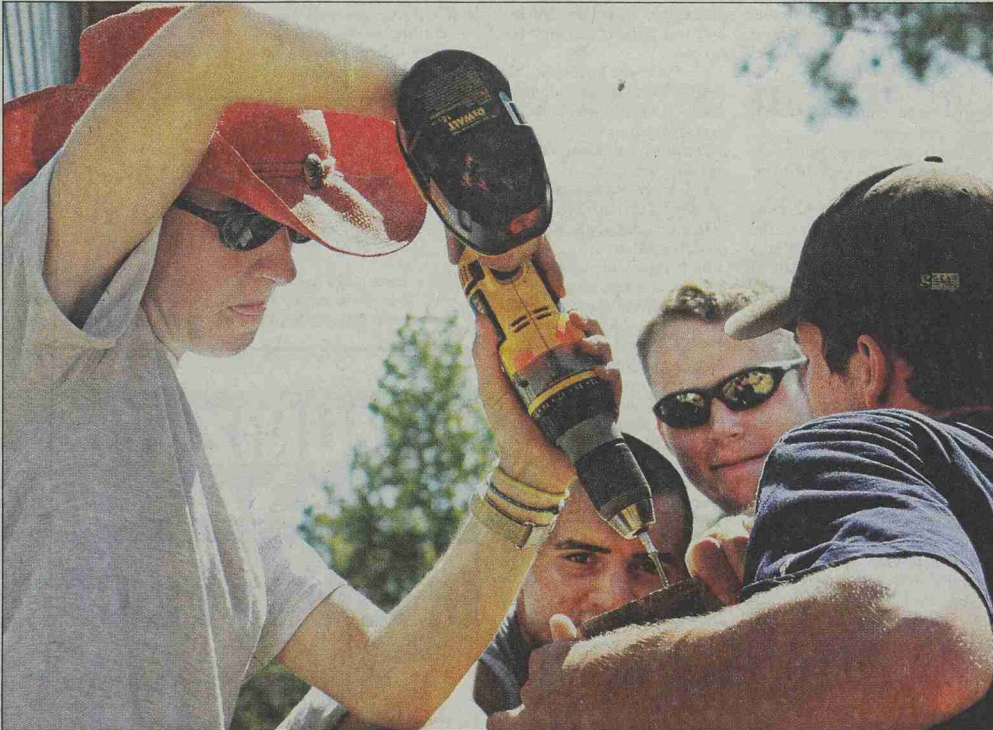


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Jordan Massey, Jordan Holms, Bryan Swieranga and Miah Wander, all N.C. State students, work on a deck staircase for Habitat for Humanity.

HAMMERS, NAILS AND A LITTLE HELP

STUDENTS FIND SATISFACTION IN BUILDING HOMES FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
T.S. AMARASIRIWARDENA

It's 9 a.m. on a Saturday and they've already worked up quite a sweat.

In a late summer's searing sun, a couple of miles from campus where the roads intermittently turn into dirt, a band of students become weekend warriors, wielding hammers, saws and tape measures working on what they say they love best: giving a helping hand by working on homes for Habitat for Humanity.

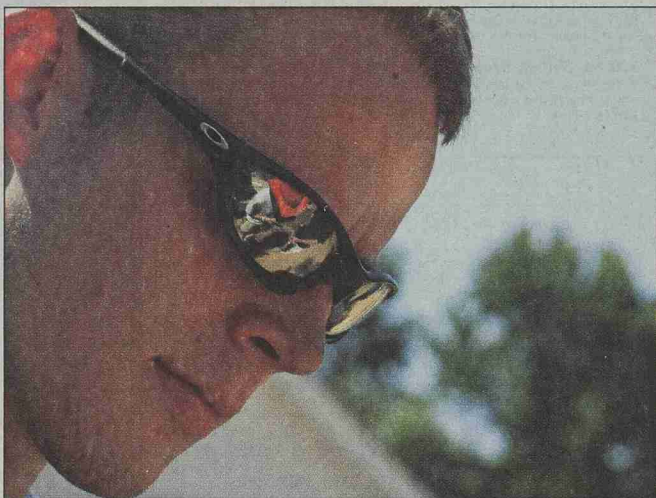
Bending a roof's metal flashing with the adeptness of professional, Ben Godfrey, president of N.C. State Habitat for Humanity chapter, has devoted most of his Saturdays since he was a freshman to the group. "I saw some fliers my freshman year and decided to go out and I've fell in love with it ever since," Godfrey, now a senior in pulp and paper science, said.

Sprawled in and outside of a house under construction on the aptly named Jimmy Carter Way, the 10 or so students working have similar stories as Godfrey's.

Two years ago, a friend told Miah Wander, a senior in computer engineering, to "just try it once and you'll be hooked."

Slyly drawing it out he said, "... and that's exactly what happened."

Drawing more than 100 students at its



Bryan Swieranga, a senior in psychology, watches Jordan Massey, in orange hat, hammer together part of a deck. The two work together to hammer a nail into the deck (below).



meeting last week, Godfrey said the chapter generally brings a group of 25 to 40 to the work site each Saturday.

The chapter regularly co-sponsors a house, which they work on from the foundation to completion, by raising \$10,000, with most of the funds raised at the annual Shack-a-thon, which will be held later this month, Godfrey said. Shack-a-thon is the group's fund raiser held on the Brickyard where campus organizations set up shacks

to help raise money, soliciting donations from the community.

The chapter is working on its fifth house in Wake County.

Wearing green and yellow suspenders, Wander jumps from project to project and begins helping Bryan Swieranga, a senior in psychology, and Jordan Massey, a junior in bioengineering, work on a deck staircase.

"This," Wander says, pointing to the stairs, "is a little bigger than this," pointing to a slot in the deck off mere eighths of an inch, "so it's going to take a little bit of wedging."

And just like that, out comes Swieranga's hammer, pounding it into place.

Bringing out the hammer is Swieranga's favorite thing to do. Recalling fondly, he remembers one project where he had to break an old foundation with a sledge hammer. He "went to town" with it.

But brute force is not what the chapter is

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ELECTION 2004

Bowles, Burr to stump on campus

Senate candidates descend on campus today to rally students for their campaigns.

T.S. Amarasiriwardena and Ben McNeely
Staff Writers

Once again, campus will become a hotbed for campaigning political candidates.

Two U.S. Senate candidates representing both sides of the aisle will grace campus today. Democrat Erskine Bowles, and republican Richard Burr will speak to rally support for their respective campaigns. Both are vying for the soon to be vacated senate seat by democratic vice-presidential candidate John Edwards.

Erskine Bowles lost to republican Elizabeth Dole in 2002's senate race.

Running again, Bowles is not one to tote the party line and will put the "constituents of North Carolina above party politics," according to Carlos Monje of the campaign.

According to Monje, Burr votes 95 percent of the time with the president's agenda. Bowles he says will "vote with the people [of North

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Carolina] 100 percent" of the time while representing the "reasonable middle."

One of Bowles' priorities is to make college more accessible, Monje said.

While serving as President Bill Clinton's Chief of Staff, Bowles negotiated the first balance budget in 30 years in 1997 that increased money for college Pell Grants, Monje said.

Bowles will launch his college tour today at noon in Caldwell lounge, sponsored by the College Democrats.

Richard Burr, Congressman for the 5th District, will speak in 216 Mann Hall, after a meet-and-greet event at the Farmer's Market Restaurant Monday night. Burr will begin at 7:30 and is being sponsored by the College Republicans.

"Richard Burr is an exciting candidate who is already

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Students look for the easy A

Students look to grade distribution reports to choose courses

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

Apparently, the course number isn't the only thing of concern when students pick classes.

More and more students are looking to grade distribution reports and The Wolf Web's "school tool" to aid them in course selection.

School tool is a featured link powered by The Wolf Web —thewolfweb.com — a Web site for N.C. State students that allows users to rate past teachers in certain criteria.

Users can investigate various departments ordered by grade point average; highest and lowest GPA by instructors within a given discipline; and a host of other queries that students perceive useful when planning their academic schedules.

"If there are three sections for a course, I'm obviously going to go with the one that shows the highest percentage of A's," Camille Solomon, a senior in criminology, said.

The department of registration and records offers a similar service that summarizes, both numerically and graphically, the sum total of grade distribution for each instructor in each discipline.

Jonathan Hilbert, a junior in pre-med, said he opts to use the service provided by registration records over that of The Wolf Web because it reflects "just the facts and is not tainted by student opinion."

Janet Ogbon, a resident adviser and senior in psychology and biology, strongly recommends the school tool to her residents.

"Every student should take advantage of it," she said.

Although students look at grade distribution reports as a source of help in achieving

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All in a night's work for campus police

Kelly Wilburn
Staff Reporter

License checks, response to car break-ins, breaking up unruly parties; all part of the long nights of Campus Police.

"A typical night is usually a lot of building and lots of checks, but since school has started back calls have become greater and there is more to patrol," Officer J. Dye of Campus Police officer said recently.

There are five or six officers on patrol for a typical night, and each officer is assigned a zone to patrol.

Last Friday, 11 officers were on duty to prevent something from happening.

Early in his shift, Officer Dye had his hands full when he was dispatched to the Partners II building for a possible car break-in.

At the scene, Officer Dye got the victim's information, his car information, the serial numbers of the items missing and he looked at the victim's car to see whether any evidence could be

gathered.

Dye filled out an incident/investigation report on his in car laptop.

He did not remain idle for long, though, as shortly after the initial break-in, he was dispatched to another possible car break-in nearby.

With a broken window, a CD player was stolen from the car, in return, a screwdriver was left in the seat.

Having only left the car for 15 minutes, the vehicle's owner said, "They need more cops out here, especially since there have been four [car break-ins] tonight."

After Dye finished responding to this incident, yet another break-in was called.

"This is not common," he said. "We get car break-ins [only] occasionally."

A Campus Police supervisor affirmed this notion.

"Usually, it is outlying lots that are next to Raleigh streets, for example, Western Boulevard," Kelly Rosser, the night supervisor for Campus Police, said.

For Officer Shelburn Menzie, things were equally as busy on Friday night as he patrolled North Campus.

Near 11 p.m., a routine traffic stop became anything but that on Cates Avenue.

A car was stopped for speeding, and the driver was asked for a license.

The driver did not have his license, and to confirm the driver's identity, the officer called in his name and date of birth. In the process, a weapon was spotted in the front seat. The license was legitimate and the weapon was surrendered to the officer. The driver then was allowed to go.

By 11:15 Menzie manned his first checkpoint, where routine driver's license checks were conducted.

"Campus Police does this in order to deter crime," he said. "We stop every car to check their license, then we check to see if the inspection sticker is valid and then we see if the registration is valid."

At this checkpoint, there was

an expired inspection sticker and two failures to carry the license.

Another twist forces another pull over. At the sight of police cars at checkpoints, a number of cars often turn around.

Tracking one down, officers question the driver.

The driver simply replies that he thought that there was an accident and did not want to get stuck behind it.

By 1 o'clock in the morning another checkpoint was set up on Cates Avenue, catching one very unhappy driver.

With an open container of alcohol and a concealed gun, the subject began shouting furiously and did not want to cooperate for nearly 10 minutes.

He was taken out of the vehicle and handcuffed.

Later, six officers inspected the inside of his vehicle.

To conclude the evening, Campus Police blocked certain roads near Fraternity Court to ensure the safety of all who were out at a letting-out party were secure and out of harm's way.

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in leadership positions in Congress," said Hal Lusk, president of the College Republicans. "We are working with his campaign and any republican campaign on the state, local and federal level."

According to his campaign, Burr will deliver a speech hitting on his main campaign

issues, namely, the economy and job growth, education and health care.

The two independent events represent the second time in as many months that a campaign for a national seat makes a swing through N.C. State. Last month, democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and his running mate Edwards held Edwards' homecoming rally on the Court of Carolinas.



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The student was arrested by Raleigh PD for Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer; Resist, Delay, and Obstruct; and Disorderly Conduct.

1:35 AM | Assist Other Agency
A student was referred to the University for disorderly conduct; resist, obstruct, and delay; inflict/threat bodily harm; and contempt due to an encounter with Raleigh PD on Fairview Rd.

10:35 AM | Checkpoint
Officers conducted an ID checkpoint on the third level of Dan Allen Deck. This is in response to several B/E Autos that have occurred in the area. It was to verify that the people using the deck were affiliated with the university.

10:52 AM | Safety Program
Sergeant Barnwell conducted a safety program at Carmichael Gym.

11:26 AM | Traffic Stop
A subject was issued a citation for driving on Dan Allen Drive with an expired tag and no insurance.

11:42 AM | Safety Program
Sergeant Barnwell conducted a safety

program at Student Health Services.

2:29 AM | Arrest
An officer arrested a subject for trespassing on the 2nd floor of DH Hill Library; the subject had been trespassing in November of 2003.

2:47 AM | B/E Vehicle - Larceny
A student reported that someone broke her window, entered her vehicle, and removed a face plate to her radio. The vehicle was parked in Watauga Lot.

3:58 AM | Suspicious Incident
A student reported a male subject was climbing the light pole at Paul Derr Track. The subject was last seen by officers entering Pullen Park, but were unable to apprehend him.

4:06 AM | Suspicious Person
A non-student was issued a trespassing warning on the east side of Burlington Labs.

7:41 AM | Traffic Stop - Stop Sign
A subject was issued a citation for running the stop sign at Oval Drive and Main Campus Drive.

7:51 AM | Traffic Stop
A subject was issued a citation for driving on Hillsborough Street with an expired tag.

7:55 AM | Traffic Stop - Stop Sign
A subject was issued a citation for running the stop sign at Oval Drive and Main Campus Drive.

8:14 AM | Traffic Stop - Speeding
A subject was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Sullivan Drive.

9:08 AM | Traffic Stop
A subject was issued a citation for driving a vehicle not registered with NCDMV on Sullivan Drive.

12:55 PM | B/E Vehicle
A student reported that his Jeep Wrangler had been broken into and his parking sticker stolen. The vehicle had been parked in the Dan Allen Deck, and this occurred on the 23rd.

2:38 PM | Traffic Accident
A student was parking his vehicle on Thurman Drive when he struck a parked vehicle.

2:58 PM | Safety Program
Sergeant Barnwell conducted a safety program at Environmental Health.

3:26 PM | Hit and Run
A student reported that he parked his vehicle in West Lot and when he returned to it, there was damage to the vehicle.

5:36 PM | Traffic Accident
A non-student reported striking a parked vehicle on Dunn Avenue. Officers were unable to locate owner at this time. Investigation is continuing.

5:58 PM | Traffic Accident
Two students were involved in a traffic accident in Dan Allen Deck. No report of injuries.

6:38 PM | Suspicious Vehicle
An officer responded to a suspicious vehicle call on Katherine Stinson Drive east of Page Hall. Officer was unable to locate.

9:05 PM | Liason Program
An officer made contact with Kappa Alpha Fraternity House to address safety concerns.

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known for. Perfection is more like it. Finding comfort in the shade of the house for lunch, members of the group eat peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches while sitting on pails and odd scraps. There, they survey accomplished work on the house done while students were not working there over the summer. Each person found a fault. "Pretty much anyone who works here is anal as crap," Wander said. Brad McHugh, a project coordinator with the Wake chapter, said "you feel like you can give these kids anything, knowing full well that they'll get it right. They've had some challenging projects that they've handled well."

The Rosalynn Place project that Habitat Wake is currently working on will have 42 houses upon completion, 24 of which literally sprung up over night when Habitat held a builder's blitz late last year, transferring them all to move-in condition in a week, McHugh said.

Having been gone for the summer, he said Habitat has missed having the students around.

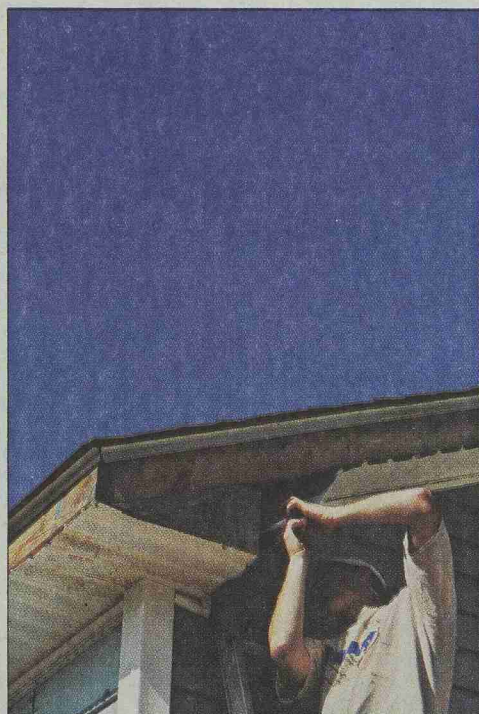
Chantal Ndwanji, future homeowner of the house where the students are working, agrees.

"We started the project together in March, it slowed down [for the summer]. It would be finished if they had been here," she said.

"They don't just leave," Ndwanji said, "if it's not done properly, they make sure it gets fixed."

Gazing at the house she whispers, "It's beautiful."

Inevitably, with a number of boys talking to one another, someone mentions how "sexy



Kevin Sergott, a senior in electrical engineering snaps a final piece of roof soffit into place.

a girl looks in a tool belt." Or plays the guitar, offers another. Or how about "girls in general." Everyone agrees.

In the midst of it all, Jordan Massey, laughs off the comments of the boys around her. Rocking an orange straw hat and a "Wolfpack Construction" T-shirt, she did later say she was drawn in by the readily available power tools.

For Crystal Williams, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, even her broken foot, wrapped in a ski boot sized plastic cast, can't keep her off the site.

His first time at a site, Brandon Castor, a sophomore in biology, watches over Godfrey on a ladder.

Looking back at some metal flashing, he laughs, saying "now I just need to figure out what I'm doing." A couple of minutes later, he admitted he's got the hang of things.

And learning the tools of the trade and picking up skills is what it's all about, Godfrey said.

"There are some people that have come out that have never picked up a hammer before," he said.

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higher standards of academic quality, some instructors view the service from a different perspective.

Michael Cobb is a professor of political science. He said that while he recognizes the importance and usefulness of

the service in terms of helping students perform better, "tools like grade distribution reports, sometimes, allow students to take for granted the importance of intellectual curiosity."

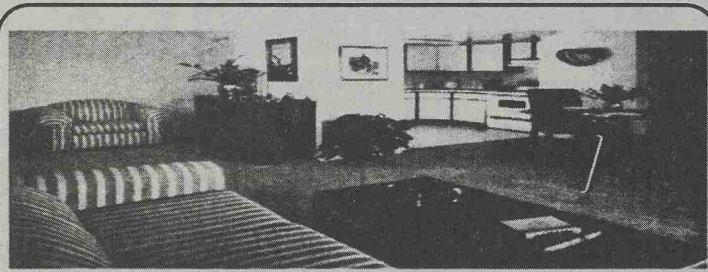
Wenyi Li, the assistant registrar at the department of registration records, said that the NCSU grade distribution service was first made publicly available in 1995

"It gives the student a way to know the professor and have an expectation of what is expected," she said.

She also noted that a number of incoming freshman have already made use of the information. "A lot of freshman, particularly in the College of Engineering have used it during the new student orientation program," Li said.

CORRECTION

In "Chancellor search committee holds last public forum" published Friday, Aug. 27, due to a reporter's error, Lock Whiteside III was incorrectly quoted. The article should have read: "We need to have a Chancellor that will work with the African American Student Advisory Council, to increase the retention and graduation rates amongst Native American and African American students."



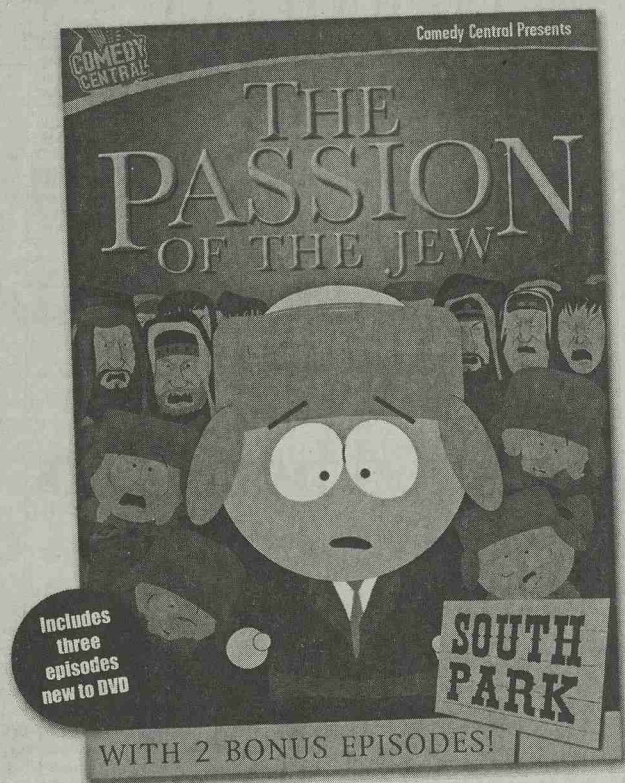
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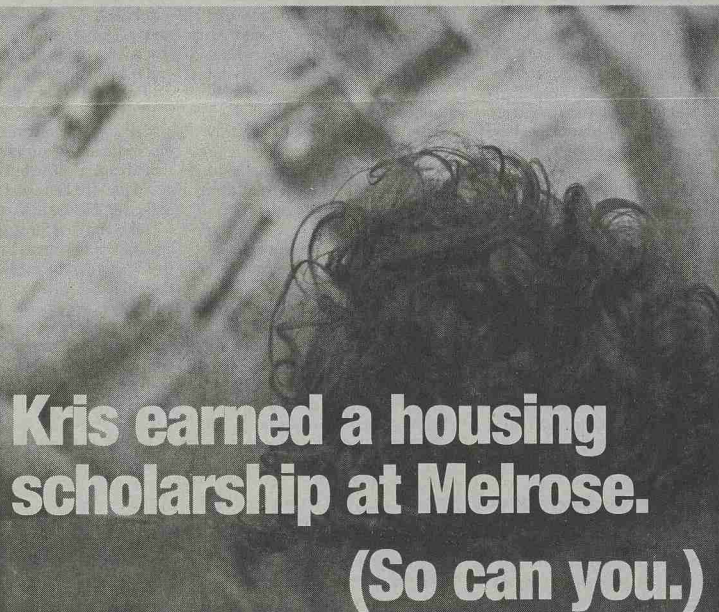


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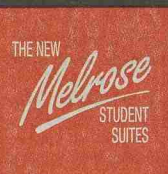
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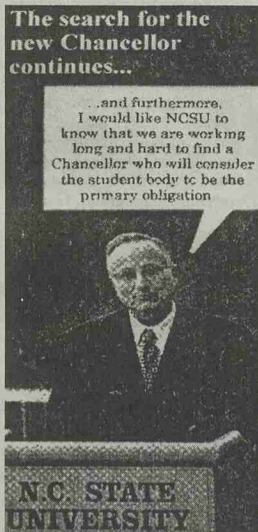
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Keep the money, not the frat

Andrew Payne shows how a Christian fraternity suing the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is a useless process and a waste of time.

Did you know that Christians are being burned at the stake on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill? You might get that impression if you are following the news reports of the institution's most recent controversy. Alpha Iota Omega, a three-member Christian fraternity is suing Carolina in federal court.

Andrew Payne
Senior Staff Columnist

The organization claims that the university violated their member's First Amendment constitutional rights when UNC-CH administrators denied them official recognition.

The fraternity was denied official standing when it refused to sign the university's nondiscrimination clause. The policy prohibits student organizations from denying membership to students based on race, color, religion or national origin.

Alpha Iota Omega, whose mission is to provide leadership and outreach to the campus through evangelism, stresses that it is a Christian fraternity and allowing non-Christians to participate would undermine the group's values and mission.

Official university recognition grants student organizations priority in accessing campus facilities for functions and the ability to request student fee funds from student government. The same is true for student organizations at N.C. State.

The Alliance Defense Fund, who promotes conservative Christian values through legal defense and advocacy, represents Alpha Iota Omega. The group is seeking an

injunction against UNC-CH's policy. As with most incidents at UNC-CH, this dispute is raising the eyebrows of conservative politicians. Congressman Walter Jones (R-NC) asked the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights to investigate the university for its "ongoing censorship of Christians." Without a miracle - the fraternity will lose its lawsuit. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that private organizations may determine their own membership. The fraternity contends that the university is denying them this opportunity. This claim is not correct.

As a public institution, accepting state and federal funds, the university must preserve the religious freedoms of students while protecting them from discrimination. The university is not banning Alpha Iota Omega from assembling, meeting, expressing views, discriminating or selecting its membership.

The university is denying the group the ability to receive student fees and university resources. If you want access to these resources your membership may not be closed to select groups.

Both UNC-CH and NCSU have countless numbers of recognized student organizations. But these organizations are open to all students. A Jewish student may join the Arab Student Association, a white student can be a part of the Black Student Board and a straight student could become a member of the Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Alliance.

But the UNC-CH fraternity does not want to follow policy - they don't want Jews, Muslims and homosexuals in their organization. And that is okay, but just don't

expect to get official recognition from the university. When a campus in the UNC system recognizes a student organization, it makes available to the group access to public (with emphasis on the word PUBLIC) resources. At NCSU this includes: the ability to reserve meeting space in academic buildings and the student centers, solicit students and fundraise on campus. Probably the biggest advantage of official recognition is the ability to request appropriations from the Student Senate though funds collected from fees from every student.

Students should not be forced to fund organizations that discriminate. Christian students should not be forced to fund anti-Christian organizations.

But wait - I know what you are saying. I am a Republican and my student fees go to bringing a liberal speaker on campus. There is a difference between disagreeing with what an organization believes and allowing an organization to discriminate. You might not like that liberal speaker, but at least you could join the campus Democrats and go and listen to that person.

This is not discrimination against Christians, as Representative Walter Jones contends. In fact the university encourages students to explore their spiritual faith and provides programming opportunities to do so. If an institution is going on the next crusade, why then would it recognize dozens of religious groups (mostly Christian), and provide office space and support for campus ministers?

Organizations, student or otherwise, can discriminate to their hearts content. Just don't expect me to fund it.

Send your comments to Andrew at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

THE LINE IS DRAWN

OUR OPINION: WITH POLICE CRACKING DOWN ON PARTIES, COMING UP WITH NEW WAYS TO REGULATE THEM AND ENFORCE THE LAW, THE LINE BETWEEN PUBLIC EVENTS AND PRIVATE ONES BECOMES A LARGER ISSUE. OFFICERS NEED TO USE THEIR VALUABLE TIME MORE EFFICIENTLY.

There has been an overwhelming amount of police pressure applied to students and student parties over the last few years. Brent Road, which was once arguably one of the largest parties in the Southeast, has been reduced to a quiet night on the porch with dog barks. Other schools across the nation have adopted innovative tactics to stop student partying. At Oklahoma State "Project Under 21" is in motion. It consists of undercover cops migrating from party to party to hand out tickets for underage drinking. Raleigh created the Nuisance Party Ordinance in 2000, giving officers the right to walk onto property at any sign of partying and nonchalantly hand out tickets. There are constant checks and interruptions at student parties on behalf of the Raleigh Police Department to put an end to underage drinking.

And there's no problem with that. The law says people under the age of 21 cannot drink for a reason and anyone younger than that should respect it. There's no problem with police disrupting underage drinking and enforcing the law.

However, there is a point where police begin overexerting themselves and invading privacy, which is extending beyond the law. Undercover cops posing at parties is a ridiculous and drastic concept.

The unsigned editorial that appears above is the opinion of the members of Technician's editorial board and is the responsibility of the Editor in Chief.

Officers should be concerned with the people that get in the car and leave the party. Giving them a ticket at the party, if nothing else, influences them to leave - drunk. So they get in the car inebriated AND angry that they got a ticket, and an officer just gave them the "go-ahead" to drive home.

Road blocks and DUI traffic checks would be more beneficial because it would prevent people driving under the influence of alcohol. At a party, an inebriated individual is pretty much only endangering himself and not as much the other people. Whereas, one who is under the influence and driving is endangering the others on the road as well. That's the real threat.

And at what point does one's home become a public location so officers can walk onto property? Officers can walk into bars and restaurants to regulate disruptions but what's the difference between that and someone's home? Or is there one? Do cops even need a warrant to trespass onto private property and crash a house party undercover?

The answers can easily be summed into one complete statement: police should spend their time where it serves the community as a whole unless there is just cause to target one individual.

Otherwise, this can be easily referenced as discrimination.

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I remember the good ol' days. Back when we could use Napster without fearing a legal suit and our CDs didn't have federal warnings on them.



Michele DeCamp
Senior Staff Columnist

Songs flew from one person to the next, and everyone, regardless of their financial state, was able to listen to everything from the latest pop masterpiece to the most obscure punk anthem. Theoretically you can still download for free, but, as one anonymous N.C. State student discovered last year, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) will have something to say about it. Students also have to avoid decoys on sites like Kazaa that appear to be versions of Ashlee Simpson's single "Pieces of Me" but are either shortened versions of the song or just the chorus looping over and over again. Rumors have also circled that some downloads contain viruses or that some CDs are equipped to download a virus into your computer if you try to upload the songs for future copies.

However, some universities are trying to combat illegal downloading, perhaps responding to the 137 lawsuits the RIAA handed out as of

April this year to students, faculty and staff at 35 schools.

Now if only NCSU can learn from its neighbors.

Wake Forest University is one of 20 schools this year that will provide their students with free or reduced-cost downloading off RealNetwork's Rhapsody service.

This trend began with Penn State, who offered their students half a million songs to download off the new Napster for free through the university. While students at Wake Forest, Tulane and the other 18 schools offering the Rhapsody service will have to pay for the songs if they want to keep them after the school year, they will still get several months of music listening pleasure without the RIAA threatening to empty their meager saving accounts.

Another North Carolina school that has decided to promote legal downloading is our gothic neighbor Duke University who stunned their student body (and pissed off quite a few upper-

classmen) when they announced that they would be distributing 1,650 iPods to their incoming freshmen.

The iPods came stocked with an audio recording device (so they can tape their professors' lectures) as well as access to a special Web site that gave each student ten free downloads on iTunes.com.

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not rolled out any pilot programs involving iPods, and they are not jumping on the free downloading bandwagon, but by finding some way to stress legal downloading they could avoid a scene like the one they encountered last year when the RIAA asked university legal officials to disclose the name of a student who had been us-

ing her web space on the NCSU network to share files.

Obviously NCSU can't afford iPods for its freshmen, but the largest university in the state could save themselves dealings with the recording industry and earn a few brownie points with current and prospective students if they acknowledged that students are constantly listening to music and wouldn't it be nice if it was free.

If anything, the UNC system could do what the University of Michigan system decided to do - offer services like the Rhapsody system for a discounted price. That way students only have to pay \$2-3 for a membership, and they get the lowest prices in the legal downloading industry, 79 cents per song.

Rather than just sending out warning e-mails or letters to the campus community that illegal downloading is wrong, the university could send us the message that they realize it's a problem and they will try to do what they can to fix it. It doesn't cost anything to discuss the options with some of these downloading services, and a potential 29,000 more clients might convince them that discounted or even free downloads might be to their advantage.

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AGAINST THE NORMS

Drug traffic through N.C. State

ILLEGAL DRUGS MAY NOT ONLY BE MORE PREVALENT ON CAMPUS, BUT MORE ACCEPTED

Greg Behr
Staff Writer

The smoke fills the room as the "pot-heads" pass the purple and blue bowl of blown glass. It passes around the room in a constant rotation as high tolerances are met and eyes reddened. Seating becomes improvised. The bed and desk chair are completely filled so they sit on the mini fridge and lean against the bookshelf. They keep passing the bowl, repacking from different cellophanes that they are "matching."

Or maybe they are cutting lines with the credit card their parents gave them onto a faded and cracked CD case or mirror. Vast amounts of money are spent as fast as the white powder can be sniffed or rubbed onto gums.

While only a portion of N.C. State students have been there and done that, the majority of them have certainly seen similar scenarios.

College students find themselves coming into contact with drugs more and more every day. It is quickly becoming easier for students to walk in on their roommates or best friends using illegal drugs.

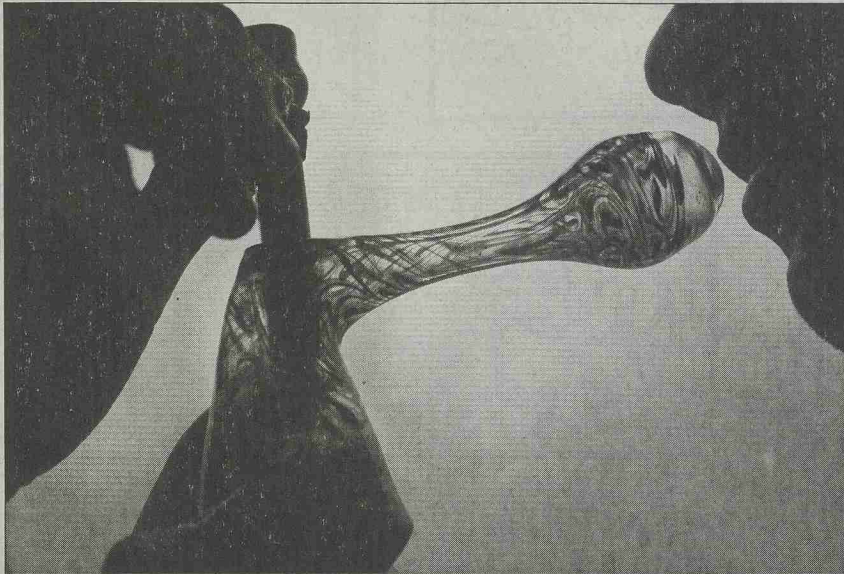
PUSHING WEIGHT

Drug dealing is an occupation that college students have been adopting more and more. Steve*, a drug dealer who attends NCSU, has a three-pronged response to exactly why he has chosen to sell drugs.

"It is an easy way to make extra cash in college," he said. "I don't only make money, but I can also support my own habits for free. And it is an opportunity to meet cool and interesting people that I probably would never meet otherwise," he said.

Yet, for all prospective marijuana entrepreneurs, be aware of the downsides to this career. "It is really easy to get "narced" out by people who are interested in saving themselves," Steve said. "I never seem to have a free moment because I always have people coming over trying to get s*** from me."

Steve is fulfilling his own American dream, where he is doing what he wants to do, making large sums of money for doing small amounts of work, and uses and loves the products he sells.



A student takes a hit off a glass-blown piece used to smoke marijuana.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

But there is a reason why most college-aged drug dealers do not stay in this profession. Steve confessed with honest sincerity that, "dealing drugs is all fine and good now, but when I am older and have a family I don't want to be doing something that is morally wrong."

THE FUZZ PERSPECTIVE

According to Chief of Campus Police Charles Tittle, NCSU has a no-tolerance policy on illegal drug use and traffic on campus. The campus police Web site has figures available to every student regarding the amount of arrests, citations and judicial actions administered to students for illegal drug use on campus.

The figures are accurate; an average of 38 arrests and 38 citations were given for illegal drugs over the last six years. Yet, these figures don't realistically indicate the number of people that really use drugs on campus. Each student can probably name handfuls of others living on campus that use illegal drugs on a regular basis.

This raises more questions to the

skeptical student. How are students getting away with using drugs on campus?

Why would a student risk selling and/or using drugs on campus when the minimum penalty for such action is probation for possession; and suspension for the distribution and/or producing of illegal drugs (Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy Sections 3.2.1-2 3.3.1-3)?

The answer can easily be illustrated by Dan*, a junior in CHASS, when asked if he would continue to use drugs if he lived on campus he responded, "Yeah, I would. In fact it would probably be easier to get drugs on campus."

When asked about the consideration of selling drugs on campus despite the high risks, he quickly said without hesitation, "Probably. You wouldn't even have to leave your room. Everyone would just come to you and you would bank hard."

COMPLETING THE TRANSACTION

Deviance is the divergence from society's accepted norms and ideals.

But upon looking at the norms of college society, it is clear that the use of drugs such as marijuana is not as deviant as it was before. Even though average students do not use illegal drugs, they really don't care if people around them do.

"It bothers me for a couple of moments but I don't feel passionate enough about it to say anything or make a big deal about it," Mike, a student in psychology, said.

That is the reality for most NCSU students when attending parties in the many apartment complexes around campus, Brent and other party roads or any other notorious places for partying.

Seeing someone smoking various types of paraphernalia is a reality that is inescapable and thus, as it seems, quite excusable.

Through this turning of a blind eye, and the fact that drugs are everywhere within pop culture, drug usage is more acceptable today than it has ever been — including at NCSU.

*Names have been changed to protect anonymity.

STUDENT LIFE

Moving in 'pot luck'

When moving in with a new and unknown roommate, the risks for incompatibility are high, but some students strike gold when going potluck.

Jasmine Modoor
Staff Writer

After coming back from Sunday breakfast on move-in-weekend, Robert Riley, a freshman in chemistry, opened his door to find three strangers in the room. "I come back from breakfast and I was surprised to see someone's stuff in the room and that there are three people in the room." Of the three people, one of them is Lee Culsey, a freshman in engineering and Riley's roommate. "All of the sudden. Bam! The voice has a face," says Riley.

For Travis Murrain, a freshman in computer science, the first impression of his roommate Donovan Locklear, a freshman in field crops technology, was, "Wow. This dude is big! He is country and has a real down south accent."

For residents, the effects of moving in with a "potluck" roommate lasts longer than the muscle aches from carrying boxes up four flights of stairs or dragging the furniture around the room.

They smell bad. They are weird. And there are no shared interests. These are some of the common stereotypes associated with college roommates. At N.C. State, roommate matching is done by a computer according to the categories of smoker or non-smoker, early retiree or early riser, and everything else is left to chance. More often than not, pot luck roommates find common ground and even become friends.

Riley and Culsey, residents of Wood Hall, did not go to the same high school and virtually knew nothing about each other except for the information shared over a few telephone conversations they had. "At first, I was worried that I would get a really bad roommate. I'm glad that I don't have a street thug roommate," says Culsey laughing. For now, the two are off to a great start. "Robert was extremely more helpful than expected. I don't get that out of my friends currently."

Aaron Simmons, a freshman in first year college, and Chris Belcher, a senior in computer engineering, have only lived together for a week but they have become fast friends. Having a senior as a roommate has definitely helped out Simmons. "He knows where my classes are. He knows where to go. I just went pure pot luck. I was a little worried, but it turned out okay. We're pretty compatible." He also pointed out that they share many interests, "we both like to rock climb. We're both outdoorsy. We both like cartoons; Family Guy is my favorite."

Belcher also admits that they both have a lot in common such as their "easygoing personalities, outdoors, and church." Before moving in, Simmons and Belcher, made sure to call each other and talk. "It helped to talk on the phone and get to know him, rather than showing up and imposing on each others boundaries," said Belcher.

"My biggest concern was that I wasn't going to like my roommate," admits Travis Murrain. Donovan Locklear spent the summer farming at his family farm while Murrain worked at Chick-fil-a. Both were ready

Saying good-bye to Starbucks

THE POPULAR COFFEE CHAIN MIGHT BE LOVED BY SOME, BUT LIKE SO MANY OTHER PAST BIG-NAMES ONCE LOCATED ON HILLSBOROUGH STREET, STARBUCKS' CLOSING REFLECTS STUDENTS' SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES.

Tasha Petty
Staff Writer

"McWorld," that's how the phenomenon of globalization has been described by one scholar. It makes sense. McDonald's is the best example of international companies that worm their way into every market in the world. When McDonald's opens a store in the last barren frontier country, maybe Burundi or Kyrgyzstan, then we will truly have a McWorld. The notion of globalization and international companies goes beyond McDonald's. McDonald's rules the fast food industry, and there is a global coffee counterpart.

Enter Starbucks. Starbucks opened their first store in Seattle's Pike's Place market in 1971. It wasn't until 1985 when a new expansion plan and marketing campaign were introduced that Starbucks stores started to multiply more rapidly than bunnies on Viagra, popping up in more places than pimples on a teenagers face.

In the last twenty years Starbucks has grown from one to 7,569 stores worldwide. In the last four years the average number of Starbucks stores opened per year is approximately 1,300.

Two words: Viagra. Bunnies.

The Starbucks mission, as claimed on the company website, is to "establish Starbucks as the premier purveyor of

the finest coffee in the world while maintaining our uncompromising principles while we grow." Such principles listed include contributing to their communities and the environment, developing enthusiastically satisfied customers, and numerous other noble sounding ideas.

There is no denying it. Starbucks is a chain. For many people, Starbucks represents all that is wrong with the world. They view this coffee company as a mon-

ster, running around the world, cannibalizing the market, destroying thousands of mom-and-pop stores along the way. But from reading their mission statement above, it really doesn't sound that bad. If one is a fan of environmentally-conscious companies that embrace

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good principles and produce fine products, then how could one dislike Starbucks?

"They [Starbucks] pretend to know and care about the community they're in, but the bottom line for them is profit. Plus, the stores are the same everywhere you go. I prefer places with character where the people know you," says Teesa Wehrman, senior in environmental science.

Other students with similar sentiments are not mourning the closing of the Starbucks store that occupied the corner of

Hillsborough and Horne streets for many years. The store went out of business the last week of July.

There are some that were sad to see it go. For example, Elizabeth Rothrock, senior in psychology, believes that "there should be a Starbucks on every corner!" When asked why she replied, "They are the only ones that make a white chocolate mocha the way I like them."

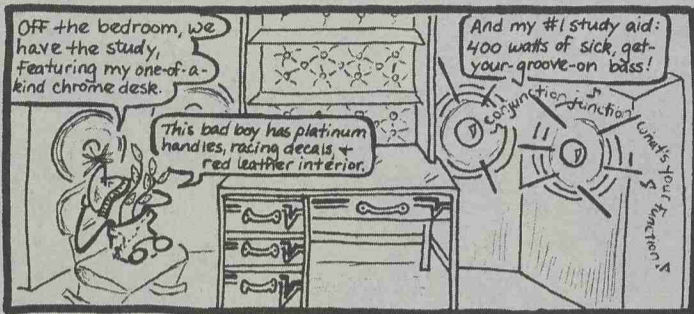
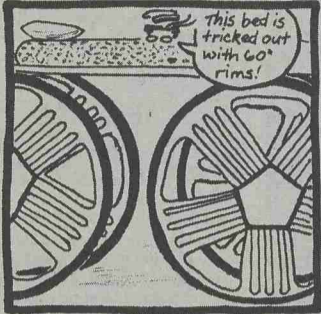
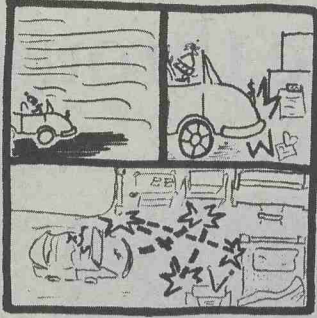
Other reasons students listed for liking Starbucks were convenience, familiarity, knowledge of the menu, Frappuccinos and "I don't really care, just as long as I get my morning coffee."

It is coffee shops like Encounters Cafe and Global Village, both located on Hillsborough Street, which are surely part of the reason for Starbucks' failure. Many students and faculty chose to frequent these two coffee shops, whose owners know many customers by name, over Starbucks. It is also these coffee shops that have financially ben-

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efited from the absence of Starbucks. Owners estimate that business has increased as much as 50 percent since the closing.

Owner of Global Village, Mike Ritchey, says that he has been thrilled with the support from N.C. State. In order to accommodate for the growth in business, Ritchey has hired new staff that is working extra hard to fulfill his mission to "provide good service and a good product."

The failure of Starbucks might be one example of a bigger pattern, argues Michelle Morock, co-owner of Encounters Café. She believes that Hillsborough Street just wasn't made for corporate business, and history might agree with her. In the last five years the McDonald's and Caribou Coffee that were once located on Hillsborough Street are now gone.

Maybe not everyone hates Starbucks, but the bottom line for them, profit, wasn't consistent with our bottom line, respect and support for the local guys. The chain stores will have to fight long and hard to turn Hillsborough Street into a mini McWorld.

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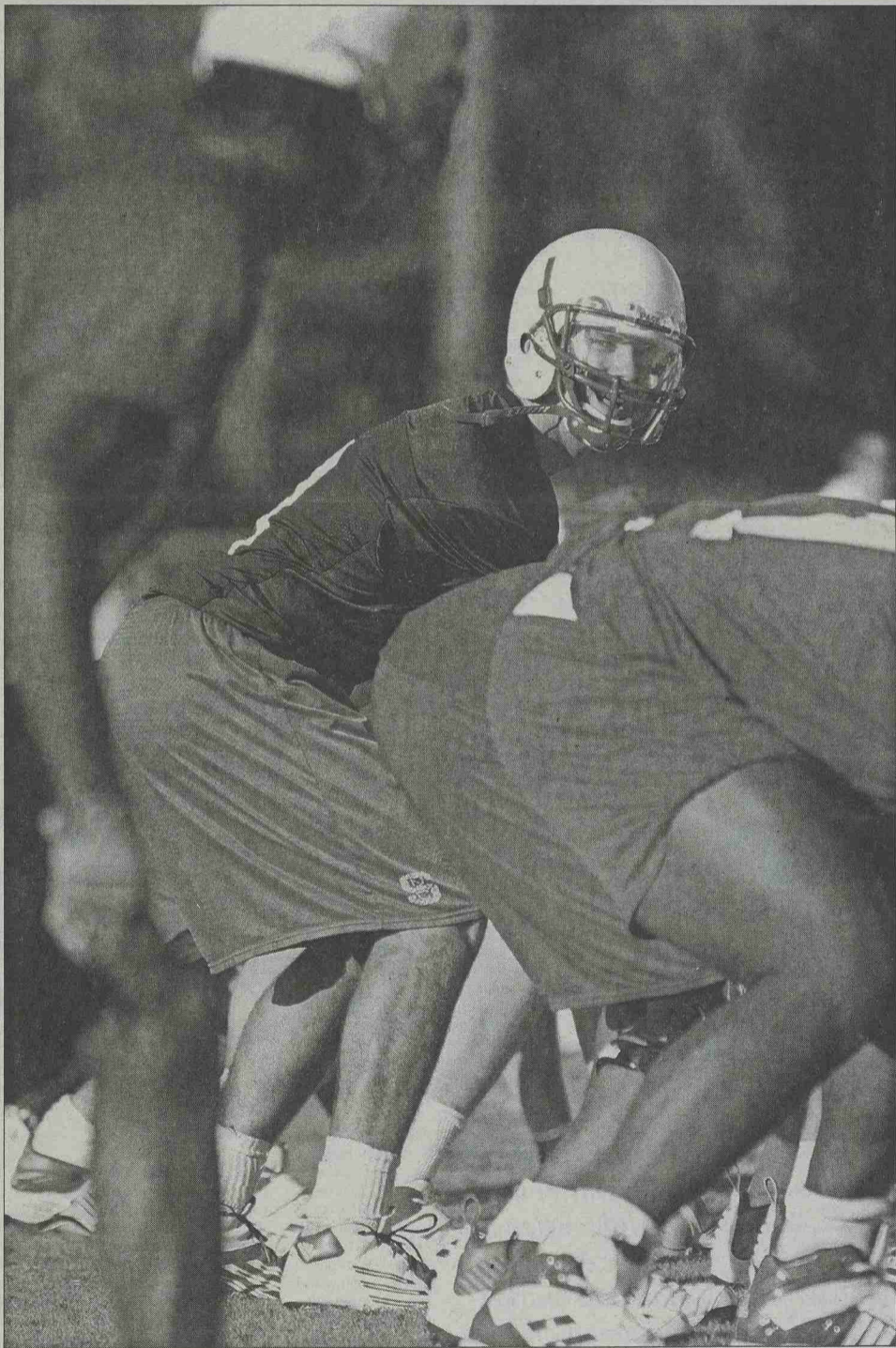
to go to college and ended up moving in at the same time.

After a week of living together, they discovered that they have much in common. "We pretty much watch the same thing on TV like BET and MTV," Locklear said.

And what do they talk about when they are not watching TV? Murrain exclaims, "Girls! That's what we'd be talking about all the time."

Locklear admits that when you are moving in with someone that you don't know you've got to "be ready to make adjustments."

Murrain admits that "our styles are a bit different." Yet, did the university do a good job? "University Housing did a very good job in picking a roommate for me. We're good friends. That's my boy right there!"



Jay Davis calls out a play from the line during a fall practice. Davis won the starting job early last week.

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On the defensive side of the football, the two interior line positions will be filled by DeMarcus "Tank" Tyler and John McCargo. McCargo, Tyler and Dwayne Herdon are still battling for the two positions. All three will see plenty of playing time, but Amato has been especially impressed by the accomplishments of Tyler as a sophomore.

"DeMarcus [Tyler] is much better than I even anticipated at this point," Amato said. "But he's just a youngster in a man's body. He was taught fundamentally very very well in high school."

McCargo thinks the entire line has made strides since last season, where three of the positions were filled by freshmen.

"I think a long summer of conditioning helped," McCargo said. "A lot of people got stronger, better, faster. I think the experience helps a lot."

In the defensive backfield, Marcus Hudson has returned from a year off to beat out Troy Graham as the starting free safety. Hudson's athleticism gave him the starting nod, but Amato stated that Graham would still play in packages involving more defensive backs.

"You play so many teams that play three, four wide receivers," Amato said. "You play five defensive backs so much, you know he's gonna play."

On special teams, John Deraney remains the primary man for all kicking duties. The sophomore will handle everything from punts to extra points for NCSU this season. As for the punt and kickoff returners, wide out Tramain Hall will handle all punt returns. Cornerbacks Lamont Reid and A.J. Davis are slated to return kickoffs, but Amato warned that a couple of freshman are mounting a challenge.

"There are a bunch of guys back there and they all want to run it, but somebody has to block," Amato said.

With the quarterback position settled for the Richmond game, other players still have an opportunity to move up the depth charts this week. Players like T.A. McLendon still have the chance to get healthy and prove they deserve the starting nod come kickoff.

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Football vs. Richmond, 9/4, 6
 M. Soccer vs. Brevard College, 9/1, 4
 W. Soccer vs. Howard, 8/31, 3:30
 Volleyball hosts Wolfpack Classic, 9/3-4
 Cross courtv in Raleigh Invitational, 9/18

Scores

W. Soccer 1, Campbell 1
 M. Soccer 0, Old Dominion 0 (exhibition)



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FOOTBALL

Fighting for position

SOME STARTING POSITIONS REMAIN UNDECIDED AS THE TEAM PREPARES FOR RICHMOND.

Austin Johnson

Sports Editor

A quick glance at the most recently released football depth chart shows one unexpected change. Two freshman running backs, Darrell Blackman and Bobby Washington, are competing for the starting job. T.A. McLendon's name is buried beneath the names of Blackman, Washington and Reggie Davis.

"Obviously right now he's not [the starting running back]," Amato said. "You can't make the team in the tub."

McLendon sat out of practice all last week with a hamstring injury that has plagued him much of fall practice. The injury allowed Blackman and Washington to climb the chart. Quarterback Jay Davis, involved in a position battle of his own, has been keeping an eye on the running backs.

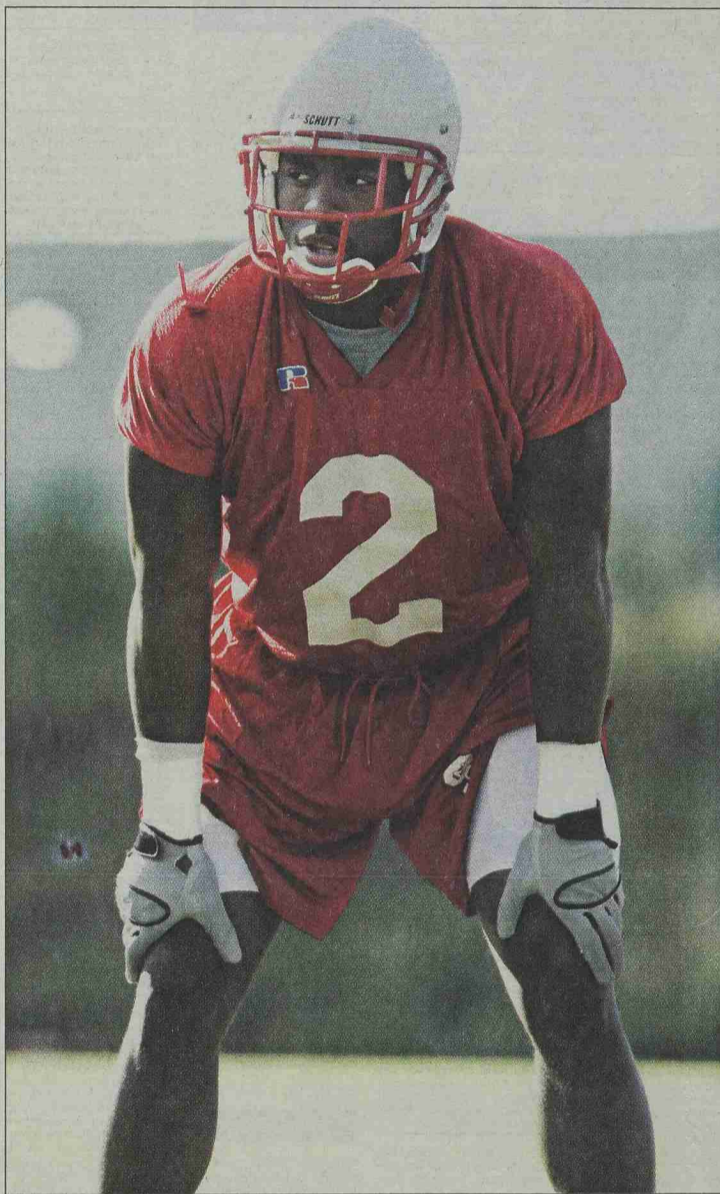
"We got three or four guys on running back right now trying to start," Davis said.

Amato said the two freshman have done a good job hanging onto the football in scrimmages, but he is most impressed with their learning curve.

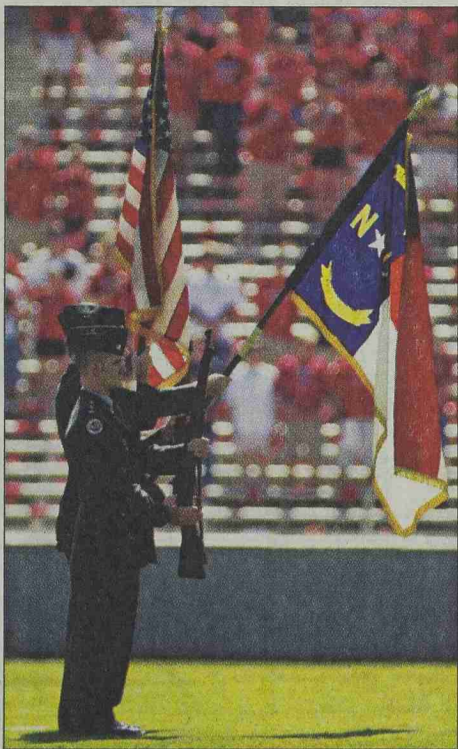
"In practice they've done an outstanding job," Amato said. "The thing that has impressed everybody is how fast they have absorbed the offense terminology-wise. But you never know what's going to happen when the lights go on."

On the offensive line, the unit in charge of opening up holes for the new running backs, Derek Morris recaptured the starting job at right tackle. Morris was listed as the backup earlier in the week, but is now back in the starting role. Amato stated that the true sophomore has to focus more on the basics in order to excel at the college level.

"He's learning the fundamentals of football, he's learning technique," Amato said. "He was playing youngsters his own size for the first time a year ago, and at the end of the year he started doing pretty good."



Darrell Blackman takes a breather during preseason practice. Blackman is neck-in-neck with Bobby Washington for the starting running back position, one of the few positions that remain undecided.



The ROTC Color guard performs its pregame routine against Texas Tech last season. The guard practices for games during the week.

Bringing colors to the game

Gunnery Sergeant Steven Anderson and the ROTC Colorguard have a wide variety of responsibilities for football games.

University ROTC program. The participants in the ceremonies are all members of the ROTC group at the University.

"There will be five members at each game," Anderson said. "We'll also have one or two members on standby if somebody gets caught in traffic or is sick. Sometimes we'll have a joint colorguard with the Air Force participating with us."

The participants wear their government issued uniforms for the color presentation, uniforms vary by participant depending on rank, including Navy midshipmen and Marines who are on active duty.

Michael Fox
Staff Writer

Before the coin toss and kickoff of every N.C. State football game, the University ROTC Colorguard comes out for the national anthem ceremonies. As simple as something like this looks, it requires work and practice.

The colorguard is run by Gunnery Sergeant Steven Anderson, who is also an assistant Marine officer instructor for the

Preppin' for the Pack
6 DAYS UNTIL KICKOFF:

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

State battles to tie

A late goal by Alex Caram nets State a tie in its opening game.

Caram did not start for State, but led the team with six shots in her first game for the Wolfpack.

State was unable to pull out another goal during the game or in either overtime period, as Switalski came through for Campbell with nine saves, including four after State tied the game.

State out shot Campbell 18-6 and had more corner kicks than the Camels. Campbell only had two shots on goal during the game, while State had 10 but failed to get more than one of those shots past the Camel goalkeeper.

NCSU's second game of the season was scheduled for Sunday afternoon at Coastal Carolina, but the match was canceled due to tropical storm Gaston. The Pack's next game is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday against Howard at SAS Soccer Park in Cary.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State battled back from a 1-0 halftime deficit and through two overtime periods before finishing with a 1-1 tie against

NC STATE 1 Campbell
CAMPBELL 1 on Friday night at Buies Creek in its first game of the season.

Campbell (0-0-1) went up at the 20-minute mark of the first half when midfielder Candian Lawrence netted a goal on assists from Mary Nitz and forward Danielle Mandela.

State (0-0-1) scored the tying goal seven minutes into the second half when freshman forward Alex Caram netted an unassisted goal past Campbell goalkeeper Krin Switalski.

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NC State Depth Chart

Offense			Defense		
POS.	NO.	PLAYER	POS.	NO.	PLAYER
FLK	6	Richard Washington	LE	9	Mario Williams
	5	Sterling Hicks		33	Raymond Brooks
LT	70	Chris Colmer	DT	90	John McCargo
	78	James Newby		41	Martrel Brown
LG	64	Leroy Harris	DT	72	DeMarcus Tyler
	72	Luke Lathan		62	Dwayne Herndon
C	53	Jed Paulsen	RE	91	Manny Lawson
	72	Luke Lathan		96	Renaldo Moses
RG	75	John McKeon	SLB	31	Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay
	76	Rickey Fowler		45	Ernest Jones
RT	71	Derek Morris	WLB	52	Pat Thomas
	79	Jon Holt		50	Stephen Tulloch
TE	80	T.J. Williams	MLB	22	Oliver Hoyte
	or 15	John Ritcher		56	Pat Lowery
QB	10	Jay Davis	ROV	36	Andre Maddox
	9	Marcus Stone		19	Garland Heath
TB	2	Darrell Blackman	FS	1	Marcus Hudson
	or 26	Bobby Washington		27	Troy Graham
	20	Reggie Davis	RC	14	Dovonte Edwards
	44	T.A. McLendon		8	Jimmie Sutton
SE	87	Brian Clark	LC	28	Lamont Reid
	13	Lamar Barrett		3	A.J. Davis
FB	49	Chance Moyer			
	37	Avery Gibson			

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