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## Financial aid's priority deadline approaching

Submit FAFSA forms by March 1 for priority consideration.

**Tyler Dukes**  
Staff Reporter

Students hoping to receive any form of financial aid for next year need to keep the date March 1 in mind. Monday is N.C. State's deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a form that allows the Federal Government and the university to determine the distribution of need-based grants and loans to eligible students.

Many internal scholarships, such as awards within specific colleges and departments, also rely on the FAFSA if financial need is a factor.

The form can be submitted electronically on or before March 1, as well as on paper if it is received in the mail by the deadline. According to Financial Aid Director Julie Rice Mallette, submitting the FAFSA by the deadline increases students' chances of getting funding from sources such as the N.C.

Incentive Grant, which distributes money to needy students on a first come, first serve basis.

This is also true of institutional scholarships and grants awarded by the university. "Because N.C. State has limited scholarship and grant funding, we give priority to students who file the FAFSA by our priority filing date," Mallette said. "We do not make a commitment to offer institutional grant funding to students who file after the priority filing date because we don't have enough money to go around."

One common reason for delayed submission of the form by students and their families is the misconception that the FAFSA requires exact information from completed tax forms.

Estimates of tax information are completely permissible on the FAFSA as long as the applicant specifies in the given area whether the figures presented are estimated or actual.

"It's much better to use estimated tax data, if necessary, to get the form in by the priority filing date," Mallette said. "We can make corrections if the informa-

tion changes after that date."

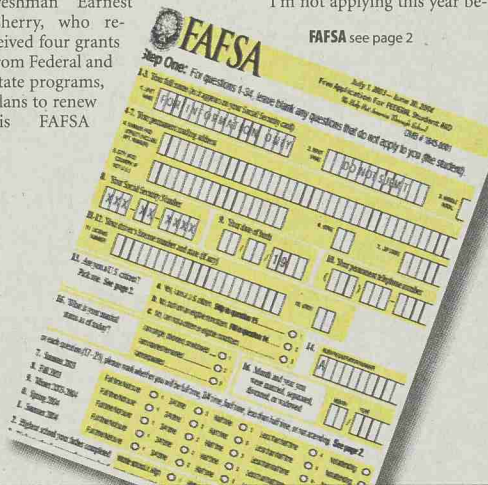
As of February 19, 3,978 completed applications had been submitted to the Office of Financial Aid, and with less than a week before the deadline, many students will continue to complete the process.

Transition program freshman Earnest Cherry, who received four grants from Federal and State programs, plans to renew his FAFSA

this week.

"I applied earlier last year and I came out pretty good," Cherry said. "I've had to wait on my parents tax information this year, but I'll get it done."

Kevin Siegel, a freshman in aerospace engineering, has decided not to fill out the FAFSA this year. "I'm not applying this year be-



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## Recent graduates offer job advice

Outlook may be looking up for class of 2004

**LaWanda Ray**  
Staff Reporter

After four days of dressing in business attire, December graduate, Carrie Croy, came to work on Friday dressed in jeans and a sweater. She is one of the many recent graduates who have found a job, but are still searching for a position in their field. Croy's search for a job in public relations continues.

According to the online job search company, JobWeb.com, "employers predict that they'll hire 12.7 percent more new college graduates from the class of 2003-2004 than they did from the class of 2002-2003."

"I can understand why some people feel that way, stocks are increasing and jobs are openings in other areas," Jimmy Williams, a student in electrical engineering, said.

"It may be a little better, but it's still hard for recent grads," Courtney Weems, a senior in biological sciences, said. JobWeb also stated "early projections indicate that the job market for this year's graduates is better than it has been for the past two years, you'll still have to hustle if you want a job at graduation."

Locally, The News & Ob-

server compared the outlook to "a fighter recovering from a flurry of sharp jabs, the Triangle economy is on shaky legs." The article went on to say that "jobs are easier to find, but not plentiful."

"Everybody is saying that the job outlook is looking up, but I am not sure of that," Croy said. "It is still hard to find jobs in my field; in PR they are looking for somebody to have several years of experience."

"I think it is hard to find a job in this area, and I am glad I have decided to go to pharmacy school," Lamara King, a senior in biological sciences, said.

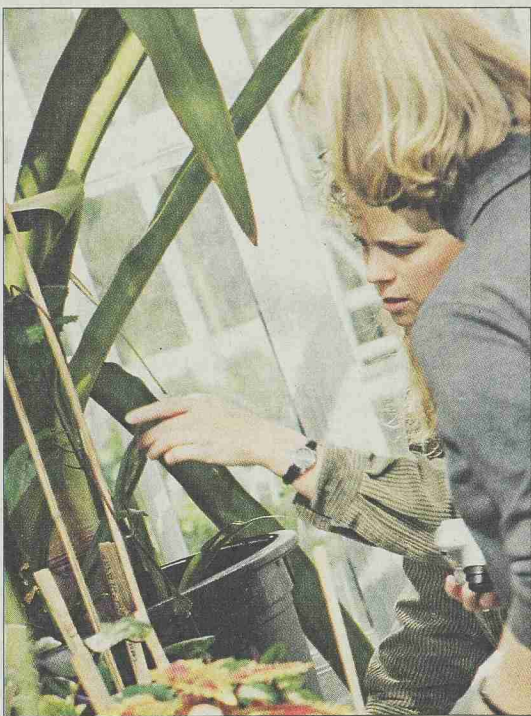
"The Triangle continues to attract thousands of workers each year from areas of the state hard hit by huge layoffs in the state's textile, furniture, tobacco and apparel industries," Lisa M. Anderson, senior economist at Economy.com, said in a recent News & Observer article.

Yet, the woes of job hunting are a problem that students of all surrounding colleges worry about.

"I think that it is easier for some majors than others, like in my field of education, teachers are in demand," Trey Sander, a junior at Shaw University, said. "But in other fields

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## STUDENTS TAKE PLANT PHOTO ID



Martha Hayes, a junior, prepares a specimen to be photographed by senior Shannon Curry in the greenhouse on Wednesday. The landscape horticulture students took pictures to help with identification of the numerous plants studied in their special topics course on annuals and tender perennials.

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## Governor orders stay; ACLU wants more

Students asked to call Gov. Mike Easley to grant clemency for mentally ill prisoner.

**Kenneth Ball**  
Staff Reporter

Members of the N.C. State chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union struck out against the death penalty this week, urging students in the Brickyard to phone Gov. Mike Easley and ask

him to grant clemency to death row inmate George Page.

Easley issued a stay on Wednesday but members say they aren't giving up.

"We're happy that he did, but we're still out here asking him to grant clemency," Gene Feldman, a senior in political science, said.

In 1995, Vietnam veteran George Page shot and killed police officer Stephen Amos. Page's advocates say that he was experiencing a manic flashback when

he fired a high-powered rifle from his apartment window. It took a police negotiator and Page's psychotherapist to convince the veteran to turn himself over to police custody.

Controversy over Page's case is rooted in the fact that evidence of Page's mental illness was not adequately represented during his trial and sentencing.

"[Page] wasn't allowed a fair trial," Candice Aldrich, a senior in political science, said of the

circumstances surrounding Page's conviction. The NCSU chapter of the ACLU has been providing a cell phone and a prepared statement to students in the brickyard that are concerned about the death penalty in Page's case.

"The death penalty is a national issue, but we felt we had to do something here," Feldman said.

Feldman, who has been involved with the NCSU chapter

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## Atmosphere improving toward gays

Although there is always room for improvement, some GLTB students and allies believe N.C. State's atmosphere has improved toward gays.

**Diane Cordova**  
Assistant News Editor

With events like GLBT Awareness Week, some gay students said they felt the campus is becoming more welcoming toward the gay community but still see room for improvement.

"[The university] is welcoming to a point, but there's a lot to be done. The gay community has a lot of walls to break down at N.C. State," Jamie Pendergrass, an openly gay senior in political science,

said.

Seth Lester, a sophomore in philosophy and student body treasurer, described his personal experience.

"As a gay student, I've never really experienced a problem on campus that was related to my sexuality, although I have heard of a few situations that speak to the contrary," Lester said. "The campus climate and attitude toward homosexuals seems, at least to me, to be in a state of constant improvement. While I can't speak for all gay and lesbian students, I myself have had nothing but rewarding and welcoming experiences with the university."

According to Robin Siska, a senior in psychology and

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## Campus Rec targets fitness

Campus Recreation offered a one-time class and incentives to encourage students to work out.

**Kate Renner**  
Staff Reporter

Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. the usual noise of a dribbling basketball in Carmichael Gymnasium was taken over with loud energetic music for NCSU's largest group fitness class. The event was held on basketball courts nine and 10 until 7 p.m.

Erin Fink, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation said, "The purpose of this group fitness class was to foster a group environment for students to work out together and to have fun."

Campus Recreation took advantage of the class to promote the opportunities they have to offer including outdoor adventures, intramural sports, club sports, and fitness and wellness classes. The goal of this class was to get more people interested in fitness, and to motivate students to get involved in group fitness.

"This is my first year here at state and so I've been checking out the classes, graduate student Carrie Ward said.

"This event was a great way to combine a bunch of classes to choose from."

The high-energy workout featured a variety of exercises from six fitness instructors including: cardio boxing, hi/lo, hip-hop and Yogalates.

Stephanie Roberts, a senior in Animal Sciences said, "I liked the combination of different types of exercising, it would have been cool to have added step aerobics and sculpting too."

Regularly scheduled group fitness classes after 3:00 p.m. were cancelled to encourage participation in N.C. State's largest group fitness class. This was Campus Recreations 4th annual largest group fitness class.

"The first year we started this event, 40 people got together to combine a variety of classes," said Fink. "The second year boomed from 40 people to 180 people and attendance has stayed around 200 people for the past three years."

"I love to see a big crowd," said Yogalates and Extreme Cardio instructor Kerri Morris. "Exercising in a big group is much more motivating."

Every participant received

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## WORLD

**Helicopter crash kills two U.S. soldiers in Iraq**

Two American soldiers were killed Wednesday when their helicopter crashed in a river west of Baghdad, and gunmen assassinated the deputy police chief in the northern city of Mosul.

The cause of the crash of the OH-58 Kiowa helicopter that killed its two-man crew near Haditha, 120 miles from the capital, was not determined, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt. A witness, Emad Rasheed, 45, said he saw a missile hit one of two choppers in the area.

With the latest crash, the U.S. military has lost 15 helicopters since the occupation began in May. At least 60 Americans have been killed in the crashes.

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**Rebels hold attack on Haitian capital for now**

Rebel leader Guy Philippe said Wednesday his troops are ready to attack the Haitian capital but want to "give a chance to peace" and will hold off to see if President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigns.

Philippe told The Associated Press that the rebels also were taking a wait-and-see approach to proposals to end international peacekeepers to Haiti. "If they do not attack the Haitian people, we won't attack them," he said. "If they come to help us to remove Mr. Aristide, they will be welcome."

Philippe estimated his rebel force had grown from a couple of hundred to 5,000 with new recruits and more ex-soldiers joining the three-week-old popular uprising to oust Aristide.

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## NATION

**California gay marriage opponents go to court**

Opponents of gay marriage asked the California Supreme Court on Wednesday to stop San Francisco from issuing any more same-sex marriage licenses and to nullify the thousands of weddings already performed.

The lawsuit was filed by the Alliance Defense Fund less than a week after two state judges declined to stop San Francisco city officials from issuing the marriage licenses, more than 3,200 of which have been granted since Feb. 12.

Robert Tyler, an attorney for the Alliance Defense Fund, said that if local officials can declare what is state law and what is not, "we would have complete chaos in the system."

State law bars gay marriage. But Mayor Gavin Newsom has argued that the California Constitution's equal protection clause trumps state law and requires that all persons be treated equally.

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**LAPD officers fatally shoot suspect on live TV**

A burglary suspect was shot to death by police after a car chase that ended when he backed his vehicle into their patrol cars, a sequence of events broadcast live on local TV stations.

Police and the district attorney's office are investigating the actions of three officers who fired into the suspect's car. Police began chasing Nicholas Hans Killinger early Monday after he allegedly tied up a gas station attendant and stole \$180.

After a 90-minute chase that was covered by television helicopters, Killinger was shot by Los Angeles police in front of Santa Monica High School. He died about an hour later, authorities said.

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## STATE

**Graham High School teacher allegedly sold cocaine to student**

A Graham High School teacher was charged Wednesday with selling cocaine to a 15-year-old student on school grounds and other offenses.

An anonymous tipster told authorities about the incident, which police believe occurred one time with one student, Graham police Captain Jeff Prichard said.

Heather Renee Sweat-Melancon, 23, turned herself in and was arrested after police searched the physical education teacher's office, vehicle and Burlington home on Tuesday, Graham police chief Milford Miller said.

She was suspended with pay on Tuesday pending the results of the investigation, said Farrell Hanzaker, assistant superintendent for Graham County Schools.

Pritchard declined to release details about the 15-year-old, but said charges were pending.

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**N.C. Central leaders to recruit students, patrons on bus tour**

North Carolina Central University Chancellor James Ammons and about two dozen administrators and students plan a 15-city bus tour to recruit students and patrons for the historically black school.

"North Carolina Central University has a remarkable story to tell," Ammons said. "This tour is going to give us an opportunity to tell that story directly to the people across North Carolina."

The bus tour beginning March 7 is part of a new publicity blitz, university spokeswoman Sharon Saunders said. Promotions will include a 30-second TV commercial airing during this week's Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament and an ad hitting 45 movie theaters in late January.

"North Carolina's a very competitive market for minority students" with 11 historically black colleges and universities, Saunders said. "We just want to keep our numbers high."

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Penn issues warning as  
strike plans go forward

James M. O'Neill

Knight Ridder Newspapers

While undergraduate students carried out the mundane routine of trekking across campus to classes Tuesday, University of Pennsylvania officials and graduate students were busy girding for a student strike that might—or might not—disrupt schoolwork.

Graduate student organizers said about 50 students swept out across campus trying to sign up enough volunteers to post pickets at nine main campus entrances all day Thursday and Friday.

Graduate students at Penn, as at many large research universities, assist professors with teaching undergraduate classes and labs, and with research.

In exchange, they receive free tuition, as well as health care and stipends that average \$15,000.

The students want to unionize to negotiate better pay and benefits, as well as more training to teach.

Penn officials argue that they are students, not employees, and therefore have no legal right to unionize.

The officials, who have said publicly that they expect the strike to have little effect, nevertheless sent out a strongly worded e-mail to staff warning that they'd better show up for work—or else.

"Staff members who do not report for work because of strike-related conditions may not be paid for the time absent and may be subject to disciplinary action," read part of a question-and-answer e-mailed to Penn staff yesterday by the university's human relations office.

Penn sent messages to students, too. One sent by an assistant dean to nursing

students, for instance, read in part: "I write to assure you that the University will be open and operating normally. Classes will be held and you should plan to attend."

The stern message to staff "is a testament that Penn is taking this strike seriously," said Jeff Hornstein, a Penn graduate and a union organizer.

"This is an attempt to keep the genie in the bottle," he added, arguing that Penn fears the student effort to unionize could spark other unionizing efforts by Penn's largely non-union staff.

On their Web site, graduate student organizers had suggestions for how each group in the Penn community could help them on the strike days.

The faculty, they said, should "conduct your classes as usual. Please do not do our work. Join us on the picket line."

Undergraduate students,

they said, should "attend classes taught by faculty and adjuncts. Do not attend classes taught by grad students. Join us on the picket line." Staff, they said, should "carry out your regular jobs. Join us on the picket line."

The two sides have appealed to the National Labor Relations Board, which is mulling similar cases involving Columbia, Brown and Tufts Universities. No decisions have been issued.

The Penn graduate students have been increasing their public pressure on Penn to drop its appeal to the NLRB, so that ballots from a student vote on whether to unionize, conducted a full year ago, can finally be counted.

Many faculty members have said they plan to hold classes Thursday and Friday, but at least 34 have signed a petition siding with the graduate students.

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president of Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies (BGLA), the university's staff has been more inclusive of gays, but she noted faculty members rarely, if ever, bring up the issue in class.

Before Siska came to NCSU, she said she "didn't think the campus would be welcoming, but it's not as bad as I had thought."

"[The campus] keeps getting better—the school is making more of an effort to reach out [to the gay community]," she said.

As far as the student population, Siska said, "I hear both sides of the coin. Some are very supportive while others are on the opposite spectrum."

Pendergrass, who has been involved with BGLA since the beginning of his sophomore year, said nothing negative has happened to him due to his sexual orientation, but he said a friend, who is now an alum-

nus, was attacked on campus for being gay.

"You'll hear jokes [about gays] here and there—in the dining hall and in the classroom. I don't take it personally, but I wish it would stop. I wish open-mindedness would be more recognized on campus," Pendergrass said.

On a day-to-day basis, Siska said, for the most part, she doesn't think about her sexual orientation.

She said her awareness of being gay depends on the situation—she feels more aware of it when she's in small towns or when she's in a group of BGLA members.

Some faculty members said they felt awareness is a key factor for improving the campus atmosphere toward gay students, faculty and staff.

Deborah Luckadoo, director of campus activities and an ally of the gay community, said, "I think a lot of students are not aware of BGLT students' experience on campus. I feel that most students do care but are

not necessarily as sensitive and aware about hurtful remarks."

According to Luckadoo, it's important to "raise awareness" and "reduce the number of incidents that are hurtful to BGLT students."

Luckadoo, a self-described "social justice addict," described why she got involved with the gay community.

"It's important for everyone to be respected and have opportunities, and to be able to do that, they must be free from discrimination, harassment and people's hurtful comments. We should all be able to flourish in the university community," she said.

Justine Hollingshead, coordinator for conference services in University Housing and an adviser for BGLA, has coordinated Project SAFE for the past eight years.

According to its Web site, Project SAFE seeks "to provide a safe, nonjudgmental campus environment for all N.C. State students, faculty and staff who may have questions and/or

concerns related to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered issues."

Hollingshead, who is an out member of the gay community, said, "The campus community has become a little more tolerant than it has been in the past, but it's not as inclusive as it could be. I feel that it's important to educate people—it's the only way change occurs."

Both Siska and Pendergrass had a message they wanted to get across. "Don't assume everyone's heterosexual, take the time to learn the facts rather than avoiding the issue and acting like it doesn't exist. Talk to everyone with respect regardless if you don't see eye-to-eye on an issue and treat them as humans," Siska said.

Pendergrass said being gay is only one part of who he is.

"We are essentially the same but there's that one small part of us that is gay that makes us different. Look at the whole picture instead of just that one piece," he said.

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Correction:**

In the police blotter on Tuesday, the blotter said that Officer Michaelson spoke with the president of Phi Kappa Tau concerning safety issues. The president, David Moses, was out of town at the time, and denies ever speaking with Campus Police.

**02/24/04****11:38 p.m. | Hit and run - property damage**

A non-student reported his vehicle had been struck by another vehicle while parked in Riddick Lot.

**6:18 a.m. | Suspicious person**

Officers were dispatched to Talley Student Center in reference to a person looking out of a bathroom door prior to the building being open. Officers responded and searched the building. A subject had been seen running outside on the south side of the building. Officers were unable to make contact.

**11:07 p.m. | Suspicious person**

A resident at Syme called to report a suspicious male walking around the dorm. He was last seen in the basement bathroom area. Officers checked all areas of Syme, and did not locate the subject.

**11:09 p.m. | Noise disturbance**

Bragaw staff called to report that a subject was riding around the building in a loud scooter. Officers checked the area and did not locate the subject. Police Blotter

**2/23/04****1 a.m. | Traffic stop - equipment violation**

A student was issued a citation on Dan Allen Drive for equipment violations. He had a headlight out and an expired inspection sticker.

**2:02 a.m. | Noise disturbance**

A student reported several subjects making loud noise east of Bagwell Hall. The subjects complied to leave the area.

**2:22 a.m. | Check person**

Subjects were driving in a lot near

Campus Shore Drive. One of the subjects was just learning how to drive. Everything was ok.

**7:26 a.m. | Medical assist**

A staff member was experiencing chest pains at the Vet School. Fire and EMS arrived, and the subject was transported to Wake Med.

**9:06 a.m. | B/E building**

A staff member reported that someone had broken into a room in Poe Hall and stole several laptop computers and other items.

**9:51 a.m. | Communicating threats**

A staff member reported that a subject threatened him in a room in Tompkins Hall.

**9:52 a.m. | Suspicious incident**

A staff member reported that someone had written a derogatory word in front of a room at the Aventura Complex. They used what appeared to be syrup on the walkway.

**11:30 a.m. | B/E building**

A non-student reported that someone stole a laptop computer and money from a suite in Venture I.

**12:13 p.m. | Hit and run**

A staff member parked her vehicle in the Vet School Parking Lot. When she returned to the vehicle at lunch, there was damage to the rear bumper.

**8:07 p.m. | Traffic stop**

A non-student was issued a citation for no operator's license on Ligon Street at Method Road. A licensed driver was allowed to drive the subject's vehicle from the scene.

**8:19 p.m. | Check persons**

A student called from University Towers reporting several suspicious persons on the top level of Dan Allen Deck. They were possibly looking into vehicles. An officer met with the group, and it was an Air Force ROTC group painting paddles. No problems noted. The group left the deck.

**8:23 p.m. | Fire alarm**

Officers and RFD responded to a fire

alarm at Dabney Hall. The panel indicated zone 47. The alarm was set off by contractors working in the area. No problems noted.

**9:48 p.m. | Fire alarm**

Officers and RFD responded to a fire alarm at Alpha Delta Pi House on Fraternity Court. The panel indicated a 2nd floor smoke detector. It was set off by burnt popcorn in a microwave in the area.

**10:03 p.m. | Suspicious person**

A DH Hill Security Officer called to report seeing a suspicious white male subject in the library believed to be in the NCSU trespass files. The subject left the area prior to officer's arrival.

**10:18 p.m. | Suspicious person**

A student called to report a suspicious white male subject on the sixth floor area of Sullivan Hall. An officer located a non-student, who said he was there to visit a female but could not give the officer any details. All files were checked and came back negative. The subject was trespassing from campus, and escorted off campus after having no identification and giving the officer a fictitious name initially. The officer confirmed his identity by speaking with his mother.

**2/24/04****2:50 p.m. | Information police**

A staff member from Syme Hall spoke with Officer Brinkley in reference to a student he felt may be dealing drugs. The staff member had no solid evidence of drug dealing by the student, but just wanted Police to be aware of the situation

**3:05 p.m. | Harassing phone calls**

A student reported receiving several phone calls of a harassing nature.

**4:06 p.m. | Harassing phone calls**

Two students reported receiving several harassing phone calls from an unknown male caller.

**4:13 p.m. | Suspicious incident**

A deceased body was discovered by construction workers in the wooded

area at the corner of Varsity Drive and Western Blvd. The body was apparently an older male, found at a makeshift campsite. There were no signs of foul play.

**4:29 p.m. | Hit and run**

A student's vehicle was hit while parked behind Kilgore Hall. An accident report was filed.

**5:55 p.m. | Suspicious vehicle**

Two non-students were seen leaving Lake Raleigh in a truck. Both said they had been fishing in Lake Raleigh. All files were checked and came back negative. Both men were trespassing from Centennial Campus.

**7:20 p.m. | Assistance**

Carmichael Staff called in reference to a student having problems with his student card; he was denied access to the gym. The student was told he would have to take care of his card problem during business hours tomorrow. No further problems noted.

**8:25 p.m. | Suspicious vehicle**

A student reported a gray vehicle flashing its lights at her and possibly following subjects from Carmichael. Officers checked the area, and were unable to locate anything that seemed suspicious.

**9:47 p.m. | Traffic accident**

Two non-students were involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of Sullivan Drive and Gorman Street. Total damage to both vehicles was less than \$200.00. Both vehicles moved from the scene prior to officer's arrival.

**11:26 p.m. | Traffic checkpoint**

Officers conducted a driver's license checkpoint on Morrill Drive at Warren Carroll Drive. Five verbal warnings were given for violations of expired inspections, expired registrations, and failure to carry a driver's license.

**11:47 p.m. | Drug violation**

Student Patrol Officers called in three male subjects possibly smoking marijuana on the cross country trail near Derr Track. Officers did not locate the subjects. No problems noted.

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it may be difficult to get your foot in the door."

"Information systems and technology is the better industry because everyone depends on computers; especially for people who not only have the computer skills but people skills as well," Croy said.

Although not all majors are in demand, upcoming graduates like David Case, a senior in mass communications, stand a good chance of gaining employment in May.

"I know people and I have been working in the sports equipment industry for five years now," he said.

Croy offered advice to upcoming graduates, "Don't fret!"

"Not being able to find a job in your field does not reflect on you personally. It is just the economy right now, and remember that a job is a job, as long as it pays the bills," Croy said. "If something better comes along, you can always quit; no one will shame you for bettering yourself."

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a free water bottle from Campus Recreation, and there were drawings for duffle bags, exercise videos, T-shirts and jump ropes. Dial soap and Edge shaving cream donated body wash, soap and deodorant for participants. This year Mr. and Ms. Wolf, the school's mascots, pepped students to get involved by participating in aerobic combinations.

"I think Campus Rec did a good job of promoting this event. I almost didn't come because I was afraid I would be the only guy," said Brice Barefoot, a senior in biological sciences.

There were a few guys scattered throughout the hundreds of girls taking part in the work out.

Five out of the six instructors were graduating seniors and many of them had worked with Campus Recreation for all four years.

Fink said, "I am very impressed with the fitness instructors; they just take this event on with sportsmanship and teamwork, and make it a huge success."

## FAFSA

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cause I didn't receive enough last year to make a difference," Siegel said. "Since my family's financial information hasn't changed, I don't think it will make a difference this year either."

With the possibility of a \$300 tuition increase looming in the coming semesters, the Financial Aid Office encourages all students to participate in the application process. Students can also go to the Financial Aid Office for any general questions about the form.

"If it takes you three hours to complete and you end up getting \$1,500 back, that's basically \$500 an hour," Mallette said. "I can't think of many jobs that pay you that well."

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of the ACLU for three semesters, manned the chapter's booth on Wednesday.

The death penalty, especially in the case of mentally ill criminals, has been a highly debated topic in recent years. Over the past thirty years, 113 death row inmates have been exonerated while waiting for execution. Last year, the North Carolina Senate voted for a moratorium on executions in the state, and the state's House of Representatives will readdress the issue this year.

Feldman said, "we want students to know that it actually works. Calling governors and calling your senators is one step ahead of just voting."

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Student Organizations wishing to ask for funds this semester have until the March 11 to fill out an appropriations application. The application packet is available online at [http://students.ncsu.edu/treasury/appropriations/504\\_App\\_Packet.pdf](http://students.ncsu.edu/treasury/appropriations/504_App_Packet.pdf)

**Stephen Henderson**  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

**WASHINGTON** - The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday made a bold statement for the separation of church and state, ruling that states may deny public scholarship money to students seeking religious training.

In a surprisingly strong 7-2 opinion written by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, the court said that while the First Amendment doesn't always prohibit public funding of religious education, it also does not compel states to fund such education.

Washington state, which denied a merit-based state scholarship to a student who wanted to become a minister, was perfectly in its rights to do so, the justices said.

The ruling gives a boost to proponents of clear divisions between church and state, who had been reeling from a string of court opinions that appeared to blur that distinction. In addition, some advocates said the decision sends an important message about other debates over the intermingling of religious and public life.

“You have seven justices here making it clear that they have no inherent hostility to church-state separation,” said Elliot Mincberg, vice president and legal counsel for People for the American Way, a liberal advocacy group that supported Washington state in the case. “They’re saying explicitly that denying public funds for religious purposes does not equal religious discrimination, and they’re saying it strongly.”

Mincberg said the ruling has implications for President Bush's faith-based initiatives, which Bush has defended by equating denial of public funds to religious group with discrimination.

The court's decision centered on the interplay between two clauses of the First Amendment. One - known as the "establishment clause" - prohibits government endorsement of specific religious thought or institutions. The other - the "free exercise clause" - prevents the government from interfering with citizens' right to practice whatever religion they choose.

Josh Davey, the student in the case, asked the court—which said in 2002 that some

public funding of religious education doesn't violate the establishment clause \_ to find that Washington's constitution violated his free exercise rights by denying him the scholarship.

The court said there was "play in the joints" between the two clauses, and that Washington was occupying a constitutionally safe spot. Its constitution is stricter than the U.S. constitution on matters of public funding for religious purpose, but that's acceptable, the justices said.

"Even though the differently worded Washington Constitution draws a more stringent line than that drawn by the United States Constitution, the interest it seeks to further is scarcely novel," Rehnquist wrote. Those efforts date back to the time of the founding, the justices said.

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas issued a strong dissent to the court's ruling, saying Washington was practicing religious discrimination.

Washington "has created a generally available public benefit," Scalia wrote. "It has then carved out a solitary course of

study for exclusion: Theology. No field of study but religious is singled out for disfavor in this fashion."

Patrick Korten, a spokesman for the Becket Fund, an interfaith public-interest law firm that backed Davey in the suit, said the court's decision is both surprising and disappointing.

"For someone who has been sitting on the court for so long, you'd think Rehnquist would be a little wary of talking about 'play in the joints' in a constitutional provision," Korten said. But he said the opinion also offered some hope.

The seven justices in the majority agreed that the so-called Blaine Amendments found in many state constitutions were "inherently constitutionally suspect," Korten said.

"That gives us an opportunity to go ahead and fight the battles over those amendments," Korten said.

"It is certainly true that a successful attack on Blaine Amendments will require some real research into the history of those amendments, but we can do that. We could still win the war."

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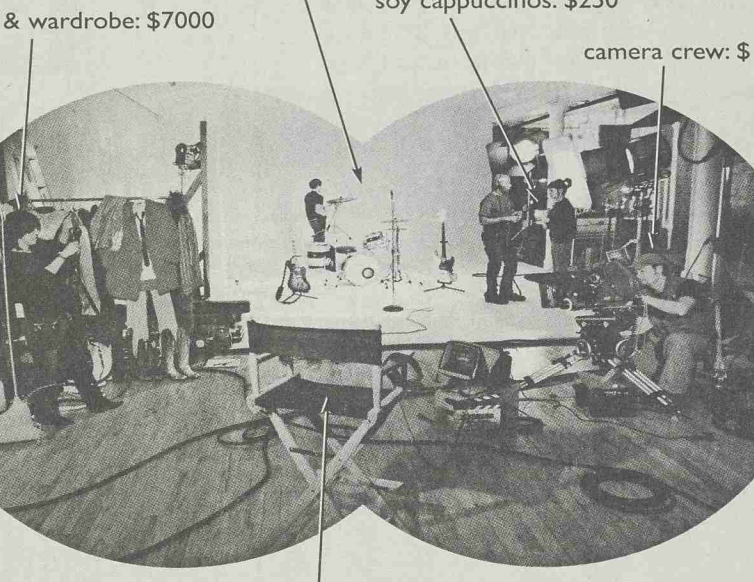
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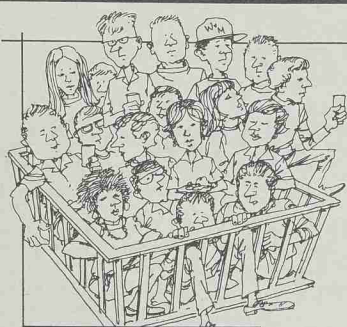
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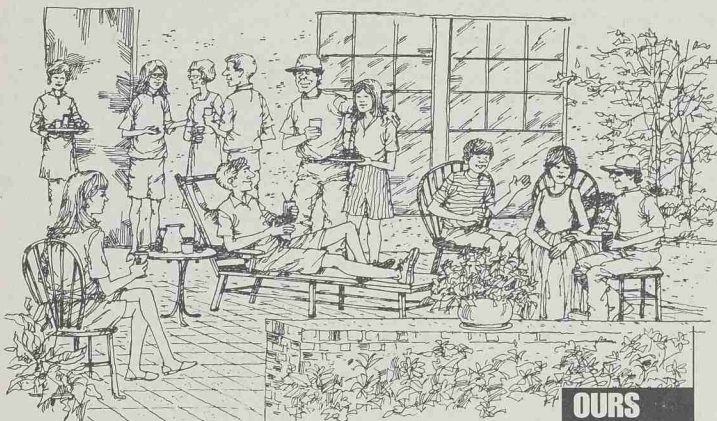


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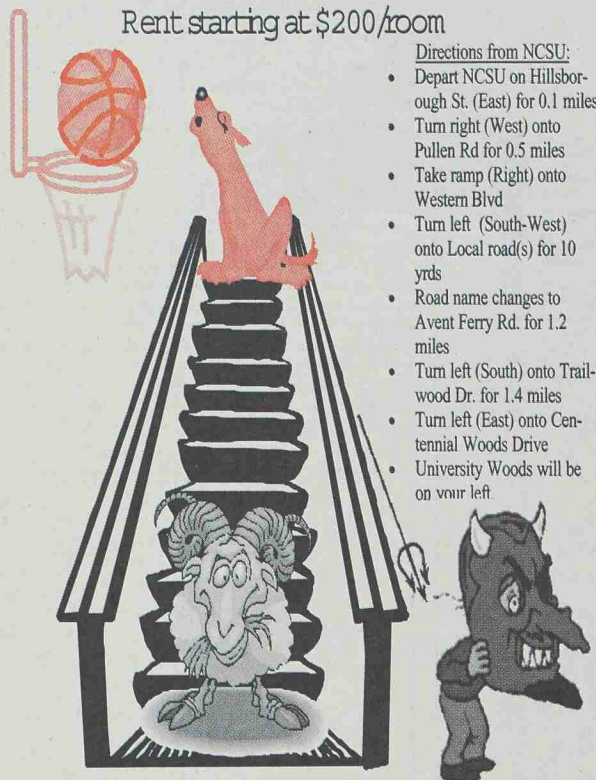
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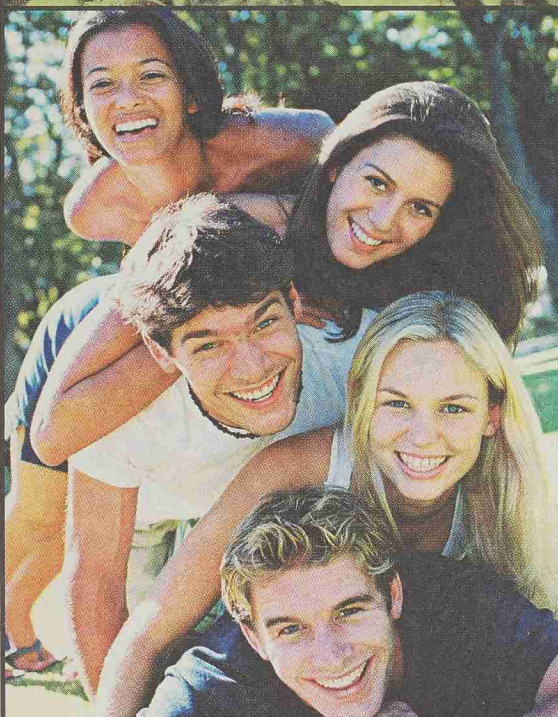


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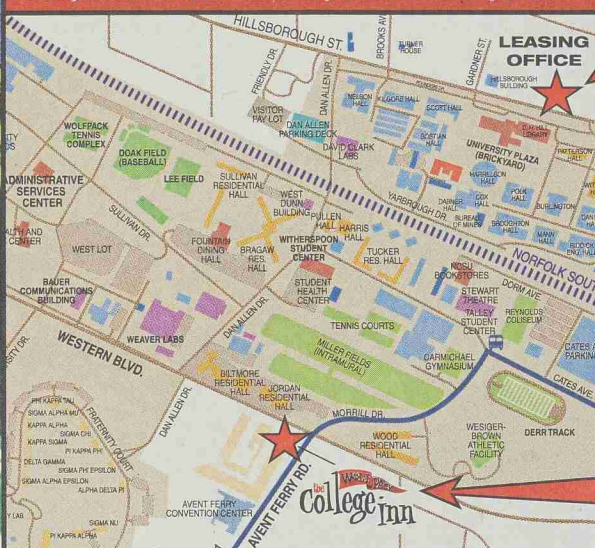
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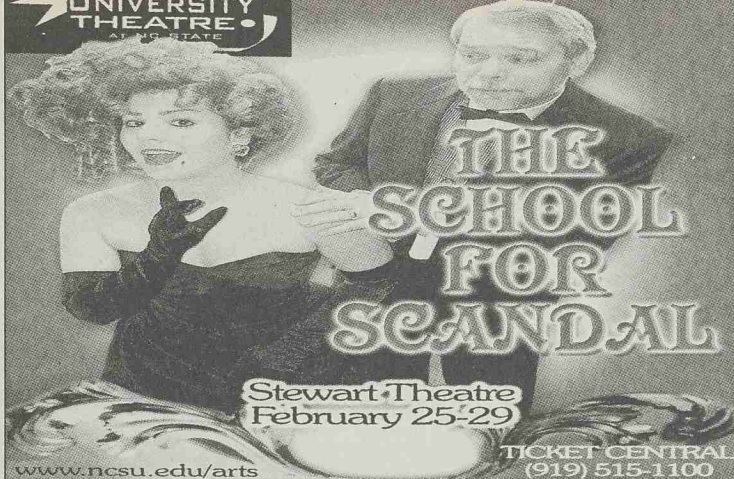


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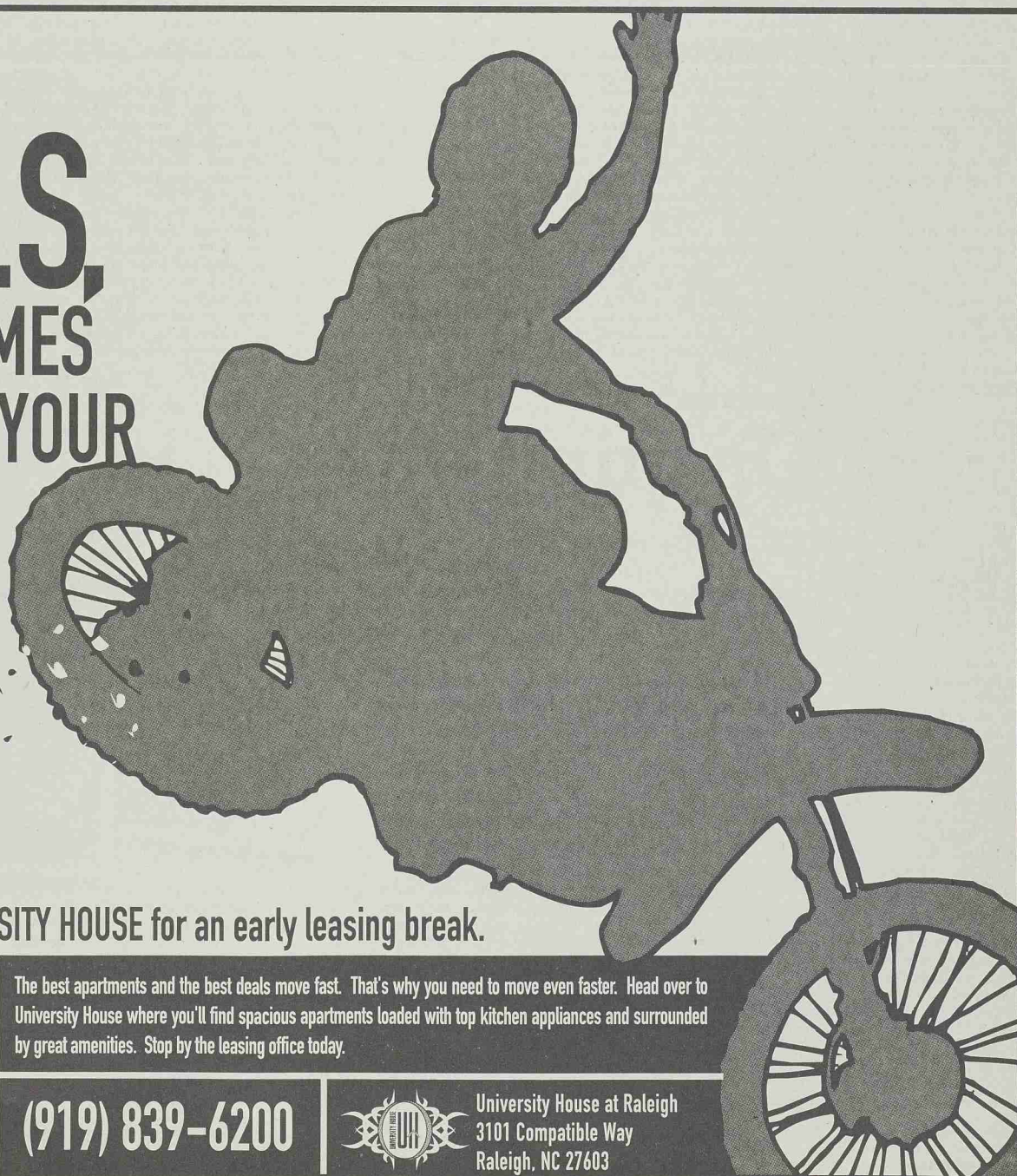
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SHH...IT'S ABOUT SEX

# Good buzz

The sun glimmers on Athena's smooth, shiny white skin. Her silver accessories simply accentuate her natural luster. When



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we met, the whole event was the epitome of love at first sight; together we could conquer anything! She is already 23 years old,

but she still purrs like a kitten each time I turn her on — my goddess of war. Our relationship was slightly rocky at the beginning. Her back seat had lost most of its cushioning through the many years of battling heavy weight: passengers, luggage, groceries... Her exposed springs bounced passengers through their ride like mini-trampolines.

The way she played music was a bit frustrating as well; the dial on her radio was so old that when I made a right turn, the station would slip from Christina Aguilera into Delilah's Late Night Love Show.

Most of the difficulties were fixed quickly: new tires, new backseat stuffing, new sound system and speakers. However, I ignored one suggestion from my mechanic, and it is one of the reasons my relationship with Athena remains strong today. I do not have the slightest idea why, but Athena vibrates, violently. Each time we are waiting at a stoplight, or whenever we slow down just below 10 mph, her seats rumble by the shaky yet wonderfully energetic engine.

At first I almost had the notion that this whole vibrating thing was a burden. Lucky for me, we got the back seat cushioned first! The response from all the travelers was overwhelming. A sort of wide-eyed grin would appear on their face, like a five-year-old who just found a sucker when his mom told him no snacks before dinner — naughty.

There is a plethora of variation in the modern pleasure toy market: first of all — shopping, for one, is like picking out a new cell phone, except the ringtone is consistently set on the vibrate mode. Purple, blue, red, pink, yellow, flesh-colored; they even have clear products so you can see all the machinery inside! The sizes and shapes range from eggplant to bottle shaped, four inches to 12.

If anyone has ever been uneasy or apprehensive about purchasing a sex toy, you are not alone! Women back in the 19th century were not so sexually extroverted either. According to the San Diego State University, women have been diagnosed with Hysteria due to symptoms including "nervousness, depression, the desire for too much sex, lack of desire for sex, a tendency to cause trouble for others, crankiness, too much energy, not enough energy, weight gain, weight loss, and more."

No offense to the physicians who determined this illness, but those "symptoms" simply sound like a strong premenstrual syndrome week. However the doctors confirmed the manner of treating these helpless women was with "Electromechanical Stimulation." The treatment was an effort of great proportions! They had entire rooms set up strictly intended for the vibrating cure.

Over the years, the stimulator developed into a common item, and the only sickness needed for prescription is a healthy sexual drive. Athena continues to pulsate marvelously, and the only modification I have made in response to the tremors was purchasing a fabulous beaded seat cover — naughty.

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# Diversions



"Sex in the City" stars, Cynthia Nixon, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kristin Davis and Kim Cattrall.

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## Saying good-bye to "Sex"

*As the first generation of women to truly grow up in the age of feminism, the 20-somethings have seen courageous, bold and amazing women in "Sex and the City" take on the roles that they now face.*

Ashley Hink  
Senior Staff Writer

For one last time, women around the country joined in living rooms with cosmopolitan's in hand to see the fate of Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda in the final episode of HBO's "Sex and the City."

For the past six years, the four dynamic characters brought to life by vibrant acting, clever writers and the genius direction of Michael Patrick King have taken a devoted audience on a journey through single life in New York City. "Sex and the City" boldly embodied the challenges and beauties of women in the 21st century as no other television program ever has before.

Audiences have seen glamorous, intelligent, strong and successful women vocalize and act on their desires for sex, whether in promiscuity or love, therefore objectifying men and placing women in positions of control and dominance. From the graphic one-night stands to passionate, heated affairs and care-free casual sex, the four main characters brought sex into the homes of women who have traditionally been socialized to be quiet, reserved and submissive to sexual desires.

However, the power of the clitoris is hardly the only reason that "Sex" has become so culturally influential and iconic for modern women. During the first year in college, my suitmates and I would ditch soon due WebAssigns to curl up on my

tiny single bed and obsessively drown our attention into the four lives that inevitably became pop-culture icons. In all of my girlfriends I saw a little bit of outrageousness that Samantha embodied, tendencies to over-analyze as Carrie was sure to do, unyielding self-control displayed by Miranda and innocent idealism shared by Charlotte. Mix in awful dating experiences, desperation for love, men unable to commit, fabulous bars, close friendships, careers and a damn good pair of shoes, and the product was a series of events, characters and images that younger women embraced and identified with.

As the first generation of women to truly grow-up in the age of feminism, the 20-somethings have seen courageous, bold and amazing women in "Sex and the City" take on the roles that they now face. Aside from the free expression of sexual desires, turning men into flawed play-toys, and a little bit of inspirational comic relief, "Sex and the City" was loved for so, so many reasons.

### THE CHARACTERS

Since the debut of "Sex," groups of girlfriends have labeled each other after the four main characters. Each distinctly embodied very different qualities that allow women to see themselves within the extreme characters — even if only in the most modest ways. While standing out on their own, their antagonistic personalities created a balance and bond between the women that inevitably kept each other in check.

Carrie Bradshaw, played by Sarah Jessica Parker, was the heart of "Sex" and the glue between the four women. Her weekly sex column, freelance pieces for "Vogue," and an eventually published book gave the witty writer minor New York City celebrity status. She was in on every fabulous Dolce

& Gabbana fashion party and idolized by female readers, but Carrie was far more than a face beside a newspaper column. Youthful, clever, vibrant and energetic, Carrie was the center of attention not just for her notable career, but also for her charming personality. Yet, she was also impulsive, indecisive and easily swayed by the men that filled her life. Time and time again, Carrie found herself in complicated relationships that ultimately left her jaded, brokenhearted and often — alone. However, even after a shameful affair and a self-sacrificing move across the Atlantic, Carrie remained hopeful for love and strong throughout it all.

The explicitly outrageous and shocking Samantha Jones, played by Kim Cattrall, was the sex kitten that knew how to get her way in and out of the bed. Always up for an orgasm and never hiding it, the successful public relations executive and socialite was the most open about her sexuality. From masturbation to a brief flirtation with lesbianism, Samantha vocalized and acted on her sexual desires. As if possessing a Y chromosome, she had no problems with wild promiscuity, casual sex and keeping her love life void of emotion. Yet, behind her seemingly never-ending sex drive was a confident, savvy, tactful, well-spoken and incredibly strong woman. Samantha embodied everything that women for so long have wanted to be — independent, proud, content without relationships and, most of all, sexual.

True to the stereotypes of red heads, Miranda Hobbs, played by Cynthia Nixon, was deliberate, hot-tempered, passionate and, above all, a perfectionist. The Harvard grad and partner in a law firm was first introduced as a hard, slightly neurotic, outspoken and unyielding woman that became completely out of sorts when losing control of her circumstances. Thank-

fully, Miranda Hobbs softened to accept two incredibly selfless roles, motherhood and marriage. She fought to keep others out of her heart, but eventually realized that her life was fuller and far more gratifying when finally letting herself love and be loved in return.

Lastly, the always polite, punctual and adorable Charlotte York, played by Kristin Davis, balanced out the foursome. As a product of a picture-perfect New England upbringing, Charlotte's ideals mirrored her Kate Spade purses and pastel Chanel cardigans. She wanted nothing short of Upper East Side perfection — from a well-mannered and rich husband to adorable children. Never up for sleazy sex talk or any kind of socially deviant behavior, the art gallery director was the hopeless romantic out of the group, clinging to innocence and optimism that her girlfriends often lacked. Eventually realizing that the life that seemed to glitter surely wasn't gold, she too adjusted and found happiness in unexpected people and places that were far from her seemingly perfect plans.

These four intelligent, beautiful, dynamic and amazing women could not have been more different from each other, but inevitably represented an array of qualities that women everywhere could identify with. After seeing Carrie mindlessly leave messages on answering machines like, "Hey, remember me, the girl you wanted to introduce your parents to? Well, I was just calling to say hey... hey." I suddenly didn't feel so bad about my ridiculous tendencies to impulsively do the same, stupid thing. And other women probably felt the same way; from splurging on unaffordable shoes, to bossing male colleagues around and pouring out sexual frustrations without the slightest reluctance, audiences have been able to relate to and seek homage in these women and the lives they led.

### NOTES FROM ABROAD

## Opening Doors

Jessica Gluck  
Correspondent in Spain

When you graduate high school and take that first step into the "real world" you are opening a new door in your life. As I stepped onto that Delta Airlines flight 126 to Madrid, Spain I opened a new door to what has already been a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Watching my garage door close and watching my father and little sister disappear behind that white wall, I knew I was closing a door to a huge part of my life. It was just a matter of 17 hours before another door, in Spain, would open.

I arrived in Madrid at 7:11 a.m. My program director was not picking our group members up until 10. As I was leaving Sunday afternoon for the airport I thought I had made sure I had all the letters from the program with all the information I needed.

As I walked through passport control, I had a sinking feeling I had left one letter on the kitchen counter at home. The letter that told me exactly where to meet at the airport. But another pressing matter was at hand — where was my luggage?

Apparently everyone arrives in Madrid on Monday mornings, because about 10 flights got in about the same time. I looked like a lost puppy wandering around the airport looking for my huge, 73 pound, red samsonite suitcase, while pulling my carry-on and clutching the one item I brought from home — my pillow.

Finally, after asking about five different airport employees with my broken Spanish where my suitcase could be, I found it. One hurdle down. After leaving customs, I wandered around the airport until I finally just sat around for two hours and luckily my director spotted me and took a large group to our hotel.

Once I was checked in and found my room, I wheeled my bags in and reached for the light switch. Nothing

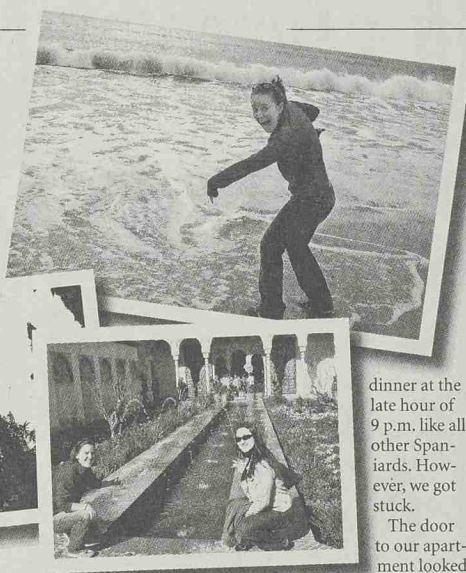
happened. I tried every single light switch and even checked the plugs to see if they were plugged in. After about 10 minutes in the dark I finally realized you had to slide your room card into one of the switches, that conveniently had a slot for it, to turn the power on for that room. One door opened.

The next week proved to be exciting, but the thought of being away for so long finally began to sink in. I am not going to see any friends or family until this summer. At that moment, part of me wanted to go back to the airport and get on the next plane, but the rest of me couldn't wait for the adventure to begin.

We spent the week in Madrid wandering in and out of old historically significant buildings, bars, restaurants and museums before we got to our "home" in Sevilla. A college town with two big universities, Sevilla is in the south of Spain and my new hometown for the next four months.

I was lucky enough to get placed in an apartment over a restaurant. My three roommates and I get to eat for free in the restaurant and have the apartment to ourselves.

After we hauled our huge suitcases, and got the bartender to help with my extreme load, we settled in and unpacked. We decided to head downstairs to get some



dinner at the late hour of 9 p.m. like all other Spaniards. However, we got stuck.

The door to our apartment looked freshly

painted white, as do the rest of the walls — yet, the door wouldn't budge. We turned the knob and pulled — nothing. Two of us tried pulling the door together. Then three.

Then all four even — nothing. Finally, after a moment of panic and almost attempting to call our landlord, we realized that you have to push the entire door slightly to the left as you are pulling the knob.

This first time of me pushing the door and my roommate, Amy, pulling the knob resulted in Amy flying backwards to the wall and the door flying into my face.

After each of us mastered the art of getting out of the house, we found ourselves residents of Sevilla. Another door opened, with a little finesse and stumble, but opened nonetheless.



## FUND ALL MAJORS EQUALLY

**OUR OPINION:** THE SUPREME COURT WAS WRONG TO ALLOW STATES TO BAN FEDERAL FUNDS TO STUDENTS PURSUING RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT UNIVERSITIES.

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that states could deny financial aid for students that are pursuing religious studies degrees. The case, *Locke v. Davey*, from Washington State, centered on Joshua Davey, an attorney who attended Northwest College, a private college associated with the Assembly of God. Davey qualified for the Promise Scholarship, funded by the state of Washington. But it was denied to him because he wanted to go into religious studies and become a member of the clergy.

He did not become a clergyman, but instead attended Harvard Law School. He sued the state for discrimination based on religion.

The Supreme Court based their decision on the First Amendment clause

respecting the separation of church and state and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

But the court erred when it disallowed public funds to go to religious studies.

Religious studies are an important social science that has equal footing alongside philosophy and political science.

Many students major in religious studies to better know about their faith, but also to learn more about the many faiths practiced around the world.

Some continue their education by going to divinity school. Others just get their masters or doctorate degrees and teach in high education.

To give preferential treatment of one major over another is unfair and goes against the free academic atmosphere American universities enjoy.

There are very deserving students that want to go to college and be able to obtain a bachelor's degree in their respective field, but can't afford to go because

of high tuition or low socioeconomic status.

The federal and state governments offer grants and loans to needy students that otherwise could not attend college without the money.

Many feel that for the government to fund education at divinity schools is a violation of church and state.

While that may be true, religious studies is a more broad area that encompasses many faiths and the objective study of world religions and faith based systems of thought.

There is nothing wrong with obtaining a degree in religious studies, and the government should give money to students who choose to.

Religious freedom is a basic premise upon which this country was founded.

To deny students the chance to study religion by not funding their education goes against the main principle the country was founded upon.

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### BLACK HISTORY SERIES, PART 2

## A voyage along the Middle Passage

Johnathan Brunson recounts the plight of slaves as they were brought to the New World from Africa.

I, along with many of my people, was kidnapped and loaded upon a ship. I was chained to another African writer with my right foot shackled to his left foot. We were shackled with iron chains and forced on the ship. We all resisted and fought our hardest to keep from being taken aboard the ship. But the more we fought the more aggressive and brutal the Europeans

**Johnathan Brunson**  
Staff Columnist

got as well. Many Africans jumped overboard and dove from the ship into the sea, choosing to either drown or be eaten by sharks. We all felt that we'd rather die than be taken from our homeland.

The Captain and crew of the ship packed us all below deck and crammed us in spaces smaller than that of a grave. There were some Africans stacked spoon-fashion on top of each other. There was no fresh air or light under the lower deck of the ship. We were extremely overcrowded and uncomfortable. We could not sit down, and trying to change positions and become more comfortable would only cause pain.

There was inadequate ventilation and little or no sanitation. The captain of the ship commanded the crew to clean the lower decks with hot vinegar sparingly, but none of the crew members obeyed his orders. We had nowhere to use the bathroom except among each other and this, along with

many other factors, led to horrible smells and the spread of disease. It was not uncommon for dead Africans to be covered by lice. It was common to see Africans shackled to dead Africans on the lower deck of the ship.

Once morning came, if the weather was good, the men remained shackled together in iron chains. The women and children were allowed to roam the deck. I witnessed many situations where women would sit on the end of the ship with their babies in their hands and fall back into the water to their death, which was more peaceful for them than being enslaved along with their children for life.

We only ate twice a day, and usually the afternoon meal consisted of horse beans, which were used to feed horses. To cover up the horrible taste, we often ate these beans with large amounts of red pepper added. Once sunset arrived each day, we were all placed below deck to rest in our miserable and filthy conditions. Most Africans refused to eat so they would starve and die as another method of leaving this terrible state of living.

Most crew members carried whips and would whip Africans who refused to eat. Most whips were made with one simple rope, but the most feared whip was the dreaded cat-o-nine tails. This whip consisted of nine cords coated with tar with a knot at one end and I witnessed the skins of African's backs being ripped to ribbons by only a few lashes. Crew members often had us stand directly behind Africans being whipped, with blood gushing in our faces, as a form of intimidation to keep us from revolting. Most nights, a member of the crew, sometimes

the captain himself, would pick an African woman of his choice under the lower deck. The crew member or captain would take the woman back to the captain's chamber or crew's living quarters and she would be beaten and physically forced to have sexual relations with the captain or crew member.

I was one of the millions of slaves who did not make it to North America. I was not physically fit enough to be sold into slavery. During our voyage to America, the captain gave the order to the crew members to throw us overboard. The crew members threw huge rocks into the water first with me and 54 other Africans chained together and we all followed these large boulders to our death.

I died as an African and not a slave. This story itself is fiction.

I placed myself in the starring role as a slave, but the acts itself are based on true stories from slave narratives. Take into account the meaning of the Ghanaian term "Sankofa." In the Twi dialect of the Akan of Ghana West Africa, the word sankofa means "to return and retrieve that which has been left behind; that which has been lost." In many courses throughout school, we get accounts of what the Captains of slave ships wrote in their journals or we get a quick summary saying that slavery was brutal and benefited Europeans economically.

When you think black history, take into account the African perspective of slavery and the fact that slavery was wrong in its entirety.

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## Ironical Campout

Zack Medford looks at the campout tradition and how it could be improved in the future.

Chancellor Fox and I were sitting around the other day in the alumni lounge and we got to talking. As I puffed on my Cuban cigar, Ma began

to relay to me how silly you students were carrying on about campout. She told me your problems, and we had quite a hoot at your expense. You silly students, when will you ever learn?

First, you say you need fires because campout is cold. That's ridiculous. Campout is about weathering the elements. Actually, Ma and I were even thinking about outlawing tents out there. Ideally, we feel that campout would be best if students had to sit out in the cold for an entire night. This would allow us to enjoy laughing at you from behind the warm walls of our houses, and teach you a lesson for being so whiney.

Believe me, Ma and I have sat out in the cold before. Why, just the other day we were out in the cold for a few minutes waiting for Ma's Hummer limo to pick us up. We didn't complain at all and neither did the butler who held the umbrella for us. You kids and your cell phones and bling-bling. You don't know what it's like to experience real cold.

When Ma told me about how you guys were complaining that 1,900 people applied for campout but only 1,000 can actually camp, I almost spilt my Courvoisier. You guys are ridiculous! I'm surprised that we're even allowing 1,000 of you to camp out. Lord knows with that many students in one place... I sure hope the police are prepared to stop the gratuitous sex and raucous behavior bound to ensue.

Everyone knows that students are all irresponsible drunkards, and you can't behave in a socially acceptable way when you gather in a group setting. Now she tells me you feel that if you camp out, you deserve the best seats. The thought alone almost made me pee my pants! Everyone knows that the best tickets go to the best fans, not to you idiots.

The only accurate measure of how true of a fan you are is, of course, how much money you spend on your tickets. Because students spend no money on tickets, you are the worst fans on earth. The true fans are people like Ma and drug czar, Johnnie Elonzo. I suggested to Ma that rich aristocrats should have a student assigned to him,

and then if that student is the first in the campout line, the aristocrat wins the tickets. That way, these students could do something useful for once. Lord knows that a student thinking about anyone other than himself is blasphemous.

Some of you maniacs have suggested that we move campout to the parking lot across from Carter Finley.

Here's a better idea, let's move it to the prison. You kids need to learn to stop asking us to do things for you, and start doing things for us. You wonder why we increase tuition every year or why we charge 40 bucks for a parking ticket. Obviously, it's because we're tired of you poor, whiney kids and your opinions.

We need some rich kids who know better than to question the irrational policies of your authority figures.

I'm suggesting we haul them in from Carolina.

OK, now that I've offended the chancellor, her butler, Carolina students and notorious drug czar Johnnie Elonzo,

it's time for some straight talk.

Campout looks like a police state as it is, there are tons of police officers, student government officials and authority figures in general. It is very nice that we have gotten a chance to partake in this newly reformed tradition, but let's keep taking steps towards a looser (but still safe) campout.

Let everyone who wants to camp out CAMP OUT. I agree that we don't have enough room outside of Reynolds, so let's move it outside of Carter Finley. Let's make a festival of it and get some bands to play.

Fires would be sweet, but I'm going to leave that one to the fire marshals to decide. I'm more concerned about keeping the tradition alive as well as expanding it. I don't want a couple fatal fires to take away my campout again.

Let's give the students who camp out the better tickets, and let people who receive vouchers have a chance at the nosebleeds. Sure! You may have class or a meeting, which could keep you from attending campout, but so what? I have had classes and meetings that have kept me from attending the games. They haven't rescheduled the games for me, despite how hard I've tried. If you have a health condition that prevents you from camping out, that's one thing, but if you really want good seats at the game but just don't want to camp out, well, tough.

**Zack loves Chancellor Fox and hopes he wasn't too offended. Tell him how offended YOU are at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.**



# Elon edges Wolfpack

Wolfpack softball team drops two one-run games, one in extra innings, in doubleheader at Elon.

Sports Staff Report

**ELON** - The Wolfpack softball team dropped two close games at Elon Wednesday afternoon, losing the first 4-3 in extra innings and falling in the night cap 3-2.

State (3-8) played its fourth extra inning game of the season in game one, falling behind 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning before tying the game in the top of the seventh. The Pack would take a 3-1 lead over Elon (7-3-1) in the top of the eighth, but the Phoenix staged a rally of its own to tie and later win the constant.

"We are putting ourselves in a position to win in these games," head coach Lisa Navas said. "We haven't been able to shut the door completely, and that is costing us the ball game. Once we get better at closing out ball games and doing the little things, we will win games like this."

Wolfpack starter Abbie Sims (2-3) struckout seven batters and allowed only four hits in the

loss, while Jennifer Lamb (3-0) allowed five hits and notched seven strikeouts in the victory.

Caroline Blount started the top of the eighth on second base as part of the international tiebreak rule, and would advance to third from the sacrifice bunt by Lee Hasper. With one out, Renee' LaCroix hit an RBI double, scoring Blount. Gelbard extended her hitting streak to eight straight games with an RBI single, scoring LaCroix to give State the 3-1 lead.

The Phoenix, though, loaded the bases in the eighth, drawing four walks, two that forced in the tying runs. Jen Massey singled to shortstop, beating the throw to first by a step to force in the winning run as Elon prevailed by the slim final.

After allowing a slapshot single to lead off the game to Elon's Paige Goss, Sims struckout the side in the bottom of the first and retired six straight batters at one point. After allowing a walk to lead off the third, Sims retired three more batters in a row before Christina Melton hit a solo homerun over the left field fence to lead off the fourth and give Elon a 1-0 lead.

State tied the game in the top of the seventh, as pinch runner Mof-

fatt Steele scored the tying run. Steele came in to run for Sims, who singled up the middle to lead off the inning. Steele advanced to second on a passed ball and would score on a Jen Chamberlin single up the middle. Steele was held at third on the play, but Lamb attempted to cut off the throw to the plate. The ball bounced off of Lam's leg and towards the 1st base dugout.

Steele hustled home from third to score on the error.

In the second game, Elon's Lamb (3-0), who pitched every inning of her team's first win, tossed the final three innings to earn a save and secure another Phoenix victory.

In the second contest, a regulation seven-inning affair, she worked three scoreless frames and surrendered just two hits and one walk.

Like the opening game, Elon got on board first, this time exploding for a three-run second inning to take charge.

Chamberlin nailed a two-run blast in the fourth - the first home run of the Wolfpack's inaugural softball campaign - sent Steele across home plate and pulled State within one and determined the eventual final margin.

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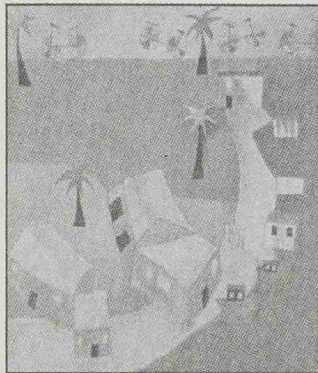
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### Club Sports Blotter

Women's rugby  
Feb. 21 - State defeated ECU 67-5

Roller hockey  
Feb. 21-22: ARCHA Championships in Raleigh  
State claimed ACRHA Division 1 League title.  
Record: 3-0: State defeated USC 9-1, Charlotte 6-3 and ECU 9-1 in championship game.

Women's soccer  
Feb. 21 - State defeated Wake Forest 2-0, goals were scored by Tara Knauss and Lindsey Underwood

Ice hockey  
Feb. 21-22 - State lost to George Mason in 2-1 (OT) and defeated Georgetown 5-4

Field hockey  
Feb. 21 - State defeated Davidson 4-0

Equestrian  
Feb. 21 - Dressage Show at Virginia Intermont College  
Team A: Laura Roten - Second place, Laura Heaton - Second, Loralee Howell - Eighth, Kate Flanagan - Eighth  
Overall Team A - Sixth place  
Team B: Laura Symes - Third place

### Club sports home events

Women's rugby  
State vs. Western Carolina University  
Saturday at 2 p.m. on Lower Miller

### Fields

Men's lacrosse  
State vs. East Carolina University  
Sunday at 1 p.m. on Upper Miller Fields

Baseball  
State vs. Virginia Tech Friday at 7 p.m. at Sanderson High School  
Saturday at 2 p.m. Doubleheader at Sanderson High School  
State vs. George Washington Univ. Sunday at 1 p.m. Sanderson High School

Equestrian  
N.C. State Dressage Show  
Sunday at 8 a.m. at MacNairs Acres

### Club Sports Away Events

Friday  
Ice Hockey (A) ACCHL Play-offs  
Ice Hockey (B) at Clemson

Saturday  
Women's Volleyball at ECU Tournament  
Fencing at App State  
Ice Hockey (A) ACCHL Play-offs  
Ice Hockey (B) at Clemson  
Sailing (A) at Gainesville  
Sailing (B) at Clemson

Sunday  
Women's Lacrosse at Wake Forest  
Field Hockey at Wake Forest  
Fencing at App State

Sailing (A) at Gainesville  
Sailing (B) at Clemson

### A closer look at... Women's rugby

The Wolfpack women's rugby team traveled to Greenville this past Saturday to take on the ECU Pirates. Both N.C. State and ECU are Division II teams holding first and second place, respectively, in the Southeast division. The State team went into the match knowing it was about to face the toughest competition in its matrix. The game began with a bang when Vernetta Alston scored the first try within five minutes of kick off. The Wolfpack and ECU then battled back and forth, as a ten-minute shower drenched the field, much to the dismay of the spectators. ECU managed to slip by the Wolfpack's defense just once during the entire game. Leslie Young, Heather Ferrell, Julie Davis and Erin Kaplan scored one try each against the Lady Pirates. Kiki Rodriguez, the team's veteran scrumhalf, scored twice. Camille Solomon scored a total of three times, almost running circles around the defense. And the team's captain Vernetta Alston scored an amazing four times by plowing her way through the opposing team. The Wolfpack scored 13 times total against ECU for a near-shutout match, pounding the Pirate 67-5.

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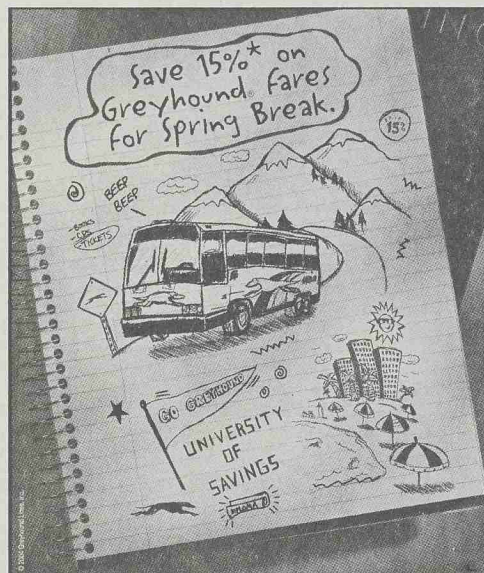


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## FOULS

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his father, a former professional player in Europe.

After the practice, Evtimov called his father to tell him he was closing in on his streak.

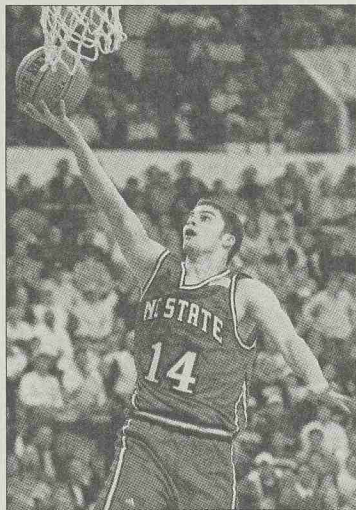
"I still have a long way to go," Evtimov said. "My dad said I've still got to eat a lot of bread [to be as good as him]."

But that wasn't a problem for Evtimov against the Jackets as he hit all six of his attempts from the line.

After the game, Sherrill affirmed the importance of the Pack's precision from the line this season.

"It's the most important part of the game," Sherrill said. "I don't know how much other teams in the country practice but we practice a lot. Coach [Herb] Sendek [always says] if we can make them at the end of practice when we're tired, we can probably make them at the end of the game."

Sherrill finished the game with 17 points, eight of which came from the line on 12 attempts. But he wished he could have said the last two that he shot — both misses



TAYLOR TEMPLETON  
TECHNICIAN  
Engin Atsur goes up for a layup after a spin move in the paint freed him for the shot in the first half of the Pack's win Wednesday night.

— to shoot over.

"Guys were kidding me in the locker room," Sherrill said. "They were laughing at me. Marcus told me, 'Scoot, you never miss.' But it's fine since we got the win. If we had lost I'd be killing myself."

All the joking aside, Hodge said he knows Sherrill and all his teammates are capable of knock-

ing down their free throws when it counts, no matter who they're playing.

"All our guys are just hungry to get to the ball and to the line [at the end of the game]," Hodge said. "Hopefully that will continue to be a good thing for us and not an Achilles' heel."

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close the half gave it a one-point halftime advantage at 34-33.

State came out of the locker room after intermission and immediately took control of the game.

A three-point play by Hodge five minutes in gave State a lead it would hold for over seven minutes, but twice when Tech jumped ahead by a single point in the last 10 minutes of the game the Pack answered with a strong drive to the basket.

"They were driving and kicking out and making really tough

shots," Jack said.

State pulled away late in the game with a strong rebounding effort (38-24) and 80 percent (27-of-34) free-throw shooting. It also weathered a stretch in which its three big men — Ilian Evtimov, Marcus Melvin (nine points, 14 rebounds), Jordan Collins — all had four fouls.

"We controlled the boards on crucial moments when they missed 3s," said Evtimov, who finished with 15 points and five assists and took a crucial charge with under five minutes left.

Meanwhile, the Jackets couldn't throw it in the ocean, shooting 8-of-18 from the charity strip — the same mark State acquired from behind the 3-point arc.

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tailgaters are both aplenty and welcoming.

### WORST DRIVE - CLEMSON

This of course only applies to football games considering no one has seen the Tigers play basketball in person since Rick Barnes left. Just when you get to the exit after encountering

at least three I-85 traffic jams and foolishly think you're mere minutes away from the stadium, you remember it's Clemson and there's only one road in the entire town. Trying to put 80,000 people down that road at once can be about as fun as a root canal — or a Clemson basketball game.

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# Sports

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2004

## Schedule

M. basketball vs. North Carolina, 2/29, 5:30  
W. basketball at Georgia Tech, 2/26, 7  
Baseball at Charleston Tournament, 2/27-29  
Softball at Charlotte Tournament, 2/27-29  
Gymnastics vs. George Washington, 2/27  
Men's tennis at Indiana, 2/28  
Women's tennis at Old Dominion, 2/27

## Scores

M. basketball 79, Georgia Tech 69  
Elon 4, Softball 3  
Elon 3, Softball 2

## TECHNICIAN

## On the road

After three years of covering Wolfpack football and basketball, I've been to them all, most of them twice. Rolling down I-85 Wednesday



**Matt Middleton**  
Sports Editor

afternoon on probably my last of many student road trips to the other eight ACC institutions, I reflect back on all the memories with a few awards in the last year of a nine-member league with eight superlatives for eight destinations.

### BEST PLACE TO EAT - THE VARSITY, GEORGIA TECH

The downtown Atlanta campus of Tech sits on one side of the renowned eatery that serves an entire menu full of grease-bathed foods, including the best chiliburger in the South. I wouldn't recommend walking to the place from the back, however, through the city's most crime-infested block. I found this out the hard way, ignorantly ascending from my hotel near Olympic Park at night through this area, somehow escaping unscathed. The next day as my colleague and I told the story in the press box before the State-Tech football game, scribes familiar with the area grew wide-eyed as they clued us in on — literally — how lucky we were to be alive.

### BEST FACILITY - COMCAST CENTER, MARYLAND

RBC Center, take notes because this is what a college arena should look like. Students surrounding the court, ample alumni seating with good views, even in the nosebleed section. The Comcast Center has a perfect capacity, so the place can be full for more than two games a year. There are even a handful of luxury boxes to satisfy the omnipresent corporate yuppies that are at most professional sporting events. The building can get loud with the best of them and if it can rid itself of the ridiculous timeout promotions, it'd be an unparalleled modern collegiate arena.

### WORST USE OF TECHNOLOGY - VIRGINIA FOOTBALL

Immediately fire the genius that thought up the idea to superimpose a computer-generated Cavalier parading across the Charlottesville campus on horseback doing anything from playing the piano to saving fellow Cavs from an angry pack of wolves.

How this pathetic attempt at the modernization of mascots is supposed to fire up a crowd or a football team is beyond me, but then again this is the same school that fired Jeff Jones in favor of Pete Gilen, so I guess it makes sense.

### BEST-LOOKING CHEERLEADERS - FLORIDA STATE; WORST - DUKE

I vow to myself to get through this entire paragraph without a single reference to Matt Doherty and his 2001 blast on Duke coeds. Oops. Turns out, he was right. The lovely ladies of FSU give you one more reason to make the trip to Tallahassee at least once, and one more excuse for missing that big play.

### BEST MEDIA FOOD - GEORGIA TECH

Tech laughs in the face of other pathetic attempts at catering, pleasing portly sportswriters everywhere and probably getting some good ink in return. Here's the secret: they serve what most schools pass off as their main pre-game food — pizza — as a halftime diversion. Before the game, a plentiful and appetizing buffet is served hot with unlimited trips as an added bonus.

### BEST FANS - FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

Seminole fans know how to respect an opponent. When State came in this year and gave them the ACC game of the young century, there was no insistent booing or blaming anything on the officials. Outside the brick behemoth that is Doak Campbell Stadium, the

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# Buzzworthy

STATE OVERCOMES 19 TURNOVERS TO NOTCH ITS 10TH ACC WIN ON THE ROAD AT GEORGIA TECH.

**Matt Middleton**  
Sports Editor

**ATLANTA** — Dressed in a tweed sport coat, brown corduroy slacks and a yellow bowtie, Josh Powell stepped to center court of Alexander Memorial Coliseum Wednesday night to sing the pre-game national anthem.

No, not *that* Josh Powell, the Wolfpack's key big man on last year's team who forfeited his final two years of eligibility to enter the 2003 NBA Draft, but rather an elderly gentleman with the exact same name. Some State players noticed the similarity on the arena's video board and nudged each other, quietly chuckling.

Two hours later they would take a big step toward surpassing last year's Powell-aided accomplishments — or any other recent feats for that matter — with a 79-69 road win over No. 18 Georgia Tech, the Wolfpack's 10th ACC win of the season, the most the team has garnered since 1989 when it won the league's regular-season crown. State's 10 wins in the league with three games remaining is its best league mark this late in the year since the Pack went 12-0 in its national-championship year of 1974.

Wake Forest barely kept State, who remains just a single game behind first-place Duke, from clinching at least a share of second place in the league with an overtime home win over Florida State.

"Everybody just pulled his share and we are very pleased with the outcome tonight," coach Herb Sendek said.

State (18-6, 10-3) used its eighth starting lineup of the season when Sendek surprisingly did not start leading scorer Julius Hodge. The coach said he decided to go with the group that finished the game so well in Sunday's come-from-behind win against Washington.

"We change our starting lineup as often as some people change their underwear," Sendek said. "I thought Julius would give us a spark coming off the bench, and he did."

Hodge finished with a team-leading 22 points, eight rebounds, three assists and a trio of steals, his best game ever against the Yellow Jackets (19-8, 6-7), a team that has given him loads of trouble in the past. Earlier this season, Hodge scored a season-low two points State's 76-72 win on Jan. 24.

"For the trouble I've been having against this team, [I] definitely stepped it up and made some big shots," he said.

The junior from Harlem also added he might have received a little extra motivation Wednesday morning.

"I'm not going to say it adds fuel to the fire [but] I woke up this morning and saw in the Atlanta paper that [Tech guard] Jarrett Jack said they've been doing a great job on me and, 'He doesn't score on us,'" Hodge said.

Hodge dispelled that from the outset by scoring five points in the first two minutes he played, but State fell into a 10-point hole midway through the first 20 minutes.

The Pack then buckled down defensively and held the Jackets to just a single Luke Schenscher free throw over the final four minutes of the first half. An 8-1 Pack run to



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Marcus Melvin (54) had a game-high 14 rebounds and Julius Hodge scored a game-high 22 points in State's 79-69 win over Georgia Tech.

## Charity points big again

**Jon Page**  
Senior Staff Writer

**ATLANTA** — Georgia Tech just wouldn't give in.

Down by as many as 11 points to N.C. State with just over one minute to play, the Yellow Jackets kept sending the nation's best free throw shooting team to the line, hoping to claw their way back into the game.

But the Wolfpack shot 79.4 percent from the free throw line for the game, just above its season average of 79.2 percent, to hold off a potential Tech comeback Wednesday night.

State went to the line eight times in the first half, making all but one attempt and made it to the charity stripe 26 times in the second half.

After taking the lead for good on

a hook shot by sophomore Ilian Evtimov, the Pack closed out the game from the free-throw line converting on 12-for-16 attempts in the game's final four-and-a-half minutes.

While State was rolling on the line, Tech was stumbling. The Jackets finished the game making only 8-of-18 free throws.

"It brings our confidence way up because if we can get fouled at the end of the game we know we can make our free throws," Evtimov said. "It demoralizes the other team because they know they can't just foul us at the end and get back in to the game."

State's success from the line is no accident.

Before the completion of every practice, players must make 20 free

throws.

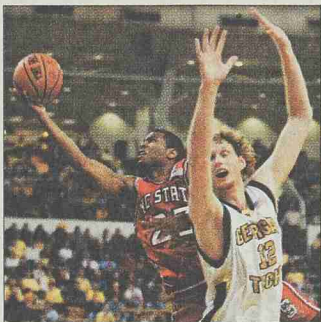
Senior guard Scooter Sherrill said he hit 100 in a row once last season, while junior Julius Hodge said he doesn't count his makes or his misses. He said that's "Ilian's thing."

During a practice last week, Evtimov was in the midst of his longest streak ever from the line. The Bulgarian native had drained 155 in a row when coaches made him take a break to watch film for the Pack's game against Washington. After watching film, Evtimov added another 15 before missing his 171st attempt of the day.

As impressive as it may have been, he still has a long way to go before he matches the family record of 211 set by

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Scooter Sherrill lays it in over Georgia Tech's Luke Schenscher in the first half.

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