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FILE PHOTO BY TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN  
Freshman Michael Harmon wakes up slowly after camping out for tickets to the Duke basketball game.

## Large turnout expected for UNC campout

Ben Akroyd  
Staff Reporter

With more students signed up for UNC Campout than there are tickets to distribute, Scott Stephenson, student ticket administrator, met with administration on Monday to devise the best solution to accommodate as many people as possible.

Attending the meeting were Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Thomas Stafford, Director of Public Safety Thomas Younce, Student Body President Tony Caravano, Associate Athletic Director Charles Cobb, Assistant Director of Ticket Operations Richard Christy and Deputy Director of Campus Police John Dailey.

The students and administrators agreed that the maximum capacity the area around Reynolds Coliseum

could safely handle was 1,000, which is far less than the 1,862 students currently signed up to camp out.

The demand is a dramatic increase from the Duke game, where 788 students camped out for tickets.

The students allowed to camp out will be determined after a computer randomizes the order of the campout groups and takes the first 1,000 students from the randomized list.

Those students not selected are ineligible for tickets.

Despite some students being denied tickets, Stafford stressed that campout still has its advantages. "The reward for campout is a much better chance of getting a ticket [compared to the voucher system]," he said.

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## Dead body found on Western Blvd.

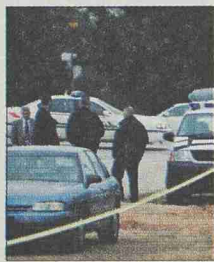
News Staff Report

Construction workers walking from their parking spots to the Wolf Village apartment site found an unidentified body in the woods at the corner of Western Blvd. and Varsity Drive around 4 p.m. Tuesday.

The workers reported the body to the Raleigh Police Department, according to Campus Police.

The Raleigh Police responded and turned the investigation over to N.C. State police.

According to Sgt. Jon Barnwell, the body is that of an older male with gray hair and is probably not a student. The area in which the body was found appeared to be a makeshift campsite. The body was badly decomposed, which suggests it had been there for a significant amount of time.



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN  
A body was found just off Western Blvd. Tuesday.

There is no evidence of foul play.

Police dispatched the medical examiner's office to collect the body. The examiner will release results from an autopsy to verify age, sex, time and cause of death within two weeks.

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## Students protest war profiteering

SPAN supporters spoke out in front of the Research Triangle Institute on Tuesday.

Charles Duncan  
Senior Staff Reporter

"War profiteering" became the buzz phrase of the day Tuesday as the N.C. State Student Peace Action Network, SPAN, spent the day raising awareness about the Research Triangle Institute's involvement in Iraq.

A non-profit based in Research Triangle Park, RTI won a \$167 million contract to help set up the government in Iraq.

Brad Goodnight, a senior in computer science, said they were opposed to RTI's involvement in Iraq because, "They're not answering to the Iraqi people, they're answering to the coalition authority."

SPAN held a small rally in the brickyard

before going to RTP for a bigger demonstration.

In the brickyard, SPAN waved signs, passed out fliers and talked to students, faculty and staff.

SPAN also performed what they called "guerilla-theater." Goodnight wore a Bush mask with a sign that said, "get your corporate contracts here" and handed out dollar bills to people with Haliburton and Bechtel labels on.

The students representing the corporations then went over to a group holding a sign labeling them as Iraqis and pushed them around.

"I had a lot of fun and I think it got some at-

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KASEY BUTLER/TECHNICIAN  
Dante Strobino and Jim Worley protest with Peter Gilbert in the Brickyard. The protest was put on by the Student Peace Action Network.

## Bush seeks new amendment

President Bush announced to the world he supports a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Michele DeCamp  
News Editor

President Bush announced on Tuesday that he supports a constitutional amendment which would define marriage as "a union of man and woman as husband and wife."

The endorsement comes after weeks of same sex marriage debate as the Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled that same sex couples can start obtaining marriage licenses in May and San Francisco city officials have allowed more than 3,200 couples to get married against California family code.

Those events, coupled with a New Mexico county that has been issuing marriage licenses to couples of the same sex, are part of what prompted Bush to make his statement on this issue.

"After more than two centuries of American jurisprudence, and millennia

of human experience, a few judges and local authorities are presuming to change the most fundamental institution of civilization," Bush said according to a text version of the speech. "Their actions have created confusion on an issue that requires clarity."

In 1996, President Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act into law. The act stipulated that federal law would only recognize unions between men and women and also stated that individual states did not have to accept other states' definitions of marriage. However, Bush said the federal government cannot be sure that this act will not get struck down in "activist courts," and he also said it does not make marriage between same sex couples illegal.

His desire for an amendment to the Constitution would completely eliminate the issue if an amendment defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman is passed through Congress and ratified by at least three-fourths of the states. The last amendment was the twenty-seventh amendment, which was added to the Constitu-

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ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN  
Robin Siska, president of BGLA, talks about where she grew up with her friend from Student Senate, Janet Ogbon, at the senior class board of trustees meeting. "I live any day like any other student and have all the same worries and fear that they do. Do I have complications because of being gay? Not really. It's just one part of who I am," said Siska.



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN  
Melanie Rowe dances to "Tootsie Roll" while chomping vigorously on pizza so she could eat faster in the pizza eating contest held Tuesday night in Case dining hall.

## Slice-off Victory

Jade Salazar  
Staff Reporter

"I just can't eat this," said UNC soccer player Ty Allison as a slice of already chewed anchovy pizza fell out of his mouth at last night's "Pizza Eat-off Competition" between NCSU and UNC athletes. Each athlete had his/her own

technique of eating such as N.C. State cheerleader Steve Hall who stacked four slices on top of each other and ate them. The competition was held in Case Dining Hall and sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Action (FCAIA).

"We wanted to use this as an opportu-

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## Mad Cowboy speaks on life

Rachael Rogers  
Senior Staff Reporter

Students turned out to hear the "Mad Cowboy," also known as Howard Lyman, for many different reasons. Some wanted to learn about health, others to educate themselves about social issues or to see how their eating habits affect the environment. Lyman shared his experiences in a lecture Monday night titled "Saving the Planet One Bite at a Time."

"I came out tonight because I'm a vegetarian and the issue interests me. I also have family members who are meat eaters who I care about," Nick Bush, a resident of Fuquay-Varina, said.

The lecture took place in Talley Student Center Ballroom and was brought to campus by a relatively new student organization: Students Protecting Animals Responsibly and Compassionately (SPARC).

SPARC is committed to educating people about animal rights and welfare and hosts events such



Howard Lyman, the "Mad Cowboy"

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## WORLD

## More than 560 dead in Moroccan earthquake

A powerful earthquake devastated an isolated, picturesque region of northern Morocco on Tuesday, killing more than 560 people as they slept, injuring hundreds more and laying ruin to villages that suffered for decades under government neglect.

Rescuers with pick axes and sniffer dogs were searching for survivors trapped under the rubble of their fragile mud and stone homes, which crumbled easily in the 6.5 magnitude temblor. Victims were most likely women, children and the elderly because men in the region tend to emigrate to the Netherlands and Germany in search of work, said Mohammed Ziane, a former human rights minister.

-Wire Reports

## Putin fires Cabinet ahead of March election

In a bold step that removed a last-major holdover from the days of Boris Yeltsin, President Vladimir Putin dismissed his prime minister and all other Cabinet ministers Tuesday, saying he reshuffled the government in preparation for next month's presidential vote.

Putin said the ouster of Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov was designed to put his next government in place in advance of the March 14 balloting.

With virtually no political opposition, Putin was widely expected to win a second term, and his comments Tuesday showed his confidence.

"This decision bears no relation to any assessment of the performance of the former composition of the government," Putin said. "It was dictated by my desire to once again delineate my position on the issue of what development course the country will take after March 14, 2004."

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## NATION

## High court lifts death sentence for Texas man

The Supreme Court, normally bitterly divided on capital punishment cases, was unanimous Tuesday in saying a Texas death row inmate who came within minutes of execution should get another chance to appeal his murder conviction.

The court lifted the death sentence imposed on Delma Banks more than two decades ago, and delivered a strong rebuke of Texas officials and lower courts.

Banks was denied a fair trial because prosecutors failed to disclose key information that might have helped Banks' case, the court said.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia did not vote to overturn Banks' sentence, but did vote to give him another chance to appeal his conviction for killing a 16-year-old former co-worker at a fast food restaurant in 1980.

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## U.S. charges 2 linked to bin Laden with war crimes

Two men alleged to have been bodyguards and aides for Osama bin Laden were charged with conspiracy to commit war crimes and ordered to stand trial before the first U.S. military tribunals convened since World War II, officials announced Tuesday.

Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al Qosbi, of Sudan, a paymaster for al-Qaida, and Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulayman al Bahulu, of Yemen, a propagandist for bin Laden, were charged in military indictments unsealed at the Pentagon.

The two men are among more than 600 foreign prisoners held at the U.S. Navy's Guantanamo prison camp in Cuba. Both spent time in terrorist training camps and served as bodyguards for bin Laden, according to military charging documents similar to indictments in the civilian court system.

-Wire Reports

## STATE

## Bush to visit North Carolina on Thursday

President Bush will participate in a meeting on the economy at a community college and speak at a fund-raiser Thursday in a visit to Charlotte.

The president last came to Charlotte in February 2002 to raise money for Republicans Elizabeth Dole, who won a U.S. Senate seat, and U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes.

Supporters will gather at a \$2,000-a-plate dinner at the Charlotte Convention Center on Thursday. At a similar event in Winston-Salem last November, Bush raised \$1.1 million - the biggest Republican fund-raiser in North Carolina history.

Bush also will take part in a meeting on the economy at Central Piedmont Community College.

Bush has visited North Carolina at least eight times as a presidential candidate or president.

## Correction:

In the article "Sisters remember fallen uncle" in the Feb. 23 edition of Technician, Kristina and Angela Tucker were reported to support Matthew Grant receiving the death penalty for shooting their uncle. The sisters, in fact, do not support the death penalty and would prefer Grant receive a life prison sentence.

## COWBOY

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as this lecture to fulfill their mission.

Lyman now spends his time traveling around the world in order to share his personal story and experiences. "I want to talk about what we're doing to our planet, the food we eat and the environment we're leaving our children and grandchildren," Lyman said.

The "Mad Cowboy" grew up in Montana on the largest dairy farm in the state. "At that time, the only thing I ever wanted to be was a farmer. I took a one horse farm and turned it into an agri-business. I thought I was farmer of the year," Lyman said.

In 1977, though, Lyman got a wake-up call that forever changed the direction of his life. He had a tumor on his spinal cord and found out he was paralyzed from the waist down and would probably never walk again.

"In the hospital, a lot of things were going through my mind. What came to my mind was why I wanted to be a farmer," he said. "I became a farmer because of nature. It wasn't until I was paralyzed that I was able to realize I was part of the problem,

not the solution."

Lyman ended up beating the odds and walked out of the hospital, but returned home with a desire to change his life. By the time of his recovery, Lyman decided he would become an organic farmer. By 1983, Lyman had sold his farm and began working with other farmers to help them not make the mistakes he made.

Later, Lyman served as senior lobbyist for the National Farmers' Union from 1987-1992 but found himself discouraged by working on Capitol Hill and decided to take a new approach.

"I decided that if I was ever going to win, I had to take it to the people," Lyman said.

He also changed his own lifestyle. "I became the world's worst closet vegetarian and my health improved. Then I became a vegan and lost 130 pounds," Lyman said.

Eventually Lyman found himself on the Oprah Winfrey Show and then being sued along with Winfrey in the "Meat Defamation" trial. The trial took place in Amarillo, Texas, with a jury made up of people deep in cattle ranching. Much to their surprise, the jury did not find Lyman or Oprah liable.

Besides discussing his personal history and the details of the "Meat Defamation" trial, Lyman discussed people's health

and the effect of eating meat. "I think we have a terrible future ahead of us," he said. "One in two Americans die of heart disease. One in three will have cancer. Two in three are overweight or obese and diabetes is growing. I want to talk to you tonight about common sense."

"We kill 10 billion animals every year for food. We are killing animals, but the animals are killing us," he said.

Lyman believes if he had not changed his own diet, he would not be alive today. "I never met a burger that was worthy dying for," he said.

Lyman discussed several studies that have shown that animal protein is associated with cancer or will accelerate the rate of cancer and cause death.

According to Lyman, the average American consumes 17 percent protein. He added that the World Health Organization says 5 percent protein is all that should be consumed.

As evidence, Lyman cited the China Project that shows that people in China, which has a substantially larger plant-based diet, have less cancer, less heart disease and less obesity but consume more calories than Americans.

"I became a vegetarian because of my health. I became a vegan because of my health. But today I am a plant eater be-

cause of my animal concerns," he said.

Lyman shared stories of how animals are being fed the waste of other animals and the way this spreads disease among animals and perhaps even to the human population.

Above all else, Lyman's message was a message of self-education. "Go read the information. Get the books. Go to the library. Find out about these issues. Educate yourself and make a decision about what you're going to do," he said.

Lyman then fielded questions from the audience that ranged from cattle prices after the diseased cow was found in Washington late last year to the cost of testing cows for disease.

Students and audience members found the lecture to be informative and interesting.

"I thought it was wonderful that he came all this way to speak to us," Ginger Wike, a third year veterinary student, said.

Other students found the lecture to be interesting as well. "What Howard Lyman said tonight is important for everyone to hear," food science senior Karren Meyer said. "He certainly has an interesting story to share with students about the importance of lifestyle choices."

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tention for our cause," Goodnight said.

Peter Gilbert, a graduate student and teaching assistant in the physics department, said, "We had pretty good support in the brickyard, lots of people were interested in what we were doing," Gilbert said.

Marye Anne Fox sits on one board at RTI, but was unavailable to comment for this story.

After two hours in the brickyard, SPAN met up with other students from UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke at the intersection of NC55 and Cornwallis Road for a rush-hour protest in front of the RTI building.

"We had a lot of support from passers by," Goodnight said. "About half of the people blew their horns and waved."

Goodnight said he thought that was because attitudes about the war have changed. "After 500 Americans died in Iraq, some people have changed their views."

## CAMPOUT

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pout currently have about a 54 percent chance of selection. The likelihood of receiving a winning voucher is approximately 27 percent, since an estimated 6,000 vouchers will be distributed.

Cobb admitted some students will be disappointed.

"It's the Carolina game, and if people don't get a ticket they're going to be mad... Unfortunately, it's going to happen," he said.

Logistically, having more than a thousand students at campout would be extremely difficult, according to the meeting's attendees.

According to Christy, every campout costs Campus Police \$1,000 to \$1,500 in overtime costs, with additional students meaning additional costs. He expressed concern that the line would get so long that officers wouldn't be able to quickly respond to crises that occurred at the ends.

No fires, personal heaters or alcohol are allowed at campout, which are restrictions in place since the 2000 UNC Campout.

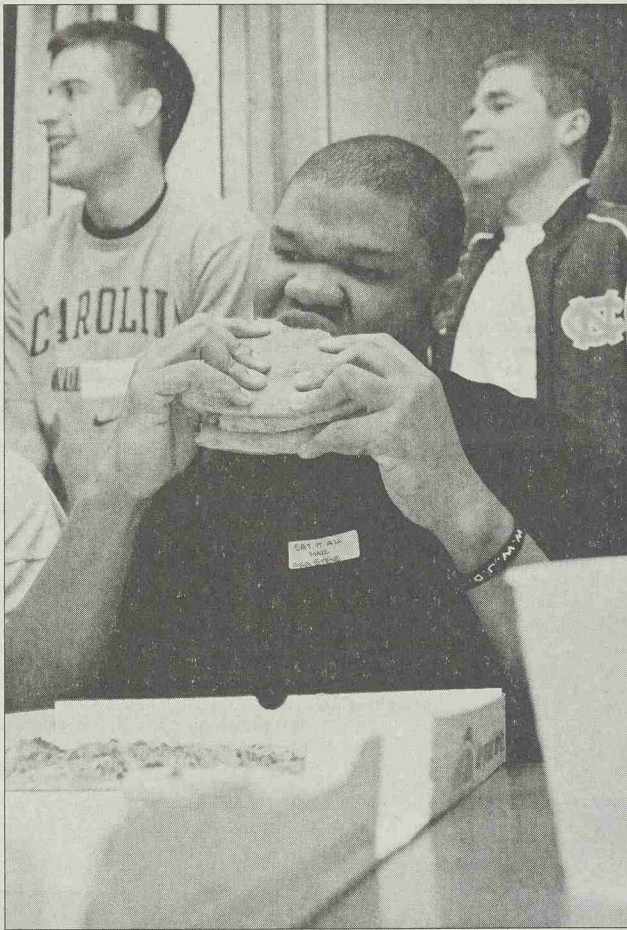
At the meeting, Caravano inquired as to whether some sort of heater could be brought in as an alternative to fires. The administration decided that it would look into large propane heaters for future campouts.

Caravano also hoped that a change could be made in policy so that no campout tickets would be in the lofty 300 level of the RBC Center.

"I think if [the students at campout] are going to spend an entire evening in the cold they should get an added incentive," he said.

Currently, seating is randomly assigned and the best and worst seats have an equal chance of going to either voucher or campout tickets.

There is a possibility that Stephenson will guarantee all non-Wolfpack Club courtyard seats to students who attended campout.



Steven Hall goes for the tripple-decker slice as time winds down in the pizza eating contest between UNC and NCSU athletes held Tuesday night in Case dining hall. NCSU won the contest with 63 points over UNC's 47.

One competitor Mary McDowell, a UNC soccer player, said, "Events like this are important, not just for our own growth

in the Lord, but it is important to build relationships with other teams and their athletes."

## GAYS

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tion in 1992.

"An amendment to the Constitution is never to be undertaken lightly. The amendment process has addressed many serious matters of national concern. And the preservation of marriage rises to this level of national importance," Bush said.

If an amendment is passed, same sex couples would still possibly be able to obtain civil unions in accordance with their state's laws.

"The amendment should fully protect marriage, while leaving the state legislatures free to make their own choices in defining legal arrangements other than marriage," Bush said.

Bush gave several reasons for his decision to support only opposite sex marriages.

He used the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act, which was approved in the House of Repre-

sentatives with a vote of 342 to 67 and the Senate with a vote of 85 to 14, and comparable marriage laws in 38 states to show that many lawmakers have already created legislation that excludes same sex couples from the definition of marriage.

He also used a cultural argument as well.

"Ages of experience have taught humanity that the commitment of a husband and wife to love and to serve one another promotes the welfare of children and the stability of society," Bush said. "Marriage cannot be severed from its cultural, religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society."

Now that Bush has declared his own wishes, the Associated Press contacted the two frontrunner Democratic presidential candidates to gather their thoughts on Bush's decision.

"I believe President Bush is wrong," Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass, said to the Associated Press. Kerry reportedly opposes same

sex marriage but does not wish to add an amendment regarding this issue.

Sen. John Edwards, D-NC, also disagreed with Bush's decision to endorse an amendment more than the President's opinion of gay marriage.

"My position has always been that it's for the states to decide," Edwards said.

Gay and straight students on campus had differing opinions on this issue.

"[Bush] said that the amendment is not going to undermine tolerance and respect - but its adding discrimination to the constitution," Robin Siska, a senior in psychology, said. "I could walk in and marry any guy with no love; how does that protect the 'sanctity' of marriage?"

Another student also questioned the assumption that all heterosexual marriages are right just because they involve a man and woman.

"Heterosexuals can get married by an Elvis impersonator at a drive through chapel in Las

Vegas, yet two gays can't get married?" Justin White, a sophomore in computer engineering, said. "Love shouldn't be disallowed by law."

One student likened the issue to other forms of discrimination.

"Denying them rights because they are different is a form of racism. Their views on marriage may be different from what is considered normal, but they still should have the same rights as other Americans," Afton Dixon, a senior in psychology and sociology, said.

LaVel Khater wanted Bush to focus on what he sees as more pressing issues in the country.

"I don't necessarily approve of gay marriages, but it's two people in love, and there are a lot more important things in the world to deal with. Let's talk about the homeless in our country, let's talk about providing education for kids in the city and underprivileged families everywhere," Khater, a freshman in business, said.

Several students were glad Bush took the initiative to make a statement about marriage.

"I've heard bits and pieces about his outlook on gay marriage, and I believe that if he's making this statement then it's something he feels is necessary to do," said one student who wishes to remain anonymous because of her affiliation with the university.

One student agreed with Bush's definition of marriage.

"I support [the possible amendment] based on my religious background because God made it so that marriage is for a man and a woman," Karmee Stephenson, a senior in textile engineering, said.

Bush acknowledged there would be disagreement regarding this issue, but he would like to see the debate remain civil.

"We should also conduct this difficult debate in a manner worthy of our country, without bitterness or anger," Bush said.



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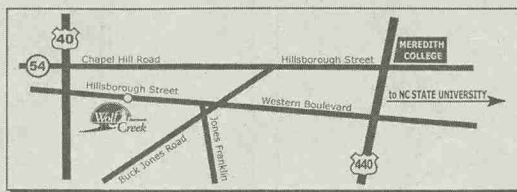
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## THE COFFIELD FILES

## Floss daily, die once

Hi, there! Let's see a smile! Thanks! Those are some nice teeth! They look really sharp! OK, you can keep reading now!

From the above request, the perceptive reader might guess I've recently visited the dentist. After all, the dentist's purpose is to make us conscious of the importance of teeth. And to remind us that if we do not floss before and after each meal, our teeth will decompose into our bleeding gums and we will die poor, alone and unable to eat corn on the cob.

**Tim Coffield**  
Senior Staff Film

These effects often last at least until the taste of the mouth-fluoride wears away. For an afternoon, I swear to myself that dental hygiene is my new personal priority. I buy a new toothbrush and neon toothpaste. I promise myself I will buy floss later.

So maybe I went to the dentist, and I'm now temporarily concerned with teeth? Nah, I don't go to the dentist anymore. But I did go to the doctor. It was for a checkup, but not the kind where they make you take off your pants. A semi-checkup, it seems.

At any rate, the doc gave me some bad news. He told me that there was no way to put it lightly, so he told me straight up: I am going to die. He said he doesn't expect me to survive more than one or (at the most) two more generations.

To be honest, I probably wasn't as worried about this as maybe I ought to be. I was mostly concerned with making it home in time for the new "Road Rules" episode.

The reader might presume I was just avoiding the depressing weight of my death sentence by focusing on more pleasant, colorful things, like TV. This reader would be wrong, in the way that a hard left would also not be right.

It just means I really like "Road Rules." Especially the ones with Veronica-who-never-returns-my-letters.

Still, the doc's somber verdict did set me thinking. I'd never really thought about dying. In fact, I kind of assumed I never would, unless I accidentally slipped on a wet towel while shaving my throat.

But that's not really something you can plan for; it just happens. But now I know the end is careening unflinchingly at me, like a small woman in a big SUV, who is angry because her fleshy child is late for soccer practice.

So I am making plans. This is not something I take lightly. After all, I will probably only die once.

One thing that I'm eagerly looking forward to is that the act of my death will automatically make my life better.

By this I mean: other folks will insist I was far better a chap than I really was. My character flaws, which in life are the preferred subject of dialog between my parents and my e-mail account, will rapidly evaporate as my body rapidly decomposes.

Take, for instance, the recent expiration of my maternal uncle, Marty. While living, Marty was best classified as a "womanizing alcoholic, angry driver and fair-weather sports fan."

Fittingly, he met his end in a failed lane change with a beer in his hand, en route from buying flowers and scented oil.

At his funeral, however, these issues were smoothly morphed into a new Marty, a Marty who was "free-spirited," "forever young" and "full-of-life." The fact that he'd become, as it were, full-of-death, did wonders for his reputation.

Now, back to me. I'm compiling a list, to be read at my funeral and reproduced in conversations, of euphemisms-for-Tim.

See, if I'm dead (and so unable to prove anyone wrong), what is said of me, if repeated enough, will become me. I like phrases such as "he was an excellent point guard," "his freak-dancing was first-rate" and "his teeth were very white and also very straight."

The other issue, of course, involves the treatment of my limp and lifeless body. Cremation, a popular practice, is too dramatic and too speedy, too "yes, Tim is dead now; finally, we can burn him into little bits."

Burial just seems like too much trouble. I'd just as soon be tossed into the compost pile in the backyard, and save all the digging and the expensive casket.

So I'm thinking: after I kick the ol' bucket, I'd like someone to take me to the taxidermist. Drain me out, stuff me up, make me look real good. Comb my hair with a sharp part. Give me some glass eyes.

Then just lean me up in a corner somewhere, perhaps in the Atrium, where I can peer at the ladies walking by. This would be fitting.

And if someone could take a sec and floss my teeth a couple times a day, I'd really appreciate that.

**Tim is starting a nu-metal rock band. He needs a drummer, a bass player and about six or seven groupies. Contact tlcoffie@ncsu.edu**

## Diversions

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL: CHAPTER 7

## The hunters hunted

STORY BY JONATHAN HAMILTON | ILLUSTRATION BY MARY GELLAR

Stone twisted the big bruiser's arm, and a wet noise like pulling a drumstick turned every stomach in the bar. The brute tried to growl, but it came out a whimper. "I'm going to ask you one more time," Stone said, "then I'm going to lose my temper: *Where is Henri de Matteau?*"

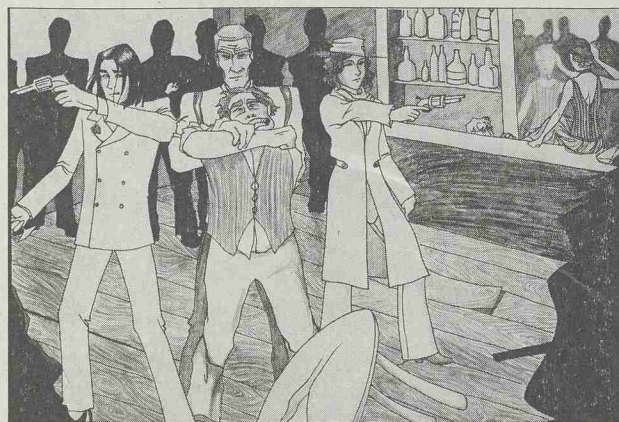
Annie and Irons, pistols drawn, warded the rest of the dive's seedy patrons away from the floorshow. The gorilla in Stone's embrace babbled his answer in rushed French punctuated with hitches and blubbering. Renarde, sitting atop the bar, translated. "Please, don't hurt me," she recited flatly as she straightened her hat in the wide barroom mirror. "I swear I know nothing." She glanced down at the bartender cowering beside her and made a moue at him. "My elbow, my elbow."

Dozens of eyes glared at them from the bar's dim perimeter. The silhouettes of the men seethed in a collective mass like a great dark cloud. All around the group knuckles cracked and bottles broke; muttered curses rumbled like thunder. A brawl was about to break out, firearms be damned. Annie and Irons backed up to Stone, who stood in the middle of the room with a look that dared the goons to try something. "When you said finding de Matteau would be hard work," Annie whispered to him fiercely, "I thought you meant chasing paper trails and fingerprinting."

"Trust me," Stone replied. He pushed the palooka toward the bar and bent him down over it while whispering something to Renarde. The other two joined them in time to overhear her speaking to the prostrated man.

"*Nous te donnerons au sodomite aux cheveux longs*," she cooed with a wink directed at Irons, "*si tu ne chantes pas comme un canari*." The thug looked back at Irons in distress and started babbling again, trying to squirm out of Stone's grasp as he spoke. "He says he might know where de Matteau was being held...and he may still be there," Renarde explained. "I know the place. It's not far from here. I can lead us there."

"Then that's our next stop." With a quick tug, he pulled his captive up from the bar. "Annie, can you make us an exit?"



"All around the group knuckles cracked and bottles broke; muttered curses rumbled like thunder."

Blackwood stormed toward the door brandishing his revolver menacingly at the brigands who barred her way. They scattered before the business end of her barrel. Renarde slid down from the bar and followed Irons, and Stone, dragging the ruffian, moved in a tight group with them to join Annie. With a mighty shove, Stone sent the giant flying into the crowd and shouted, "Run!"

The three of them burst onto the Paris streets in full stride. Annie holstered her weapon and cursed at Stone. "I swear to God, Jake, you're lucky that little gamble paid off."

"With enough experience, nothing is ever a gamble," he replied.

"What if they call the police?"

"Calling the police in a place like that is a liability."

Renarde, with a queer smile on her face, darted to the head of the column and led the others through the inky side streets and alleyways of the City of Lights. She called back to the others as they wormed their way deeper into the guts of the city. "Wait here while I scout ahead. It may not be safe." Before anyone could protest, she disappeared into the black heart of the night, leaving the team hidden in

the midst of a block of tenements. Stone opened his mouth to say something, but before he could speak he was cut off by a surprised scream from less than a block away that ended as suddenly as it had exploded. The three drew their pistols and listened intently, hesitant to leave their post but afraid the scream had come from Marie. Within moments the sounds of scuffling feet and muffled protests came from the darkness of the alley before them, and Renarde appeared half lit by the sick orange hue of a flickering streetlight. A figure cloaked by the shadows restrained her with a hand over her mouth to stifle her screams, and the glint of light on gunmetal was sharply visible by her head in the night. Annie, Irons and Stone all trained their weapons on the mysterious stranger, each with breath held in suspense.

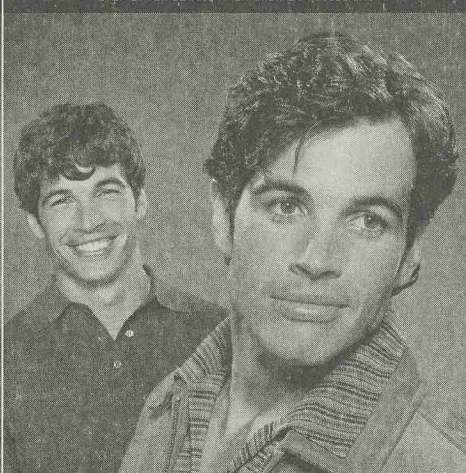
"You all have some explaining to do," came a man's voice from the shadow.

"Oh," sighed Stone, releasing the hammer of his revolver. "I never expected to see you here."

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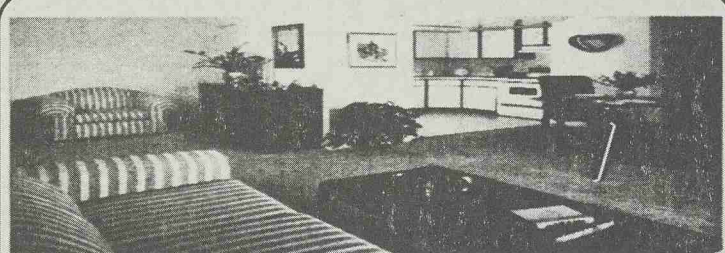
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## AMENDMENT A BAD MOVE

**OUR OPINION:** PRESIDENT BUSH'S AMENDMENT PROHIBITING SAME SEX MARRIAGES IS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

President Bush said Tuesday that he supports a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as one that exists between a man and a woman, essentially prohibiting gay marriage.

Such an amendment, Bush said, is the only means to protect "the most fundamental institution of civilization."

This amendment would be a step backward - a huge step backward. Nor will this amendment do anything to fix the country's problems with marriage,

The United States has made a great deal of progress during the last century, and Bush's amendment would throw the work of millions away in one swoop - discriminating a portion of the population from their right to show their love to one another, a distinctly un-American act.

Just as interracial marriage was once

taboo, gay marriages will inevitably go through a similar transformation and become socially acceptable.

San Francisco and Massachusetts are merely pioneers in social change.

To make a statement now, with a constitutional amendment, would merely act as a roadblock that will have to be overturned at a later date.

Change on this front is inevitable.

Constitutional amendments have been made sparingly over the course of the nation's history.

This being an election year, Bush's amendment push must be viewed with great skepticism; something as sacred as an amendment should not be wielded lightly as a political tool to create a wedge between the president and his opponents.

This issue transcends politics - it affects people's lives.

To use a controversial social issue for political gain just does nothing to solve the real issue here - marriage and

divorce.

N.C. State has a sizeable portion of homosexual students, staff and faculty, and nothing should prevent them from enjoying the same benefits as their heterosexual peers. It simply isn't within the government's right to legislate love.

Bush claims that the amendment will protect the institution of marriage, taking President Clinton's Defense of Marriage Act, which also defined marriage as one between a man and a woman for federal purposes, to the next level.

The issue regarding marriage in this country is not that allowing gays to marry waters down the institution, but that there are serious issues of infidelity and divorce in this nation.

Half of marriages lead to divorce - that is the issue.

Bush should take his time to enact legislation that stymies America's divorce epidemic, instead of taking this politically charged act that does nothing but discriminate.

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## Beyond tickets, there's not much to Student Senate

Andrew Payne informs students of the importance of knowing what is going on in Student Government beyond student ticket distribution.

Election season is quickly approaching, at not only the state and federal levels, but also right here at N.C. State.

As Senators John Edwards and John Kerry battle it out for the Democratic

Party nomination, and accuse President George W. Bush of everything from lying about war to ruining the economy, students may enjoy a similar circus act.

A circus act - not made up of lions, tigers or bears or

even clowns - but of students vying for positions as student leaders.

What's up for grabs? The coveted student body offices: president, senate president, treasurer and chief justice. Also on the voting block are positions for the Student Senate, Student Media Authority and Student Center Board of Directors. Seniors will also have to choose their next class president and vice president.

Since the end of the fall semester, rumors began to fly of who would throw their hat into the ring.

It is becoming apparent that all positions will be contested heavily, with at least two candidates running for each office and possibly some incumbents. But if this election cycle

continues like in years past, the elections will be hotly contested between the competitors and their supporters, but not with the student body.

As with every student body election, except for the selection of Tony Caravano as student body president, the general student population pays little attention.

It is not that students don't care, but that they rarely have a clue what our student leaders do for them.

I know many students feel the only thing Student Government has done this year is screw people out of tickets to men's basketball and football games.

But let's be absolutely honest with each other - this year, students are REALLY not paying attention to Student Government mainly because of the

Student Senate. Don't just take it from me; two high level administrators told me that this is the worst Student Senate they have ever seen!

Some critics might credit the organization's poor performance to the leadership of Student Senate President Erich Fabricius. Leadership might have something to do with it, but Fabricius attempts to provide some direction and is dedicated to the post. I believe the problem is systemic - the "senators" just don't get it.

Rather than attempting to tackle real problems with practical solutions, they have turned the Student Senate into a glorified debate club.

They would rather focus on internal processes and petty politics than issues affecting the student body.

It's not as if it is impossible to achieve tangible results. The Student Senate produced the 4.33 GPA points for an A+. The Student Senate reduced the number of physical education classes a student needed to graduate from four to two.

Student Senate is not about spending hours debating until 4 a.m. or sponsoring useless "legislation." It is about becoming a student advocate, representing the student voice on influential university policy committees, writing letters to members of the General Assembly or protesting tuition increases at Board of Trustees meetings.

Simply put, it is about participating in campus events,

especially ones sponsored by Student Government.

Right about now, someone in the Student Senate is contemplating how to respond to this column, mulling over what to say in their Technician "Letter to the Editor" or their post on The Wolf Web. Before you take pen to paper let me caution you,

I am not the only student who feels this way and the student body will see through your excuses. Students are screaming either change or stop meeting and wasting our fee money. If Student Senate doesn't change, we will be voting for "none of the above."

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### Christianity not just about "saving souls"

I agree with the statement about how new-age churches are seeking acceptance rather than becoming true members of a spiritual community, but there was a lot in the column that strikes me as misinformed and unintelligent.

First of all, the repeated statement about offering wine in Communion to draw people to the church is ludicrous! Most of the oldest churches, mainly the Apostolic ones (Roman Catholic, Anglican/Episcopal and Lutheran), serve wine at Communion and always have. Christ himself served wine at the Last Supper, not grape juice! So churches that do this are sticking to true Christian tradition, not attempting to draw people to their church or save souls for Jesus, which brings me to my next problem with the article.

It was said that winning lost souls to Jesus is at the heart of Christianity - BULL! That may be the goal of fundamental, evangelical and new wave churches, but the more traditional churches, especially the above mentioned Apostolic Churches, do not believe in Evangelism or the ultra-conservative concept of "saving souls for Jesus." Instead, the concept of being a good person is stressed, because they realize that Christianity is not the only religion in the world and that all major world religions revolve around the concepts of "goodness" and "enlightenment."

You paint the picture of Christianity as only having two sides, the very right, holier than thou Christians and the contemporary, new age, non-denominational churches, which are in actuality more alike than most people think. This concept of Christianity leaves out an entire realm of churches, including the more traditional and, believe it or not, more liberal churches. Christianity is as broad as the term American. Christians, like Americans, come in every shape, size, color, political ideology and familial background. It is true that there are some very conservative churches, such as ones that most people consider to be "Bible Belt" or "Christian Coalition," who do believe that only those whose recognize Jesus as their savior will be allowed into the Kingdom of Heaven, but there are also very liberal churches that accept people of all different backgrounds and, yes, even faiths as long as they believe in being a good person because they believe that "Christ died to take away our sins, not our minds."

Mary Grace Penrod  
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### Computer viruses a daily hassle

MyDoom, which comes in two different variants: MyDoom.A and MyDoom.B, is hidden in attachments that are .exe, .zip, .scr or .pif files. They are sent through emails that appear to be official, though, if carefully examined, are not important. If you open the attachment, the program runs itself and searches the web for other computers running the program.

Some versions of the virus even block access to anti-virus websites, which can provide the patch to "cure" the computer of the virus. If infected, the average computer user might not notice much past a few bounced emails here and there, and possibly some trouble logging onto his mail server. However, the virus carries a timed program that will unleash attacks on Microsoft and the software firm SCO Group, Inc. The latest estimates say this could cost these companies billions of dollars in repairs, network slowdown and lost productivity. Surely, these numbers are inflated, but there is no telling by how much just yet.

Currently, SCO has a \$250,000 bounty out for information leading to the arrest of the author or authors of the MyDoom virus. A bounty, billions of dollars and countless people hassled by a virus whose spread could easily be prevented.

All you have to do to protect your machine is to run your anti-virus software often. Another helpful hint is not to open email attachments from people whom you do not know, though it is also possible to get a virus from someone you do know.

The point is to take care when you read and open emails and attachments. You may get these things often. Don't open them if you have doubts about them. If you're careful about your email, you won't have a virus on your computer. It's as simple as that.

Read over who has sent you what emails. If it looks too good to be true, it probably is. If you get an attachment you don't expect, use caution. If you have doubts, ask the person who sent it if they meant to attach something. If something looks official, for example, something from a Mail Administrator, the information you need will be in the body of the email, not in an attachment. And finally, update and use your anti-virus software often. Students can get anti-virus software off the NCSU web page by going here: <http://www.ncsu.edu/it/antivirus/>. Run it once a week or more and you should be able to avoid annoyances like this one and save a lot of people a lot of money, including yourself.

Brian Grossman  
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### Not everyone is a Christian

Today I am sharply reminded of how I am not from around here (meaning the Bible Belt of America).

Just a moment ago I was sitting in my friend's room while surfing the internet. MSN.com popped up with the top story concerning President Bush's call for a Constitutional Ban on Gay Marriage.

My roommate commented that my friend was doing the right thing in the above mentioned conversation, trying to spread "the Word."

Well if by "spreading the word" you mean annoying everyone who does not have the same religious beliefs as you to the point of insanity, then yes, he was being an ideal Christian.

Coming to NC State from a life lived completely above the Mason-Dixon line, I was not force-fed Christianity since birth.

All of this Jesus-overload is a little bit much to handle sometimes.

My qualm with Christianity comes to a head on days like today. President Bush was quoted as saying that a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage is needed to prevent courts from putting the "most enduring human institution" in danger.

Yes, I acknowledge the argument that marriage is the sacred union between a man and a woman.

That's great, and it works for a good deal of the population, but not everyone. If you ask me, allowing two people of the same sex who are in love to be recognized as married is a much less detrimental to society than the legal breakup of a heterosexual couple.

I know that I chose to go to school in the South, but I had no idea that my daily life would be so overwhelmed with the likes of Campus Crusade parked outside of my dining hall, random people asking me to attend bible study on my walks to class, and the random preachers in the Brickyard telling me I'm going to hell.

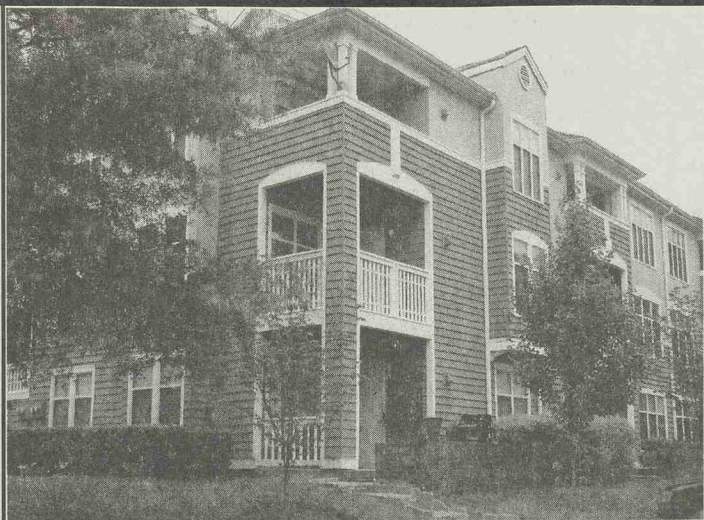
I don't have a problem with Christianity or people who believe that way, some of my best friends that I've made here at State are.

I do, however, have a problem with people trying to "save me" from my seemingly inevitable trip to hell.

So please, let's just accept that people have different views and enjoy the non-religious based things this school has to offer.

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## DEFENSE

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man Mike O'Donnell said of his coach. "His defensive rules are to the point. Dotting the i and crossing the t."

The undersized O'Donnell, a relative unknown recruit when he signed with State last spring out of Largo, Fla., has played defensively as if he needs an exorcist. His eyes never leave his opponent — they hardly seem to blink — and his feet and arms shuffle about like he's on the dance floor in a constant wave of motion. He hasn't been on campus long, but he can already recite some of Sendek's defensive rules, especially the one concerning the "push back," and "high hands," which he'll hear 35 times a day in practice.

"His big thing is called the push back," O'Donnell said a day after State beat Duke. "When you're closing out on somebody, when you're running up on a shooter, come up with the high hands. [Coach Sendek will] say it about 35 times in practice. You've gotta run up with the high hands and then push back, stutter step back and then move in again." He's always referring to keeping your feet moving and coming up with high hands and pushing back.

O'Donnell, who has drawn praise from Sendek for his solid fundamentals, claims senior Scooter Sherrill is a master of the push-back technique. If O'Donnell were the only one giving his gold-toothed teammate praise for his defense, that'd still be more notoriety than Sherrill ever received for his defensive play during his freshman and sophomore seasons. But O'Donnell is not alone in applauding Sherrill's defensive efforts.

"My freshman year I wouldn't have been able to guard a guy like Tim Pickett or J.J. Redick," Sherrill last week. "To get some

good praise on the defensive end, it's good to hear. I haven't been acknowledged as a defensive player through the course of my career. I've worked so hard at it, though, so to finally get noticed feels real good."

Sherill took the time to rededicate himself to the fundamentals, and he changed his outlook. That mindset has landed Sherill against the opposition's scoring guard, with the job of shutting down whomever it may be. Turns out, fundamentals weren't the only thing keeping Sherill on the bench early in his career.

"A lot of it is the mindset," O'Donnell said. "The slowest guy in the world can guard the quickest guy in the world ... A lot of it is heart. It's getting in there and just want-to-go-after-it heart."

**THE STRATEGY**  
Every time Duke's Sheldon Williams touched the ball in his team's Feb. 15 loss to State, at least two, sometimes three white jerseys came charging forward, surrounding Williams into a nest.

As a result, the Duke sophomore, who has established himself as one of the league's best interior players, finished with a season-low four points, despite many touches.

Before the game even tipped, State players knew the Blue Devils would try to go inside.

"The assistant coaching staff does such a good job of scouting," O'Donnell said. "Sometimes we know what's coming before the opposing team calls a play."

Because State players often know what's coming, they spend the majority of their defensive energies helping one another play tough one-on-one. A team like

Duke, meanwhile, which is over-aggressive, will exert the majority of its time trying to deny passes to create turnovers.

"Every coach wants a different style of defense," State freshman Engin Atsur said. "Some of them want to deny, like Duke. They deny everything. We play gaps, when the ball is there, you have to be in the gap. It's packed. We don't give drives."

And if by chance a player is beat off the dribble?

"Someone was there to help," Gainey said. "Everyone was responsible for the other person. If somebody got beat, you had to be on the help side to help out."

Everybody else had to fall in behind and fill into the gaps."

The Pack has also added the 2-3 match-up zone this season. Rarely used by Sendek in the past, the zone

has made an appearance in several contests this year, and has helped to slow faster teams.

The main course, though, remains a tough man-to-man, with a little help mixed in.

"So much concern is given to guarding your man one-on-one, but there's so much more besides that," O'Donnell said. "You've got to help the guy who's helping you ... That's our mentality."

## LITTLE THINGS, BIG PLAYS

The RBC Center could have housed a library at times during the early moments of the second half during the Wolfpack's comeback victory over Washington on Sunday.

Some fans sat in seats and

tapped their shoes with nervous energy as others slumped over in their seats, elbows on knees and hands over mouths.

State had cut Washington's lead to five with 10 minutes to play, but the Huskies and their quick, smooth guards raced the ball up-court once more, hoping to beat the Pack back in transition.

State, in that rare 2-3 zone, pressured the visitors. The ball went inside the paint to Hakeem Rollins, who turned and fired a quick, short jumper. Seconds later, after Jordan Collins swatted away Rollins' shot like a buzzing pest, Sherrill picked up the loose ball and raced for a lay-up.

"That block changed the game, I believe," Atsur said.

"It was huge. It was huge," Sherrill said. "That got the crowd fired up, it was big for us. If he didn't block it, they probably go up five, and we don't get a chance to score."

Little things like a timely block or steal or deflection have equaled huge results for the Pack.

Against Washington, it was Collins' block. Against Duke, O'Donnell came up with a steal off Daniel Ewing. In the Pack's thrilling rally against Wake Forest, it was O'Donnell again, this time stripping Justin Gray in a key moment as State erased a 16-point deficit.

It's guys willing to get down and dirty.

"I went in, got the steal and went out," O'Donnell said in reference to the Duke game. "I was like, 'Yeah, did my part.'"

"Anybody can play defense if they've got the mindset to play defense," Sherrill said. "You've just got to play hard. Anytime you're guarding a guy, he wants to score. Everybody wants to score."

"You just have to go harder than him."

Under Sendek, going hard on defense has been one aspect few could ever complain about.





## This is Hockey

I was looking for hockey, so I went to a Carolina Hurricanes game two weeks ago.

After all, that's what the Canes advertise as a part of their genius slogan, "This is hockey."

But what I found during a tie with the Washington Capitals was more like a mix between Disney on Ice and consuming an entire bottle of

Tylenol PM.

Admittedly, I don't know too much about hockey, but I know enough to know that it's going to take more than a miracle or a coach with a fancy last name to get those guys playing hockey anytime soon.

Two years removed from a trip to the Stanley Cup Finals, attendance is down, the team is third-to-last in the NHL's Eastern Conference and the Canes are going broke. It's so bad that if the Hurricanes really were a storm they wouldn't even be a hurricane. They'd just be tropical storm Sissy. Or Sally. Or Pansy-pants.

But it's okay. Let them go bankrupt and relocate, because I already found hockey in the Triangle — last Tuesday night at the Sportsplex in Morrisville for a match on wheels between N.C. State and UNC.

State came into the game boasting a record of 20-1-1 and, no kidding, a No. 6 national ranking from the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association. State has no official home rink, splitting practice and game times between several indoor multi-sport facilities — places everyone should visit at least once for a humorous cultural experience.

Where else can you catch a collegiate roller hockey game and an indoor soccer game featuring a team of 30-somethings in Miller Lite T-shirts taking on another team whose best player stands 5-foot-5, weighs 300 pounds and has more hair on his back than on his head?

That's right, you'll find regular hockey, minus the ice, but with all the body checking and potential for black eyes — all free.

But as I sat down before the game started, I looked above the penalty box and flinched at a banner proclaiming, "Welcome to Hurricanes Country!" I was relieved only 30 seconds into the game, though, when Jake Wargo scored for State. For the next hour, I witnessed domination.

Carolina's goalie couldn't have stopped State's scoring onslaught if he had a Chuck Amato chest and six go-go-Gadget arms, each gripping giant bazookas, as State won the game 10-3. Only six people (including myself) were in the stands for the game, but captain Chris Hickman assures me that at tournaments, the team draws a crowd.

That was the case last weekend when State secured the Atlantic Collegiate Roller Hockey Association regional title for the second straight season by defeating East Carolina 9-1 and pushing its record to 24-1-1.

In April the team travels to Anaheim, Calif. for a shot at the NCRHA title. State came in 16th last year, but Carolina's not doubting them.

After the game, I ignored my hatred of all things baby blue and spoke to my good friend and Carolina's captain, Timmy Ligay.

"It was almost like there was some kind of magnetic force between the puck and State's sticks," I said.

It was much simpler than that.

"I think they just know how to play hockey," Timmy replied.

Too bad the Hurricanes don't too.

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# Down and dirty D

**N.C. STATE'S TEAM-ORIENTED DEFENSE, WHICH FEATURES LOTS OF HELP AND ON-THE-BALL PRESSURE, HAS BEEN A CONSTANT UNDER HERB SENDEK.**

**Andrew B. Carter**  
 Deputy Sports Editor

The crowd shook Reynolds Coliseum that mid-March night in 1997, the building literally juking in its foundation from the eardrum-splitting din.

The noise, which some still rank as the most ever in the Old Barn, rained upon a team that wasn't expected to be playing so late in the season, a group of overachievers who gutted their way to three wins in the ACC Tournament — barely enough to qualify for an NIT bid.

Any other year, 17-15 and 4-12 — N.C. State's final overall and conference records for the 1996-97 season — would have seemed disappointing. Not that year. In his debut season in Raleigh, State coach Herb Sendek had taken the talent-handicapped Pack to the postseason for the first time in six years.

West Virginia beat N.C. State that night, a 76-73 victory, but the crowd mingled after the buzzer sounded, staying around to clap hands and holler cheers and bask in the beginnings of something special.

Little could the fans know how the engine that drove Sendek's first team — defense — would still purr almost eight years later.

### SETTING THE STANDARD

The names roll off Justin Gainey's tongue as if they're etched into his memory forever. With the lessons Gainey learned from most of them, they're likely hard to forget: Terrell McIntyre, Ed Cota, Trajan Langdon, Steve Wojciechowski. The list continues.

A freshman who came off the bench at the start of the '96-97 season, the baby-faced Gainey later found himself playing every minute — literally — of the 1997 ACC Tournament. Before that, he found himself having to guard players long on reputation and talent.

"It was a little tougher the first year for the simple fact that most guards in the conference were seniors, or older guys, and they knew their system because they've played it for three, four years," Gainey said this week, recalling the low-scoring games and grind-it-out affairs of his first collegiate season. "It was tough to rattle those guys. They've been through it all and seen it all, so it was tough from that standpoint."

It might have been double-tough for the Greensboro native who now works in the N.C. State athletic department in the Weisiger-Brown building. Not only did he have to learn the intricacies of running the offense as a point guard, but he also had to learn how to shadow older, quicker and more renowned players. He had to learn to play the toughest offensive position and how to play college defense. And not just any defense, either. Like Gainey and his teammates discovered throughout that season, Sendek Defense smelled and tasted different than the stock brand. There was a certain spice.

That much was clear when Sendek arrived in the spring of '96, and he immediately commenced early-morning runs that forced some team members to quit. It wouldn't get any easier the next fall, when practice officially began and games tipped-off to anxious anticipation. Before anything began, however, Sendek was intent to build a program hell-bent on stopping the opposition.

"He emphasized it a lot," Gainey said. "His main focus when he first came here, I think, was defense. As with most great programs, defense wins games so that was one of his main focuses. He wanted to make sure we prepared every night, against every team defensively."

When Gainey arrived on campus, he'd already heard the stories from the older guys. The tales of running at dawn. The discipline. It wouldn't faze the then-freshman, however.



Thanks to a swarming Wolfpack defense, Duke's Shelden Williams was held to a season-low four points.

"I don't think he was tough [to play for]," Gainey said of Sendek. "As with anybody, I think once you come in, you've got to establish yourself so everybody respects you. If he came in soft and letting guys do whatever, then it would have been tough to build the respect of the players."

The results, at least defensively, earned respect. How could they not?

During Sendek's first season, State held teams to less than 60 points in 23 out of 32 games. Nine times, the Wolfpack allowed less than 50. Only twice all season — against No. 1 Kansas and No. 8 Duke — did the

Pack allow 80 points. O.J. Simpson couldn't buy a defense that good.

"We took a lot of pride in playing defense," Gainey said. "We weren't winning a lot of games, but a lot of our ACC games were close that season. We weren't getting blown out and it was fun sometimes to look at the different statistical categories and see that we were among of the top five defensive teams in the country."

That's a feeling every State team since has enjoyed, too.

### DEFENSIVE MINDSET

When talking basketball, Sendek, depending on his mood, is a little less open than banks on Saturdays.

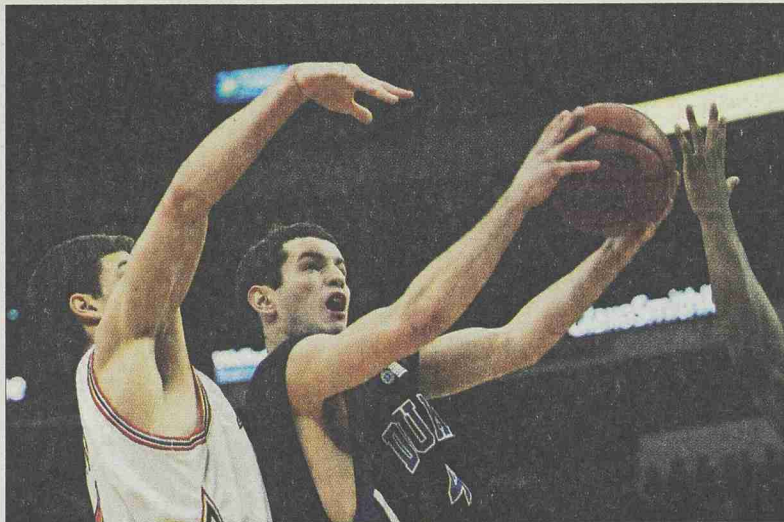
Ask him why a certain player struggles against a certain team and the coach dances around the question as if there's music playing in the background. Ask him if he thinks his men lost composure on a given night, and he'll say he doesn't know, that he can't diagnose the thoughts of others.

So it's no surprise what Sendek had to say when asked specifically what the most difficult aspect is about teaching defense, which has been — statistically — the most consistent aspect of Sendek's teams since he arrived from Miami of Ohio.

"Defense is a whole," Sendek said a day after celebrating his 41st birthday with a win over Washington. "It's approached from a team perspective. I don't know if there's one particular part that's more difficult to teach than others because all the parts have to fit together."

That's typical Sendek. Even when he's talking about his defense, he's defensive. In a way, the reserved, cautious coach did what he tried not to do: he answered the question by not answering it, thus proving his defensive mentality. The careful way in which he broke down the question, taking his time with each word he spoke during his answer, also showed his attention to detail.

"He is extremely meticulous in everything we do, offensively and defensively," shaggy-headed fresh-



Ilian Evtimov (left), shown defending Duke's J.J. Redick, is credited by his teammates for good help defense.

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