I think our shows go over well because we improvise a lot and just let the music come," Bender said. "It's nothing like I've really heard before."

Adid's beat boxing sneakily doubles as the percussion and turntables—without even picking up a stick or spinning vinyl. Bender's 8-year experience with bass is evident in his confident delivery of funk and rock bass lines. And Tab-One leaves listeners in awe with his quick-tongued, yet articulate, rhyming style.

"I started rhyming along to A Tribe Called Quest, and I just picked it up easily," Tab-One said. "My friends noticed my talent and encouraged me."

It's a good thing they did, because the trio, whose influences range from The Roots to Radiohead to Willie Nelson (Yes, Willie Nelson!), has a ton to offer musically. And they accomplish their busy sound with essentially two vocalists and a bassist.

"We've talked to a few drummers, but haven't played with any yet," Bender said. "But we may not take it on just to stay true to our original sound."

It's worked so far, as Inflowential has amassed a significant local following from their Berkeley Cafe show to the numerous parties at which they've performed. The guys will venture outside of Raleigh for the first time this Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro for the Sunday Showcase.

"We definitely want to step it up and try to reach more people with our sound," Tab-One said. "This show at the Cradle is just the start."

You can download Inflowential's Berkeley Cafe show and a few studio tracks at www.inflowential.briancary.com, and you can show your support for NCSU's very own hip-hop band this Sunday at The Cat's Cradle at 4 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

ON CAMPUS:

Bush Mama will be shown in the campus cinema at 7 p.m. followed by **Gigli** at 9 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS:

Five Gallon Pale will be opening for the **Jazz Mandoline Project** at Lincoln Theatre.

Snake Oil Medicine Show will perform at The Pour House Music Hall.

Alli with an I is performing at Go! Room 4 with **Eyes to Space**, **The Never** and **Can Joann**.

Super Furry Animals is performing with **Papa M** at Cat's Cradle.

Amy Lofus is opening for **David Olney** at Six String Cafe.

SATURDAY:

ON CAMPUS:

Pipes and Drums will perform in Stewart Theatre at 8 p.m.

Bush Mama will be shown in the campus cinema at 7 p.m.

As part of the Bad Film Festival, **Gigli** will be shown in the campus cinema at 9 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS:

Pico vs. Island Trees will be performing at Lincoln Theatre with special guests **The Clear** and **Kelly Watson**.

The **Fifth Annual Love Hangover** show will be at King's Barcade with **Katrina Lambert** & **Brandon White-sell**, **David Mueller** & **Kristina Renee**, **Lynn Blakey** & **Rob Watson**, **Jeremy Lowe** & **Julia Martin** and **Caroline Mamoulides** & **Scott Phillips**.

Marley's Angels is opening for **Blue Dogs** at The Pour House Music Hall.

Neil Diamond All-Stars is performing at Cat's Cradle with **David Spencer Band**.

Orrin Star and **Tim Grimm** are performing at Six String Cafe.

Untold, **The Fifth**, **This Day** and **Age**, and **Beind** are performing at The Berkeley Cafe.

SUNDAY:

ON CAMPUS:

Jezebel will be shown in the campus cinema at 7 p.m. for free.

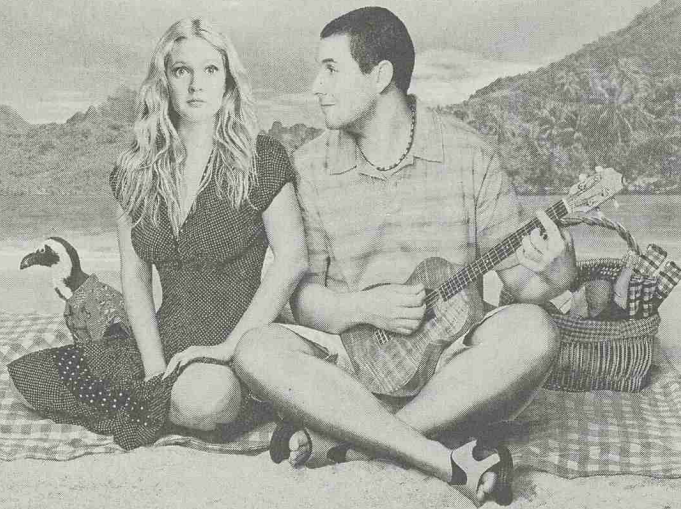
OFF CAMPUS:

Third Class Passenger is performing at The Pour House Music Hall.

The Carlsonics and **The Everyothers** are opening for **High Strung** at Go! Room 4.

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OUR OPINION: COLLEGE SEX MAGAZINES ARE EMERGING AS THE HOTTEST READ ON CAMPUS, BUT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD CONSIDER DISTRIBUTION AND STUDENT FEE FUNDING.

Sex columns are showing up in college newspapers. But even that is not good enough for some students. They want to take it a step further and have an official sex publication on campus.

Harvard University approved a new student publication totally devoted to sex. The H-Bomb is a literary magazine that would feature fiction, features, poetry and art all centered on sex.

The main feature of the magazine will be nude photos of undergraduate students, both male and female.

The Committee on College Life at Harvard voted 12-0 to make H-Bomb an official student publication, which means the founders, two girls, no doubt, could apply for student fee money to start printing.

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.

Apparently, Harvard is not the only college to print its open sex magazine. Vassar College in New York started its sex magazine, Squirm: The Art of Campus Sex, four years ago.

College is a place to test out boundaries and it is right for Harvard to allow the students to print their own sex magazine. After all, freedom of speech and the press are still in effect.

But there should be some restrictions, for the sake of public decency.

Harvard would have nude pictures of undergrads in the H-Bomb.

This gets in to distribution issues, as there are, undoubtedly, underage students on campus.

If distributed free, the magazine creates problems complying with federal law concerning selling pornography. A subscription service could be one way to comply with the law and generate income for the magazine.

Another way to keep down the lawsuits is to soften the content. Instead of

nudity in the pictorials, be more selective and seductive, in a more Maxim style, rather than full nudity like Playboy.

When it comes to sex, however, there will be a divergence of opinion. Many people find Maxim and other "lad mags," to be soft-core porn, yet 14-year-olds can go into the local bookstore and pick up a copy.

But college students are not 14. They are young adults exploring their sexuality. Sex is a relevant topic in college and students should openly discuss it in a frank, yet tasteful and respectful manner.

It would not hurt N.C. State to explore the possibilities of such a publication.

Producing a smutty sex magazine does nothing to advance open academic discourse about sex.

With STD rates among college students rising, having naked pictures of the Co-Ed of the Month does nothing to address these serious sexual issues.

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BLACK HISTORY SERIES, PART ONE

Black inventors contribute to our lives

Johnathan Brunson highlights some of the black inventors that have created devices that changed the world, such as the traffic light, peanut butter and the cellular phone.

Black History Month is not just a history lesson that lasts through February each year. Black history applies to all of our lives, no matter what race or ethnicity we are.

As college students technology that we frequently use on a daily basis is made possible by African-American inventors. I will elaborate on the difference black inventors made in my life by going through an average day for a college student.

On last Tuesday, the alarm rang on my clock (Benjamin Banneker, 1791) at 8 a.m. It was cold in the room when I awoke because I had the air conditioner (Frederick M. Jones, 7/12/1949) running all night. I turned on the lights (Thomas Edison and his African-American student, Lewis Latimer 3/21/1827) so I could see better and feel inspired to go to class.

I took a shower and walked past the toilet (T. Elkins, 1897) over to the sink to brush my teeth. I put my prescription contacts in my eyes so I could see. I looked for my hairbrush (Lydia D. Newman). After I found my brush,

I unfolded my ironing board (Sarah Boone, 12/30/1887) so I could iron the wrinkles out of my t-shirt. I put on my clothes and on my way out, I got a piece of fruit out of the refrigerator (John Standard, 7/14/1894). I did not feel like eating a peanut butter (George Washington Carver, 1896) and jelly sandwich this morning. The telephone (Alexander Graham Bell and Granville Woods 12/2/1884) rang, and I rushed to answer it, thinking it was an important phone call. It was only a Discover card representative who said the company would give my remaining balance to a credit agency if I did not make a payment soon. I give it up to bill collectors because they will call you at 6 a.m. if they have to, in order to catch you before you run out. I felt a little irritated, so it took me a few minutes to open my door because my lock (W.A. Martin) was acting funny.

On my way down to the front desk, instead of taking the stairs, I took the elevator (Alexander Miles, 8/11/1867). I bought a stamp (Walter B. Purvis, 2/27/1883) to put on my envelope. I placed the envelope in the mailbox (Paul L. Downing, 8/27/1891) on my way out of the dorm. I bumped into a friend of mine who told me he was late for class because he lost his floppy disk

(John P. Moon, early 1960s) with his paper on it. He told me that he probably was not going to make it to class today because he had to retype his paper. I wished him luck as I crossed Western Boulevard, which is the road where cars are constantly rushing through red traffic lights (Garret A. Morgan, 1923). I went to my first class of the day and a freshman girl's cell phone (Henry Sampson, 7/6/1971) rang in class. I can understand it ringing one time, but her phone rang around three times and she finally cut it off when the professor screamed "Please turn off your cell phone! Everyone make sure to turn off your cell phones before coming to class!"

I asked myself why people still come in classes with their cell phones on as if cell phones impress people when fourth and fifth graders are rocking cell phones now.

On my way out of class, I picked up a free ESPN keychain (F.J. Loudin, 1/9/1894) off the table in front of

Witherspoon cinema. I said to the janitor "Excuse me," as I passed him at the door where he was using his Windex (A.L. Lewis, 1892) to clean the windows. I wore a big coat. It was humid and raining. I would have known what was going on with the accurate weather forecast (Philip Emeagwali, 1990) if I watched the news

before I left for class this morning. I was hungry, so I went to Clark Dining Hall. On my way up the stairs, two guys passed me on bicycles (Isaac R. Johnson). After I finished eating dinner and ice cream (Augustus Jackson, 1832), I walked slowly across the floor where a cafeteria worker paused with his mop (Thomas W. Stewart, 1893) so I could get by on my way out. I walked to my dorm to chill out for the afternoon.

This was a half of a day, which I owed largely to the inventions of African-Americans. Black inventions are everywhere. If you are a female who gets up at 6 a.m. every morning for an 8 a.m. to use that straightening comb to get your hair on point for the day, remember Madam C.J. Walker (approx. 1905). If you drive a car with a stick shift, remember Richard Spikes (2/28/1932) when you are using those gears driving through campus. When you finish classes and go to your room and watch TV for the rest of the afternoon, do me a favor and remember Joseph N. Jackson when you holding that remote control in your hand flipping through channels.

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The virtue of sharing

President Musharraf pardoned the founder of the Pakistani nuclear program, Abdul Qadeer Khan, for selling nuclear secrets to rogue states. Musharraf's decision has created little attention on the world scale.

So, it turns out that the only country in the world where one can receive



Brian Onorio
Staff Columnist

Pakistan's first nuclear weapon. And it turns out, he likes to share.

David Kay, former leader of the U.S. team that searched for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq said, "I can think of no one who deserves less to be pardoned, [Khan was] running essentially a Sam's Club" of nuclear technology. But the response from the Bush Administration has been relatively benign. President Bush's low-key response has many critics raising questions as to why his administration doesn't condemn President Musharraf's decision. What an American official believes, speaking on condition of anonymity, is that we hope that the pardon turns into a plea bargain. In exchange for the pardon, Pakistan will receive information about leading members of the world-wide nuclear black market.

Pakistan, who shares a border with Afghanistan, has arrested over 500 members of Al-Qaeda and has turned most of them over to the Americans. This could explain the President's decision not to come down on Musharraf. Pakistan has been a key ally on the war on terror and continues to do so. Even Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, has been less than condemning saying, "Obvi-

ously, it is a difficult situation he has to deal with."

The problem for Pervez Musharraf is two-fold. If he moves for a trial to convict Dr. Khan, who is widely regarded a hero, the fallout and protest from the Pakistani public would be tremendous. But by pardoning the Doctor of Mass Destruction, he could face fallout from the international community. In addition,

Pakistan has always been on the hot seat with the International commu-

nity because many militant Islamic groups have been founded and function freely within the border. The war in Afghanistan gave Pakistan the chance for a face-lift or else they face a war on their own grounds. Many still question the sincerity of the Pakistani government.

Musharraf got lucky, no question. The response from the rest of the world has been small, at least from heads of state. But now we face a challenge that we have not faced since the end of the Cold War. The proliferation of nuclear secrets could be greater now than it was 30 years ago. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has reported finding Pakistani technology in both Iran and Libya. It's no surprise how it got there now. Dr. Bomb has been systematically profiting at the expense of the security of the world. Libya and Iran have widely been regarded as rogue states. And if the IAEA is ever allowed access to the nuclear reactors at Pyongyang, North Korea, you can bet Kim Jong-Il went shopping.

Indeed the decision for the Pakistani president was difficult and risky.

America recently praised Musharraf and the rest of the west for arranging peace talks with neighbor India that will be the first of any such event between the two nuclear powers in over two years. Couple that with the support Pakistan has garnered from its help in the war on terror and it is easy to see just how risky his decision was. He chose to pardon Khan at the expense of alienating his nation from the west. And it seems Musharraf made the decision with the least

amount of fallout. But I still disagree with Musharraf's decision. Pardoning a nuclear profiteer is unacceptable and perhaps even more unacceptable is the west's reaction. I'm sure Bush and Co. weren't happy about the pardon decision but they

didn't show it. I'm sure the United Nations wasn't particularly happy about the decision, but when do they ever show their dissatisfaction (see Iraq)? I think that we live in an age today that is perhaps more dangerous than the Cold War standoff. During the Cold War, we at least knew where aggression originated. But now, a secret sold, a weapon developed, a madman with more hatred than regard for his own life can be a catastrophic combination. Instead of standing idly by, I think that the United Nations, the United States and Musharraf himself have a responsibility to the security of the world to strongly condemn the proliferation of nuclear secrets. Anything less is unacceptable.

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TWINS

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Miranda and Shaina were excited at the opportunity to help begin State's softball program and to play under Coach Navas, who was hired as the Wolfpack's head coach in July of 2002 after spending two seasons at North Carolina as an assistant.

"We were a packaged deal, so if they wanted to take me, they had to take Miranda, and vice versa, but starting a new program, we did that in high school," Shaina said. "Just starting from the ground up seemed like the opportunity of a lifetime."

Playing in college has meant refining their games, though, and improving on the little things

that the twins' size helped them get away with in high school. According to Coach Navas, Shaina's pitching motion has changed drastically, and Miranda has worked hard to improve her catching skills.

"In high school, you could get away with, for me, not blocking the ball, and for her [Shaina], not pitching in the right place, but here they demand perfection," Miranda said.

The twins are two of 14 freshmen on this year's team, and, like everyone, are ready for the season to start, beginning with the Tri-angle Classic this weekend at the Walnut Creek Softball Complex in Raleigh. The team's first game is today at 1 p.m. against Radford (0-2).

"It's really about to heat up," Miranda said. "I'm just antici-

pating seeing where everybody's at, and seeing how they handle pressure situations and how I handle them too."

Teammates Jennifer Chamberlain and Abbie Sims both describe Miranda and Shaina as strong leaders on this year's team, but say Shaina is the more intense one, while Miranda tends to joke at practice.

"Miranda is more comic relief, Shaina is more like, 'You need to do this, this, this,'" Sims said.

Both twins are serious about one thing — helping State contend in the ACC this year.

"It's been a really long time since we've actually been in the competition atmosphere, but we work, I think our team works hard every day at practice," Shaina said. "I know as the season goes on, we'll get better and better."

SOFTBALL

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Coach Navas came to some of my practices," Hasper said. "I just heard her talk, and I just wanted to play for her. State just seemed like the right place for me."

Navas held open tryouts early in 2003, and the team came together in the fall of that same year. She's put together a geographically diverse team; 11 of her 19 players are from outside the state of North Carolina.

"Everybody is going to second-guess everything we do," Navas said. "This year doesn't determine how we are going to be in the future. If we are great this year, we need to be better next year and the years after that."

With only four upperclassmen and 14 freshmen, the team is very inexperienced. In addition, the incoming freshmen did not have an established program to incorporate themselves. So to build team continuity, Navas implemented "Fun Friday Nights," where the team would go out together on a Friday night and do something together as a group. Navas believed that this

and other relationship-building activities have helped the team grow as a unit over the last few months. Still, she knows her coaching staff will have a lot of work to do in order to bring the intensity onto the field.

"We don't have the kids that have been here before to have the necessary experience," Navas said. "It's been tough on us as a coaching staff because we have had to wait so long."

The 14 freshmen on the team exemplify Navas' plan to have most of her players participate in her system at State for all four of their years.

"Everybody told me I should have gotten a bunch of junior college skills and some freshmen," Navas said. "But State is a challenging institution, so I didn't want to bring kids in for only a year that weren't going to get a degree."

On the pitching mound, Hasper's team expects her to bring a sense of leadership. She brings not only experience, but also first-hand knowledge of the necessary tools needed to become a competitor at the college level.

"I think once we start playing, leaders will come out in everybody. Every player is capable of

carrying a certain part of the team," Hasper said.

Joining her on the mound are freshmen Abbie Sims and Ervin, who Navas said she feels have the talent to support the Wolfpack staff. All three players will lend their skills to other positions. Both Hasper and Sims will see time in the outfield, and Ervin will step in at first base when she is not pitching.

Two of N.C. State's strongest hitters, freshmen Miranda Ervin (who is the twin sister of Shaina Ervin) and Jennifer Patterson, will share time as catchers along with sophomores Caroline Blount and Ashley O'Daniel.

With six freshmen, the infield will be the youngest but deepest component of the team.

"We are looking for players who can step, play defense, but most of all for those players who are going to take advantage of their bats," Navas said.

Amid the pressures and demands that will come as the season progresses, the 2004 Wolfpack softball team is determined to build a successful program.

"Our goal is to beat some people," Shaina Ervin said with a chuckle. "We want to be the first team to 21 outs."

BACHMAN

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Because the scratched cornea limited Bachman's practice time for a week, she only participated in the exhibition for the last meet but proved that the injury didn't affect her performance.

"Had we put her in the meet, she would have scored a 39.225, which would have been her highest ever," Stevenson said.

For improvement from last year's solid freshman campaign, Bachman set two individual goals to accomplish during the 2004 season.

"I wanted to be an anchor and be the last spot, and I wanted to get back in all-around," she said.

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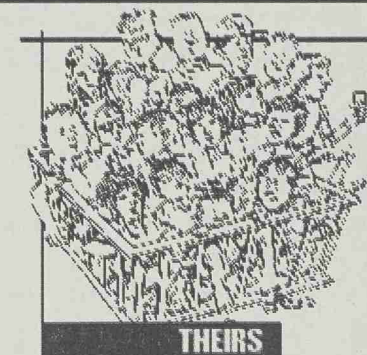
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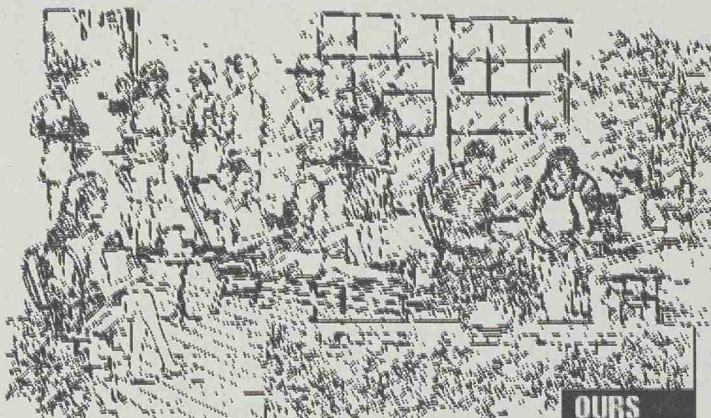
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OFFENSIVELY

Duke, who at 10-0 has yet to lose an ACC game, hasn't really been stopped on the offensive end all year. J.J. Redick moves so well without the ball and because the Blue Devils' remaining guards are so quick, they wreak havoc for virtually any team they face. Freshman Luol Deng has an injured tailbone and could be slightly banged up, opening things up for the Wolfpack's Marcus Melvin, who's been on a tear as of late.

Advantage: Duke

DEFENSIVELY

Overlooked in State's 3-point explosion over the past couple of games has been its defense. The Pack is very active in helping in the post and Scooter Sherrill is turning into a legitimate defensive stopper. Throw Julius Hodge into the mix, and these are the two best defensive teams in the league with the possible exception of Georgia Tech.

Advantage: Even

COACHING

Mike Krzyzewski lauded the job Herb Sendek has done at State, even throwing a jab at the Wolfpack's football program, by asking why hadn't they throw Herb Sendek a parade considering they did one for the fourth-place football team? Sendek is the front-runner for league coach of the year, but if Duke wins out or goes 15-1, Krzyzewski deserves it.

Advantage: Duke

INTANGIBLES

After being patted at Cameron Indoor Stadium earlier in the year, something clicked for State, and it hasn't played a bad game since, its only loss being by two points at North Carolina. State beat the Devils at home last year and is 12-0 in the RBC Center this season, so it can clearly play with Duke at home. Regardless, this should be one of the best ACC games of the year.

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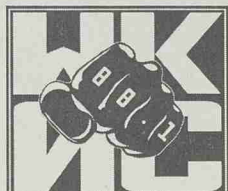
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MBBALL

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down to the teams. Earlier this season, the Wolfpack suffered its biggest loss of the season at Duke, 76-57.

"We felt like we didn't play to our abilities that night," senior Scooter Sherrill said.

But what made it bad was that State played unlike itself, turning the ball over and rushing its offense instead of calmly setting up and finding the best shot.

WBBALL

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In the first half, it was guards Rachel Stockdale and Marquette Dickens, roaming the perimeter, singeing the nets from beyond the arc in combining for five 3s.

"Big shots," Yow said. "They hit 'em early and made a statement with them."

And in the second, it was Chones and frontcourt mate Alvine Mendeng, vacuuming rebounds like dust and spitting them out for second- and third-chance points. Demoralizing points that erased any notion of Clemson fighting its way back.

"Rebounding is always a big thing for us," Chones said. "Last time we played Clemson, they just killed us on the boards. [Rebounding well] was one of our main goals coming into the

"There were two things that stood out to me about our loss at Duke," Sendek said. "First were the turnovers, which give credit to Duke's defense on the job they did. But we had a lack of execution on our behalf. Then, and I noticed this again after watching the tape, was that our shot selection was awful. We hurried our shots."

A big reason for the Pack's inability to play the way it wanted was due to the defensive pressure that the Blue Devils are known for. Duke leads the conference in scoring defense, allowing an aver-

age of 60.2 points a contest.

The peckiness of players like Chris Duhon and Sean Dockery have the Blue Devils ranked third in the league in steals, while the ever-increasing play of Sheldon Williams and Shavlik Randolph in the paint helps put Duke just behind Maryland for the most blocks.

"They've been smothering on defense," Sendek said. "They cover for each other really well too and they are always getting their hands on the basketball. Even when you penetrate and think you're going to have a chance at

a good shot, they negate a large number of those."

But State's defense, especially the play of Sherrill, has drastically improved since the last time these two met.

Since then, the Wolfpack has held all but one of its opponents to less than 70 points, including the Tar Heels, who lead the conference in scoring.

Also, the Pack leads the nation in free throw percentage at .796 but the Blue Devils aren't that far behind with a percentage of .720 making for a possible nail-biter at the RBC Center.

averaging almost 18 points an left with just eight.

"We felt if Stokes has a great game, Clemson is more likely to have a great game," Yow said. "We wanted to keep her shut down as much as possible. We keyed on Stokes, there's no question about that."

The Pack lead stretched to 31 points with four minutes to play after Billie McDowell's layup made it 69-38. Long decided, Yow and her team cruised the rest of the way, as every player saw more than a minute of action.

"It's great to come back home and to get this win and to get it the way we did tonight," Yow said. "To have our starters and our first people off the bench play really well at both ends of the court. We continue to get better at the things we need to get better at. We're taking care of the ball, helping better on the defensive end, and those two things are paying big dividends for us."

ing to fall," Chones said. "They're getting pretty consistent, and that's always going to open up the middle."

A battler inside the entire night who led both squads with seven rebounds, Chones had a quiet eight points in the first half as State built 38-21 halftime lead. In jumping to the large advantage at intermission, Chones and teammates attacked the Lady Tigers defensively, frustrating Clemson into turnovers, tough passes and a shot selection that yielded a woeful 33 percent first-half shooting percentage. For the game, State forced 17 turnovers and committed only seven.

As good as Chones, Dickens and Mendeng were offensively, Nanna Rivers and Ashley Key were their equals on the defensive end. Rivers and Key, who Yow called the teams' two best perimeter defenders after the game, muzzled Clemson's Lakeia Stokes, who came into the contest

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M. tennis at Maryland, 2/13
W. tennis at Coastal Carolina, 2/15

Scores

W. basketball 76, Clemson 55

TECHNICIAN



1-2 punch attacks the field



Freshman Shaina Ervin works on her pitching motion during practice. Ervin has a twin sister on the team, and together they open the era of State softball today.

Freshman twins Shaina and Miranda Ervin hope to continue their high school success as the softball team begins its first season.

Robin Segreti
Staff Writer

It's the 2002 North Carolina 4-A softball championship. Bottom of the seventh inning, two outs, Charlotte Hopewell is leading Central Cabarrus 4-3.

Junior Shaina Ervin is on the mound for Hopewell, facing Central star Crystal Cox, with two runners on base. Shaina's twin sister Miranda is catching behind the plate. The count is 2-2. Two pitches later, Shaina struck out Cox, and Hopewell won its first high school championship, with a remarkable 24-3 season in its first year of existence.

"We were the underdogs," said Shaina, of the 2002 championship. "Everybody thought we wouldn't be any good, just because we were a first-year team, and we ended up beating a lot of people that thought they could beat us."

Two years and another state championship later, Shaina and Miranda are trying to duplicate that success with another first-year softball

program - the N.C. State softball program.

Coach Lisa Navas has been watching the twins since they were high school sophomores and was impressed with their immediate impact at Hopewell.

"They did one thing that's very hard to teach a lot of people; they won. They won games on a regular basis," Navas said.

They. It's hard to refer to one twin without mentioning the other, because their careers complement each other. Both began playing softball at age four, and blossomed into stars in high school, where they grew to their full heights of 6-foot-1 (Miranda) and 6-foot-2 (Shaina). Miranda even switched positions to catcher in 2002, because she was always the one who caught her sister when they practiced on their own. Their senior season, Shaina and Miranda were co-team captains, co-state tournament MVPs and co-Mecklenburg County Players of the Year. Shaina, named the North Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year, finished the season with a 26-4 record and a 0.08 ERA, while Miranda batted .600 with five home runs and 48 RBIs. Their accomplishments landed them in Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd in 2003.

Set on going to college together,

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Dawn of an N.C. State era

N.C. State's first softball team begins its inaugural season this weekend.

Memie Ezike
Staff Writer

Led by head coach Lisa Navas, a group of 18 women will begin a new era in N.C. State athletics today as members of the first N.C. State softball team.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime," freshman Shaina Ervin said. "When you get the opportunity to start a program, there is no way one should turn it down."

To say that the coaches and players are excited about this opportunity would be an understatement. Both Navas and her players know that the chance to be successful in State's first softball season is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"It's exciting for us to be involved in starting a new program," junior Lee

Hasper said. "I think we are really excited to begin competing."

Navas comes to NCSU from North Carolina, where she was an assistant coach for the last two years. She had previous head-coaching experience at Barry University in Florida, where she guided the team to a 335-134-1 record over nine years.

Navas wanted to make her name heard when NCSU began its search for a softball coach.

"I knew nothing about this university, but when I heard this job opening, I was dreaming that this was the job I was going to get," Navas said. "Just that State is red and it's my favorite color, so I was good to go."

For many of the players, the opportunity to play on the Wolfpack's first team was a deciding factor in choosing State. Additionally, many players were also impressed with Navas' intensity and desire to win.

"I was playing junior college, and

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Home court could be the key

The N.C. State men's basketball team will look for some added help from Wolfpack fans Sunday when it plays host to No. 1 Duke.

Justin Sellers
Senior Staff Writer

The advantage of playing at home can be very important in college basketball, especially in the ACC.

Of the five league teams currently ranked nationally, the home team has gone 53-5 on their respective home courts this season.

Now, focus is more on this Sunday's match-up between top-ranked Duke (21-1, 10-0) and N.C. State (15-5, 8-2). Despite playing better basketball on the road recently, the Wolfpack has struggled away from Raleigh in the past. As for the Blue Devils, their only loss of the year came in Alaska at the hands of Purdue, 78-68.

The most important factor here is that neither team has lost at home.

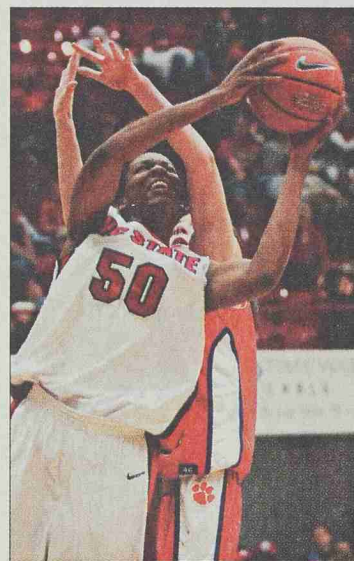
Part of this is because of the fans. True, Cameron Indoor Stadium can be quite deafening, especially when considering the Crazies' constant hounding of visiting players. But State fans have helped turn the RBC Center into a tough place to win on the road as well.

"Our fans have been tremendous this season," head coach Herb Sendek said. "They've given us a lift at home. I've said all of this before, but our players and our coaching staff really appreciate the support our fans have given."

Nevertheless, the outcome of the game boils

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Women roll over Clemson



Senior Kaayla Chones goes up for two of her 20 points during the second half of State's blowout home victory over Clemson.

Hot first-half 3-point shooting and Kaayla Chones' 20 points lead to an easy N.C. State win.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

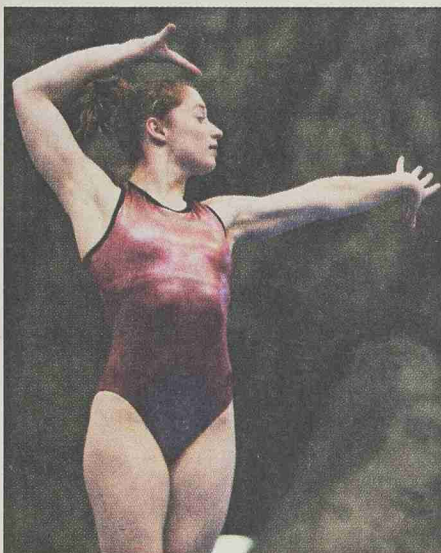
With the outcome long decided and the minutes melting, coach Kay Yow emptied her bench Thursday night to the cheers of a small, yet appreciative and loud crowd. Soon, those cheering loudest would be seated on the N.C. State bench.

The starters, led by Kaayla Chones and her 20 points, walked off the Reynolds Coliseum court winners and watched the final moments of the Wolfpack's 76-55 victory over Clemson from the sidelines — slapping hands, exchanging laughs, cheering teammates.

Yow's team, which started ACC play with five consecutive losses, evened its conference record with a win that wasn't as close as the 21-point final margin. The Pack (14-11, 6-6 ACC), which earned its fourth straight triumph and sixth in seven games, did it every which way to the Lady Tigers (15-8, 5-7), going outside early to build a double-digit lead and going inside later to push

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Gymnast eyes improvement



Sophomore Kyla Bachman works on her balance beam routine during Thursday's practice. Bachman and the Wolfpack host the Hearts Invitational tonight in Reynolds Coliseum.

Kyla Bachman has become one of the most accomplished all-around performers on the gymnastics team during her sophomore year.

Ryan Reynolds
Staff writer

Two weeks ago, sophomore Kyla Bachman scratched the cornea of her eye. The discomfort from the injury led to some struggles in practice and forced her to wear glasses for a week.

The injury to her eye has since healed, and the sophomore from Pennsylvania has gone back to participating in normal routines.

Despite the minor setback, it is clear to head coach Mark Stevenson that Bachman is becoming one of the unspoken leaders of the N.C. State gymnastics team.

"She already leads in a lot of ways because of her work ethic and the amount of time she's willing to spend to get things done," Stevenson said. "She's not too much of a verbal leader at this point because she's young, but I definitely see her being one of our best kids her junior and senior year and emerging as one of the leaders of the team."

In her first two years, Bachman has not only become one of the best on the balance beam

at State but has also emerged as one of the best in the conference. In 2003, Bachman was named first-team All-EAGL for beam. She also saw considerable action on vault and bars in the last six meets of the season.

"It's really important to come in as a freshman and have a positive experience, because of competition and how you fit into the team and that kind of stuff," Stevenson said. "Ky did a great job of coming in last year and stepping up and doing what she needed to do to be successful."

Since last season, she has increased the difficulty of her beam routine from a single-series to a triple-series; Bachman attributes her success on the beam to confidence.

"You can't doubt yourself," she said. "As soon as you go up there, you have to know you're going to do it. Then it comes naturally."

Bachman has had to increase her skills on other routines to compete as an all-around gymnast, despite having immediate achievement on the beam.

"I've definitely improved on vault the most," Bachman said. "It was probably my worst event, and I didn't have a very hard vault, but now I have a pretty decent vault."

Bachman is also participating on the floor routine for the first time with the Wolfpack.

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