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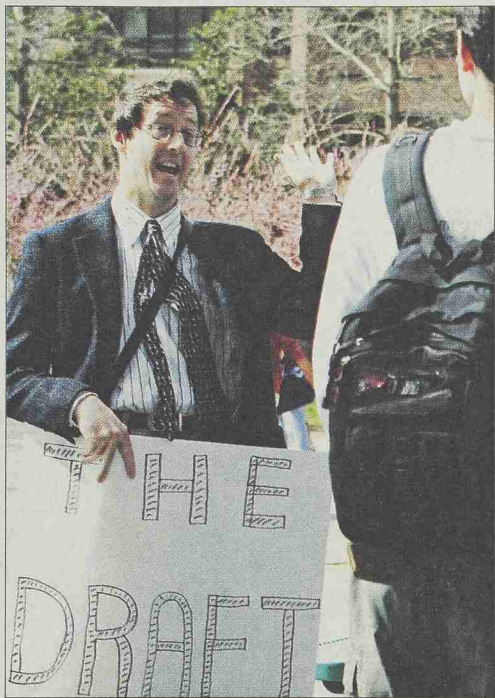
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Raleigh, North Carolina

Activist warns of future draft



James Carroll speaks to an unidentified student in the Brickyard on Monday afternoon about the reinstatement of the draft. Carroll believes that if Bush is reelected, then he will reopen the draft to support the war on terror.

Democratic activist James Carroll talks to students about the history of the draft and its current implications.

James Pohlen
Staff Reporter

Ask an average student in the late '60s what they were worried about and the possibility of being drafted was probably very high on the list. Since the Nixon administration ended the draft in 1973, students have had little reason to worry about the government forcing them into service.

However, according to James Carroll, we should be worried.

On Monday, Carroll spoke with students in the Brickyard about the possible resumption of the draft, and why it could happen in the near future.

"We have to have mandatory military service to attack anyone else. Iraq has used up all of our available forces," he said. "Everyone who wanted to volunteer is over in Iraq already."

Carroll, a graduate of the University of Texas, lives in Austin, Texas, and has been traveling the country to speak with students on issues that are important to the fall presidential race.

According to Carroll, his goal

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Policy hopes to raise graduation rate

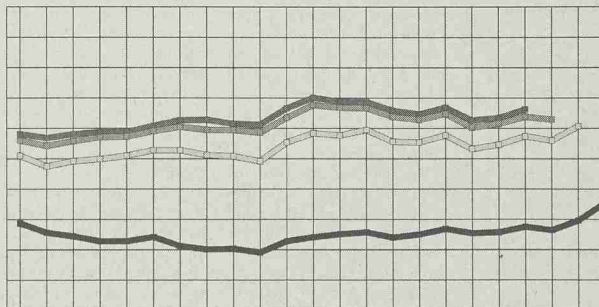
The task force strategy to implement the PTD strives to reduce graduation rates.

Rachel Swieter
Staff Reporter

The five-year college plan, which has become popular among undergraduates, is becoming a thing of the past.

In 2002, N.C. State appointed a task force to report on undergraduate retention and graduation rates. The study revealed that while NCSU placed among the national average rates, it fell far behind its 15 peers in North Carolina. The results of the study found that the university was consistently losing more students than predicted. The ability to retain students graduating in 5 years has dropped approximately 10 percent since 1983, from 52.2 percent to 41.9 percent.

Resulting from the study, NCSU designed a task force to evaluate students and devise a plan to increase graduation rates. To combat the falling rate,



Data Source: University Planning and Analysis - Academic Advancement Reports

the task force developed a policy to help ensure the retention and graduation of students.

The strategy includes stressing better advising, encouraging students to remain full-time, have faculty and administrators encouraging academic success and offer more opportunities for matriculation into majors, fully implement the Progress Toward Degree Policy and evaluate and revise the policy whenever needed.

"In essence, what PTD does is give the students a way of

making their goals clear while it gives the academic advisers information they need to more effectively help students," Thomas Conway, vice provost for enrollment management and member of the task force, said.

At the end of each spring semester, the student's adviser will evaluate their progress. To prevent being put on warning, students must submit a plan of work each semester, be enrolled in the classes selected in the plan of work, have continuous full-time enrollment (12 hours a

semester) and have matriculated into their major of choice before their junior year.

Students who entered their major during or after fall 2002 must comply with the PTD guidelines or they will be placed on progress warning.

If placed on progress warning, a student must either work with an adviser to develop and implement a specific plan of action to restore him or her to satisfactory status or transfer into

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SMA selects new media heads

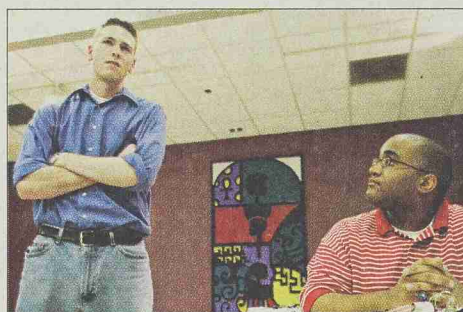
Although the board received applications for all positions, they decided to delay the appointments for EIC of Nubian Message and Technician.

Ana Pardo
Staff Reporter

The Student Media Advisory Board deliberated late Monday night and minutes into Tuesday morning regarding the selection of editors in chief and general managers for N.C. State's various media publications.

The meeting opened with a short discussion on media head accountability and commitment. The discussion focused on where a publication should fall in an editor or manager's priorities.

The SMA Board listened to each candidate explain his or her position and goals for



Josh Bassett, a candidate for Agromeck editor, fields questions from board members as Lock Whiteside, a sophomore, looks on.

their respective publications. After each candidate spoke, the board went into executive session, where they debated the merit of each candidate.

The board appointed media heads for all publications except Nubian Message and Technician.

The appointed media heads include Josh Bassett, a sophomore in computer engineering, as editor of Agromeck; Nathaniel Horner, a senior in computer science and English, as editor of Americana; Brian Darragh, a senior in English, as editor of Windhover; and Jamie Proctor,

a senior in communications, as general manager for WKNC.

"I'm honored to serve in the shadow of such an esteemed publication," Darragh said after his appointment. "I hope, in conjunction with other media offices, to increase N.C. State students' awareness of the publications funded from their own pockets."

Barnett, explaining his goals as editor for Agromeck, said "I want to extend exposure of the book, as it is disheartening that Agromeck is not a recognizable publication on campus."

Monday's decision makes the third year Horner was appointed editor of Americana.

"I'm happy that I'm going to get the chance to continue building Americana into a diverse and vibrant community of readers, contributors and thinkers," Horner said.

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IAESTE wins national award

Local IAESTE committee takes top honors in national conference.

Kenneth Ball
Staff Reporter

With the globalization of today's job market, international experience, especially in a technical internship, may be an asset to students. N.C. State students looking for technical experience abroad may not have to look farther than their own university.

NCSU is home to one of the top local committees in the nation of the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience.

Originally founded at Imperial College in London in 1948, the IAESTE has since become the association that has exchanged more than 300,000 students in more than 80 countries.

Logan Buck, a doctoral student in microbiology, founded the NCSU chapter in the fall of

2000.

"I found my own internship in Sweden, and when I was in Sweden I met up with some of these same people at a bar," Buck said. "I thought it was a cool program and I hung out the whole summer with them. So when I came back here I started this up."

At the IAESTE national convention in early February, the NCSU chapter won the Local Committee of the Year Award for the second year in a row.

NCSU's chapter is the only local committee to have won this award twice.

Additionally, the chapter received the award for best Web site and most new members.

"There are only 21 [U.S.] chapters, and they're the premier engineering schools like MIT and Michigan. It's pretty competitive," Buck said.

Other U.S. schools with IAESTE chapters include Stanford University, Duke University and the Uni-

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IMAP problem solved

After campus e-mail accounts froze over the snow day, IT says all accounts should be working properly.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

After e-mail outages across campus were reported to the Information Technologies Department Thursday and Friday from a hardware error, systems came back online for most users by Friday night.

Users were greeted with error messages such as "Expunge," "Check inbox," "Web site not found" as they logged in to check their e-mail at the end of the week.

Snow was starting to fall and students were anxiously checking their e-mail boxes to find out whether their teachers were cancelling their classes or extending deadlines for projects and papers.

But instead of a list of e-mails in their inbox, all they got was a long wait and an error message.

"I was trying to check my e-mail for a couple of days, but I just got various error messages," Tim Bushnell, a senior in mathematics, said. "I think if I had just gotten the same one, I would've given up faster."

The Help Desk, which is run by ITD Computing Services, has received numerous calls and e-mails from students wondering

Computer users take note:

All N.C. State students and staff can download anti-virus software at www.ncsu.edu/antivirus. Also, students can get the latest updates on IMAP outages and other computing problems at <http://sysnews.ncsu.edu/>. They can also find out what IMAP server they are on through a link on this Web site.

what happened.

Two problems actually occurred over the course of a week that disabled certain e-mail capabilities for students.

The first problem only affected

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Demolition Devils

N.C. State drops its second-straight loss to Duke on senior night at Reynolds Coliseum Monday night. See pg. 8.

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Production of opium in Afghanistan
soars, U.S. reports

Opium poppy cultivation levels in Afghanistan approached the highest levels ever recorded last year despite the counterdrug efforts of the U.S.-backed government, the State Department said Monday.

The department's annual report on illicit drug activities worldwide said criminal financiers and narcotics traffickers in and out of Afghanistan have taken advantage of ongoing conflict and the fragile security situation.

They have "exploited poor farmers in a rural economy decimated by war and drought," the report said. It said drug-related corruption at the provincial and district levels is believed to be pervasive. It added that at the national level, corruption of officials is believed to be much less of a problem.

-Wire Reports

Rebels, U.S. Marines arrive in Haitian
capital

Rebels rolled into the capital Monday and were met by hundreds of residents dancing in the streets and cheering the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The United States denied allegations Aristide was kidnapped by U.S. forces eager for him to resign and be spirited into exile.

Most of the 150 U.S. Marines who arrived Sunday night were at the capital's airport, some doing overflights in a helicopter. Some of the 50 Marines who arrived last week drove cautiously along the waterfront road, and pedestrians raised their hands in fright and surprise upon seeing them.

The U.S. and French forces spread out from the airport to protect key sites - the vanguard of a multinational force approved by the U.N. Security Council.

-Wire Reports

NATION

U.S. hands over 7 Russians from
Guantanamo

The United States has turned over seven Russian citizens who were being held at the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Monday.

Deputy chief prosecutor Sergei Fridinsky said Russian authorities have charged the men with illegally crossing borders, mercenary activity and participating in a criminal group, according to the Interfax news agency. They were captured in Afghanistan and accused of fighting alongside the Taliban.

The seven detainees were turned over on Saturday under an agreement reached earlier between Washington and Moscow.

-Wire Reports

Jury selection under way in Nichols
trial

Jury selection began Monday in the murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols after the judge refused to postpone proceedings while the FBI reviews whether investigators suppressed evidence of a wider conspiracy.

Nichols, already serving a life sentence on federal charges for his role in the bombing, could get the death penalty if convicted of the state charges.

It was expected to take two weeks to select 12 jurors and six alternates.

-Wire Reports

Vermont town to vote on whether to
join New Hampshire

The sign welcoming visitors to Killington heralds this ski-resort town as the heart of Vermont.

On Tuesday, though, residents will vote on whether they want the town to secede and join New Hampshire following a simmering dispute over property taxes.

The town has spent \$20,000 so far on the effort, researching the advantage of joining the state 25 miles to the east and possible ways to accomplish it.

"People are frustrated," said David Lewis, Killington's town manager.

-Wire Reports

STATE

N.C. law enforcement seize drug-
related items from stores

The federal government is going on the offensive against drug paraphernalia, seizing pipes, clips and other items from a half-dozen stores in eastern North Carolina.

Federal prosecutors said Monday the searches and seizures are the first in a new campaign designed to make it harder to find materials that could entice teenagers to begin smoking marijuana.

"The distribution of drug paraphernalia is a federal felony," U.S. Attorney Frank Whitney said at a news conference in Raleigh. "If we can cut down on the demand for drugs, it will make our jobs easier."

-Wire Reports

New York man charged with assault
after shooting

A man was jailed on an assault charge after allegedly firing a pistol in a crowded restaurant during a dispute over the service they received, police said.

One man was grazed by a bullet when the firing broke out at the Wafile House on U.S. 17 near Onslow Drive about 2:45 a.m. Sunday, said Jacksonville Deputy Police Chief Paul Spring.

Amina Turner, 19, of Jacksonville, was upset with her service when she began throwing condiments and napkins and slapped waitress Janet Harper, 21, of Jacksonville, Spring said.

-Wire Reports

Court says Catholic Charities
must cover birth control costs

Howard Mintz

Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, CALIF. - The California Supreme Court on Monday ordered the Roman Catholic Church's affiliated charities to cover the cost of birth control pills for women workers, upholding a five-year-old law in a ruling that could reverberate in states with similar legal protections.

In a 6-1 decision, the state's high court said a 1999 law that requires employers to pay for contraceptives applies to Catholic Charities, a statewide network of nonprofit programs that provide millions of dollars in social services each year, from health care to education.

The ruling was a legal and philosophical blow to church leaders who've argued for years that the birth control provision conflicts with the church's moral code.

The decision affects thousands of Catholic Charities workers statewide and could have future implications for ongoing skirmishes over the scope of government's ability to regulate religious institutions.

It also marked the first state Supreme Court ruling on the subject in the country, which may influence projected court fights in other states that have enacted laws similar to California's.

The California Women's Contraceptive Equity Act, passed by the state Legislature in response to concerns that women were being unfairly denied coverage for birth control, exempts strictly religious organizations, including the church itself. But

the Supreme Court concluded that Catholic Charities is not entitled to the exemption because it serves a secular purpose, has no direct involvement in church activity, employs a majority of non-Catholics and is considered a non-profit public corporation under federal tax laws.

"This case does not implicate internal church governance," Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegard wrote. "Any broader exemption increases the number of women affected by discrimination in the provision of health care benefits."

Catholic leaders said they would review the decision in coming weeks to determine if they would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Catholic Charities, backed by other religious organizations, has warned that such a regulation could spill into areas such as abortion and assisted suicide that conflict with church teachings about sin.

"What was at stake here is whether or not the Legislature had the right to define who is and who isn't Catholic," said Ned Dolejs, executive director of the California Catholic Conference. "That's what is most disturbing about this."

From a practical standpoint, the decision means that Catholic Charities must pay the cost of birth control pills for its women workers, which it has been doing in many of its chapters as the legal challenge made its way through the courts.

For example, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County has been providing the coverage to its more than 270 employees, even though officials said

Monday they still believe the state law should not apply to them.

But some local Catholic Charities workers supported the ruling. Melanie Gomez, a Catholic Charities receptionist and mother of a two-year-old boy, said the law is an important benefit for people like her who have trouble affording birth control in Silicon Valley, where the cost of living is among the highest in the nation.

And Juan Garcia, who is Catholic and works for the immigration arm of the charity, understands the church's opposition, but still supports the state provision.

"I think we should be separate from the official position of the church on certain topics," he said. "In this case, birth control."

The decision comes as the state Supreme Court finds itself under a microscope as it mulls whether to jump into the legal firestorm over gay marriage. In a scathing dissent, Justice Janice Rogers Brown, whose conservative views have produced a Democratic filibuster of her nomination to a federal appeals court, accused her colleagues of trampling on religious freedoms.

"This is such a crabbed and constricted view of religion that it would define the ministry of Jesus Christ as a secular activity," Brown wrote.

But Attorney General Bill Lockyer, whose office defended the law, called the decision a "huge victory for working women in California." And civil rights advocates said the ruling was important backing for the

1999 law, which the Supreme Court found served a "compelling state interest."

"The decision is a model for other courts in striking the right balance between reproductive freedom and religious liberty," said Margaret Crosby, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney.

The lawsuit stems from a challenge by Catholic Charities of Sacramento, which sued after the Legislature enacted the law. Republican Gov. Pete Wilson had vetoed similar legislation three times during the 1990s, but former Gov. Gray Davis signed it over the objections of Catholic officials who argued it unfairly targeted the church and amounted to "religious gerrymandering."

The law applies to any employer that provides health insurance benefits. A state appeals court upheld the law in 2002, and that ruling was affirmed Monday by the Supreme Court.

Among others, the decision would force church-affiliated hospitals, such as San Jose's O'Connor Hospital, to cover the cost of contraceptives for their workers.

Backers of the law say it would also apply to an institution like Santa Clara University that is affiliated with a religion but serves a primarily non-religious function.

Santa Clara has been covering the cost of birth control pills for women employees. But the university called the Supreme Court's ruling "an unfortunate intrusion into the moral prerogatives of a religiously-sponsored organization."

However, many of the students who listened to Carroll were skeptical.

"I think most of it is pretty unrealistic. I don't think the American people would let the draft happen. I think they will shut it down," Mike O'Rourke, a freshman in communications, said.

Brian Bouterse, a junior in computer science and electrical engineering, agreed.

"I don't think it's possible that the draft will be reinstated. We're not fighting ground wars anymore. If the support for the war is there then we won't need a draft," he said. Carroll will return to the Brickyard on Wednesday to continue talking with students.

career at NCSU.

"The PTD is based on very basic principles: having a plan for where you are going makes getting there easier, and consultation improves the quality of decisions," Conway said. "The PTD regulation simply requires the student to personalize the curriculum and share their personalized version with their academic adviser. I am certain that the program is going to be successful, in part, because it's really what students and academic advisers have been asking for years."

8:36 PM Traffic Stop

A student was issued a citation for speeding 41 in a 25 MPH zone on Sullivan Drive.

8:46 PM Found Property

Student Patrol Officers found a marijuana pipe on the cross country track near Carmichael Lot. Officers retrieved and destroyed it.

9:13 PM Suspicious Vehicle

A student called to report a gray sedan sitting at the loading dock of Poe Hall. The vehicle left prior to officer's arrival. No further information on the vehicle is available.

9:44 PM Traffic Stop

A non-student was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Varsity Drive near the Varsity Drive Trailer.

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has been to make people more aware of the consequences of the actions undertaken by the Bush administration.

Carroll pointed out a number of reasons that students should be concerned. Most importantly, the educational deferments that many students used to avoid service in Vietnam are no longer available. Change to the draft law in 1971 eliminated deferments. If students were drafted today, they would be allowed to finish their current semester of school. Following this they would then be required to start their service.

The draft allows conscientious objection, but individuals must go before their local selective service board and prove that they have sincere moral or religious objections to serving in the armed forces.

Since 1980, all males between the ages of 18 and 25 have to register with Selective Service. Should the government reinstate the draft, the organization would use the compiled list.

Unlike what many believe, foreign citizens are not exempt from the draft, and the government can put anyone with a green card into service. Congress must pass legislation authorizing the reinstatement of the draft, which the president would then sign.

be subjected to all rules in that program, meaning they can take only a maximum of seven hours a semester. While this program, is in the students' best interest, some think otherwise.

Blair Whitley, a senior in animal science, said, "The PTD definitely gives a goal to aim for, but it is unrealistic. As a freshman, you have to search through several classes to even find one that is open. Students should not be punished for not being able to get into classes due to budget cuts and not enough class availability."

"Its intentions are good, but

The draft would work based on a lottery system, which would use the person's birth date and age.

The government then drafts anyone born on that day and is currently 20. They then move up the age range to 25 before going back to 19 and 18.

They continue the draft until they have enough men. This system's intent is to ensure that those drafted tend to be in the middle age group instead of the older or younger ones. Carroll saw the draft as being a certainty if we were to invade Iran, which he sees as being Bush's next target in the Middle East. "By 2006, I could see a draft as being a possibility just to maintain forces in Iraq."

it is very limiting," Mary Thur, a senior in biological sciences, said.

According to Conway, the program appears to be beneficial for students.

"What we have seen is that as students engage in the planning process they are talking to their advisers more and understanding better the big picture of their undergraduate academic career," he said.

The faculty and staff want to stress that they did not implement this plan to penalize students, but to help develop a better perspective on their

that occurred off campus. RPD was notified and responded to meet with the subject.

5:05 PM Assistance

A staff member called from Carmichael in reference to several unaffiliated subjects playing basketball on the outside courts. Upon arrival, all unaffiliated persons left the court. No problems noted.

5:09 PM Violation of University
Policy

Police were called to Carter Finley Stadium in reference to several subjects protesting in the area near the Murphy Center. Five non-students were trespassing from Carter Finley; they were handing out literature without a permit inside Gate B.

5:46 PM Larceny

A student reported that his bike was taken from the bike racks at Wood Hall near the C Building.

An officer conducted a liaison meeting at Welch Hall. The officer went room to room engraving desktop computers, televisions, DVD players, VCR's, and laptops. The officer spoke with 15 people in 14 different rooms.

12:54 PM Damage to Property

A student reported that someone or something cracked his windshield while it was parked in the Pi Kappa Pi parking lot. The vehicle had been parked there for one week. There are no suspects at this time.

1:09 PM Traffic Checkpoint

Officers conducted a traffic checkpoint at the intersection of Morrill Drive and Warren Carroll Drive. Six verbal warnings and five citations were issued for expired registration, expired inspection, and failure to carry a driver's license. The citations are listed below.

3:43 PM Assist Other Agency

A female subject reported a rape

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12:45 AM Dispute

A student called from Phi Kappa Tau saying that a male subject was refusing to give identification and would not leave when the members of the house asked him to. The student refusing to give identification became upset when they asked for his ID. The officers asked him to leave after seeing his identification. He left with no further problems.

2:13 AM Activity Report

Estimated attendance at the Omega Party was 800 plus. No problems inside; however, there were crowd control issues on the outside and several persons were trespassing after attempting to enter the party illegally. The people also had problems with getting into a single file line when requested to do so by officers.

10:26 PM Liaison Meeting

IAESTE

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versity of California at Berkeley. Local committees of the IAESTE in the United States are responsible for finding internships for exchange students from other countries.

This year, the NCSU chapter organized 15 of these internships, and may be able to send more than that number of local students abroad.

"Over the summer, we took the interns that were living here to New York, Chicago, down to Florida, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., where we organized a big national get-together for all the interns in the whole nation," Buck said.

IAESTE members not only receive cultural exposure by going abroad, but also by hosting international students at NCSU.

"It's important to note that it's not just the internship aspect. Whenever you go abroad you have a committee like us that hosts you, so they find all of your housing and they organize the cultural activities. It's a big cultural exchange," Buck said.

To be eligible for participation in an IAESTE internship, students must have at least junior standing.

The Study Abroad Office, the Office of International Affairs and the Kennan Institute partially sponsor the program; however, student members of the chapter raise most of the funds.

"The more that you do for the club, the higher priority you have for getting your internship abroad," Buck said.

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The board listened to candidates from Technician and Nubian Message, but decided to extend the deadline for position papers until Friday at noon. The board will reconvene on March 15 to appoint the EICs of those publications.

White, a senior in communications and candidate for editor of Nubian Message, was allowed to present his ideas and goals to the board, despite the fact that he submitted his paper seven minutes after the deadline. After deliberation, the board decided to decline his application and extend the deadline for the EIC position of Nubian Message.

"I respect the board's decision to reconvene on the issue, and I understand their decision," White said. "There were several errors in my paper, and they specifically said they would not accept late papers. I do plan to reapply for the position, and I hope they reconsider me and anyone else who decides to run."

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TUESDAY

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Toxicology Seminar
Howard S. Weinburg, UNC-Chapel Hill, 3 p.m., 2104 Toxicology Building, Centennial Campus

USDA/APHIS Seminar

"Risk analysis and Federal Policy: A Framework for Science-Based Decision Making" Mark Powell/USDA/ORACBA, 3:05 p.m., 5-A Polk Hall

Botany Seminar

"Plant Diversity in the Carolinas: Down to the Neighborhood and up to the Globe" Dr. Jason Fridley, UNC-Chapel Hill, 4 p.m., 3533 Gardner Hall

WOMEN'S SPORTS

Tennis

N.C. State v.s. Campbell
2:30 p.m.
Raleigh, N.C.

MEN'S SPORTS

Baseball

N.C. State vs. Le Moyne
3 p.m.
Raleigh, N.C.

WEDNESDAY

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Plant Breeding Seminar
"Breeding for Improved Soybean Oil Quality," Dr. Joe Burton, N.C. State, 3:45 p.m., 2405 Williams Hall

Soil Science Seminar

"Understanding Soil: A Critical Factor in Southern History" Dr. Douglass Helms, Natural Resource Conservation Service-USDA, Washington D.C., 3:40 p.m., 2215 Williams Hall



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ResNet users in the dorms

On Feb. 20, ITD discovered that 67 computers were sending large quantities of e-mails to their mail relay system. The "hack" or infected computers were trying to send as many e-mails as possible, and despite the relay governor system that limits ResNet computers to 100 messages an hour, the service was still getting slowed down because of the number of e-mails getting sent. Harry Nicholas, the assistant director for UNIX, web and database services, said they had to shut down all outgoing e-mails from ResNet accounts to stop the problem. However, students could access their e-mails accounts via webmail.

"We did have to slow the traffic down, so we could get a handle on it," Sam Averitt, the vice provost for information technology, said.

They also disconnected the 67 comprised computers from ResNet and notified the users that their computers were causing problems.

"Most of the time the user doesn't know they're doing it," Chris King, the help desk manager, said. After the users are contacted in these situations, they are only let back onto the network once their machine has been updated with current anti-virus software. The University furnishes anti-virus software for all ResNet users and for all faculty, staff and students who wish to install it on their personal computers.

"People who don't run anti-virus create a security risk for everybody," Averitt said. Even though the 67 computers only comprise maybe one percent of the ResNet network, Averitt believes that they can still do a lot of damage and cause other students a lot of frustration when their own services are limited in order to fix the problem.

The other computer problem affected many more students, but several computer users thought the two issues were connected.

"The calls that we got at the help desk seemed to indicated that people were worried about some of the other mail-related problems we had that week," King said.

What had happened, as Averitt

described it, was a "major systems failure."

"E-mail may be a commonplace service, but the systems underlying it, especially that run the scale that we have, are very complex and very high performance," Averitt said. "When it gets a critical hit—it takes a while to figure out what the problem is and how to restore it."

The problem occurred within the storage system that the University uses to store IMAP information, the mail protocol that is used on campus, among other data.

"Many users had experienced slowdowns in webmail over the past few weeks," Nicholas said. "We did a lot of diagnostics, and we determined what we needed to do and it made the problem worse."

They ended up having to rebuild the storage controller system, and then they realized that there were offshoot problems that had affected one of the seven servers, named 02, that handles the IMAP system, affecting one-eighth of mail users.

All users are randomly divided among the seven servers.

Friday at 7 p.m., most IMAP e-mail accounts were up and running, but users on 02 were continuing to have problems.

The support team had to take 02 down from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in order to rectify the problem. During this time 02 IMAP users may have lost some of their incoming e-mails. The support team is going through the mail relay logs and determining what messages didn't make it to their users' inboxes.

All 02 users will be contacted about this problem and given directions on how to access the list of e-mails so they can contact the people to find out what information they lost. However, no student lost any e-mails that were already in their inbox at the time of these incidents.

Nicholas hopes that the university community will see this event as an isolated incident.

"We've been running this service for three years," Nicholas said.

This problem was heavily noticed partly because classes were cancelled on Thursday evening and all day Friday.

"The snow didn't help because when people are home, all they can do is check their mail," King said.

Computer services has gone through several measures to ensure that this particular problem will not happen again.

"We're taking the steps to ensure that this event won't happen again because we have the data to prevent it," King said. Averitt was also pleased with their reaction time.

"There are some things we could have done a little better, but by and large it looks like a textbook response," Averitt said. Six staff members came in to correct the problem and rebuild the systems over the course of the two days.

However, they admit that catastrophes happen.

"Occasionally things happen that you can never predict," King said. "This service has been up for a lot longer than this outage has been. This service is extremely stable considering given the load it's put under, given the fact that there are 60-70,000 accounts that run through this university and they all get their e-mail in a timely fashion."

For students, their disconnection with their e-mail accounts caused stress.

"I tried five times to check my e-mail on Saturday because I was expecting an assignment from a professor," said Michael Huff, a senior in English.

Huff wasn't sure what was causing the problem, and he couldn't tell whether it was IMAP or his Outlook program.

Professors were affected as well by the IMAP outage.

"I couldn't even get to my e-mail," Barbara Bennett, the LTN Program Coordinator, said. "It was very frustrating because all weekend long I was worried that there were students with questions who couldn't get in touch with me." Bennett did say she would have extended a paper deadline if any had been due during that stretch of time.

"We regret the inconvenience we caused," Nicholas said. However, the computing administrators agree that sometimes these issues cannot be avoided.

"Outages like this shouldn't be welcome, but they should be understood that ITD does everything in their power, including dragging people in when there is half a foot of snow on the ground, to get that problem solved as quickly as possible," King said.

Aristide says he was forcibly removed from Haiti by U.S. forces

Frank Davies
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration on Monday vehemently denied ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's claim that he "did not resign" and was "kidnapped" by U.S. diplomatic and military officials.

Aristide's first day in exile, spent in the Central African Republic, was as contentious as his four-year rule, as two members of the U.S. House of Representatives who have supported Aristide relayed his message that he was physically forced to leave by U.S. forces. He later made the charges himself in telephone interviews.

"I'm telling you the truth. I'm a victim of a coup d'etat," Aristide told CNN during a phone interview from the Central African Republic. He said that U.S. forces "kidnapped" him and forced him to leave Haiti.

"That's nonsense," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "It was Mr. Aristide's decision to resign."

Secretary of State Colin Powell also vigorously denied the kidnapping charge, calling it "absolutely baseless, absurd," and offered new details about Aristide's hasty departure from Haiti Sunday morning.

The secrecy surrounding the operation and lack of witnesses also fueled rumors about what happened.

Rep. Maxine Waters, a California Democrat who visited Aristide one week before he left power, said the deposed president called her Monday morning after he arrived in Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic.

"The world must know it was a coup," Waters quoted Aristide as saying. "That I was kidnapped.

That I was forced out. That's what happened. I did not resign. I did not go willingly. I was forced to go."

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., and Randall Robinson, the former head of TransAfrica, a lobbying group, said they spoke with Aristide and his wife, Mildred, and heard the same complaint.

"He said he was taken at gunpoint," Robinson said from his home on the island of St. Kitts. "The point is he was taken against his will."

Adding to the confusion was a misunderstanding _ and possible deception _ about Aristide's eventual destination.

Aristide wanted to go to South Africa, a senior State Department official said on condition of anonymity, but that country wouldn't take him. Neither would Gabon or the island state of Sao Tome and Principe.

When the Boeing 757 jet that Aristide was aboard lifted off from Port-au-Prince, the final destination was unclear. According to one official, the French government helped arrange for the destination to be Central African Republic, a former French colony, and Aristide was told that in mid-flight.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday that Aristide's stay in the Central African Republic, which has a history of coups and strife rivaling Haiti's, was "temporary," and U.S. officials were talking with other nations about Aristide's exile.

Aristide said in his televised interview that no official of the Central African Republic had contacted him and that he was waiting for instructions on what he was supposed to do.

At a news conference, Powell rebutted allegations that Aristide

had been forced from office. Saying he was "intimately involved" in the discussions overnight Saturday that led to Aristide's departure, Powell said Aristide asked U.S. Ambassador to Haiti James Foley a series of questions about security and destinations, and eventually he decided to leave.

"He said it was his decision, based on what his security people were also telling him about the deteriorating situation, that he should leave," Powell said. "We made arrangements for his departure. He wrote a letter of resignation."

"We did not force him onto the airplane. He went onto the airplane willingly, and that's the truth," Powell added.

Other officials, and some of Aristide's advisers, said Aristide left because U.S., French and Canadian leaders had urged him to step down, and his security forces were uneasy about possible rebel attacks.

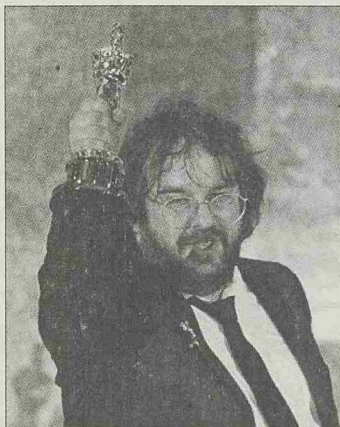
From his residence, Aristide and his wife rode to the airport in his limousine, trailed by vehicles with embassy officials and security personnel, a State Department official said.

Powell said Aristide left the capital with 15 members of his personal security detachment, an indication that he wasn't kidnapped.

Waters quoted Aristide as saying that U.S. Marines came to his home, but Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said no U.S. military personnel were involved in the operation.

In Port-au-Prince, embassy spokeswoman Judith Trunzo said Aristide signed a letter of resignation, urging peace, which was read by Prime Minister Yvon Neptune.

CINEMAPHILE



What about 'Bad Taste'?

THE MEDIA SADLY OVERLOOKS PETER JACKSON'S EARLY ACHIEVEMENTS, WHICH WERE GROUNDBREAKING IN SPECIAL EFFECTS.

Jake Seaton
Diversions Editor

In a backstage interview after his acceptance of the final of the 11 Oscars "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" received, director Peter Jackson said, "The challenge is not to make films bigger and better than 'Lord of the Rings,' the challenge is just to make entertaining movies. No matter what genre, no matter what size they are."

You tell them Peter, let's see that big budget zombie flick your die-hard fans have been waiting for since the initial filming of "Lord of the Rings." Okay, so that's not the first thing on his agenda, but I guess a remake of the 1933 classic "King Kong" will have to tide over those Jackson followers (better known as "Bastards"). A giant ape terrorizing New York in 2005 could be pretty cool, especially considering the latest controversy involving the inclusion of a penis on King Kong — after all, if you can't do it right, why do it all.

However, before there were ever talks of giant apes and little hobbits, Jackson was tackling a field that is less respected in terms of cinematic achievement or even plot notoriety. Jackson was on the foregrounds of insanely gruesome comedy-horror. So how could he go from making these cult classics to winning 18 Academy Awards? Well, it all started back in 1987 with the release of "Bad Taste."

If you watched the Oscars on Sunday night, you may have heard a little blurb come out of Jackson's mouth about two films titled "Bad Taste" and "Meet the Feebles." Along with this plug came a comment about the Academy wisely overlooking those two films. *Au contraire*, Mr. Jackson; those two films were *sadly* overlooked by the Academy.

Along with the two aforementioned films, Jackson had

four other masterpieces of under-appreciation. "Dead Alive," "Heavenly Creatures," "Forgotten Silver" and "The Frighteners" all stood high on the pedestal of independent movie classics. They may be forgotten in many moviegoers' minds but they are far from gone.

The memories of my first romp with "Bad Taste" are quite enjoyable. The aliens, the vomit food, the brain that kept falling out, the part where the hero climbs through the villainous alien's anus — those were the days. Oh, but it was so much more than crude humor and bloody entrails; we also had the beginning of Peter Jackson's recognizable cinematography and graphic design.

It's true, really it is. If you sit down to watch "Bad Taste" and then watch one part in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, I swear that you will notice uncanny similarities. Also, think about it, you have giant aliens running a fast food restaurant that serves humans on a platter, and despite sounding quite appetizing, it is hard to deny how remarkable the effects are on such a small budget.

The majority of the money used came from Jackson's job at the local paper and what started as a 15-minute short turned into a 92-minute film that took four years to complete. Jackson constructed each of the special effects used in the film from common objects found around a house, such as cardboard, wood and paper mache. One particular scene involved a knife to the head,

which was made out of cardboard with tubes that ran through it in order to squirt "blood." From the blood-splattered film came Jackson's huge following due to the film's success in New Zealand and the term that has been used to signify Jackson fans, "The Bastards Have Landed."

From the money made from the cult success of "Bad Taste," Jackson, Frances Walsh and Stephen Sinclair began to script a movie that would be "Meet the Feebles." By far the most odd and disturbing of Jackson's film, "Meet the Feebles" is best described as Muppets on acid.

While "Bad Taste" took four years to complete, "Meet the Feebles" took an astonishingly mere 12 weeks to make. The film has since, just as with "Bad Taste," garnered a huge cult following and was, up until its American DVD release last year, one of the most sought after DVDs. However, those poor, poor "Lord of the Rings" fans that thought they had discovered the next Orson Welles were shocked to find out about Jackson's dark past that is "Meet the Feebles."

As a film that features a rat that is a pornographer, a singing hippo, a drug addicted Vietnam veteran frog and an STD infested rabbit, "Meet the Feebles" has fallen from the minds of new Jackson fans. A toilet scene involving a "fly on the wall" as well as the frogs haunting, yet comedic, Vietnam flashbacks highlight the film's dark comedy yet dissuade viewers from finishing the film. However, this film served as a huge impact toward the creation of "Lord of the Rings." Done with a measly budget, Jackson was able to create extraordinary special effects using only puppets and fake blood.

Probably the most rejected and the most cheered of his films is "Braindead," also known as "Dead Alive." When a ravenous, disease infested rat monkey is brought to a local zoo, ol' grandma can't keep away from it as it takes a nice little bite out of her arm. What comes next is a blood bath of massive proportions and zombies that range from the town priest to the spawn of two zombie lovers.

By far, "Dead Alive" is my favorite of Jackson's early achievements. The film had a \$3 million budget, although that is

equivalent to about five bucks in Hollywood, which allowed for more blood, more gore and more zombies. By utilizing pork fat, latex, sisal, Polyfoam, human hair, ultra slime and hundreds of gallons of maple syrup, Jackson created what is still recognized as the goriest film ever made (yes, even gorier than "The Passion of the Christ"). However, the film's grand finale comes with a small price for viewers — their last meal. The scene offers up more than 300 liters of fake blood pumped out of a lethal piece of lawn care equipment, namely a lawnmower that is used to mow over more than lawns — I liked the part with the zombie head in a blender and the animated entrails, yummy.

The fifth film that Jackson tackled was also his first Hollywood movie. After the success of his film "Heavenly Creatures," based on true occurrences that happened in Christchurch, New Zealand in the 1950s, Bob Zemeckis contacted Jackson about making a short episode for his series "Tales from the Crypt." What resulted was "The Frighteners," which soon was made into a full-length feature due to the success of the short film's shooting script. The film, which starred Michael J. Fox, became a testing ground for the special effects processes that would be used for the upcoming "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Although it was not a commercial success (some speculate that it was because the film was released the same day the Olympics in Atlanta began), "The Frighteners" still stands strong as a great special effects achievement for the cinematic industry.

And the rest is history; three "Lord of the Rings" films and 18 Academy Awards with 31 nominations later, Peter Jackson has become one of the most known and sought after directors in Hollywood. Maybe one day, after the "Lord of the Rings" hype has died down and he has released the movie about a giant ape, we will see "Dead Alive 2: More Blood, More Gore, More Diseased Rat Monkeys." I am sensing a trend involving primates here in the near future ("28 Days Later" anyone?).

MUSIC



Live at the Grand Olympic Auditorium
Rage Against the Machine
Sony

★★★★★

It is commonplace for bands nowadays to keep putting out albums posthumously or after the group has broken up, but Rage Against the Machine get props for putting out a live album that sounds like it was recorded in the studio. In addition, Rage doesn't kowtow to their fans by calling their album "Live at the Grand Olympic Auditorium" a "greatest hits" album, which they easily could have done. Instead, they just rock the only way they know how, and, in doing so, confirm their status as one of the greatest rock bands of the '90s.

"Live" jumps right into the first track, "Bulls on Parade," and the album remains fast-paced throughout. Zach De La Rocha does his best to warm up the crowd from the get-go, egging them on with cries of "yo, yo, yo" and refraining from singing certain lines of the songs to get the audience more involved. As for the rest of the band, they all sound on top of their game. Tom Morello's crazy guitar riffs sound on par, if not better than Rage's many studio performances, and the combination of De La Rocha's helter-skelter voice, Morello's guitar and Tim Cunningham's scratches on the bass make for a truly awesome sound.

If there is anything lacking on this amazing album, it is the crowd's enthusiasm. De La Rocha does his best to get the audience pumped, but

from their lack of cheering and singing along, it seems more like this is the sort of crowd that is in tune with sitting back on the lawn, drinking a beer and chilling while listening to Rage's heart-pounding songs.

"Bullet in the Head" and "Killing in the Name" are certainly two exceptions to this rule; the crowd gets really energized for these songs, probably because they are two of Rage's staples. De La Rocha, ever the poet, even throws in some new lyrics for "Killing in the Name," citing that "some of those that burn crosses, are the same that hold office."

Other tracks that stand out as especially good on the album include "Calm Like A Bomb," which has a different, softer ending; "Know Your Enemy" (the only thing missing here is the addition of Maynard James Keenan's voice); and "I'm Housin'," which actually manages to come off better than the studio album performance and is perhaps the best song on this album.

All in all, "Live" is a spectacular album and is certainly a must have for the die-hard Rage fan, but even someone who is only moderately into Rage should enjoy it. "Live" ends with the phenomenal track "Freedom," and it sounds like the sound of the audience has been tuned out and the band is playing just for you. De La Rocha, thankfully, doesn't hit his audience over the head with his political beliefs on this album, although he does express his anger over the fact that famed cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal is still in prison in the last lines of "Freedom."

Always known and often criticized for their strong political stances on controversial issues ranging from the death penalty to America's involvement in Vietnam, Rage Against the Machine was never able to effect a huge change, other than perhaps to enlighten some of their more curious fan base. The sheer talent and raw force of Rage often dwarfs the message behind many of their songs, and, as a result, the only "movement" that many of their fans care about is flailing wildly to the powerful sounds of this great band.

- Chris Scull



Punk Statik Paranoia

Orgy
D1 Music

★★★★★/2

I was really starting to wonder what happened to electro-core. Videodrone broke up, Deadsy is missing and I haven't heard from Orgy since 2000's "Vapor Transmission." Godhead is still lingering around but they dropped their industrial roots for a mainstream rock approach — still good, but not electro-core.

Well Orgy is back and they brought with them an arsenal much stronger than what came with "Vapor Transmission." Orgy's third release, "Punk Statik Paranoia" is the raw, rock Orgy of yesteryear we were introduced to on "Candyass." Although we are not offered another catchy '80s cover, the tracks on "Punk Statik" range from the poppy years of "Vapor Transmission" to the "in your face, we're Orgy" of "Candyass."

When I call a band electro-core I guess I am more talking about '80s music with a hardcore edge — think Flock of Seagulls with Chino Moreno on vocals — however, it may be ironic that Orgy's hit track off "Candyass" was "Blue Monday" the band never lasted in the synthesized lag.

From day one, the band grew and progressed, eventually garnering mainstream radio fans. Well, with "Punk Statik" there is no difference, the band continues to mature.

The album opens with a Godhead-esque track entitled "Beautiful Disgrace." While the track is a bit somber at first listen, it is far from a disgrace. With the signature Orgy distorted guitars and bass riffs, the song introduces the listener to a different side of lead-singer Jay Gordon — he can actually rap. Don't get me wrong, this is not a rap-rock album, but it is a welcomed change up to the '80s vocal distortions found on previous releases.

"The Obvious" is the stand out track on this new LP. The track comes the closest to revisiting the "Candyass" years with synth-guitars and haunting background vocals. Jay Gordon also produces this track, which may be why it stands out from the rest of the bunch as superb.

Where "Vapor Transmission" failed, "Punk Statik" excels. Though "Vapor" was by far not a bad album, it reached a bit too far for that radio hit. "Fiction" was a "Blue Monday" rip-off and "Opticon" was everything Orgy wasn't — mainstream. "Punk Statik" is an album made out of pure love for the art. A feeling of "I don't care" is portrayed throughout and the heart put into the recording of this LP is matched to a group's debut album.

The only drawback to the album is its mere nine tracks. I have probably listened to the album a dozen times just driving around town. The album, much like this review, is too short, after a four-year absence, I would really expect there to be more substance to this otherwise great return.

- Jake Seaton



TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

LEGACY ADMISSIONS NEEDED

OUR OPINION: LEGACY ADMISSIONS, WHILE AN OUTDATED PRACTICE FOR COLLEGES, STRENGTHEN ALUMNI'S TIES TO THEIR ALMA MATER BY ACCEPTING SECOND AND THIRD GENERATION STUDENTS.

John Edwards has laid out a plan for America's colleges. He wants to provide a free or near-free college education to every deserving student. He wants to maintain the Affirmative Action plans that many universities already employ in their admission departments.

The most groundbreaking change he wants to enact is to stop legacy admissions. Legacy admissions have changed in the past 50 years. It used to be a way for colleges to ensure continuity and traditions from generation to generation, and for the elite to get their otherwise unqualified children into their alma maters.

While the way colleges admit students has changed to more of a merit-based

system, legacy admissions are still an important part of many colleges' admission equations. It also builds up the prestige of a university to have a large portion of their freshman class come from legacy admissions.

On the application for N.C. State, it asks if any family members ever attended NCSU. It is an important question, but at NCSU, legacy applicants do not carry as much weight as they do at UNC-Chapel Hill or other peer institutions. According to John Edwards' campaign Web site, though, legacy admissions account for 10-20 percent of the freshman classes at top schools in America. It also claims that the average legacy student is less qualified than the non-legacy applicant, yet they get a "leg-up" in getting into a particular college.

That can be disputed, but the more important issue here is whether legacy admissions matter.

They do. Legacy admissions equate to dollar signs for universities. The great-

est contribution alumni can give back to their university is their children. The university can build a pool of donors from their alumni and many families continue their giving through block seating at sporting events and endowments to scholarship funds.

This is not to say that legacy students should get an advantage over non-legacy students. The merit-based system in place is more than fair and assures that only the qualified applicants get into the university. Sure, students may "buy" their way into college, but it does not happen as much anymore, and if it does, the public does not know it.

The education promises John Edwards' campaign makes are noble and relate to a lot of people. But there is no way he can eliminate legacy admissions without alienating some of his biggest campaign contributors.

Right now, the system works and qualified students get into college, regardless of their family ties.

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Dating is a necessary evil

Abbie Byron discusses the pleasures and pitfalls of dating and the right time to get married.

Throughout the course of a four-year tour of the higher education system, we all think about it at one point or another. More than graduation or rising tuition costs, it can be a life determinant like no other. At times, you feel obligated to think about it, even though you may not want to, or you think it isn't going to be the right choice for you. But you ponder it anyway. Marriage. Dating. Relationships. Possibly the three

qualities on your list, or do you settle for half? Do you trust the "opposites attract" instinct or look for a carbon copy of yourself? What happens when you are let down, rejected or your heart breaks for the first time? Of course, I forgot the old anecdotal saying "there are more fish in the sea."

Regardless, in the end we set our fears and anxieties aside, and decide to go on the infamous first date with someone. In my roommate's words, we take a "deep breath and baby steps" and start adding and subtracting compatibility points throughout the date. We then come home, talk it over with our friends and confidants, and make the choice - second date, or the curb.

Eventually, we settle into that comfortable routine after we have known our date long enough, and the relationship starts. All is right with the world, until society kicks in around your third or fourth year of college and says if you have been in a relationship for more than a year, it's time to go running down the aisle. But around that time we should start thinking about our options. Not so much as in altar-bound, but making the choice between staying stationary or moving on in a new direction.

Staying stationary would indicate happiness with the relationship, and desire to continue pursuing it while living your own life. Moving on in a new direction? Well, that's called a break-up, and it can often be for the best anyway.

All I'm saying is, there is no need to rush to the courthouse and get your marriage license (well, unless you're gay and live in San Francisco). Too often I see students and friends become so caught up in unsure relationships and forget their friends, their goals and most importantly, their independence.

Take a little time to find your mate. You don't have to do it in college, and given the divorce rates, I would advise against it. Date around, do what you want to do, have many scary first dates and most of all, don't settle.

You can e-mail Abbie your thoughts at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

Unrestricted research can be dangerous

Research performed on patients unable to give consent establishes a dangerous precedent.

Every day students have forms to sign. We sign our names to get a prescription at Student Health and even to check out a soccer ball from Carmichael Gymnasium.

But the most complicated forms of all are medical papers, which require signatures, initials and answers to some rather personal questions.

While these forms can be excessive, they are supposedly there to protect and inform us. So what if there were no consent forms?

If you're a fan of simply knowing about your medical treatment, then don't have an emergency in Denver this spring break.

In fact, there are about 20 hospitals across the country you might want to avoid.

These 20 hospitals are all allowing paramedics to participate in the testing of PolyHeme, an experimental blood substitute used on patients who have sustained massive bleeding injuries.

PolyHeme is a noble scientific achievement. The substitute is not blood-type specific, and it is made from hemoglobin, which has the ability to transport oxygen.

The substance breaks down in the body in 24 hours and experimenters claim it is more effective than saline, which is currently used as a fluid in victims to restore blood pressure and prevent vessels from collapsing.

PolyHeme could solve paramedics' problems of being unable to carry blood in ambulances due to its short shelf life and the need for specific blood types.

If it works, PolyHeme very well could lead to enormous breakthroughs for victims of stabbings, shootings and car accidents where paramedics are the first to respond to the scene.

The problem with the current study, however, is that cities that have adopted the experiment use the material on victims at random without their consent (usually because the victims are unconscious).

Although a statement on the manufacturer's Web site says, "No adverse effects attributed to the infusion of PolyHeme have been observed," the research is remarkably similar to another study, which was cancelled in 1998 after the deaths of 20 patients.

Federal laws from 1996 prohibit performing experimental research on individuals unable to give consent, but this study is exempt from the legislation because it is emergency treatment that could be potentially lifesaving.

To qualify for the exemption, the study must publicize research in the city of interest prior to beginning testing, which would allow individuals to elect not to participate in the study.

However, those who choose not to participate must wear a plastic bracelet stating, "I decline the Northfield PolyHeme Study."

If Northfield Laboratories, which produces PolyHeme, believes in their bracelets so much, then why not say that those who wish to be a part of the study can wear the bracelets to signify their willingness to participate?

And what will happen to travelers to these cities who may have been involved in a car accident and have never heard about the research happening in the city?

Another concern is that so far, only the cities of Houston, Texas; Rochester, Minn.; Maywood, Ill.; Memphis, Tenn.; and Denver have announced that they are either participating in or considering the study.

Northfield Laboratories will not announce the names of the other 15 areas.

These studies provide mixed messages from medical providers, because on one hand we hear that papers concerning our medical care must be triple-signed and quadruple-checked, and on the other, the FDA is allowing exemptions to the research standards meant to protect citizens without full disclosure to the public.

PolyHeme could be the next major discovery for emergency medicine and save thousands of lives - this fact is important to remember.

But its experimental testing in patients without consent may be the next violation of our rights as autonomous human beings.

We cannot allow the lure of medical breakthroughs to weaken standards that protect citizens from becoming unwitting test subjects.

This study could start a slippery slope of hiding information from patients who just may be assisting in research without their knowledge.

The concept behind PolyHeme is remarkable, but the manner in which it is being tested is frightening.

If you are a vampire and want to steal Anna's blood, e-mail her first at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



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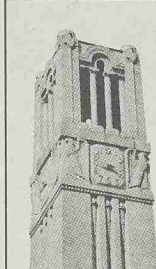
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'Down and Dirty' runs smoothly

Alpha Phi Omega hosted the annual conference for their co-ed fraternity.

Katie Brannan
Staff Writer

Hours of hard work, time and energy paid off for Alpha Phi Omega members at "Down and Dirty on the Farm." Iota Lambda, the N.C. State chapter of APO, hosted the section 80 annual conference for their co-ed service fraternity. They named the section conference for N.C. State's agricultural roots.

With the help of the Iota Lambda brothers Amy Beal, John Garwood and Josh Brien planned this year's sectional conference. "Making sure we had plenty of fun while we still worked was probably the most challenging part of planning the conference," Beal said.

Over 80 brothers from Duke University, the UNC-Chapel Hill, Virginia Tech, Appalachian State University, Barton College and other colleges gathered at the Brownstone Hotel. Here, Barton College officially became the newest chapter of APO.

Members spent the rest of the night playing games, catching up with old friends and making new friends in the process.

The conference officially began bright and early the next morning

at Riddick Hall where APO members could choose from various workshops, service projects and leadership development components to attend during the day.

APO Leads is the leadership development program the service fraternity offers. LAUNCH and ACHIEVE were two of the components of the program offered at this convention. LAUNCH provides the basis for the other modules of the program. ACHIEVE focuses on member interaction within individual chapters.

The workshop offered members a wide variety of topics from which to select. Some events were purely for entertainment while others were more serious.

Members learned to dance powwow style at a workshop featuring Native Americans, learned about service opportunities across the state and even made a new set of letters.

Members also attended workshops aimed at aiding each chapter individually. They learned about publicity and public relations, parliamentary procedure, leadership dynamics and bylaws. A debate on whether to make the gender biased (or lack thereof) toast song more inclusive of all members was another workshop members could choose to attend.

APO members were also able to participate in any of the three service projects going on at the

convention.

Iota Lambda asked each attending chapter to bring various household items for the Carnivore Preservation Trust Drive. The CPT houses 11 species of threatened and endangered carnivorous animals.

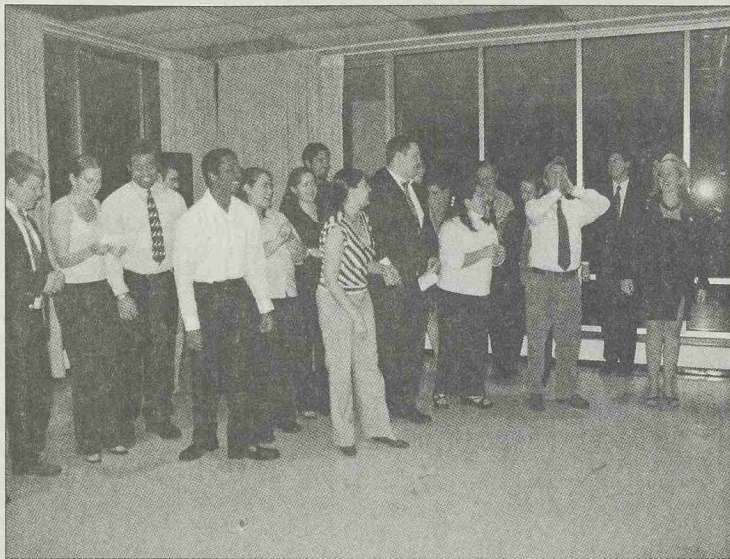
Some APO members chose to spend the day at Pullen Park. Not even a morning rain shower could stop the group from spreading mulch at the park. Some members even returned in the afternoon.

A letter-writing workshop provided members a chance to write APO members fighting overseas. These letters let every brother know of the fraternity's appreciation.

"The most exciting part of the conference was working with other chapters in the section as well as the other brothers and people from nationals," Crystal Paras, an Iota Lambda brother, said.

The evening ended with the traditional semi-formal banquet and dance where V. Ray Hancock, a founding member of the Virginia Tech chapter of APO, spoke about the history of the service fraternity. Lyndal Butler spoke about maintaining passion in service and section chairs Henry Marx and Jaime Conover spoke.

After a catered dinner, deserving individuals and chapters



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The Iota Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Omega hosted the section 80 annual conference for their service fraternity. The event attracted over 80 brothers from various universities.

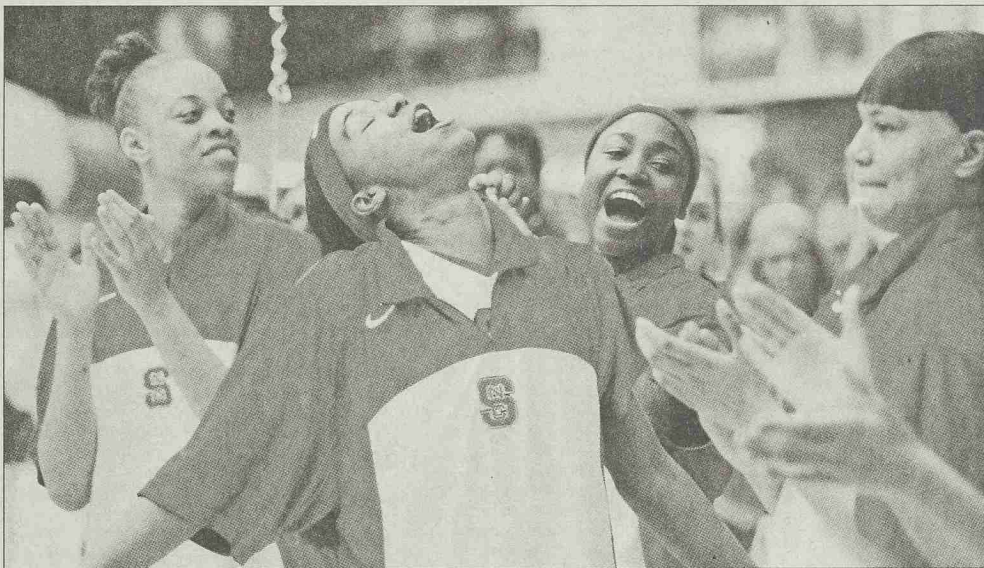
earned several awards. Iota Lambda made several fun awards crafted by Meg Lieth and Katy Grabowski to present to members. Members of APO for the longest and shortest amount of time received awards, and Virginia Tech received the man-mile award for having the

most members from the farthest distance.

Chapters also received traditional awards. Iota Lambda was the recipient of three very prestigious awards, the chapter of the year award as well as two individual awards. Josh Brien received the award for being the

most active member and Amy Beal received the friendship award.

"Seeing the final product after all the work, time and energy we put into it; to see it be the success it truly was — was a marvelous feeling," John Garwood, sectional co-chair, said.



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

In a rare moment of jubilation for N.C. State Monday night, Wolfpack players (left to right) Darline Jasmin, Ashley Key, Marquetta Dickens and Kamela Gissendanner celebrate during senior night.

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utes in the game, but Duke then outscored the Pack 11-2 down the stretch of the first half led by Beard.

The ACC Player of the Week for the third straight week and sixth time this season, Beard had four points in the final minutes of the second half and arguably the game's most exciting assist.

Freshman Ashley Key missed a 3-pointer for the Pack and Duke forward Monique Currie grabbed the rebound and threw a baseball pass down court to a striking Beard in the paint. With Chones bearing down on her, Beard flipped the ball behind her back with her left hand to Hunter who converted the layup.

When asked about her thoughts on the pass by Beard after the game, an otherwise sullen Chones responded with a slight chuckle. "She threw it behind the back," Chones said.

And that was all she could say about it.

Rivers, State's captain who matched-up defensively with Beard for most of the game, offered more description and praise for her counterpart after the game.

"She knocked down some pretty good shots and I give her credit for that," Rivers said. "I couldn't have played her any closer unless I was in her jersey. But that wasn't

happening."

State coach Kay Yow was also impressed by Beard, who broke Duke's all-time men's and women's career scoring mark of 2,556 set by former Duke guard Johnny Dawkins, with her first basket of the night.

"Beard came out and made a number of the first shots that she took — some of them with range and with someone in her face," Yow said. "We knew it could be tough because she was really hitting and she was really seeing everybody when she had the ball. A lot of people were just shooting the ball well."

"We really met a red hot team tonight."

Hunter's 20-point effort was a career high and the freshman also led all players with 10 rebounds, though her outburst hardly surprised her coach.

"[Brittany] dominates just like this every day in practice," Goestenors said. "We knew it was just a matter of time before she had a game like the way she's been practicing. We knew it was coming."

But what Hunter and no one for Duke saw coming was a cold outing from the Pack.

"I expected them to play really hard," Hunter said. "When they played in our house their post players really killed us and they came out with fire and intensity. We took over in the second half but they never let up so I expected that with it being senior night [and being at home] with

their friends and family that they would really bring it. I don't expect any one to lay down."

As strong as Duke was inside and outside, Yow felt that her team gave the Devils too much to work with offensively.

Yow challenged her players to limit Duke's second chance points and points off turnovers. The Pack scored a small victory by limiting Duke to only 12 second chance points and tying the Devils with eight points off fast breaks, but 16 turnovers that led to 23 Duke points plagued State.

Turnovers cost us a large number of points tonight," Yow said. "That's one of the areas we're really concentrating on. We attacked the basket more in the second half but this is just a team that played extremely well tonight. They played together well, played really effective defense and ran the floor very well."

So well that Goestenors thinks her team is playing its best basketball of the season.

"I feel like we are [peaking]," Goestenors said. "We've been the healthiest we've been for about two weeks now. I feel like being healthy and being able to go against the guys and have some consistency with who is out on the floor every single day in practice has really helped us. I feel like we're really beginning to gel now."

The only thing that stood in between the Devils and taking out the Pack was a timing mal-

function midway through the second half.

Near the 12-minute mark with Duke gripping a 22-point lead, the shot clock on State's side of the court cut off. Maintenance workers rushed to replace the clock, but the diversion lasted roughly 20 minutes.

During the break, players from both teams shot around while Duke fans and Pack fans hurled friendly insults back and forth across the court.

"I was just hoping they weren't going to delay the game anymore," Beard said. "We waited and we were just hoping they weren't going to delay the game because we were ready."

When play resumed, the Devils picked up where they left off, finishing the game on a 32-21 run.

With just over one minute remaining, Yow took her seniors off the floor for the final time at Reynolds to a gracious applause from the fans still in attendance. And despite the loss, she was proud of her team's persistence.

"They didn't give up and they kept trying," Yow said. "They found in the second half that there were some things they could do offensively, some things we can do defensively and some things we can't do."

And as for another shot at the Blue Devils in the ACC Tournament, Yow was cautiously optimistic.

"Our paths could cross again," she said.

ACC Standings

	Conference	Overall		
Duke	12-2	24-3	Statistical leaders	
N.C. State	10-4	18-7	Points	
Wake Forest	9-5	19-6	Rashad McCants, UNC	19.5
Georgia Tech	7-7	20-8	Julius Hodge, NCSU	17.8
North Carolina	7-7	17-8	Justin Gray, WFU	17.0
Florida State	6-9	18-11	Rebounds	
Maryland	5-8	15-10	Sean May, UNC	10.0
Virginia	5-9	14-11	Jamar Smith, UMD	8.9
Clemson	3-12	10-16	Jamaal Levy, WFU	8.6

Today's games

Wake Forest at Virginia, 7 p.m.
Clemson at North Carolina, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's games

Georgia Tech at Duke, 7 p.m.
Maryland at N.C. State, 9 p.m.

Assists

Raymond Felton, UNC 7.3
Chris Duhon, Duke 6.3
Jarrett Jack, GT 6.0



Swishes

Todd Billet - Virginia's senior sharpshooter has won three conference games over the last two weeks with 3-pointers in the final seconds. Recently, he did it to North Carolina last Tuesday, sinking the Tar Heels and capping another improbable Virginia win. Cavs coach Pete Gillen would treat Billet to a meal of aged meats and well-nurtured vegetables if that weren't against NCAA rules. Instead, Billet received thanks from his coach for saving Gillen's job - for now.

Rashad McCants - Amid the ultra-creative signs (McCants read?) and even more innovative chants, McCants showed why he's the best offensive player in the conference in leading Carolina to a victory over N.C. State on Sunday; his two late 3-pointers sent daggers through State's chest.

Air balls

Paul Hewitt - The Georgia Tech coach complains every time the whistle blows. According to Hewitt, the last time his team committed a foul was 1906, and that was only because Lefty Whitesocks accidentally pushed down a defender on his way to retrieve the basketball from the peach basket. Hewitt was at it again in his team's loss to the Wolfpack last Wednesday, wearing that incredulous facial expression every time the Yellow Jackets committed a foul.

Wolfpack fans - Discounting the classless chants, State fans still get low marks for allowing an uncomfortable amount of baby blue in the RBC Center Sunday. Several times, Carolina fans began the "Tar-Heel" chant, but the worst of all came with less than a minute to play and the

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your campus, unfolded everyday.

Schedule
 M. basketball vs. Maryland, 3/3, 9
 W. basketball at ACC Tournament, 3/5
 Baseball vs. Le Moyne, 3/2, 3
 Softball vs. Charleston Southern, 3/6, 1
 Wrestling at ACCs, 3/6
 Gymnastics in Wolfpack Invite, 3/5, 7
 W. tennis vs. Campbell, 3/2, 2:30
 M. tennis at Old Dominion, 3/6

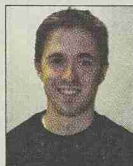
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Pretty STupid

Sexually transmitted diseases aren't fun. Just ask your mom. Or girlfriend. Or boyfriend, for that matter.



Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

The burning, the itching. That's why I use — Boom! — tough actin' Tinactin. Tough actin' Tinactin soothes the burning sores and, in about three to five months, makes the warts man-

ageable.

It's also been rumored that the ointment does wonders for an insane group of creatively-challenged students.

And since everyone loves good rumors, I'd recommend the Wolfpack cheering section swallow wheelbarrows of tough actin'.

By now, everyone knows of the "chant heard 'round the ACC," the one aimed at North Carolina sophomore Rashad McCants during North Carolina's win at the RBC Center Sunday. The chant was so complicated, so difficult to perform and so deep, I'm having quite a time remembering it.

Hmmm

Still thinking

Maaaan, what was it ...

Oh yes.

S-T-D. S-T-D. I told you. This cheer, three syllables of power, three letters of distinction, is the spawn of Theo Einstein — Albert's mentally handicapped, great-great-grandson. If it took any more thought to come up with that one, play would have undoubtedly been halted to clean the massive spillage of noggin juice that would have poured from the heads of the S-T-D brain trust.

Not that the chant sucked or anything. In fact, it worked like a Yugo.

During the first exercise of intimidation, McCants gave the crowd a "What the hell" expression before nailing two free throws. Then, shaking in his sneakers from the hostility, he nailed a few 3s, one of them from Julius Hodge's eye ball.

That's fine Rashad, you've got Herpes, maybe!

My favorite part about the S-T-D chant wasn't the actual chant but instead its appearance on the "official" game cheer sheet, the one distributed by the Student Wolfpack Club to its members and other students. What brilliance! And even better — the cheer sheets are approved by a higher-up within the State booster club, meaning that someone who actually receives a paycheck from that organization thought it'd be a great idea. Bravo!

S-T-D, which, coincidentally, is half of stupid, made another appearance late in the second half. This time, it worked even better as McCants missed his first free throw, obviously because of the chant. You see, the sound waves within the RBC Center emitted from the boisterous mouths of the enlightened obviously caused the shot to miss.

The three-lettered monster, which clearly shows that words do hurt, led McCants to drain two more 3s, one of them from the popcorn stand in the arena concourse. Those triples silenced the crowd for whatever reason, perhaps because those cheering were too busy pulling McCants' daggers from their throats. McCants, obviously shaken and disabled by the three-syllable geniuses, finished with only 22 points and only hit the biggest shots of the game. And the biggest shots of the game only clinched a Tar Heel return to the NCAA Tournament and only ensured that Carolina kept its 51-year

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Demolition Devils

N.C. STATE DROPS ITS SECOND-STRAIGHT LOSS TO DUKE ON SENIOR NIGHT AT REYNOLDS COLISEUM MONDAY NIGHT.



Duke guard Alana Beard scored 22 points as the Blue Devils defeated N.C. State 90-57 Monday night despite strong defensive pressure from Wolfpack senior guard Nanna Rivers.

Jon Page
 Senior Staff Writer

The pregame belonged to N.C. State, but not much else.

State honored Wolfpack seniors Kaayla Chones, Nanna Rivers, Alvine Mendeng and Terah James before Monday night's tip off of the regular season finale of the women's ACC basketball season between No. 3 Duke and State.

But after parents, friends, roses and balloons cleared the court, the Blue Devils capitalized on 22 points from senior guard Alana Beard and 20 more from freshman center Brittany Hunter to defeat State 90-57 on senior night.

Chones and junior point guard Kendra Bell were the only Pack players to crack double-digits with 15 points and 11 points, respectively.

For the second time this season, State (16-13, 8-8 ACC) started strong against Duke (24-3, 15-1), but couldn't keep up with the furious, frantic pace of the Devils who shot over 60 percent from the field in the second half and 56 percent for the game.

Duke beat State 75-56 at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham Jan. 30.

Monday night's win was the sixth-straight victory for Duke and the second-straight loss for the Pack.

As the No. 3 seed in the ACC Tournament, State will face No. 6 Clemson Saturday at 6 p.m. At noon, No. 1 Duke will take on the winner of Friday night's play-in game between No. 8

Georgia Tech and No. 9 Wake Forest.

A crowd of more than 5,000 fans showed up at Reynolds Coliseum for Monday night's contest, but unfortunately for the home team, many of those fans were dressed in visiting Duke blue, including a particularly inspired group of middle-aged Devils fans seated courtside across from the Duke bench. And not even a strong contingency from Student Wolfpack Club members, who taunted and screamed at Duke coach Gail Goostenkors and her players all evening, could help push State past the Devils.

State scored first in the contest when senior Terah James penetrated on the Devils, lost her defender with a spin move in the paint and then converted a nifty up-and-under layup on Duke senior Iciss Tillis. On Duke's next possession, Beard hit a jump shot from the wing, making the score 2-2.

A free throw by Mendeng made the score 3-2 and after a Chones layup, State jumped to a 5-2 lead. The advantage would be the Pack's largest lead of the game.

The teams traded leads three times after that before Duke took the lead for good when Beard hit a jump shot with Mendeng tightly guarding her.

From that point on Duke used a 19-6 run to pull away from the Pack.

State went on a short run of its own to cut a 14-point deficit to seven with under four min-

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Low post woes cost Pack

Sloppy interior defense and lack of rebounding help Duke pull away

Austin Johnson
 Staff Writer

Just five minutes into Monday night's game, the N.C. State women's basketball team found itself with a one-point lead over No. 3 Duke. The Blue Devils' Iciss Tillis hurled up a 3-pointer that clanked off the rim, and for a split-second momentum appeared to be swinging the Wolfpack's way in its final game of the season against the ACC's best team.

But State allowed Duke point guard Vicki Kraphol to chase down the miss. At 5-5, Kraphol was the smallest player on the court. The play, which led to a basket, was a microcosm of a first half which saw Duke out-hustle the Pack on its way to a 25-11 rebounding margin and a 17-point halftime lead.

"We did a great job on the boards," Duke coach Gale Goostenkors said. "Especially in the first half — we got a lot of offensive rebounds."

State came out in a zone defense, which had Duke players missing jumpers early in the contest. But State's inability to prevent second and third shot opportunities gave Duke ample chances to slowly pull ahead.

On a sequence seven minutes into the first half State let Duke's Iciss Tillis and Brittany Murphy muscle down consecutive offensive rebounds that eventually led to an open layup for Murphy.

Later in the half with State's hold on the game already slipping, State again let Duke have three tries at the scoring.

Jessica Foley missed consecutive 3-point attempts but center Mistie Bass cleaned up her second shot. Her open put-back extended the Blue Devils' lead to 14 six minutes before halftime.

Duke crashed the offensive boards with a tenacity State was unable to match. Blue Devils players swarmed to the ball off the rim while State players watched. By halftime, Duke had pulled down 10 offensive rebounds while State managed just 11 total boards. Murphy had four boards on the offensive side of the glass, more than State's entire team.

"That's something I was really focusing on in the last three weeks," Murphy said. "I wasn't really going after the past few games."

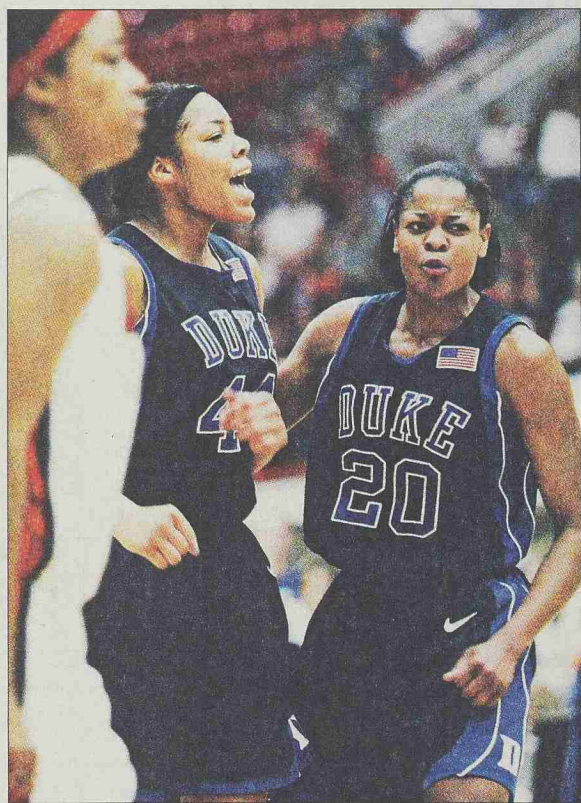
State came out much stronger on the glass in the second half, actually managing to out-rebound the Devils, 18-12.

But State head coach Kay Yow believed the damage had already been done at that point.

"As the game went along we did a better job on the boards," Yow said. "But the problem was they jumped out to a big lead. We got [the rebounding] under control a little bit but they already had the lead."

Despite refocusing on crashing the boards, State failed to mount a rally at any point in the second half. A new problem arose for the Wolfpack, as Duke began exploiting State's zone defense.

Duke forced State center Kaayla Chones or another post player to come out to the perimeter to a player open on the sideline. The Blue Devils then



N.C. State senior guard Terah James wears a blank expression after Duke's Brittany Hunter and Alana Beard celebrate a basket by Hunter in the first half.

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