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Norovirus continues to haunt students

Tara Zechini
Staff Reporter

"Wash your hands, Wolfpack," advised Dr. Mary Bengtson, medical director for Student Health Services, because the norovirus is still on the prowl.

From Feb. 9 through the start of spring break, Student Health treated more than 400 cases of norovirus. The 1-2 day illness causes gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Since Monday, Student Health has treated about 10 students a day with gastrointestinal symptoms, according to Bengtson.

"Some of them have traveled, so it is hard to say if the symptoms came from the cities they were in," Bengtson said. "Although, some students did not travel, so norovirus likely continued on through the break."

Bengtson also warned that norovirus is not just an "N.C. State disease;" it is possible to become infected from being in public.

"Think about when you are at the grocery store. When you are filling out a check and grab the pen that 40 other people touched before you, you might want to think about washing your hands after being in public," Bengtson said.

Norovirus is very contagious because it can spread easily from person to person. Vomit and bowel movements of an ill person are infectious.

People infected with norovirus are contagious from the time they begin feeling ill and may be contagious for as long as 3 weeks after recovery, according to Bengtson.

"My best friend at Carolina had it the week before I did," Matt Jones, a junior in biomedical engineering, said. "I was sick for a day and a half with the symptoms. I definitely wash my hands more now."

Students at the UNC-Chapel Hill suffered from norovirus symptoms in the

weeks prior to the outbreak at NCSU.

Officials from the Orange County Health Department said that most likely the salad bar at Top of Lenoir, one of the university's dining services, was the source of the outbreak at UNC-CH that caused gastrointestinal symptoms in more than 170 students.

"I ate the salad and I had it worst off in my suite," Michael Tevebaugh, a freshman in business and history at UNC-CH, said. "The symptoms were very severe at first. Now, I have a higher tendency to wash my hands and I certainly avoid handrails."

Food handlers need to take extra pre-

caution. The norovirus is so small that a sick food handler can easily contaminate the food they are handling.

People eating the contaminated food may become ill, causing an outbreak, such as the one at Top of Lenoir.

"If you work in the restaurant business and you contract the virus, take a minimum of a few days off," Bengtson said.

The university is still practicing extra wipe downs of all facilities.

Students are encouraged to continue washing their hands and keep their living environments clean.

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Scientist finds other uses for tobacco

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

If you ask the average student what they think of when they hear the word sucker, many will respond like Martin Speicher, a junior in business management. "Someone who is easily fooled or naive."

However, to Ray Long, professor of crop science, a sucker would be a basal shoot of a tree or other plant that competes with the main stem or a shoot from a lower limb which competes with that limb.

Although Long no longer lectures at N.C. State, he is still heavily involved with his research. In general, his research is in applied crop physiology, which is the application of physiology to field crops - specifically tobacco. Before coming to North Carolina, Long had never seen a tobacco plant.

Currently, Long is working on a few major projects, including one "developing a system that will precisely place chemicals used for sucker control directly over the topped stalk instead of on the leaves of the plant." Every tobacco farmer has to do this quite often, making two to four trips through the field. Long is hoping that this technology will "reduce the use of chemicals with residue problems, and reduce the number of trips to the field."

Another major project for Long is finding new uses for tobacco. His research more specifically deals with extracting proteins from tobacco for pharmaceutical use. There are proteins inside of tobacco called fraction 1 and 2 that can be used in everything from nand creams and shampoos to protein bars and regular foods.

After more than 25 years of researching these proteins, Long has found that

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H is for hooky

SOME STUDENTS WILL SKIP CLASS TODAY TO CATCH THE PACK IN ACTION.



Freshman Ryan Crawford, Michael Pritchard, Chad Kloefkorn and Patrick Dawson watch the Duke and Alabama State basketball game. The four plan to watch N.C. State's first game of the tournament Friday, regardless if they have class.

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The game is on at 12:15 p.m. but there's one little problem — so are classes.

With N.C. State's third bid in a row for the NCAA basketball tournament and a second-place finish in the ACC, students are caught in a serious bout of play-off fever. But to watch the match, they'll have to play a game themselves — hooky.

Donning a mini-radio in class Thursday, business junior Adam Marshall attempted to listen in on an early opening round game.

"I'm struggling being in class right now," he said after a futile attempt to get reception in the Nelson Hall class. As for tomorrow, when the State plays against the Ragin' Cajuns, Marshall expressed no doubt that he'll join his friends in front of the tube. "Oh yeah — you gottawatch the games."

Marshall slyly grinned when he said what class he would skip -- ethics. "Is [skipping class] ethical? No," he said.

Since the games started Thursday, tournament-devotees could be seen around campus computer labs switching to various sports Web sites. ESPN.com dubbed the first two days of the tournament "Alt-Tab" day, in reference to the key command that let users switch between work, and scores posted online.

Chicago outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas estimated that

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ELECTIONS

Students look to lead seniors

THE SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT IS A POSITION THAT HAS PROVED TO BE VAGUE IN THE PAST, AND AS A RESULT, HAS EVOLVED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF THE SENIOR CLASS TRIP, SENIOR GIFT AND SERVE ON THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD, IT IS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE TO DETERMINE WHAT AREAS THEY WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON AS PRESIDENT.



CANDIDATE: Scott Stephenson
CLASS: Senior
MAJOR(S): Economics
LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES: Student Senator, currently representing PAMS Jazz Band, piano, saxophone
Concert Band, saxophone

Scott Stephenson is always able to show his pride for the Wolfpack because even when he may not be wearing an N.C. State T-shirt, his hair, a brilliant red, shows his true colors.

He comes from Coats, N.C., and he still has a lot of connections with his hometown because his 3-year-old daughter lives there with her mother. Having a daughter has definitely affected Stephenson's college experience.

"I would say it made it tougher to start with but it made me more responsible as time went on," Stephenson said.

Stephenson's face is already out on fliers around campus, promoting his run for Senior Class President, and he also has sandwich boards up on both

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CANDIDATE: Janet Ogbon
CLASS: Junior
MAJOR(S): Psychology and biological sciences
LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES: Student Senator for two years, member of the Board of Directors for Carmichael Gymnasium and member of the NCSU Transportation Appeals Board

Janet Ogbon, a junior in psychology, is quite familiar with legacies. Although she was born in Baton Rouge, La., Ogbon grew up in Raleigh and attended her father's alma mater to continue the Wolfpack tradition within her family.

Another Ogbon legacy lingers within the Student Senate chambers, where the question, "What time is your first class on Thursdays?" is continually asked of all incoming senators.

Just as that question lingers after her two years of service in the senate, so does the habit of scheduling late classes on Thursdays to compensate for the late nights spent debating issues facing the student body. Truth be told, if Ogbon had it her way, all of her classes would be scheduled later in the day.

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CANDIDATE: Patrick Cleary
CLASS: Senior
MAJOR(S): Pulp and Paper Science, history, chemical engineering
LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES: Student Senator, Natural Resources
Active with Catholic Campus Ministries
Member of Phi Delta Theta
Works with Benjamin Franklin Scholars Council

Patrick Cleary has quite a few majors. "I like it because it stretches my brain," Cleary said about his academic programs. He came to N.C. State from Hartsville, S.C. because the school had a strong chemical engineering program and he got a few scholarships to pay the way. Despite his multiple pending degrees, he may even graduate in four years.

Georgia Tech was the family favorite at home. "Clemson was bad, State was bad, anything that wasn't Georgia Tech was kind of bad," Cleary said. "Obviously I've now learned that UNC is the worst school in the nation and Duke is just a bunch of rich kids from up north."

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Sports has your guide inside the NCAA. What does it take to win? Who will start for the Pack?
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WORLD

BUSH TELLS FOREIGN COUNTRIES
TO STAND FIRM AGAINST TERROR-
ISM

Standing before thousands of battle-tested American troops, President Bush on Thursday urged nations around the world to stand firm against terrorism and warned that appeasement would bring only more death.

"This terrorist enemy will never be appeased because death is their banner and their cause," Bush told soldiers at Fort Campbell, home of the storied 101st Airborne Division.

His remarks came as Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, who's been a staunch ally of Bush, told reporters in Warsaw that Poles had been "misled" by U.S. claims that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction.

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MANHUNT SAID CLOSING IN ON
BIN LADEN DEPUTY

Pakistani forces believe they have cornered and perhaps wounded Osama bin Laden's deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, in a battle near the Afghan border, three senior Pakistani officials said Thursday, the first major break in the world's most intense manhunt in more than a year.

Hundreds of troops and paramilitary rangers pounded several fortress-like mud-brick compounds with artillery and fired on them from helicopter gunships, as entrenched suspects fought back hard in the mountainous region. An intelligence official said "dozens" were killed Thursday.

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NATION

AMERICANS REMAIN DIVIDED
OVER IRAQ WAR

With a fearsome military barrage dubbed "shock and awe," the war in Iraq began one year ago today with a blitz of cruise missiles raining down on Baghdad followed by waves of troops blazing a swift path to victory.

Yet today, one year after the first airstrikes, Americans remain divided about the wisdom of launching into a war that never really ended. Frustrated by continuing bursts of violence, burdened by costs reaching beyond \$123 billion and saddened by the ongoing loss of life, many Americans believe their government misled them into fighting a needless war.

Was it worth all the costs and the bloodshed? Polls show that a bare majority of Americans say "yes," and that most people in other nations say "no."

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OHIO MOTORISTS RELIEVED BY
SNIPER SUSPECT'S ARREST

For the first time in months, motorists driving around Columbus' outer suburbs aren't scrutinizing every overpass and checking their rearview mirror for a possible sniper.

Charles A. McCoy Jr., the man suspected in a string of shootings on highways in the Columbus area, was arrested Wednesday in Las Vegas, and local residents said they felt free for the first time in months.

The 24 shootings created a wave of fear around the Interstate and two nearby highways.

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STATE

SERVICES SET FOR WRIGHTSVILLE
BEACH GUARD MEMBER KILLED IN
IRAQ

A National Guard member who was killed by a bomb in Iraq will be buried this weekend.

Spc. Jocelyn "Joc" Carrasquillo, 28, died Saturday when an explosive detonated next to his convoy.

Carrasquillo was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry based in Wilmington, but sent to Iraq about three weeks ago with the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade, a unit based in Clinton.

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STATE MOVES TO SHIELD AIR
FROM POLLUTION

North Carolina's attorney general moved Thursday to shield his state's air from pollution by coal-burning power plants in 13 other states, asking the federal government to force those states to cut emissions.

Roy Cooper said the out-of-state polluters are interfering with North Carolina's ability to meet national air quality standards, despite the state's success at cleaning up its own pollution under its Clean Smokestacks law.

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FACES IN THE PACK

Yankee takes to Southern ways

Brigid Ransome

Staff Reporter

Taking the leap from the high school hallways of rural North Carolina to the bricked walkways of N.C. State isn't always the easiest transition.

But tack on learning that all tea is sweet and "y'all" really means "you all," and the transition gets a little trickier.

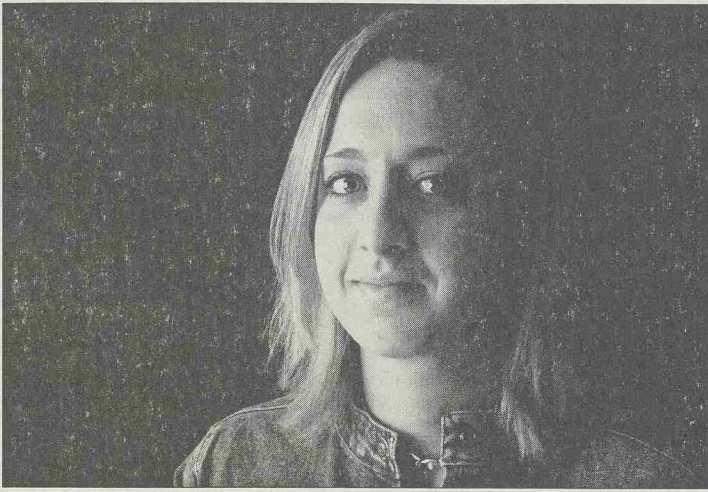
Not that it seems to have hurt Joanne Chase, a senior in communications with a concentration in public relations and a Spanish minor.

Since leaving the chilly small town of Scotia, N.Y. for the relatively warmer NCSU campus, Chase has made her mark in Raleigh as an active part of campus life and head coach for Southeast Raleigh High School's varsity lacrosse team.

"The girls are absolutely hysterical, they are funny to watch, they talk about boys, who did what and who sat next to who on the lunch table," Chase said of her teenage players.

Chase has been playing lacrosse since junior high, and was a member of the NCSU club sport until the time commitment became too much.

Off the playing field, Chase pours the rest of her spare time



Communications major Joanne Chase coaches lacrosse at Southeast Raleigh High School for fun.

into her major. This year, she's co-coordinating CommUnion, a national academic conference that brings graduate and undergraduate students from across the United States to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Chase says she's trying to secure Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., as the keynote speaker.

She also has an internship with Triangle Public Relations. This summer, she'll be dropping her busy schedule temporarily to study abroad in Lima, Peru.

"I work hard and play hard, that's all," said Chase of her busy schedule.

Caroline Dion, Chase's best friend and roommate, gladly attested to her "live life to the

fullest" personality.

"She seeks happiness in all that she does and if something doesn't make her happy, she'll be the first to tell you."

Joanne will graduate in December, and she intends to return to New York to advance her career for some years but claims she "will return to the South where the weather is warm."

Caroline Dion, Chase's best friend and roommate, gladly attested to her "live life to the

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main campus and Centennial Campus. He believes his connections with Student Government, as he is running for a senior management position as well this spring, could both hurt him and help him. He has been in charge of ticket distribution this spring, so he realizes students may love him or hate him depending on where they ended up sitting in the RBC Center.

TECHNICIAN: How do you

justify our university having a Senior Class President on campus considering this is a large university with a unified senior class?

STEPHENSON: We do have senior class events, and we do a lot of activities with the Alumni Association, so they need a Senior Class President just to be the liaison between the alumni and the students. I'd rather it be an elected student than an administrator.

TECHNICIAN: How do you plan to ignite interest in the senior events that you will be planning as president?

STEPHENSON: One thing they talked about at the last Senior Class Board of Trustees meeting was that we could put up fliers, sandwich boards, pass out handbills. We've also discussed getting a senior listserv. It probably wouldn't be easy, but it's possible. I want to get the listserv going next year. Basically, they have a listserv now, but there's hardly anybody on it. We'd like to get it where we have a lot of people on it.

TECHNICIAN: If you win, you will have a position on the Alumni Association Board, so how will you get seniors more

involved in AAB events?

STEPHENSON: One thing I want to do next year is develop the Senior Class Board of Trustees, basically have two people from each college, and then maybe have some at-large members, and then maybe someone from Student Government, someone from Student Media and other organizations as we see fit. Just go around and see who they recommend, and get the people who they recommend to get out and get the word out to their constituents. I think that was one of the main goals of the Board of Trustees when it was originated.

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As it is, Ogbon spends most of her time in classes and meetings, barely finding time to sleep. In fact, when asked what she did for fun, Ogbon said she wishes she was playing "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" so she could request a lifeline.

Priding herself in being "Taco Bell Queen" because she eats there enough to know the employees by name, Ogbon seems to be laid back when it comes to her current campaign for Senior Class President.

Right now, her campaign strategy is simply word of mouth. Next week she plans on having friends help her pass out fliers, but points out that she does not have a campaign

staff. Although in the beginning stages, Ogbon continues to keep the theme of legacies in her campaign with her motto, "Let's bring traditions back."

TECHNICIAN: How do you justify your position on campus considering this is a large university with a unified senior class?

OGGON: A goal I have, and a goal that current and past senior officers have, would be to unify the senior class. The SCP should be held accountable for making efforts to unify the senior class. If we have a more unified senior class, then it would benefit the student body as a whole because it would help to improve many aspects of student life. Examples of this could include a senior class community service project and working more with

the Alumni Association and also have more senior representation at Students' Day at the Board of Governors. I want to make it similar to how a senior class in high school would be unified, except bring it to a college level.

TECHNICIAN: How do you plan to ignite interest in senior events you will be planning as president?

OGGON: In the beginning of the school year I would like to organize a senior info/giveaway day in the Brickyard. This would allow seniors to get pertinent information regarding important events occurring in their senior year and about the Alumni Association so they will be encouraged to become members in the future. We would give away N.C. State paraphernalia, among other things. I also hope

to get a senior newsletter started to keep the seniors updated on upcoming events such as the senior class trip and senior week. This newsletter would also provide information about general campus events.

TECHNICIAN: You will have a position on the Alumni Association Board, so how will you get seniors more involved in AAB events?

OGGON: First by handing out the information about AAB events at the senior info/giveaway day and in the senior newsletter.

By providing seniors with the information regarding exactly what the AAB is and what opportunities are associated with it would help spur involvement with AAB events and hopefully future membership.

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Clearly now he wants to show his love for NCSU by helping connect seniors together. He wants to increase participation in senior events and help build a bridge between seniors and alumni. Most of all he wants to support his school.

"There is something special about State; people feel a real connection to it."

TECHNICIAN: How do you justify our university having a Senior Class President on campus considering this is a large university with a unified senior class?

CLEARY: I think one of the biggest strengths I pull to the table is that I have been involved so much. I know people in so many different circumstances, I think I, of the candidates, best know why people don't feel the unity toward State, especially the seniors. The biggest unity source

they have is athletics. Being involved in Student Government, being involved all over campus, I've met so many different people. I think the biggest and most common problem is that they don't feel the same connection outside of classes as much, it's mostly with their friends and athletics. I think that a good Senior Class President can, at the very least, begin to make in-roads and work with other groups on getting people together during their first and second years. It's a whole thing. It's not just that seniors, once someone becomes a senior, they lose a connection, it's just that the connection isn't as deep. I think that a good Senior Class President does a lot of events, does a lot of things, not only with seniors, but with people who are interested in helping build a connection between the seniors. Although I think it's going to be impossible to have the same kind of unity as they have at Duke or another school where they live together all four years.

TECHNICIAN: How do you plan on igniting interest in the senior events that you will be planning as president?

CLEARY: I think the first thing is having events people want to go to. I think the senior class trip is a great idea, go to a football game, say go to Maryland next year or Atlanta, or somewhere where people can have a good time and go together. But another thing is that there aren't events like a senior class dinner or other events where people can come together. It's all about coming together and meeting people. Really, I think the key is to work with other groups on campus; it's not to make everything unilateral, which seemed to be the problem this year.

TECHNICIAN: If you win, you will have a position on the Alumni Association Board (AAB), so how will you get seniors more involved in AAB events?

CLEARY: What does the

Alumni Association want? It wants people who are going to be able to give back to the university. One way is financially, obviously we need money. The more connection you have, then the more people support you.

For instance, most people feel a greater connection with athletics. So they say, "OK, I'll give the Wolfpack Club a hundred bucks." It's the connection level, where I can see A) I'm going to get something in return and B) I can see the tangible benefits. If you give to the Alumni Association then you may not see the benefits so readily.

So you say, "OK, I give a hundred bucks every year to the Alumni Association, it's tax deductible, I get a chance to help other students go to State, I might keep tuition down for my children."

That's the kind of things that people need to realize. I don't think people see the benefit as much with the Alumni Association.

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these possibilities have "interesting potential but [are] economically difficult."

Long is approaching retirement, but he feels that tobacco may survive if either he or future researchers can find alternative uses.

"If scientists are successful at expressing a compound that has pharmaceutical uses at a reasonable price, then there will be a good future for tobacco."

For interested students, he said, "There are lots of opportunities in fundamental areas of plant physiology and biochemistry; it will be challenging and interesting."

After all of the years of researching, Long felt that the most satisfying part of it all was "the people that I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with."

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"My roommates thought I was crazy because I walked around the apartment with a Lysol rag disinfecting the whole place," Katie Gatlin, a junior in communications, said.

When discussing how she avoided norovirus, C.J. White, a freshman in anthropology, said, "My mom gave me a million Clorox wipes and I went crazy in our suite. I wiped doorknobs, sink handles, everything."

Bengtson said it is still important to keep the effort going by taking precautions.

"We are still seeing people with these symptoms. We are not at the end of seeing this," Bengtson said.

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the NCAA tournament this year would cost the nation nearly \$1.4 billion in lost productivity at work. Teachers know how the game is played as well. Marshall's ethics professor warned students planning to skip that class would be held and that they would suffer the penalties of missing class, while another one of his professors said that radios would be allowed.

"That's one thing I really didn't think about," forestry professor Gary Blank said when asked if he thought his 12:25 class today will be sparse. "It'll be interesting to see who shows up," he said, "but I won't hold it against [those who don't]." A long-time professor, Blank said that he does not recall attendance dipping too much for tournament games in the past. Blank said that scheduling games during class time was a bit "silly" and showed where the nation's priorities are.

"It's very regrettable -- especially if the team you support is playing," Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said. "It represents to me how big college athletics is a part of America's entertainment culture. The NCAA is one of the most pursued fan events and the people who are going to schedule games do not take classes into account," he said.

Robert Willard, a sophomore in civil engineering, will be joining his friends in their apartment for the game. "I don't even think my teacher even knows about it," he said of the tournament. Willard has a lot riding on the Pack. "I've got them going to the Elite-Eight," he said, adding that he predicts the first round will be a breeze.

Some students headed off the issue by getting rid of the problem -- class. "We actually talked to our professor and got him to postpone [our calculus class]," freshman Chad Kloefkorn said.

Watching Thursday night's Duke match with Kleofkorn in Tucker Hall, Patrick Dawson said that he did not have class, but "I'd skip it if I had. You got to have your priorities straight."

Joining in on the dorm room banter, freshman Michael Pritchard said "Really we're skipping class to show school spirit."

Which followed with the retort from Kleofkorn, "Well, school spirit might be classified as going to class."

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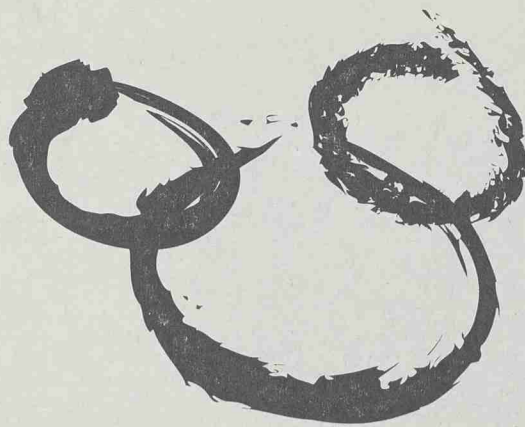
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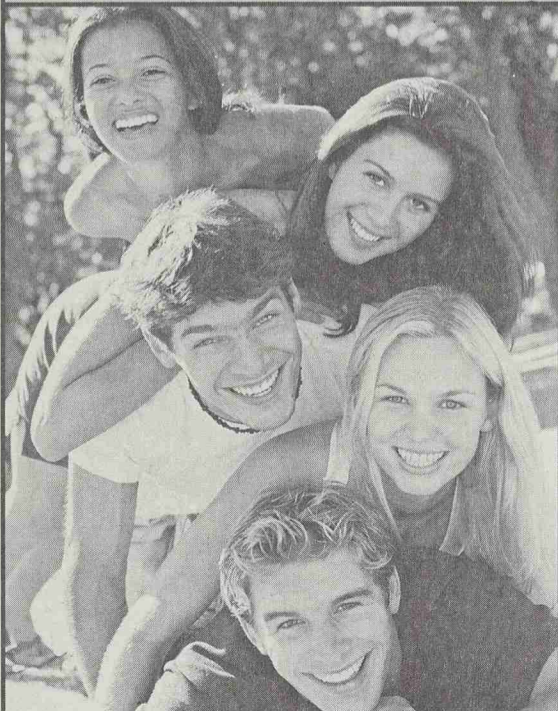


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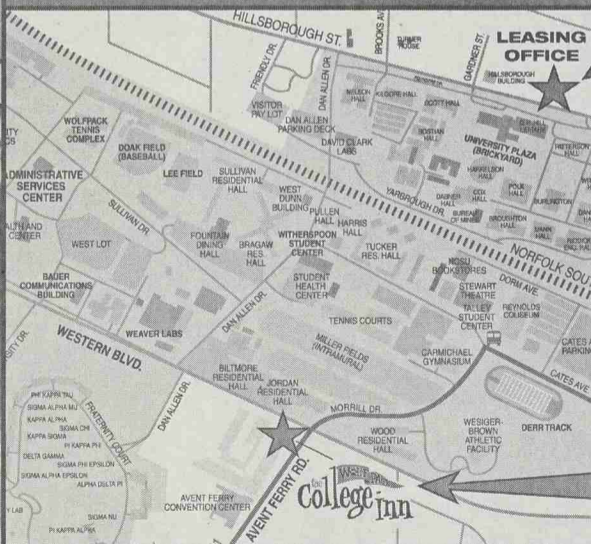
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BIN LADEN'S DEPUTY POSSIBLY SHOT

Pakistani forces believe they cornered and perhaps wounded Osama bin Laden's deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, in a battle near the Afghan border. Moments later, the Pakistanis discovered they had actually fired on a man named Achban bin Sharif, one spokesman said. "Sorry, I shot the Sharif, we did not shoot the deputy."

BRITAIN SHOWS EXTINCTION TREND

A steep decline in birds, butterflies and native plants in Britain supports the theory that humans are pushing the natural world into the Earth's sixth big extinction event and the future may hold less and less animal species. Moments after this announcement had been made, it was followed by another: that most of the missing animals had been found in the gaps between Tony Blair's teeth.

ASTEROID IS NOTHING TO FEAR

A 100-foot diameter asteroid passed within 26,500 miles of Earth on Thursday evening, the closest-ever brush on record by a space rock, said NASA astronomers. All attempts failed to convince Ben Affleck to meet the asteroid and drill into its core, hopefully perishing in the process.

GROUP MAKES HOLOCAUST COMPARISON

An animal rights group says it will go ahead with a controversial advertising campaign that likens the slaughter of animals to the murder of Jews under the Nazis despite threats of a legal challenge. The commercial's most offensive moments are said to involve two fast food mascots, Ronald McDonald and the Himmieburger.

SCALIA WILL HEAR CHENEY

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia dismissed a request that he stay out of a case involving his friend, Vice President Dick Cheney, saying a duck hunting trip they took was acceptable socializing that wouldn't cloud his judgment. He then added that he would also not be swayed by Cheney singing "Don't Cry For Me, Judge Scalia."

MICROSOFT STILL RUNNING THE WORLD

Microsoft failed on Thursday to reach a deal with the European Commission, setting the stage for a landmark antitrust ruling next week that will brand the software giant an abusive monopolist. So, to sum up this week's economic news — Bill Gates has several monopolies, Martha Stewart went straight to jail without passing Go and Alan Greenspan wants to be the banker.

BUSH CALLS OUT IRAQI GANGSTERS

Challenged at home on Iraq, President Bush warned that terrorists can never be appeased and said there is no safety for any nation that "lives at the mercy of gangsters and mass murderers." It was this comment that clued in the rest of America that what the President believed had been news from Iraq on television was actually TBS' "Scarface" marathon.

KIDS ARE HUFFING AGAIN

The effects of a 1990s advertising campaign credited with reducing inhalant abuse among children are starting to wear off, and a new generation is at risk, say U.S. experts. What happened to those beautiful days of yore when young people just smoked crack?

TRIANGLE ROCKS

What's wrong with 'Average Bumz?'

Joel DeBerry
Staff Writer

Some may remember Florence Griffith Joyner for her extravagant track suits and her blazing speed in capturing Olympic Gold in Seoul, South Korea in 1988. Others may remember her for breaking world records in the 100-meter and 200-meter events. Either way, FloJo was no slouch.

That said, a strange dichotomy exists between who was once considered the "World's Fastest Woman" and the new, slightly less ambitious FloJo — the Triangle-based rock quartet.

"FloJo means notoriously lazy in Spanish," said George Hage, frontman and guitarist of the band, and a senior at N.C. State. "We didn't know about that [Joyner] until later."

To further counter the former FloJo connotation, the band released their first album titled "Average Bumz" in 2001 as a trio that featured Hage, Luke Belvard on bass and backing vocals and Rich Barkemeyer on drums. But the band wasn't at full circle until Thomas Baucom joined the band in February of 2003.

"We had various fourth members over the years, but didn't stick with one until we met Thomas," said Hage of Baucom, who handles guitar, trumpet, keyboard and backing vocals in the band.

"I grew up in a music-filled house," said Baucom, who also writes orchestra pieces and does orchestrations for a company that composes for film, television and video games. Baucom is a junior at NCSU.

By summer of 2003, the band was already back in the studio recording their new album, titled

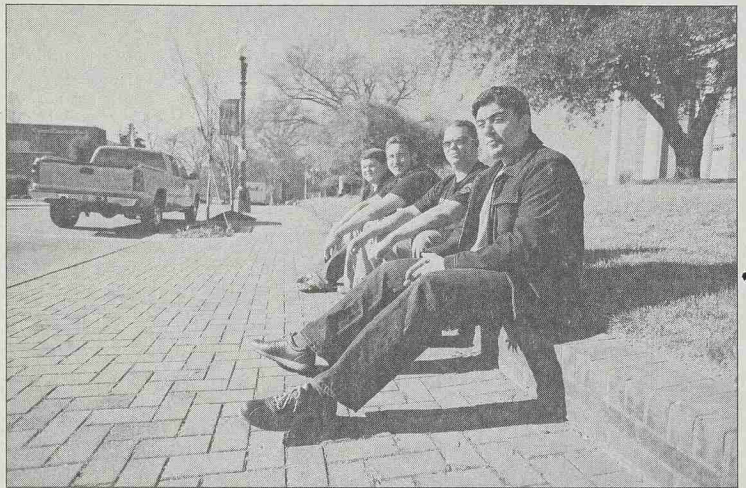


PHOTO COURTESY FLOJO
Their name may translate to notoriously lazy, but the Triangle-based quartet, FloJo, is ready to get things moving this summer to promote the release of their new LP, "What's Wrong With My Radio?"

"What's Wrong With My Radio?," which holds true to the basic elements of their first album of rock, ska and reggae.

"My earliest influences when I first started playing guitar were classic rock, 311 and Sublime," Hage said. "But it's tough, because half the band will love a band and the other half will hate it."

To illustrate this idea, Baucom hates Sublime, and loves Bach and Beethoven. Hage and Barkemeyer listen to Bane, while Baucom hates them as well.

"I have no musical influences in this [FloJo's] style," Baucom said.

However, Baucom's extensive musical background and subsequent understanding of music help to perfect FloJo's catchy

sound.

The incorporation of keys, horns, efficient drumming and guitar work makes their sound unique and easy listening for fans of all genres.

Though self-proclaimed laid-back and lazy guys, the band has been anything but in the past three years.

Before the addition of Baucom to the group, the band played numerous shows in Charlotte, particularly at JBz Bar. Upon becoming a four-piece band, they have toured all over North and South Carolina, often in consecutive nights.

But the guys aren't quite ready to relax just yet.

"We would love to get picked up by a small label and tour with

some bigger bands," Hage said. "It would be cool to go on the Warped Tour or something."

"I just want peace, love and equality," joked Baucom about the band's musical agenda.

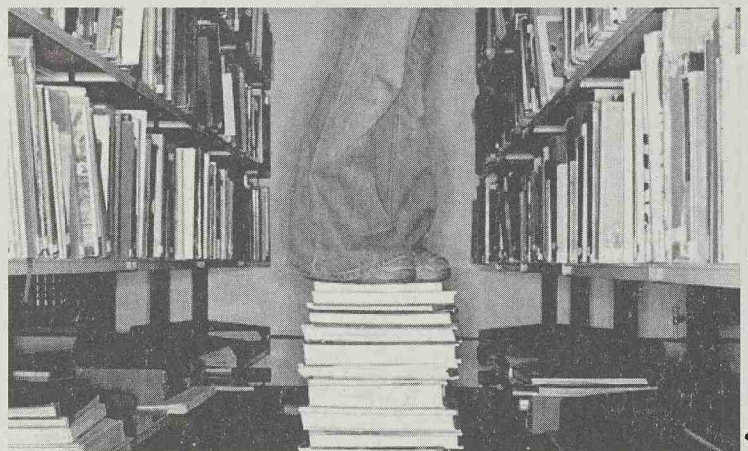
Whether it's a spot on a huge punk rock mega-fest, or curing the ills that pervade throughout the world, those are pretty lofty goals for a group of guys that seems to glorify idleness. Joyner would be proud of their determination.

The band hopes to embark on a two-week tour at the beginning of the summer to support "What's Wrong With My Radio?," and is getting an early start this Sunday at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro at the Sunday Showcase.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

GIVE THE EMPLOYEES RAISES

OUR OPINION: GOV. EASLEY SHOULD GIVE ACROSS THE BOARD RAISES TO ALL STATE SERVICE EMPLOYEES, IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE TUITION INCREASE MONEY GOING TO FACULTIES.

UNC System President Molly Broad recently awarded bonuses ranging from \$12,000 to more than \$25,000 to 11 chancellors within the system. Many N.C. State service employees don't earn in one year what a number of the chancellors received as bonuses.

Service employees such as grounds workers, food service assistants and housekeepers are among the lowest-paid workers in the state, creating financial challenges for the employees. These employees need increased salaries.

Service employees at N.C. State receive salaries slightly higher than the average service employees in the state. However, NCSU service employees still straddle the poverty thresholds of about \$14,500 to \$19,000 for families of three to four

people.

One food service assistant at Lil Dinos in Talley Student Center, tries not to complain about the yearly salary of \$17,700 because some people don't have jobs at all, but said, "Everybody would like a raise. We all need more money."

A housekeeper who has worked at NCSU for the last 24 years said that he feels his salary is unfair.

"We should be getting more for the work that's done. We're the lowest paid workers on campus," he said.

Housekeepers at NCSU only make about \$17,600.

In the last three years, raises have been minimal for service employees throughout the state.

These workers earned a \$625 increase in 2001, no raises in 2002 and a \$550 bonus in 2003.

The minimal raises and rising cost of health insurance premiums in recent years have further irritated employees.

Service employees at NCSU face an-

other financial threat - subcontractors.

Subcontractors, who have made their way onto NCSU's Centennial Campus, are groups hired by the university to do menial jobs such as grounds work and housekeeping for a cheaper price than employees hired by the university directly.

The university's attraction to subcontractors is obvious, but in addition to all the challenges, service employees currently face, NCSU should not be drawn into becoming the Wal-Mart of service-related jobs.

Gov. Mike Easley recently announced the allocation of \$4.5 million to 900 of the state's lowest-paid workers.

Other state employees argue that everybody needs a raise, but until service employees at universities such as NCSU make the money they deserve for their challenging and sometimes under-appreciated work, Easley's \$4.5 million needs to go to the lowest-paid workers in the state.

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Delay the vote until tax time

The UNC Board of Governors will vote today on the proposed tuition increases. Amanda Devore wants answers to the important questions surrounding tuition increases.

The debate over tuition increases has received unprecedented public attention in the past few months. As people exchange opinions, I register support for the UNC Board of Governors' decision to delay a vote on increasing tuition. A number of discussions still need to take place before the Board's vote in March. Better yet, why not delay the vote until state taxes have been collected and the



Amanda Devore
Guest Columnist

1, 2 and 3 percent budget cut scenarios have been unveiled.

As a member of N.C. State University's Tuition Task Force and an active observer of the tuition discussion, I have watched almost every facet of this year's tuition increase proposals

take shape. Despite budget cuts to the university system, faculty retention has been the focus of a majority of the discussion surrounding tuition increases.

The Board may hope to alleviate this "erosion of quality" by using revenues from campus-initiated tuition increases - but who is it that spends these dollars?

The campuses? And where has this money been spent in the past? Good question. When asked these questions, some officials have stated that there is no official

measure of accountability for the campus-initiated tuition increases and that campuses work on "an honor system" for the money.

Officials at the two flagship universities want to use tuition dollars for faculty retention. They fear raids by other universities on their star professors, many of who do not teach at all. How real is the fabled danger? Taxpayers have a right to know:

How many faculty last year were lured away from our campuses and how many did we recruit from other campuses? What reasons, beyond salary, might explain faculty departure, e.g., unattractive benefits packages, failure to negotiate the tenure system, or personal preference? Of those cases in which faculty left for Cornell or Harvard, how many would we realistically expect to have retained with campus-initiated tuition increases?

According to the 2003 report of the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board, the rate of tuition and fee increases at UNC institutions

rank #1 in the nation for in-state students. Since campus-initiated tuition increases were first allowed in 2000, this equates to an 83 percent increase at UNC-Chapel Hill and NCSU. Yet according to recent reports the educational experience of UNC students is currently at risk. I have serious doubts as to the extent at which this would be true if tuition revenues had been spent appropriately on true "academic excellence" rather than the retention of "star professors."

A recent letter by Governor Michael Easley to the Board of Governors opposed tuition increases and promised full funding for the university's priorities. In view of his proposals for 1, 2 and 3 percent budget cuts, university officials have publicly questioned the governor's ability to keep his fiscal promises. When state revenue collections are in and the Governor releases his budget proposal, the Board can more appropriately weigh the commit-

ment our state can make to its public institutions. If the Board is truly concerned about the practicability of the Governor's promises, and is willing to shape the tuition debate around this, the Board should not vote on tuition increases until after this is resolved. While the university policy on tuition and fees calls for a vote in February or March on tuition increases, common sense must prevail over policy. If legislators can amend financial aid figures

when they pass tuition increases after the March deadline, why pass tuition increases based on guesswork?

In the past, university leadership engaged the Governor in conversation about how the university system could assist in leading the state, as opposed to why he doesn't support tuition increases that range between 9 and 21 percent. Clearly, Governor Easley's entrance into the tuition debate underscores the wide interest that exists across the state to ensure that our 16 UNC campuses remain "as far as practicable, free of expense." Low tuition doesn't mean low quality, but high tuition does fundamentally change the nature and purpose of a public university, perhaps irrevocably.

We should be proud that we are the university of the people and that our people historically have valued education above all else. We should fight to keep it this way.

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A thick, juicy - bill?

What's the difference between excess meat and excess class? The answer may surprise you. Jason Eder cuts through the fat to the truth behind tuition surcharges.

Mmm-Outback. They make the best steaks. Last weekend, I was pumped to get my teeth around another one of those scrumptious sections of the Chick-Fil-A cow. My dreams about savoring the flavor were finally coming true! I sat down anxiously waiting to get the usual.

So the underpaid, unappreciated, don't-piss-me-off-because-I'm-threatening-to-quit waitress comes up to me, hands me a menu and I politely wave her off. "No, no. I want a sweet tea, a Blooming Onion and a 14 oz. ribeye, medium-well with fries and ranch for my salad. Hold the 'maters.' She was a deer in headlights.

She then proceeds to enlighten me that Outback has a new policy about pricing their meat.

"The \$14.99 you see on the menu only covers 7 oz. of the meat. You have to pay \$2.00 extra for every ounce after that." I snatch a menu from her hand to see if this "policy" is on there. The ribeye says 14 oz. for \$14.99. I look up in protest and she takes her devil eye and her devil hand and flips the menu to the back where in the fine print that's the same color as the background it clearly states what she just told me. Word for word.

For the record, I fabricated this little story so it'll be easier for you to understand this next part, so don't try and start a fight with the same waitress because of something you heard from your friend's sister's cousin's dog. She'd probably win the fight anyway.

"What's your point, Jason?" I know, I know, I'm getting there. But first, I need to address another topic, which

targets those students who have multiple degrees and/or minors. And if you've looked at TRACS under the Tuition Surcharge tab, you'll see exactly where I'm going. In researching this nifty calculator with those who it affects, I've come across the most intense bane of ambitious students.

Ah yes, the tuition surcharge. The thing that dictates and limits your education. The thing that causes hair loss. The reason cars break down. Because the university can't tell us to go away and we're abusing the opportunity they provide. That would, of course, be wrong. So they change the language and hike your bill hoping you'll get the point. I do give them some credit though; it looks like they're trying.

I decided to research this policy just to see exactly what it states. And I quote, "All new undergraduate students first enrolled in the fall 1994 semester and thereafter will be subject to a 25 percent tuition surcharge for all credit hours attempted in excess of 140 or 110 percent of the student's academic program, whichever is greater." They happily inform me my AP credit and N.C. State summer hours don't count. Whoopdy-do.

The first word that came to my mind to describe this money-groing policy was unfair; immediately followed by dimwitted, asinine, foolish, preposterous and most of all, chicken-brained. Why would any university feel the need to demand more money from any aspiring student pursuing multiple and extensive degrees? The absurdity is overwhelming, just like the steak at Outback.

The university has some equation they borrowed from the Bowl Championship Series Board that dictates how many extra hours you're allowed because of the relationship between the majors, or if you switched majors, or if you dropped out and came back,

whatever. And it happens that these numbers fall just short of avoiding the surcharge. Most students hit it in their last semester, if not their last two. And depending on your bill as it stands now, you may be paying anywhere from \$200 to \$800 extra for the ability to attend class.

This is a bigger inconvenience than the people who stop to look at a cop pulling someone over on the OTHER side of the road. If I want to get four degrees and six minors, I shouldn't be paying extra for everything after the first major. Universities are designed to be a resource and asset to anyone who chooses to take advantage of them as such. There is absolutely no need to beat them off with a stick.

The logic of such a policy is beyond reason. With curriculums becoming more rigorous with so much modern advancement, combined with students wanting to learn more and take classes in a variety of disciplines, the chances of exceeding 140 hours increase; especially with so many opportunities like co-op, outward bound, and studying abroad (which can count towards the surcharge hours). The denial of the yearning for education is false when compared to a university's motive for recruiting students. I notice that this policy isn't on the brochure they send out. I notice that it slips around like an STD yet no one talks about it and still knows what it is. I notice administration having no problem with it. I notice that I'm never given a reason for the surcharge.

Even so, if you don't want to see a heightened tuition come your fifth year I urge you to do one of two things. Either 1) take as many summer classes as you can or 2) do something about it because it'll take more than an article to change it.

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Sports

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2004

Schedule

M. basketball vs. La.-Lafayette, 3/19, 12:15
 W. basketball vs. Auburn, 3/21
 Baseball vs. Duke, 3/19, 7
 Gymnastics in EAGL Championships, 3/20, 6
 Softball vs. Bowling Green @ Buzz Classic, 3/19, 1
 M. tennis at North Carolina, 3/24, 3
 W. tennis at Furman, 3/18, 2

TECHNICIAN

Seniors glad to be back

State seniors Kaayla Chones, Terah James and Nanna Rivers return to the NCAA after a two-year draught.

Austin Johnson
 Staff Writer

N.C. State women's basketball player Kaayla Chones remembers it vividly. The upset loss to SMU way back in 2000, the only time the first team All-ACC player competed in an NCAA Tournament.

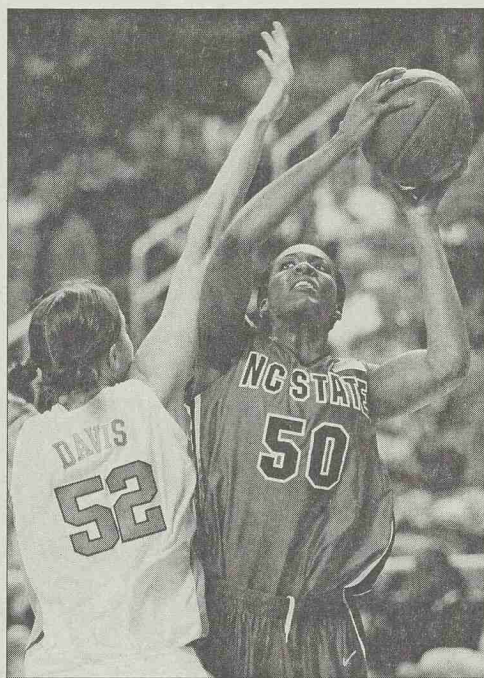
Chones finished the game and her freshman season with good numbers: 13 points and seven rebounds. But that isn't what comes to her mind first about that game. It's the final seconds of the game that immediately spring from her memory.

"The last play of the game, I ended up fouling a girl and she went to the free-throw line," Chones said. "She made the free-throw that ended up winning the game."

The player was Katie Remke, who hit a free throw with 1.6 seconds left to give 12th-seeded SMU the 64-63 upset win.

Now, as Chones prepares for her second NCAA Tournament appearance, that game serves as motivation. Chones and fellow senior Terah James are the only remaining members of the 2000 team.

Nanna Rives wasn't around in 2000, but she is the only player who participated in State's run to



Kaayla Chones (right), who is glad to have another chance in the NAAs, goes up for two points in the recent ACC Tournament.

the Sweet 16 the next year. While Chones and James sat out the year with injuries, Rivers came off the bench for the Wolfpack, which is seeded 10th in this year's tournament.

"I didn't get to play much in our loss to Connecticut," Rivers

said. "But it was just a great experience. You never know what to expect from teams come tournament time."

Coach Kay Yow knows the pain her seniors have been through since the 2001 season. Two straight losing seasons and no

postseason appearances, much less NCAA Tournament games.

"They've been disappointed the last two seasons," Yow said. "This is their last opportunity."

Their last opportunity will start with a first round game against the Auburn Tigers, the No. 7 seed in the East bracket. Headed by coach Joe Ciampi, the Tigers rely heavily on crashing the boards and an unorthodox one-on-one defense to stifle opponents.

"We know our preparation should be in terms of who we are and not who we are playing," Ciampi said. "We've done a lot of work this week on our on the ball defense."

Yow plans to concentrate on keeping the ball out of the hands of Auburn's Le'Coe Willingham, who averages just more than 16 points and nine rebounds a game for the Tigers. But the Tigers also have an outside threat in Natasha Brackett, who leads the team in 3-point baskets made and attempted.

"Coach said if we don't bring our A-game, we will get blown away," Rivers said.

The winner of the contest will move on to a possible second round game with the defending national champion, Connecticut. But looking ahead to the Huskies isn't on the mind of Chones or James - they've seen the consequences first hand.

"We were just like 'SM-Who?' and we get out there and lose," Chones said. "Our mindset is different, especially mine and Terah's."

Wolfpack weekend

BASEBALL

Ranked 17th by USA Today and No. 18 by Collegiate Baseball, the baseball team (14-4) finally begins ACC play when in-state rival Duke visits Doak Field for a three-game series beginning today at 7 p.m. Today's meeting will be the 252nd all-time meeting between the Wolfpack and the Blue Devils, and State will try to add to its 21-game lead in the series. Undeclared redshirt sophomore Michael Rogers (3-0, 2.36 ERA) will start the game for coach Elliott Avent, while Vern Sterry (3-0, 2.42) and Derek McKee (1-0, 2.45) will start Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Both Saturday and Sunday games begin at 2 p.m. Pack sophomore Matt Camp will attempt to continue his 14-game hitting streak and senior first baseman David Hicks will try to extend his streak, which stands at 10 games. In last season's series, the Pack swept the Devils in Durham. Overall, Avent has won 14-of-23 meetings he's coached against Duke and State has won six of the last seven meetings.

SOFTBALL

Coming off a doubleheader split in its last outing, the softball team travels to Atlanta today to begin play in the Buzz Classic, hosted by Georgia Tech. The Wolfpack (11-14) will open against Bowling Green (6-10) this afternoon at 1, and then will face Eastern Illinois (6-8) at 6 tonight. State will play in another day-night doubleheader Saturday, when it opens against Georgia State (6-6) at 9 a.m. before taking on Tulsa (22-9) at 5 p.m. The Pack, in its inaugural season of competition, is led by Jennifer Chamberlin offensively, who leads the team with five home runs. Abbie Sims has been a workhorse as a pitcher, as she leads the team with nine wins against just four losses. State will enter bracket play on Sunday, which will be based on the previous day's results. Sunday's times and match-ups will be determined after Saturday play is complete.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team, fresh off an impressive 7-0 win over Stetson, has a busy weekend ahead. The team travels to South Carolina today for a non-conference match at Furman, then will return home and face Florida State on Sunday afternoon. The home match is scheduled for 11 a.m. Barbara Orly, Nandita Chandrasekar, Jennifer Jassawalla, Vania Apodaca and Agustina Arechavaleta all won in singles matches in State's defeat of Stetson.

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1. Charleston, 2. The Citadel, 3. N.C. State, 4. UNC, 5. Clemson

Club Sports Home Events

Baseball

State vs. UNCW

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Saturday at 7 p.m., Optimist Park

W. Rugby

State vs. Cape Fear
 Saturday at 12:30 p.m., Club Area B

Aussie Rules Football

State vs. UNC
 Saturday at 10:30 a.m., Club Area A

Cycling

N.C. State hosts Road Race on Centennial Campus
 March 20-21 at 9 a.m.

M. Lacrosse

State vs. Illinois
 Sunday at 2 p.m., Club Area C

W. Lacrosse

State vs. Duke
 Sunday at 11 a.m., Club Area B

Sabo looking to the future

The senior gymnast approaches the end of her career with optimism and satisfaction.

Memie Ezike
 Staff Writer

Ten years ago, senior Leah Sabo probably did not think she would be at the point in her life where she is today. Now, as she prepares to end her career in competitive gymnastics at N.C. State, a time full of memories will accompany her heart.

During her college career, Sabo was not always a member of the Wolfpack. She competed for the University of Utah during her freshman and sophomore years. She transferred from Utah in 2002, had to sit out one year due to the transfer process, and began competing for the Pack in 2003. She competed in all four events in her first meet for State, and her leadership continues to make an impact on the team everyday.

"I have really enjoyed being a leader for this team, and I work harder when more is expected of me," Sabo said. "And being expected to lead not only by words, but by example, has helped me to become a better person."

Although most college athletes have four years of eligibility, it is surprising how fast those years go by. In the four years she has been a college gymnast, Sabo has experienced the highs of victory to the lows of injuries. With only four meets left this season, Sabo feels somber that the end is near, but blessed to have experienced the thrill of college gymnastics.

"I absolutely love gymnastics, and the thought of not doing it...I don't know what I will do with myself," Sabo said. "But it has been a very good year to end on."

Sabo still remembers her club days when competition was only for the benefit of the individual. In her experience in the college arena, though, the aura of the team has been truly beneficial to her.

"The overall experience of being

on a team and having that little support group is most enjoyable," Sabo said. "Doing something to represent your own university is an honor in itself."

A hard worker at heart, Sabo has always strived for competition and the opportunity to be successful at what she does. She knows she will miss those opportunities and the other little things about gymnastics.

"I really enjoyed working hard, being successful in a meet, beating other teams, and other small things like that," Sabo said.

It is hard to argue that gymnastics is one of the most rigorous and most demanding sports in college athletics. Many, if not all, gymnasts begin training when they are toddlers; most who continue in the sport begin competing in elementary school.

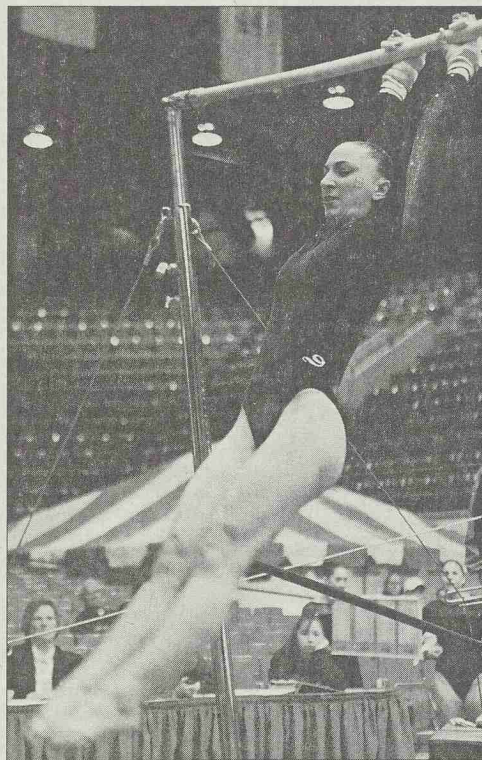
The constant tumbling and dismounting can cause a heavy strain on the muscles. It is not surprising to see Sabo and her other teammates iced down on their knees and wrists after practice ends.

Gymnasts are most likely to have the most muscle per pound of body weight, and it is this emphasis on fitness that entails only one of the many benefits of Sabo's gymnastics career.

"Gymnastics has taught me to work hard and to not be afraid to go after what I want; if I work hard, things will pay off," Sabo said. "And especially this year, gymnastics has helped me to learn to be a leader and take that role for this team when it needs filled."

As a senior leader, Sabo knows that the other gymnasts look to her for advice and guidance. After all, she has been a college gymnast for three years, so it is natural that she is looked at as the leader of her group, along with her other senior teammates.

"One piece of advice to give to my younger teammates is to enjoy every minute of their career," Sabo said with a chuckle. "It is something that you take for granted, it will hit you smack in the face, and you are left wondering about how fast the time



Bars is just one event in which Leah Sabo has excelled.

went."

Sabo also reiterated that enjoyment does not have to be sacrificed to work hard. Any skill in gymnastics can be learned with a good attitude and determination.

"Definitely work hard while enjoying gymnastics; don't take anything for granted," Sabo said. "There is always something to learn and pick up if wanted."

After graduation, Sabo has a myriad of possibilities. She is set on going to graduate school to study educational counseling. She has also shown interest in competing as a fitness model in the national shows.

But she will always have a love for gymnastics in her heart.

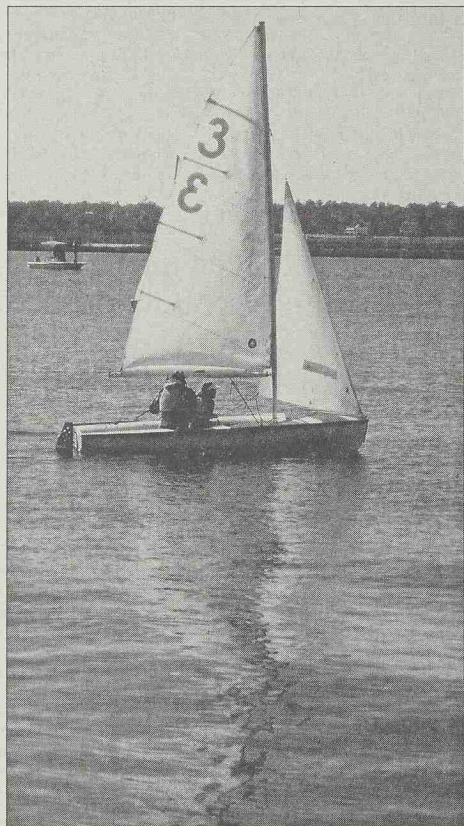
"I would like to coach one day, whether in a club or a college," Sabo said. "As a coach, I would influence people to continue with college gymnastics, and I think it would be fun to work with girls on the college level."

Many people have helped Sabo to become a better gymnast and person, most notably her teammates and coaches.

"I definitely want to thank [head coach] Mark [Stevenson] for giving me the opportunity to come to N.C. State and compete," Sabo said.

"And everybody else on this team as well. They have accepted me and supported me in every aspect in my life."

A CLOSER LOOK AT... Sailing



The N.C. State sailing team traveled to UNC-Wilmington this past weekend for its second and third regattas of the semester. Saturday saw chilly but sunny weather with winds from the north. There were two divisions that consisted of seven races each that completed a full rotation.

Wolfpack sailors Stanley and Peyton Hassinger, Allison Jones and Allison Price made the trip back from the sailing club's spring break on the Florida Gulf to compete in the third regatta in the North Points Series.

The racing Saturday was tight to the very last race, with the final set deciding positions two, three and four. State edged UNC by two points, but lost out by only two points in a late rally by The Citadel. Overall, the Pack finished third for the day behind consistent performances from Peyton Hassinger in the "B" fleet and Stanley Hassinger in "A" fleet.

Overcast skies greeted sailors Sunday morning, but the clouds lifted and State came back with a will to win. Only once did either skipper finish below fourth place and Stanley Hassinger placed high in the "A" fleet during race No. 4 on Sunday. Peyton Hassinger's consistency was arguably the key to the Pack's second-place finish. With only a few fourth-place finishes, Peyton grabbed second or third in nearly every race.

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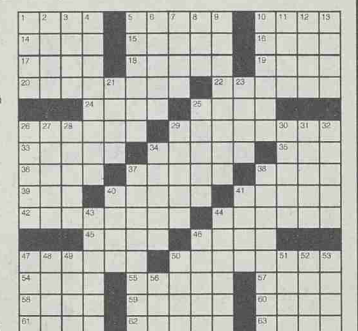
"I don't think the seeds tell a lot about the team," Ilian Evtimov said. "Any team that is over here is very talented, and they have to be good, no matter if they're seeded 14 or 10 or 3. Everybody's good right now."

Coach Herb Sendek also sees things that way. "To some degree, the number is arbitrary," Sendek said. "What's the difference between a 3 and a 4 or a 14 and a 12? Does anyone really know for sure?" Lafayette hasn't won a game in the Big Dance since 1992, when it beat fourth-seeded Oklahoma

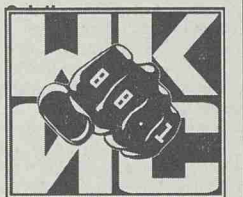
87-83. Four years ago under current coach Jessie Evans, the Ragin' Cajuns battled No. 4 seed Tennessee down to the wire before eventually falling by five points. "Back in 2000, I thought we played well, but not well enough to be successful to beat Tennessee," Evans said. "Unfortunately, we play N.C. State, which is one of the premier teams in the country. I vote [in the ESPN/USA Today coach's poll] and I've had N.C. State in there each and every week."

Crossword

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1 Car panel, briefly
5 Toy soldier
10 Frolic
14 Capri or Man
15 Heads-up
16 Fencer's weapon
17 Headliner
18 Feudal lord
19 Body-shop concern
20 Interneer conflict
22 Firefighter's feat
24 Natterjack
25 Poker stake
26 Robbery on the high seas
29 Friendly
33 Mexican friend
34 Fabric
35 Cabed
36 Walk in water
37 Like some gossip?
38 Religion spin-off
39 Faberge item
40 Fictional Montague
41 Fine jointly
42 Buck's hide
44 Bird dish
45 Balanced
46 Stuff
47 Arm bulge
50 Hat appendages
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Solutions



LAFAYETTE

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But Thursday, the NCAA-mandated day each team holds a press conference at the tournament venue, State went through a practice at nearby Rollins College and focused itself on not becoming the team at which one of those classic Cinderella teams begins its run against each and every March.

The ominous signs, nevertheless, are there. The last time

State held a No. 3 seed, it lost the opening game to Murray State in 1988. The last No. 14 seed to win a tournament game was Weber State in 1999. The opponent? State's friendly neighbor 26 miles to the west, North Carolina.

ACC Player of the Year Julius Hodge said the team hasn't been reminded about either of the above results, although he did make a prediction.

"No longer are we going to let anyone catch us with our pants down," he said.

Hodge carried himself Thursday with a serious demeanor,

being short with a question or two and keeping his bright smile that often appears in situations like this hidden.

Hodge said he was trying to send a message to his team about the nature of the tournament.

"I have to show the face that my teammates need to see," Hodge said. "I have to be ready to play and lead by example. I'm ready to do that."

His message is rubbing off to his peers, who talked about the need to focus on the opponent rather than how high or low it's seeded.

Bracket breakdown

TECHNICIAN

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TOP DOG

Cameron Bennerman
6'4", 199 lbs. | Soph. | Greensboro

OVERVIEW: Bennerman has started the last three games, matching a career high with 16 points at Wake Forest March 6.

QUOTABLE: "I've never been in the position where I've had to step into the starting lineup and do big things for the team, especially at the time of the year."

WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY: With Sherrill probably not able to play, Bennerman should once again get the starting nod and be a key factor into whether or not the Wolfpack advances to Sunday.

N.C. State **L #3 Seed**
Julius Hodge



Named the ACC Player of the Year Wednesday, Hodge addressed that yesterday by deflecting the award to his teammates. "It's a tribute to my teammates and our coaching staff," Hodge said.

Third-seeded N.C. State remains upset-wary entering today's NCAA Tournament game.

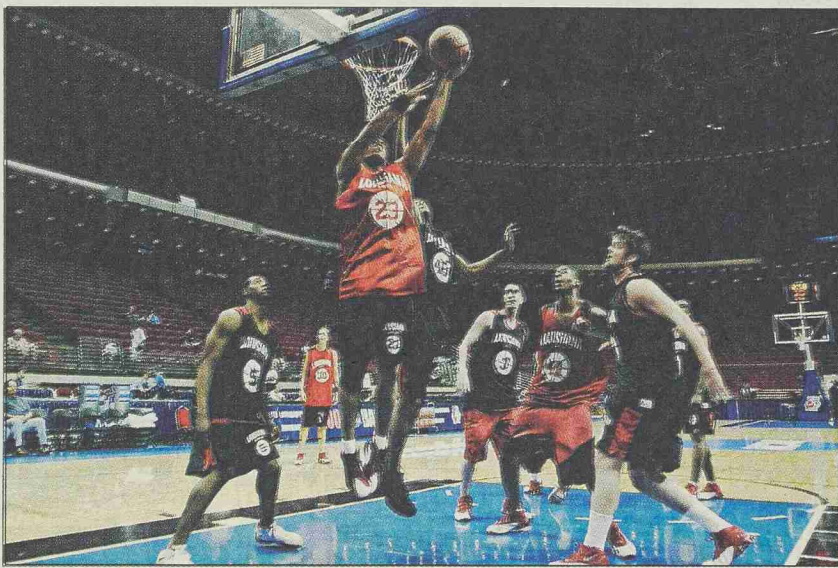
Matt Middleton
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ORLANDO, FLA. — Marcus Melvin may struggle to remember the name of the school he's playing tomorrow, but his teammates, as well as the sometimes-forgetful Melvin, are aware of the danger being a highly seeded team.

"We're going to do a good job of scouting, focus on one game at a time. We did our homework on...the university that we're playing against," Melvin said, pausing for a couple of seconds to search his head for the proper name of first-round opponent Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Wolfpack is seeded third in the Phoenix Regional and opens play today at 12:15 p.m. against 14th-seeded — remember, Marcus — Louisiana-Lafayette, winners of the Sun Belt Conference.

LAFAYETTE see page 7



Dwayne Mitchell goes up for a lay up in practice Thursday. ULL's athleticism can match most of the ACC team's.

Head to Head Matchup

THE STARTING LINE-UPS

C | 32 JORDAN COLLINS

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
21	11.1	3.3	2.0	0.4	0.2	0.2

F/C | 11 CHRIS CAMERON

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
28	18.4	6.4	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.4

F | 54 MARCUS MELVIN

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
29	33.8	14.2	8.2	2.0	0.6	0.8

F | 45 BRIAN HAMILTON

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
28	29.7	11.5	6.9	1.9	1.9	0.4

G | 24 JULIUS HODGE

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
29	34.7	18.6	6.3	3.8	1.5	0.9

G | 4 ANTOINE LANDRY

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
28	27.4	13.2	2.2	1.6	0.6	0.0

G | 13 CAMERON BENNERMAN

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
29	12.9	3.3	2.0	0.8	0.5	0.0

G | 21 LAURIE BRIDGES

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
28	30.9	10.3	6.0	3.1	1.5	0.3

G | 14 ENGIN ATSUR

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
26	29.0	8.2	2.6	2.4	0.9	0.0

G | 23 DWAYNE MITCHELL

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
25	27.2	9.5	4.4	3.3	1.8	0.5

TOP RESERVES

F | 3 ILIAN EVTIMOV

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
29	28.7	9.3	4.4	3.0	1.3	0.2

G | 4 MIKE O'DONNELL

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
28	12.0	2.6	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.0

F | 21 LEVI WATKINS

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
38	19.5	6.4	2.5	0.8	0.6	0.3

G | 3 BRAD BOYD

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
28	29.5	12.1	1.6	3.6	0.9	0.1

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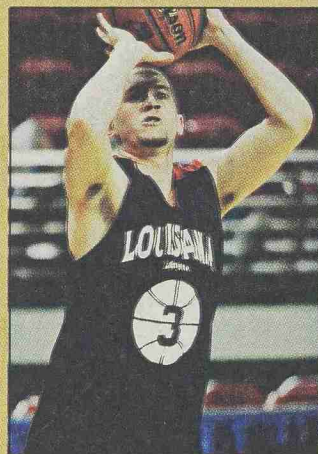
GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
17	25.2	10.6	4.5	2.8	2.1	0.4

F | 42 CEDRIC WILLIAMS

GMS	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
23	20.5	9.1	4.2	0.7	0.8	0.1

Louisiana-Lafayette **#14 SEED**

Brad Boyd



Boyd once made 12-of-153-point attempts in a high school game back in his hometown of Opelousas, La., a mark he believes is a state record. Boyd has fired 256 3-pointers this year and last season led his team to a road upset of 12th-ranked Mississippi State by hitting nine treys on a night in which his team dressed six players. "Coach allows me to shoot a lot of 3s," Boyd said in a vast understatement.

Sherrill a likely scratch

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

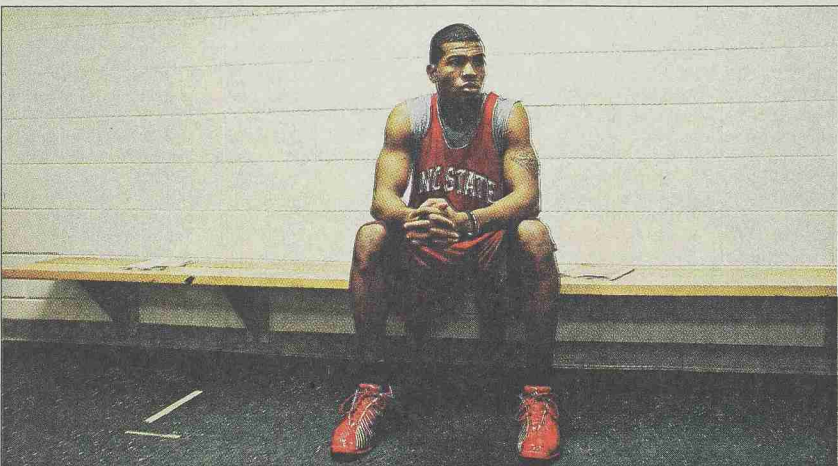
ORLANDO, FLA. — Jordan Collins was short on words to describe his injured left knee Thursday afternoon.

But his quick, one-word answers directed at the likelihood of him playing all fall under the affirmative status, and he definitely expects to go tomorrow.

On the other hand, teammate Scooter Sherrill calls his injury a "day-to-day thing," and will likely miss his fifth game in a row.

Sherrill, who maintained a mysterious disposition in relation to his injury, went through the team's brief workout at the TD Waterhouse Center Thursday afternoon without running or jumping. He did shoot some free throws, but his feet remained on the floor when he casually shot 3-pointers.

Before his injury, the 6-foot-3 shooting guard from Mt. Ulla usually defended the opposition's most lethal scoring threat. One who wasn't known as a great defender when he first came to N.C. State, Sherrill twice limited Florida State All-ACC guard Tim Pickett, and he hounded Duke's



Scooter Sherrill waits for practice to start in the locker room Thursday. Sherrill is doubtful for Friday's first round NCAA tournament.

J.J. Redick when the Pack beat the then-No. 1 Blue Devils at the RBC Center on Feb. 15. Sherrill's athleticism would help against a speedy UL-L team. Collins, who missed the team's ACC

Tournament loss to Maryland with a sprained left knee, has practiced the last two days, while Sherrill also did a little bit of work Wednesday. "Everyday it's gotten a little better

and better, but I still have a ways to go," Sherrill said.

Sherrill has missed the last four games since tearing a muscle in his left ankle against North Carolina.

CHECKPOINTS

DICTATE TEMPO
Although capable of running, State doesn't want a high-scoring game. ULL needs to use its athletes to force the Pack into a high-intensity, up-tempo game. "That's their style of play, and they want to control the game by doing that," Evtimov said.

MAINTAIN BALANCE
Seven players average at least nine points for the Cajuns, who won the Sun Belt regular season and didn't even place a single player on the first-team All-Sun Belt.

GET BOYD HIS LOOKS
ULL's leading scorer from a year ago, Brad Boyd, doesn't even start but still manages to hoist over nine 3-balls per game. He gets great rotation on his shot and also has a fairly quick release.

DON'T BE ONE-DIMENSIONAL
Opponents average nearly 70 points a game against the offensive-oriented Cajuns, who insist they will be focused on both ends of the floor today. "Defense starts our transition, and