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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Candidates gear up for campaign trail

Michele DeCamp

News Editor

The sandwich boards are up and the campaigning season has officially begun, but underneath the shadow of the top four Student Government positions are a score of candidates running for lesser-known and often uncontested positions in Student Senate, the Union Activities Board of Directors and the Student Media Authority.

The SMA board and several

senate positions either have just enough candidates to fill the available seats or sometimes not enough.

"I think it is essential to the democratic process to have contested seats," John Small, a junior in poultry science and candidate for a CALS senior senate seat, said. "It is unfortunate that we have five people interested in running for the senior seat while there are [not enough] candidates for the sophomore seat."

Small will be running along-

side Seneca Toms, Azad Karimi and Tracy Hutcherson for three CALS senior seats.

Unlike their peers without competition on the ballot, candidates in contested races say they'll focus on campaigning on campus to get their name and message out to students.

Seneca Toms, a junior in horticulture science, plans to use sandwich boards, poster and chalk walkways on campus to get his name out. He will also be promoting his campaign via the

Web at www4.ncsu.edu/~sdtoms. Toms is glad that his seat is contested.

"This gives the students a choice of who they want to represent them," Toms said.

Small will be utilizing one-on-one communication to let the student body know that he is running for a second term with the senate.

"I think it is important to get to know the people I represent," Small said.

Their fellow candidate, Tracy

Hutcherson, a senior in microbiology, hopes to make this his third year as a student senator.

"During these last two years I have actively met with the students of the Agri-Life Council and followed their lead as to the decisions made in the senate upon their behalf," Hutcherson said. "This I will continue to do and urge all senators to follow by meeting with their constituents."

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Students surf Net for cash

Online advertisements are no longer quite as annoying for some.

Diane Cordova

Assistant News Editor

In an effort to reach the college market -- 18 to 24 year olds -- BrandPort, an online advertising service based in Danville, Va., is paying college students to watch advertisements on its Web site, www.brandport.com.

Products advertised on the site are geared toward college students. N.C. State students and Sylvia's Pizza, a local business, are among those who are participating in the ad campaign, which began around the end of January.

"The idea is to show students advertisement messages for products they may find relevant and get paid for their time and attention," Kevin Varghese, president and founder of BrandPort, said in a phone interview. "The goal is to help advertisers reach the college market and get people's attention in a different way. The first step is to get the message to students effectively."

Sylvia's Pizza is one of the Raleigh-area advertisers on the Web site.

"I just wanted to give it a try to see if it would make a difference. [The pizza market] is a tough market around N.C. State, especially during the school breaks," Sylvio Sestito, manager of Sylvia's Pizza, said.

But curiosity hasn't paid off yet.

"No one [who has used the service] has shown up so far," Sestito said. "So far, my conclusion has been negative."

Students aren't sure what to think yet.

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ADD/ADHD complicates studies for some

Josianne Lauber

Senior Staff Reporter

Attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder are known for being common among children but according to CHADD, an organization for children and adults with ADHD, 2-4 percent of the adult population has ADD or ADHD. That leaves a portion of N.C. State's student population struggling with the disorders while working toward their degrees.

Dr. Laura Pratt from Student Health Services explained that ADHD is a physical disorder, not something caused by parents or crowded classrooms.

"ADHD is a result of an actual abnormality in brain chemistry that has to do with dopamine, norepinephrine, and possibly other neurotransmitters in the frontal part of the brain called the pre-frontal cortex and the midbrain," Pratt said.

Pratt explained that there is a fine line between ADD and ADHD.

"We see a lot more of ADHD in younger children than the adults. Most [college] students who come in are not running around the room and being disruptive," Pratt said.

Studies have revealed that the prevalence of ADHD in young boys and girls differs.

"ADHD tends to be more common among boys," Pratt said. "But it then evens out and becomes equal over time. People need to understand that it doesn't just end in childhood or graduate from college, but this condition is treatable."

What causes ADD/ADHD? According to CHADD, there are no definitive answers yet.

There are no biological, physiological or genetic markers that can reliably identify the disorder. However, research has demonstrated that ADHD has a very strong biological basis. Research found that heredity makes the largest contribution to the expression of the disorder in the population.

There are several symptoms of these conditions and only experienced clinicians have the expertise to determine if someone has ADD or ADHD. Pratt mentioned some common symptoms in college-aged students that doctors diagnose.

"Students have trouble getting organized to do anything, they tend to procrastinate and become real bored very easily," Pratt said. "Students with this condition also tend to tune out in the middle of work they are doing or conversation they are having. Sometimes they may start several projects and then don't end up finishing them and tend to lose a lot of things."

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, other symptoms include impulsivity and hyperactivity. Impulsivity is when people seem unable to curb their immediate reactions or think before they act. Hyperactivity is when people who are hyperactive always seem to be in motion; they can't sit still.

These are only a few symptoms among many so just because a student has some of these symptoms doesn't mean he or she has ADD or ADHD.

"It takes formal testing," Pratt said. "We [at student health] don't make a diagnosis...we just refer them out and get them diagnosed and then we help the

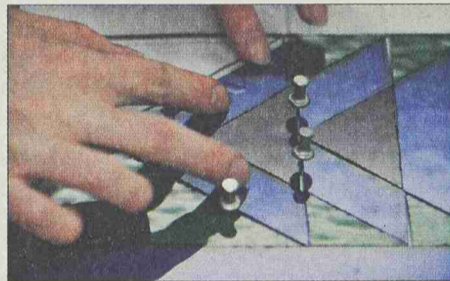
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PRECISION IN ART



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Elizabeth Stuenkel (above) painstakingly places the pictures in her stained-glass window (right) during a class Monday night at the Crafts Center. "It's a nice relax from engineering courses," Stuenkel, a sophomore in biomedical engineering, said. The Crafts Center offers a variety of classes and workshops in glass, including decorative glass bead making, glass blowing and contemporary flat glass.



Shooting injures athlete

Drive-by shooting injures football player Sunday.

News Staff Report

Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay, an N.C. State linebacker, was injured early Sunday morning in a drive-by shooting in Greensboro.

Aughtry-Lindsay was treated and released from a local Sunday after being shot in the right

forearm.

He told police a black Nissan Altima pulled up to a gas station where he was hanging out with friends. There were one woman and three men in the car, Aughtry-Lindsay told police.

A police statement said, "The victim stated he heard the female say, 'Give me my things,' then he heard gunshots."

Aughtry-Lindsay's injuries were not life threatening. Aughtry-Lindsay was the third on the

Wolfpack in tackles with 95 in 2003. He provided the defense with a set of memorable plays in an Oct. 11 home win over Connecticut, scoring a pair of touchdowns from his linebacking position.

Aughtry-Lindsay returned a Pat Thomas-caused fumble 48 yards for a third-quarter touchdown and later won the game when he intercepted a pass and raced 56 yards for a score with 5 seconds left.



Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay

TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO

Candidate for governor takes issues to students

Gubernatorial candidate George Little spoke to the College Republicans on Monday night.

Adam Dunn

Staff Reporter

Monday night in Nelson Hall, Republican George Little, candidate for governor in the upcoming election, took the platform. An older man with abundant ideas about what he could do to shake up the North Carolina Legislature, he said he could "turn around this badly run state economy and make something out of it."

With a campaign based on statewide

economic issues such as unemployment, Little had ideas such as cutting government regulation in business and investing more into community colleges to create a more viable work force.

"One thing I'd like to point out is that North Carolina has not had a business-man serve since 1957," said Little. "It's time to put one into office."

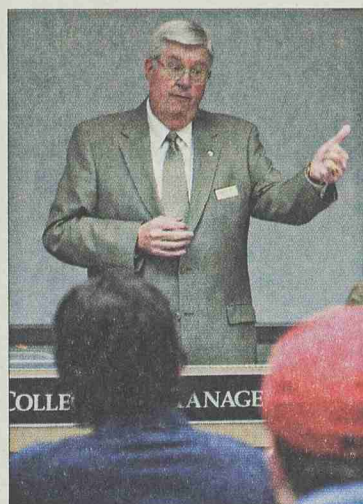
Feeling that North Carolina is in a state of office reform, Little made it a point that those serving in office today needed to see things through a business eye.

"A businessman would not invest in something nonfunctional to the state," he pointed out, "he would put his money into something rich and viable."

Little operated a successful insurance business for 39 years and feels that it would take a man of his thought process and status to operate North Carolina in an efficient manner.

Members of the College Republicans, who sponsored the event, listened to Little speak, while cooking up their own questions about issues they feel directly impact students and North Carolinians. Based on their own views and the platforms of running mates, students in the club posed questions about an education lottery and what Little could do for the smaller suburbs

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George Little addresses members of the College Republicans Monday in Nelson Hall.

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Seriously funny

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WORLD

OBSERVERS SAY RUSSIAN ELECTIONS FELL SHORT OF DEMOCRATIC STANDARDS

European observers said Monday that Russia's presidential election fell short of democratic standards, citing vote count flaws and biased news coverage that kept incumbent Vladimir Putin's rivals out of the spotlight.

Putin was swept to a second four-year term in a campaign and voting that "overall did not adequately reflect principles necessary for a healthy democratic election process," said Julian Peel Yates, head of the observer mission from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

While Sunday's election was "generally well administered," Yates said, democratic principles such as "vibrant political discourse and meaningful pluralism were lacking."

-Wire Reports

SOCIALIST LEADER VOWS TO BRING SPANISH TROOPS HOME FROM IRAQ

Spain's incoming prime minister pledged Monday to bring Spanish troops home from Iraq unless the United Nations takes control there, harshly criticizing the U.S.-led war even as he promised to maintain good relations with Washington.

A day after his Socialists swept Spain's ruling conservatives from power in elections overshadowed by terrorist bombings, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero also promised to lead a more pro-European government that would restore "magnificent relations" with France and Germany—which unlike Spain's outgoing government both opposed the Iraq war.

In a surprise defeat, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's conservatives on Sunday became the first government that backed Washington in Iraq to be voted from office.

-Wire Reports

NATION

SEVEN OF NINE FRESNO VICTIMS WERE SHOT

At least seven of the nine family members discovered slain in a Fresno home over the weekend had been shot to death, the coroner's office said Monday.

Investigators were still working to determine the cause of deaths of the two others. The victims were found tangled in a pile of clothes when police went to the home about a child custody dispute Friday.

Marcus Wesson, thought to be the father and grandfather of the victims, walked out of the home covered in blood and was booked on suspicion of nine counts of murder.

Police said Wesson, 57, may have been involved in polygamy and is thought to have fathered children with at least four women, including two of his own daughters.

-Wire Reports

FBI ARRESTS ALLEGED ECO-TERRORIST IN OREGON

A fugitive radical environmentalist has been arrested by federal officials on charges of setting fire to logging and cement trucks in 2001, the FBI announced Monday.

Michael Scarpitti has been on the FBI's most-wanted list since disappearing two years ago. He is among four activists charged with setting logging trucks on fire on June 1, 2001, to protest logging on the slopes of Mount Hood.

Three other suspects were captured after one of them told a girlfriend about the crime, according to arrest papers. The girlfriend's father is a deputy state fire marshal.

-Wire Reports

STATE

TUTOR ACCUSED OF PROVIDING PROSTITUTE TO MENTALLY RETARDED CLIENT

Police have charged a mentally retarded man's life-skills tutor with soliciting prostitutes for the two and taking the man to strip clubs.

Larry Donnell Boyd, who was arrested Jan. 19, is due in court March 23 on felony conspiracy and second-degree sexual offense charges. He is free on \$20,000 secured bail.

Boyd is accused of hiring prostitutes on two occasions to give the two men oral sex.

Capt. Brad Chandler said Boyd also took the 34-year-old client to strip clubs.

According to Wayne County court records, Boyd was charged in 1994 with robbery with a dangerous weapon, convicted of felony larceny and sentenced to probation.

-Wire Reports

N.C.-BASED MARINE SHOT AND WOUNDED IN HAITI

A U.S. Marine based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., was shot and wounded in the Haitian capital, the first American peace-keeping casualty since the ouster of the Caribbean nation's president two weeks ago, a U.S. military official said Monday.

The Marine was patrolling the Belair neighborhood, a stronghold of supporters of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Sunday night when he was shot in the left arm, Staff Sgt. Timothy Edwards told The Associated Press.

The weapon was believed to be a small-caliber pistol, and the injury is not life-threatening, he said.

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PROFESSOR IN THE PACK

Banks spreads love for science

Alton Banks uses his excitement to guide students to appreciate chemistry, biology and physics.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

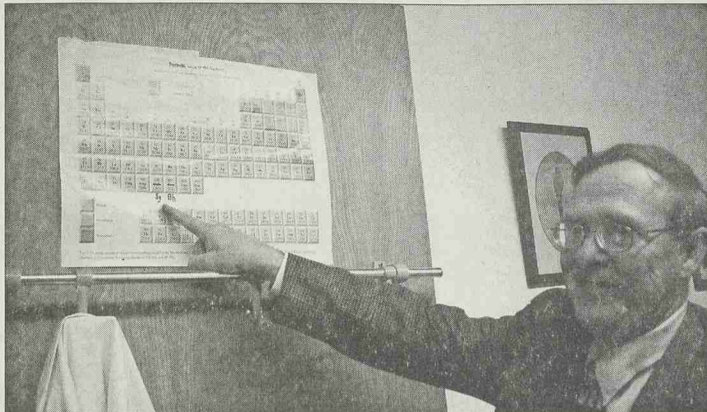
For 29 years, Alton Banks has taught the dynamics of chemistry to more than 1,000 students while also advancing his own knowledge of chemistry.

Science is an area of study that continually provides challenges to its researchers, such as Banks, and excitement to the general population, whether it's wondering why the yeast will not raise in the cake or learning about smogstack emissions for a legislative bill, something is always occurring in science.

"I like to show how chemistry applies to life in every area. It is important to be a clearly informed citizen," Banks said.

Banks informs his students in the classroom about the wide realm of science and its effects on the world. He has taught at the university for 13 years in the areas of general chemistry and organic chemistry. Before moving to North Carolina, he spent 17 years in Texas at three different colleges. His thrill for science and chemistry, more specifically, arose under the influence of a high school biology teacher.

"Willie Gunn excited everyone about science in general. He was a biology teacher, but he taught chemistry and physics as well. The love for science



Alton Banks points to an element on the periodic table where he has become an expert after 29 years of teaching chemistry.

he shared with his students was contagious," Banks said.

This was the first look into science Banks experienced and from it his love for science grew.

"I find chemistry as an exciting science and I like conveying that excitement of general science to my students. It is dynamic and always changing. Through these changes, we have a better understanding of it," Banks said. "Now, instead of just showing a model of an atom, I can show my students exactly what an atom looks inside."

Most importantly, Banks has a deep desire to share his appreciation for chemistry with his students. Many things have changed in his 29 years of teaching.

"When I first started teaching,

it was more about the 'sage on the stage,' and now it's all about the 'guide on the side.' Simply meaning that students learn better when they are actively involved in the process," Banks said. "In being the guide, your presenting opportunities where people can synthesize the information themselves."

Banks is not just any chemistry professor. He has earned numerous recognitions for his work in chemistry and within the university.

He received the Leroi and Elva Martin Award for Teaching Excellence, which the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences presents to an outstanding professor. Last year, he received the Undergraduate Distinguished Professor Award. He is also currently the direc-

tor for the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.

While working with chemistry, Banks has had a unique opportunity. In 1977, he and his wife were among the few to see the first release of the shuttle from a 747, called the Altitude Release Test.

"I was working at the Rocket Propulsion Lab in the Mohave Desert and I got to see this event take place," Banks said.

Banks continues to research Heavy Metal Poisoning particularly of lead and mercury along with other things at the university.

"College is an incredible opportunity full of all sorts of potential. It's important to learn about all things so that you can become a better citizen," Banks said.

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Some students are pooling their resources and campaigning together for senate seats with multiple openings. Patrick Cleary, a senior in pulp and paper science, is running for senior class president and one of the natural resources seats. He plans to work with Katie Jones, a fellow senate candidate, to publicize their campaigns together. His motto: "You gotta party for your right to fight."

Students are not allowed to run together for their positions, but they can campaign together. Elena Everett, a senior in arts applications, will be running with Gene Feldman, a senior in political science, for three CHASS senior seats. There are currently five candidates running for those positions. Everett and Feldman will be printing up their platform and posting it in CHASS classrooms as well as utilizing a Web site.

"We would like to create a permanent online presence, potentially on the WolfWeb for CHASS seniors to contact us and voice any concerns or complaints they may have," Everett said. They also plan to hold regular forums in Caldwell Lounge where students could meet with them. Everett believes that elections should also have more candidates than positions.

"Candidates who 'win' uncontested seats are decidedly undemocratic and in no way necessarily representative of their constituents or accountable to them."

For the Union Board of Directors, the election process is a little different. Five candidates are currently running for four positions, but the Campus Arts Council endorses four candidates every year, so most of the candidates depend on CAC to inform students who they should vote for. According to Fred Duyck, a junior in microbiology, CAC had endorsed him, Ted Gellar, Carson Swanek

and Tracy Hutcherson for the four open board positions.

"Of course I'll be talking to students around campus and in my classes, but I do not plan on any campaigning on the level of student body president or student senate president," Duyck said. He believes that his time as a member of CAC and his work with the student center art programs makes him qualified to make decisions relating to the arts at N.C. State.

Gellar, a senior in history, also does not plan to do any print campaigning.

"I have the endorsement of the Campus Arts Council, which I feel will speak strongly to the voting student body," Gellar said. Gellar wants to work on board reform if elected. "The Union needs to make itself more accessible and more transparent to all students," Gellar said.

The arts are also a major part of Swanek's life.

"It always bothers me to see athletes getting all the funding and the art department stuck

with crap," Swanek, a freshman in nuclear engineering, said. "My reason [for running] is to make a difference."

What will happen with the student centers on campus in the future is a major concern for Hutcherson. He wants the centers to be solely for student organizations.

"All of the buildings that student fees sustain through fee monies need to be reclaimed by the students," Hutcherson said. "Students should not have to pay fee money for the buildings and then pay again to use the rooms and theater."

While these students may have to put out a little extra effort to keep their positions or obtain new ones in the fall, many of them are glad they get the chance to run for their seats against their peers.

"It's always great to see many candidates running for an elected position, it inspires debate and insures that the diversity of the electorate is properly represented," Duyck said.

The process for these accommodations is a long one.

"Students have to request accommodations each semester," Newmiller said. "We're like a compliance office, complying with federal law. We have to be there to review the documentation to make sure those students meet the requirements for eligibility."

Working with DSS however, is not mandatory.

Jeffery Braden, a psychology professor at N.C. State, said, "All services are student-initiated. We respect that students may choose not to disclose their disability, request accommodations, etc." "Everything must be reasonable—just because a student has a disability does

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of eastern and western areas of the state.

"I believe it is the rule of the people to govern whether or not we have an educational lottery," Little said. "It is up to North Carolinians to decide our future."

He said jobs are needed more than anything, due to North Carolina's present economic status.

Students were also concerned with how current candidates are interacting with each other and incumbent Mike Easley.

"I believe that most of these candidates are going after Easley too much," commented freshman Ryan Minto, "but that Little's views on these important facets really can really make a contribution."

Despite their own feelings on the issues, most students said Little had key points on the issues.

"[Little] is a man who speaks over my head as far as his economic policy but I think his ideas are straight and to the point," said Allison Fowler.

The meeting was brief and although much was covered, Little stressed that time and being efficient was what North Carolina needed to shape up in the future.

"I'm the big man with the little name," said Mr. George, "and I would be proud to be nominated as your governor."

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"Personally, I'm skeptical about it. However, according to their simple explanation, it's the easiest job for students who spend way too much time online," Hilda Tong, a senior in business management, said.

According to Varghese, who has worked for companies such as Gillette and

Duracell, BrandPort initially targeted the 17 largest universities in the country, which include NCSU and UNC-Chapel Hill. Varghese said during the first few weeks of promotion, hundreds of students had registered.

One of the ways the company promoted the campaign at the university was through an on-campus representative, who hung flyers on Hillsborough Street. According to Varghese, students are paid 50 cents per advertisement. A typical ad runs roughly 45 seconds long -- the ad itself runs about 30 seconds and the remaining 10 to 15 seconds are for the students to answer questions about the ads to ensure they were paying attention.

Varghese said students receive payments through PayPal, a free online payment service owned by eBay. The payments are sent via e-mail to the student's checking account. The response from students "has been beyond my expectations," Varghese said, noting that thousands of students have signed up and more than 70 colleges are involved. "We're excited about the response."

FIND YOUR PLACE

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY

CLASSES AND SEMINARS
New Student Orientation-Session III
New Student Orientation Programs
Talley Student Center
8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

MEN'S SPORTS
Baseball
N.C. State vs. The Citadel
4 p.m.

WOMEN'S SPORTS

Softball
N.C. State vs. UNC-Charlotte
Walnut Creek
2 p.m.

THURSDAY

FILM
"The Little Girl Who Sold the Sun"
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FREE ADMISSION
Witherspoon Student Center
7 p.m.

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students manage their medicine and also refer them to Disability Services for Students."

There are different types of drugs for this condition, three of the most popular being methyphenidate (Ritalin), Strattera, and dextroamphetamine. Students on medication are carefully monitored monthly by Student Health Services to make sure the drug is working for them.

"We also discuss how to time the medication based on their class and study patterns because college students have a lot more flexibility and they don't have

to take them every day, unlike younger children in school," Pratt said.

These drugs for ADD and ADHD settle students down and help them focus much better on tests and assignments, but they do the opposite for those who do not have a disorder.

"We really try to make these students understand that in the wrong hands, these drugs are a stimulant and are appetite suppressants, and they should not give them to other people. A lot of these students don't like taking the drugs, but they know they have to have them to work," Pratt said.

Along with drugs to treat them, students with this condition may also find it helpful to

work with DSS. DSS confirms a student's need for particular accommodations such as note-taking services and extra testing time etc.

Mark Newmiller, the assistant director for DSS said the accommodations are not just given to students who have the condition, but only to those with correct documentation. "It's all based on the documentation they have. Accommodations are based on what the psychologist who diagnosed them suggests based on the testing they did. For example, if it is suggested to have extended test taking time we need documentation why and it has to prove the student really needs it," Newmiller said.

POLICE BLOTTER

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4:21 a.m. | Welfare Check

An officer observed a vehicle parked north of the Arboretum on the street. The non-student inside said he felt tired, and stopped to get some rest before driving back home. No problems noted.

4:40 a.m. | Damage to Property

An officer found a broken window in the Dearstyn Entomology Building. The building liaison was contacted. The window was double-paned, and only one pane was broken.

5:33 a.m. | Disturbance

ECC called and said EMS Station 8 called to report a disturbance in the area of the station on Varsity Drive. Officers checked the area, but did not locate a disturbance or anyone needing assistance. EMS said they heard screaming tires.

10:37 p.m. | Traffic Stop

A non-student was stopped on Methold Road at Ligon Street for a vehicle equipment violation. She was issued a citation for an expired inspection sticker, and was given a verbal warning for the equipment violation.

11:46 p.m. | Traffic Stop

A non-student was stopped on Method Road for an equipment violation. He was issued a citation for no operator's license. He called a licensed driver to pick him up.

4:49 p.m. | Traffic Accident

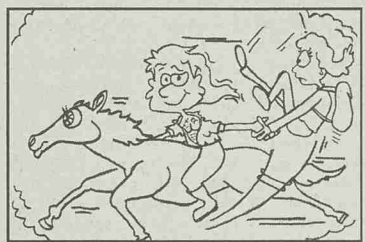
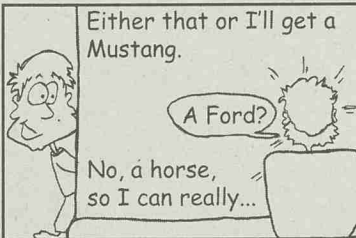
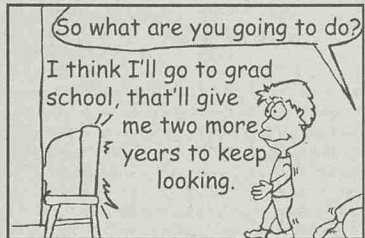
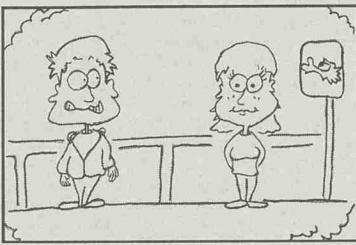
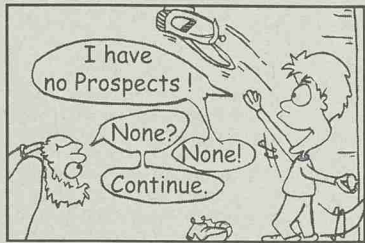
A non-student was backing out of a parking space and struck a parked vehicle on Cates Avenue.

7:46 p.m. | Assist Other Agency

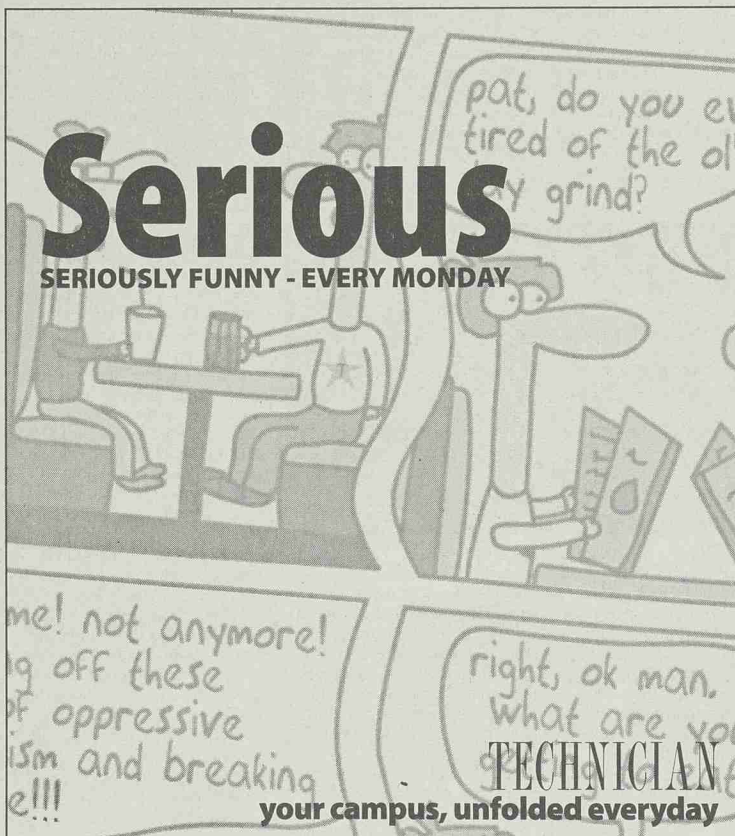
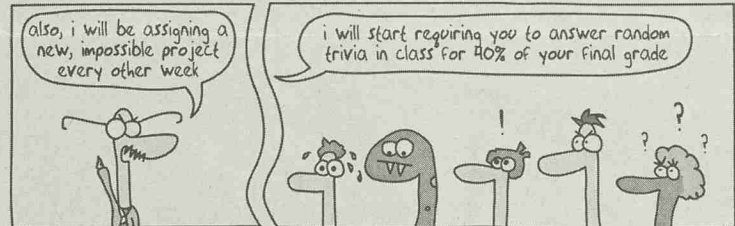
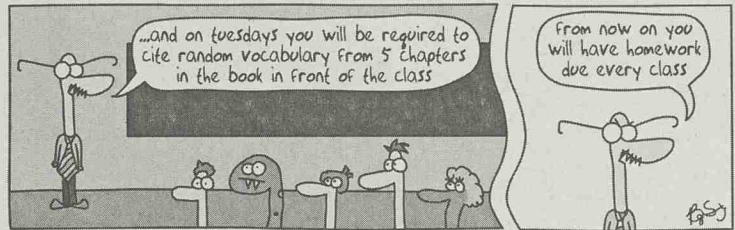
RPD called requesting assistance with an investigation they were working on where an NCSU student reported he was robbed off campus this afternoon at around 3:45 PM. The incident occurred at an apartment complex. The

student reported he was robbed to the Raleigh Police. Further investigation revealed he was attempting to sell a half pound of marijuana, and the buyers took the marijuana and \$1,500.00 in cash. The student gave consent for his room in Bragaw to be searched. No drugs were found in the room; however, a small amount of marijuana was found on him. Raleigh Police charged the student with Felony Possession With Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, Felony Conspiracy to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, Felony Maintaining a Vehicle to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, and Resist/Obstruct/Delay. He was also referred to the University.

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7:30 pm

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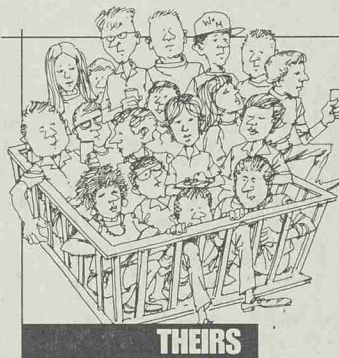
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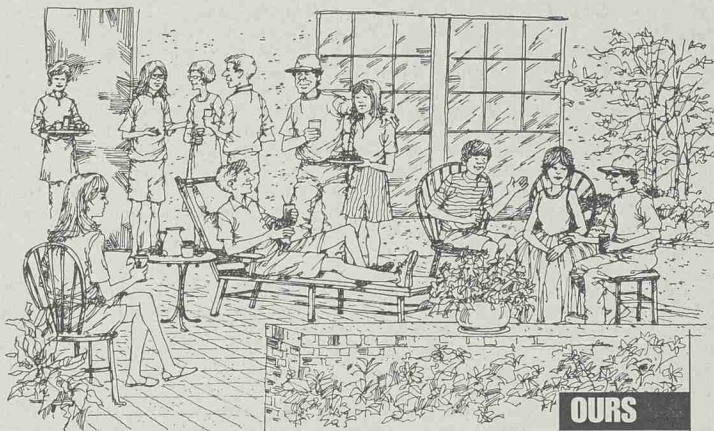
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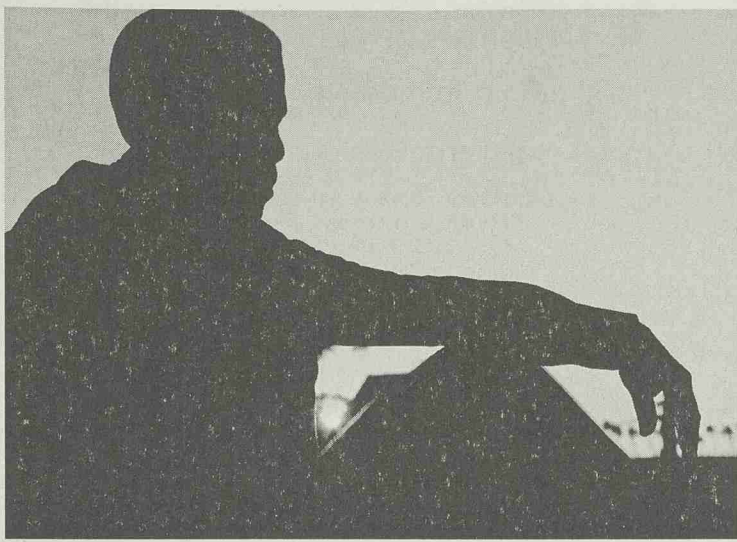
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Van Hunt reintroduces soulful R&B



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Van Hunt on Norah Jones:

"I'd like to do something with Norah Jones. There's something in there that bothers me about Norah though, man, I don't really know what it is. She's hanging on to this, 'I wanna be a normal girl, thing' just too hard. You know what I mean? It's like, come on Norah, you sold 10 million records, give it up. Put some make-up on, it's okay. Get a little glitter, it's all right. You don't have to hide behind the piano anymore, it's okay."

Atlanta-based R&B artist Van Hunt could have said no better to illustrate his smooth talking, laid back persona. With a vocal styling reminiscent of Marvin Gaye, Curtis Mayfield and Prince, Van Hunt is ready to unleash his old, new style of R&B soul.

Van Hunt was raised in Dayton, Ohio, by his mother but — luckily for his fans — had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with his father who served as a large inspiration in his decision to move towards a career in music.

"My father was the one that got me off into music, really, because his best friend was the drummer for the Ohio Players and I got to see them perform quite a bit," says Hunt.

The "rock star" lifestyle he was exposed to at an early age helped to shape the tones of his lifestyle today. As a factory worker, painter, avid bowler and — most influentially — a pimp, Hunt's father (Van Hunt Sr.) provided the atmosphere that most parents would fear but aided in the development of Hunt's contemporary R&B affections.

"My father definitely provided an atmosphere. He's just a different kind of cat. I mean, he's a lot of different things — basically — let me just say that. He used to attract a lot of different people around him, it was just kind of interesting to be around that — as a child, especially. Different kinds of women and

different kinds of colorful characters," Hunt says.

With these different kinds of "cats" came the surroundings that became a part of his childhood and his heart in the music.

"I loved sitting in the corner of a smoke filled dope house, tapping my feet to the music while my father and his friends cussed each other out over a game of cards. It seemed to me, the beat of the drums urged on their behavior and drove the alcohol that flowed through their veins out of their bloodshot eyes. Guitars and horns percolated and made their hands tap out the rhythm uncontrollably."

As unorthodox as it sounds, those moments in the clouds turned into moments of clarity for Hunt as he began to hear the soundtracks for the scenes. The romance and the grit in his father's presence became associated with melodies and lyrics as thoughts and ideas began to churn inside his head.

Although these times with his father became the base for what he would later become, it was not his father's music that paved Hunt's musical path.

"The music he listened to wasn't really like what I play. He listened to Michael Franks and some other kind of fusion kind of jazz stuff. I just happened to grow up with the Ohio Players

and Roger Troutman because we were in Dayton at the time. So, I got the chance to meet those cats. What's funny is I'm compared to Marvin Gaye and Curtis Mayfield but I was never really a fan of either of them. I came to Georgia and I got off into that because people played that for me. I was more into Isley Brothers, who were into Curtis Mayfield and I was into Jimi Hendrix, who was also into Curtis Mayfield. I got it indirectly from the Isley Brothers, who I listened to a lot."

So where does Van Hunt get his sound? Sure it's a step forward for modern R&B but it is also a step backwards to the classic 70s R&B that he didn't even

listen to. As Van Hunt proves, it's not really the music that we listen to that shapes our lives, it's the way we listen to it.

Van Hunt is what the future of R&B should look forward to. The singer/songwriter flawlessly combines the vinyl appeal of Sly Stone and Marvin Gaye with the upbeat grooves similar to Prince.

Exposing his life experience through eloquent verse and clever dialog, Hunt has created a degree of "sexplosion" rarely seen in the current musical parade. Each beat is his heart beat and each chorus is his breath. Van Hunt is a truly honest artist on the verge of success.

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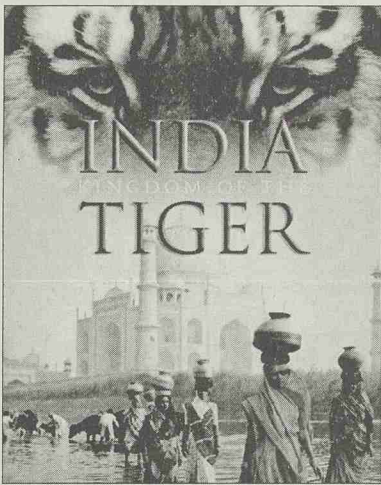


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India: Kingdom of the Tiger

STARRING: Christopher Heyerdahl, Smriti Mishra
DIRECTED BY: Bruce Neibaur

★★★★/2

Derived from "Image Maximum," the term IMAX and its technology are not incredibly new. However, the IMAX Theatre at Explorations has only been in Raleigh since late 2001. "India: Kingdom of the Tiger" was my first experience with IMAX in its intended theater format.

"India" opens with scenes of India's coast, eventually cutting to the first of many bright orange and black Bengal tigers running through lush forests. Before long, the film pairs these visuals with a predictable, children's documentary-style voiceover.

Several minutes later, the bare-boned plot emerges through a flashback of tiger hunter Jim Corbett's early years. In 1910, presumably the same Bengal tiger killed 25 people at the foothills of the Himalayas (sadly we don't get to see this, due to the self-imposed, family-safe IMAX censoring).

The Indian-born man of British ancestry is called in to take the beast down. Weak plot and lack of suspense aside, the true reason to see this film is for the incredible use of the clar-

ity and depth made possible by the extra large format celluloid film.

The beauty of IMAX films is that, due to the truncated length (40-45 minutes) and the aforementioned family-oriented audience, you know exactly what you're going to see, simply from the film's title. "India" contains a great combination of slow, crystal-clear aerials (yes, including the ubiquitous IMAX low river flyover) and deep focus shots of large cats in their natural habitats.

It is hard to divorce yourself of thoughts about the time put into getting short, single-second shots used in several of the sequences. The burden of the extra-heavy equipment and the not-so-perfect environment makes certain shots stand out. For example, one second there is a slow pan to a man praying in a cave, then a crane-out starting in the steam emitted from a mountain-climbing train. Also, do not miss the unnecessary but beautiful shot of thousands of Hindus simultaneously bowing down in a courtyard.

And that's exactly what IMAX is all about: unnecessary but beautiful. "India" is 100 percent spectacle — sit back and enjoy not having to hink.

—Andrew Nicholas

Elephant

STARRING: Alex Frost, Eric Deulen
DIRECTED BY: Gus Van Sant

★★★★★/2

While waiting for Cary's Madstone Theater to get "Elephant" after several delays, I had only the trailer to whet my appetite. Seeing only a one-second shot of two high school boys decked out in fatigues, army boots and black duffel bags, it was obvious where things were going.

I went into the film expecting it to be golden — with director Gus Van Sant's trailer showcasing Beethoven's delicate moonlight sonata over elegant, fluid shots of a suburban high school and surrounding neighborhood.

It turns out that the film's soothingly somber pacing does match the same graceful presentation of the trailer, allowing for a poetic buildup of anticipation and suspense.

Almost five years have passed since the Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo. While names are changed, there is no mistaking "Elephant" for something other than a dramatization of the tragic day.

The film opens with a slow time-lapse shot of a cloud-filled sky with ambient noise, as the titles are overlaid next to a lone streetlight. This lengthy moment sets the pattern of the proceeding shots of extended duration, as well as the elaborate linking tracking shots.

With a camera that slowly penetrates echoing hallways, meander-

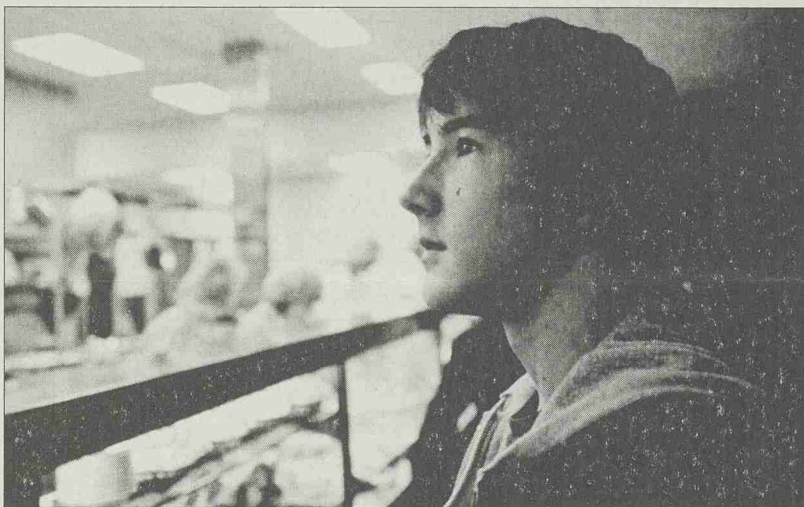


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ing along with the characters, Van Sant's style provides moments for largely unobstructed voyeurism. Instead of inundating his visuals with either a cliché "high school music" soundtrack or an overused melodramatic overture, about the only music heard is the occasional soft note of a piano.

On the subject of possible cliché pitfalls, the presentation of high school nuances and issues comes across as gently refusing to submit to the "high school film" of montages of manifested popularity. The film portrays many different aspects of high school life (bul-

ling, being forced to take physical education, bullies...) in the predominantly white school. Instead of voice-over narration explaining, "That's Josh — he's the captain of the football team," you are left to draw your own conclusions about the presented faces, in a seemingly more documentary-like fashion.

The film achieves its documentary feel through aural ambience, infrequent cutting and its basis on a widely known true story. This gives the narrative more credibility, if it is read as "what really happened."

It seems slightly unfair that a first-person shooter video game

inspires the two boys to purchase firearms (assault rifles and 9mm handguns) online. Video games and the Internet have been blamed as possible contributing factors with Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, but they are not entirely explained within the film, simply flashed up, as if out of obligation.

Overall, with Van Sant's brilliant understanding of the juxtaposition between sweeping camera movement and static shots, this film could have been on any subject and resulted in being extremely compelling.

—Andrew Nicholas

Starsky & Hutch

STARRING: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Snoop Dogg

DIRECTED BY: Todd Phillips

★★★★

Not having a strong familiarity with the original "Starsky & Hutch" television show from the 1970s, I went into the film simply hoping the Ben Stiller/Owen Wilson duo would entertain me. Though everything is a hyperbolized mockery of the '70s, it still manages to add up to good family fun.

Visibly, all of the actors involved really enjoy their roles and the overall production. From the prudish cop, David Starsky (Stiller), to the ladies man, Ken Hutchinson (Wilson), to the flamboyant stool pigeon, Huggy Bear (Snoop), all of the characters seem to genuinely laugh at themselves in each scene. The roles are so over-the-top that the audience cannot avoid acknowledging the artifice of the movie.

While living in the shadow of his mother's law enforcement



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days, Starsky struggles with being wrapped too tight. Having gone through many squad car partners, the chief decides to assign him with Hutch — his antithesis — a wild officer that breaks all the rules.

Through communication with a soft-spoken pimp named Huggy Bear, the pair begin the pursuit of chasing down Reese Feldman (Vince Vaughn), a major cocaine dealer.

Starsky can't help but be feminized next to his charismatic partner. In one scene, he even cries while Hutch tries to comfort him. Some cite the relationship as having homosexual overtones, but I think that if anything, the film is homophobic, especially with the treatment of the Big Earl (Will Farrell) role.

On a side note, the main vehicle, the red and white monster of a Ford Gran Torino, really shines.

Ridiculous power sliding, peel outs and the obligatory camera mounted on the side fender all serve to glorify everything that is the American muscle car of yesteryear.

The chase scene is great to watch — camera technology has improved immensely since the '70s. Interestingly, director Todd Phillips does incorporate several 1970s searching quick-zooms.

This is where the camera is at an extreme distance from the character, then is rapidly "finding" the character with a seemingly spontaneous zoom.

It used to be a frequent television technique, but now just has novelty uses (such as in the Beastie Boys video for "Sabotage"). While there is almost nudity at one moment, and several moments of unnecessary language, most of the film is family friendly, which I think this is essential for its success.

Audiences need to take it as absurd fun, instead of maintaining some serious crime fighting ideal, as did the original television series.

—Andrew Nicholas

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

TAKE IT OUTSIDE TO SMOKE

OUR OPINION: N.C. STATE, FOR ONCE, SHOULD FOLLOW UNC-CHAPEL HILL'S LEAD AND BAN SMOKING IN ALL RESIDENCE HALLS ON CAMPUS.

Back in the 1980s, high schools had designated smoking zones where teachers and students, could take a smoke break. Nowadays, laws are banning smoking in bars and restaurants in major cities like New York.

On college campuses, smoking is still around, but rules regulate it to outside of dorms and labs.

Walk in front of the Tri-Towers and there are groups of smokers lighting up and enjoying each other's company.

Despite proper smoking etiquette practiced by smokers, policy bans smoking from residence halls.

At UNC-Chapel Hill, all residence halls are smoke-free, even on balconies and breezeways.

If smokers want to take a break, they will have to go downstairs. That's a long

way for those students that live in the high rise dorms at UNC.

At N.C. State, there is not an across-the-board ban on smoking inside the residence halls; however, certain floors are designated smoke-free, while others allow smoking.

Also, students can decide whether or not to make their dorm room smoke free or not.

But this is not enough.

While certain areas within dorms are smoke-free, students can still smell the odor of tobacco smoke within the dorms.

It pervades common areas, it embeds into clothing, it fouls the air.

There is only one solution: ban smoking in all residence halls.

People should not have to walk through cigarette smoke while entering or leaving residence halls, so adequate distance from the building should be enforced on smokers.

There are the obvious fire hazard

reasons, but health concerns are also a major factor. Dormitories are unique in that they house a large group of people in one close area. The common cold can spread through a dorm like wildfire. Couple that with the immunity-depleting effects of tobacco and a cold can turn into a throat or sinus infection.

Many people are already allergic to pollen and smoke, so it is not fair to subject them to smelling smoke when they walk down the hall to the bathroom or the study lounge.

Overall, smokers on campus are very respectful of non-smokers.

They do go outside for their daily ritual, and smoking groups are a testament to the social good that can come from smoking.

But the health benefits of not smoking far outweigh the social aspect. It is simply healthier to not light up at all.

Public health must come first, especially in close quarters like residence halls.

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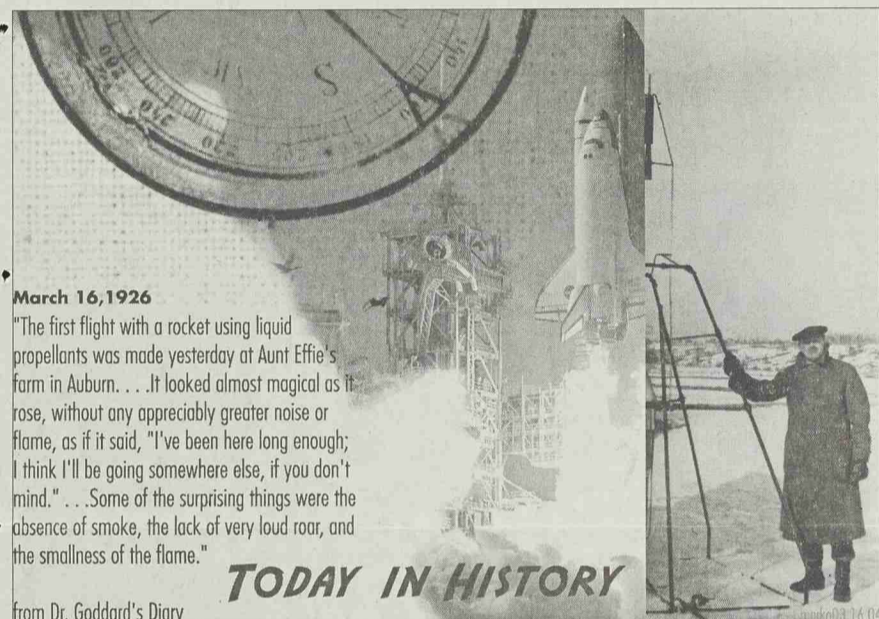
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"The first flight with a rocket using liquid propellants was made yesterday at Aunt Effie's farm in Auburn. . . . It looked almost magical as it rose, without any appreciably greater noise or flame, as if it said, 'I've been here long enough; I think I'll be going somewhere else, if you don't mind.' . . . Some of the surprising things were the absence of smoke, the lack of very loud roar, and the smallness of the flame."

TODAY IN HISTORY

from Dr. Goddard's Diary

Is nothing sacred?

Christin Liverance explores the reasons, no matter how pathetic, for unfaithfulness in our society.

You're at the biggest party of the year, your mate is out of town for spring break. Sure, you've had a few drinks too many, but who hasn't?

A good-looking fellow partier starts heading your way, flashing a big smile. They invite you into a back room to talk, and one thing leads to another. It only takes a moment, but in that moment, you can ruin the best thing you've ever had going for you.

I'm talking about cheating; for some it's a mistake they'll regret forever, for others it's become a game to play.

People want to see how many "hoes" they can "pimp" at once and just how smooth they can be without getting caught. It doesn't matter how many hearts get broken in the wake of their infidelity.

Cheating is not just a problem college students have either.

Grown men and women cheat on their fiances and spouses all the time. The new motto seems to be, "It doesn't matter how good you've got it, keep looking for more."

America has a great lack of will power in many areas. We can't control what we put into our mouths and get upset when we pack on the pounds.

We can't control the amount of money we spend; we buy extravagant clothing and furniture and don't understand why we don't have enough to pay the rent.

We're addicted to cigarettes, addicted to alcohol, addicted to drugs, and we just can't do anything about it! We can't even control ourselves when it comes to an attractive member of the opposite sex, who isn't our girlfriend,

boyfriend or spouse.

So few people out there are willing to make any compromises, they live their lives thinking that a perfect mate will fall out of the sky one day.

If even the smallest problems with a girlfriend or boyfriend exist, people see reason to find satisfaction elsewhere.

Doesn't anyone remember that love is supposed to be unconditional?

A ridiculous quest for perfection drives Americans.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all about getting out there and exploring potential mates and not settling for Mr. OK because Mr. Right seems to have disappeared.

I don't think you should settle where some areas are concerned when it comes to finding the person that you could potentially spend the rest of your life with.

However, there's a difference between dating a few people casually and having them all aware of that fact and having a significant other and still playing the field.

If you're not ready for a commitment, or you're not sure you really love the person, tell them.

I don't deny that being dumped hurts, but your honesty will be appreciated later.

It's better to be dumped because someone just isn't ready to get serious, rather than be cheated on because they wanted to keep you around as a sure thing while they explore other possibilities just in case.

Don't let cheaters fool you either, chances are they're not going to change. Most likely, if someone is a cheater now, they'll be a cheater forever.

The majority of cheating hearts don't change their ways, and a boy who cheats on his girlfriend in college will most likely become a husband who strays when the going gets tough.

Infidelity is glorified by the media.

This is evident in the "pimping" phenomenon.

Celebrities who cheat are sometimes frowned upon, but we shrug our shoulders and merely give them a slap on the wrist, it's not the worst they could do.

Those poor stars were driven to it by their demanding careers, right?

Part of this cheating problem is that we have also become lazy. The vast majority of people in this country have so many things handed to them that they aren't used to working for anything. So many things have become disposable, there's always a new relationship waiting if the old one gets tired.

We throw out wives and husbands along with the dirty Swiffer refills and moldy Gladware in our fridge.

Relationships are a little like diets. You can't eat right/work on your relationship for a few weeks, and shed a few pounds/make things better and happier, then go back to your old ways and expect everything to stay peachy. Cheating in relationships never fixes the existing problems in them either.

Trust and honesty are things that everyone would probably agree are important in a relationship, but they are rare finds these days.

Most people have the "what he/she doesn't know won't hurt him/her" mentality.

There are things we as young people can do to end the cheating epidemic. If we are at all serious about lowering the divorce rate, creating a more honest society with better values and saving everyone a lot of hurt, we have to start now while we're still young.

Our habits as young adults only grow into the habits we will have as older adults. Everything starts with us.

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All students will be left behind

Heather Cutchin looks at the ever-changing education standards for high school students and how it will affect universities.

The United States has grown and developed in many ways throughout the centuries. We have had and still do have many intelligent people of which to boast. One of the things that made these folks so wonderful in their respected fields is their willingness to learn, not just a specific subject either, but learn anything they could get their hands on.



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

However, it is ironic to me that we applaud that eagerness for learning, and then put into effect an accountability program that tests students only on certain subjects. Because of this program, subjects taken for granted by people now are pushed to the side because "reading, writing and arithmetic" are more important. Instead of "no student left behind," all students will be left behind when they get into the "real world."

When I was in high school, many people viewed our agriculture program as unimportant because it was "just another vocational program." I still took agriculture classes anyway, and was involved in the FFA.

Looking back on those four years, I can see now just how important those classes were to me, and not just because I am now in the poultry science program here at N.C. State. I also can tell where they have affected my friends from high school that did or did not take the classes, and there is a difference. People that took agriculture or any vocational classes tend to be leaders and manage their time well. They also tend to have a lot of common sense, which when combined with "book sense" (or the three R's) provides a strong foundation for an all-around intelligent person.

Also because of these vocational classes and my involvement with theatre, I have gone from a shy person that would not dream of talking to even a small group of people to a very outgoing, outspoken person that loves being in front of a crowd. I know several people that will tell almost the exact same story. I feel like these classes are necessary to building the character of students. However, there is no way to show on a test characteristics like leadership, time management, public speaking skills or teamwork that are crucial to a person's success in life. Another student pushed to the side

is foreign language. In my opinion, knowing a second or third language is extremely beneficial to everyone. There were foreign exchange students at my high school and it was amazing to me how different their school structure is from ours, mainly the inclusion of foreign languages, which then helps these students learn so much more. Research has proven that students who begin learning a second language at an early age have a higher memory capacity and learn other subjects better than students who never learn a second language. Wake County Schools and many others across the state are trying to push Spanish out altogether. Lack of funding coupled with more stress on testing the three R's has made it hard on school systems to find enough teachers or time to teach Spanish or any other foreign language classes.

Students are not learning Spanish or any other language early enough either. The learning curve for foreign languages is much greater before a student hits puberty, or around 13 years of

age. When students in first and second grade begin learning foreign languages, they grasp concepts much easier than if they wait until high school. Spanish is not a part of the accountability program though. Local school systems must implement programs to push the subjects that are part of the accountability program - reading, writing and math - and then test students on these subjects. This puts more pressure on teachers of these subjects to challenge students more, and

areas like vocational studies, foreign language studies and the arts and other cultural studies are being left behind as something students can study "on their own time."

I cannot stress enough how important it is for students to be well rounded. In just about any interview, the interviewer will ask you if you know more than one language, and how fluent you are in that language. While in many places it is not a requirement yet, it certainly is a bonus to know another language and may be that small point that puts a person ahead of someone else. Having strong leadership skills or being able to manage your time well are also helpful when trying to get a job. I think North Carolina should take a closer look at its accountability program and try to implement ways to include the subjects that are being left behind.

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beat Towe's college team.

And keying on one player isn't an option for State. Seven Cajuns average nine or more points per game, and five, including Bridges (10.3 points per game), average double figures. The leading scorer is senior guard Antione Landry (13.2), but any one of top seven is capable of leading the team in points on any night.

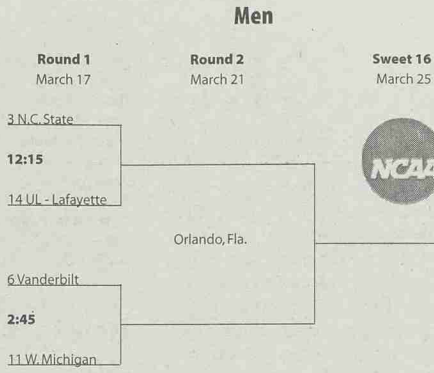
"We don't need any one person more than anyone else," Bridges said. "Any given Sunday someone's gonna put up numbers for us. If someone gets hurt, we've got another player to step up."

Coach Jessie Evans' team also features one of the most prolific 3-point shooters in the country in 6-foot-6 guard Brad Boyd. He fired 256 attempts from behind the arc this season in an average of more than nine per game -- hitting 36 percent.

"And once he gets going, Bridges said, there isn't no stopping him."

As a team, the Cajuns shoot the 3 almost as much as the Wolfpack, averaging two less attempts per game (22) than State. But as Bridges says, most of his team's 3s come in transition, right after a tough pressing defense has forced a turnover or after a long rebound.

"That's our game right there," said Bridges, a native of New Orleans, which is an hour east of Lafayette. "Rebound and run the court. Try to force a team into turnovers, play a full-court game, get the loose ball and run-



and-gun."

Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek said Sunday night that the team his Wolfpack will play in the opening round reminds him a lot of his own club.

"They seemed to be they were a team could play a lot of different ways, give you looks of their lineup," the coach said. "Perimeter players were just sensational. The kind of guys that can play anywhere."

The kind of guys that can put a scare into favorites, too.

In late December, Louisiana-Lafayette fell agonizingly short of upsetting then-highly ranked Arizona on the road, losing by three.

Evans earned a national title ring in 1997 serving as an assistant under Lute Olsen on the Arizona bench. The coach took over in Lafayette the following season and has guided the Cajuns to six winning seasons and four 20-win seasons, including three

consecutive.

Bridges didn't know if his teammates had ever been to Orlando in the past or to Disney World. He had been as a kid on family vacations, he said, but going back again, for the tournament, is what he's been anticipating for three years.

He and his teammates aren't just there to visit Mickey and Donald and Pluto, either.

"With our team, I feel like if we come to play every game, we'll give any team problems," Bridges said. "We've got to come play as a team. I'm not doubting any other team ... I'm sure they're confident in their team just like I am."

And does it matter that the Cajuns are an unfavorable No. 14? Not to Bridges.

"We were just happy to be here, it didn't matter what number we were," he said. "It could have been a No. 16 [seed], it wouldn't matter to us. We're just happy we made it."

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653-299 record all-time.

Auburn enters tournament play, however, riding something of a slump.

The Tigers have lost three of their last four games, including a 76-74 upset by Vanderbilt in the opening round of the SEC Tournament.

Ciampi is happy to be taking the Tigers back to the tournament for the 16th time as head coach after a three-year absence. He said the Tigers will attack from the inside and will play intense defense against State.

Ciampi likes the way his team matches up against the Pack.

"Hopefully we'll have a chance to be successful and start thinking about Connecticut, but N.C. State poses enough problems with [All-ACC senior center] Kaayla Chones on the inside and their ability to shoot it with Dickens and Bell on the outside," Ciampi said. "We have our work cut out for us."

Most notably, Ciampi worries about the dominance of the inside of Chones.

"She's a terror on the boards," Ciampi said. "But I feel with the type of defense we have I think we can be effective."

We feel that our ability to spread the court out offensively and attack them will be a big key with our perimeter people."

And the Pack isn't thinking about looking past the Tigers



toward the Huskies, either.

State also enters the tournament on a skid, losing three of its last four games.

Several days ago, State players weren't even sure if they would garner a bid to the tournament, as some Internet sites like ESPN.com predicted the Pack wouldn't make it.

And that was something that weighed heavily on Yow's mind.

"We looked at all of [those Internet sites] and we even corresponded with some of the people doing the brackets and they didn't have us in," Yow said. "We were 7-3 in our last 10 games, we went to the semifinals of our conference tournament, we were third in the ACC, our conference is third in the nation in RPI, we have the 12th toughest schedule in the country and a 49 RPI ranking. But still when you

have [to wait so long] it starts to make you think and a lot of things go through your head."

But the selection committee looked past State's early struggles and late-season slip-ups against Duke and Georgia Tech by rewarding the Pack a spot in the tournament.

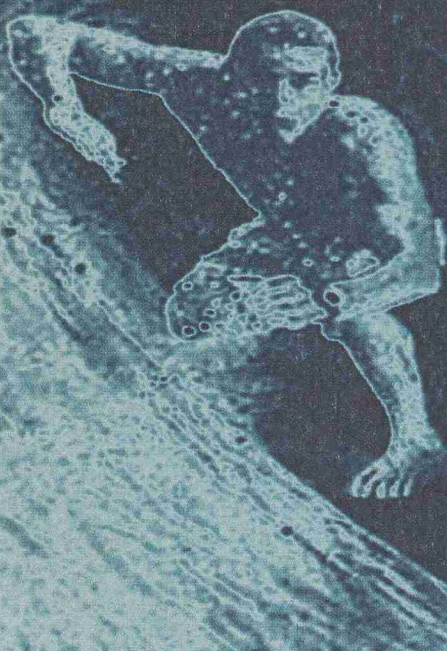
The team celebrated the news Sunday evening, but went back to practice Monday.

Yow began watching game film of Auburn Monday morning and she's impressed with what she's seen so far.

"They have a very strong team," Yow said. "They're well-balanced inside and outside and they play in a very tough conference. It will be a tough game for us but we'll keep working hard all this week and prepare for them as best we can."

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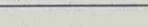
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CARTER

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ber when the Cardinals were ranked among the top-10 teams in the country? Well, they weren't that good, but neither was Mississippi State when it was top-five. If Rick Pitino can get his team past Xavier, it could be dangerous.

Did you know: Why Arizona played so bad throughout the season, despite starting five future pros? Lute Olsen doesn't, either.

Phoenix region
Regional rank: second-toughest

Going sweet: Stanford, Maryland, N.C. State, Connecticut

Might flop: Maryland. I was there. I saw John Gilchrist step into a phone booth outside the

Greensboro Coliseum, walk in the arena doors and play like Superman. For three games, the Terrapins couldn't miss. It can't continue, can it?

Sentimental favorite: Texas San-Antonio. Nobody has hosted the Final Four since UCLA in 1972. The 16th-seeded Road Runners are four wins away from doing it.

Darkhorse: Western Michigan. The late Jim Valvano once said he hated to play directional schools in the tournament. His former team shouldn't want to play the Eagles in a possible second round match-up.

Did you know: That Stanford U. contains all the necessary letters to spell fraud?

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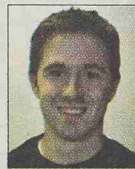
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Darkhorses and flops

One of the local staples of March is when News & Observer sports columnist Caulton Tudor pens his annual NCAA Tournament analysis column. Along with the original "Rim Shots," which was a short-lived weekly humor column covering ACC basketball in the mid-1990s, Tudor's NCAA piece is my favorite local newspaper literature.



Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

The basic format of the analysis is classic, with such headings as "Going sweet," "Darkhorse," and, everyone's favorite, "Might flop." Funny thing was that every time I used Tudor's analysis as a guide, it'd be me flopping in a tournament pool. Since I've received death threats over my last column, I figure my chances to emulate the venerable Tudor are limited -- at any moment my bodyguards could succumb to the torch-wielding, stone-throwing angry mob that protests my existence daily.

That's one motivation for this cheap imitation. The other is the fact that Tudor was robbed of his space this year, getting to write only a measly paragraph about each region. Apparently tradition means nothing. Who's going sweet? What about the darkhorses? Can I get a sentimental favorite?

No, you can't. Not this year. But you will get this: a shoddy, second-rate analysis from yours truly.

St. Louis Region

Regional rank: easiest
Going sweet: Washington, Kansas, Georgia Tech, Gonzaga
Might flop: Kentucky is almost certain to flop. The Wildcats as the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament? Tubby Smith must have bought that seeding off eBay.

Sentimental favorite: Valparaiso. If Bryce Drew still had eligibility, Valpo would be unbeatable. Good thing the Crusaders still have the Drew mystique.

Darkhorse: Nevada. The Wolf Pack (two words out west, apparently) beat Kansas earlier this season and has won 14 of 16 games, including a breeze through the mighty WAC Tournament.

Did you know: That 11-seeded Utah's mascot is the Utes, which is what Joe Pesci calls young people in the 1992 film "My Cousin Vinny"?

East Rutherford Region

Regional rank: second-easiest
Going sweet: Texas Tech, Wake Forest, Pittsburgh, Oklahoma State
Might flop: St. Joseph's. No question the Hawks deserved a No. 1 seed and there's also no question they'll flop. In the ACC, St. Joe's finishes no better than fifth.

Sentimental favorite: Liberty. After the Flames became the first 16-seed to ever beat a No. 1, they'll become everyone's favorite.

Darkhorse: Even though Wisconsin played in a weak Big 10, there's something favorable about a team playing ball the way it was meant to be played with sound fundamentals. Plus, the Badgers should be upset with a head-scratching 6-seed.

Did you know: That Liberty will become the first 16-seed to ever defeat a No. 1?

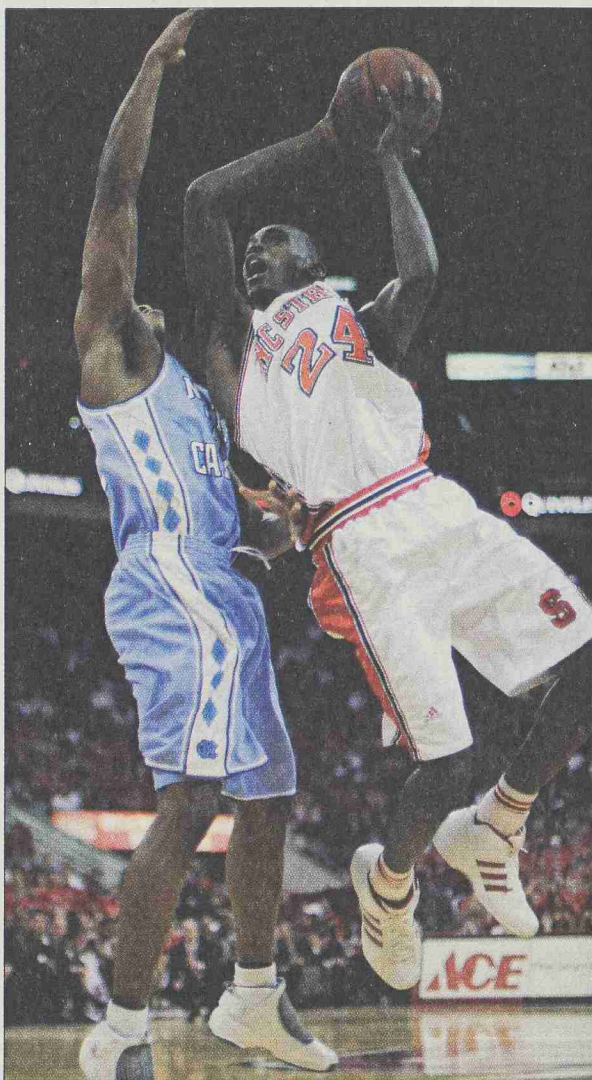
Atlanta Region

Regional rank: toughest
Going sweet: Duke, Illinois, Texas, Louisville
Might flop: North Carolina. Of course it wouldn't be a "flop" if the No. 6 seed lost early, but with the way the pundits are talking up a team that can't play defense and has no chemistry, anything less than a national title win by 37 points would be a flop.

Sentimental favorite: Princeton. Gotta root for the Ivy League. No athletic scholarships, no real commercialization. A bunch of guys who look like your buddies at the Y.

Darkhorse: Louisville. Remem-

Ragin Cajuns ready to dance



Julius Hodge, going up against Rashad McCants (left), and company will have to deal with a balanced Ragin' Cajun attack that includes senior guard Laurie Bridges.



RAY BLACK (TECHNICIAN) (LEFT) ULL MEDIA RELATIONS (RIGHT)

SUN BELT CONFERENCE CHAMPION LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE IS PRIMED FOR ITS FIRST NCAA BERTH SINCE 2000.

Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

Just after they had beaten New Orleans for the Sun Belt Conference championship last Tuesday night, the Ragin' Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette learned there'd be a parade in their honor through downtown Lafayette and finishing at the main building on campus.

Days later, led by police cars with lights blaring, the Cajuns made their way onto university grounds and into a celebratory party. Having earned their first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 2000, there was reason for joy.

"But there wasn't too many people [at the parade]," said 6-foot-4 guard Laurie Bridges. "I don't know man ... I guess a lot of the people didn't know where it was at."

That's fine by Bridges. The senior who

has spent three years on the brink of the NCAA Tournament is finally dancing, and right before the ballroom was about to close.

"It's a great feeling," he said by telephone after a team practice Monday. "We've been working hard three years to get here. It's great for the team. Me being a senior, having one last chance, that just motivated me more to get us where we are."

By virtue of capturing the Sun Belt's automatic bid, the Ragin' Cajuns (20-8) earned the No. 14 seed in the Phoenix Regional and the task of playing third-seeded N.C. State (20-9) in Orlando, Fla. on Friday at 12:15 p.m.

Louisiana-Lafayette didn't know its opponent until Sunday evening, well after it had clinched a return to the tournament five days earlier. In the days leading to Selection Sunday, Bridges said the only

thoughts running through his head were where and who his team would play. And once it became official, once the Cajuns finally saw their name on the television screen just after 6:30 Sunday night, the team erupted.

"A bunch of yelling and cheering," Bridges said when asked to describe the atmosphere at a team gathering to watch the bracket announcements. "A bunch of celebrating. We finally did it, that's what we hoped for and we got it."

Despite winning 20 or more games the previous two seasons, the Cajuns were NIT bound after two disappointing losses in the conference tournament. This season, the team finally broke through by defeating a team coached by one of the best point guards in N.C. State history, Monte Towe. Now, the Cajuns will try to

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Inside: Louisiana-Lafayette

Location: Lafayette, La.
Enrollment: 16,208
In-state tuition: \$1,469.75
Did you know? Louisiana-Lafayette changed its name from Southwestern Louisiana in 1999. According to the school's Web site, "The new name better reflects its status as the state's second-largest university and an institution with statewide and national — rather than regional — influence."
Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns
Record: 20-8
RPI: 71
Tournament appearances: 8 (4-8 all-time)
Last appearance: 2000, lost to fourth-seeded Tennessee 63-58 in the first round
SOURCES: www.louisiana.edu, www.collegerpi.com

Tigers pose inside-outside threat to Pack



Senior Terah James and State face Auburn to open the NCAA Tournament Sunday.

Auburn, N.C. State's opponent in the opening round of the women's NCAA Tournament, is led by the tandem of senior forward Le'Coe Willingham and junior guard Natasha Brackett.

Jon Page
 Senior Staff Writer

Soon after N.C. State women's basketball players learned they will face Auburn in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament Sunday evening, many of them started calling friends and family on cell phones to spread the good news.

Senior forward Alvine Mendeng started by calling her high school coach, then her stepmother, next her brother and finally an old friend.

But it wasn't just any ordinary old acquaintance.

On the other end of the line was a for-

mer teammate of Mendeng's - Shambrica Jones, a 6-foot senior forward from Kentucky. Mendeng, a 6-foot-1-inch native of Douala, Cameroon played for the Wildcats for one season before transferring to State. Jones was her roommate at Kentucky.

Jones quickly congratulated Mendeng and the Pack on making it to the tournament, and then she told Mendeng everything she remembered of her team's 71-54 loss to Auburn earlier this season.

"She told me that they had a pretty good team," Mendeng said. "She told me that I need to watch the high-low game that they play in the post. She said they have quick guards and they have a very strong inside game."

Auburn (21-8) senior forward Le'Coe Willingham paced the Tigers all season averaging 16.4 points per game including 9.2 rebounds per game.

And as for those quick guards, one was so quick she escaped State (17-14) to play

for the Tigers.

Pack guards Kendra Bell, Nanna Rivers, Terah James and Marquetta Dickens will have to battle with 5-foot-9-inch junior guard Natasha Brackett. A graduate of Providence Day School in Charlotte, Brackett averaged 12.3 ppg this season for the Tigers in addition to pulling down just under four rebounds a game.

N.C. State coach Kay Yow remembers recruiting Brackett until State got an early commitment from another player.

"They have a great player with Brackett," Yow said. "She's done a great job for them."

Auburn won the NIT Championship last season and is under the direction of Joe Ciampi, who in his 24th season at Auburn is the 10th-winningest active coach among Division I coaches. His career record at Auburn (567-202) almost mirrors his counterpart in Yow who boasts a 597-280 record at State and

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