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"Bob" and other N.C. State students from the Student Peace Action Network protest the National Socialist Movement rally peacefully on Saturday.

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## Sisters remember fallen uncle

The death of a Wake County Sheriff's Deputy hit home for two students.

Michele DeCamp  
News Editor

Angela Tucker, a senior in computer and electrical engineering, was with her senior design group in Burlington Laboratories when her phone started to ring. Shortly afterwards, her sister Kristina, a freshman in accounting, felt her phone vibrate while she was taking a math test in Harrelson.

Both noticed their father had called and were equally shocked when he left them a voice mail, since they both say he never leaves a message. Both were struck by the same fear that it was their grandparents; their grandfather had suffered a stroke a year and a half ago. Both would leave their respective buildings and walk towards a bus stop and call back their parents. The message would also be the same—their uncle had been shot and found on a field near his home.

"I was standing the middle of campus, and I just burst out into tears," Angela said. "It was a very emotional day."

Mark Tucker, a 25-year veteran of the Wake County Sheriff's Office, was found dead in a field between Cary and Holly Springs Feb. 12.

That same day, Angela would drive to campus and later come back with her mother to pick up Kristina. The only thing the girls and their family knew was that their uncle had been shot in the head and was dead. Someone had seen a car parked near the area, so the law enforcement agencies were following that lead, but they had no suspects.

"At first it was a really big shock that it had happened," Angela said. "It just seemed so surreal, you don't see that stuff in real life—you see that stuff on CSI."

The family had to prepare for Mark's funeral as well as wait to hear news regarding any suspects in the case. Angela went home to stay with her family and had to take a few days off from school. Kristina didn't have to miss any of her courses.

"It's been difficult to catch up, especially while I'm trying to graduate," Angela said.

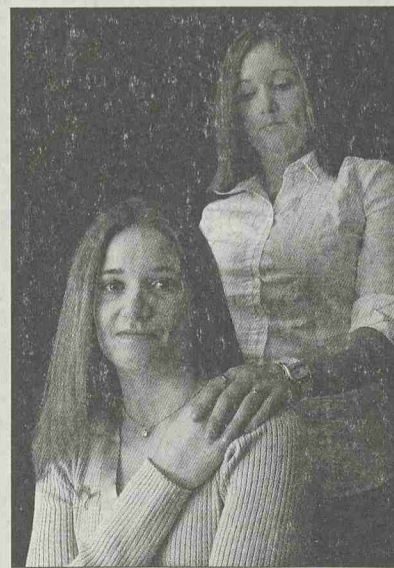
The girls had to deal with many emotions as the weekend began including watching their family react to their loss. Angela said that this is the first real tragedy the Tucker side of her family has had to go through.

"It was hard to see granddaddy crying," Kristina said. "That was just heart breaking."

The lingering issue of who had killed their uncle never left the girls' minds. Their cousin Chad had relayed a message from the Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison that the department expected to have the case solved in 72 hours. It wouldn't even take that long.

An informant helped the sheriff's department locate one boy, Lawson Allen Rankin III, 18, who was later charged as an accomplice after the crime. Eventually the police began to suspect Matthew Charles Grant, an 18-year-old Apex youth. While in custody Grant confessed to shooting Mark Tucker because he was afraid Tucker was going to arrest him for possessing a firearm.

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Kristina Tucker (left) and her sister Angela have dealt with their uncle's murder while continuing their studies.

## RALLY BRINGS PROTEST TO CAPITOL

The National Socialist Movement chose Raleigh for the site of the first open rally in this region of the United States.

Jade Salazar  
Staff Reporter

"Die Nazi, Die!" This and other chants were hurled across police barricaded lines Saturday as more than 300 protesters gathered around the state capitol during a National Socialist Movement rally.

The rally consisted of historic white supremacy groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis, American Nazis and skinheads, who all gathered in Raleigh in honor of George Washington's birthday. They picked North Carolina for the site of their first open rally in the south because of the recent reports of gang violence in Durham.

The Rally for Washington allowed Major "Wild" Bill Hoff, who was the seventh man to join Commander George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party, Commander of the National Socialist Movement Jeff Schoep and the Imperial Wizard Virgil Griffin of the Cleveland Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to speak.

"I expected about 5,000 white supremacy supporters to be at the capitol,"

Bradley Froelich, a freshman in engineering, said. "So I found it funny that only about 35 people showed up to support the speakers."

Despite the turnout supporting the National Socialist Movement, 300-500 protesters chanted and beat drums to drown out the speakers.

Many protesters wore bandanas and hats.

"I am wearing a bandana in case tear gas is sprayed, but I know that many other protesters are trying to hide their faces from police and Klan members," Corey Mitchell, a protester that came from New York, said.

"I know nothing we can say will change their minds, but I am here to protest because I still do not agree with their beliefs and interests," Mitchell said.

U.S. Marshals, the Raleigh Police, Wake County Police and the State Highway Patrol all covered the rally.

The police officers made a boundary around the capitol, while the Highway Patrol covered themselves in full riot gear, including rifles, rubber bullets, tear gas, shields and gas masks. There were police officers on the tops of buildings to watch the crowd.

The State Bureau of Investigation also flew a helicopter around downtown during the protests.

"I'm here to show support against these ideologies," Keon Pettiway, a senior in First Year College, said. "I am glad to see so many people coming out to protest and people of all ages against the [National] Socialist Movement."

The white supremacy groups did not march in but came on a bus. They left around 4 p.m. while the crowd chanted the song "Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye" by Steam.

Police arrested five protesters on misdemeanor charges Saturday, including fireworks possession.

Raleigh Police arrested two protesters Friday for spray-painting anti-Nazi slogans around the capitol building overnight.

One woman held up a sign that said, "Racism should have died in 1865."

Many protesters agreed with Mitchell by nodding their heads as he said, "I cannot believe these people are still around and events like this are still going on."



Police outfitted in riot helmets and carrying wooden batons patrol the socialist rally.

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## Racism hits home

Charles Duncan  
Senior Staff Reporter

From behind steel barricades and rows of Raleigh's finest, 35 members of the National Socialist Movement, the self-described American Nazi party, gathered for a rally in front of the State Capitol building Saturday.

Hundreds of protesters gathered to give the NSM an unwelcome greeting to the small group dressed in Klan and Nazi brown-shirt uniforms waving

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## Fraternity sleeps out

Phi Beta Sigma raised money for the homeless by spending Friday night in boxes.

Anna Martin  
Staff Reporter

Any students walking past the bookstore between 9 p.m. Friday night and 8 a.m. the next morning may have noticed the virtual shantytown of cardboard boxes and sleeping bags littering the bricks between Alexander and Turlington. This unusual sight was the location of Phi Beta Sigma's annual "Sleep Out for the Homeless" event. Wal-Mart provided the boxes, and the partici-

pants decorated them with painted windows and doors, symbolizing the lack of adequate housing that is a problem for some members of the Raleigh community.

Damien Terry, a junior in microbiology, is the president of the Xi Zeta chapter at N.C. State. "Each member of the organization has their own box that they decorated with things that you can find in dumpsters," Terry said.

Along with serving as a visual

reminder of the homeless people of our community, the fraternity members also collected food, clothing and money throughout the month. By the end of the sleep out, participants were able to gather seven bags of clothing and two full boxes of food as well as cash donations. They sent all of these resources to the Raleigh Rescue Mission, an organization that serves the homeless, on Saturday morning. While collecting donations, participants in the sleep out listened to music, socialized and enjoyed food that Gumby's and Pizza

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## WORLD

## SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS 8

Just one day ahead of a closely watched world court hearing on the legality of Israel's controversial separation barrier, a Palestinian suicide bomber Sunday tore apart a Jerusalem bus, killing eight passengers and wounding more than 65. Israel said the attack by a member of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a violent offshoot of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, only underscored its need for the 450-mile network of fences, concrete walls and trenches it is building to separate Israel from the West Bank.

More than 135 suicide attacks have originated in the West Bank in the last three years, killing more than 925 Israelis.

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## RUSSIA REPORTS SUCCESSFUL TEST OF ANTI-STAR WARS WEAPON

Russia is developing a new generation of warheads that can elude any kind of missile defense, though a Russian general stressed Thursday that the technology was not aimed at thwarting U.S. deployment of a new missile defense system.

Missiles equipped with the new warheads would be able to evade sophisticated defense systems by changing trajectory to avoid the range of interceptor missiles, said Gen. Yuri Baluyevsky, first deputy chief of the Russian armed forces' General Staff.

A prototype was tested during military exercises this week. Russia's biggest since the Soviet era, Baluyevsky said the warhead technology would be ready for deployment no later than 2010.

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## DATE FOR TRANSFER OF POWER IN IRAQ WILL NOT CHANGE, U.S. SAYS

The top American civilian in Iraq promised Thursday that the U.S.-led administration would return sovereignty to the country by June 30 as planned, but said blueprints for an interim Iraqi government remained in flux.

L. Paul Bremer said dozens of plans to return Iraq to independence have emerged, indirectly acknowledging that U.S. efforts to organize an interim government on the basis of nationwide caucuses have collapsed.

At the United Nations, Secretary General Kofi Annan said Iraq wouldn't be ready for direct elections before the June 30 hand-over date.

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## NATION

## NADER ANNOUNCES RUN FOR PRESIDENT

Ralph Nader, the consumer advocate and former Green Party presidential nominee, brushed aside the "spoiler" label given him by Democrats after the 2000 election and announced Sunday he is running for president as an independent.

In an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press," Nader confirmed the decision that many Democrats had been expecting, and fearing, for weeks. "There's just too much power and wealth in too few hands," said Nader. "Washington is now a corporate-occupied territory." "There's a 'For Sale' sign on almost every door of agencies and departments where these corporations dominate and they put their appointments in high office," said Nader. "The Congress is what Will Rogers once called 'the best money can buy'."

Nader's candidacy, first reported by Knight Ridder on Feb. 14, was harshly criticized by leading Democrats, including Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who fear that this time Nader would hand President Bush a re-election victory.

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## GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM MAY FALL VICTIM TO ITS OWN SUCCESS

In the last decade, states have held up Georgia's HOPE scholarship as a model for funding education through the lottery. Now that its public colleges and universities are nearly bursting at the seams with more than 250,000 students, lawmakers fear the program could become a victim of its own success.

Though the Georgia Lottery is facing a record year with \$1.33 billion in ticket sales during the last six months of 2003, \$376 million of which will go to HOPE, lawmakers are struggling to streamline the scholarship because of concerns that the program could run out of money within the decade.

One of the most heated battles in the Georgia General Assembly this year has been over preserving the HOPE scholarship, which has provided more than \$2.5 billion to pay tuition and purchase books for some 750,000 students since the Georgia Lottery began operating in 1993.

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## STATE

## FAMILY, FRIENDS GATHER ON ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Family and friends held a memorial for Jessica Santillon on Sunday, one year to the day after the teenager died from a transplant error at Duke University Hospital.

After the service, Santillon representative Mack Mahoney said the family and the hospital remain deadlocked in settlement talks. There's also discord over how money would be used to set up a medical care foundation in honor of Jessica.

-Wire reports



Police and protestors clash during a National Socialist Movement rally in downtown Raleigh. Protestors tried to position themselves in front of a police barrier. Besides a few skirmishes, the rally was peaceful.

## RALLY

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confederate, Ku Klux Klan and swastika flags.

Crowd reports ranged from 300 as reported by the Associated Press to 500 according to the News & Observer.

The NSM, the Raleigh Police Department and a host of protest groups planned this event for more than a month, and Saturday it all came to accord.

By noon, the Raleigh Police Department had cordoned off the block surrounding the capitol building and counter-protesters began filtering in to the Fayetteville Street Mall.

The protesters' numbers quickly grew in the hours before the 2 p.m. start time cited by the NSM's demonstration permit.

Composed of students, businessmen, children, people of all walks of life and every social background, the protest drew people from as far away as Asheville and Wilmington. The bulk of the people came from around the Triangle.

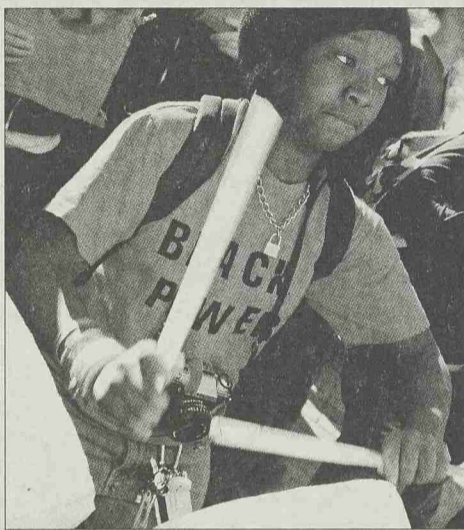
About 60 students from the Black Student Movement at UNC-Chapel Hill walked down Morgan Street in a line of two or three at a time. They all dressed in black and entered the counter-protest area in a somber tone. A path opened in front of them as they walked through the growing group of protesters.

The Black Student Movement then lined up along the police barricade and continued to soberly look toward the capitol building.

One woman cried at the sight of these students as she reminisced about the '60s student movements with the people around her.

By 2 p.m., the sidewalk along the south side of the capitol building swelled with people, but the self-described Nazis had yet to show up.

The NSM originally planned a short march in front of the protesters from their staging ground at Hargrove and Wilmington Streets a half block from the capitol building, but re-



While protesting the National Socialist Movement's rally, "Qallen" beats on two five-gallon buckets with a broken drum stick and a piece of pipe.

considered after police warned them about the hostility of protesters at the corner.

The NSM instead loaded into a bus and drove the half block to their designated rally sight well out of reach of the protesters.

When the protesters heard of the possible march, many of the more radical elements rushed to the designated corner.

A short altercation took place at the same corner before the NSM appeared on the capitol lawn.

A small number of protesters wearing all black with their faces covered by bandannas crossed the police line into the street, but were almost instantly pushed back by police wearing riot helmets and holding three-foot batons.

One Raleigh police officer on a horse rode onto the sidewalk, through the edge of the crowd and jumped a hedge into a corner where other officers had pinned down one protester. After the incident, one man, who refused to give his name, said a police officer punched him twice in the face.

One legal observer on the scene from the National Law-

yers Guild office in Chapel Hill later noted the "reckless abandonment" of riding a horse at high speeds into a crowd of people.

Tamekia Allen, a sophomore in political science, said, "It's not the Klan that is dangerous anymore, it's the principles they represent," as she walked toward the corner where the NSM planned to march.

Most of the protest went peacefully. Hundreds of people lined Morgan Street, shouting, singing and drumming.

The songs and comments coming from the protesters were as diverse as the crowd itself.

As some people sang, "We shall overcome," others shouted expletives at the police and the NSM.

One of the more creative songs heard was "I can see clearly now the Klan is gone." Adrienne Cole, a high school student from Raleigh, asked, "If they're so superior, why do they spell Klan with a K?"

One group of protesters, calling themselves CAKA, Clowns Against Klan Action, sang, danced and handed out peanut butter and jelly sand-

wiches made with one slice of white bread and one slice of wheat.

"They're racial equality sandwiches," Matt Joyner, a junior in English, said as he danced around in his rainbow clown wig and red nose.

Joyner said they created CAKA the day before, because "if the Klan is going to stand up there, wear stupid costumes and say stupid things, then so should we."

One other altercation between police and protesters took place at Morgan and Wilmington Streets. Elena Evert, a senior in multi-disciplinary studies and member of the student green party, was close to the action and described what happened.

Evert said that the protesters were not supposed to have signs larger than 2 feet by 2 feet, but some brought large 10-foot cardboard signs. The police, Evert said, set off a smoke bomb to disperse the crowd and take the signs.

When the crowd realized what had happened, many people started to push the metal barrier back, almost knocking it down. When the protesters started to push, the police pushed back. Some protesters shouted at others to stop pushing and keep the demonstration peaceful.

When the police realized their actions' provocation, one ranking member of the state police gave the large signs back to the protesters, Evert said.

Toward the end of the demonstration, one man crossed the police line and stepped off the sidewalk toward the police in full riot gear.

He yelled at the NSM and questioned the police as to why they were protecting Klan members and Nazis.

As the police moved to push him back, he broke down in tears from frustration. His brother comforted him and averted any police confrontation.

The rally ended at 4 p.m., with the NSM members driving their bus into the police-protected area and leaving from the opposite side of the capitol building as the protesters.

## POLICE BLOTTER

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**5:45 p.m. | Breaking and Entering**  
A staff member reported that subjects entered the dining area of Talley Student Center and knocked several items over in the Lil' Dinos area.

6:10 p.m. | Suspicious Person

A student reported a subject possibly hiding in the stairwell of Kilgore Hall. Officer checked the area, but was unable to locate anyone.

6:15 p.m. | Traffic Accident

A faculty member and a non-student were involved in a traffic accident on Dan Allen Drive. No report of injuries.

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12:33 a.m. | Suspicious Vehicle

An officer observed a brown truck parked at the Swine Educational Unit on Inwood Church Road. Further investigation revealed that the truck belonged to the University, and was possibly broken down. No problems noted.

12:41 a.m. | Check Person

An officer observed a blue Toyota parked near the Materials Building in Dearstyne Complex. The non-student occupant was waiting for the surplus sale to begin Friday morning. All checks came back negative.

1:27 a.m. | Assist Other Agency

An officer checked in with the Raleigh Police regarding a traffic stop on Western Blvd just past Pullen Road. The vehicle was occupied by three subjects. The officer released the subjects with no problems noted.

## HOMELESS

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Although it was snowing less than a week before the event, the sleep out took place on a night that was only slightly chilly. "I really wanted it to be colder outside so that I could better experience the extremes that the homeless have to experience. I was hoping that there would be a little bit of snow left out here," Terry said.

Also participating in this event were Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Lambda Pi Chi and Gamma Omega Delta from NCSU as well as members of East Carolina University's chapter of Phi Beta Sigma. Dale Thomas, a junior from ECU's Phi Beta Sigma chapter, was glad to participate in the sleep out. "It's always good to come out and support our brotherhood. We need to show a unified front," Thomas said.

The sleep out united active Phi Beta Sigma brothers as well as alumni. Michael Charleton, who earned his degree in history in 1997, braved a night outdoors right along with his younger counterparts.

"I'm glad to see it [the sleep out] because it's always an annual event, and I wanted people to know what it feels like to sleep in a box," Charleton said. "We take it for granted that we can go home and get in a bed, and some people don't have a bed."

Students who noticed the campers sleeping on the bricks Friday night appeared to be appreciative of the event. "These guys are pretty hardcore sleeping out in the cold," Jonathan Nemargut, a sophomore in computer science, said.

The sleep out drew nearly 60 supporters throughout the night while 12 Phi Beta Sigma members stayed until the early morning hours in their makeshift cardboard shelters.

"I think that the event overall was a success," chapter President Damien Terry said. "We look to do even better next year."

## SISTERS

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while on probation. Grant shot Tucker shortly after Tucker left his car and before he could draw his own gun in defense.

On Saturday morning, shortly after 7:30 a.m., the Tucker family got the call that the sheriff's department had found Tucker's murderer and his accomplices.

"I felt some sense of closure," Angela said.

Kristina will be going to court when Grant is brought in on March 8. Several members of her family plan to attend.

While their uncle had made law enforcement his career, they were not prepared for him to die while on duty. "We had never believed he was in harm's way." Their uncle was also appointed to be the U.S. Marshal for North Carolina's eastern counties from

1999 to 2002, and afterwards he went back to detective work with the sheriff's department.

The one constant in this whole process has been the support of the law enforcement agencies in the area.

"It was just amazing to see all those cop cars up front [at the funeral]," Kristina said. "All the firemen and the officers who helped to block traffic with their hands over their hearts—they saluted us as we went by."

The girls have adopted a new level of respect for their uncle's "other family."

"They have done a fabulous job, they need to be commended for everything they do," Kristina said. "They have a tough job."

The girls went up to Harrison and thanked him for all his help after the funeral.

One way the family is trying to support their uncle's profession is by wearing light blue ribbons, much like the red ribbons used

to remember AIDS and pink for breast cancer victims. The color of the ribbon is significant for the family because Mark had blue eyes, but they hope the ribbons will become a lasting symbol.

"We don't want the ribbons to be just for Uncle Mark," Kristina said. "We want them to be for all the fallen officers."

As for Grant, who is being charged with first degree murder, the girls are not sure what they want to happen to him.

"It's incredibly shocking that someone my age could do this," Kristina said. "He's ruined his life." Both girls believe that Grant deserves the death penalty, but they agree it's not an easy decision. "It's up to the judge," Kristina said.

But they agree that this has not just been hard for their family.

"My heart goes out to all their families," Kristina said. "It's amazing to see how much one

senseless decision; one gun shot can affect so much."

The family has focused on remembering Mark. They held the funeral at Midway Baptist Church because it was large enough to hold all the loved ones and friends who came last Monday.

"I was incredibly humbled by the number of people that showed up," Angela said. However, Angela knows that the next family event the Tuckers have will not be the same. "We've lost a player."

Both girls saw Mark at Christmas, and Kristina saw him again because he helped her with a speeding ticket.

"I'm so glad I gave him a hug because that was the last time I saw him," Kristina said.

There are lots of memories they've had to deal with over the past few days.

"It's really hard to look at pictures," Angela said. "We had

taken a family picture around two years ago, and I found it the other day—he's in there and he's not here anymore."

Mark's personality is still very fresh in their minds as well.

Angela spoke of his sheepish grin and bright, blue eyes, as Kristina recreated his laugh with a "heh, heh, heh."

The girls have learned that everyone should try to be more like their uncle, who "never met a stranger," according to Angela.

Now the girls will have to continue on with their lives as Angela works toward law school and Kristina focuses on getting her teaching license so she can share her enthusiasm for math. But their uncle will always be a part of their lives.

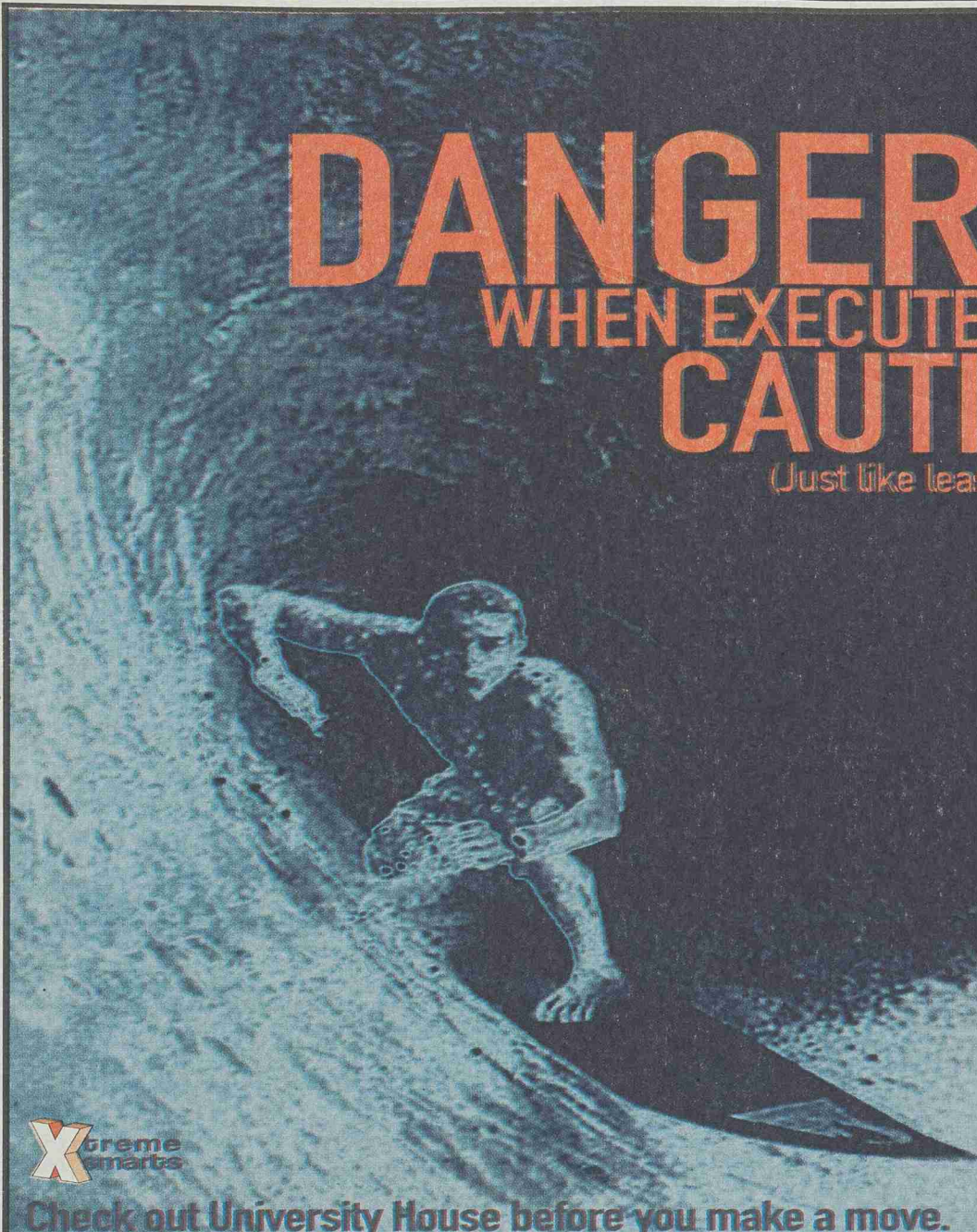
"My Uncle Mark was doing something he loved, and I want to be able to have that same outlook on my future," Kristina said. "He was such an amazing man."



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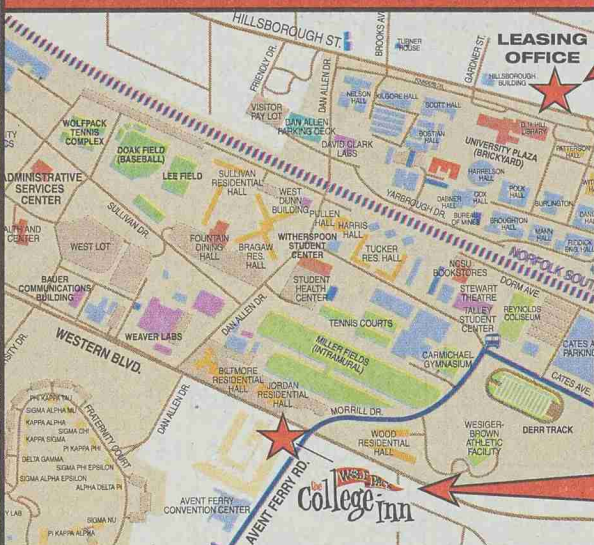
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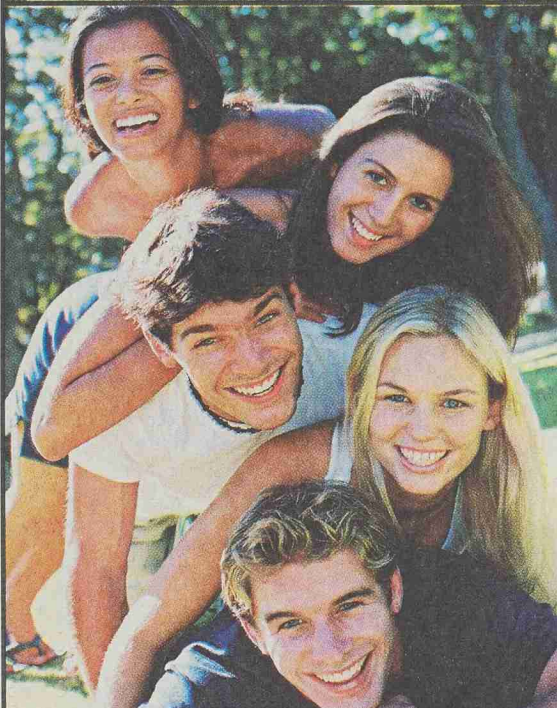
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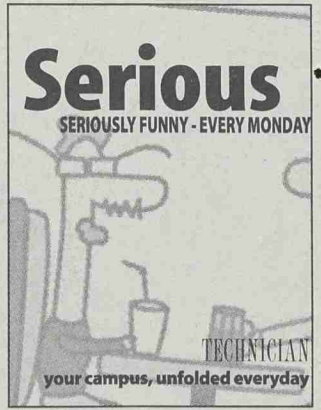
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## B.C. BATTLE WELL RESOLVED

**OUR OPINION:** AN AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE BOSTON COLLEGE STUDENT NEWSPAPER AND ADMINISTRATORS IS AN ADMIRABLE CONCLUSION TO A BATTLE THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN FOUGHT.

Each day when Technician hits the bins, readers pick up a paper that students make entirely on their own. From advertising decisions to the content in the columns, each word is student planned and student produced.

But other colleges, it seems, do not have such liberties.

The gray area between censorship and just control is often blurred at private universities and colleges, making it difficult to draw the line between what students can control and what the administration should have a hand in.

When such questions are raised, however, administrators seem to forget that the very essence of student media is that it remains student run. Administrators

that fail to realize that are overstepping their bounds.

The most recent fight between students and administrators has raged at Boston College since September. The Heights, an independent student newspaper, makes its own revenue and does not rely on student fees for any portion of its income. But the newspaper is housed in a university-owned building and pays a monthly rent for offices.

While negotiating a lease in September, administrators wrote a series of demands into the building lease, most unbeknownst to students. The most controversial included a ban on advertisements for alcohol, abortion, family planning and tobacco and the creation of an advisory board that would include students and faculty.

After tempers raged, in January the newly elected editor in chief and administrators sat down to discuss finalizing the lease with only the ban on family planning and abortion ads included

As a Catholic university, it makes sense that students would concede to a ban on abortion and family planning ads. But as an independent newspaper, negotiations should have never had to be made.

What some administrators fail to realize is that student newspapers — especially those that are independent — are not an arm of the university. The boundaries of free speech apply the same to ink produced by college students as that by professionals. Otherwise, student media would be no more than university propaganda.

Though Boston College administrators say they had no intentions to “censor” the newspaper, they should have had no reason to believe they could make such important decisions on their own. If the students had allowed such revisions to be put in place, they would have set a dangerous precedent for newspapers at private universities.

The power of student media is that it is exactly that — the students’ power.

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## Practicing religion in new ways

Abbie Byrom looks at the new age churches and whether or not they are actually converting people to Christianity.



**Abbie Byrom**  
Senior Staff Columnist

Trends and fads will always come and go. Diets, new forms of exercise, the newest fashions and places to go will change continually to conform to a larger demographic. In case you haven't heard, the latest trend is “alternative worship.”

Differing from the stuffy, three-piece suit type of Sunday service, alternative worship, or “postmodern” churches are taking hold across the United States. These new churches are the answer to the “mega-church” boom in the 1980s and '90s. They offer a new way to worship that is more laidback, geared to a younger generation in their 20s and 30s that often weren't raised in church.

In these emerging churches you will find everything from a coffeehouse-like atmosphere, complete with couches and a band that plays spiritual mood music with a “come as you are” rule, to something more like a “house party” approach, supplemented by wine and pastries instead of grape juice and hard crackers for communion.

The newest worship fad has caught on quickly, drawing numbers in the hundreds weekly. Ecclesia Church in Houston, Texas draws a crowd of about 500 on Sundays. What makes them come? According to Chris Seay, the pastor of Ecclesia, it is the non-rational elements of worship.

Some churches paint pictures during their services, others have pizza and a DJ and others have rock bands and offer earplugs at the door just in case the music is too loud.

Although anyone is welcome, the pastors and congregations of these new churches seek out the part of the population that has no religious roots. The main focus of these churches is to draw people to Christ.

While this may seem like a new wave of evangelism that is spreading the love of God to the masses, it looks to me like tailoring worship and religion to the masses just to get acceptance. At the heart of Christianity is the desire to win lost souls to Jesus. No problem there. It is not the mandate of God to sell Jesus to the lost souls.

Part of the idea of Christianity is that it is something that is not always supposed to be easy and fun. There are times when you have to work and times when your faith rewards you. In a nation continually moving away from religious morals and values, it looks like the answer for salvation has come in making religion more palatable. Rather than a place where extremists and fundamentals go on Sunday mornings so that they can point a finger at you Monday at work, these are churches and gatherings that try to meet everyone's needs, and even conform to society. One church has small group meetings in a local pub. The attendees are looking for the distinction between themselves and what is left of the uptight, stuffy, finger-pointing, holier-than-thou Christians. One woman said she feels like she always has to qualify what kind of Christian she is. “I'm not that kind of Christian, I go to a cool church,” she said.

I have no problem with new ideas and contemporary worship. I don't care what you wear when you come to church, as long as it is tasteful. Rock music, pizza, painting, that's all fine with me...in church extracurricular activities.

Many churches need some tailoring and updating of old traditions, but it is not a license to turn the sacred worship of God into a party and offer wine and pastries as communion in order to draw attendees. And I certainly don't think we should have to qualify whether we are this type of Christian or the dreaded type.

E-mail Abbie your comments at [viewpoint@technicianstaff.com](mailto:viewpoint@technicianstaff.com).

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low <b>56</b>	low <b>15</b>	low <b>45</b>	low <b>23</b>	low <b>42</b>

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#### Clarification from Student Health about Plan B

Student Health Services would like to respond to your Friday editorial about “Time to Go to Plan B.” We totally agree with your statement that the emergency contraception pill is “for emergencies and not for normal birth control uses” and that condom use does help protect against sexually transmitted diseases. If a woman needs emergency contraceptive for unprotected sex on the weekend, she should come to the Student Health Services gynecology department on Monday.

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Charlotte Sweeney, M.D.  
Gynecologist  
Student Health Services

#### Staffers have to get to work too

I enjoyed your article but let me remind you that there are other people on campus who are neither faculty, or vital staff persons like housekeeping, cooks and maintenance. We who are the support staff for every single department on this campus fall into that nebulous category of the frequently ignored or overlooked. During a snowstorm which then resorts to adverse weather conditions, we are forced to make the decision of whether we should risk our lives to come in to work where frankly, with the students not there and more than likely faculty not around either, we sit and do nothing or we do other work, but have risked our lives driving in to the campus when all intelligence says not to get on the road. But if we do stay home like anyone with any brain would do, we have to make up the hours that adverse weather covered.

Do you realize how difficult it is to make up 16 hours (2 days) when you can't work overtime and have to report the made up hours (working through lunch and/or coming in early or staying late) on timesheet weeks when you have not worked a normal 40 hour week (for example, when you had a normal

sick day, doctor's appointment or personal day whatever?) I am not in such a bad case, but consider a lower paid employee who has children who are now off for a snow day, or who can't really do the stay late, come in early thing because of family or second job obligations. I'm not saying that we should get free days with pay, but considering that we haven't had a pay increase in two years, and went through a major overhaul and lay off two years ago, I think the university ought to bite the bullet and not force it's employees to risk their lives. Maybe we ought to get at least one freebee snow day.

To be honest though, being a “trashy Yankee” and knowing how poorly prepared we seem to be every darn year for bad snow and what a lousy job the DOT does, whatever their excuse is, I don't really know how to fix the problem. It would be better to have better ice/snow removal but we also can't change the weather in

North Carolina. Frankly I'd prefer to drive in just snow, it really isn't that bad, and yes, that's how we do it “Up Nawth” but these nasty ice storms are for the birds.

I do sometimes think that students and the higher ups often forget that the staff are almost as important as the professors.

Christine Brownfield  
Web Developer/Administrative Secretary  
Botany

#### In response to Heather Cutchin's column

I can't even begin to accept someone's viewpoint as valid if they don't check their facts. King James did not “put the Bible together,” and if I remember correctly, the Bible was first written in Greek, later translated into Aramaic/Hebrew and Latin, and from the Latin comes the King James translation. And I emphasize “translation.” By bringing his sexuality into one's assessment, it demonstrates that the opinion is governed by the writer's perception of sexuality, positive or negative. One of my personal idols and heroes, Allen Ginsberg, was gay but you don't see it posted on the cover of his texts precisely because it has no bearing on his value as a person or artist. If homosexuality is the next great menace to the American way of life, let's look at some past but not forgotten menaces to our liberty. Let's begin with Communism, the Soviet Union, Cuba, the Cold War and the “Red menace” collectively. Overall, it seems to have been a great financial and manpower drain for the U.S. Then Vietnam to stop the spread of Communism. Another great big subtraction from the progression of society. But China is still

Communist; way to be persistent. Comrade. More recently we have the great WMD hunt in Iraq that has turned up nothing. We know who is developing nukes, so that's a moot point right now. I'm trying to demonstrate that things our government views as the imminent apocalypse for freedom waste away as we and our leaders will. One day we will all turn to dust despite sexual preference or how any government or person believes we should conduct our lives. All we can do now is encourage those thinking objectively, with their Big Mind unconditioned, and tell them to be persistent. San Francisco and Massachusetts are the beginning of something big for the gay community, and good for them. And back to the fact checking — please, if you consider yourself a journalist, have some journalistic integrity and check your facts before submission and printing.

Mike Paparone

#### A New Tradition at N.C. State

After reading Heather Cutchin's article in which she poses the question: Are there any traditions left at N.C. State, we are happy to answer with a resounding yes. For the second straight year, students planned the Dance Marathon to benefit the North Carolina Children's Hospital. The marathon is a 24-hour, no-sitting, no sleeping event packed full of fun and entertainment including performances from Grains of Time, Dances with Wolves, several student bands and all the food you could want. While the Dance Marathon is a lot of fun for students, the primary focus is on raising awareness of the needs of the children and their families who are served by the North Carolina Children's Hospital.

We want to thank the many students and members of our campus community who accepted the challenge of staying on their feet for 24 hours, as well as all of those who volunteered by donating their time and money in support of the children. We are very proud to announce that as a community we have raised more than \$20,000 for the kids over the past two years and started a new tradition that we all can support — one that we all can be proud of. So what are you doing next year during the first weekend in February...we hope helping to make Dance Marathon one of NCSU's best traditions!

If you are interested in helping plan next year's marathon, visit our Web site at <http://dancemarathon.ncsu.edu>

Lee Dingle  
Dance Marathon Overall Committee Chair  
Mike Giancola,  
Dance Marathon Advisor & Director

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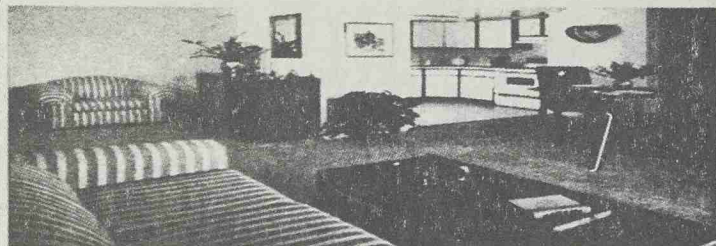


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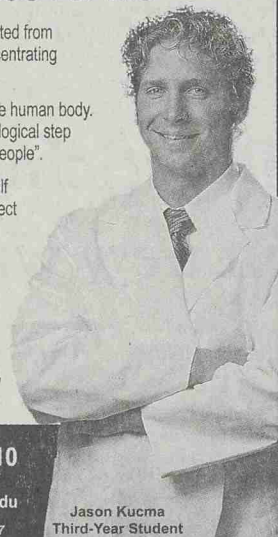
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Jason Kucma is a Third-Year student from Medford, NJ. He graduated from Ithaca College with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology concentrating in Cardiac Rehabilitation.

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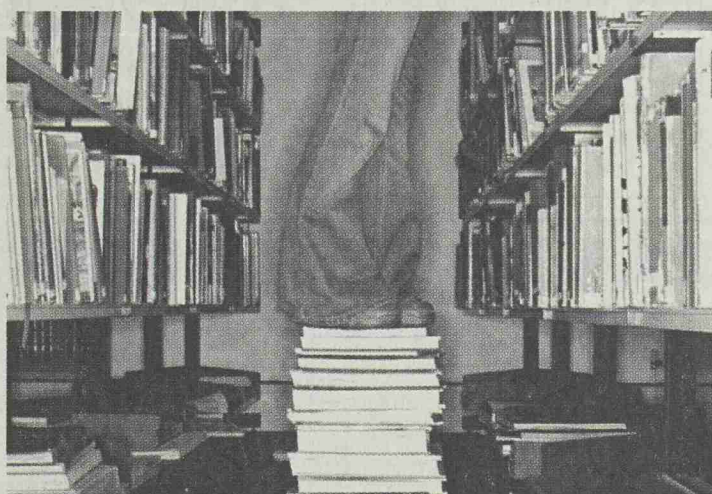


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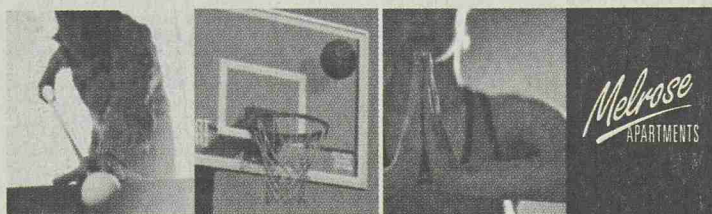
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Jason Kucma  
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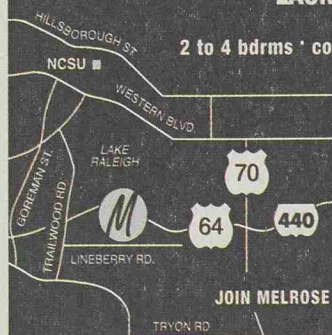


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ACC Championships results

### MEN

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3,000 meters  
Chad Pearson - Second place, 8:20.23

Chad Smith - Third place, 8:22.47

5,000 meters  
Chad Pearson - Second place, 14:21.14

Weight Throw  
James Rowell - Second place, 59-05.1/2

Long Jump  
Manny Lawson - First place, 24-3 1/2

4x400 relay  
TJ Gwa, Monterrio Adams, Jessie Rhodenbaugh and Omar Wells - Second place, 3:18.29

### WOMEN

60 meters  
Felicia Fant - First place, 7.39 (school record)

200 meters  
Felicia Fant - Second place, 24.06 (school record)

60 meter hurdles  
Ebony Foster - First place, 8:22 (school record)

3,000 meters  
Kristin Price - First place, 9:22.41

Renee Gunning - Second place, 9:31.71

5,000 meters  
Kristin Price - Second place, 16:12.74

Weight Throw  
Kelly Smoke - Second place, 59-03

### SWIMMING AND DIVING

The N.C. State women's team finished eighth at the ACC Championships this weekend at Virginia. The Pack finished with 229 team points, while Virginia took home the crown with a score of 675. The men's championships start this Wednesday at Virginia.

## ACC Championships

Wolfpack All-ACC Recipients

100-yard freestyle  
Rebecca Perry

### GYMNASTICS

N.C. State posted its highest road score of the season and sixth-highest road mark of all-time Friday night at Chapel Hill. The Wolfpack notched a 195.725, while the host No. 20 Tar Heels set a new school record with their 197.325.

State also set a new school record with a team score of 49.325 on vault and also set a season-high of 49.050 on beam; Leah Sabo won first place on the apparatus.

The Pack now has three of its final four regular-season meets at home, starting Friday against George Washington.

### SOFTBALL

The softball team lost to Tulsa 8-0 in five innings on Sunday to finish fourth in the USF Best Western Tournament. State finished with a 2-3 record on the weekend and is now 3-6 on the young season.

Earlier in the tournament, State posted wins over Pittsburgh and Rhode Island and a heartbreaking, extra-inning loss to host No. 26 South Florida.

Abbie Sims and Shaina Ervin were the winning pitchers in the Pack's pair of triumphs.

### WRESTLING

Fourth-ranked Iowa State dismantled N.C. State 45-0 Saturday night in Hilton Coliseum. The Cyclones got two major decisions, two technical falls, two pins and an injury default as the Wolfpack did not win a single bout for the first time since a 46-0 loss vs. Oklahoma at the start of the 2002-03 season.

Dustin Kawa and Jake Giamoni nearly scored decisions for the Pack, who returns to the mats Wednesday night at Duke.

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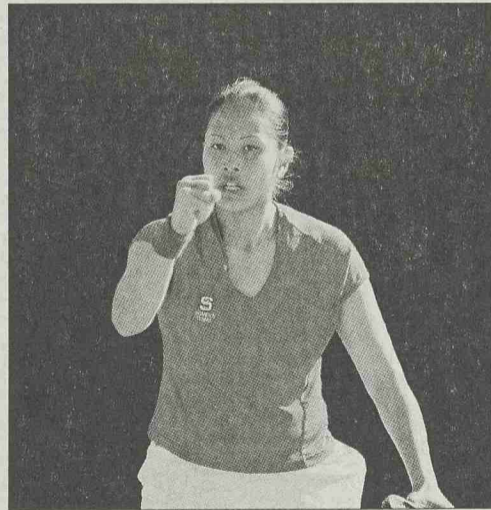
Though the Pack was initially trailing in four of the six singles matches, the team rallied to win all but one. The first singles win for the Pack was notched by junior Kristin Lam, who dispatched her opponent 6-0, 6-4.

Sophomore Barbara Orlay's win turned out to be the clincher for the Pack, giving State the fourth and deciding point in a best-of-seven format.

Orlay's match was like many of the others played Sunday afternoon, in that it included Wolfpack player coming from a set down to win in three.

Freshman Allison Berry explained the approach the team took when it was trailing early in matches.

"Really you just try to stay relaxed; you don't try to think too far in advance, you just take every point as it comes. You have to always be very positive while you're out there," she said.  
The Pack came into Sunday



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Kristin Lam pumps herself up in her 6-0, 6-4 win against Virginia Tech.

coming off a close 4-3 loss to No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth in Chapel Hill Saturday.

Junior Taylor Parker described this difference in the team's approach to Sunday's match as compared to the day before.

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The entire afternoon, support from the players and the few fans in attendance could be clearly heard which really seemed to pump State up.

"We just got to keep on coming together as a team, keep going as hard as we can," said Noblitt.

Despite the great play in singles, the team still showed a lot of concern for the play in the doubles matches.

"We all came out flat and asleep in doubles," said Davis.

The match turned out to be a very impressive performance for the Pack who was coming off of a 7-0 loss to conference rival Virginia.

"Overall, to lose the doubles point to this team and be able to come back and beat them, it's really a very good win for us," Choboy said.

Conor Taylor, playing at the No. 1 singles position, won a hard-fought match 7-5, 6-4 as his teammates rallied around him for support.

Sophomore Will Shaw won the toughest match of the day, as he had to come back from losing the first set to defeat his opponent 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Playing next to Shaw, Iriarte took care of his challenger with relative ease, winning 6-3, 6-0.

The lone senior on the team, Jon Davis, dominated the first set of his match, but had to take three sets to win 6-0, 3-6, 6-2.

"The guy started playing a little bit better in the second set, and I let off a little bit, but I got things going in the third set and finished him off," Davis said.

The only setback of the day in the singles match came as ETSU's No. 2 player was able to defeat Val

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to be ugly, and you're just going to have to compete."

Freshman Andre Iriarte said, "[The construction] was great for us because we got used to it earlier this morning, and they were kind of like, 'What the heck is going on?'" Freshman William Noblitt was the first to beat his opponent in singles, as he won 6-3, 6-4. Even as the wind blew strong, he was able to control his shots and finish fast to get the Pack back on track after losing the doubles point.

"We've been practicing out in the wind for a while and this team has been playing indoors, and it's to our advantage to be playing outdoors," he said.

## BASEBALL

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McLaurin came in and shut the door, retiring 11 straight batters from that point on, working four scoreless innings.

"A freshman coming in to that situation — first and second with nobody out and giving up no runs," coach Elliot Avent said. "Then he gives three more superb innings."

State took the lead and knocked Elon's starter out of the game in the bottom of the fifth. Pinch hitter Bobby Hubbard looped a double down the left field line. The ball caromed off the bullpen fence, allowing Mezistrano to score from first base.

"I had two strikes on me so I was looking for something I could put in play," Hubbard said.

Hicks would add a home run in the seventh to stretch the State lead to two. It was Hicks' third home run in two days, matching his total from all of last season.

"I've been working with coach [Josh] Holliday to try to generate some more power," Hicks said. "We lost a lot of our power hitters last year so I've been trying to get stronger."

With a two-run lead going into the ninth, State handed the ball to its closer Joey Devine. Devine gave up a rocket double to the first batter but struck out the next three to pick up his third save of the season.

"Sweeps are hard to come by," Avent said.

In the first game of the series on Friday, State squeezed by Elon 5-3 thanks to some timely hitting. State reliever Colin Brown (1-0) picked up the win after working a scoreless seventh inning, and Devine pitched a perfect ninth inning to pick up the save.

The Wolfpack followed the close win with a 16-2 pounding of Elon on Saturday afternoon. Hicks hit home runs in back-to-back at bats, and St. Julien tallied five RBIs in the victory.

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without him. I told the guys how proud I was of him, because he hasn't really played the last two games."

Collins was one of five Wolfpack players scoring in double figures, yet the game was not decided until the final seconds.

Junior Julius Hodge said Collins provided an example for the other players to follow leading up to the game.

"He played a great game," Hodge said. "The last few games

he didn't even play, [but] he kept his confidence and that's hard to do. He stayed in the gym working with Marcus, and he got his opportunity this afternoon and got it done.

"Jordan was definitely the X-Factor in this game. He played hard in practice he was always working. In games, he may not get the minutes he wants, but he's always working hard. Guys like that I just respect. You don't always have to be the guy getting all the notoriety or the name to be out there working. Today, he was definitely one of the reasons why we won."



# Sports

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 W. basketball at Georgia Tech, 2/26  
 Baseball at Charleston Tournament, 2/27-29  
 Wrestling at Duke, 2/25, 7:30  
 Softball at Elon, 2/25  
 Gymnastics vs. George Washington, 2/27  
 Men's tennis at Indiana, 2/28  
 Women's tennis at Old Dominion, 2/27

## Scores

M. basketball 77, Washington 72  
 Baseball 5, Elon 3  
 Softball fourth at USF Classic  
 Iowa State 45, Wrestling 0  
 Gymnastics 195.725 at UNC  
 W. swimming and diving eighth at ACCs  
 Men's tennis 5, ETSU 2  
 Women's tennis 6, Va. Tech 1  
 Men's indoor track third at ACCs  
 Women's indoor track fourth at ACCs



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# Pack drags it out

STATE COMES FROM BEHIND IN THE SECOND HALF TO KEEP ITS PERFECT HOME RECORD INTACT.

**Matt Middleton**  
 Sports Editor

The opponent may have been unorthodox, but N.C. State still maintained that same flair for dramatics.

The Wolfpack, winners over No. 16 Wake Forest and No. 1 Duke in its last two emotional and scintillating home affairs, came from as many as eight points down in the second half and survived a scare delivered from across the coast by visiting Washington, holding on for a 77-72 win Sunday evening at the RBC Center in the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The win gave coach Herb Sendek a 41st birthday worth celebrating.

"Coaching is like being a dog — you age seven years to every one," he said. "It [the win] is the best present I can have."

Sendek's joyous birthday gift wasn't elementary until the final seconds of the contest when Washington's Brandon Roy missed a mid-range floater that would have given his team the lead with under 20 seconds remaining. The shot circled the rim and fell out, however, and Marcus Melvin hit a pair of free throws to give State a three-point lead that wasn't finalized until Huskie guard Nate Robinson misfired on a deep 3-pointer in an attempt to send the game to overtime.

Melvin led the Pack (17-6) with 16 points and eight rebounds, while a foul-plagued Julius Hodge added 11 points.

"You never know what to expect playing a non-conference game," said Scooter Sherrill. Indeed, the 14-point underdog Huskies thrice led by eight in the second half after running to a 34-31 lead at intermission.

The Pack allowed the Huskies (13-10) to shoot over 53 percent in the opening 20 minutes and trailed at the half at home for just the second time in 14 games.

State went nearly seven minutes between field goals prior to the break, while Washington pieced together seven straight points in between 3-pointers from Sherrill and Levi Watkins.

After the game, some players along with Sendek likened the contest to the team's start in a Wednesday night loss at Clemson, a game that saw the Pack shoot 6-of-37 from beyond the arc and score 19 first-half points.

"In some regards it was an extension of what we saw at Clemson," Sendek said. "We weren't sharp, and we took quick, ill-advised shots. I didn't have a real good taste in my mouth at halftime."

That certainly didn't change real soon. Washington used a variety of buckets from a handful of players to push its lead to eight points three times in the second stanza, the last of which came at the 12:23 mark on a layup by Bobby Jones.

State would lead five minutes later, though, when Ilijan Evtimov hit the fist of two huge 3-balls from the wing.

"As long as you're open and have confidence, you're going to shoot them," Evtimov said.

State would never trail after the Bulgarian native's first 3, sweating it out until the Huskies' final misses after freshman Engin Atsur delayed the outcome by missing a pair of free throws with 35 seconds left.

"We're at a point of the season where we have to win the grind-out games; today was one, and we got it done," Hodge said.

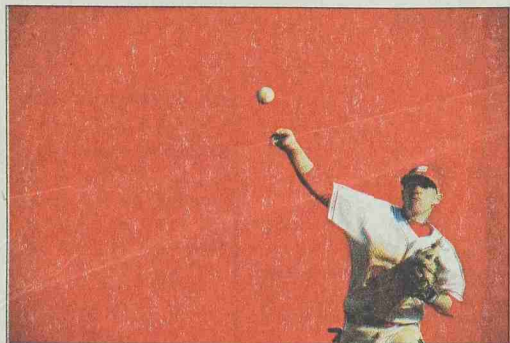
Sendek, who was serenaded by the crowd of 15,011 at the first media timeout, initially celebrated by doing a television interview before walking towards the locker room, high-fiving a sea of extended hands.

Sendek stretched his entire frame to reach every last one before retreating to the locker room for another rendition of the birthday song.

"Our choir or glee club on campus has nothing to worry about," he joked.



SCOOTER SHERRILL/TECHNICIAN  
 Scooter Sherrill drives for two of his 13 points



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Matt Camp throws to first base for a putout Sunday in a win over Elon.

# State sweeps Elon at home

**Austin Johnson**  
 Staff Writer

State's most impressive pitching performance of the weekend came from an unlikely source Sunday afternoon. With two men on base and no one out, freshman Adam McLaurin was summoned from the bullpen. The right-hander promptly shut down the Elon offense, allowing State to rally for a 5-3 win and earning McLaurin (1-0) his first college victory.

## BASEBALL 5 ELON 3

McLaurin's performance highlighted a spectacular weekend for the State (4-0) bullpen. Six different relievers combined to pitch 11 scoreless innings for the Wolfpack, notching two wins and two saves to help State sweep Elon in the weekend series.

"It's been fun," McLaurin said. "Our bullpen ERA is like zero for every guy." The Pack's day didn't start out fun though, as Elon (2-5) took an

early 2-0 lead. State starter Nate Cretarolo gave up a bunt single and then walked the second batter to put runners on first and second.

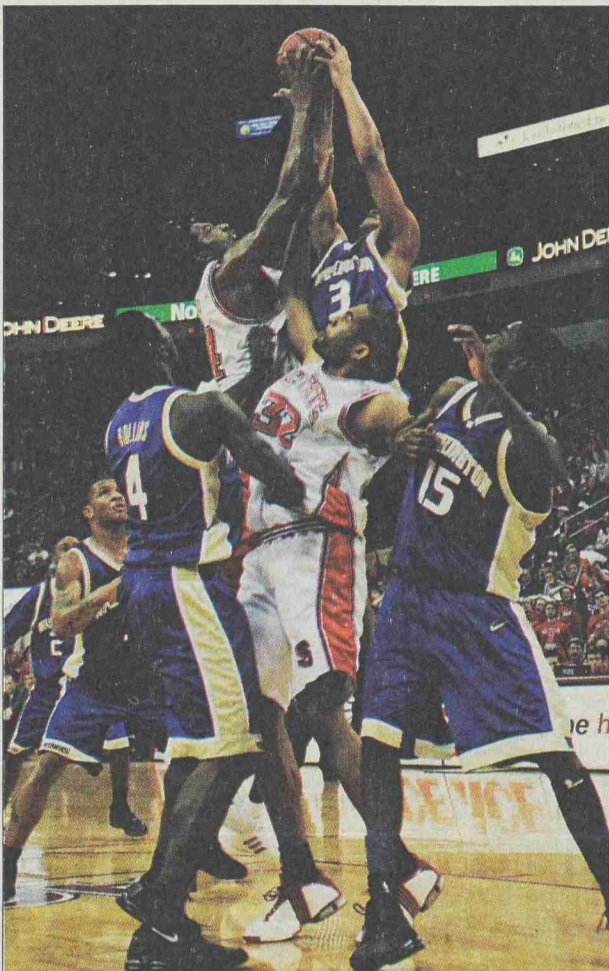
The lead runner would score on a single to left field, and Elon picked up another run on a misplayed pickle by State. Stevens tried to steal but got caught in a pickle while Davis broke for home. The throw home was late and the Wolfpack found itself in an early hole.

State got one run back in the bottom of the inning when right fielder Lee Mezistrano hit a looping line drive to the left field corner to score Jason St. Julien, who had singled earlier in the inning.

But Cretarolo had trouble throwing strikes in the second inning, allowing Elon to regain a two-run advantage. The left-hander walked two batters and hit another one in the inning, helping Elon put another run on the board.

The Phoenix threatened again in the fourth inning, getting their first two men on base and knocking Cretarolo out of the game. But

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MELIH ONVURAL/TECHNICIAN

Jordan Collins (32) fights for a rebound over a slew of Washington defenders Sunday.

# Collins shines in tough win

The junior played a well-rounded game to spur the Pack.

**Brian Grossman**  
 Staff Writer

Jordan Collins was all smiles coming into the locker room following the Wolfpack's win over Washington Sunday night.

And with good reason. After not playing against Duke and registering one minute against Clemson, the junior came in and played 16 tough minutes, a season high for Collins, and registered career highs in points, with 10, and field goals made, going 4-for-5 from the floor.

"I wanted to contribute to the team," Collins said. "I knew they needed a spark out there, and I just wanted to come out and contribute. I just have to keep myself mentally prepared and wait for my turn to contribute."

"I've just been treating practices like my games lately. I go up real hard in the practices so when I come into games, it's really easy for me."

Things looked bleak for the Pack when Julius Hodge went out with his fourth foul of the game with 11:34 to play in the second half. State was down by seven.

Collins and his teammates picked up the slack leading the Wolfpack on a 14-3 run that spanned almost seven minutes to take the lead 64-60.

"We're a team," Collins said. "We have great players. Julius is great, Marcus is great, Ilijan is great and Scoot. When one

player is not on their game, other players step up.

While Collins may be modest about his performance, his teammates were quick to compliment him on his strongest performance of the season. Sophomore Ilijan Evtimov credits him with the win.

"Well Jordan was on tonight," Evtimov said. "A career high 10 points, all those boards he picked up for us. He's probably the reason why we won. He brought something that we needed in the game when he came in. He had a quick five points, and down the stretch he was a very important reason why we won."

It doesn't end there. With the Pack trailing by five midway through the second half, Collins picked up a huge block that led to a fast-break layup by Scooter Sherrill to cut the Huskies' lead to three and bring the Pack back within striking distance.

"Every time somebody makes a hustle play like that, that just brings everybody's energy so much higher and the adrenaline starts pumping and the crowd gets into it," Evtimov added. "It kind of puts the other team on the edge. They get confused, and sometimes they don't compete as hard, but Washington is a great team and they did a good job of trying to stay in there."

Evtimov wasn't the only one proud of Collins. State coach Herb Sendek echoed his players give the credit for the win to Collins.

"Jordan Collins gave us a tremendous lift," Sendek said. "We don't win tonight

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ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Conor Taylor backhands a volley while partner Dennis Myers looks on.

# Tennis teams both grab wins

**Andrew Tanker**  
 Staff Writer

Amidst the chainsaws, sledgehammers and blowing wind, the men's tennis team managed to keep its focus and beat East Tennessee State 5-2 in the shadows of its indoor complex, which is under construction, Saturday afternoon.

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The Pack (3-3) lost the doubles point but then came back strong to win five out of the six singles matches for a win.

"One of the things we've been talking about ever since the first match is that we have to be composed at all times regardless of the situation," said Choboy.

"It was tough to play today with the wind and other things like that, but we told our guys if you're expecting it to be pretty tennis today, you can forget about it. It's going

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**Spero Katsanos**  
 Staff Writer

"C'mon Vania!" "Let's Go Gus!" "Alright Jen!"

Cries like this rang out all afternoon long as Wolfpack teammate cheered on teammate outside the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Complex.

## W. TENNIS 6 VA. TECH 1

The women's tennis team took notice to the encouragement and defeated Virginia Tech 6-1 Sunday afternoon.

"We try to make this a very team-oriented sport, and it's not traditionally like that," coach Hans Olsen said. "They really want to feel like they're a part of the match. I felt we did an awesome job of that tonight."

The afternoon began well for N.C. State as it took all three doubles matches, thus earning the all-important first team point.

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