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Liaison focuses on change

Additions and changes to campus facilities, including food service improvement, were the topic of discussion at recent liaison.

Jade Salazar
Staff Reporter

Tuition - a hot topic on campus since the university proposed an increase last semester - was still at the top of the agenda at Wednesday's Chancellor's Liaison meeting.

Inclement weather forced the Board of Governors to reschedule their next meeting for March 19 but most student leaders in the Student Senate chambers Wednesday knew that tuition would likely be discussed.

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox told the crowded room that, "At this point, a tuition increase may be the best option the university has in order to maintain the quality of all the programs here."

Fox has been presented with a possible 1-3 percent budget cut for the upcoming year. Each percent represents approximately \$2.8 million.

"If anyone knows of any areas that can afford some sort of budget cut without taking away from the quality of the program, we would like them to contact the Provost," Fox said. "However, the quality is top priority for the university and that may cause the university to take other measures."

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will review N.C. State from March 23-25. This review will determine the credibility of the university.

During this time, at random selection, students will comment on the university to a member of the SACS review board.

"I encourage you to be positive," Fox said, as each interview will help determine the review board's decision.



Director of Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service Mike Giancola looks on to the crowded room at the Chancellor's Liaison. The event takes place twice a month and allows the public to be updated on university affairs.

NCSU's Athletic Program is also under review this year. Every 10 years, the NCAA asks each university to do a self-study and review of five different intercollegiate areas. This review will take place from April 28-30.

The chancellor's liaison meeting also presented the results for the student diversity climate survey and the impact the survey has on the agenda for discussion at future liaison meetings.

Approximately 18 percent of undergraduate students and 26 percent of graduate students responded to the

survey. Last year's survey had a higher response rate, according to Jose Picart, vice provost for diversity and African-American affairs.

Associate Vice Chancellor for University Dining Art White presented new ideas for the upcoming year. White stated that three new coffee shops will serve campus, one in the Kramer Room at the College of Textiles, another at the new Wolf Village dorms and one in the Quad C-store.

A renovation of Clark Dining Hall is also in store for the next few years,

as well as the addition of a juice bar to Carmichael Gymnasium in the fall of 2007, White said. Renovations to Fountain Dining Hall will add a possible bakery and pizza shop.

White announced University Dining has received satisfactory responses from daily student surveys.

"Clark has always been reviewed higher than Fountain and within the past three weeks, we are getting higher reviews from Fountain than Clark, while Clark's satisfaction has stayed the same," White said.

Relive the 1980s tonight

Students encouraged to get in the '80s groove tonight in Witherspoon Cinema.

Rachael Rogers
Senior Staff Reporter

New Kids on the Block, Punky Brewster and Transformers bring back childhood memories for thousands of students who grew up in the 1980s. Tonight, the Union Activities Board's Leisure and Entertainment committee hopes to bring back more memories than just big hair with their '80s @ 8 (p.m.) event.

Carol Nee, chair of the Leisure and Entertainment committee and a senior in communications, thought that it was time to bring back the infamous decade. "The 2000s were getting too old," Nee joked. "Old school times were the golden years for our generation and happen to be mostly in the late '80s. We wanted to give students the chance to temporarily relive that awesome moment in history."

John Hugo, a senior in civil engineering, is looking forward to tonight. "Most of the students nowadays grew up in that great decade. This event is a good way to bring back memories and just plain have fun," said Hugo, a member of the Leisure and Entertainment committee.

The event will bring back all of the music, television shows, games and fads that made the 80s a unique decade. "Never before has a decade produced more ridiculous music, TV shows and fads than the 1980s, and never before has a decade's pop culture been more exhilarating to resurrect and glorify than the '80s," said Mike O'Donnell, member of the Leisure and Entertainment committee and a freshman in biomedical engineering.

In order to resurrect the decade, the committee has pulled together events for students to participate in and have the chance to win prizes. Students will get to participate in an '80s trivia game where randomly selected students will answer '80s-related questions.

Partygoers can volunteer to lip-sync '80s songs in front of the audience for the chance to win a prize. Students can also take part in a look-alike contest.

"We, of course, are encouraging students to dress up in '80s fashion to really create the right atmosphere for the event," said Nee. "And for that, we're offering a prize to the student who looks closest to some '80s figure/star or a student that put the most effort into dressing in '80s style."

The committee hopes to see a big student turnout and believes the event will be entertaining for all in attendance.

"Students should go to the '80s night because it's free, plus they have the chance to get free stuff and see the best of the '80s

One little pill:
One ongoing debate

STORY BY JOSIANNE LAUBER

People often refer to it as the morning after pill, but some also know it as "Plan B." This type of emergency contraception is currently only available in the United States by prescription, and many organizations

are trying to change that.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, in Feb. 2001, 70 organizations ranging from the American Public Health Association to the FDA requested that the Emergency Contraceptive Pill be available without prescription. Several nations have already approved the switch to the over-the-counter availability of the pill, including the United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Finland, France, Denmark and many others.

According to Planned Parenthood, about 78 percent of teenage pregnancies are unintended. The U.S. teenage birth rate is the highest in the developed world; twice as high as England's, three times as high as Australia's, four times as high as Germany's, six times as high as France's, eight times as high as the Netherlands' and 15 times as high as Japan's.

Although these numbers are declining, they are still high. ECPs may prevent some of these unintended pregnancies, but the idea to "switch" from prescription to over-the-counter has been met with as much opposition as support.

Katie Rende, a sophomore in botany, biology and zoology, said she disagrees with the switch. "I disagree because this makes an excuse for people and I think girls will be more irresponsible."

"When I first heard about this pill being offered over the counter, I wondered if it would encourage more irresponsible sexual activity, but then I thought, what's the difference between this pill and condoms? They both prevent pregnancies. I think that women should have the right to decide what to do with their own bodies, instead of having the government decide for them," said another woman, a junior who wanted to remain anonymous.

Dr. David Grimes, a clinical professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, compares ECPs to a fire extinguisher.

"Some critics fear that easy access to emergency contraception will lead couples to abandon conventional contraception. This is analogous to suggesting that having a fire extinguisher

in the kitchen leads to hazardous cooking practices," he said.

In a recent article published by the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, Grimes explained studies done to counter this argument.

"There are four studies which suggest that advance access to [emergency contraception] does not prevent use of regular birth control. When legalized abortion became available, we heard the same argument, but going through an induced abortion actually encourages women to use birth control methods subsequently. Repeated use of [emergency contraception] wreaks havoc on a woman's cycle, so the resulting menstrual chaos acts as a powerful deterrent to using this method too often," Grimes said.

ECPs are a method of preventing pregnancy after unprotected sexual intercourse. A woman can take the pill up to 72 hours after the incident.

Bailey Allred, a junior in architecture, said, "The morning after pill would be a beneficial form of over-the-counter contraception because it creates another means of executing a woman's right to choice, giving this decision more directly to the woman as well."

The possibility of the Emergency Contraceptive Pill becoming available over the counter has been cause for debate.

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State stumped

After N.C. State beat Duke Sunday night, Herb Sendek went into the locker room, said nothing to his players and wrote "Clemson" on the blackboard. The coach did the same thing Wednesday night after his team suffered a loss to the Tigers. See page 8

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Coalition nabs possible al-Qaida militants; 10 die in attack

HILLAH, Iraq - Suicide bombers detonated explosives outside a Polish-run base Wednesday, killing 10 Iraqis and wounding more than 100 people, more than half of them coalition soldiers. The United States arrested seven guerrillas believed linked to al-Qaida in an early morning raid to the north.

The attack in Hillah, the third suicide bombing of security targets in two weeks, was part of a wider effort "to isolate us from the Iraqi people," coalition military commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told reporters in Tikrit.

Coalition and military officials said at least 106 people were hurt in the blasts, which happened in the Hayy Babil neighborhood near Camp Charlie. The wounded included 32 Iraqis and 26 Poles, as well as Hungarians, Bulgarians, Filipinos and an American.

Former student suspected in professor's slaying

PASADENA, Calif. - A California State University professor was stabbed and decapitated in her home and the suspect, a onetime graduate student who

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had worked with her, later committed suicide, police said.

The body of Glenda Vittimberga, 37, was discovered in her Pasadena home early Monday. She had been stabbed several times, and her head was found in the living room fireplace.

Meanwhile, before dawn Monday, Mark Stephen Guerrero stripped off his clothes and ran in front of a truck on a San Bernardino County highway, killing himself, police said.

Authorities identified Guerrero, 38, as the suspect in the slaying, and police were trying to determine whether blood found in his vehicle matched Vittimberga's blood.

Vittimberga, an education professor at California State University at Los Angeles, once supervised Guerrero when he worked in the university's test center, said Margaret Garcia, an associate professor at the school.

Guerrero had received a master's degree in education from the university in 2000 and had later taken classes in hopes of earning another master's, in psychology.

A motive for the killing was not determined.

North Carolina's winter weather claims 18-year-old

SANFORD, N.C. - An 18-year-old woman was a victim of this week's ice storm, dying when the car she was in hit ice in Lee County and struck a tree.

Holly Elizabeth Crowson died Tuesday at the scene, about a mile west of U.S. 1, said Sgt. Richard Maness of the Highway Patrol.

The driver of the car, Keith Daniel Baker, 19, was treated at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford and released. He was charged with death by motor

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vehicle, a misdemeanor.

The car was going between 45 mph and 50 mph when it hit the ice, Maness said. The speed limit is 55 mph, but Baker was charged because he was driving too fast for conditions.

Former death row inmate acquitted after retrial

WINDSOR, N.C. - A prisoner taken off death row after a judge ruled prosecutors withheld key evidence in his murder trial was found not guilty Wednesday in a second trial.

Alan Gell, 28, has spent a decade behind bars in the 1995 murder of retired truck driver Allen Ray Jenkins, who was shot twice during a robbery. After the verdict, Gell hugged his attorneys and his mother wept in the courtroom.

He was immediately allowed to go free. When asked what he was going to do, he responded: "Go home, where I should have been years ago."

Roommates Wanted

Dean ends run for White House

Thomas Fitzgerald
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BURLINGTON, Vt. - Howard Dean, who just six weeks ago seemed to have the Democratic presidential nomination in his grasp, dropped out of the race Wednesday, declaring that he would convert his Internet-built campaign into a permanent movement to "take back our country for ordinary Americans."

As a candidate, Dean lost 17 straight primaries and caucuses over the past four weeks after leading in the polls for much of last year and in early January. "I am no longer actively pursuing the presidency," he told 250 hushed supporters in a hotel ballroom.

But Dean suggested he still would like to win votes and accumulate delegates in the coming primaries in order to have a voice in the party's direction. Noting that his name will remain on primary ballots, he urged backers to "participate" in the rest of the nomination process. "Use your network to send progressive delegates to the convention in Boston," he said. "We are not going away."

On the other hand, Dean said

he wouldn't offer a third-party bid for the White House and urged his followers not to be "tempted" into supporting an independent candidate. "The bottom line is we must beat George Bush," he said.

Dean has won 202 delegates so far. The 104 who were chosen in primaries or caucuses are pledged to vote for him on the first ballot in Boston, but the 98 who are "superdelegates" - party leaders and elected officials - are free to change their allegiance at any time.

In bowing out, Dean sought to frame his campaign's accomplishments for posterity. He said his message - confronting President Bush - had emboldened the other Democrats to assail the "special interests" in Washington.

"We have demonstrated to other Democrats that it is a far better thing to stand up to the right-wing agenda of George W. Bush than to cooperate with it," Dean said. "We have led this party back to considering what its heart and soul is."

Aides said Dean had no immediate plans to endorse another candidate, though he has had kind words recently for Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, and the two have talked since Sunday.

Edwards and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, a particular target of Dean's barbs on the campaign trail, praised the former Vermont governor Wednesday for energizing the Democratic base.

"He has done an extraordinary job of invigorating a whole group of people who were divorced from the political process," Kerry said in Dayton, Ohio, calling Dean's campaign innovative. Kerry said he was unconcerned about his rival's attacks, saying he often regretted things he said in the heat of the moment. "That's the way life is," Kerry said. "We're going to be unified."

Edwards, in a statement, said Dean "has energized and revolutionized this race, and excited a whole new generation of young Americans. He deserves our thanks."

Dean had staked his diminishing hopes on Wisconsin's fabled independent streak, thinking a miracle victory there would keep him alive. Instead, he finished a distant third Tuesday, behind the victorious Kerry and a surging Edwards. It remains unclear what form Dean's new organization would take, whether it would be a political action committee or a so-called "527" organization able to spend unlimited money

independently on behalf of candidates. Campaign CEO Roy Neel said details would be drawn up over the next several weeks.

"There are a lot of ways to make change," Dean said. "We are leaving one track but taking off on another."

Dean's campaign, linked in cyberspace and through informal "meet-ups," has an e-mail bank of 640,000 professed supporters, and was able to raise a Democratic record of \$50 million.

In the audience, staffers and supporters wept openly Wednesday and hugged one another, as a two-year enterprise that took off and rose to the top rapidly, then crashed to earth just as fast, came to an end.

"It will be good to have an outlet for the grassroots support we've built up," said Marc Chadwick, a computer-systems technician for the Dean campaign who wants to stay and work for the new organization. "We've energized a lot of people."

Near the middle of Dean's speech, a woman shouted, "We believe in you, Howard!"

He paused, looked up from the podium and said, "Believe in yourself."

James Kuhnhehn and Tim Funk contributed to this report.

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shows ever. Who doesn't love the '80s?" said Kyle Fox, a member of the committee and a senior in parks, recreation and tourism. "This is a great way to feel nostalgic and remember those days when we ran around in our He-Man under-roos pretending to have the force and hoping to meet Alf," Fox said.

'80s @ 8 will take place tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight in Witherspoon Cinema. The event is free for students with their ID. The UAB will provide food and drinks as well as prizes.



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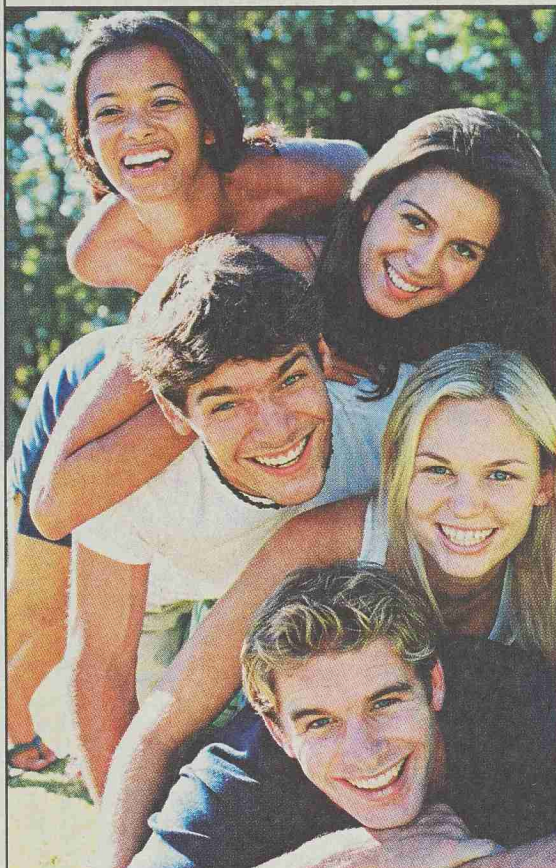
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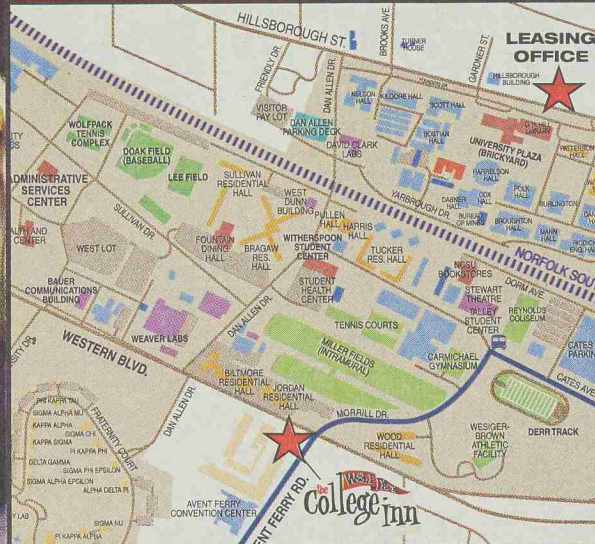
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MOVIES



50 First Dates

STARRING: Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore
DIRECTED BY: Peter Segal



Crystal clear blue water, elegant palms and playful dolphins frame crude slapstick humor in the new Adam Sandler film. With Sandler back to his old antics, one could forget that "Punchdrunk Love" existed (for better or for worse).

Henry Roth (Sandler) is a Hawaiian zookeeper that lives for one-night-stands with young, vacationing professionals. He begins to confront his fear of commitment after meeting Lucy (Drew Barrymore) in an Oahu cafe. There are only two issues: she's a local and she's got the whole brain damage thing. Lucy's short term memory loss is soon the only obstacle standing between the perfect romance.

Capitalizing on zoo-related humor, we are expected to laugh at walrus vomit and jokes about sizes of the sexual organs of marine animals, not to mention the "humorous" nature of being attacked by sharks.

Despite the weak jokes, the absurdity of the supporting

characters keeps things funny. The three characters that outshine Sandler are Ula (Rob Schneider), Doug (Sean Astin) and Dr. Keats (Dan Aykroyd).

Schneider, not an uncommon face in Sandler films, plays Ula, a ridiculous Pacific Islander stereotype who refuses to wear shorts longer than about four inches, and often removes his floral shirt to show off a round belly.

Next up on the plate is Astin's surprisingly great role of Lucy's steroid-enhanced brother, Doug. I cannot see him and not think of "Goonies," despite his recent appearances in the "Lord of the Rings" series. This film contains his funniest role yet, as every scene he is clad in mesh shirts and armed with a fantastic lisp.

The final comedic assistance is a bit part by Aykroyd. Though his one-liners don't invoke much laughter, his long legacy requires some appreciation. He is along for a little boosting of morale.

The soundtrack follows the formulaic romantic comedy path with assorted, recognizable, but disjointed, songs. These range from the Jamaican/reggae sound of Bob Marley to the southern California sound of 311's "Amber." And just to remind you of the setting, traditional Hawaiian music does come in occasionally.

"50 First Dates" winds up being a semi-decent romantic comedy that doesn't feel entirely uplifting. Nonetheless, it's a not-to-miss film for die-hard Sandler fans.

- Andrew Nicholas



Girl with a Pearl Earring

STARRING: Scarlett Johansson, Colin Firth
DIRECTED BY: Peter Webber



Many a film about a significantly influential painter have been made, and they have been largely successful. Interestingly, "Girl with a Pearl Earring" is about a single painting by Johannes Vermeer, instead of being focused on the artist himself. It is for this reason that the film suffers a weak, underdeveloped narrative.

The slow pace of the minimal unfolding events is true to Holland of the 1660s, but does not seem to translate as well into cinematic space. The pacing and narrative were appropriate and profitable in Tracy Chevalier's 1999 novel of the same name, but this story may not belong on celluloid.

Shortly after the film opens, Griet (Scarlett Johansson) is forced to become a maid for a strangely matriarchal family in the city of Delft. The house happens to be the residence of a semi-accomplished painter, Johannes (Colin Firth). Her introduction into the house soon stirs jealousy in both Johannes'

wife and son. The household stress increases as Johannes' income becomes entirely dependent on his relationship with a wealthy art collector (Tom Wilkinson).

The acting and dialog maintain a consistent and intentional emptiness, perhaps appropriate of the period. Despite the muted behaviors, let it be mentioned that Scarlett Johansson is a very talented actress for her young 19 years (she kept up with Bill Murray recently in "Lost in Translation").

The film's visual qualities far outshine its flimsy aural elements. Careful, deliberate mise-en-scene conveys a painterly quality to every frame. However, when paired with an uninvective score and less than perfect sound effects, there is not a full experience of 17th century Holland. An example of the poor sound is when a pig is led from screen left to right, and the overused "pig snort" effect is randomly heard. Okay, maybe I watch too many movies, but I swear that exact sound effect has been in at least three other relatively recent films.

The bottom line is that "Girl" is not as entertaining as other painter-related historical pieces. Two that come to mind are "Vincent and Theo" (based on Vincent Van Gogh) and the more recent "Frida" (based on Frida Kahlo). Each of those narratives embrace delving into artists' psychological motivations, where "Girl" comes up lacking in breadth.

- Andrew Nicholas

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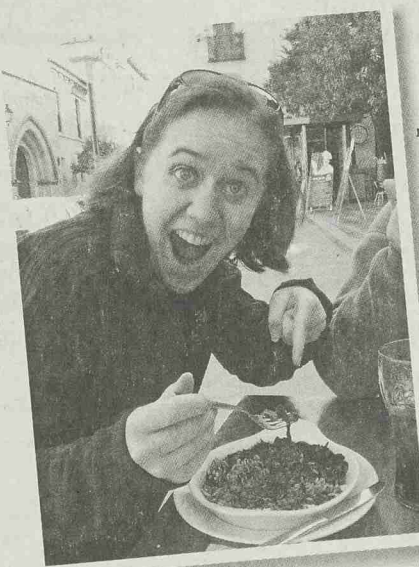
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A semester in Spanish

Jessica Gluck | Correspondent in Spain



Technician introduces its newest "foreign correspondent," Jessica Gluck, a sophomore in textiles, is spending the semester in Spain.

Pre-departure

While everyone started buying books, rearranging their schedules to make sure they don't have Friday classes and dreading the start of another round of tests, papers and projects, I started to pack my suitcase. A rather large Samsonite, a lovely shade of red and black to sport my wolfpack pride, was stuffed to the point of breaking while everyone started their first day of class in Raleigh.

The suitcase, a Christmas gift, is big enough to fit my sister inside. A dare turned into a mean joke when we decided to zip her up and take her for a spin, but this does, nonetheless, prove how large the bag is.

Why pack such a large suitcase? To begin my semester in Spain, I will be studying abroad in Sevilla, Espana until May 15. As a regular Technician staff member, I served as the graphics editor for part of the fall semester and am now your correspondent from Spain.

My goal for the semester is send you a moral for the week. Have no fear, I tend to find "life lessons" in the strangest of places. For instance, my sister and I learned the dangers of actually trying to fit into a suitcase.

So far, I've learned that the euro, the currency in Spain and all of the European Union is equal to \$1.25. If you pack less and bring an extra bag, you can buy more to bring home. Your parents will miss you; which means you can potentially milk your Christmas break for all it's worth and get treated to as many steak dinners your stomach can handle.

Jan. 27: "Pushing our buttons"

"Everyone here is so mean!" My mom heard loud and clear as I made the mistake of talking a little too loudly on the payphone outside my apartment. Just as I said it, a group of people walked by and gave me some dirty looks, which is something I have become quite accustomed to.

Spaniards by nature are more aggressive and loud. My program directors warned us that Spaniards would stand closer to us than what we're used to and would talk louder. What they didn't tell us was how our cultures would clash.

I am the kind of person that is used to smiling at people when they walk by, or patiently waiting my turn in line. In Spain, I have yet to receive a smile back from a Spaniard or be served if I wait for them to come to me. The lifestyle here is much more of aggressive.

For example, Sunday morning I went to the bakery to get some bread. There, several elderly couples were buying bread for the week. I felt awkward about pushing a little old lady out of my way just for some bread, so I waited until it seemed to be

my turn. Just as I opened my mouth to order in my "spanglish," this little lady came from behind and elbowed me out of the way shouting her order at the baker.

I was shocked! I really just wanted to push her out of the way or inadvertently place my foot strategically just so, hoping she might trip. But, this lady was old and could barely walk straight. I just assumed she as in a hurry; so, I bought my bread and went home.

That afternoon, my roommates, Amy and Bianca, and I went to mass at the cathedral in the heart of Sevilla. It is the third largest church in the world, home to the burial of Christopher Columbus, so you can just imagine the ornate quality of this cathedral.

We quietly found a seat and listened to the priest proceed through the service. When it came time for communion, only Bianca went since she was the only Catholic in our little group. I watched as all the people at the service mobbed the priests to get their dose of well-being for the week.

While I have only attended mass with my grandmother a few times, I normally see people form a semblance of a line to get things like bread and wine. However, the mob of people pushed their way to get to the priest and their holy sacrament. Even Bianca said so as she sat down,

"even in church they're pushy!"

As I am starting my third week in Spain, I have started to get used to the cultural differences. Although, I am still noticing little details every day. I guess I will just have to get used to being pushed around... or else those little old ladies at the bakery better beware!

Feb. 11: "It's easy! you'll be fine"

Last weekend my program sponsored a weekend excursion to Granada. My roommates and I counted down the days until we left for one very important reason - a hot shower.

For the past three weeks we have been living in an apartment that has a very small water heater. Four girls, one very small water heater. It has been a disaster. The heater holds about four minutes of hot water, then takes about 45 minutes to an hour to refill. Let's just say that as soon as we got off the four hour bus ride, we raced to see how long we could stay in the shower. I came in a close second at about 35 minutes, while Bianca managed a solid 45.

After a fabulous buffet dinner, all 46 of us headed down the hill to the center of the city. Because our hotel was right next to the Alhambra, a large Arabic palace that overlooks the city, we were able to go down and get a good look

at the palace all lit up during the night.

After a solid five minutes of cameras flashing, we continued on to watch a small flamenco show.

We saw two different groups of dancers, one including a man of about 65 and a small girl of about 10.

The dancers kept up with an unbelievably fast beat and introduced us to a whole new world

of dancing. Dan- of Georgia, equated the show to "a cross between Lord of the Dance and clogging, but so much better!"

While some of us explored the vibrant night life Granada has to offer and crawled back around 7 a.m., I stayed in.

A small group went to the Sierra Nevada for a day of skiing, leaving the hotel about the same time our friends were wandering in. Since about 30 people decided to go skiing and we all seemed to have forgotten our equipment at home, we needed to spend about three hours getting the rental gear. Because the mountain had the bunny slopes in the middle, we had to take a lovely, scenic gondola ride up the short distance to ski. By the time I set foot on snow it was close to 1:30 p.m.

My roommate, Amy, decided it was up to her to teach me how to ski as I have never set foot on snow with a ski on before. In fact it wasn't until we were on top of the mountain that I learned how to do just that.

My little sister went on her first skiing excursion last winter. Her words of advice rang through my head the entire time we were in line for the chair lift, "Be careful when you get off the chair lift. It can be a doozy!"

After getting scooped up by the chair, by surprise of course, I began to worry about what awaited me ahead. A small mountain. There was no other way to get down, I had to ski. As we rode up, I saw a lady walking down the "mountain" holding her skis. At least I wouldn't be the only one walking.

Listening to my sister, I managed to get off the chair lift just fine and started off with a false sense of security. About 30 seconds after the chair lift, I started down the mountain with absolutely no knowledge of what to do, other than my quick lesson from Amy about stopping. About 30 seconds after that I was lying on my back in the snow.

However, the comedy of the situation was not in the fact I fell down so quickly,

it was in the fact I couldn't get up. I tried my hardest to plant my pole in the snow

and pull myself up, but I always managed to start sliding away from the pole.

After about five minutes of my attempts and much of laughs

from people skiing by, Amy finally helped me up. Two falls later, I was starting to get up like a pro.

We were only able to make three runs down my bunny slope, which was disappointing to Amy. She is from Washington (the state, not next door to George W.) and skis often in the winter. Since it took me about 20 minutes to get down the slope, she had no extra time.

To get down the mountain, you had two options: either ski down a very long and very intermediate slope or take the gondola. One look at Amy and I knew I was in the gondola all by myself.

I watched the slope closely as I rode down the lovely 14 minute ride to see people expertly maneuvering the slope and zipping past the ski schools that were taking their time going down. I did recognize one kid, who looked about eight years-old as one of the ones that buzzed past me as I was trying to get up from my first fall. Instantly I was very glad not to have skis on and to be in that gondola.

On the bus back to return our equipment, I apologized to Amy about taking up all her ski time. She smiled and said she was a little upset about paying the 36 euro for the lift ticket she didn't even use that much, but that it was definitely worth it. She said the best part was watching me.

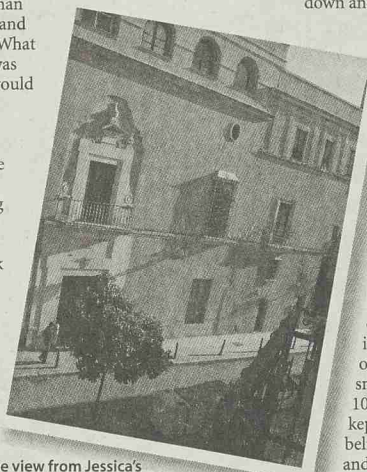
She then reached into her pocket and pulled out her camera. With a devilish grin, she said, "it was definitely amusing to watch you. And I have pictures to prove it!"

In celebration of my first skiing excursion, several of us went to McDonalds for dinner. We had skipped lunch on the mountain, so we were beyond hungry. Once we inhaled our food, it seemed to be ranked up there as one of the best meals we'd ever had.

All in all, Granada is a fascinating city with an amazing Arabic history. Plus it was the place of my first ski trip, who can ask for more? a hot shower, a fabulous time falling down in the snow and a great cheeseburger!

Send your ski advice to Jessica at: jmgluck@ncsu.edu

The view from Jessica's Spanish bedroom.



DON'T CATCH THE VACCINE BUG

OUR OPINION: DESPITE THE THREAT OF MENINGITIS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD NOT FOLLOW NEW YORK'S LEAD IN REQUIRING THE MENINGITIS VACCINATION.

When a population of people lives or congregates in a closed area for an extended period of time, germs spread and people get sick. In residence halls, illnesses from the common cold to mononucleosis to meningitis spread fast.

For that reason, meningitis — a sometimes deadly inflammation of the lining of the brain — is a constant threat to college campuses across the nation. Student health services fight battles for lives everyday, armed with medicines and vaccines. However, when the population does not have the proper vaccines, it can be an uphill battle. But the fight in New York just got a little easier.

Thanks to recent legislation, all students entering New York universities

will be required to have a meningitis vaccine. At the State University of New York-Binghamton, students are required to provide proof of meningitis vaccination in order to enter or remain in college.

North Carolina has legislation on meningitis too — but it only requires that students be educated on the vaccine, not that they have it. Student Health services fulfills this requirement by sending flyers and educational information to students and their parents.

Though it may appear that North Carolina is not arming its students with the proper protection, the current state legislation is a smart move. We should not follow in New York's footsteps because the cost and duration of the vaccine does not lend to mass requirements.

That's not to say that meningitis vaccines should not be a consideration for all students. Symptoms of the disease include headache, rash, stiff neck and

fever. It can be deadly if not treated within a day.

Survivors of the infection can suffer brain damage and amputation.

But vaccines to combat meningitis can run between \$75 and \$90, making it prohibitive for many students. Even at such costs, the vaccine only lasts 3-5 years and does not cover all the types of meningitis that exist.

Currently, national health centers do not recommend that colleges require meningitis and that's the way it should stay at N.C. State.

Health Services should stay its course, providing the right information to students and families so they can make a personal choice about arming themselves against disease. But until a cheaper vaccine is offered, it's a poor decision to require it.

It's up to the individual student to take the initiative and get the shot before they get sick with a life-threatening disease.

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Kerry the electable candidate?

Robert Jallall considers whether John Kerry is the right man for the presidency or if he can beat George W. Bush in the November presidential election.

I am somewhat apprehensive about John Kerry. I don't particularly like his views on anything. I don't like



Robert Jallall
Staff Columnist

his speeches. I don't like his hair, and I don't like how people have termed him as "electable." The political pundits this year were surprised that caucus and primary voters bucked common political wisdom and voted on

electability instead of issues and ideology. As a result, Dean lost big time and Kerry resurrected his campaign. In observing this reversal, I am worried that the voters' calculation of electability was wrong and might result in the opposite of what they expected.

My reason for worry is simple. I do not believe that Democratic primary and caucus voters' assessment of who is electable translates well to the general population's assessment of who is electable. Primary and caucus voters cast aside their grassroots and visceral support for Dean (which accounts for Dean's previous dominance) and bet that their strategic assessment of Kerry would apply in a general election. Never mind that being decided about a Democratic candidate and voting in an early Democratic poll already differentiates them from the normal voter.

A more key question is, if primary and caucus voters strategize and picked Kerry over the candidates who they really supported in the run up, what makes anyone think that general election voters will do the same? The answer is that they have no reason to. Unlike the current voters,

general election voters will not plot and calculate, they will vote for whom they feel is the best. Thus far, Kerry has only ridden the wave of voters' calculation. He has done little to elicit visceral, grassroots and true support that many of the other candidates have elicited.

As far as I can tell, the only thing that makes Kerry electable is his military service in Vietnam. For his stance on other issues, Kerry was not and is not particularly notable for anything. Considering his stance on the Iraqi war, Kerry's best response, a dubious one, is "I was duped by George W. Bush." On other issues, such as health care, the economy and the environment, Kerry does not stand out from the average Democratic opinion.

Perhaps Kerry hopes to again parlay his military experience, but I am not sure how "I saved two people in Vietnam, so I can save your job" or "I saved two people in Vietnam, so I can save your healthcare coverage" will inspire voters.

To be clear, I do believe that Kerry's military experience gives him good street credibility for being able to take over Bush's job as (supposed) wartime president. This alone may be enough to sustain Kerry, but if the election hinges on domestic issues, Kerry still has a lot of filling out to do.

If Kerry does not develop and distinguish himself on anything other than his military record, he will have slim pickings in terms of tools he can use to be elected. This includes Kerry's ability to smear Bush and fight a fight that will undoubtedly turn ugly. Where Bill Clinton had a knack for absorbing and weathering smear cam-

paigns, Bush's team has a knack for evading it to equally successful effect. More significantly, the Bush team and its Republican allies currently outclass their Democratic counterparts in their ability to dish out the dirt. For someone who is electable, not being able to out-smear Bush is one less tool for a campaign that is already lacking in equipment.

For Kerry to live up to his "electable" billing, he needs to start learning from the candidates over whom he holds a lead. Howard Dean engendered energetic, grassroots support by being passionate about his beliefs and fiery in his language. This contrasted nicely with the limp-wristedness that seemed to characterize Democrats during

Bush's term. John Edwards effuses likeability and honesty, and this has given him a shelf life much longer than anyone thought he had. Clark was a non-politician (ultimately too much so) and intrigued at least a few voters with the idea that the White House might not be run by lobbyists, unions, PACs and other campaign contributors.

Kerry the electable has none of these qualities and only has his time in Vietnam and the fact that he is electable, whatever that means. Kerry needs to develop himself now so that his bandwagon voters don't bandwagon over to Bush in November. When the general election arrives, I would very much like to vote for someone rather than against someone.

E-mail is great. Contact Robert at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

Let them eat cake

If you have not heard about the gay marriage issues across the country, I only have one question for you: Have you been living under a rock?



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

An argument I hear in almost every discussion is: "Marriage is a holy bond between a man and a woman."

What is a "holy bond," though? Marriage is a holy bond. But holy can mean something very sacred and revered by a person, or in this case, two people.

The religious argument does not hold much water for me anyway. Did you know that King James, the king that put the Bible together, was gay? Besides that, the Bible was written and then edited by men. How much has been left out or put in to make society conform to a certain way? And where exactly does it say that a man and a woman cannot be married? Or a woman and a woman? I do not understand how people can mold their lives to the tiniest detail based on a book written thousands of years ago by men that claim God was speaking to them.

Another argument that actually makes me laugh is "It is gross for a man to pleasure another man in the place from which excrement comes." Um, have you ever had sex? A man's penis is one of his excretory places! So is a woman's vagina. Which if you get down to the nitty gritty, sex between heterosexuals can be pretty gross too. We still do it though.

CAMPUS FORUM

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In response to Baruch Mechanic's column from Friday

First off, I want to say kudos to Baruch for taking such an adamant stand against the media for dragging the name of this nation's finest fighting force through the mud. As an active-duty Marine and full-time student at N.C. State, his words meant a lot to me and I'm sure to the other Marines on campus as well.

Though the Marines at NCSU are simply students like everyone else, each of us has served several years in the operating forces that carry out the day-to-day operations of the Corps. Out there, we went through the long hard days, separation from family, and regimented lifestyle, and we ask for little in return. We don't do it for the money, and our work mainly goes unnoticed by the vast majority of the populace.

However, from day one of Recruit Training, we are imbued with the values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, and our motto, "Semper Paratus" (always faithful) means that we take care of our own.

It has been said that there is no such thing as an ex-Marine, there are only former Marines because we truly believe "once a Marine, always a Marine." Unfortunately, some slip through the cracks and never should have been allowed to put the uniform on in the first place. Out in the fleet, we refer to them as the "10 Percent." Just like one drop of machine oil can pollute thousands of gallons

"But men were made to have sex with women, so they can make babies. A homosexual couple cannot make offspring." So, the only reason we are on this earth is to make babies? I agree that it is pretty important for the human race to survive, but if that is the only reason we are here then why don't we all go out in a field and procreate all day long and forget about work, school, talking and anything else not involved in making children. You do not have to have just one partner, because that is not an effective way of making lots of kids. It sounds like that would be!

"Children raised by homosexuals are more likely to be homosexual and will not be normal." This cannot be proved; no one is 100 percent sure what causes homosexuality. It could be a gene, it could be an acquired lifestyle.

I have known people raised by heterosexuals and people raised by homosexuals. They all seem "normal" to me. Besides, with hundreds of thousands of children that need to be adopted just waiting for someone, why should we say no to a couple that will be loving and give a child everything they need? There are plenty of parents out there that should not have children, yet still do.

Our society shouldn't persecute people because they are different. Gay and lesbian couples have just as much of a right to the benefits of marriage as heterosexual couples, such as respect in their communities, the ability to adopt children and raise them as a couple without strange looks from others, and the tax breaks that are available to married couples. Yes, there are the civil unions that are granted to couples, but that is like being second best. I say let homosexual couples get married if they want to. They are not hurting me by doing so.

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of drinking water, one bad Marine can tarnish the reputation of the entire Corps. We strive daily to "keep our honor clean" as our service song says, by policing our own ranks and not allowing ourselves to become complacent.

Mr. Studabaker obviously didn't grasp any of that too tightly, and even though he wore the uniform, his dishonor to the Corps shows that he wants nothing to do with us. The media culture is only after the profits of an eye-catching story, they care little for the effect their stories have on the populace.

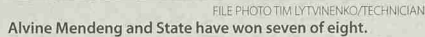
What could be more eye-catching than a screw-up from the most professional military organization in the United States? Perhaps a screw-up from the clergy? Most of us remember the media having a field day with that one too.

Yes, Toby Studabaker gave the United States Marine Corps a big black eye, but we've never been one to back down from a fight.

We've won every battle we've entered for the last 228 years, and the battle for our honor is fought daily by those of us who continue to uphold the highest values and traditions. The citizens of this country can still sleep soundly in their beds tonight, knowing that they are protected by the best that their nation has to offer.

Jacob H. Wilde
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Surging Wolfpack women return home to take on Florida State



N.C. STATE

OFFENSIVELY

N.C. State is going to score in a variety of ways. Center Kaayla Chones is fourth in the ACC in scoring, but State has won league games without her contribution. Freshman Marquetta Dickens is coming off a 21-point effort at Virginia. FSU connects on just under three 3-pointers a game.

Advantage: N.C. State

DEFENSIVELY
FSU allows a league-high 68.2 points per game and surrendered almost 80 points to the Pack back in January, a 79-64 State victory in Tallahassee. Only one team has scored more than 75 points against the Wolfpack in the last nine games.

Advantage: N.C. State

COACHING

Kay Yow, of Hall of Fame prestige, has managed to right her team's ship over an atrocious ACC start. She hasn't been afraid to tinker with the lineup or cut the minutes of her veterans. The new product has been one that has the team on course for the NCAA Tournament.

Advantage: N.C. State

INTANGIBLES

The Wolfpack, winners of five in a row, has lost exactly one game since Jan. 19 - on the road against No. 4 Duke. It's also coming off a huge home win over Clemson and a come-from-behind road win at Virginia. Don't expect the Seminoles, who haven't won in Raleigh since 1994, to slow things tonight.

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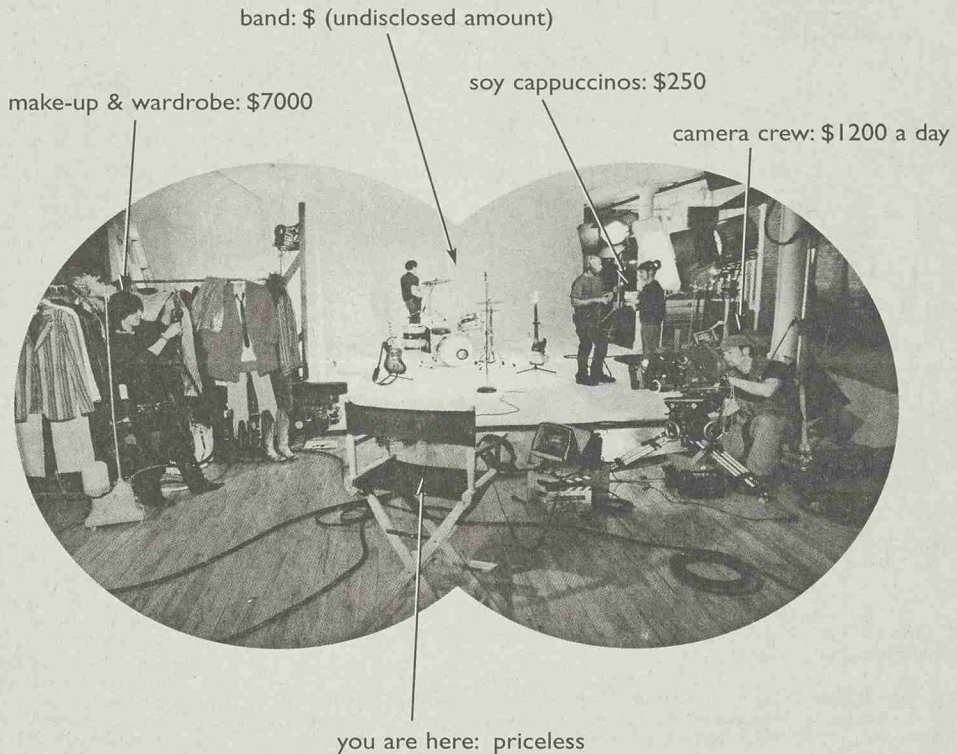


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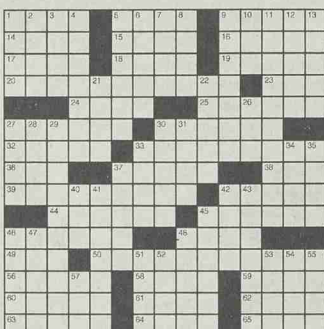
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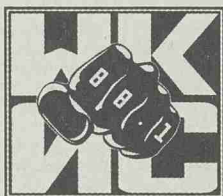
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1 Personnel
5 School orgs.
9 Film snippets
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17 Carter's middle name
18 Tykes
19 Colorado resort
20 Breakfast offering
23 Caesar's eggs
24 Copal
25 Affectionate critic
27 Religious bug?
30 Black-and-white saus
32 Elite invitees
33 Content
36 Author Fleming
37 temporary currency
38 Sis counterpart
39 Semi fuel
42 Secretary of State Powell
44 BLT part
45 "Company"
46 Prime
48 Bride's accessory
49 Abdul Aziz
50 Saud
50 Blue Grotto location
56 "Jurassic Park" star Sam
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59 Requirement
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game down the stretch due to Clemson's suspect performance from the foul line. The Tigers led by 14, the biggest margin of the game, when Chey Christie went in unguarded for a lay-up with 5:28 to play. That play was just one of many in which State allowed an uncontested basket. On others, it was Chris Hobbs with an open lay-up or Akin Akingbala cleaning up after a missed shot. Often, it'd be an uncontested attempt.

"Our defense gave them any shot they wanted," said Hodge, who finished with 15 points to lead the Pack.

After beating then-No. 1 Duke Sunday, State saw its five-game conference-winning streak, its longest in 30 years, come to an end. Though State's players said they didn't feel emotionally spent after their biggest win of the season, their actions said otherwise.

"Guys definitely put the face on that we needed to see, and they were ready to play," Hodge said. "It comes down to wanting it more than your opponents, and there wasn't a hunger out there...Clemson definitely outplayed us tonight. But we can't talk about it now. We have to be ready to play."

And State should have little trouble in finding the motivation.

N.C. STATE	19	36	—	55
CLEMSON	25	35	—	60
LEADERS	STATE	CLEMSON		
POINTS	Julius Hodge 15	Shawn Robinson 20		
REBOUNDS	Marcus Melvin 7	Olu Babalola 9		
ASSISTS	Julius Hodge 3	Chey Christie 4		
		Olu Babalola 4		
BLOCKS	Julius Hodge 2	Three tied with 1		
STEALS	Ilian Evtimov 3	Chey Christie 2		
State's worst shooting performance in 47 games was too much to overcome. The loss hurt extra hard after Wake Forest beat Duke later in the night; with a win, State would have tied the Blue Devils for first place in the ACC.				

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During the end of the first half and the beginning of the second frame, State didn't hit a field goal for nearly 10 minutes. The Pack's shooting percentage was its low-

est since losing to Gonzaga last December in the Jimmy V Classic, a span of 47 games.

"Clemson wanted to push it in tight tonight [on defense]," State coach Herb Sendek said. "We needed to hit some outside shots to spread it out a little and we couldn't."

Club Sports Blotter

Results
Equestrian Club
Dressage Show Laurinburg, Feb. 14.
Team tied for first place with Virginia Intermont
Training Level Test 3: Laura Symes - second place
Training Level Test 1: Kelly Culbreath - sixth place

Schedule
Baseball
State vs. Maryland
Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Sanderson High School

Saturday at 2 p.m. Doubleheader at Sanderson High School

Women's Soccer
State vs. Wake Forest
Saturday at Lee Field

Friday
Lacrosse at Florida State
Ice Hockey (A) at George Mason
Outing (Climbing) at Pilot Mountain

Saturday
Ice Hockey (A) at Georgetown
Equestrian at Virginia Intermont
Lacrosse at Clemson
Lacrosse (Women) at UNCW
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 W. basketball vs. FSU, 2/19, 7
 Baseball vs. Elon, 2/20,
 Wrestling at Iowa State, 2/21
 Men's tennis vs. ETSU, 2/21, 1
 Women's tennis vs. Va. Commonwealth, 2/21, 4
 W. swimming & diving in ACCs, 2/19-21
 Track & Field in ACC Indoors, 2/20-21
 Softball in South Florida Tournament 2/20-22

Scores
 Clemson 60, N.C. State 55



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An official task

During nearly each and every one of these temperature-plummeting, can't-feel-your-face winter days, Mike Gray goes about his business



Matt Middleton
 Sports Editor

as the communication services department head for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Then he goes to work.

His nighttime employment is undertaking the dubious task of refereeing intramural basketball games at Carmichael Gym. State's league, composed of more than 160 teams, is full of out-of-shape college beer guzzlers, mostly male, whose high school hardwood glory years have long since passed. I know this, because this is me.

Most of all, every player is his own personal referee. They get fouled. They get hacked. All of the actions are so obvious, Ray Charles could have made the correct call.

So naturally, when the referee, who is paid a hair more than \$6 an hour to officiate the game, misses a call, the contest instantly becomes a folly. In the eyes of every player, their perspective is beyond reproach. I know this, because this is me.

Tuesday night is no exception for Gray, who with his trim figure, wire-rimmed glasses and snow-colored beard and hair looks like the product of what would happen if Santa Claus stumbled upon a lifetime supply of Slim-Fast.

But Gray, the intramural department's only non-student official, doesn't deliver a jolly laugh. He's very businesslike on the floor, calling fouls with acute hand signals, becoming more demonstrative on the ever-difficult block-charge call.

At 58, Gray has been officiating N.C. State intramural basketball for nearly 15 years. His reasoning is two-fold: he enjoys working with students, and refereeing along with a regimen of swimming and weightlifting to stay in shape.

Most of all, though, Gray is teaching in a thankless field that could use more instructors. On this night, his second game of the evening is fast-paced, with one team, led by a pudgy Carmelo Anthony look-alike, racing to 43 points in 15 minutes.

Officials work in teams of two, and Gray's partner is a shy brunette working her first game ever as an official. It's common for the intramural office to schedule a young, raw official to work with Gray, and Jackie Stoehr fits that bill. The junior in architecture is working as a referee because — don't laugh — she needs money.

At halftime and during timeouts, Gray is instructing her, pointing out things to observe, as he has had to make several out-of-position calls because of her timidity that have perturbed one member of the team that is consistently down by some 25 points throughout the entire half.

"I like to call what I'm doing preventative officiating," Gray explains in his Southern drawl. "I compare it [the game] to a car wreck — bodies are tumbling all around; these students are very intense."

There are no accidents on this night, though. Gray takes a sip of water between games and discusses the self-described simplicity of his profession.

"This ain't the ACC, Gray says. "Or the NBA for that matter."

Indeed, but you could have fooled the horde of participants who seek the prize the champion gets, a lousy T-shirt, as if it possessed a lifetime supply of 4.0 GPAs or the ticket to the top of the social hierarchy.

After one of his games, one student said, "I suppose he's OK — for an intramural ref."

With the nature of this beast, that's the best compliment Gray could ever get. Even though in the end he probably deserves a bit more credit.

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Palmetto State problem



Freshman Engin Atsur, guarding Clemson's Vernon Hamilton, misfired on 5-of-6 3-point attempts. State shot barely 30 percent for the game as a team and just 16 percent from the 3-point line.

Tigers' defense too tough

N.C. State suffers its worst shooting performance of the season, which included multiple droughts, in an upset loss.

Ian Jester
 Staff Writer

CLEMSON, S.C. — Wednesday night's matchup between Clemson and N.C. State featured players exerting energy, diving for loose balls and knocking down shots when they counted most.

Unfortunately for State, those characteristics were exhibited only by the Tigers in Clemson's win at Littlejohn Coliseum.

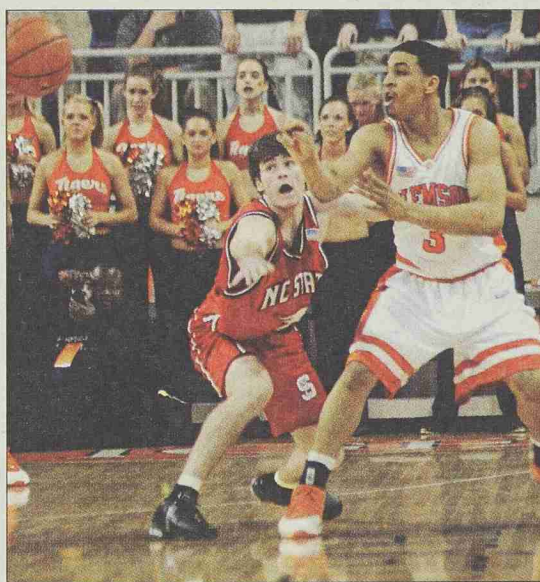
The Wolfpack concluded a 60-55 loss by making only 6-of-37 3-point shots for the game, a horrendous 16 percent. When missing that many shots from the perimeter, rebounds off the rim bounced long, and during this game the loose balls bounced right in the hands of Clemson players.

Some State players indicated the Pack didn't want it enough.

"February is a hunger month, and there wasn't any hunger," said State junior Julius Hodge. "Guys got to be ready to play. You can't talk it up before the game, and then in the game there's a loose ball on the floor in front of you and you don't dive for it. Clemson outplayed us."

Even though State grabbed seven more offensive rebounds than a taller Tiger team, rebounds don't factor into the final score, and all the Pack did with those extra chances was fire up another missed shot.

Time after time, the Pack misfired



State and guard Mike O'Donnell forced 11 Clemson turnovers.

when it had open looks.

"We could not make a shot, and I mean we had wide-open shots," said the Pack's Marcus Melvin, who connected on only 2-of-10 3-point attempts. "We're going to go back and look at the film, and I'm pretty sure coach just might let it run, just so we can see all the open shots we should have made. That's the tale of the basketball game."

State owned almost every statistic against Clemson, including rebounds,

turnover margin and steals — but not points.

The Tigers held State to 30 percent shooting from the field, its worst percentage of the season. And by missing 31 3-pointers, State was never able to cut into Clemson's lead, which it held for the last 27 minutes of the game.

Though the Pack kept it close in the first half, a drought of over four minutes allowed the Tigers to build a lead.

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A dreadful first half and horrific shooting performance doom N.C. State to a loss it can't explain.

Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

CLEMSON, S.C. — After N.C. State had beaten then-top-ranked Duke Sunday night, Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek went into the locker room, said nothing to his players and wrote "Clemson" on the blackboard. The coach did the same thing Wednesday night after his team suffered an unexplainable loss to the Tigers, this time scribbling "Washington."

State (16-6, 9-3 ACC) should have no trouble looking forward to its next game after a miserable performance in a 60-55 loss to Clemson (10-13, 3-9) at Littlejohn Coliseum.

It was a loss that confounded 13th-ranked State, one that the players couldn't describe.

They tried.

Junior Julius Hodge questioned the leadership of his teammates, saying the Pack didn't get dirty enough to get the victory.

"Guys were too cool to dive on the floor tonight," he said. "You can't just talk about it, you can't be a leader when it's convenient, you've got to be a leader in tough games like this. Not when we're beating the No. 1 team in the country. We didn't have enough of guys diving on the floor, giving it their all and getting scraped up and bloody for the win."

Scooter Sherrill frowned when hearing Hodge's comments and disagreed, claiming it was just a matter of State missing shots.

"I don't really know what Jules saw," Sherrill said. "I saw guys diving, I saw guys hustling. I think everything that hurt us tonight was from offense. Anytime you don't hit shots on the road, you're not going to win."

Fellow senior Marcus Melvin might have said it best.

"I don't know, man," he said when asked to diagnose the team's struggles. "I really can't explain it."

Not only did the Pack talk like it couldn't explain its misfortunes, it also played like it had no answer for a Clemson defense that kidnapped the motion from the Pack's motion offense. Before the game tipped-off, the Pack had the same number of points from back-door cuts as it would finish with: zero.

"They took away our back-cuts and when teams do that you have to hit your shots," Sherrill said. "They were going to give us the 3, sort of like Florida State did. The difference was, against Florida State we hit shots."

Forget hitting shots, State had a hard enough time creating them. Melvin's first attempt of the game was a rushed 3-pointer that clanked off the iron late in the possession with the shot clock winding down. The sequence remained the same throughout the contest as State stood around the perimeter, running its offense with patience only to find nothing open. State didn't get on the board until almost four minutes into the game when Melvin, who finished with 12 points on 4-of-16 shooting, hit a turnaround jumper.

Somehow, despite not being able to hit the ocean from a submarine, State led 11-7 with 12:04 to play in the first half but then went more than four minutes without scoring. Meanwhile, Clemson's Shawan Robinson, who finished with a game-high 20 points, began to heat up as the sophomore hit the second of three 3s during the Pack's cold stretch. Engin Atsur tied the game at 14 with less than eight minutes to go in the first half, but again the Pack grew icicles. Sendek's team scored just five more points over the rest of half — capping a 23 percent first-half shooting performance — and trailed 25-19 at the break.

The Pack did improve in the second 20 minutes, as it shot a balmy 38 percent to finish the game with a 30 percent effort, including a brutal 6-of-37 from 3-point range.

"We had a hard time putting the ball in the basket," Sendek said. "Our guys continued to battle, but it just wasn't our night."

Despite its worst shooting effort of the season, State managed to stay in the

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