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Fine spurs cleanup in labs

Fined department has made changes in its labs to comply with DENR regulations.

Charles Duncan
Senior Staff Reporter

Since being slapped with a \$10,000 fine for hazardous waste violations, administrators in the N.C. State Department of Chemistry say they've taken the necessary steps to comply with safety standards.

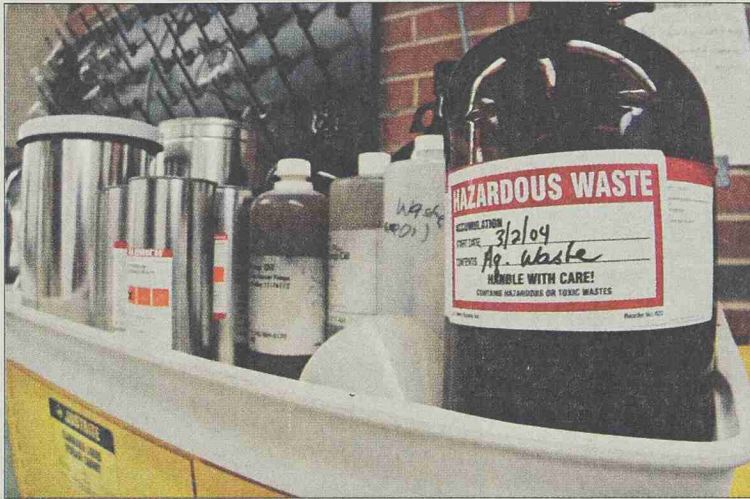
The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, DENR, fined the chemistry department at the beginning of this year.

The \$10,560 fine came after a warning from the DENR last summer and a failure to implement changes in the time given.

The violations included unmarked or uncapped waste bottles, evidence of spillage on waste bottles and problems with secondary containment for waste.

"We acknowledge the violations that were cited, and as has been noted we have taken steps to address specific issues, and general policies to prevent future occurrences," Bruce Novack, head of the chemistry department, said.

David Rainer, vice chancellor



N.C. State was fined for waste disposal violations in chemistry labs at the start of the year. The violations ranged from failure to screw caps on waste containers to chemical spills.

for environment and public safety, said the chemistry department has "implemented the corrective actions."

Novack said the most important changes include a training program with NCSU's Environmental Health and Safety staff, meeting

with the DENR to discuss and clarify the violations, purchasing new equipment and initiating a regular self-inspection program.

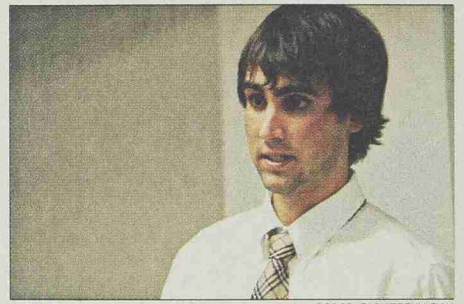
The new self-inspection regime will monitor safety and compliance with state regulations.

One faculty member has been

assigned to each floor in Dabney Hall and one floor in Cox to inspect safety compliance.

"They inspect their floors and report in writing to me once a month," Novack said.

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Matt Middleton, a candidate for Technician editor in chief, addresses questions posed by the Student Media Board Tuesday about his goals for the publication. Matt was one of two media heads hired at the meeting.

SMA names media heads

After qualifications eliminated two candidates, the board hired an editor in chief for the Nubian Message and Technician.

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

After much ado, the Student Media Authority named Matt Middleton, a senior in mass communications and English, as editor in chief of Technician and Robert White, a senior in mass communication, as the editor in chief of the Nubian Message.

Jerry Blackmon, a graduate student in English, was also a contender for editor in chief of the Nubian Message. His application was not considered after he refused to sign a waiver that would release academic records to the SMA board. Such records are used to determine if media heads meet basic academic criteria.

The board debated whether Blackmon — who had concerns about his right to privacy — should be required to sign the waiver. Many members of the board argued that the candidates are students first and thus priorities should lie in maintaining sound academic standing before they tackle weighty leadership positions. Blackmon stood by his right for privacy but was not considered after the board passed a motion to refuse his application.

Before the board named Robert White editor in chief, White encountered his own

problems when it came to his remaining time at the university. According to SMA policy, potential media heads must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.25 and be able to hold the position for two semesters.

White said he intends to graduate in December, leaving the board to debate whether the summer and fall count for two semesters or whether his application should also be refused. The board elected to hire White after the chairman broke a 3-3 tie.

"I trust the boards decision to elect me as editor in chief and I am satisfied with their decision. I plan to have a strong staff, strong structure in terms of content, aesthetics and photography," said White after the meeting.

SMA policy also caused problems for Ben McNeely, a senior in psychology and current Viewpoint editor. The board reiterated the importance of maintaining sound academic performance and passed a motion to refuse his application.

Following an active question and answer session of the remaining candidates, Jessica Horne, a sophomore in social work, and Middleton, the board went into a closed session. Shortly after, Middleton was named editor in chief by a 2-1 vote.

"I will do my best every hour of every day to produce quality," Middleton said. "This is my life, I will be accessible to all students about any matter they wish to discuss."

White and Middleton will begin their duties April 1.

Tuition tops leaders' minds

Potential officers agree with students' opposition to the proposed tuition increases, and they are already working against the hikes.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

"It just simply does not make sense to increase tuition when there are students that are just barely making it through college financially," Mital M. Patel, a junior in computer science, said. "Many of these students have to work long hours, resulting in lower academic performance and an overall less rewarding experience in college."

Patel, a candidate for the student body treasurer position, has an opinion about the potential tuition increase, and he along with many of the other spring election candidates will be putting aside their handbills and campaign slogans on Friday to travel to UNC-Chapel Hill for the UNC Board of Governors meeting. The board members will most likely vote on campus-initiated tuition increases (CITIs) for the UNC System's 16 universities at that meeting.

Many of the higher-level student government officers have responsibilities relating to tuition issues, and while future elected officials may not have

to deal with this issue next year, they are still voicing their concerns about the \$300 increase for three years that N.C. State students may see next fall.

While the senior class president, a position that will be on the ballot this spring, usually focuses on fun activities for seniors and not tuition increases, Patrick Cleary, a senior in pulp and paper science, believes that the senior class president can play a part. Cleary has already spent the year on the tuition and fees committee in the Student Senate.

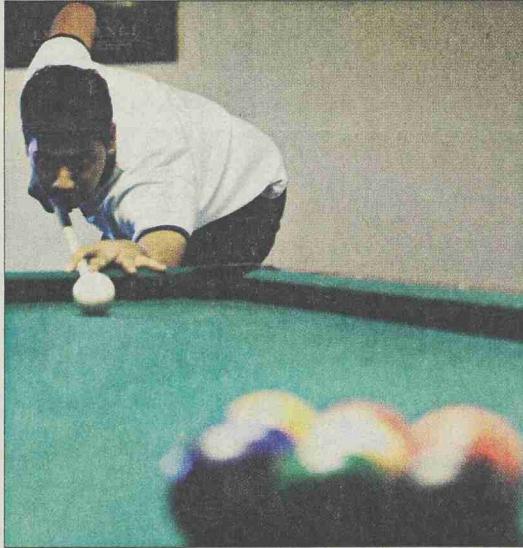
"The SCP should rally alumni to put pressure on the school and the legislature to keep the school affordable for all students," Cleary said. The SCP holds a seat on the alumni association board. While Cleary will not be at the meeting on Friday because of a class conflict, he has worked to convince students to go.

"If the BOG passes the tuition increase, I think the students need to know three things: put pressure on their elected representatives to stop any increases from the legislature, put pressure on the school to prevent future CITIs and unfortunately work harder this summer," Cleary said.

The student body treasurer candidates have to know how to work with money, and both candidates for next year agree that anyone in the treasurer

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Freshman Suraj Patel prepares to break during a game of 9 ball against Benjamin Perryman. Patel and Perryman were practicing for a pool tournament Tuesday night. After Patel jumped the cue ball off the table Perryman joked, "When you go down on [the queball] it pops up...right off the table."

Run raises assault awareness

The fourth annual Run for Respect kicks off Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Rachael Rogers
Senior Staff Reporter

Each spring, students and members of the surrounding community team up and participate in the Run for Respect, an event geared towards raising awareness about sexual assault and relationship violence. Aside from raising awareness about these issues, the proceeds will benefit the Women to Women Program and the Men's Program on campus, as well as Interact of Raleigh. The fourth annual Run for Respect will take place March 27 on Centennial Campus at 10:30 a.m.

"The run is entitled 'Run for Respect' because its goal is to promote respect for women on

and off campus," Laura Hutfless, a senior in graphic design and a past participant, said. "Even though women's rights have improved over the past decade, violence and disrespect towards women still exist and the run helps to benefit groups that are working to raise awareness of these issues and help people overcome them."

The run and the programs not only raise awareness about women's issues, but awareness in men's issues, too.

"Sexual assault is not just a women's issue. Men are sexually assaulted too," Marianne Turnbull, coordinator of Health Promotions, said.

The Women to Women Program and the Men's Program are available to all students on campus.

The focus of the class is sexual assault, relationship violence, alcohol and the perception of women in the media. Students

Ready to run?

Students who are interested in running or walking can register in Health Promotions at the Student Health Center. The run is a 5K run that can be done competitively or as recreation.

take a self-defense class and do a one hour program in classes, residence halls, sororities and any other groups on campus that desire this type of training and education.

"The Men's Program is the twist of the Women to Women Program. The focus is on what it is to be a man in this society and why masculinity supports a rape culture," said Turnbull.

"Many students have experienced problems in their lives that these groups address," Hutfless said. "These groups not only

raise awareness but provide a place where students can go to get help and deal with the issues in their lives. Some students may not have anywhere else to go, and on campus groups are convenient and are not intimidating."

In order for these programs to continue, the two groups work together. ☞ *nake Run for Respect* happen each year.

"The run pulls in money for them to do those things. Also a quarter of the money goes to Interact, the Raleigh rape crisis center," Turnbull said.

The run kicks off Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which begins in April. The idea is to get people thinking about the issues.

"It's about positive relationships," Turnbull said. "The reality is to put it out there so people will have more positive relationships."

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Weather causes confusion

Most canceled classes are not made up, and professors ponder how they will make up for lost time in their lesson plans.

Kate Renner
Staff Reporter

When N.C. State posts the cancellation of school due to weather, most students relax and fall back asleep. The thought of the missed day of material and a skewed curriculum may not bother students, but many professors have to work long and hard to adjust their coursework.

Wake County public schools are required to add school days to their semester to make up for missed days due to weather. Fortunately for most students, N.C. State has chosen to follow the current schedule without any additional days or losing any days off breaks.

"The decision about lost classes and laboratory time is best left to individual faculty. Although classes were canceled, I know that many faculty and students were exchanging e-mails dealing with coursework and assignments," Provost James Oblinger said.

This semester has had three days of classes cancelled and two days of delayed classes. Some professors feel that they have had to rearrange a lot to cover all classroom material.

"I hate rearranging my syllabus," Patricia Lynne, an assistant professor in the English department, said. After her freshman composition class missed four days of classes, Lynne could no longer cram her material in the remaining days. She had to drop a paper and fold the concepts into already existing assignments.

"My senior class only missed one day of class versus the three or four days my freshman class missed. But I don't think the freshmen put as much thought as the seniors would into how their education is being compromised."

Many other professors consider the weather while making their courses' syllabi.

"At the beginning of the year I always plan ahead with a contingency built into the spring semester in cases of weather," Cynthia Zuckerman, a communications professor, said.

Classes meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are suffering more than Tuesday and Thursday classes because weather canceled Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes more often.

"I had a teacher that basically dropped our mid-term and made it up with an assignment," Matthew Cline, a freshman in history, said.

Another student has not been as affected.

"The weather hasn't hurt my Tuesday/Thursday classes because we've only missed one day of class. Material is compro-

mised when it starts to reach two to three missed days," Raymond Garrett-Peters, a graduate student in sociology, said.

David Covington, associate professor in the English department explained that much of his classroom material is on the Web, and much of the material students can cover at home.

"Since I've missed only one day of classes, even a lecturing fool wouldn't be greatly affected," Covington said. Although he does admit, "Anytime class time is interrupted it is always a problem."

Professors teaching night courses feel they are affected the most. Roland Stephen, an assistant professor in political science and public administration, teaches a fairly intense graduate class that the weather has canceled. "To lose a class creates a bump in the curriculum, since a week's work of material was missed," Stephen said. "I'll lop a week of review off at the back end of the semester."

Many professors agree that the missed days of classes are a headache to make up, but most students and professors are pleased that the administration will not extend the school year into the summer.

"This semester is already very stressful and so I wouldn't want to stay any longer into the summer, I'm so glad that we don't have any extra days of classes," Sania Masoud, a freshman in physics, said.

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position needs to understand the realities of tuition.

"The SBT should be responsible for helping to formulate the unified approach students take with the student body president to fight tuition increases and help to educate the student body about tuition," Patel said.

Patel believes his experience with both areas makes him a viable candidate for the position. He will miss class to go to the BOG meeting on Friday, and he and Tony Caravano, the current student body president who is running for re-election next year, have drafted letters that ask teachers to give any students an excused absence who will miss class in order to attend.

Patel has gained a lot of insight in the tuition process by working with fellow student Amanda Devore on the Personal Stories Project.

He developed and designed the personal stories Web site that many students used to submit their stories and find out more about the book. Langley, a freshman in political science and Patel's opponent, supported the book as well. He attended the personal stories press conference and has spoken with students on how they can fight increases.

"Students should play a vital role in this struggle," Langley said. He will also be attending the BOG meeting and he hopes to continue to inspire students to make their voices heard.

"I always encourage students to write to the BOG or their legisla-

tures if they really care about any issue," Langley said.

For Will Quick, a freshman in political science and biomedical engineering, the tuition increase could not come at a worse time. Quick is running for student senate president.

"The current proposal flat out scares me," Quick said. "Students who are freshmen or sophomores like myself will be paying these increases for the rest of the time they are at State and if these pass, what's to say that in two years the administration doesn't try for another increase?"

Quick feels that the student senate president should encourage senators to be active in the tuition and fees process.

"Whether a senator is opposed to or in favor of an increase, we need to be doing more than just voting on resolutions and then passing them on to the administration and Board of Trustees," Quick said. He has been on the tuition and fees committee in the senate for the past year and has taken part in several initiatives against the CIII. He wants every available student to join him on Friday at the meeting.

"The advantage we have as students is in our numbers," Quick said. "If we show up to planned events to oppose the increases and can get good press coverage the groups that vote on these increases will see we really do care."

Both SBP candidates agree that tuition is always a major issue for student body presidents, and Caravano has spent his year in that role fighting the increase every step of the way.

"I vehemently opposed the tuition increases since I have

been at State - especially all last semester and voted against the potential increase at the Board of Trustees meeting."

The student body president holds a seat on the Board of Trustees. Caravano himself will be driving students by van to and from campus on Friday.

"We must show up in mass on Friday," Caravano said. "Students can write letters this week to members of the BOG as well as members of the legislature."

Student body president candidate Scott Dworkin, a junior in political science and sociology, also wants students to join him at UNC-Chapel Hill on Friday.

"I think that the students care that there may be a tuition increase, but they do not believe that the students can actually fight against the tuition increase," Dworkin said. "Students can work together as a whole and truly display that no one at this university wants tuition to go up."

Dworkin believes that any person in the position he is running for should be an activist for students in causes like the tuition battle. He also supports the Association for Student Governments, which has been very vocal with tuition issues.

Dworkin, Caravano, Cleary and Quick all agree that student support at the meeting could sway the BOG to decrease the increases proposed by the 16 universities.

"I've spoken some with ASG president Jonathan Ducote on the matter and it seems very likely that if we can get students to attend the meeting on Friday and show our opposition to the increase that the board will decrease the proposed increases by at least one-third," Quick said.

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It's still one of those secretive things and we really want to get people talking about it."

Those who have participated in the past have had very positive experiences.

"It is a great time of year to have a race. The race is always well-organized and fun for participants. It also supports a great cause," Robin Baxter, a participant in last year's run, said.

Students do not have to necessarily run the race in order to participate. Many people come out to walk and others come out just to cheer others on and watch the race.

"We like to encourage people to come out and just support the cause," Turnbull said.

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Novak said that Environmental Health and Safety on campus "has been very helpful in correcting deficiencies."

Novak said representatives from Environmental Health and Safety will meet with faculty and students "to go over waste management and safety issues."

When liquids are transferred from one container to another, small spills can take place that can run onto the bottle's label.

Having a label with streak markings is against DENR regulations. The chemistry department is exploring using laminated labels to prevent streaking.

In the meantime, when a spill occurs that damages the label, the spill must be cleaned and a new label attached.

Uncapped waste bottles also violated state regulations for hazardous waste. State guidelines say all waste bottles must

be sealed when not in use.

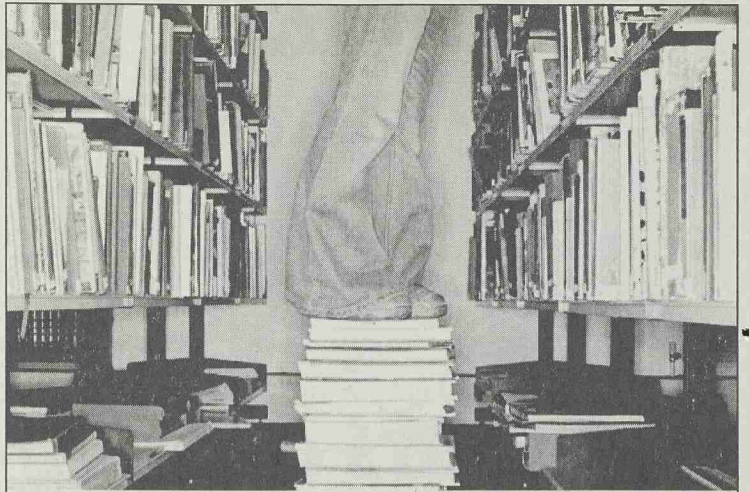
"Most of these violations resulted from workers leaving funnels in waste containers after disposing of waste rather than removing it and recapping the containers," Novak said.

Novak said the chemistry department has stopped leaving funnels in waste containers and is looking into purchasing funnels with sealable tops.

Other violations included not using secondary containment for waste receptacles or having spills in the secondary containers.

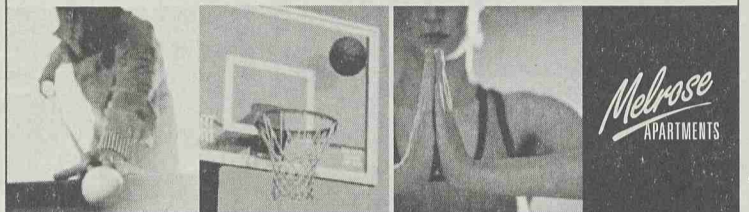
DENR regulations say all waste containers must sit in a secondary container and any spills that occur in the secondary vessel must be cleaned at that time. Novak said that all hazardous waste receptacles now have secondary containers and spill will be cleaned up immediately.

Novak expressed concern over the violations, but said, "Safety is a high priority for us and we continue to work to improve our practice of it."



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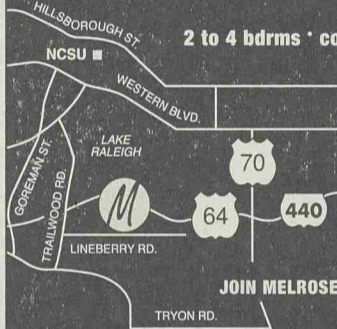
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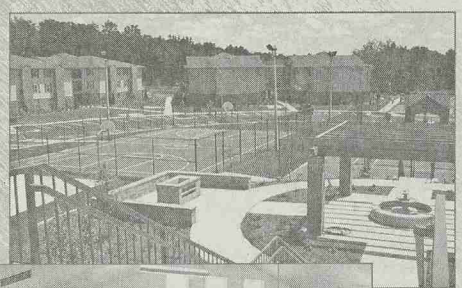
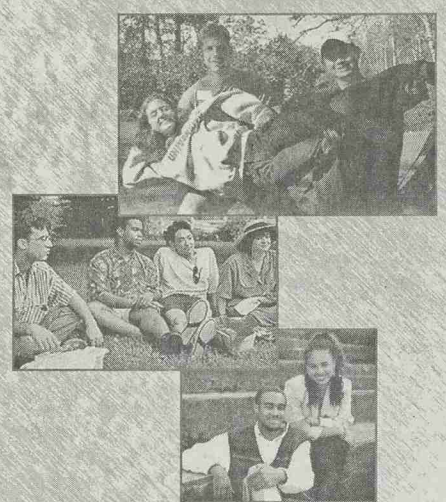
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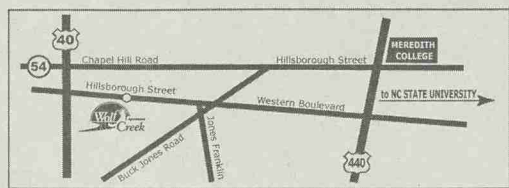


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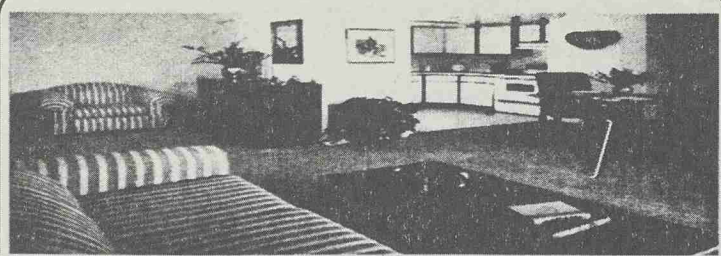
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OUR OPINION: NCAA MEMBER SCHOOLS MUST REPORT THEIR GRADUATION RATES, BUT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION TRANSFERS AND STUDENTS TURNING PRO BEFORE THEY GRADUATE.

It's March Madness time again. Time to get out the foam rubber fingers, face paint and tickets to the NCAA Tournament in support of the 64 teams that made it to the Big Dance. No need to worry about whether or not the participating universities are not graduating their athletes on time or not. At least the NCAA is not worrying about it.

According to the NCAA 2003 Graduation Report, which is a long-term study that reaches back to 1993 and reports on scholarship athletes that graduated within six years, 37 out of the 65 men's teams that are competing in this year's tournament did not publish the graduation rates of their African-American players. Sixteen of those schools did not publish graduation records at all.

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Colleges that failed to report are Universities of Cincinnati, Kentucky, Louisville, Virginia Commonwealth University and Alabama State University.

Some universities, like Nevada and Alabama, reported African-American athlete graduation rates at 0 percent, with a 13 percent overall rate at Alabama and a 20 percent overall rate at Nevada.

Compare this to schools like Duke, Valparaiso, Stanford, Gonzaga and Air Force, which reported at least a 67 percent graduation rate for African-Americans.

This lack of information comes in compliance with a new interpretation in federal law that requires suppression of information that pertains to only a few students. However, the idea that colleges can withhold graduation information because of a small sample size is ludicrous at best.

This suppression of significant statistics is unethical, immoral and, more

importantly, illegal. Universities give out millions of dollars in scholarship money every year to their student-athletes and enforce academic standards in order for the athlete to compete in intercollegiate sports. The first job of a university is to educate and graduate students into the working world.

At the same time, the NCAA should take into account how many players transfer to another school or join a professional league before they graduate. These sorts of defections do skew graduation numbers in a negative way, to where the university is reporting only a 50 percent graduation rate, for example.

Either way, universities need to report their graduation numbers in full and the NCAA should enforce the rule to the letter.

Just because a loophole in a federal law was found doesn't mean the NCAA can, and should, stop doing the right thing.

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We should have a party...with beer

Zack Medford proposes a new campus event - a party on Hillsborough Street, complete with live music and alcohol.

People complain all the time that we no longer have any real traditions at this university.

Okay, well here's a good way to play by the rules and create one for the ages.

We need tradition back on this campus, and what could be a better tradition than a huge party?

We know that police don't like Brent Road. The party had underage drinking, incidents of violence and plenty of fires. The worst part about the party, in the eyes of the law, was that it took place in a residential area.

Old people were disturbed by the party and that horrible noise called "rap music" blasting through their walls.

To solve this problem, we must take the party off Brent Road and bring it somewhere closer to home: Hillsborough Street.

Now, plenty of people feel that drinking alcohol is wrong and immoral and that we should never do it ever.

Personally, I think that responsible indulgence of alcohol is quite moral indeed.

In fact, because a large number of students at our beloved university are given the right to drink alcohol by the very foundations of our country, I think we should celebrate our patriotism by having beer at this party.

It'd be sweet to have this party in the Brickyard, but we all know how hard that would be.

The university has had a strong aversion to alcohol for the last 10 years, and that pretty much means we aren't going to have the party on campus, but maybe they'll grant us (and the city of Raleigh) the right to use some of their sidewalks.

We're going to shut down two blocks of Hillsborough Street and divert traffic onto Vanderbilt Avenue.

Let's build a partnership with one of the local radio stations and make this a huge event.

We'll build a stage and invite many local bands and one big-name band to come play. Police will monitor the festivities and keep everyone safe.

The only way to get into the party

will be to show your ID. If you are 21, you will receive a brightly colored wristband. If you are not 21, you will get those big black X's on your hands. People below the age of 18 cannot attend the party at this time. We can think about doing that next year.

Everyone will pay a small admission fee, and that money can go toward covering expenses, as well as serve some humanitarian purpose.

Police will make sure that no one is drinking alcohol without a wristband. Depending on how the city wants to proceed, we can either have alcohol vendors on the street or keep it as a strictly BYOB occasion.

I'd say we should let there be vendors, but you know damn well that'll mean \$5 Budweisers, and we are broke college students after all.

The businesses on Hillsborough Street will remain open, so we can go grab a slice of pizza or whatever.

This will help acquaint new students to the rich traditions contained in Hillsborough Street staple establishments like Two Guys and Mitch's Tavern.

The party will also bring in a lot of money to the city, and everyone likes economic boosts.

We can have food vendors at the party too, selling concessions and T-shirts to commemorate the event.

The chancellor herself can introduce one of the bands, maybe we could get Chuck Amato up there too.

This is not just a big idea, this is something that we need to make a reality.

1. The party is not in a residential neighborhood. It's downtown. Instead of upsetting neighbors, businesses are making a profit.

2. There will not be any underage drinking. The police presence will see to that.

3. We will build a strong bond between the city of Raleigh and the university.

We used to have that bond in the past, but times have changed. Now we can finally get back on course.

4. We can finally have alcohol legally at an N.C. State party.

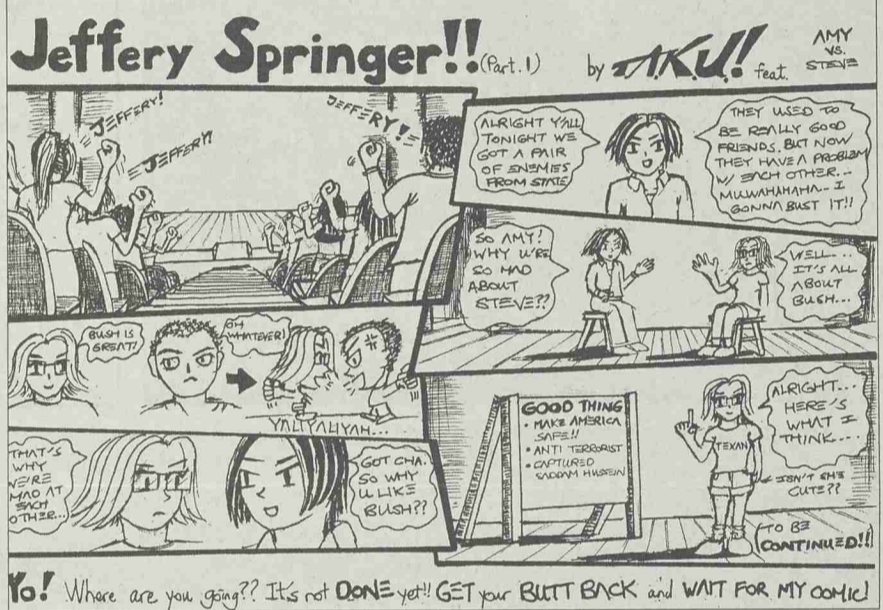
5. We will have our tradition, once and for all.

It's gonna be sweet.

Wanna become a part of this new tradition? E-mail Zack at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



Zack Medford
 Senior Staff Columnist



Yo! Where are you going? It's not DONE yet!! GET your BUTT BACK and WAIT FOR MY COMIC!

Milking a story for its worth

UNC-Chapel Hill started a summer reading program to better educate their students. But was there an ulterior motive? Andrew Payne presents a "headline-grabbing" theory.

"Carolina is the bastion of Liberal ideology!" Conservatives are quick to quip. As proof, they point to the first year program as an example of UNC-Chapel Hill's liberal tendencies.

For the past two years, Conservatives, including students and Republican North Carolina legislators, have harshly criticized the campus administration for its summer reading selections.

For the 2002 summer, the university chose "Approaching the Qu'ran: The Early Revelations" by Haverford College religion professor Michael Sells. The summer reading choice came on the heels of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Because the book focused on Muslim doctrine, some Christian students filed a lawsuit in federal court claiming the required reading violated their constitutional rights. Republican state legislators said the book depicted Islam too kindly and threatened to cut state funding to the school. The UNC Board of Governors went as far as to consider a resolution condemning the book selection. Ultimately the courts dismissed the lawsuit and the legislators muted their pressure.

In 2003, the university chose Barbara Ehrenreich's "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America." In "Nickel and Dimed," Ehrenreich travels around the country taking low wage jobs to demonstrate the plight of poor America. Like "Approaching the Qu'ran" the book sparked ire from Republican lawmakers, conservative students and interest groups. Opponents placed full-page ads in the News & Observer and the campus

newspaper The Daily Tar Heel claiming that this was another example of Carolina's leftist-Liberal leanings.

For this year's required summer reading a nine member panel, made up of faculty and students, has chosen "Absolutely American: Four Years at West Point" by David Lipsky. The book recounts the lives of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy. "Absolutely American" was chosen over another book about the ethics of human cloning and the ethics of genetic engineering.

Why all the background information? To convince you that UNC-Chapel Hill is dedicated to the laurels of academic freedom? Not really. I believe few would argue that Carolina suppresses the tenets of academic freedom.

When the initial controversy over the reading program erupted, Carolina was slipping in national prestige and rankings. A major component in national rankings, mainly the ones published in US News and World Report, is perception. Why the change in perception? Frankly the traditional "liberal education" that Carolina offered was being surpassed by a more technical education like programs existing at N.C. State.

Suddenly Carolina became less important in the higher education arena. And what better way to get back in the spotlight than controversy.

The plan worked. Carolina made headlines on the front page of every newspaper and on the airwaves of major news networks. After the first wave of national publicity state lawmakers threatened to cut the university's state appropriations. Carolina administrators didn't back down though, thus vaulting them into the headlines as champions of academic freedom. Professor Jan Bardsley, chair of UNC-Chapel Hill's book selec-

tion committee, told the Chronicle of Higher Education "when we talked about a book, we thought also about imagining it in the headlines and thinking about how it would be received."

The point is, the summer reading program is more a publicity stunt than a learning experience and has a tremendous impact on Carolina's perception.

But is that perception warranted? In recent years, some may argue that NCSU has been more politically active than Carolina. Take for example the "March on the Capital" that took place in May 2001. Over 5,000 people, mostly NCSU students, flocked down Hillsborough Street and stormed the North Carolina General Assembly demanding that lawmakers not move forward with budgets cuts to the university system totaling in the hundreds of millions of dollars. What about the time where almost 800 NCSU students staged a sit-in at D.H. Hill Library and then rallied in front of the chancellor's house, insisting she restore the library to 24-hour service. I remember a tuition rally in Chapel Hill where there were more NCSU students demonstrating than Carolina students.

Carolina is no more liberal than NCSU. They're just better able to milk a story for all its public relations worth. No - liberal political influence does not dominate Carolina, just the headlines written about it.

Chub Seawell or Jesse Helms once said he would like to put a fence around UNC-Chapel Hill and call it the state zoo. May not be a bad idea, but they will need some zookeepers and I wonder where they can find some of them.

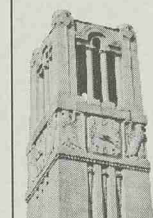
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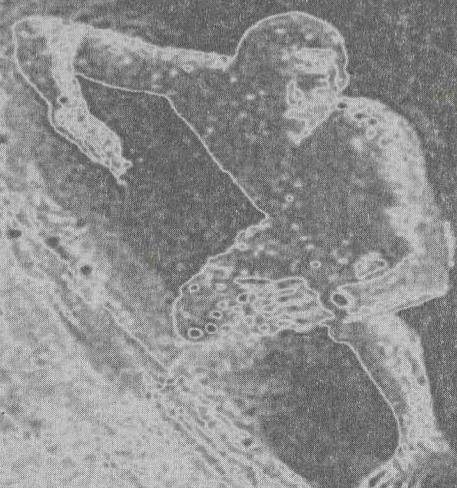


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M. tennis at UNC, 3/24
W. tennis at Furman, 3/18

Scores

No games scheduled



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They know

I always get perplexed when looking at standings in my NCAA Tournament pool, discovering that at least one woman has a legitimate shot to win the loot and bragging rights, while my bracket has completely collapsed before the Sweet 16.

It occurs

every year, and this year probably won't be any different.

How can this

be? I delayed going out to a movie with the girl I've had a crush on for several months in order to watch the ESPN three-hour bracket special and research all the match-ups.

I'm a statistical genius come March. I know everything there is to know about the Manhattan Jaspers, and its chances of pulling off the traditional 12 seed upset. I'm positive that Pittsburgh will roll to the Final Four and cut down the nets on April 5.

And I'll surely watch three of my final four teams go down in flames before the Elite-8, meanwhile, my 3-year-old niece is in the running to win the prestigious Reynolds NCAA pool.

After years of research, I've pinpointed the reason why women are often successful in NCAA Tournament pools — they don't overanalyze the brackets.

To show the basketball power struggle between the two sexes, I've used my mom as a case study to prove that us men put too much research into filling out the brackets.

Note to the reader: the conversation is based on actual events.

Mom: I think CBS accidentally left Indiana off of this bracket.

Me: Are you kidding me? Indiana was terrible this year. In fact, the whole Big 10 was terrible.

Mom: Oh well, I like the striped warm-up pants they wear, and they made it to the finals two years ago. Anyway, the East Rutherford bracket shows that St. Joe's finished the season 27-1. I think I'll pick them to go to the Final Four.

Me: You're nuts. St. Joe's just got routed by Xavier in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic-10 Tournament and is the weakest no. 1 seed I've seen in a long time. St. Joe's head coach Phil Martelli's feud with commentator Billy Packer is more entertaining than his team. Why don't you pick someone like Oklahoma St. or Pittsburgh to come out of that region?

Mom: Nope. St. Joe's only lost one game. I'll stick with them.

Me: Let's look at the St. Louis bracket. What do you think about Gonzaga finally punching their ticket to the Final Four?

Mom: Interesting — what's their mascot?

Me: The bulldogs.

Mom: I hate bulldogs. I only like beagles and dachshunds. I think I'll choose Georgia Tech instead. I assume they played pretty good this year if they are a no. 3 seed.

Me: You need to choose some upsets in the first couple of rounds. What about Washington beating Kentucky and advancing to the Sweet 16?

Mom: I'm not a fan of the north-west United States. I'll pick Louisville to advance to the Elite 8. They have that Pitino guy as their head coach, and he's really handsome.

Me: I give up. You have no hope.

Mom: If you studied in school as much as you research basketball teams then you would make straight As.

Whatever the correct prediction formula is, us males have to take action to take back what females have stolen from us — pride from picking a winning bracket. Even if it does mean picking that handsome coach from Louisville to advance to the Final Four.

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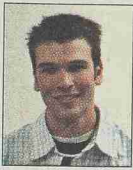
Sparking the fire

THE SPARK PLUG FOR STATE, MATT CAMP WAS ALMOST LOOKED OVER.



Matt Camp, tagging out an Elon baserunner here, has settled into the Wolfpack's starting second base position. He is second on the team in batting average, hitting .383.

ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN



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On a balmy Friday night nearly two years ago, N.C. State coach Elliot Avent watched an East-West All-Star game in nearby Chapel Hill. The game featured the top high school seniors in North Carolina.

He was there to watch Jason Duncan pitch. Duncan had signed to State earlier in the year, and Avent was taking some time out to catch yet another glimpse before he came to school in the fall.

But it wasn't Duncan who caught Avent's eye on this particular June evening.

"There was a kid playing with such intensity and emotion out there," Avent said. "I fell in love with him that night."

That kid was Matt Camp, who despite being one of the premier hitters in the state, had not been recruited by a major college. Camp had plans to go junior college until Avent approached him after the game that night.

"Coach told me he couldn't keep his eyes off me," Camp, now a sophomore, said.

The following week Camp made an official visit to State, which hosts The Citadel today at 4 p.m. Soon the little-known kid from Belmont, whose first word as a child was "ball," signed to play baseball for the Wolf-



2B MATT CAMP

AB	AVG	H	HR	RBI	R	SB
60	.383	23	1	11	16	0

pack — just weeks before classes started in Raleigh.

By Feb. 8, just a few months after signing, Camp found himself batting leadoff and starting in left field for the Wolfpack. Camp struck out in first at bat but followed that with three straight singles to begin his collegiate career. The trend continued the rest of the season. By the end of the year Camp led the team in batting average, hitting .333, the highest batting average by a State freshman in four years.

While he played most of his freshman year in left, Camp spent the summer honing his skills at second base in Thunder Bay, Ontario as part of the Northwood League. There, he had no problem with the baseball part, batting over .300 and handling

second base without a problem. His difficulties came more from his distinct southern drawl, which the Canadians were quick to point out to him.

"They gave me a lot of heat for my accent up there," he said.

Camp has moved permanently to second base this season, but remains firmly entrenched in the leadoff spot for the Pack. It's a role he has filled for his entire life, from Little League on up. By now, Camp has his strategy firmly set.

"I try to see as many pitches as I can, the main thing to do is get on base," Camp said. "You have to know what you can do."

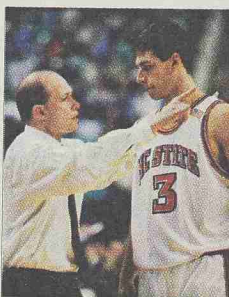
As State blazed to a 14-3 start this year, Camp has been quietly excelling at his job of getting on base. He's leading all Pack hitters in on-base percentage, reaching base safely nearly half of the times he comes to the plate.

Despite being on base all the time, one thing Camp hasn't been doing much of early in the season is stealing bases. For a team that talked a lot about manufacturing runs before the season started, having a leadoff hitter that hadn't stolen a base until last Saturday could seem a little strange.

But the lack of steals has been good news to Camp. He isn't stealing bases.

BASEBALL see page 7

Sendek grabs ACC Coach of the Year Honors



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN
Herb Sendek got 67 of a possible 93 votes.

The ACC names N.C. State basketball coach Herb Sendek Coach of the Year for the first time in his eight seasons coaching the Wolfpack.

Sports Staff Report

An ACC title still eludes him, but N.C. State coach Herb Sendek added an impressive credential to his resume Tuesday afternoon when the ACC named him Coach of the Year.

The Wolfpack coach received 67 of a possible 93 votes from members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association. Sendek's closest competition came from Georgia Tech coach

Paul Hewitt who received only 18 votes. Picked to finish fourth in the media's preseason poll, the Pack went 11-5 in league play to finish in second place in the ACC, marking the first time a State squad posted as many wins since the 1974 national championship team led by Norm Sloan.

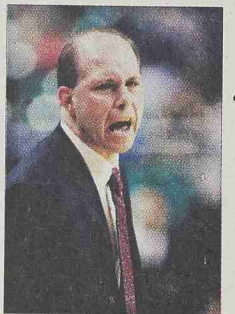
As the coach of the Pack, Sendek's record now stands at 147-107 and on Friday he will lead State into the first round of

the NCAA Tournament for the third-straight season.

While this is the first time Sendek earned the distinction as the conference's top coach, State coaches have won the award a total of nine times.

Everett Case won the award three times (1954, 1955 and 1958), Press Maravich once (1965), Sloan three times (1970, 1973 and 1974) and Jim Valvano once (1989).

The ACC also bestowed honors Tuesday upon Wake Forest guard Chris Paul as Rookie of the Year.



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN
This is the first ACC award for Sendek