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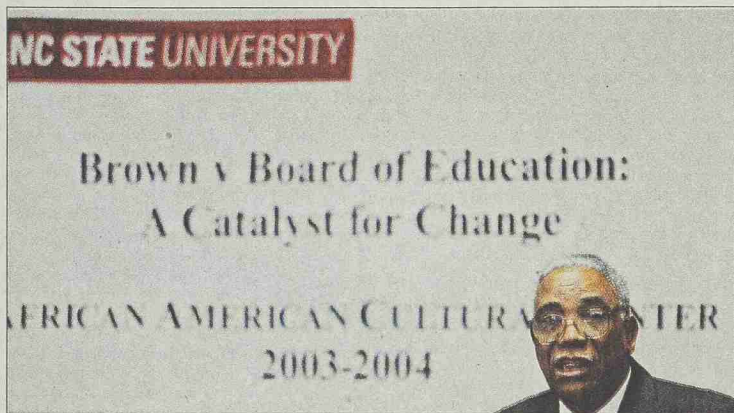
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## Lecture recalls personal experiences



Rev. Darius Swann speaks about the Swann v. Charlotte Mecklenburg County Board of Education case that addressed the busing of students across district lines to promote integration in public schools.

Darius and Vera Swann visited the African American Cultural Center to discuss their struggles with desegregation.

Alvin Wang  
Staff Reporter

Bringing with them years of experience as civil rights activists, educators and missionaries, Rev. Darius Swann and wife Vera Swann told their story of "A Generation of Struggles" Monday afternoon at the African American Cultural Center.

"We didn't have a plan to create a revolution," Darius said to a crowd of 40 students and administrators. "It was much more

modest and personal."

After their 6-year-old son, James Swann, was denied admission to a school near his home, Darius and Vera spearheaded the effort to desegregate public schools in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

"I wanted to talk about freedom and justice, but it was always freedom for some and justice for even fewer," Darius said. He then quoted Langston Hughes by saying, "America was never America to me."

The result was 1971's Swann vs. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, a landmark class action suit that is now synonymous with the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education case when concerning desegregation controversies.

"We wanted our children to feel

the freedom, the justice and the pride that this country is founded on. Free of the humiliation and indignity of segregation.

"We were convinced that integration of the public school system is the key to help America change for the better," Darius said.

After several defeats at the hands of lower courts, the Swann family finally received a favorable judgment from Federal District Court Judge James McMillan in 1969.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld McMillan's decision two years later.

To help preach the need for integration, Darius and Vera shared stories of their children and the

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## Specialized training facilities target athletes

Wendell Murphy Football Center and Weisiger-Brown General Athletic Facility are training facilities specific for the athletes.

Kate Renner  
Staff Reporter

While working out around Carmichael, students rarely if ever bump into Julius Hodge or T.A. McLendon. The reason being is that most N.C. State athletes train in state-of-the-art facilities off campus. Football players just recently started training at the brand new Wendell Murphy Football Center, while men's basketball, wrestling, soccer and baseball practice at Weisiger-Brown General Athletic Facility.

Angelo Meyer, Murphy Center facility director, said, "Some feel keeping the athletes isolated from the main campus is less of a distraction to other students not involved in athletics. A plus at Murphy Center for the athletes is that they have less problems in finding parking spaces than on campus."

The Murphy Center is currently the number one college football facility in the nation. Everything the athlete needs is housed under one roof. They have state-of-the-art equipment to train with, a fully functional dining hall, a complete sports medicine rehabilitation area with a full time staff, a 24-foot workout pool along with separate hot and cold rehabilitation Jacuzzi pools and a Hydroworks treadmill pool that actually submerges athletes in water while jogging on it for training.

"College programs around the country have top-notch equipment and State shouldn't get left behind. It does seem a little unbalanced that there are 28,000 students using Carmichael, and 68 football players using the Murphy Center," Kyle Poss, senior in construction engineering, said.

Contrary to Carmichael equipment, the machines at the Weisiger-Brown and the Murphy Center emphasize power (strength force and speed). The athletes need sport-specific equipment that can assume movements similar to that within a particular sport.

"Most of the athletic equipment is custom built to accommodate athletes of all size and gender," Charles Stephenson, director of strength and conditioning for varsity sports, said.

Although most students said they agree that athletes deserve better equipment than non-athletes, some students said they believe that the Carmichael equipment should be more specialized.

"I do think we should have better stuff in Carmichael, our equipment is out-dated, there is no space, and it is an inconvenience. There are bigger people that need heavier weights," Zach Mabe, junior in mechanical engineering, said.

Most of the equipment in Carmichael is geared toward the average student who wants to improve muscle tone and size and muscular strength. The equipment is user-friendly and manageable, which is why Carmichael has more free-select cable equipment than free

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## Parking changes start in August

Transportation plans to minimize the number of permits.

Shannon Holder  
Assistant News Editor

The transportation department has proposed changes to the current parking system that will take effect in the fall semester.

The department hopes to reduce cross parking, minimize the number of permit types,

realign zones to meet parking needs more efficiently and provide enough parking for staff and faculty, according to Greg Cain, the Assistant Director for Parking Services.

"These changes will significantly improve the current system while allowing us to maintain the flexibility to incorporate future enhancements by the campus paths process," Cain said, adding that the Campus Paths is an advisory board that reviews the transportation system.

One of the notable changes is the elimination of the pay lot behind Student Health Services, converting these spaces to C permit parking for faculty and parking for Student Health.

Matt Kilby, a junior in English, is unhappy with the current parking plan. "It really seems like they do not care about commuters."

Kilby uses the pay lot and the park and ride lots throughout the week. "I really hope that the changes benefit everyone, 'cause something really needs

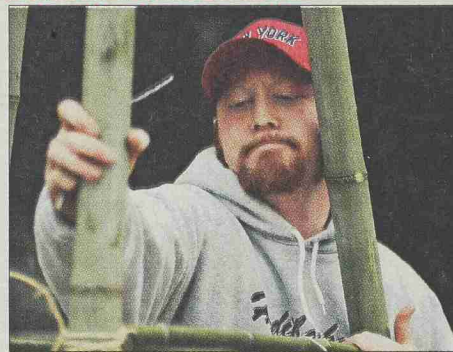
to change."

Cain understands students' frustration with parking. "Considering we have around 16,000 parking spaces and more than 35,000 students, faculty and staff, there is no solving the parking problem," Cain said. "A true solution would require the ability to park everyone right outside their door. That simply is not possible in a highly populated urban campus environment."

Cain said that the new plan

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## SUN DIAL: BAMBOO STYLE



Junior Gabe Martin works on a bamboo sun dial for a residential landscape design project. Martin plans to incorporate a large chair into the design. "It's going to be called the Sunthrone," said Martin. The "Sunthrone" will be displayed in the Kilgore mounds.

## Rewards given to dedicated freshmen

Multicultural Student Affairs will honor freshman that have already worked hard to achieve good grades as well as colleges with a high percentage of students with high GPAs.

Rachael Rogers  
Senior Staff Reporter

Multicultural Student Affairs will hold their annual Freshman Honors Convocation this Wednesday at 6 p.m. to honor 191 freshmen in its target population of African-American, Native American and Hispanic students who achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher during the first semester of their freshman year.

Aside from recognizing students, the convocation will also recognize three colleges

that have 50 percent or more of their freshmen in this target population achieving a 3.0 or higher. This year, multicultural affairs will recognize the College of Design, College of Textiles and College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

The main purpose of the convocation is to encourage those honored to continue working hard throughout college.

"We want to recognize these students and let them know that we're proud and hope they continue to sustain that progress. We want them to know we care and to encourage them," Keyshia Crawford, interim assistant director for African-American student affairs, said.

"Anytime you recognize students' achievements it is a worthy cause for people to come together. We know this is not an easy university so to

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## WORLD

## Aristide loyalists prepare to defend capital city

Factions loyal to Haitian President Jean Bertrand Aristide prepared Monday to defend the capital, Port-au-Prince, against armed opposition groups that have driven government forces from all of northern Haiti.

Leaders of the political opposition, meanwhile, are expected to announce Monday afternoon whether they are willing to agree to a U.S.-backed power-sharing agreement that would leave Aristide in office, though it is unclear whether their decision will have any effect on the armed groups.

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## Iran hard-liners win control of parliament

Conservatives formally reclaimed control of Iran's parliament Monday after disputed elections that were boycotted by reformists who called the vote a "historical fiasco" that denied citizens a free choice.

Candidates considered loyal to Iran's Islamic rulers took at least 149 places in the 290-seat parliament, which has been controlled by pro-reform lawmakers since their landslide win four years ago.

Reformers and self-described independents had taken about 65 seats, according to Interior Ministry figures. The final count is expected Tuesday. Not even waiting for that tally, European Union foreign ministers denounced the election as undemocratic and warned of a new chill on efforts to warm relations between Tehran and the West.

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## U.S. probes allegations of abuse of Iraqi prisoners

Seventeen U.S. soldiers have been suspended pending the outcome of a probe into allegations of abuse of Iraqi prisoners, a U.S. officer said Monday.

The 17 include a battalion commander and a company commander, said Col. William Darley, who gave no further details.

Last month, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, ordered a criminal investigation into reports of abuse of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison on the western outskirts of Baghdad.

-Wire Reports

## NATION

## Teens abusing cold remedies in epidemic numbers to attain PCP-like 'high'

Emergency room physicians and other health care professionals are reporting a sharp increase in teens abusing non-prescription cough and cold medicines, which are back in vogue as recreational drugs because the products are both accessible and easier to take than ever before.

Users call it "skittles," "triple Cs" (for Coricidin, HBP Cough & Cold tablets) or "robo-tripping" to describe its hallucinogenic effects, similar to PCP. Medical personnel are calling it "an epidemic."

The latest concerns have caused some large drugstore chains to limit purchases or move the product off the shelves. But the efforts don't go far enough, say many critics, who are urging that all such products be sold strictly from behind-the-counter.

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## Audit finds federal inmates get poor health care

The U.S. Marshals Service does a poor job of providing medical services to thousands of federal prisoners and doesn't adequately track those with contagious diseases such as tuberculosis, according to a Justice Department audit.

The Marshals Service has custody of about 40,000 prisoners awaiting trial on federal charges, sometimes for days, weeks or even years. That number represents an increase of 53 percent compared with five years ago, agency chief Benigno Reyna said in a letter to Fine.

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## STATE

## N.C. teen dies from West Nile virus

A 14-year-old North Carolina youth who suffered from leukemia has died from West Nile Virus that he contracted in September, state health officials said today.

Parker Sherlock Cartwright of Kill Devil Hills, who suffered from acute lymphatic leukemia when he was diagnosed with West Nile, died Jan. 19. Chemotherapy had weakened his immune system, making him more susceptible to the effects of West Nile, health officials said.

Parker was eulogized early this month during the National West Nile Conference by Dr. Lyle Petersen, director of the vector-borne infectious disease section of the Centers for Disease Control.

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## Budget cuts may close UNCW lab

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington may have to shut down its underwater research lab - the only one in the world - because of budget cuts to a program that helps pay for it. UNC-W manages the lab, a 400-square-foot capsule moored 63 feet below the surface off of Key Largo, Fla.

Financing for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration undersea research arm has been flat for years. Budgetary pressure accelerated this fiscal year when the National Undersea Research Program, or NURP, saw its budget fall from \$13.5 million to \$12 million. The budget proposed by President Bush recommends cutting an additional \$1 million.

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Bush's public opinion drops

*The government's failure to produce weapons of mass destruction in Iraq is causing U.S. citizens to doubt President Bush.*

## James Pohlen

Staff Reporter

After nearly nine months of scouring the countryside of Iraq, U.S. government officials have still not managed to produce more than circumstantial evidence of Iraq possessing a significant nuclear, biological or chemical weapons program.

So far, much of what has been found has either been dual-use technology, which has both civilian and military uses, or has later been discovered not to be weapons of mass destruction related at all (such as the mobile

biological laboratories which later turned out to be for inflating helium balloons).

There have been a couple of legitimate finds, including banned medium-range missiles and a small number of obsolete chemical warheads. Overall, the finds have not been sufficient to convince observers that Iraq had the sophisticated WMD program that the Bush administration once claimed.

Officials are now offering alternate rationales for the invasion of Iraq and distancing themselves from their previous claims about Iraq's weapons program.

The issue has become an important topic in the democratic primary race, with candidates who voted in favor of invading Iraq now claiming that the Bush administration misled them.

Andrew Taylor, a professor in the political science department, said, "It will certainly be an issue Democrats will use to undermine people's trust in Bush. This was a fundamental premise by which we went to war and it is a relatively clear-cut example of the administration either making a grave misjudgment or manipulating intelligence."

"For those who didn't doubt Bush before, there is no doubt about his lack of credibility now. I think the WMD issue will prove to be his Achilles Heel in the coming elections," Ian Jewell, a senior in environmental science, said.

Several recent polls suggest that opinions about the Bush administration have changed in response to the failure to find WMD in Iraq. A recent Gallup

poll has shown the number of people who think Bush misled the public about Iraq has grown from 31 percent in June of '03 to 43 percent this February. A recent Time/CNN poll stated that 55 percent of Americans now have doubts and reservations about President Bush.

Republicans are gearing up for a far closer election than most would have thought possible, given the apparent economic recovery and Bush's post-Sept. 11 popularity. Still, Bush does have quite a few supporters who still back his decision to invade Iraq.

Thomas Royer, a junior in political science, said, "Despite the fact that no WMDs have turned up, I don't think that anyone will say that ousting Saddam Hussein from power was a bad thing."

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come in the first semester and hit the ground running is really phenomenal," Stacia Solomon, assistant director of multicultural affairs, said.

The event also reflects their desire to put students first. "We want to make sure we uphold this philosophy and meet the goals of our office and this event is one way to do that," Crawford said.

This year honorees will hear Lathan Turner deliver a message of encouragement and motivation as the event's keynote speaker. Turner is the former coordinator for African-American student affairs. This year's motivational speech will be on random thoughts from a cluttered mind.

"Dr. Turner is familiar with N.C. State and is a good speaker so this was a great opportunity to bring him back to campus for something positive because he's such a positive person in academia," Crawford said.

"It was a great motivation for me from the time I was recognized through now. I think when people are recognized for their achievements it helps motivate them. It helps them continue success throughout their college career, and I think its great that N.C. State has this type of program," Alexis Forman, a junior in political science and past honoree, said.

Aside from the Freshman Honors Convocation, Multicultural Student Affairs has many other events throughout the year such as the African American Symposium, the Peer Mentor Program and programs for Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month.

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struggles they went through trying to learn in a predominately white community at the time.

"My son James was first exposed to the N-word at a very young age when he and a fellow missionary's son got into a fight. That made me jump out of my chair when I heard the N-word coming from a little boy," Vera said.

When asked about the 1999 decision by Judge Robert Potter to revoke desegregating busing in Charlotte, both Darius and Vera voiced their grave but optimistic concerns.

"A generation of struggles has been almost wiped out in Charlotte," Darius said. "Although we have lost ground in the last five to 10 years, we are not where we were before [Swann vs. Board of Education] all started."

"In the long run, I say that we will be troubled by new decisions of the court, but we will not be destroyed."

The crowd received both lecturers with respect and laughed at the lighter moments of their stories.

Darius' extensive career includes serving as a professor at several major universities on the East Coast as well as University of Nanking in China.

Darius and Vera have also done missionary work in India.

The couple currently resides in South Carolina and continues to promote integration in their community.

This lecture is part of the "Brown vs. Board of Education: A Catalyst for Change" lecture series sponsored by the African American Cultural Center.

## Changes effective in August:

- Eliminates the ability of DE and DW permit holders to cross into other zones
- Allow DC and DD to crossover into E and F

**D permits will become E**  
**D2 permits will become E**  
**N permits will become DE**  
**P permits will be free storage parking**  
**CS permits will become E**  
**BP will become B**

- Eliminate Student Government parking spaces

- Close pay lot behind Student Health Services, those spaces converted to C parking and student health parking.

- Promote additional 177 spaces available in Coliseum deck pay lot

- Institute a fee for visitor's parking (\$2 a day, \$8 a week)

- Remove C parking from Lee and Bragaw DW lots

- Convert strip of 10 N spaces in North Hall lot to B

For more information about the upcoming changes, check out the transportation department's Web site at <http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/>

## PARKING

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strives utilize space throughout campus.

"Commuting students will be accommodated to the extent possible in either DD (Dan Allen Deck), DC (Coliseum Deck) or E (West lot). Residents will have DE/DW option DE east of Dan Allen, DW west of Dan Allen or S (Storage)," Cain said.

There are no new permit designations in the plan, but some are proposed for elimination. In order to reduce confusion, the single D would be eliminated. Permits BP, D2, CS, N and P are also proposed for elimination, and would be converted to B, E, DE, or S permits. Only a few student government permits will still be available.

The plan also realigns certain zones, including converting a portion of the upper Sullivan lot from DW to C parking and removes C parking from Lee and Bragaw DW lots.

Overcrowding in the Dan Allen Deck is one of the main parking problems on campus according to Cain. The plan converts the east tower spaces to C parking spaces, with a net effect of adding 390 spaces from DD to C parking. Cain feels like the parking plan will be more beneficial to students.

"It [the new plan] includes several improvements that benefit students. DW and DE parking will be protected by allowing only resident permit holders to park in these areas. In addition, two C parking areas will be removed from the DW zone," Cain said. "Residents unable to obtain DE or DW permits, rather than no available parking, the storage option will be readily available."

Cain believes that the plan will allow more availability of parking spaces for students and faculty.

Lisa Staubach, a sophomore in business management, is optimistic for the new plan.

"I just hope that I can get a parking space next year."

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weights.

Murphy Center has high-tech equipment and modern academic support available. Football players at the Murphy Center have their own academic study area where the athletes can concentrate and the coaches and advisers can monitor their progress.

"The general public has the opportunity to have prear-

ranged guided tours of the facility. From the feedback, everyone is just amazed with the facility. It is a tremendous recruiting tool for the university and the football program," Meyer said.

Although the football team trains at the Murphy Center, the remainder of N.C. State teams practice at either Weisiger-Brown or Reynolds Coliseum. There are some pieces of equipment that are sport-specific and impossible to find in any ordinary health club or gym. The machines at Reynolds and

Weisiger-Brown are specifically there to train athletes. These two facilities have a plethora of free weights and platforms for doing exercises to build power. The teams use different types of equipment that students at Carmichael would not need to stay in shape.

Vertimaxes are specific for building power and jumping ability. Equipment available to develop speed include agility ladders, hurdles, dot mats and resistance tubing. Using sand bags increase resistance in jumping exercises, and

heavy chains attached to bars help athletes develop pressing power.

"The weight rooms at Reynolds and Weisiger-Brown are not very complex, but very functional," Stephenson said.

Students should not be surprised if by chance they do happen to see their favorite athlete around Carmichael Gym; the athletes still have graduation requirements to enroll in physical education courses such as PE 101.

## POLICE BLOTTER

2/21/04

## 12:50 a.m. | Fire alarm

Unit 2 Headhouse/ Greenhouse- accidental cause of activation. Police and Fire Protection responded.

## 1:54 a.m. | Noise disturbance

A student reported several subjects talking too loudly. An officer spoke with the subjects at Sleepout for the Homeless west of the Bookstore. The subjects complied to keep their voices down.

## 2:12 a.m. | Alcohol violation

A student was referred to the University for underage possession in Sigma Chi Lot.

## 2:19 a.m. | Suspicious person

A student reported a male subject pulling door handles on vehicles on Pullen Road. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate anyone.

## 3:24 a.m. | Traffic stop - arrest DWI

A student was arrested in the Army Lot for DWI. She will also be referred to the University.

## 4:47 a.m. | Fire alarm- B or E, Tamper with Fire Extinguisher

Sigma Alpha Mu- activation caused by release of extinguisher. Police and RFD responded.

## 9:53 a.m. | Fire alarm

Activation for a smokehead activation in a room in ES King Village. No fire was detected. Cooking was the cause of the activation. The system was reset.

## 10:32 a.m. | Traffic stop - speeding

A student was issued a citation on Morrill Drive for speeding 40 mph in a 25 mph zone.

## 12:57 p.m. | Suspicious vehicle

A student reported several persons on Paul Derr Track taking turns riding a motorcycle on the track. Police responded, but were unable to locate the motorcycle.

## 3:39 p.m. | Hit and run

A student reported that her Volkswagen Beetle had been struck by an unknown vehicle while parked in Carmichael Lot.

## 7:39 p.m. | Traffic accident

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

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## 11:10 p.m. | Drug violation

An officer observed a vehicle in Carter Finley Lot which appeared to be abandoned. The vehicle was unlocked and entered in order to attempt to get owner's information for contact. The VIN had also been removed. The officer observed what appeared to be a crack pipe in the vehicle. Paperwork indicated that the vehicle may belong to a non-student. The vehicle looked as though it had been parked there for quite a while. The tires were flat and the vehicle had been wrecked. It was parked in the east side of Carter Finley Stadium near the wood line.

## 11:46 p.m. | Damage to property

An officer observed three vehicles with slashed tires parked at the metered spaces north of the Bookstore on Dunn Avenue. The owners were all students. They were each contacted and came to the scene. A note was left on one of the windows saying "A tire for a mirror." CCBI obtained prints off one of the vehicles.

## 12:03 a.m. | Noise disturbance

A student reported a construction

crew making noise north of the University Police Building. The construction crew had left the area prior to officer's arrival.

## 12:29 a.m. | Noise disturbance

A student reported loud music coming from a room in ES King Village. The student playing the music agreed to lower the volume.

## 1:23 a.m. | Check person

Two subjects were sitting in a vehicle in Sullivan Gravel Lot. Both subjects were students, and they were just talking. Everything was o.k.

## 2:05 a.m. | Traffic stop - suspended license

A student was issued a citation on Cates Avenue for driving while license suspended. The driver was stopped for passing on a double yellow line.

## 2:15 a.m. | Noise disturbance

A student reported several subjects being very loud in Aventura Ferry Complex Lot. The subjects complied to leave the area.

## 2:25 a.m. | Noise disturbance

A student reported several subjects being very loud in North Hall Lot. The subjects left the area prior to officer's arrival.

## 4:57 a.m. | Harassment

A student reported several male subjects knocking on his door and shouting disparaging words at him. Investigation is continuing. The subjects, when contacted, will be referred to the University.

## 10:31 a.m. | Traffic checkpoint

Officers conducted a traffic checkpoint on Varsity Drive. One verbal warning was given.

11:36 a.m. | Liaison contact  
Officer Michaelen spoke with the President of Phi Kappa Tau concerning safety issues.

## 11:39 a.m. Violation | University policies

A student was referred to the University for violation of University Rules. The incident took place at the Aventura Ferry Complex.

## 12:05 p.m. | Animal problem

An officer was notified by subjects at Schenck Forest that a deer was severely injured deep in the woods. The officer went to the scene and located the deer, which appeared to be barely alive. Raleigh Animal Control was contacted and responded to the scene, but the deer had already died. The deer was far away from paths traveled by the public. Animal Control advised to leave the deer at this location.

## 1 p.m. | Special event

Lieutenant Parmley reported to work an NCSU baseball game at Doak Field.

## 4:08 p.m. | Assistance

Carmichael Gym staff requested assistance in getting some unaffiliated people to leave Lower Miller Field. The officers spoke with the subjects, and they complied to leave. No problems noted.

## 7:15 p.m. | Damage to property- Accidental

A staff member reported that the glass to a fire extinguisher box broke when she found the door open and tried to close it. The glass was cleaned up. The incident took place at Witherspoon Student Center.





## Scholars question quilts as part of Underground Railroad

Anastasia Ustinova  
Knight Ridder Newspapers  
(KRT)

**WASHINGTON** - A popular book that asserts that escaped and freed slaves used quilts as message pads to guide themselves north on the Underground Railroad is under attack by scholars, who say its basic thesis is unproven.

Raymond Dobard, co-author of "Hidden in Plain View: A Secret History of Quilts," defended his book, assuring devoted quilters and critics that quilts made by black families and their allies sometimes carried encrypted messages. Their quilt-code theory has become popular among teachers, especially during Black History Month in February.

Dobard, a Howard University art history professor, and Jacqueline Tobin, a University of Denver women's writing professor, published their account in 1999. It's based on the recollections of Ozella Williams, a Charleston, S.C., quilt seller who said her grandmother had told her about 12 quilt patterns that helped guide Southern blacks to the North before and during the Civil War. Williams died shortly before "Hidden in Plain View" was published.

Williams told the authors that quilters in her family passed along secret codes that, when displayed on quilts hung on windowsills or porch rails, told viewers what to do. A "monkey wrench" pattern, for example, told viewers to get

ready to depart, according to Dobard. A "tumbling blocks" pattern told Underground Railroad travelers that conditions were right for their escape, and a "bear's paw" pattern, he said, told them to follow the footprints of bears north into the Appalachian Mountains and on to the free states west of them.

Other scholars have asserted that supporters of escaped and freed slaves hung quilts bearing a so-called "Jacob's Ladder" pattern to signal their offers of safe havens. Critics contend that the ladder pattern and Dobard's wrench pattern weren't in widespread use until after the 1861-65 Civil War.

Neither original quilts nor written records of their use to help fugitive slaves exist, Dobard acknowledged, raising doubts among some African-American scholars and quilt historians.

Giles R. Wright, the director of the Afro-American History Program at the state Historical Commission in Trenton, N.J., contends in a monograph that Dobard and Tobin distorted folklore into a historical truth. Wright calls their book "sheer conjecture and speculation" that "misrepresents" black history.

He argues that documented migration patterns show that Southern blacks moved to the East Coast and not over the Appalachians into Ohio, as the book indicates.

"It violates the understanding of black migration patterns,"

Wright said of "Hidden in Plain View."

In an interview, co-author Tobin said quilter Williams was describing the experience of one family, not the entire post-slavery migration. To Wright's observation that journals of fugitive slaves and their allies fail to mention quilt messages, Tobin responded: "We never said we had all the answers. All history is oral before it's written down. We believe that those stories should be put in the public arena for further discussion."

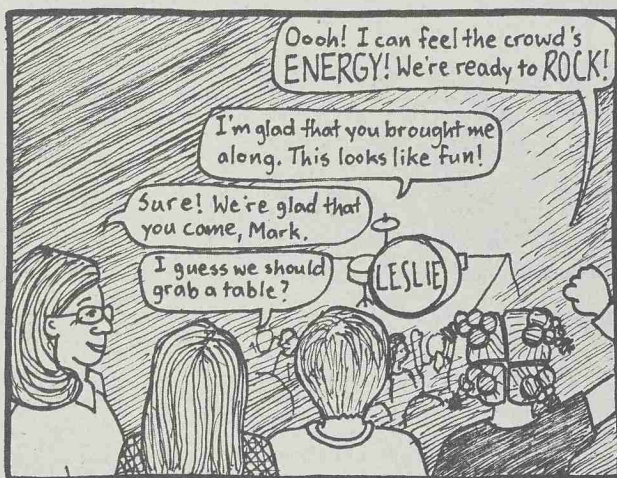
Cuesta Benberry of St. Louis, a leading quilt historian, credited the authors with having "established a significant linkage between the Underground Railroad effort, escaping slaves and the American patchwork." But she noted that she'd come across no supporting facts in her research.

The coded-quilt theory also figures in a popular children's book, "Sweet Clara and the Quilt of Freedom," in which Clara sews a map—a freedom quilt—to help slaves escape.

"It's a fiction and there was never an attempt to say it was true," said author Deborah Hopkinson, who published her book in 1989, a decade before Dobard and Tobin's book.

"But there has been a lot of oral history that makes you think that there was some connection" between quilts and codes, Hopkinson said.

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## Haiti causes problems for U.S.

Frank Davies and Jacqueline Charles  
Knight Ridder Newspapers  
(KRT)

**WASHINGTON** - The worsening crisis in Haiti has placed U.S. officials and the international community in a serious bind: Can they protect President Jean-Bertrand Aristide if efforts at a peace plan are overwhelmed by violence? And do they have the will to do it?

Secretary of State Colin Powell and top diplomats for the Organization of American States and Caribbean Community scrambled Monday to persuade opposition leaders to agree to a peace plan designed to broaden the Haitian government but leave Aristide in power.

Aristide said over the weekend that he would accept the plan.

But opposition leaders didn't respond on Monday, and a 5 p.m. deadline was extended in hopes of reaching a deal. With armed rebels threatening the capital, several diplomats said Monday that there's no real backup plan.

"Certainly, we would have to come up with something else," said Sandra Honore, a spokeswoman for the OAS.

There was no consensus on what that something else might

be, however.

The United States is intimately tied into the Aristide regime, even though most U.S. officials now blame Aristide for the political violence there.

Aristide was elected to the presidency in 1991. He was overthrown but reinstated in 1994 when 20,000 American soldiers invaded Haiti. Aristide was re-elected in 2000 in an election that observers said was fraudulent.

A U.S. military intervention to save Aristide is unlikely. Fifty Marines were dispatched to defend the U.S. Embassy, but the Bush administration said the troops weren't the vanguard of a bigger force. White House and State Department officials emphasized they were still seeking a political settlement and weren't considering an armed intervention.

"Our focus right now is on working with nations in the Caribbean and OAS, and France and Canada and others, to bring about a peaceful resolution in Haiti," said Scott McClellan, the White House spokesman.

Close observers of the crisis said U.S. and other officials are running out of options. Either the United States will watch Aristide be forced from power or it will have to intervene.

"The United States now has to figure out whether it's going to push Aristide out or say we are going to preserve his rule as much as possible and help him face down the rebels," said Jocelyn McCalla, executive director of the National Coalition of Haitian Rights in New York. "The United States is between a rock and a hard place. It waited too long to consider these options."

One Republican senator who has followed Haiti closely, Mike DeWine of Ohio, warned that "it's certainly not out of the realm of possibility that there will be a bloodbath in Port-au-Prince" if the peace plan fails.

James Dobbins, who was the special envoy to Haiti after U.S. forces reinstated Aristide in 1994, agreed that the Bush administration "is really on the spot."

"They're going to have to decide whether to let the situation deteriorate further or step in, and there's a lot of ambivalence about that," said Dobbins, a national security analyst at the RAND Corp.

If Haiti descends into civil war and Aristide is ousted, Dobbins fears a humanitarian disaster, with food supplies shut off and the return of ex-military and paramilitary leaders "with a history of criminality."

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## GAMING


**Project Gotham Racing 2**  
Bizarre Creations

★★★★★/2

"It's good to drive on the streets of Flawence, togeva" - P. Diddy  
Diddy is right; it is good to drive on the streets of Florence, together. For those that haven't seen the commercial, P. Diddy's Ebonics laden voice is heard for a promo for "Project Gotham Racing 2."

For the past month, "Project Gotham" has been in my Xbox constantly, except for a few bouts of "Halo." If you own a Xbox, "Project Gotham" is a definite must have. If you don't, this game is on the verge of being worth buying a Xbox just so you can play it. This game is a jewel.

With so many games out that are merely eye candy, "Project Gotham" provides a welcome change with at least 100 solid hours of challenging and exciting gaming. For those who played the previous version, the sequel is unusual in that it is better than the original. An already phenomenal original game with the addition of online features created improvements.

Gameplay includes a single player mode with more than 100 different challenges including time trials, fastest laps, one-on-one racing, street races and cone chal-

lenges. Cone challenges are judged on Kudos, which is "driving with style," where drifting, power sliding, 360s, drafting, catching air, good lines and speed are all accounted for in scoring.

Multiplayer mode is available in three different formats: the typical split screen, system link and online. Online play is accessible if you have Xbox "Live," and up to eight players can enjoy the action simultaneously.

In addition, if you are fortunate enough to own Xbox "Live," you can download "ghosts" from the players with the highest score on that challenge. This enables the player to pick up tips on how to complete the sometimes-daunting challenges.

The more Kudos you earn, the more cars you are able to "buy" or unlock. Each car has different specifications and Bizarre Creations did an amazing job of accurately portraying each car as having different attributes.

This game is very technical and in order to become an expert you must be consistent and precise in your racing.

"Project Gotham Racing 2" appeals to gamers of all types. Racing enthusiasts are excited by the rare and exotic selection of cars, technical gamers are pleased with the precision and accuracy required and the everyday gamer is sold because of its overall appeal and startling graphics.

"Project Gotham" is a joy to play and I would recommend it to every Xbox owner. If you are hesitant to drop the \$50 immediately, try it out on your next trip to Blockbuster.

- David Uzzell


**Call of Duty**  
Activision

★★★★★/2

Game developers have somehow developed an infatuation with killing Nazis. Now don't get me wrong, I love killing Nazis as much as the next guy. In fact, I think if Hitler had as many Nazis in reality as I've killed on my computer, we'd all be speaking German.

"Call of Duty" is more or less a culmination of other first person Nazi killers, with its own pitfalls and bonuses.

What sets "Call of Duty" apart is the inclusion of (oh my God) other people that aren't Nazis. Unlike most other first person shooters in this genre, where if it moves it's a Nazi and you must kill it, "Call of Duty" includes other members of the British, American and Russian allied forces. Even if their main purpose is to serve as fodder and die against the copious amounts of Nazis that have a date with death, it's nice to know that somebody remembered that one hard-core guy that could

take pounds of lead and keep going didn't win the war. With "Call of Duty" it's hundreds of people...and one hard-core guy that can take pounds of lead and keep going.

"Call of Duty" sports pandemonium-like battle scenes that are quite cinematic and loud in their own right, and gets the pulse up a notch. The graphics are quite good and even surprising at times, from provocative tank driving scenes to shooting down aircraft.

Pitfalls arise with never being able to sneak up on anyone even if they're in a concrete building. You can't run, nor can you tiptoe, but only go at one pace. A mixed blessing is having not to worry about opening doors. It's nice not having to check every door, but not having doors adds to the feeling of having this maze-like path that you have to follow.

The first mission as the Russian force borrows word for word from Jean-Jacques Annaud's "Enemy at the Gates," which is cool, but lacks originality, which is the main problem with "Call of Duty." Almost all of the concepts that "Call of Duty" brings to the table have been done a few times already, and are redundant to anyone following the progress of this type of shooter. But to someone who hasn't played many of these types of games, it's nice to see all the good parts of all the others in one place.

- Chris Reynolds

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## Diversions



Ani DiFranco is the heart of the independent music scene and is in the heart of the modern protest music scene.

# Corporate hush

As protest music has evolved since the '60s, its commercialism has diminished.

**Joel DeBerry**

Staff Writer

Pop music has undoubtedly played a large role in determining the history of the United States. In particular, it has been a pivotal force with regard to political and social issues in decades past, especially from the late 1960s all the way through the 1980s. Much of the music produced in the late '60s through the early '70s protested against the Vietnam War, while the late '70s through the '80s served as a breeding ground for anti-nuclear music. Performers like Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, U2 and others voiced an ardent opposition to military action, while becoming some of the biggest names in music. They did this with protest music.

But the times, they are a-changin'. With an 8-year-old Telecommunications Act, a subsequent corporate monopolization of tens of thousands of radio stations across America and a disloyal Dixie Chick, musical artists who express any sentiments that oppose our involvement in the Middle East are being hushed.

In 1996, the Telecommunications Act passed with the "goal" of letting anyone and everyone in the business of communications promote fair competition among communications businesses. While beautiful in theory, this act failed to achieve its goal. Conversely, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 made it possible for corporations to buy out dozens of radio stations, limiting the diversity of the airwaves. Because of the corporate takeover of radio stations — the top two owners own about 1,600 stations

— the same songs can be heard on most radio stations, as if on repeat.

Even more disheartening is the censoring of the mega-popular country outfit, the Dixie Chicks. The all-female trio saw huge commercial success before last March, when singer Natalie Maines spoke on behalf of her group — and on behalf of many Americans — when she said she was "ashamed" that our president called Texas home. Clear Channel Communications promptly banned the group's music from playing on any of their stations because of the singer's opposition to our president.

Because of the censoring of protest music and protest rhetoric, listeners of popular music are blind to the existence of both. While protest music of the '60s and '70s helped promote peace by reaching millions of listeners, protest music of the new millennium only reaches listeners who dig deep into the depths of the music catalog. For the last 40 years, The Clash, Public Enemy, Rage Against the Machine and Bob Marley — along with the groups stated in the opening paragraph and countless others — have garnered huge success via protest music. However, in a recent online list of the top 10 protest songs by popular artists, only two of the songs had considerable success — Madonna's "American Life" and Outkast's "Bombs Over Baghdad." But let's face it, no one buys their albums for political or social commentary. They buy them because they cause white people with two left feet to engage in what can hardly be interpreted as dancing.

Protest music is alive and doing missile dropkicks off the top rope. Bands like

Pearl Jam and System of a Down seem to maintain booming success in pop culture while making protest music, the message is often lost. Most artists who are brave enough to engage in musical protest only have cult followings, like Ani DiFranco, Mr. Lif, Sleater-Kinney and Sage Francis of the Non-Prophecs. Mr. Lif's latest EP, "Emergency Rations," prompted President Bush to say he was "disturbed" by its political awareness. While the '60s and '70s are deemed the era of protest music, modern music has just as much, if not more, protest music.

You'll be hard-pressed to hear the above-mentioned artists on any mainstream radio stations though. Clear Channel Communications owns nearly one in every nine radio stations, and if they're banning artists for what they say at a concert and organizing not-so-crowded pro-war rallies, you can bet your savings that they won't be airing any protest music. However, many legislators are working to limit the power of Clear Channel. The Republican Senator from Arizona, John McCain, leads the train aimed at dismantling the monopolists.

Still, protest music in general gets no press in mainstream pop culture. Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder blames this on America's need for "escapism" after Sept. 11, 2001, which is often found in pop music failing to touch on issues outside of bad champagne, huge rims and qualifying womanhood in terms of buttocks size. As long as the White House defines pop music, Americans should do all they can to support any legislation that could potentially put radio back into the hands of independent owners.

**MUSIC BIN**

**Body Language**

Kylie Minogue

★★★★

While Kylie Minogue has recently become a dance music poster child and sex symbol, any child of the '80s first knew her as the energetic Aussie in the pop hit, "Locomotion." However, unlike most '80s icons that disappeared after a one-hit wonder, Minogue merely took an American hiatus and continued to churn out dance and pop hits in Australia and Europe.

The actress and dance diva is the reigning pop queen in the U.K. and Australia; with numerous number one hits and awards, Minogue sets the bar for successful female pop stars on the other side of the Atlantic. In Europe and Australia, she

had more hits than Madonna in the '90s.

While taking an active role in writing her music, the 35-year-old needs no scandalous antics and risqué behavior to sell albums, something perhaps her younger American counterparts could learn.

Minogue's 11th album, "Body Language" is a powerful follow-up to her 2001 release "Fever" that finally broke the American charts. "Can't Get You Out of My Head" ruled in dance clubs and on MTV with Minogue's addictive "La, la, la's" and incredible but tasteful sex appeal. "Body Language" contains equally catchy mixes of disco-glam and hip-hop dance beats. Minogue's dream team of great songwriters and master mixers has produced a fun, cool and ultimately good album.

The first single, "Slow," already debuting at number one in the U.K. and Australia, is a sexy dance tune that reveals Minogue's abilities to experiment with her voice. Her breathy vocals appropriately paired with suggestive lyrics will surely bring bodies together — on the dance floor that is.

However, one's mind may wonder and wander with sexual metaphors that run rampant through "Body Language." In "Slow" Minogue sings, "Don't wanna rush it/Let the rhythm pull you in/It's here so touch it/You know what I'm saying and I haven't said a thing." Hmm, the listeners will have to decipher the mixed

messages themselves.

In "Sweet Music," simple beats progress into a fun, dance funk while Minogue continues to suggest sexual images with dance-floor lingo. "Let's make this demo right/I might just lose it/When we make sweet music/No feather beds, no exotic affair." Minogue surely has no reservations or reluctance to integrate sexually charged lyrics with otherwise silly motivations to dance or mild themes of girl-power. Among the other powerful tunes are "Red Blooded Woman" and "Obsession." Both embody eclectic dance and hip-hop beats that are unique and original to Minogue.

Since she is a product of the '80s pop and techno era, it's almost innate for Minogue to use seemingly borrowed beats from the decade of neon clothing and crimped hair. "Still Standing," echoes an '80s mix while "I Feel For You" is a fun, disco-pop tune that only could be pulled off by Minogue.

"Body Language" is hitting the shores of America just in time, while most of us are still sobering up from "Can't Get You Out of My Head." Minogue's new album provides refreshing, fun and sexy dance beats for fans looking for some inspiration on the dance floor, or ah, any other places the imagination dares to venture. After a couple decades of experience and musical maturity, Kylie Minogue knows how to do it and does it well.

- Ashley Hink





### TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

# IT'S MORE THAN GIRL POWER

**OUR OPINION:** POLITICIANS SHOULD TEND TO ISSUES THAT INTEREST YOUNG WOMEN, WHICH WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE WOMEN THAT ARE LEGITIMATE REASONS TO VOTE.

Young women don't vote. As part of a contingent of 22 million potential voters, some 8 percent of the U.S. population, women under 30 such as those right here at N.C. State, cast votes only one in five times, least among any other demographic group according to a study by the Pew Charitable Trust. Neither political nor social barriers exist to spurn women from making the trip to the polls. So what is it then? There is a cultural divide between men and women regarding politics and a strong sense among women that political parties and candidates do not cater to them. It is tough to get someone to start voting until they have something to fight

for, and thus parties and candidates need to go beyond the lightning-rod issue of abortion rights. Issues like birth control and emergency contraceptives, working on closing the pay disparity between women and men, along with such programs that spur women into technical fields and sciences could help capture the young female vote. But ultimately, an even greater issue exists that keeps women from voting - politics is a male dominated arena. The average female voter could probably count the number of female politicians on one hand. That simply isn't acceptable. Taking on women's issues can only take a politician so far to garner women's votes. Women candidates, however, do more than just empathize with other women, they have firsthand knowledge of the struggles that women face. Political parties should recruit more women to the slate, and, once in power,

encourage and appoint more women to higher positions and committees within the party. By seeing more women in office, it will only start a cycle where more and more women not only vote, but run for elected positions. To garner the young woman vote, candidates and parties must also capture them where they get their information and news. Increasingly, conventional means such as television and newspapers are not where young voters are. Parties should look to alternative means such as the Internet to garner votes from the young. In the end though, the pressure lands on the voters. Candidates can only do so much to bring young women into the fold. Ultimately, women will have to make their voices heard by heading out to the polls.

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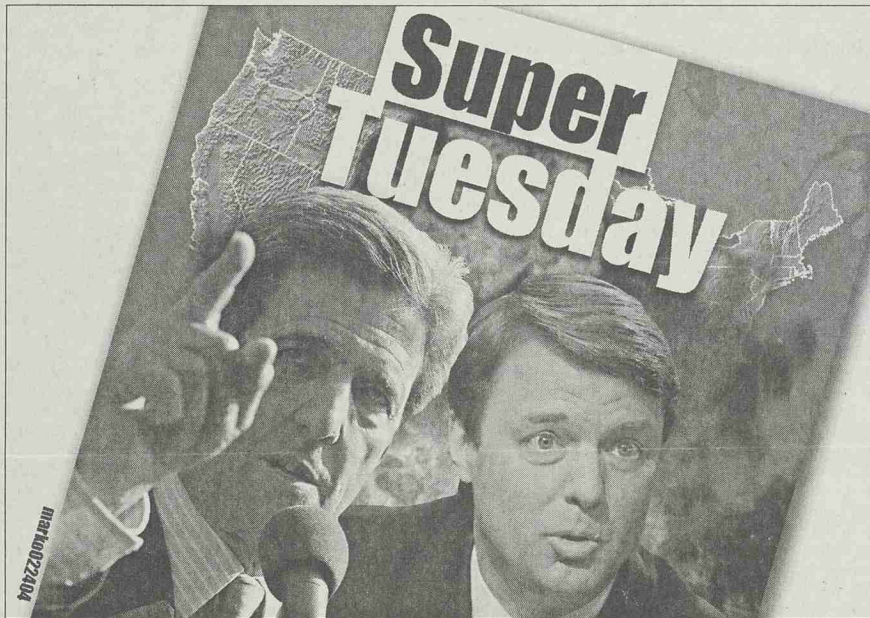
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# The new challenge for Kerry: Ralph Nader

John Kerry is close to winning the Democratic nomination, but his problems are just beginning, not ending.

The Democratic Primary continues to slim itself down. Over the past few weeks, major candidates like Gen. Wesley Clark and Howard Dean have removed themselves from the race, and John Kerry has continued to solidify his position as the frontrunner. Tuesday, March 2, known as "Super Tuesday," may be the day that finally knocks the surprisingly resilient John

Edwards out of the race, but if not, Democratic voters will be subjected to his trite political discourse about two Americas for at least another week. But bad stump speeches aside, things are not as calm as they seem. The one word the media and political junkies have been repeating again and again over the course of this election season is "electability." This notion, which should be nothing new, espouses that Democratic voters choose a candidate not for more personal or emotional reasons but more for general motives that appeal to a larger group of people. Howard Dean was judged too liberal by many voters, even if he was a stirring politician. Joe Lieberman was too much of a latent Republican (I must admit I often wonder if Joe wouldn't fare better as a Republican senator); Wesley Clark had no political background. John Kerry, then, benefited greatly not from his own fine-tuned credentials but from his opponent's failings. As the party begins to rally around the northern senator, storm clouds

are drifting above the horizon. Ralph Nader, the once beloved consumer activist, has announced that he is running for the presidency as a third party candidate yet again. Nader is a peculiar character. In the long histories of third party candidates - from Teddy Roosevelt's Bull Moose Party to Ross Perot's strong performance in 1992, Ralph Nader has a minor place. Ralph Nader received 2.78 million votes in the popular election but received no electoral votes. Nader failed to appear on the ballot in several states, including this one. Had the 2000 election been drastically different, that is had it not been so close, Nader's fledgling campaign would have gone greatly unnoticed. But, alas, the 2000 election was no landslide, as we all can remember. In two states, Florida and New Hampshire, the number of people voting for Ralph Nader exceeded the electoral difference between votes cast for Bush versus votes cast for Gore. George W. Bush won both of these states, but not easily. Because the typical person who would waste their vote on Ralph Nader is of a more leftist political affiliation, it is reasonable to believe that had Ralph Nader not run in 2000 the voter would have had two choices - vote for Al Gore or not vote at all. Assuming most of the voters chose the first option, which is sensible, Al Gore would have won Florida and New Hampshire and, consequently, the presidency. Once many people came to this frustrating conclusion, the Democrats quickly denounced Ralph Nader and exiled him from the party. Of course, Nader had already removed himself from the Democratic Party, calling

both major parties the tool of corporate interest. As this election season began, many people in the party understood that Ralph Nader could not again run for the presidency. But despite imploring Nader, both publicly and privately, not to throw his hat in the ring, nothing could change the obstinate Nader's mind. The Democrats must now be careful how they react, most especially John Kerry. Of course, the ultimate goal of Kerry and his party is to usurp Nader's votes by reminding the small electorate just how hopeless Nader's campaign truly is. But here is where Kerry will be walking a fine line, and his political credibility will be tested. First, Kerry cannot hope to win Nader's supporters by insulting Nader himself or by mitigating his political influence. Second, Kerry cannot be too overt in his pursuit of Nader voters. Neither idea has a mass appeal on a national level, a fact Kerry should keep in mind. No presidential candidate from New England wants to appear as a devout liberal or that candidate can kiss the Southern electoral votes good-bye. So as Kerry accelerates to winning the Democratic nomination, he must prepare himself for the ensuing battle ahead. George W. Bush will be a strong candidate, as incumbents usually are, and Kerry must unify his party and attempt to pick some of the so-called swing voters. If Kerry truly is the cunning politician that so many Democrats believe him to be, he may be successful in making Ralph Nader a political afterthought.

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# Fight for your right to vote

On the bricks in between Scott Hall and D.H. Hill Library on Friday, I noticed the phrase "People have fought for the right to vote..." The ability to vote used to be something that only rich white men had and practiced this ability to keep rich white men in office.

Then women began to see that they too needed to be able to vote for the men that could change their lives. For a long time women influenced their husbands with subtle hints (as we wily women have way of doing!) but that just was not good enough for some women, like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and Susan B. Anthony. Two of these ladies (Stanton and Mott) got upset when they were not allowed to speak at a



Heather Cutchin  
Staff Columnist

World's Anti-Slavery Convention as standing women delegates. Along with Anthony, they called for a women's rights convention to be held in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848, and from then on they worked diligently to change the constitution to allow women to vote. In 1917, Montana elected Jeannette Rankin to Congress, but this was only because that state had ratified women's suffrage three years before. It was not until 1919 that Congress finally adopted the 19th Amendment, giving women everywhere the right to vote.

Although the 15th Amendment was adopted in 1879 and promised the right to vote to anyone no matter their race or color, state laws were put into effect that were unfair towards African-American male voters. The government demanded poll taxes that were too high for many people to pay. Even if they had the money for the poll, voting registrars gave African-Americans and other minorities tests and had the power to pass or fail an applicant based on the color of their skin. The government finally outlawed these polls and tests in 1965, giving African-Americans and other minorities a chance to vote. There have been many African-Americans in office, but the first black state governor was L. Douglas Wilder, of Virginia, elected in 1990. That certainly was a milestone in the effort to desegregate society; something that has not been fully achieved yet, but any small step forward is better than one back, and much better than staying in the same place. The legal age to vote is 18 years old. Most, if not all, N.C. State students are at least 18. With the exception of students from other countries, most N.C. State students are citizens of the United

States. A great number of students are eligible to vote, yet many do not take advantage of that opportunity. When Zach Medford ran for City Council last year, he set up numerous tables across campus encouraging students to vote, even helping students to register to vote. It was so easy. All you had to do was fill out a form and he dropped it off for

you, then a card was mailed to you. Then you just had to stop by your voting facility, it may even have been on campus, mark a few names and you left. Still, the turnout was not that great at the voting sites.

One explanation is that people feel like their voices go unheard. Politicians rarely come to campus to address groups, so students feel like they do not matter. When people do take the time to vote and the person they voted for does not win, they feel as if they wasted their time, so they decide not to vote anymore. When the politicians say one thing to convince folks to vote for them, then do another, people lose faith in the system. It seems like the companies with the money control what goes on, and the common people no longer matter. Once people stop voting, corporations control the government and what once was a democracy turns into a game that we as voters no longer have

a part in. How do we get "back in the game" though? People have fought for the right, were arrested, persecuted, yet still prevailed. Who are we, mere college students that have not had to lift a finger to gain this opportunity, to give it up so easily? I think people should take a more active role in the electoral process.

We need to read the papers about the candidates, watch the debates, ask questions and write letters. I will admit that I do not do all of these things, but I will pledge to try. Most of all, we need to start voting again. It would be great if each N.C. State student voted in this year's presidential election. If we did, could we convince future candidates to stop by campus so we could meet them personally? What if candidates for governor did that? Do you think we could convince them we want and need their support when it comes to raising or lowering tuition or not cutting the budget? It may take a while to bring about change, but if we all made an effort, the sacrifices made by past generations to bring about this change will not be in vain. Heather is looking forward to this year because it is her first chance to vote in a presidential election. E-mail her at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com to let her know what you think of this year's candidates.



## CARTER

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doesn't that mean that the guys catching splinters in their rear are also better than their predecessors? While the talent has gone up, the quality of play has gone down — as has the number of super-talented juniors and seniors.

The arguments against freshman ineligibility are many.

*Guys are too talented to sit out a year.*

Not really.

*Instead of waiting a year to play college, they'll test the NBA.*

Good — let them. Eventually the NBA will realize the quality of play found in its league is slightly less watchable than a closeup of Andy

Petite's nose hairs on Fox during the World Series. And when the NBA realizes this, it might stop drafting embryos and start considering ways to improve its wretched product.

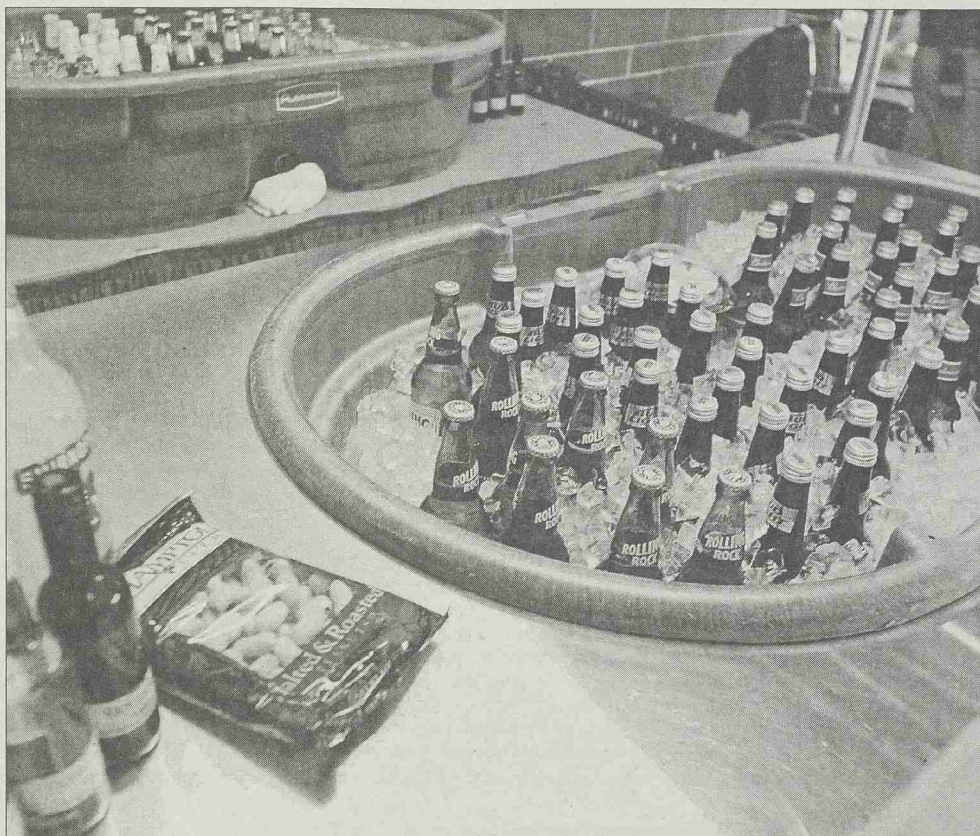
*Freshmen add excitement, remember Carmelo Anthony?*

Yeah, barely. If freshmen were ineligible, the people who wanted to play college basketball would still come. While they waited a year for varsity, they'd develop by playing other nearby freshmen and junior college teams.

Of course, with an NCAA more concerned with dollar signs than GPAs, freshmen ineligibility will never be seen again.

Wait a little longer and neither will good basketball.

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With roughly more than 100 bottles of beer pictured in tubs at the RBC Center, the Carolina Hurricanes will make over \$1000.

## BEER

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alcohol at Pete Maravich Assembly Center (P-MAC), the Tigers' home basketball facility. According to Ausberry, ownership of the P-MAC will switch hands from the university to the athletics department on July 1. He says concert promoters seek venues that sell alcohol.

"We're trying to get a proposal [to sell alcohol] for concerts, mainly," Ausberry said. "I don't think we'll ever be able to sell alcohol at LSU sporting events though. That's just the culture. [The administration] just doesn't want [fans] to be able to say they bought it from LSU."

But that's not enough to stop some fans from bringing tailgating festivities into the stadium or arena. Cynthia Bynum works the door for Hurricanes games where she said she rarely catches anyone trying to sneak airplane liquor bottles into games

**HIDE AND SNEAK**

At the RBC Center, events security officials perform searches on all fans entering the arena. Cynthia Bynum works the door for Hurricanes games where she said she rarely catches anyone trying to sneak airplane liquor bottles into games

in socks, pockets or purses.

"Maybe once or twice a month for hockey games," Bynum said. "For basketball, less than that. It's very rare."

Bynum said it's not as prevalent as it used to be since the RBC Center outfitted security workers at the gate with handheld metal detector wands.

"These are a big help," Bynum said, wand in hand. "They'll pick up the little metal parts at the top of airplane bottles. They'll even pick up gum wrappers."

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Blanks also mentioned that serving alcohol at the games could tarnish celebrations after big victories.

"I cringe every time I see a win over Duke and they (students) storm the court," Blank said. "You know what can happen in the excitement. That excitement would be elevated [negatively by the alcohol]."

And State Farm insurance agent Jeff Langlois warned that by selling alcohol at the arena, State would be setting itself up for possible legal troubles.

"Usually the people serving the beer are civic groups trying to raise money and they're not

## NCAA restrictions

**Bylaw 31.1.12.1** "Advertising of malt beverages, beer and wine products that do not exceed six percent alcohol by volume may be used in game programs. Such advertisements, however, shall not compose more than 14 percent of the space in the program devoted to advertising or not more than 60 seconds per hour of any telecast or broadcast (either a single 60-second commercial or two 30-second commercials)."

**Bylaw 31.1.12.1.2** "A championship's activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor tobacco, beer or wine companies or by professional sports organizations or teams at any time."

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are not high, nor would they be if State decided to sell alcohol there. He also downplayed disturbances from intoxicated fans at hockey games and concerts, saying there are "very few" alcohol-related incidents, given the number of people that come through the arena gates.

For a recent Kid Rock concert, Olsen said two arrests were made due to disorderly conduct as a result of alcohol consumption and he estimated that as many as seven hockey games could go by without his security staff handling problems with intoxicated fans.

"Typically it's a fan of the visiting team," Olsen said. "But the incidents are few and far between."

necessarily professionals," Langlois said. "I could just keep going back and back to get more, and if I get in a car accident on the way home I can sue the arena or team."

Davin Olsen, vice president and general manager of the RBC Center, insists that the arena's insurance premiums

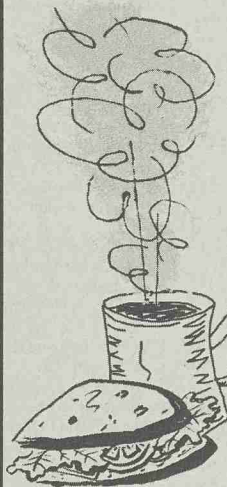
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## ACC Standings

	Conference	Overall
Duke	11-2	22-3
N.C. State	9-3	17-6
Wake Forest	7-5	17-6
Georgia Tech	6-6	19-7
North Carolina	6-6	16-7
Florida State	6-7	18-9
Maryland	4-8	13-10
Virginia	4-9	14-10
Clemson	3-10	10-14

**Today's games**  
Clemson at Maryland, 8 p.m.  
North Carolina at Virginia, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday's games**  
N.C. State at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.  
Florida State at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.

**Thursday's game**  
Valparaiso at Duke, 9 p.m.

## Swishes

Shawn Robinson - Four in-state ACC schools missed out on this guy, who graduated from nearby Leesville Road High School in Raleigh. Robinson lucked out though, and Robinson has been one of the hottest guards in the conference over the last half of the season, torching North Carolina and N.C. State in Tiger upsets. Think he had something to prove against the hometown schools that didn't recruit him?

Nate Robinson - Sure, the 5-9 guard plays for a team (Washington) nearly 3,000 miles away. But anyone who saw Robinson play in Sunday's game at the RBC Center saw one of the most spectacular dunks they'll ever see. Midway in the second half Robinson, the shortest player on the court, skied for a rebound, grabbed the loose ball with his right hand and shoved it down the rim all in one motion. Even Julius Hodge gave the little man love, saying of the dunk, "That was pretty crazy man." Indeed.

## Air balls

Marcus Melvin - Melvin played well in the Wolfpack's win over Washington, but he has to be listed here after throwing up at least five airballs in a 4-of-16 shooting performance at Clemson. Three of those shots would have landed in the ninth row at Littlejohn Coliseum if not for the backboard, which had to be replaced after Melvin and teammates abused it all night.

Virginia - Clemson - Besides the revenue bonanza and exposure, let's hope ACC expansion will also bring a merciful end to this basketball series. The teams played the second-worst ACC game of the year in a game in which neither team won, and Clemson "lost" 55-58. The first-worst game was of course the first Virginia-Clemson tilt. These teams are an instant cure for insomnia.

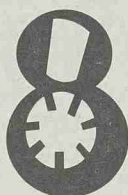
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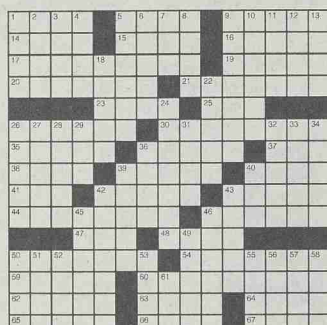
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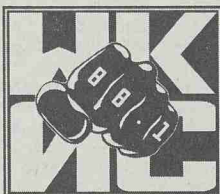
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14 Assistant  
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16 Pass along  
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21 Explained  
23 Singer  
25 Used spades  
26 Dancer Irene  
30 Dubliner  
35 Made bovine  
36 Armistice  
37 Yale booster  
38 Verdi song  
39 Soft hat  
40 Dog or fox  
41 In the bag  
42 Unclouded  
43 "Blame It on Rio"  
44 High-ranking  
45 Indian princess  
46 Dairy product  
47 Distigule  
48 Cherished  
50 Musical intervals  
54 Made certain  
59 Public square  
60 Follower of  
62 Card for readers  
63 Compaq rival  
64 Clearasil's target  
65 Graceful birds  
66 "of Eden"  
67 Tide type

DOWN  
1 Evidence shock  
2 Falsifier  
3 Unemployed  
4 Wagons  
5 Infant's bed  
6 Monopoly  
7 Wind dir.  
8 Political division  
9 Copious  
10 Bethlehem  
11 Panache  
12 Naked  
13 Looked over  
19 Brandish  
22 Decree  
24 Attack by  
25 State as true  
27 Main artery  
28 Rustling sound  
29 Peck or  
31 Man with  
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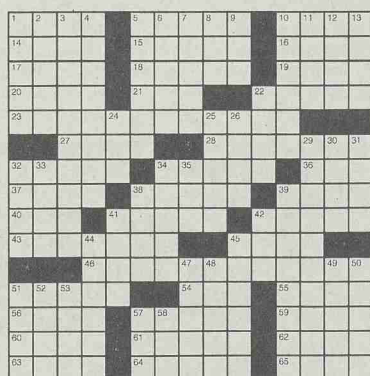
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5 Metal-shaping  
stand  
10 Fountain drink  
14 Surface  
measure  
15 Rolls  
16 Severn tributary  
17 Small monkey  
18 Earth visitor  
19 Embraced  
20 Rigorous  
21 Prohibit  
22 Palely  
23 Meteor  
27 On (without  
guarantee)  
28 Infused with  
oxygen  
32 Leafy quaker  
34 Positioned  
accurately  
36 Bustle  
37 Nice nothing?  
38 Lunch times  
39 Trademark  
swab  
40 Pharmacy abbr.  
41 Lethal snake  
42 City near  
Helena  
43 Exterior  
45 Dirt  
46 Portland team  
51 Lake near  
Reno  
54 Baba  
55 Part of a  
procedure  
56 Prophetic sign  
57 Garret  
59 Frozen fall  
60 Links warning  
61 Paris river  
62 Gymnast  
Korbut  
63 Manipulated  
64 Quantities of  
tea  
65 Left

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1 Courses  
2 Heep of  
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3 Hindsight  
4 Bared



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9 Writer Deighton  
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11 Stove chamber  
12 Child's toy  
13 Gibb or Garcia  
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25 Finn's bath  
26 PGA pegs  
29 Snitch  
30 Revise for print  
31 Nincompoop  
32 End of a buck?  
33 In (in  
position)  
34 Actress Marisa  
35 Steal  
38 Nothing in  
Nogales  
39 TV game  
41 Bog down  
42 Feather scarf



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50 Smacking sound	

## AP Top 25

- Stanford (64)
- St. Joseph's (8)
- Pittsburgh
- Gonzaga
- Duke
- Oklahoma St.
- Mississippi St.
- Connecticut
- Kentucky
- Texas
- Wake Forest
- North Carolina
- Providence
- N.C. State
- Cincinnati
- Southern Ill.
- Arizona
- Georgia Tech
- Memphis
- Kansas
- Louisville
- Wisconsin
- Illinois
- Utah St.
25. Texas Tech

## USA Today/ESPN

- Stanford (26)
- St. Joseph's (5)
- Pittsburgh
- Duke
- Gonzaga
- Oklahoma St.
- Mississippi St.
- Connecticut
- Kentucky
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M. basketball at Georgia Tech, 2/25, 7  
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



## TECHNICIAN

## Dean is right

Dean Smith owns 879 wins, a spot in the basketball hall of fame and the official title of Don Corleone in the Carolina family.



**Andrew B. Carter**  
Deputy Sports Editor

When he speaks, you should listen. Just look what his henchmen did to Matt Doherty.

A few weeks ago, in between promotions for his new book, Smith spoke in favor of bringing back

something that never should have gone away — NCAA freshman ineligibility.

Back in the days of disco and bell bottoms, when Chevy Chase was still in his prime, before high school basketball players were owned by Nike and Reebok and adidas, before Al Gore invented the Internet and before every unshaven, three-days-between-shower sports fans who owned a keyboard became coaches, freshmen basketball players didn't play varsity.

Instead, they watched.

They did things unimaginable to most stars coming out of high school by (gasp) learning their sport. They (maybe) even learned something in class, or at least had more opportunity to do so by not playing a sport full-time. They paid dues — playing in empty gyms on freshmen teams, traveling by bus to take on other schools' freshmen teams.

Unheard of, right?

Today, the best freshmen basketball players don't pay dues — they're paid dues. They don't play on college teams, either — because they're in the NBA. Instead of experiencing college life — beer, strip clubs and practical jokes, they're experiencing pro life — beer, strip cl—okay, bad example.

Today, the best high school basketball players are gods worshiped by recruiting gurus from Idaho to Maine, who scour the 'net for the latest news. They'll read something like:

... TJ Somethingoranother scored 27 points and dished 10 assists in Daisypicker High's win over Locks-dale ... and declare TJ the 21st best point guard prospect in the nation, right behind that other guy they've never seen play in Kentucky and just in front of that Smith kid from Biloxi, Miss., the guy with the alleged smooth jumper.

TJ, Smith and that Robinson kid from the Bronx could rob Guru with a putty knife, and he'd never know the face of his aggressor. In fact, given some of these guys' rap sheets, they might have robbed Guru with a putty knife. No matter — they're still "blue chip," which is a hell of a lot better than any other color chip imaginable.

Today, the best high school basketball players are courted by shoe companies that pay laborers five cents an hour and players who wear their shoes 10 cents per second. How can a kid be expected to care about Shakespeare's sonnets and trigonometry when agents are wooing them with poems about BMWs, Hummers and hummers? Just taking a guess here, but I'd bet the only thing LeBron James read last school year was his contract.

It's ridiculous.

And if the best high school players even go to college — which most don't and won't — they immediately become the best college players, until they leave in the spring for the NBA.

True, athletes in this generation are better than athletes of last generation. The best players of today are better equipped physically than the best players of 25 years ago. But



What used to be Reynolds Coliseum's center court logo serves as a backdrop to beer-toting fans during a Carolina Hurricanes game at the RBC Center last week.

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## THOUGH MANY OFF-CAMPUS COLLEGIATE SPORTING VENUES SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT GAMES, N.C. STATE STANDS BY ITS PROHIBITION POLICY AT THE RBC CENTER FOR BASKETBALL GAMES.

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Ask most N.C. State basketball fans and workers at the RBC Center why alcohol isn't for sale during Wolfpack games and they'll say it's simple — "it's an NCAA rule."

Not so.

Bylaws in the NCAA rulebook state that no more than 14 percent of the space in game programs can be devoted to advertising beer and wine products, that a championship activity or promotion may not be sponsored by a liquor, tobacco, beer or wine company and that no alcoholic beverages may be sold for an NCAA championship.

But as for regular season games, individual universities are free to sell alcoholic beverages if they please.

Vendors sell beer and wine at the RBC Center for Carolina Hurricanes hockey games and for concerts, however State's alcohol policy prohibits sales at all sporting events. The university slightly restructured the policy in the late 1990s with the completion of the RBC Center to allow beer sales at the arena until 30 minutes before tip off.

**TO BOOZE OR NOT TO BOOZE**

N.C. State Board of Trustees chair Peaches Blank recently called the policy prohibiting sales of alcoholic beverages at State sporting events, "the right one."

Aaron Creech, a sophomore in textile technologies, wishes State would adopt a new policy, even though he won't be 21 for another year.

"I think they should sell beer at the RBC Center and at Carter-Finley Stadium because probably more than 50 percent of the fans are over 21," Creech said.

Martha Daniels-Parrish, a 1999 graduate of State and engineer at Underwriters Laboratory in Research Triangle Park, works a stand at the RBC Center for fun. At hockey games, she sells beer and at basketball games she sells snacks, though she estimated that only 25 percent of her customers at basketball games are students. She doubted that many students would be able to afford the price tag for alcohol at a game, which can cost as much as \$10 a bottle.

"Everything is so expensive," Daniels-Parrish said. "Not too many students can afford that."

Creech concurred with her.

"Lots of people are already drunk by the time they walk into the game," Creech said. "They're probably just going to buy one or two to keep the taste in their mouth."

### AROUND THE COUNTRY

Of the major conferences in NCAA Division I, most schools do not sell beer at games. Of the few that do, most are venues located off campus, like the RBC Center.

At the University of Southern California, vendors sell beer at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for football games and beer and hard liquor are sold at the Los Angeles Sports Arena for basketball games. Fans attending a Minnesota football game at the Metrodome, a University of Miami football game at the Orange Bowl or a Florida State basketball game at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center can all purchase beer during games.

Sometimes that comes with a big payday for the university.

According to an NCAA report in 1998, Minnesota Brewing Company, the makers of Grain Belt Beer, paid the University of Minnesota somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250,000 permitting the company to do promotions, display signage and use the university's logo with prior approval.

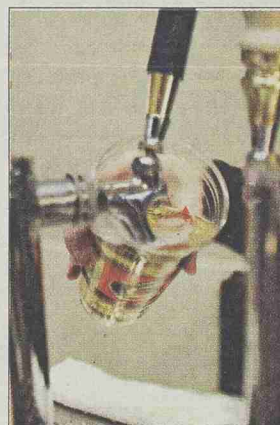
But at the Orange Bowl, which is run and operated by the city of Miami, Assistant Stadium Manager Ileana Gomez said that if the university wished to cease sales of alcoholic beverages, it would have to move to another stadium or buy out the Orange Bowl's contract with Boston Concessions.

Miami's voice on the matter is limited.

"They cannot prohibit the sales but they can restrict it," Gomez said. "That's why we stop selling beer after halftime and check identification at the gate and issue wristbands for those who want to drink. We also have a two beer per-person limit."

Unlike the aforementioned teams that play at off-campus facilities owned by separate entities from their universities, State has part-ownership in the RBC Center as a member of the Centennial Authority, a partnership between State, the City of Raleigh and the Carolina Hurricanes.

Whether or not the arena sells alcohol basketball games is up to State, said Michael Beckolay, director of food and



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A plastic glass of icy cold beer awaits an anxious customer (not pictured).

beverages at the RBC Center.

"State has an investment in the RBC Center," Beckolay said. "It's their show. It's entirely State's call."

### BATTLE OF THE BINGE

Blank said the university would rather be safe than sorry for serving alcohol at football and basketball games. "There are a lot of risks involving underage, binge drinking," Blank said. "I don't think we need to be a part of exacerbating that. It's just logical [not to sell alcohol since] you have an age issue and a safety issue."

That's the problem facing athletics department officials at Louisiana State University.

After an alcohol-related death of a student in 1997, university officials started a campaign to end binge drinking on campus. But last fall, a 19-year-old LSU student died after consuming an entire bottle of rum. And according to a Harvard study published in the Journal of American College Health in 2002, the probability of such tragic events isn't likely to diminish. The study showed that the percentage of college students engaging in frequent heavy drinking rose from 19.7 percent in 1993 to 22.8 percent in 2001.

But Verge Ausberry, assistant athletics director at LSU, doesn't think that should stop the university from selling

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### N.C. State University Alcohol Policies

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**7. University Policies Governing Alcohol Use in Athletic Facilities:**

**7.5** Alcohol in any form is prohibited within the athletic facilities of North Carolina State University except as indicated in 4.2.2 and 4.2.3. The athletic facilities are defined as "the inside environs of the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, the arenas of the Entertainment and Sports Arena that are designated N.C.

State University exclusive use areas in accordance with the Use Agreement between the University and the Centennial Authority, all other areas of the Entertainment and Sports Arena (only on such days as such areas are used by the University for the purpose of playing men's basketball games and only during that period of time on such game days which begins 30 minutes before play commences and ends 30 minutes after play ends), the various gymnasiums and playing fields and the inside environs of Carter/Finley Stadium."

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