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Construction worker dies at Carter-Finley

Ben McNeely
Staff Reporter

A toppling structure killed one of the construction workers it was supporting and injured two others at the Carter-Finley Stadium press box construction site on Monday.

The incident killed Juan Zapeda, 28, while working on a column that will support the new press box addition to the stadium.

He and the two other workers were working on the rebar reinforcing before pouring concrete, when the structure fell over.

Federal labor standards require that the workers properly attached themselves to the column with safety equipment.

It is unknown what caused the column to topple. The incident happened around noon at the west side of the stadium near Gate C off Trinity Road.

Wake County EMS and the Raleigh Fire Department responded and pronounced Zapeda dead at the scene. Responders transported the other two workers to Rex Hospital. Both victims were conscious and alert. Their identities will not be released until their next of kin are notified.

Zapeda's brother, who worked

with him at the construction site, identified the body. The brother is the only next of kin living in the United States.

The City/County Bureau of Investigation photographed the scene to make sure there was no violation of OSHA regulations, according to Sgt. Jon Barnwell of Campus Police.

The trio worked for Turner Construction Company - the company building the new press box. As of yet, there is no official word from Turner Construction about the incident, but the regional safety coordinator will inspect the scene and give a statement.

Campus Police is treating the incident as an accident.

"This is the first fatality on a construction site on campus," Barnwell said.

This is the third death that has occurred on campus in the past two months. In February, a body was found in the woods on Western Boulevard and on Sunday, a man unaffiliated with the university jumped from Cox Hall in an apparent suicide. Major construction has been ongoing on campus due to the 2000 bond referendum, but Carter-Finley is separately funded by the Wolfpack Club.

Diverse dialogue aims to educate the community



MELIH ONVURAL/TECHNICIAN
Students, faculty and staff joined in during the second campuswide diversity dialogue. The group split up and then came together to present their findings. A group of students is displaying their findings in the picture.

Ideas explored to increase students' awareness of diversity.

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

The goal of Monday's campus dialogue, as outlined by Jose Picart, vice provost for Diversity and African-American Affairs, was to promote campus conversation, inform and educate, enhance and respect inclusiveness, and, in essence, engage in educating the population.

Faculty, staff and students gathered in the Campus Cinema to delve into themes of diversity that affect N.C. State's campus.

Topics were explored in subsets of the larger group that all carried a healthy spirit of productivity and eagerness to learn and implement change. The overarching theme dealt with how to prepare students to live and work in an inclusive and

diverse world.

This theme focused on the need to retain academic freedom and provide students with the discipline and specific knowledge they need to achieve success in their chosen field of study.

In his opening remarks, Picart issued questions that also fused with the main theme of the discussion.

He challenged the audience to investigate the question, "As a community the values diversity, how can we address the challenges of providing diversity training for faculty and staff?"

Prior to the division of the entire audience into smaller units, Picart advocated a call to challenge the ideas presented and not the person, by which they are imparted. "The goal here is to explore diverse ideas and as such there will not be complete agreement," Picart said.

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Soldiers discuss Iraq

VIDEO LINK PUTS STUDENTS IN TOUCH WITH WEST POINT CADETS AND SOLDIERS STATIONED IN IRAQ.



MATT HUFFMAN/TECHNICIAN
Jose Picart, the vice provost for diversity and African-American affairs, listens to the cadets at West Point ask questions of the soldiers in Iraq on Monday morning in the Parks Shops conference room.

Kate Renner
Staff Reporter

Students were able to communicate live via videoconference with soldiers in Baghdad from a classroom in the Parks Shops yesterday morning. This three-hour event kicked off Human Rights Week. A video

downlink allowed participants to speak with soldiers stationed in Iraq about Post-War Iraq conditions.

"After the war broke out in Iraq some West Point professors thought it would be a good idea for a professional development leadership course for cadets at West Point to make contacts

with recent graduates in Iraq," Jose Picart, vice provost for Diversity and African-American Affairs, said.

Picart came to N.C. State from West Point where he was a professor during the Persian Gulf War.

The conference consisted of a split screen television with West Point cadets on the right and U.S.

lieutenants stationed in Iraq on the left.

"This affords an opportunity for cadets to ask questions on what being a leader is like, since after graduating most of these students will be commissioned to lieutenants and leaders,"

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Press box construction underway

Renovation funded by the Wolfpack Club will provide media, suites and club seating.

Kenneth Ball
Staff Reporter

Construction crews demolished the old press boxes at Carter-Finley stadium on Saturday, March 13 to make way for the construction of brand new facilities in the West Concourse area.

In place of the press boxes, N.C. State's Wolfpack Club is overseeing the design, building and funding of the new Wolfpack Towers complex.

The complex will include not only media and game operation

facilities, but also suites and club-level seating for Wolfpack fans.

According to Bobby Purcell, Wolfpack Club executive director, Carter-Finley's previous press box facilities were in need of renovation.

"The press box was really outdated, too small and did not have the amenities needed for either the media or the university," Purcell said. "Plus it was a visual detriment to the stadium, it did not fit the new look of the stadium."

The completion date for the \$35-million renovation project is not until 2005.

However, according to Purcell, the stadium will have the facilities to operate during the upcoming 2004 football season.

"We will be able to use a portion

of the press box for this coming season, but not all of it," Purcell said.

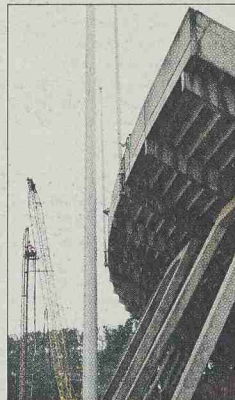
"We will be utilizing the Murphy Center and the field house to accommodate what's not able to be done in the partially-finished press box," he said.

Wolfpack Towers will not only provide improvements to Carter-Finley stadium, but will also be a source of revenue for the university's athletic program.

"The project will produce income that will supplement the Department of Athletics' operating fund once the building is paid for," Purcell said.

The press box area is not the only area in Carter-Finley that will undergo changes.

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RAY BLACKIII/TECHNICIAN
Work continues on the new Carter-Finley press box.

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Bracket Breakdown
Tim Coffield offers his predictions for what's left in the NCAA tournament. See page 4.

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TASHA PETTY/TECHNICIAN
Spring officially began on Friday. Although chilly weather has caused students to break out their winter jackets, the blooming flowers should instill some hope that temperatures will be on the rise shortly.

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NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, NATION & STATE

WORLD

NIGERIA GRANTS ARISTIDE TEMPORARY ASYLUM

Nigeria has agreed to a request by Caribbean leaders to grant former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide temporary asylum, the nation's presidency said Monday.

The request came from the 15-nation Caribbean Community, known as Caricom. Nigerian presidential spokeswoman Remi Oyo said in a statement late Monday.

The statement did not say whether Aristide had requested - or even agreed to - asylum in Nigeria.

-Wire Reports

U.S. CRITICIZES KILLING OF HAMAS LEADER

After initially hesitating, the Bush administration criticized Israel on Monday for killing Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, a founder of the militant Palestinian group Hamas. "We are deeply troubled by this morning's incident in Gaza," the White House spokesman said.

The criticism appeared to reflect both concern for the already troubled U.S. peace effort in the Middle East and a judgment that the Bush administration should reassure European and Arab governments that its support for Israel is not limitless.

Administration officials said they had no advance warning of the killing, which has raised fears of possible retaliation against the United States. Hamas directly threatened the United States - something it usually does not do - saying America's backing of Israel made the assassination possible.

-Wire Reports

NATION

G.I. MAY BLAME IRAQ TRAUMA FOR KILLING

At least one of four soldiers accused in the killing of a buddy in Georgia after their return home from Iraq may argue in court that they were unhinged by the horrors they had seen on the battlefield.

Attorney David S. West said he plans to have his client, Pfc. Alberto Martinez, examined for post-traumatic stress disorder.

"The most amazing thing to me is to hear the harrowing descriptions of what these kids went through," West said. "They were one of the first units into Baghdad. All along the way, they were under fire."

They were sleeping in their armored vehicles for fear they were going to get shot dead. They had people around them who were getting shot."

Martinez is accused of stabbing Spc. Richard Davis, 25, of St. Charles, Mo., at least 30 times a few days after their unit returned from Iraq in July.

-Wire Reports

BLACK CLERGY TO RALLY AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE IN ATLANTA

From the cradle of the civil rights movement, several hundred black pastors are coming out against gay marriage and objecting to comparisons between the campaign for racial equality and the push for same-sex weddings.

The pastors planned to rally late Monday at a metro Atlanta church where they were to sign a declaration that outlines their beliefs on marriage and religion.

They are pressing for a state constitutional ban on gay marriages, which will be considered again by the Georgia House as soon as this week.

Many black clergy say they are offended by the gay rights movement's claim that their struggle is the same as the effort for equal racial rights.

-Wire Reports

STATE

PASSENGER PLANE DIVERTED AFTER BROTHERS' FIGHT

A fight between two brothers on a passenger plane from New York to Fort Lauderdale ended with the plane being diverted to Wilmington International Airport, where the men were taken off the airplane.

The men were taken into custody at the airport Sunday, questioned and released by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

"They had to stop the plane. (Other) passengers could have been hurt and the airline would have been liable," said Jim Morton, a spokesman for the Wilmington airport.

Morton said Flight 385, a Jet Blue plane, had taken off from JFK Airport at 2:45 p.m. to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport when an argument on board started between the two brothers.

-Wire Reports

ELECTIONS

Edens runs unopposed

CANDIDATE: Anna Edens

CLASS: Junior

MAJOR(S): Biology

ACTIVITIES:

Park Scholar
Judicial Board Assistant, Nov. 03-present
Member of Inter-collegiate Ethics Bowl Team
Outreach co-chair officer for NCSU's Habitat for Humanity Volunteer for WakeMed Children's Emergency Department
Co-founder and current vice president of March of Dimes Collegiate Council



she was qualified to the Office of Student Conduct and was accepted as a candidate, and now she is looking forward to the challenges of taking on a major role within Student Government.

She came to N.C. State from Dalzell, S.C., after winning the Park Scholarship, but her parents had already paved the way. Her father attended NCSU for its agriculture program, and her mother graduated from Meredith College.

"There's always been that Triangle connection," Edens said. "It's true about Meredith girls meeting N.C. State boys." She is glad that she came to NCSU. "It's out of state, it's new, it's different, but I'm still close enough to home that there is still a comfort level there."

Q&A

TECHNICIAN: What kind of person needs to fill the student chief justice position?

EDENS: It needs to be somebody who has experience with the board, who fully understands the mission and the importance of having a student-led board hear the cases of students. It also needs to be somebody who has critical thinking skills and good judgment, and the ability to put aside any kind of preconceived stereotypes, to be able to fully analyze all the different aspects of the situation. Because deci-

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Eight groups were established, which were further divided into faculty/staff and student sessions.

Justine Hollingshead the coordinator for conference services in University Housing, Greg Holden from the Office of Equal Opportunity; Gail Hankins, the assistant dean in the College of Management; and Beverly Williams, the coordinator for outreach and education in the Office of Equal Opportunity all served as facilitators for the faculty/staff session.

Carolyn Veale, a graduate student in higher education administration; Monica Leach, the assistant dean in the College of Humanities and Social Sci-

ences; Tia Doxey, the residence life coordinator for Lee Hall; and Janet Howard, the director of the Office of Diversity of African American Affairs, were the facilitators for the student session.

All the groups individually discussed what they thought this campus needed to see in terms of providing diversity training in all facets of living and learning at NCSU. In the session led by Leach she noted, "We need a different type of exposure that takes us out of our norm, whatever our norm may be."

Students in this group proposed having study abroad, co-op's or the national student exchange as requirements in the curriculum. This would make it mandatory that students experience holistic cross cultural

experience. Other groups investigated the importance of language diversity and intercultural activities, while others pondered thought about having different type of learning strategies with a focus on stronger peer interaction.

One of the student groups, strongly voiced how important it is to still maintain small class sizes, and how the magnitude of learning environment can impede on the functions of maintaining a diverse atmosphere.

Following the hour long period which the various sessions spent in interactive discussions, they re-grouped to present ideas and evaluate the merits of the issues raised.

"This event took the dialogue to another level, I was very impressed by its approach," Mital

Patel, a senior in computer science, said. "It's ironic that we talked about small class sizes and that is what this campus dialogue did today."

Picart said he was pleased with the event. "I felt that the dialogue was very successful and productive in the small groups," he said. According to Picart, the next course of action will be to produce a document and share with the community and engage specific parts of this community in how changes can be implemented.

He stressed that the key is to work with the community, and for everyone to be agents of change.

"We can't turn to one person and expect them to do everything, we all have to share the responsibility," he said.

Enloe Track Coach, who said he would address the issue with the driver.

4:09 P.M. | MEDICAL ESCORT
A staff member requested a transport for a student from the Student Health Services Center to Wake Medical Center for evaluation.

5:16 P.M. | INFORMATION POLICE
A staff member called to report an incident concerning one of her employees involving some e-mails sent from off-campus. This occurred in the Administrative Services Center.

7:31 P.M. | CHECK PERSON
An officer checked on a vehicle at the Engineering Phase I construction site and found it to belong to a security guard working the area.

9:03 P.M. | FIRE ALARM
Fire alarm activation at the Coliseum Deck, caused by a heat detector. The system was reset.

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Picart said.

"This was particularly timely with the year anniversary of war. This conference gives students a chance to see what it is like for soldiers in Iraq," Laura Osegueda, chair of Human Rights Week Committee, said. "Most lieutenants are recent graduates from colleges across the country, schools like N.C. State."

The cadets of West Point had a large interest in the lives of the soldiers in Iraq because most of these cadets will also be stationed overseas in about a year.

Soldiers in Iraq answered a variety of questions about life and death, motivation, preparation and interactions with civilians. The names of the soldiers cannot be disclosed due to the nature of the discussion.

The forum opened up when a West Point cadet asked how soldiers deal with other soldiers' deaths.

One lieutenant said that when the first person from your battalion died in Iraq it was a turning point.

"You don't want to sit around and think and become depressed," he said. "You can think about it when you get home, but when you're here you've got to get back on the horse and continue doing raids and patrols."

Cadets asked soldiers questions about preparedness. The soldiers all agreed that no training in the army prepared them for what they do in Iraq.

"The basics you learn apply here, but we weren't trained for doing raids and patrols stuff," one soldier said.

Another soldier wished he had been in better physical shape.

"I haven't had a day off since May 11. That's a long time to go without a break while staying in good physical shape," he said.

The forum gave soldiers a chance to reassure West Point cadets and to bolster their frame of mind.

"Back at West Point if someone had told me I'd be deployed as a platoon leader in Iraq, I'd be terrified, counting the Friday nights I'd be missing," one soldier said. "Now that I'm here I wouldn't trade this leadership opportunity for the world."

Soldiers discussed the Iraqis' view of the war, which ranged the full spectrum.

"Some cute little kids come up to us on the streets and want to practice their English by repeating the phrase, 'No Saddam, Bush good,' yet other civilians shake their fists at us," one soldier said.

Most soldiers agreed that they have a tough time understanding the Iraqi culture.

"They [Iraqi people] drive me crazy some times. I've been here a year and I still and will never understand their culture, it boggles my mind," one frustrated soldier said.

The soldiers were willing to share some of their strategies of everyday life in Iraq.

"I never thought I'd be memorizing trash on the road, but when a new piece of trash pops up, nine times out of 10 it's a bomb," a soldier said.

Another soldier said, "The fact that we don't have a set daily schedule keeps the enemy from ruining our patterns by attacking us."

The forum gave students and West Point cadets a larger perspective on the lives of those fighting for our country. The turnout for the conference was very low.

"It is so cold outside and everyone is still depressed about the basketball game that it was hard to get the word out," Osegueda said.

Antonious Iskander, a junior in computer engineering, came to the forum because he is taking an Arabic language class.

"I am interested in the communication and technology of our time," Iskander said.

"Hopefully, in the future, more students will come out to get a peek behind the curtain of Iraq," Picart said. "The media often disrupts the intimacy of such an experience; this [teleconference] is another aspect of communicating without the media and publicity."

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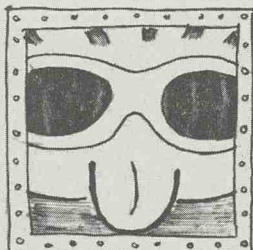
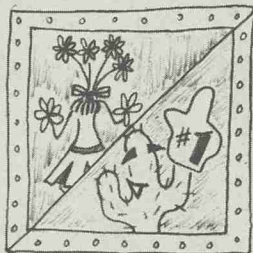
When we got home, we kept up with Mark and got involved with a zine that Leslie's a Rebel contributes to called Rebel Girl.



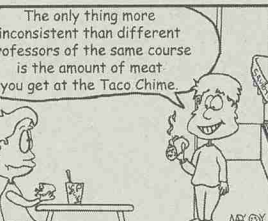
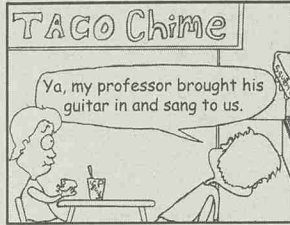
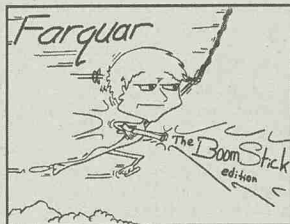
Over the years I sent Mark most of my poems and all of my short stories.



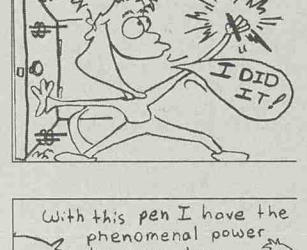
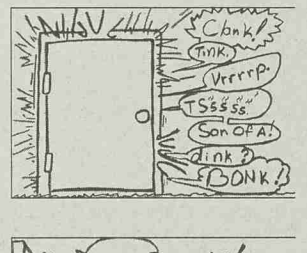
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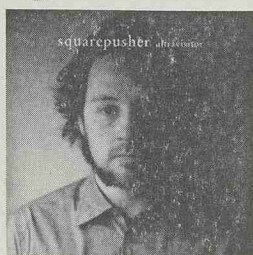
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MUSIC



Ultravisitor
Squarepusher
(Warp)

★★★★½

Pure electronic madness, Squarepusher's latest album delivers sonic schizophrenia rivaling even the noises in my head.

There is so much sound packed into this one little disk that I'm amazed the little plastic cases that hold it don't blow up when you take the shrink wrapping off.

Each song starts with a simple drum track that steadily builds up into a crazy hodgepodge of synths and programmed drums, little electronic ticking noises and stuff that sounds like a microphone strapped to a slinky sent flopping down the stairs - picture the sound!

Just before all this craziness brings you to the brink of madness, right before the dog starts to talk to you, the song has what alcoholics refer to as a moment of clarity. All the seemingly random noises come together to make something beautiful. Not beautiful like Beethoven's "5th," but dirty beautiful. Something that without all the craziness that came before it would, alone, sound like something ugly. Beautiful, but still kind of crazy. Now, to me, it just doesn't get much better than that.

I will admit that sometimes it is too much. All that wild lunacy bringing me to the brink of madness sometimes just goes ahead and kicks me off. When I start drooling and making baby noises someone has to come and turn the CD player off and rescue me.

"Ultravisitor" shows that both schools of production, played and programmed, can live in relative harmony together. There is even an excited, clapping crowd, to blur the lines between a studio album and a live show. It's obvious, though, that it's sampled in, you don't hear any baby noises or that incomprehensible wailing of psychos that you would hear at least 20 or 30 people make during a Squarepusher show.

If you're into Autechre, Aphex Twin or Prefuse 73 check out Squarepusher's "Ultravisitor." If you have no idea what any of those bands sound like, listen to this album first. It's not for everyone.

- Chris Reynolds

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL: CHAPTER 9

Into the lion's den

STORY BY JONATHAN HAMILTON | ILLUSTRATION BY MARY GELLAR

Stone, Annie and Irons sat having morning coffee outside Les Deux Magots and watching the summer touring crowd walk the streets of Paris. It was the end of June; two months had passed since their encounter with the Cossack's spies in the city. The woman who had impersonated Renarde hadn't returned, and the man who had impersonated Edwards was being held at the American embassy pending extradition to the United States for his trial. The team had learned the location of the Cossack's headquarters from his interrogation: a ruined castle in the Carpathians, well known to the natives in the area. Now the three awaited clearance from the Bureau of Intelligence to reconnoiter the castle. They had been stagnating in Paris since April, keeping a low profile after having discovered that there was no investigation into the kidnapping of Dr. Henri de Matteau -- in fact, there hadn't been a kidnapping or a Dr. Matteau at all.

Stone drained his cup of coffee in one long, slow sip. "What have you two done this morning?"

Annie pulled an ancient-looking, heavy book from her rucksack and sat it on the table. "I did some legwork in the library," she said while she flipped through the pages. "My French is pretty bad - learned a little from these Canadian furriers, you know - but look here." She tapped a large illustration spread across two pages of the book. "It's a floor plan of the Cossack's castle. The thing has been practically rubble for a couple of centuries now - most of the structures' ceilings have fallen in - and as far as I was able to find out, the land is privately owned, but I couldn't get deed information. The language barrier is too strong."

"Good work, Annie," Irons said. "We know the place exists, at least, and now we have some idea of the layout. It doesn't make sense, though."

"What do you mean?" Stone asked.

"Well," Irons began, pushing his glasses back up the bridge of his nose. "I asked our bureau liaison at the embassy for any information available on the thefts and kidnappings related to the Cossack. As we all know, it's all been rocket technology for the missile attack, but why would he kidnap astronomers? It doesn't make sense."

"What does that have to do with the castle?" Annie asked.

"I got in contact with the French National Observatory and... it's not good. Two of the missing researchers are Polish astronomers who were studying the possibility of launching a vessel into orbit around the planet."

Stone scoffed. "Impossible. Are you



"The Cossack's face (if it could be called that) was a grinning skull with an unearthly quality that disquieted the group just looking at it."

suggesting that the Cossack is going to all this trouble over the pipe dream of space travel?"

Irons looked at Stone blankly. "You mean our government hasn't started a program for it yet? I made the recommendation two years ago. At any rate," he said as he produced three webbed belts with a variety of pouches on them, "I rigged these up from some of my equipment last night. You've got the usual survival gear - rations, a com-

pass, a knife, matches, you know - with a miniature gas mask, a more powerful version of our transmitter earpieces, and a few other surprises I need to brief you on."

"Good work, both of you. Now, with Agent Edwards' help - the real Agent Edwards - I've arranged for us to be transported to a village a few miles outside of the region where this castle lies. As soon as we get back to the hotel, we need to be ready to leave within the

hour." He pushed away from the table and stood to leave when Annie spoke.

"You don't waste any time, do you? Before you get yourself in a hurry, Jake, is there anything else you want to tell us? Because between your extortion and getting us caught up in that bizarre double-crossing when we got here, I'm not so sure me and Irons ought to trust you." Irons gave her a worried glance, but Annie's eyes were fixed on Stone.

"So? What's it going to be?" Stone sighed wearily and pulled a manila folder from his jacket. "I'm afraid the mission has gotten even stranger. The spy we captured was carrying propaganda material for recruiting anti-American sympathizers into the Cossack's army."

"Expatriate ingrates," Irons said disdainfully.

"Army?" Annie asked. "What do you mean?"

"According to the spy, the Cossack maintains a force of about 200 men. We can take that to mean that his base of operations will be heavily guarded, which means our reconnaissance will have to be done with the utmost care." He opened the envelope and pulled a large photograph from it. "We found this photo in the propaganda. I don't know what to make of it, but this Cossack character... he's no ordinary man."

He dropped the photo onto the table, and the other two looked at it with expressions of disbelief. The image showed a tall, imposing man clad in a uniform of regal authority, much as might be expected in a propaganda photo, but for one notable difference: The Cossack's face (if it could be called that) was a grinning skull with an unearthly quality that disquieted the group just looking at it.

"Good God," Irons whispered.

Annie picked up the photograph, unable to take her eyes off it, her hands shaking with unease. "Jake... what in the world does this mean?"

Stone shook his head. "I don't know. The bureau says that there is no evidence that the photo has been retouched. Dr. Irons, you mentioned something about space travel...?"

Irons looked at Stone in confusion, but awareness broke over his face in a wave of fear. "You can't be serious."

Stone shook his head again. "I didn't say anything. But I recommend we go back to the hotel at once and prepare to catch our transport. We can't risk the Cossack taking flight." He glanced up toward the sky. "He might go somewhere we can't follow."

To be continued in chapter 10: First Contact!

THE COFFIELD FILES

Upping my points, downing the time

As many of you are aware, we've recently entered a certain *holy season*. Your family may be very serious about this time of year. Mine sure is. Even

Tim Coffield
Senior Staff Tim

ol' tweed-panted Uncle Nate, who usually passes his days slowly eating appeasance and not caring about the giant globule dangling from his nostril, straightens up his act every

March. He tucks his shirt in. He checks the book regularly. He blows his nose.

A grueling spring tradition of physical sacrifice and emotional energy; this period is marked by a stringent searching for personal knowledge of the Truth. Prayer is a critical component, as is de-

voted research. But it all boils down to faith, really. The cards are in the stars. The best we can do is place our bets and hope for the best. At least that's what my bookie says.

Yes, the NCAA tournament is here. And I can feel it deep in my brittle (but perceptive) bones: this is the year I finally win the family pool. I picked Vanderbilt to win it, so things are looking pretty good for me at the moment.

If I don't win this year I'll be angry, as sure as grapefruits taste nothing like grapes I will. See, betting on NCAA sports is very important, me being the latest in a long line of devoted gamblers and all. We don't take losing lightly. The stories are many, and inspiring:

The 72 straight hours at the Exxon slot machine in McCaw, S.C., a local record (that was Uncle Nate, Jan. '92). The epic poker battles at South of the Border, from which Dad often emerged, dreary eyed and battle-torn, by midmorning the next day. Clouds of smoke. Warm highballs. Reinvesting my college fund to pay off that debt to the guy with the baseball bat (Dad, April '98).

Yes, games of chance are in our blood. Gambling appeals to a certain in-

born need for suspense. There's an immortal quality to that moment (those delicious, transient instants!) directly before the wager's outcome is revealed, before the cards are turned over, as the slots settle.

The buzzer sounds and the winning shot is airborne, arching and turning, the team's fate (*my fate!*) teetering. A lone second suspends itself and stretches, slipping us all a tiny taste of eternal ecstasy. Something tangible there. Makes us want to sink our teeth in and savor it, then slip some in our pockets for later.

It's a feeling worth working for. We research the teams, the crucial stats. We evaluate individual players, try to predict the clutch performers. We scour the books for the odds and the spreads and the key tips.

There's some pleasure here, sure - there always is when we whittle life to a more workable size, down to something we think stable and predictable. We like to think the secret truths are out there waiting to be uncovered.

But if it was the search that's everything, then scavenger hunts and Scrabble would be just as popular as sports betting. And that's just not the case. It's the moment we're after. The last second drive. The off-balance jumper. The flash before the judgment.

And nothing beats the sensation of success. Not even birthday cake. It's a personal affirmation. My team wins, I

prevail. In fact, my faith - that little act of writing a name down in the bracket - just might have been enough to reverse some divine favor, to turn the cosmic lots on end.

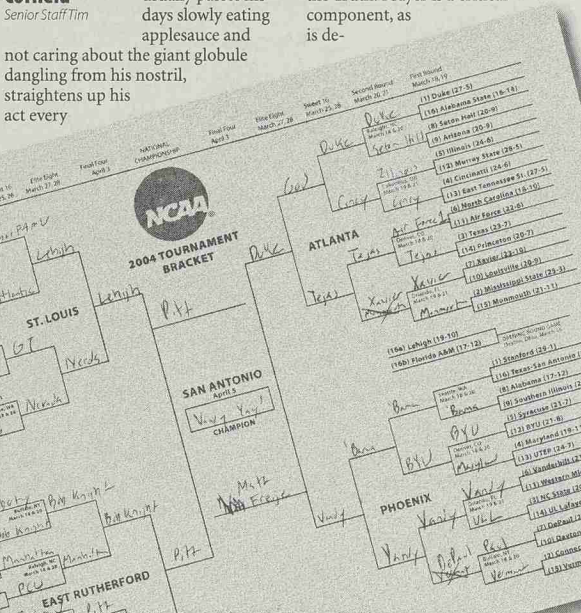
But losing is tough. Often, we don't even want to admit to failure. It's a bitter serving to swallow. That's why Dad - who keeps our forms and tallies the points - always fills out his bracket with pencil. Sometimes it's easier to doctor the truth a bit in the name of public pride than to acknowledge personal defeat.

Dad wins our pool every year, and I've seen the smudges on his paper as he counts his money, smirking and shaking his head. I could've sworn he picked Kentucky last year, not Syracuse. Or maybe I'm just imagining things. Maybe it's me who's unwilling to confess my shortfall.

In any event, this is my year to emerge triumphant. I filched Dad's bracket last week and photocopied it, to keep him honest. And my picks are looking sharp. I'm feeling good.

Let's just hope the games are close, the seconds are thick, and that the vital shots are launched as the buzzer looms. See, the game might be for the players, but those last seconds - they're mine.

Tim has five 60 watt light bulbs for sale. He cannot confirm their condition, but he assures you they are each very round. Contact tlcoffie@ncsu.edu.





TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

A SEASON FOR THE BOOKS

IN APPRECIATION: THE WOLFPACK MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM MAY HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF A SWEET 16 BID, BUT IT MADE A STATEMENT TO THE ACC AND THE NATION NOT TO COUNT OUT THE LONG SHOT.

The basketball season started out with anticipation and uncertainty.

The Wolfpack had lost stellar players Anthony Grundy and Archie Miller and Clifford Crawford over the past two years, but it only forced seniors Marcus Melvin, Scooter Sherrill and junior Julius Hodge to step up and lead the team through the ACC.

As the season started, no one thought the Wolfpack would be second in the ACC and make it to the NCAA Tournament again — the third year in a row.

The "Fire Herb" naysayers were still as vocal as ever.

Throughout the first half of the season, the Pack waxed and waned, with wins against non-conference opponents

like Howard and Hartford and losses to Michigan and South Carolina. But the conference games were where it all counted.

In the end, the Wolfpack ended up 20-9 for the season and 11-5 in the ACC — the toughest basketball conference in the country.

Not bad for a team that has been on and off for the longest time.

With a comeback win against Wake Forest and a big win over then-No.1 Duke, N.C. State proved it wasn't out of the contest yet, and the nation sat up and took notice.

The momentum was there and the passion on the court and in the stands was at a fever pitch.

But with disappointing losses against UNC and Maryland in the ACC Tournament, the Pack had to rethink its strategy.

In the end, however, the wins were enough to earn a No.3 in the Big Dance.

Now, after a rough win against UL-La-

fayette and a bitter loss against Vanderbilt, the Pack's season is over, but there are many reasons to be proud.

Julius Hodge was voted ACC Player of the Year and is set to have a stellar senior season next year should he return.

And Herb Sendek finally got the attention and recognition he deserved as he was chosen as ACC Coach of the Year. Sendek's quiet, intellectual style may not make him as exciting as fans want him to be, but he is arguably the most prepared coach in the conference and he gets the job done.

Many view how far a team goes in the NCAA Tourney as the deciding factor on a winning season, but it all comes down to how hard a team plays and the numbers in the win column.

The Pack has had a solid winning season and the fans have followed faithfully through the ups and downs. Another exciting season is over, and we can't wait for next year.

Thanks guys.

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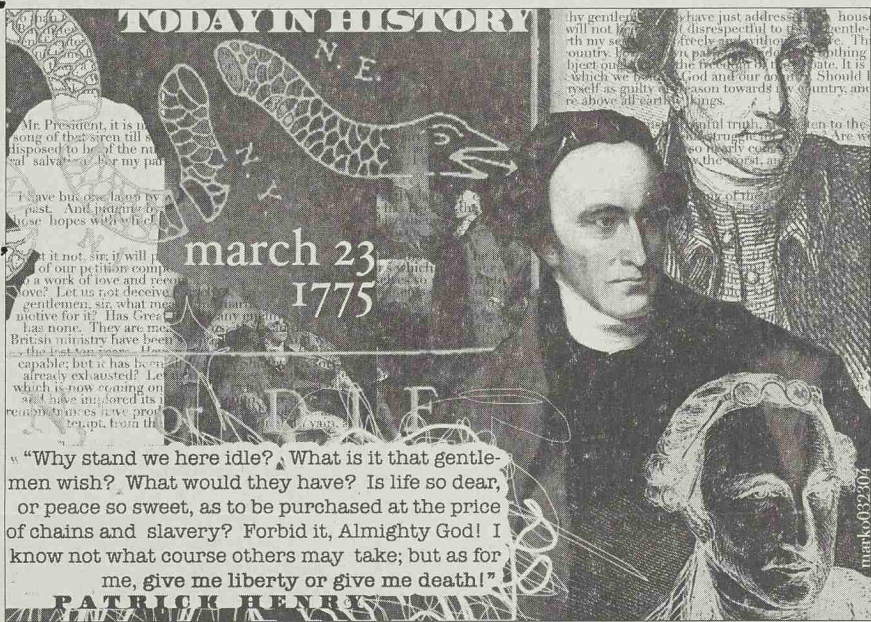
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A policy that discriminates

Student Media Authority, through its new academic policy, is effectively shutting out an entire group of students. Andrew Payne discusses the plight of these "third-class citizens."

Attention please! May I have your attention? Part time students are third class citizens at N.C. State. At least that is according to the university's Student Media Authority, the student governing board that oversees the media's finances and operations including Technician.

In January of 2004, SMA approved a policy to limit media positions, like news and sports writers, opinion columnists, photographers and DJs, to only full-time students. The policy's justifying preamble, "The Student Media at North Carolina State University realize that the people putting out the publications and broadcasting are students first and dedicated to the media second. Grades are an important indicator of future success. And while there will be time when the media will, out of necessity, take priority, maintaining a full course load and an at least average GPA are important."

The policy provides further explanation. "All regular student employees of the Student Media shall maintain at least a 2.25 grade point average [and] all regular student employees of the Student Media shall be full-time students at N.C. State University unless in their final semester of study."

I understand the minimum grade point average, which is common in a multitude of student activities and organizations. If someone isn't passing academic muster they should not be allowed to devote valuable time bantering in opinion columns or playing everyone's favorite love song on the radio.

But what is this crap about being a full time student? (Note to my editor: Because I am a part-time student, I didn't have the intellectual capacity to come up with a better word than crap. Please excuse my class scheduling inadequacies.) Although there are numerous stances against such a policy (don't fret, I will get to them in a moment), I will first present the simplest and best argument against why the proposed policy is flawed and why it will not stand once the appropriate administrators learn of it. Simply put — MONEY! Part-time students pay student fees. That's right, when the tuition bill hits the mailboxes of part-time students there is a charge for student activity fees. And if you want a detailed explanation, simply turn the bill over and there you will see that \$16.50 of the student fee charge goes to "defraying the costs of campus wide publications." The \$16.50 is for full-time students and is prorated for part-time students.

As a result of paying mandatory student fees, let's look at some of the things you can do as a part-time stu-

dent: play intramural sports, act in a play, attend a play, consult an attorney, sweat fat away in the gym, get tested for HIV/AIDS, check your e-mail, cheer at a basketball game, wait for, I mean, ride the Wolfline, view a film and debate a speaker.

Better yet, a part-time student can be elected student body president and serve as a voting member of the NCSU Board of Trustees. You know that group — the one that decides how much to raise tuition and whether to expel a student for violating the Code of Student Conduct. Wow, those are some big responsibilities, are we sure the N.C. General Assembly intended to have a part-time student doing them? If they would have known they couldn't write an opinion column I am sure they would have written the legislation differently.

Let me quickly summarize the above because many of my avid readers are part-time students, and, as everyone knows, they have mild forms of attention deficit disorder. The only things a part-time student can't do that a full-time student can are write something, take a picture or spin an album.

Now let's look at the other problems with this flawed policy. First, many members of the current staffs of the student media are part-time students. If you eliminate part-time students, the newspapers may not print and the radio station may not be able to broadcast. I think we would all agree Technician news needs more reporters, not less. WKNC 88.1 FM, the campus radio station, has a long-standing tradition of allowing alumni to fill airtime spots that are not filled by students. I guess now we can look forward to listening to DJ Computer as it spins the ones and twos. For you part-time students, that means playing records on a turntable.

But why would you want to eliminate part-time students from the student media? These students add diversity and a new perspective on events in the university community.

Part-time students, also known as non-traditional students, may be a single mother, a laid-off worker learning new skills or a "regular student" working two jobs to pay their way through school.

If the student media is only made up of full-time students, we know that issues important to white males will definitely be covered.

The new student status requirements are scheduled to go into effect April 1.

A word of caution to those who were hoping that such a policy would remove me from the newsstands or the airwaves — come April 1, I'll still be causing trouble in Technician and on WKNC. SMA — here is a headline for you — you are not the FCC and you won't be removing me.

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Voter choice in November is key to campaign strategy

Robert Jaijall wonders what John Kerry would bring to the White House, and if that's what America needs.

President Bush finally stepped into the fray, launching new attacks on John Kerry to stem his recent loss in popularity. The ads decry Kerry as "wrong on taxes, wrong on defense" and question his resolve to defend America. As President Bush takes the gloves off, one gets the sense that we are in store for one of the most vicious presidential campaigns in a long time.

The Bush team has proven itself adept at the smear campaign, savaging John McCain in the Republican primaries four years ago, while upending Georgia war veteran Max Cleland in the Senate, casting him as soft on defense. Despite this previous success, Bush's attacks on Kerry may not have the same success because the context in which the campaign is developing fundamentally alters the soundness of the attack strategy.

Last week's fusillade by the Bush team can essentially be characterized as playing on the fears of citizens. The ads do this by contrasting Bush's concrete policy positions (thereby leveraging the advantage of the incumbent) to Kerry's largely theoretical proposals. The second facet of Bush's attacks focuses on the war on terrorism, which the Bush team would like to become the keystone issue of the campaign. Combining uncertainty over what Kerry actually plans to do with fear of future terrorist attacks, the Bush team has created what it hopes to be a powerful package of attacks that will convince voters to stay with the incumbent in this next

election. The problem with this attack package is that the choice it presents to voters is inappropriate for this year's elections. The choice Bush offers — security versus uncertainty — is not the choice voters are seeking. The curious resilience of John Edwards in his bid for the democratic nomination demonstrates this difference in point of view. The Edwards campaign was notable for its unwavering positive message with detailed policy proposals optional. Indeed, it seems that in this election year, voters are looking for a progressive message. Regarding the economy and the war on terror, voters are looking for a change from the current situation because the Bush administration's success on these issues thus far is dubious. The administration has preached tax cuts and received them in the previous three years, but rewards commensurate to the cuts have not really materialized. As a result, voters face the curious reality of Gross Domestic Product being a leading indicator for job growth.

Similarly, it is also difficult for voters to assess whether the country's investments into the war on terror have produced commensurate rewards. With Iraq as the focal point for the war, perceived returns from the war on terror go down as Iraq's future remains uncertain and as the Iraq problem is more and more revealed to be tangential to the problem of terrorism. When voters look at this snapshot of the current situation, it is not un-

reasonable to expect that they would look to change this situation in November. The common question raised during presidential campaigns is "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" However, the question for this year's campaign is "Will you be better off four years from now than you are today?" Because Bush's position emphasizes security over uncertainty, it offers no real changes in policy to give any indication that the next four years will be different from the last.

In contrast, Kerry represents a refreshing of policy ideas that may lead to change over the next four years. It is important to note that Kerry does not have to prove that his plans will improve the reality voters face. It is common sense to think that four more years of the same policy will not lead to a different outcome. Hence, by simply being different from Bush, Kerry offers the possibility that the next four years will not be like the last.

By trying to frame the campaign as a choice between certainty and uncertainty, the Bush administration is gambling that the choice voters see in their minds is not between inertia and change. Unfortunately for the Bush team, the early indications are that voters are indeed looking for something different over the next four years. If the Bush message is not progressive, it will likely be one to which voters will not subscribe come November.

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and has a key role in appointing referees to NCAA games.

After an hour, I was finally given his number and he even answered on the first try. A gruff-voiced, old-school official, Nichols refused to criticize.

"The call was correct," Nichols said. "He ran into the back of a guy going for a layup without going for the ball ... that's one of the definitions of an intentional foul."

When I told Nichols that Vanderbilt's Corey Smith admitted to intentionally slowing down to draw Marcus Melvin's contact, and that TV replays showed Smith tripping on his feet, the veteran official repeated what he'd already said. When I told Nichols that the local media had questioned the call, he

couldn't believe it.

"What are they questioning?" he asked.
You mean, besides everything, Hank?

For a guy that had officiated so many big games, Nichols saw only the side he wanted in this case. And of course, he protected Libbey and seemed disgusted that I might want to contact the official whose call had as big an impact on the outcome of the game as any other single play.

Not to be defeated, I saved the best interaction for last. Since Libbey is a Pac-10 ref, I called his boss, former Cal basketball coach Lou Campanelli, who now serves as the Pac-10 coordinator of men's basketball officiating.

I asked Campanelli how I'd be able to get in touch with one of his employees, Dave Libbey. I probably would have had better luck if I had asked Campanelli to give me his Beanie Baby col-

lection.

"You can't talk to an official, are you kidding me?" he barked. "Uh, no," I said. I must have missed the memo.

I started to ask for his opinion on whether he believed officials should be made available for comment after games, especially since coaches and players are interviewed by media in the NCAA Tournament for over 45 minutes after each game. He hung up before I spit out three words.

"Can't help you, gotta go, I've got a doctor's appointment," he said, lying.

I'm hoping that appointment involved some sort of surgery to help him become a man. Or, at the very least, a shot of courage to answer critics.

Libbey could use it, too.

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run," Fowler said. "And of course it's pretty important also about the number of tickets that were sold and we sold out a month in advance and then the tickets that we put up during the tournament [that teams didn't sell] sold quickly."

With how smoothly the four-day event ran — open practices and team press conferences began Wednesday and games ended early Saturday evening — and with the strong ticket sales, Cobb and Fowler both believe that State will be a strong candidate to host future tournament games.

State already has put in a bid to host the first and second rounds and/or a regional for 2007 and 2008. The NCAA's decision won't be known until the summer.

"The big thing is not only did it impact us this year, but we're hoping that it have a positive impact for us to get another first

and second round or maybe even a regional in '07 or '08," Fowler said. "From what little I talked to the NCAA rep that was here, he said it was a wonderful event and wonderful building and he'd recommend it in the highest to the NCAA for future events. So hopefully we did everything we could do to not only put our best foot forward this time but hopefully get an opportunity at another event."

Hosting a regional would mean more media exposure for the city and the RBC Center but probably less financially, at least for State. The first and second round features twice as many games (six) as a regional and twice the opportunity for fans to buy tickets, concessions and memorabilia.

But a regional might impact the city greater economically, especially if fans have to travel a greater distance and stay in hotels for a few nights.

According to Scott Dupree, director of sports marketing for the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, anywhere from 2,000 to 4,000 hotel nights were

purchased in the greater Raleigh area by fans attending the NCAA Tournament in Raleigh.

Though Dupree said he wouldn't know the official numbers until later this week, he estimated the total economic impact of the tournament to be between \$2 and \$3 million for Raleigh businesses.

"I don't have any reason right now to believe that's not the case," said Dupree, who assisted NCSU by arranging hotels for the eight teams in town for the tournament. Dupree said hosting a men's NCAA Tournament is almost as big as it gets in Raleigh.

"This is a major event for our community and it had a tremendous positive impact on our economy," he said. "I'd love it if N.C. State, the RBC Center and Raleigh could make it in the regular rotation and host the event every three to four years. It's a win-win deal. It has a major economic impact for our community and it gives a lot of national media exposure for our area in general and for the RBC Center in particular."

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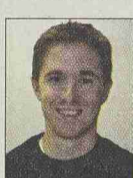
State hosts profitable dance



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 Referee Dave Libbey talks to Vandy coach Kevin Stallings Sunday.

Paging Dave Libbey

Artist Martin Handford really had something when he came up with the best-selling puzzle-book "Where's Waldo?" in the late 1980s.



Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

Handford, trying to make Waldo near-invisible among ordinary looking people and settings, drew his main character wearing red and white horizontal stripes. He must have known that

striped-men are damn near impossible to track down.

I should know. I spent the better part of Monday attempting to reach Dave Libbey, another guy who wears stripes — though his are black and white and run vertical. Problem is, ever since Libbey made a controversial intentional foul call on N.C. State's Marcus Melvin in the closing moments of the Wolfpack's season-ending loss to Vanderbilt, he's turned into vapor. You'd have a better chance of finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq than Libbey, an official who, in solid form, refed the 1992 and 1996 national championship games, as well as one of the worst officiated games in NCAA Final Four history, the 2001 Duke-Maryland semifinal in which Terrapin center Lonny Baxter fouled out for inhaling.

I knew finding Libbey would be difficult, especially considering the mind-boggling gag order the NCAA puts on officials in tournament games. From what I understand, a referee could get prison time for discussing a call.

Nonetheless, my search began with the NCAA offices in Indianapolis. I asked a woman who answered the phone, who wouldn't be named, how I could contact the individual in charge of men's basketball officiating. Over the next five minutes, I was forwarded five times to three different people, none of whom knew anything.

When I interviewed State athletics director Lee Fowler for another story later in the day, I asked him for his advice on how to contact Libbey. Before that, I asked if he could explain the rules on why coaches can't comment on calls, especially since Pack coach Herb Sendek refused to comment about several questionable judgments that had large impacts on his team's loss.

"No official, including myself, can make any comments to the public about officiating or a call or anything like that," said Fowler, who also said the NCAA can hand out punishments ranging from private reprimands to suspensions to those violating the code of silence.

And about finding Libbey?

"I would say you'd have trouble getting in touch with officials," he said.

No kidding.

Fowler did point me in the right direction, however, suggesting former NCAA official Hank Nichols, who refed 10 Final Fours and six national championship games, including State's win in 1983. Nichols, 64, now serves as the national coordinator for men's basketball officials



Media trucks gather outside the RBC Center Wednesday for the six NCAA Tournament games the arena hosted, netting the school a reported \$200,000.

N.C. STATE MADE MORE THAN \$200,000 BY HOSTING THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS OF THE NCAA TOURNAMENT AND OFFICIALS HOPE THE TOURNEY RETURNS IN 2007 OR 2008.

Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

Charlie Cobb owned a courtside seat for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament at the RBC Center, but at least twice during this past weekend's action the tournament director for NCAA games in Raleigh ventured to the upper level of the arena.

Cobb, who is N.C. State's associate athletics director for external operations, wanted a different perspective from what he saw by sitting at the scorer's table. When he arrived in the arena's upper reaches, Cobb found himself among the primary reasons that made NCSU a successful NCAA Tournament host: fans.

"The thing that I was amazed with was the number of people walking with college T-shirts on representing schools that weren't even in our bracket much less in this area," Cobb said. "From Illinois, to Valparaiso, to Maryland. Obviously you see State, Carolina, Duke and Wake shirts, but there were BYU shirts, Indiana shirts, Michigan. It's kind of interesting to watch people who basically have no allegiance one way or another to the teams [present]."

At several points during the second half of Saturday's second-round contest between fourth-seeded Wake Forest and 12th-seed Manhattan, the RBC Center rocked as the upset-minded Jaspers gave the Demon Deacons scare after scare. Cobb turned to former N.C. State men's basketball coach and athletics director Les Robinson and



N.C. State garnered a lot of media coverage this past weekend for its role in hosting first- and second-round NCAA Tournament games.

expressed his delight.

"I turned to Les and said, 'This is what makes the tournament so special,'" Cobb said. "Half the people in the building are Wake fans rooting for Wake and the other half aren't Manhattan fans, but Manhattan's playing well and they're just pulling for the underdog."

Robinson had to be just as ecstatic, too. As State's AD, he headed the effort to land the RBC Center the NCAA bid.

Not only was Cobb happy with the on-court action, but he was even more pleased to have headed up a successful and, for the most part, mistake-free hosting effort. N.C. State, which hadn't hosted an NCAA Tournament game since the East Regional came to Reynolds Coliseum in 1982, profited a little

more than \$200,000 from hosting the first and second round this year.

All of that money was a percentage of the ticket sales, which sold out a month in advance and netted about \$2 million. Like NCSU, Gale Force Holdings, the company that runs the RBC Center, also profited \$200,000 from ticket sales.

Though a couple hundred grand might not seem like a lot considering State's \$31-million athletic department budget, any bit helps, according to Cobb. Cobb said the additional money would help fund special projects, such as the completion of the Doak Field renovations and the additions to Carter-Finley Stadium.

More than the bottom line, hosting a tournament earned the university the intangible benefit of exposure. All

across America, fans watching games broadcast from the RBC Center saw a red block S at center court and the words "N.C. State" behind the baselines. What's more, according to State athletics director Lee Fowler, the NCAA was impressed with the way a rookie host handled the numerous operational tasks.

"What you truly realize when you do something like this is that if it were just about the basketball teams and coaches how easy an event this would be," Cobb said. "But because of what this animal is, all the other entities that come with it...it's a job."

For starters, the RBC Center had to be conformed to strict NCAA guidelines by 5 p.m. last Tuesday. That meant most of the arena's signage, including all advertisements visible from the court, had to be covered. Any signs of the arena being home to the Carolina Hurricanes, like the NHL banners in the rafters, had to be removed or covered with black cloth. A giant media workroom grew under the lower concourse, where things like basketball goals and equipment are normally stored.

Other behind-the-scenes work included arranging hotels and transportation for all eight schools and coordinating everything from police escorts to notifying game officials of assignments.

"We had really glowing reports from our staff and the RBC Center staff about how the tournament was

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Tigers end women's stay at tournament

Auburn advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament with a 20-point win over N.C. State Sunday night.

Sports Staff Report

The Auburn women's basketball team used physical inside play and stifling defense to overwhelm 10th-seeded N.C. State, 79-59, Sunday night in Bridgeport, Conn. in front of 9,091 fans at the Arena at Harbor Yard.

With the win, the Tigers (22-8) advance to the second round where they will meet up with Connecticut today.

LeCoe Willingham and Mandisa Stevenson combined to control the paint as both ended with double-doubles in points and rebounds. The inside play opened the outside for Natasha Brackett, who led all scorers with a season-high 26 points on 10-of-16 shooting. Rachel Stockdale led the Pack (17-15) with 15 points; freshman Marquetta Dickens was the only other State double-figure scorer, netting 11 points. First-team All-ACC post Kaayla Chones netted just six points in the final game of her career.

It was a back-and-forth game in the opening minutes. Stockdale scored the first nine points for State, making three shots in a row from behind the 3-point line. The Wolfpack would take the lead at 14-13 with

just over 15 minutes left in the half, but after a steal by Stevenson and a layup by Willingham, the Tigers would lead for the remainder of the game. Auburn led by as many as 15 in the first-half before settling on the halftime score of 46-33.

The second 20 minutes was more of the same, as State went on a 6:18 scoring drought and Auburn built a 24-point lead. The Tigers would lead by as many as 25.

The Tigers finished the game shooting 53.2 percent from the floor and held the Wolfpack to 42.9 percent shooting. Auburn finished a season-high 8-16 from behind the 3-point line.

Auburn shut down Chones, State's All-America candidate, who finished with only six points on 1-6 shooting from the field and managed only three rebounds.

Auburn has now won 15 consecutive first-round games, while State has lost its last two.

The Tigers meet No. 2 seed Connecticut today at 8 p.m. in the second round of the tournament. The Huskies defeated Penn 91-55 in the first round to advance to the round of 32.



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 Kaayla Chones was held to six points in the final game of her career against Auburn Sunday night.