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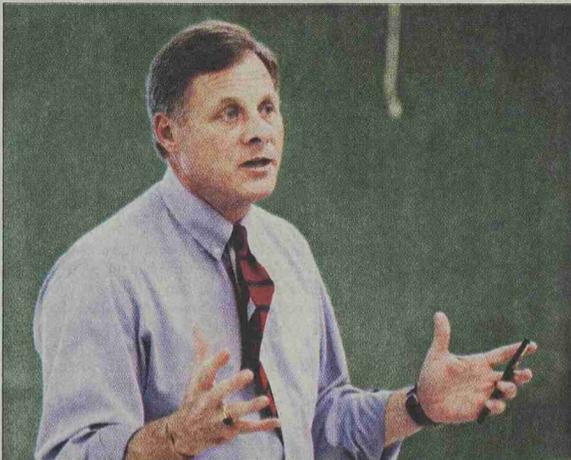
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ELECTION 2004

Senate candidates drop in

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ASLIE DROPPED IN TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES AFFECTING NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS



Republican senate candidate Richard Burr speaks at Mann Hall during a meeting sponsored by the College Republicans Monday night.

Burr pushes security, tax cuts

Ben McNeely
Staff Writer

Richard Burr prefers the title of "dad" over "senator." He says his bid for the U.S. Senate is for his sons, who some female members of the College Republicans say are "beautiful." Around 200 students crowded into Mann Hall last night to listen to Burr's views on national security, the war on terror and his vision for America's future. "I am running for the United States Senate for a reason: because I believe the issues that we're going to decide in the next two to four years are of the magnitude, where if we get it wrong, we have given you an absolute mess to deal with," Burr said. "Decisions on the war on terror, decisions as it relates to what we do in this country on healthcare, judicial nominees. The list goes on and on. These decisions are going to be made by the

next United States Senate, by the next president of the United States, by the next Houses of Representatives." Burr said his reason for running is personal: that he wants to have a safe country for his children. "I'd much prefer the title 'dad' than 'senator' or 'congressman,'" he said. "That's the only one that matters to me. The fact that when I am in Washington I have a different title than when I am at home, that's not what appeals. What appeals is are we making a difference. One of the struggles I face everyday in Washington is that every issue has a human face behind it." Burr, the conservative Fifth District representative from Winston-Salem, emphasized the role of national security and the military in public affairs. He visited with a group of Marines during infantry training at Camp Lejeune. The group was one-third female, two-

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Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Erskine Bowles gives a speech Monday afternoon in Caldwell Lounge. The speech attracted about 200 people.

Bowles talks 'sensible' politics

T.S. Amarasiriwardena
News Editor

To Erskine Bowles, politics should be all about "common sense." In a speech tailored to students on the first stop of a seven-college tour, U.S. Senate Democratic candidate Erskine Bowles explained his plans to ensure jobs for college grads, keep America at the forefront of science, while touting a campaign that would serve the citizens of North Carolina above partisan politics. Blending the stories of people he has met on the campaign trail, he told the story of a family's sacrifices to get their son through college, only to find job opportunities dry in today's economy after graduation. "I want to make sure that when you get out of here, you have good jobs to go to that use your skills," he said to the crowd of about 200, mostly students. With the soon-to-be-vacated Senate

seat of John Edwards, the Democratic nominee for vice president, up for grabs, Bowles is running against Republican Richard Burr. Explaining plans that, according to Bowles, America can do without raising taxes, he hopes to drive domestic businesses. "We give American companies \$67 billion to locate in other countries," Bowles said after discussing the increasing issue of outsourcing. "Why don't we use that so they locate in America? That makes good common sense." He also found fault with foreign trade policies that have left goods going "one way." By simply enforcing laws on the books, \$6 billion dollars in illegal imports from China could save some 300 domestic companies from closing their doors, he said. Bowles said that he was worried about the nation's ability to create the "next

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Students helping students

The Wolfpack Student Initiative sets the path for students to financially assist their peers in paying for college.

Erin Welch
Staff Reporter

Four years ago, N.C. State Student Body President Harold Pettigrew envisioned a future of students helping students. Now, after years of relentless hard work and dedication, Pettigrew's vision has finally become a reality. The Wolfpack Student Initiative awarded their first scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year, in the amount of \$1,129.77, to an NCSU student. The scholarship proved four years of fundraising to create a permanent endowment fund a success. WSI director Anna Grant, a senior in statistics, first heard of the organization from Pettigrew during her freshman year as a WolfAide.

"I felt like I could really do something in WSI by raising money for students to stay at State," said Grant. Pettigrew spoke to WolfAides and other organizations when he realized that a vast amount of students with financial need were not receiving sufficient money to fund their schooling. Pettigrew discovered that the majority of NCSU students were willing to give at least \$1 to help fellow students afford college. With this fact supporting his cause, Pettigrew created the completely student-run endowment fund for which WSI has been raising money since spring 2001. A student government commission under the executive branch, WSI consists of six core members who plan fund-raising events. The organization currently has a total of eight members, and over the course of its existence has never had more than 10 students. "WSI is important to NCSU because it unites students in sharing a common goal to eliminate financial need among its students," said Taymour Hammoudi, a senior in biomedical engineering and treasurer of WSI.

Through events such as sell-

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Pet MRI center opens its doors

Imaging technology to offer much to students

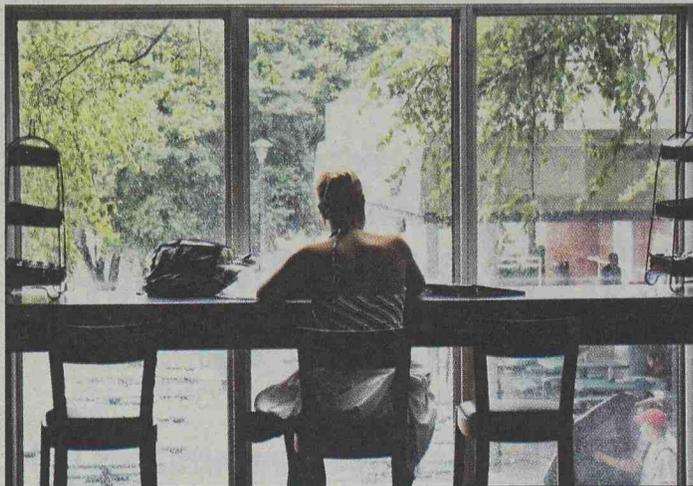
Meghan Woodall
Staff Reporter

The newest addition to campus is slated to benefit not humans, but animals. The Iams Company has opened the area's first magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI, center at N.C. State's Veterinary School. The new center, which took about two years to build, is only the second vet-dedicated MRI center in the world according to Dr. Sherri Hartke, vet school medical director. Able to detect cancer, MRI scans work by creating images

of tissues through magnetic energy and radio waves. The process reveals information that is not received from other tests, like X-rays, and therefore can give veterinarians the insight needed to diagnose a pet's condition accurately. "MRIs eliminate exploratory surgeries to find tumors and other cancers," David Green, director of college relations at the vet school said. The process requires no recovery time, special diet or medication, allowing pets to continue with normal activities soon after their tests. The system also offers pain-

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SUNNY DAYS



Jo Oliver, a freshman in zoology, studies during a three-hour break between classes in the Hill Of Beans coffee shop in D.H. Hill library Monday. Oliver studies by the windows rather than in the large study room 50 feet away because: "Here I have a view, and in there it's library-ish. Besides, I have the coffee."

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Spike it up
The volleyball team kicks off its season this Friday and is confident it can end its ACC losing skid. See page 8.

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ing t-shirts and "howl towels," hosting a poker tournament and organizing other fund-raising events such as a "car bash" and bake sale, WSI has accumulated a total sum of \$18,500.

WSI already plans to host a charity banquet, a three-on-three basketball tournament, and small dinners to raise additional funds this year.

The group deposits money raised for the fund into an NCSU account where it gains interest over time. Once the fund reached \$15,000, it became a permanent part of the NCSU scholarship fund and WSI members were able to award their first scholarship.

To assure that economic downturn does not affect WSI's ability to award scholarships in the future, only a portion of the money exceeding the principle amount is given as a scholarship.

"Since this is an endowed scholarship fund, we anticipate being able to award at least one scholarship annually," said Julie Mallette, Associate Vice Provost and Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid. The dollar amount for the scholarship this year "wasn't pretty," Grant said, "but we wanted to give absolutely as

much as possible."

Students who demonstrate the unmet financial need according to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid are eligible for the scholarship. The recipient is selected solely by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid without any applications.

In addition to serving as an endowment fund for students with unmet financial need, WSI's fund also serves as a memorial fund for NCSU students who have passed away. Student Government contributes to the fund each year to memorialize these students.

In light of recurring tuition increases, WSI members look forward to a future when they may give numerous scholarships.

"Now students have a tangible avenue for combating the rising costs of attending the University," said Hammoudi. Grant also shares high expectations for their organization.

"WSI has the potential to grow and give more scholarships than the year before each and every year," Grant said.

"If WSI keeps fund-raising, it will be able to give amazing numbers of scholarships — the sky is the limit now!"

Students wishing to donate to WSI or to join the organization may email WSI at wsi-comm@hotmail.com or check their Web site at students.ncsu.edu/wsi.

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less tests for pets experiencing symptoms like seizures, which according to Hartke can be caused by lesions and tumors that are difficult to detect by normal means, allowing the veterinarian to decide on the best treatment.

"I would recommend an MRI to any animal that has had a seizure," Hartke said.

Some other schools have MRI centers, but according to Dr. Warwick Arden, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, NCSU's center will allow the vet school to offer technology that many rival institutions cannot.

"The new MRI center is very exciting," Arden said. "This will definitely give us a new dimension and will allow us to be competitive."

"Students will benefit from the new technology by being able to see organs without surgery as well as structure and blood vessels," Hartke said.

Though students will be able to see how this new technology works, hands-on use is limited to the professionals. There is an observation room in which students can observe an MRI, but there must be a licensed veterinarian in the testing room at all times.

"You have to be qualified to use the machines," Hartke said.

Although MRIs can be costly, they dismiss the anxiety that a pet has a serious illness, Hartke said. The actual cost of an MRI varies from patient to patient and depends on the length of the image, the size of the animal and the area of the animal tested.

The range of prices is typically \$850-1,500 for small animals, such as cats, and \$2,500-3,500 for large animals, such as horses.

There are some animals that cannot be given an MRI due to their small size.

According to Hartke, the only other Iams vet-dedicated MRI center is in Vienna, Virginia.

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Public art creates a buzz

Design student's art both appreciated and desecrated on campus

Ben Motal
Staff Reporter

They may not make honey, but at least no one has to worry about being stung by the host of insect-like residents that decorated the round-about on Pullen Drive two weeks ago.

The curb ornaments were the bee sculptures of Jennifer Van Orden, a senior in art and design. She erected her exhibit at the round-about that connects Pullen and Stinson Drive, a busy traffic hub for motorists navigating through the east side of campus.

"The round-about was new and it seemed like a meeting point and intersection," Van Orden said, as she stressed how public art displays often serve as common gathering places and reference points in many urban areas. Her love of public art and the desire to create a "place where people are drawn to meet," led her to bare her artwork before the eyes of strangers and the elements of nature.

However, Van Orden's exhibit was a bit too public. Five of the sculptures were stolen during the time they were being put on display on Pullen and another was severely maimed.

According to Van Orden, the bee sculptures consisted of three different sizes: "big," "medium" and "little." Most of the medium-sized ones were stolen, because the little-sized bees were too tall to easily fit into a vehicle and the big ones were too wide. "That's the [size] I would have stolen," she jested.

Changing to a more serious

tone, Van Orden said that she was saddened by the fact that people would take something that someone put so much time and effort into creating. Even though she is a bit flattered that people would take such pains to acquire her artwork, she emphasizes that she would never consider stealing someone else's work and doesn't appreciate her bee sculptures being taken without her consent.

In particular, she points to an incident in which someone made an unsuccessful attempt to steal one of the sculptures, twisting and disfiguring its steel frame in the process. She said that she found the crumpled bee lying on the ground near the round-about. However, the sculpture was salvaged by her boyfriend, who straightened the bent steel by pounding it with a hammer. The mended bee now resides in his yard.

"I was angrier that [the sculpture] was crumpled than if it had been stolen," Van Orden said.

After a fifth bee was stolen, Van Orden decided to remove the remaining sculptures and relocate them to a safer area — her front yard.

The bee sculptures were constructed by welding together steel rods, which were then fashioned into arcs by a hand-cranked rolling machine. They were sunk into the ground with concrete-filled paint buckets upon completion.

She said she draws her influence for this type of art from an internship with Matt McConnell, a local artist that uses similar techniques to create metal sculptures, and from an assignment prompt in one of her summer design classes.

"[McConnell] is the closest thing to a materials mentor that

I have," said Van Orden, adding that she has great admiration for his work and abilities.

The idea to make the sculptures in the shape of bees came from images of bees that were brought to the College of Design from Playspace, a Raleigh facility dedicated to youth activities, Van Orden said. She said that bees are one of her "10 favorite images," as she rolled up the left leg of her pants to reveal a tattoo — the exact replica of one of the sketches she made while viewing the Playspace bee images.

"The bee is really playful — it can be cute, like a bumblebee — but it can also sting you," Van Orden said.

The bee sculpture exhibit is representative of a growing desire for public art in the Raleigh area.

"[Public art] communicates to the community that art and society are not separate, but are integrated," Kathleen Rieder, Van Orden's professor said.

Rieder, who served on the Raleigh Arts Commission for four years as well as spending two years as the chair of the Public Arts Committee, composed the prompt that led to the creation of the bee sculptures.

"I challenged the students to identify their favorite images, then combine the images with different media and different artists," Rieder said. The goal of the project was to create five art installation pieces that could be displayed either indoors or outdoors.

She also applauded Van Orden's choice of location for the exhibit. "It was an excellent choice, the idea really worked well with the site," Rieder said.

"For public art to be successful, the artist has to work with the stake-holders of the com-

munity — Jennifer did a good job of that," Rieder said. Rieder specifically noted the importance of Van Orden taking the right steps by talking to the dean of the College of Design before installing the sculptures on the round-about.

She points to a well-known program sponsored by the Raleigh Arts Commission called the "Raleigh Red Wolf Ramble," a project in which 100 wolves were distributed throughout Raleigh and individualized by local artists, as an example of how public art can connect people throughout a community.

"I think [public art] just inspires creative thinking and positive thought — art makes people proud of their environment," Van Orden said. She cited the city of Charlotte as a good example of how art can be used to unite communities, and also referenced the Raleigh Red Wolf Ramble as a program that helped bring people together by means of a common artistic effort.

The bee sculptures will make one final encore at the Cary Academy Spelling Bee on Sept. 14, where they will be displayed from 4-9:30 p.m. She encourages anyone who wants one last chance to see them to stop by the academy for the final exhibit.

"I want people to enjoy the bees," Van Orden said.

Jennifer said that she is considering eventually auctioning off the remaining sculptures. "I've been contacted by so many people who want to buy the bees — people from N.C. State and just random people who read about the bees in articles or saw them on Channel 5. Some people even found me by searching for my name on Google — I never knew I could be Googled!" Van Orden said.

POLICE BLOTTER

08/29/04

1:56 A.M. | ALCOHOL VIOLATION
An officer observed a UNC-Chapel Hill student with a beer in his possession in the North Hall parking lot. He was issued a citation for underage possession. UNC-CH was also notified of the offense.

10:10 A.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY-VANDALISM
A student reported that someone had "egged" and "floured" several cars in the Delta Gamma parking lot. When officers arrived on scene, all victims were standing by. Two cars had flour dumped on them, and four cars had eggs broken on the windows. Once the cars were cleaned up, there appeared to be no permanent damage.

10:14 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-SPEEDING
A subject was issued a citation for speeding 41 mph in a 20 mph zone on Dan Allen Drive.

10:38 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-SPEEDING
A subject was issued a citation for speeding 35 in a 20 mph zone on Dan Allen Drive.

11:31 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-SPEEDING
A subject was issued a citation for speeding 38 in a 20 mph zone on Dan Allen Drive.

11:52 A.M. | B/E VEHICLE, LARCENY
A non-student reported that someone busted out the window of her vehicle while it was parked at Schenk Forest on Aug. 28 between 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. A jean jacket was stolen from the vehicle.

12:23 A.M. | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
Campus Officers were notified by Raleigh Police in reference to a large party at the corner of Gorman Street and Marcum Street. Many NCSU students were at the party. Command staff decided to shut the party down; it was at two residences. Six students were referred to the university for alcohol violations. A total of eight students were referred to the university. Two NCSU students were arrested by Raleigh Police and taken to jail. One was charged with Nuisance Party Violation, and one was charged with Nuisance Party Violation and an Alcohol Violation.

12:31 A.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY-ACCIDENTAL
North Hall staff reported a ground floor exterior door on the southwest side of North Hall was damaged. The door was off its hinges. It appeared to be accidental damage. The door was later repaired by Housing personnel.

2:03 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON
A caller advised she saw a suspicious male subject looking into cars in lower Wood Lot. An officer checked the area, and did not locate the subject.

8:41 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-SPEEDING
A subject was issued a citation for speeding 40 mph in a 25 mph zone on Morrill Drive.

6:33 P.M. | LIAISON PROGRAM
Officer Foor conducted a liaison program at Berry Hall. 36 people attended the program.

7:54 P.M. | LIAISON PROGRAM
Officer Brickhouse conducted a liaison program at Watauga Hall. Three residents had some of their personal items engraved.

8:26 P.M. | LIAISON PROGRAM
Officers Brinkley, Foor, and Brick-

house conducted a liaison program at Syme Hall for the Triad. 35 residents attended and many personal items were engraved.

8:59 P.M. | LIAISON PROGRAM
Officer Dye conducted a building liaison program at Sullivan Hall. He spoke with Sullivan staff about safety and recent crimes occurring around campus.

9:41 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE
A staff member called to report two black trucks she saw driving back and forth on Reedy Creek Rd. Officer observed a white Ford Explorer on the side of the road. The driver, a non-student, and his girlfriend, also a non-student, were parked here. The driver's license came back revoked. Officer didn't see him driving, and had a licensed driver come to the scene and get the vehicle. Officer confiscated the subject's revoked license. The subject had parked at this location to let his girlfriend use the bathroom. The black truck was also located. Another non-student was out looking at animals in the area. All files were checked and came back negative on all subjects. No problems noted.

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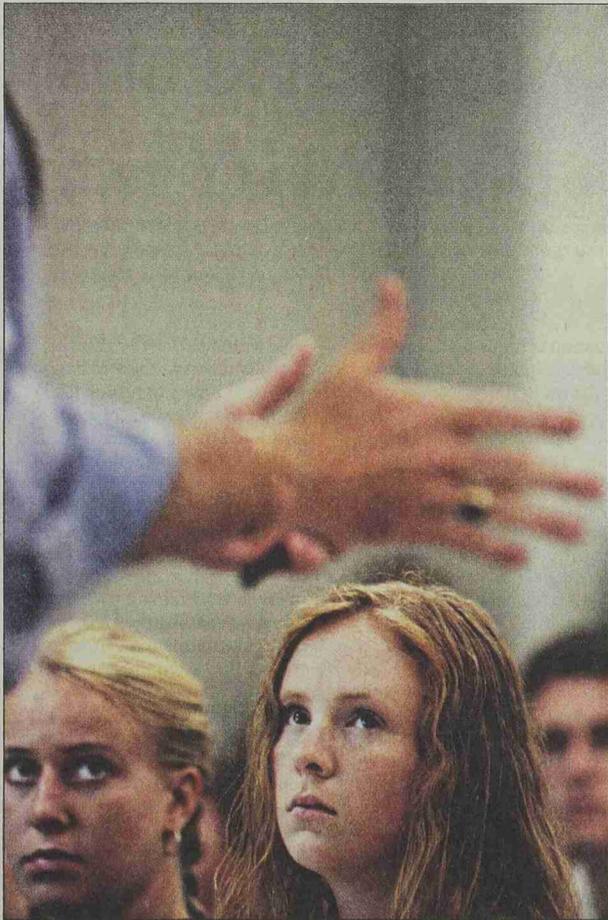
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Nia Mendenhall (left) and Amanda Campbell listen to Congressman Richard Burr speak in Mann Hall last night.

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thirds male with an average age of 18.

"I looked at this group of Marines and I said, 'I need to know what inspired you to join,'" Burr recollected.

"And without hesitation, they all said, 'To serve my country, sir.' I said, 'No, I want to know what inspired you to sign up.' A girl on the front row looked up at me and said, 'Congressman, on Sept. 12, 2001, I made a commitment to make sure no one went through what I went through the day before. At 16 years old, I made the decision to join the Marine Corp and, today, I am fulfilling my commitment.'"

"I share that with you to tell you that there are kids just like you that are making decision everyday that there are some things that are worth fighting for," Burr concluded.

Burr also shared his view on the war on terror.

"I lived 9/11 up close and personal. I can remember, the next day, as a committee scattered all over Capitol Hill, trying to answer the three questions: what happened, who did it and why," Burr recollected.

"We know what happened, we know who did it. I'm not sure we know why yet...there's no doubt in my mind that there is nothing we can do, as a country, to take the individuals that are intent on killing us, and make them like us."

"We have only one choice: that's to hunt them down, to prosecute them or to kill them. That is the only choice we have in this country," Burr said.

Kim Chidester, a freshman in political science, asked Burr for advice on how to deal with liberal professors on a "semi-liberal, liberal campus."

"Smile at them and show the level of passion the level of conviction about what you believe," he offered. "People

can disagree, but they can't take away from you what you believe."

When asked later in an interview about rising higher-education costs, Burr said that Pell Grants have been augmented in the past three years and that K-12 budgets have been raised 40 percent in the past three years.

He also is concerned with the job market for graduating college students. He wants to make Bush's tax cuts permanent.

"That's the number one economic stimulus according to every economist," Burr said.

Burr also said he does not support a draft to replace the 400,000 volunteer troops now deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ayo Adyeye, a sophomore in world literature, said Burr was the most accessible N.C. representative and asked how he would remain accessible as a senator. "I'll keep on doing what I've done," Burr said. "I'll get out and work for the state everyday."

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new thing."

With the country ranking 19 of 20 for industrial nations in the math and sciences and with federal research and development funds drying up, the nation is headed down a dangerous path, he said.

Bowles pushed an agenda that shored up these faults by investing in education.

Later in an interview with Technician, Bowles said that a drive for better pay for teachers must be undertaken.

"It's the most important job in America," and it must be valued that way, he said.

Carrying over to health care, Bowles talked about a family he met on the trail that lacked health insurance.

Unable to take their daughter for regular doctor visits, she got so sick that it led to an emergency room visit that cost five times as much, he said.

"We have got to make sure that every kid gets health insurance," he said.

"It's the right thing to do - it's the moral thing to do," he said, drawing heavy applause from the partisan crowd.

Finding fault with the recently approved \$530 billion Medicare prescription drug plan, Bowles said that it has a "huge donut hole in coverage."

Bowles said that the federal government should use its weight to negotiate better prices like other nations do.

But, Bowles notes "they wrote in the bill that we couldn't do it," and suggests that the law be rewritten.



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN
Democrat Erskine Bowles spoke to a crowd of 200 in Caldwell Lounge Monday.

"That, makes good common sense," he said.

Drawing on his experience as President Bill Clinton's Chief of Staff, Bowles said that he wants to bring people together.

While negotiating the first balanced budget in 30 years, Bowles said he spent months with Newt Gingrich and Trent Lott.

"And you owe me a lot," he said, drawing laughs from the crowd.

"I can make you a commitment that the seat of John Edwards ... [remains] the seat that belongs to all of you," Bowles said.

Burr, a U.S. Congressman, votes 95 percent of the time with the Bush administration, Bowles said.

"We don't need a rubber stamp, we need someone who puts North Carolina first," he said.

Saying that his opponent is quick to attack him, Bowles said that he'd rather spend his time attacking problems.

Fielding questions from the

crowd, Bowles heard from junior in political science, Jason Lindsay.

Lindsay, who fought in Iraq, said that serving has left him \$6,000 in debt. On a military stipend, he was actually losing money in comparison to the full-time job and a part time school he had back here.

Bowles offered ideas part of his platform that would help returning servicemen pause debt obligations while serving.

Lindsay later said that he was "definitely psyched about having [Bowles] as a Democratic candidate."

"The common sense there made perfect sense," he said, while adding that he is likely to get involved with the campaign.

College Democrats President and senior Matt Spence said that the group that organized the event has seen a huge surge in on-campus interest during this election season.

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Media clubs view on drugs

Greg Behris is right ("Drug traffic through N.C. State" article). Only a small portion of N.C. State students report using illegal drugs. The 2004 NCSU CORE Survey (n=1051) results indicate that 12 percent of students surveyed reported using an illegal drug other than marijuana in the last year. Five percent reported using illegal drugs other than marijuana within 30 days of the survey. About 17 percent of students reportedly have used marijuana within 30 days of the survey.

However, many students think that illegal drug use is the norm. This is not a big surprise as media sources (particularly TV and film) saturate us with messages that "normalize" substance use even if it is not normal. On the CORE 49 percent of students reported that they thought that the average NCSU student used some form of an illegal drug at least once a week. That would mean at least 50 percent use drugs illegally once a week or more. Think about your friends. Do half of them use an illegal substance at least once a week?

Sometimes perceptions cloud reality. We perceive something to be real, thus it must be so, despite reality. For example, we see someone drinking a beer, being a little boisterous, and assume she is drunk without checking the accuracy of the "observation;" it fits our "view." If she says she's not drunk, we may not believe her — just like we may not believe the CORE statistics. "They're lying on those stats," we may think. "They're under reporting." Some may, but some people lie and over report use too. Instead of trying to make things fit our "view" maybe we need to challenge our view.

Sometimes experiences cloud reality. We think our experience is true for others. If a person belongs to a group in which the average person does use an illegal substance at least once a week, is that true for other groups on campus? It would be speculation at best to make that assumption.

According to local and national substance abuse statistics, a vast majority of people do not use illegal substances. According to the CORE survey, 82 percent of NCSU students surveyed indicated that they would prefer not to have drugs available at parties they attend. Perhaps students aren't as accepting of drug use as many think them to be.

Chris Austin
Substance Abuse Prevention Health Educator

Christian fraternity not in violation

Andrew Payne writes that only a miracle could help the Alpha Iota Omega Christian fraternity to win its lawsuit against UNC-Chapel Hill. He also pretends that AIO received student fees. They didn't; they raised their own funds, and in derecognizing them, UNC-CH not only cut off their access to campus meeting space, it also froze their student account. UNC-CH students, however, were not funding the group.

Nevertheless, to continue with Payne's argument, he writes, "As a public institution, accepting state and federal funds, the university must preserve the religious freedoms of students while protecting them from discrimination." Payne is apparently oblivious to the unnamed agent of discrimination against whom the students must be protected. In that he demonstrates the same ignorance upon which UNC-CH James Moeser built his calculated response to the controversy: "There is sometimes a tension between the First Amendment to the Constitution and the equal protection provisions in the Fourteenth Amendment."

Baloney. There is no tension between the amendments; both protect individuals from actions by the state, not by other individuals. A person cannot cite rights to free assembly or rights

of nondiscrimination in order to have government force a private group to admit him. A public university (agent of the state) therefore cannot require a group to guarantee those "rights" to any theoretical person.

The Supreme Court has addressed issues very similar to this. In *Rosenberger v. Rector* (1995), the Court ruled that university programs such as UNC-CH's that grant student fees and meeting space to a wide spectrum of student groups don't violate government neutrality in the instance that one of those groups is Christian. In *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale* (2000), the Court protected the rights of members of a group from the "forced inclusion of an unwanted person." Those are two "miracles" from less than a decade ago.

Don't expect the courts to buy into the divisive notion that the Fourteenth Amendment fights against the First. University "recognition" policies exist to foster a wide range of student groups, the diversity of which is among the many groups, not within each and every discrete group. One other thing: If students have a problem with "PUBLIC" recognition of such groups, then let them take issue with the policy, not the individual group. With student costs rising, it would be a welcome cost reduction to eliminate absurd student activities fees to support all those groups and activities that many students find objectionable. Payne, who helped get his group of self-appointed campus spokesmen (the UNC Association of Student Governments) on student mandatory fees support without students' consent, says not to expect him to fund a group like AIO (which wasn't receiving student fees). But why should any student be expected to fund a group he finds objectionable?

Jon Sanders
Policy Analyst
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Justified flip flops

I just wanted to express my appreciation of Brian Onorio's article in the Aug. 19 issue. I am so glad that someone still has their head on straight. It's about time the truth be told and that these bleeding heart liberals be put in their place. Every single aspect of your article was not only honest, but also revealed a side of this war that I'm afraid many people are oblivious to...the fact that we have helped liberate two separate nations. I admire your courage and look forward to future articles.

Ryan Cooper
Sophomore
Middle Grades, Language Arts

Campus downloading

I'm the spokesperson for RealNetworks' Rhapsody service. I just saw Michele Decamp's column "Let's Get the Downloading Started," and wanted to correct a few points. The piece incorrectly states that "students at Wake Forest, Tulane and...18 other schools" are offered our company's Rhapsody service.

In fact, the only two schools currently offering Rhapsody to students are the University of California, Berkeley and University of Minnesota (though we're actively speaking with other colleges and universities).

Matt Graves
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RealNetworks

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

APATHY BREEDS APATHY

OUR OPINION: STUDENT APATHY TOWARDS FELLOW STUDENTS' DRUG USE FULFILLS STEREOTYPES AND ALLOWS FOR NARCOTICS USE TO CONTINUE, DESPITE THEIR CHOICE TO PARTAKE IN DRUGS THEMSELVES OR NOT.

There is a stereotype mumbled about on campus that generates a quick response from students saying they do not care about what happens around them.

Stereotypes, sometimes, have a funny way of becoming self-fulfilling prophecies.

College embodies a certain culture of experiences that range from sleep, homework and class to parties, alcohol and drugs. Students can participate in either end of the spectrum, but at what level do students care about others when it comes to illegal substances?

Marijuana and opium are considered "soft" drugs while examples of "hard" drugs are crack cocaine and heroin.

Students are pretty clear about their personal choice involving both areas. But at what point does another's choice to partake in such activities become an inhibiting factor to those who choose not to?

For example, let's say a student goes to a party that has marijuana and is offered it. He says no. Does he leave the party because there is marijuana, even if there is alcohol? Or does he stay and not care about what the other person chooses to do with their life?

Because ultimately, when someone says they do not care about another's choice, they are letting that person take whatever road they will take.

If they go downhill with their life,

that is their fault.

He would also prefer that the marijuana wasn't there to begin with, and if they are going to smoke, that they do it at another location. But that choice is theirs and it's OK if it takes them downhill — he sure isn't going with them.

Drugs are going to be around whether students want them to be or not. Even harder drugs tend to receive public interest in curbing their trafficking, but there is a general apathy towards softer drugs like marijuana. For whatever reason, they seem to be accepted — and the status quo doesn't appear to be changing.

Students simply don't care about what other students are doing unless it begins to invade personal space — only if the other individual is not their roommate, best friend or brother, for example.

There is a ridiculous amount of time and energy (and probably money) wasted policing drug use, which is in alignment with the law. Maybe students don't care for that reason, so they don't get caught. That's fine, but someone else is.

Students who have any sense of morality and humanity would not let another person waste their life if they felt like it was being wasted. This is not just with drugs, but with homework, driving and alcohol as well.

Otherwise, stereotypes become truth.

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Forward-looking convention must be sold

Andrew Dugan analyzes the Republican Convention, which meets this week with Bush slightly up in the polls and still facing severe challenges regarding economy and the war in Iraq.

Over the past month, the discourse in this election has shifted from Iraq to Vietnam, specifically whether or not John Kerry deserved the medals he received while serving in combat in the later country.

The scandal, though it seems funny to use that word to describe this affair, ultimately holds no real merit in any tangible sense, but it has hurt John Kerry in a variety of ways.

Perhaps John Kerry should have been quicker to address these absurd accusations and perhaps the media should have actually reminded readers and listeners what official documents support — that Kerry earned his medals for courageous acts — instead of simply reporting as though this was no way to determine who was right.

Whatever the weight of these variables, Kerry has lost many of the modest gains he acquired after the Democratic Convention and he now trails Bush in most polls, albeit slightly. More fearful for Kerry and his supporters is the Republican Convention which will be taking place in New York City this week.

This Republican Convention will be the first for New York City. Chicago has held the most Republican Conventions, though it has not hosted any since 1960. The last Convention took place in Philadelphia, and that was the sixth time the convention met there. New York City would seem like an odd choice for a Republican meeting in a normal political climate — but this convention will remind viewers that much has changed since its candidate, George W. Bush, took office.

That President Bush will come into this convention with a small lead is beneficial for him, and this convention will aim to augment that advantage.

Although the theme of the Democratic Convention that took place earlier this summer was focused on rebuilding America's important friendships while still strengthening the army ("Strong at home, Respected in the World," was the official line), the Republicans will evoke memories of 9/11 and how the President has acted since then.

In one sense, this convention must once again sell to the public what the Administration has been doing for some time. For example, the decision to invade Iraq was motivated by concerns related to the war on terror, which was a direct result of the tragic attacks on 9/11.

Even if that point is made successfully, which is no easy task, the present condition of Iraq — chaotic, even if nominally self-ruled — should not be paused on.

Equally frustrating is the economy. Forbes Magazine notes that "it turns out that economic factors predicted the winner of the presidential election in just nine of the last 14 contests. That's better than flipping a coin, but not by much." Forbes goes on to predict the winner of this election cycle using solely the economy, and it favors Kerry strongly.

The president's controversial tax cuts have not given the relief they were hyped up to and polls indicate overwhelmingly that voters would trust an economy headed under the auspices of John Kerry, not George Bush.

The Democratic Convention, before the onset, promised that the event would not be a Bush-bashing festival. By and large, it was not. It actually focused quite a bit on John Kerry's record, an issue that somehow got turned on him. That aside, it should be fair to say that the Republican Convention will bring up John Kerry quite a bit, if not by name, and focus on his political record in the Senate. Tom Rath, a Republican committee member from New Hampshire tells the Washington Post, "I will guarantee you that John Kerry's Senate record will be discussed

more here than it was in Boston. They're going to go after that."

It may come down to a matter of Kerry's record in the Senate over Bush's record as president. The strategy seems sensible enough. But a reminder before the speeches on Kerry's liberalism begins: elections involving an incumbent rarely focus on the challenger.

These elections serve as a final analysis on the already elected candidate, and whether or not he has governed effectively.

With deficits soaring, the military over stretched, poverty rates increasing (as noted by the Census Bureau recently) and gains in the economy fading, Bush's presidency cannot long linger in the present.

"You can't frame the election about how people feel today — you've got to frame the election on who has better ideas for the future," the Post quotes one GOP strategist.

By this, the person means looking at Kerry's past ideas and how they might be foolish for the challenges ahead.

But that same argument might easily be made about Bush, using the present as evidence

Too bad Kerry is stuck in Vietnam.

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Andrew Dugan
Staff Columnist

STUDENT LIFE

Taking naps to campus

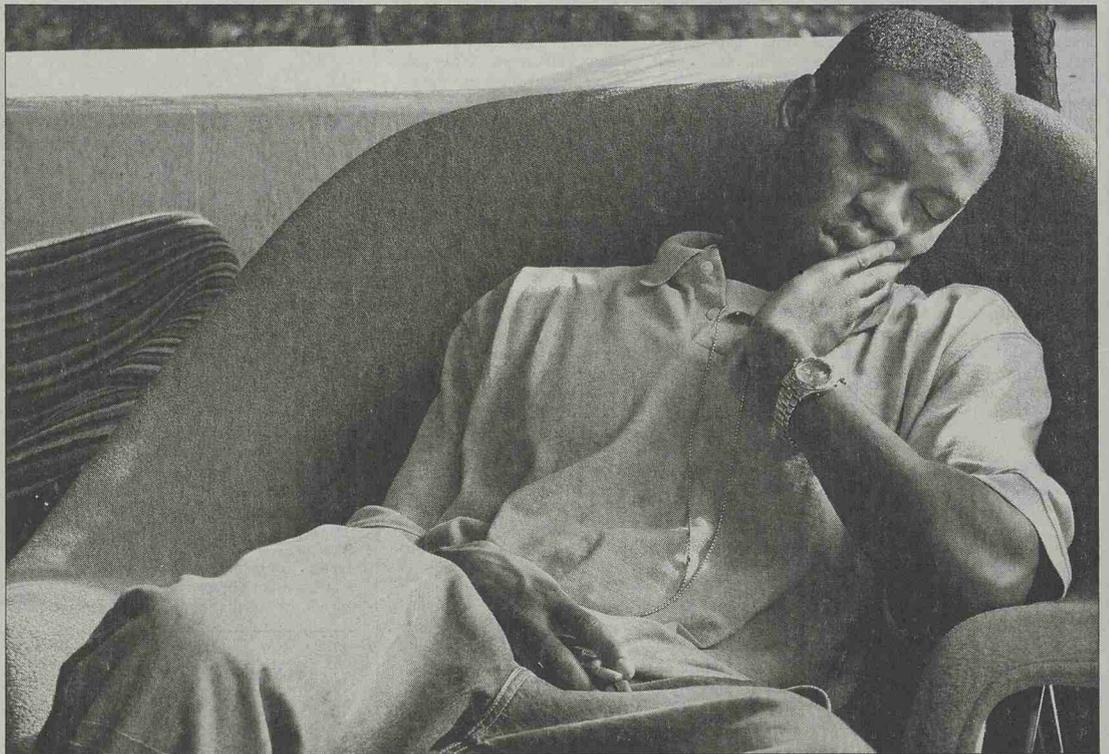
WHETHER IN THE LIBRARY, ON THE GRASS OR IN CLASS, STUDENTS IN NEED OF SLEEP CRASH ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE ON CAMPUS.

STORY BY KATE PETERS BOWRA
PHOTOS BY RAY BLACK III

Evidently, naps are not just reserved for beds anymore.

Jeff Breese, a junior in communication, has napped just about everywhere on campus. And he's not alone.

"I've slept in the player's lounge, wrestling room, study center, and even in a hallway once," Breese said. "Staying up late to study for exams or write papers has forced me to find convenient places to nap [on campus]." As a student-athlete, Breese's schedule requires him to be on campus for a majority of the day.



Poe Lounge is the prime destination for students in the area, like the one shown above, needing to catch a few zzz's.

RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

While walking around N.C. State's campus, it is quite common to catch a glimpse of a student sleeping just about anywhere. Inside, outdoors, or on the Wolfline missing their stop, students are catching up on some much needed sleep.

The easiest place to spot a napping student is outside. Most choose to find a spot near the Brickyard or down the road a bit by the Court of North Carolina. On clear comfortable days one typically finds the grass covered with students using backpacks for pillows, jackets for blankets and books to shield their eyes from the blazing sun.

Sarah Matherly, a junior in middle grades education, commonly takes refuge in the grass by the brickyard.

"While I don't often fall asleep outside, I certainly have on more than one occasion. I guess I'm too worried I'll oversleep," Matherly said as she raised herself from her makeshift backpack pillow. "Spending time on the grass is a great way to kill time between classes and relax from the stress of the day."

"I don't frequently sleep in the lounge, but today it just worked out."

—Brendan Dillan
So. Information Technologies

CHASS majors, who are regularly isolated within the confines of Winston, Caldwell and Tompkins Halls, are often found in the Caldwell Lounge. Tables are available for groups to study as well as couches and chairs — however, it would be surprising to see the cushions used for anything but a nap.

Some sit up straight with their heads tilted to the side, while others are much less inhibited and sprawl out on their stomachs. Half of their body is on the couch while their legs hang lifelessly over the side. And yes, as bad as it sounds, some even drool.

Mid-day during the first week of class, Brendan Dillan, a sophomore in information tech-

nologies, found an empty couch in the lounge and laid down from exhaustion. His cell phone alarm sounded shortly after and Dillan awoke feeling somewhat refreshed from the power nap.

"I don't frequently sleep in the lounge, but today, it just worked out," he said.

The sophomore said he does not see anything wrong with sleeping in campus buildings during his break.

"I'd rather sleep in [Caldwell] than in class," said Dillan, as he gathered his belongings and trekked off to class.

When wandering through the West Wing of D.H. Hill Library, it is all too common a sight to see the cushioned seats filled with snoozing stu-

dents. Seasoned library-goers are aware of the extra quietness that encompasses the periodical area.

Nishith Patel, a sophomore in computer science, works at the periodical desk approximately 14 hours a week checking out laptops and aiding students with any problems that may arise while they are in his section of the library.

"This area of the library is always full of students sleeping," Patel said. "I suppose they find the indoors comfortable for breaks between classes."

Patel is right. Nearly every day for the past four years, Michael Thuemmel, a senior in psychology, naps in the library.

"Most of the time I'm just tired from not sleeping enough the night before," Thuemmel said.

He continues to describe that when the desire for a nap occurs on campus, he usually gives in.

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Organizational skills make for success

Showing up for class, forgetting about that first test is no way to start the semester. Organizational skills are key for a successful semester.

Lori Miranda Osgood
Staff Writer

The most fanatic organizers might arrange shirts in the closet by texture, material, color and sleeve length and alphabetize snacks, cans of soup and other foods in the pantry.

While those that pride themselves with their superior organizational skills might be ridiculed for borderline anal retentiveness by not-so-neat-yet-jealous acquaintances, there certainly are benefits of possessing these sometimes natural skills of organization. Even if lacking this seemingly innate ability, those that make efforts to be organized are often more successful at scheduling and completing daily tasks and are less likely to forget a date or assignment.

"I am very organized," said Elaina Horton, a senior in criminology, "I write down everything that I do on my calendar. If I don't, I can't keep up!

With going to school full-time, two part-time jobs, even with outings with friends I just can't cope without being organized."

Organizational skills can save a student's semester and most importantly, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to do it.

What is organization? Like Horton, it might involve planning ahead, writing down all the

tasks to be completed in a neat and orderly fashion and making sure that every item has a proper place to correlate with its function.

If having constant trouble finding things, forgetting important dates and living by the motto: one man's junk heap is another man's castle, one's organizational skills are questionable.

Some other signs of trouble are not

being able to accomplish or finish the task at hand or creating tension inside yourself or among others. Willamette University Center for Learning Enhancement Resources says that "some examples of problems directly related to poor organizational skills are: a job or course being in jeopardy, relationships suffering, being in anxiety, feeling bad about yourself, and not meeting your goals."

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How can you correct this problem in your courses at N.C. State? The first important tool is to buy an organizer or date book to keep up with events and goals. One could spend hundreds on expensive PDA's or extravagant personal organizers, but a simple calendar or agenda book that can be purchased at a bookstore for

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Things to Do: JULY - AUGUST 2004

- Plan Ahead
- Write down all the tasks to be completed
- Buy an organizer or date book to keep up with events and goals
- Review the syllabus for each course
- Make note of assignment priorities and due dates
- Complete assignments before the last minute
- Schedule activities and how long they will take
- Counseling Center workshops

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\$12, is more than adequate. To keep up with classes, review the syllabus for each course. During this task analysis, take note of assignment priorities and due dates. By completing assignments before the last minute, it allows time to visit professors during their office hours to get tips for better grades or how to improve performance on a particular project. Schedule activities and how long they will take in an organizer. Be certain to put how much time it will actually take — not a glamorous estimate. It is always best to over estimate than under. It is beneficial to plan your week in advance. By making a list every Monday of major expectations for that week like tests, essays or important events socially or at work, one won't be caught off guard by a lack of time. Create detailed, daily schedules reflecting class times, study times, work hours and recreational activities.

An organization system for lecture notes and readings is also beneficial. Classes may have already started, but now is certainly not too late. For organizationally challenged students, such recommendations might seem unrealistic and nearly impossible to accomplish. NCSU understands that not everyone is able to organize as easily as others. The Counseling Center on campus has many programs to help students be prepared and organized for class and for life. On its Web site there is a cornucopia of links and tools to help the hopelessly unorganized: http://www.ncsu.edu/student_affairs/counseling_center/ A misconception of the Counseling Center is that it is only there to help students going through a hard time emotionally. The center hosts several workshops, assessment tests and programs to boost students' academic and personal potential. And someone is always available to talk about whatever questions or problems may arise. Academics are not the only

aspect of life that need to be organized. In order to be a successful student, both home life and academic life must be organized. What stumps most students organizing at home? There is just too much to do. Most upperclassmen live off campus, and with more space and freedom, there also comes extra responsibilities. Additional responsibilities equal added things to schedule and organize. "I started being more organized two years ago when I moved off campus. When you have an apartment you don't have anyone to clean your bathroom or cook for you like you did in the dorms. There is just more to do and think about in the same amount of time," said Thomas Royer, a junior in political science and criminology. There is never a better time to start organizing than now. Make it this new school year's resolution and take baby steps. Don't expect to go from chaos to hyper-organized overnight. It is never too late to begin to manage time wiser and to organize smarter.

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"It's pretty easy to get comfortable, which makes it harder to get up for my next class," Thuemell then added with a laugh, "I've overslept a lot!" However, not everyone is lucky enough to find a place to crash in the periodical room. After checking out a laptop

from the desk, Ian Meyer, a freshman in aerospace engineering, had to pace around the wing for some time before he finally gave up on taking a seat with the resident sleeping beauties. "Everyone was sleeping! It didn't leave any room for studying," Meyer said with slight irritation. "Waiting around was sort of annoying, but I eventually moved on to

the East Wing where there were plenty of available places to study." Whether it's to kill time between classes or to catch up on sleep in order to function, students don't seem to have any trouble finding a place to sleep on campus. Napping in classrooms will always remain the traditional standby — but in the meantime, any floor or chair will do just fine.

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what ridiculous head-piece Lee Corso wears at the end of the show. Plugging in a fan is also essential for early fall games. Everyone forgets how physically exhausting it is to tailgate in hot weather, and cooling down around a fan can maximize party ability. Breaking out a kegerator is an added bonus to anyone who takes the time to create one. It forces fellow tailgaters to show your set-up instant respect. Break out the canopy

One thing is a given at a State football opener. It is either hot or it rains. Sometimes both. The canopy is one of the only means of shelter during these situations. It also provides a cover to precious valuables like TV's, stereos and the kegerator. **Finding a ticket on game day** There's always someone who has a losing voucher and is unable to attain a ticket before the big game. Don't fret. Ask around and see if any friends are having a blowout tailgate party. If anyone is, then let them know you're going to hang out there, and just plan on sticking around the

fairgrounds when the game starts. Usually one friend, or someone's girlfriend, will have too good of a time partying and will give up a ticket to keep tailgating or pass out in the car. Everyone is happy, and you are going to the game. And if a freshman is walking around aimlessly a couple of hours before the game, then it wouldn't hurt to let them join the festivities. Just make sure they don't have a shiny police badge. Ryan can be reached at 515-2411 or ryan@technicianonline.com



ANDY DELISLE/TECHNICIAN

Bojangles' officials says it plans to have an express lane outside for chicken only to meet the demand before the game. He expects business to pick up about noon and stay busy until game time.

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hours in preparation for an afternoon rush of customers. Bojangles' also opens up an express lane to keep customer flow moving smoothly. Richard Agner, a senior in parks, recreation and tourism, has used the express lane before games. "They've got a prepared line outside for cars that want tail-

gate specials," Agner said. "It took us like three minutes max to go through." Bojangles' sets up the line and keeps the chicken outside in containers that keep the food hot for longer periods of time. There are also limits to what you can get in the express line, Haddock said. "On the outside we limit our side orders to cole slaw and potato salad. We keep those on ice in coolers," Haddock said.

"Because of health regulations we don't keep hot side orders in the express lane." The drive-thru line and inside eating area remain open to give Wolfpack fans options when they crave chicken 'n' biscuits on game day, Agner said that all of the lines move relatively smoothly. "I've used all three options," Agner said. "Once you get into a line, it's really quick."

Volleyball

LAST SEASON
8-23 (0-16 ACC)

WATCH FOR: Freshman Emily Bertrand was a standout for her high school and club team in Dallas. The Wolfpack is counting on her to step up and make an immediate impact on the court

IS THE GLASS HALF-FULL... State hasn't won an ACC game in over two seasons, but will see its best opportunity to snap the streak early in the season against new ACC member Virginia Tech. The Pack defeated the Hokies in Raleigh last season.

...OR HALF EMPTY? Maya Mapp was one of the most consistent performers for State, but she decided not to return this season. It will be up to inexperienced players to fill the big void she left on a team that has lost 48 straight ACC games.

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09/20	N.C. A&T	Raleigh	7
09/24	Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	7
09/25	Georgia Tech	Atlanta	7
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10/5	North Carolina	Raleigh	7
10/9	Virginia Tech	Raleigh	7
10/15	Miami	Coral Gables, Fla.	7
10/17	Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	1
10/19	Liberty	Raleigh	6
10/22	Georgia Tech	Raleigh	7
10/23	Clemson	Raleigh	7
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10/30	Duke	Durham	7
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11/18	ACC Tournament	Charlottesville, Va.	

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rection of the program," Byrne said. "Even with the changes, I am pleased at how the players are responding on and off the court." Byrne and the Pack veterans are excited about this year's freshman class. They believe this class may be the most athletic and talented in recent memory. "I think a lot of people will be blown away by what these

freshmen can do," junior Adela Kosoko said. "They've played like they have been here at State for a while." State will continue to play a 16-game schedule this season, however, with the addition of the Hurricanes and the Hokies, the team will not play every conference opponent twice. "Not playing every team twice will be different, so it will be interesting to see how our schedule plays out as the conference tournament approaches," Byrne said. "However, the addition of two teams into our conference

provides us with motivation to finish ahead of them." Rowe, senior Sarah Ensminger, and Kosoko are the notable players returning to the squad. All three know that they will be looked upon to provide leadership and direction for the team. "We need to serve more as anchors but not necessarily all-stars," Kosoko said. When asked if the team will do better in conference play this year, Kosoko was concise in her response. "Why not?" she said.

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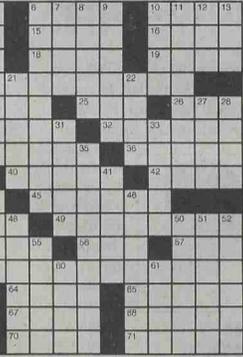
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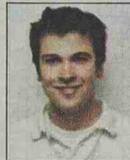


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Tailgating for dummies

I remember the experience like it was yesterday. The year was 2001 or 2 B.A.L.E. (two years before ALE went postal with tailgating drinking tickets). Three friends and I hopped into a car and headed towards Carter-Finley Stadium for the game against Clemson. It was during fall break, so a lot of the older people I usually tailgated with were out of town. This was the first time we had ever tailgated by ourselves, and we had no supplies. No grill. No beer. No girls. Nothing.



Ryan Reynolds
 Deputy Sports Editor

We figured we would run into someone we knew and hang out with them for a couple hours before the game – so we started our adventure.

For about an hour we roamed around the stadium and finally made a discovery. The College of Textiles had a giant tent with catered BBQ in the parking lot of the RBC Center. We tried to weasel our way in to get the free food but were promptly denied access.

No big deal. We'll eventually find some food in the next two hours before the game. No big deal turned into two hours of wandering around in despair with an empty stomach and no beverage. I felt like I was in a desert. The grills and coolers of beer were just an oasis. I saw them, but they were just as unattainable as the Olsen twins before they turned 18.

We went over three hours without successfully finding a place to tailgate before walking into the game.

I would have given up a spot in Bozo's Grand Prize Game for just a couple beers and a hot dog.

So no one has to go through such an unnecessary and painful tailgating experience, I have put together a couple of tailgating tips to maximize fun at everyone's favorite place to pre-game party – the fairgrounds.

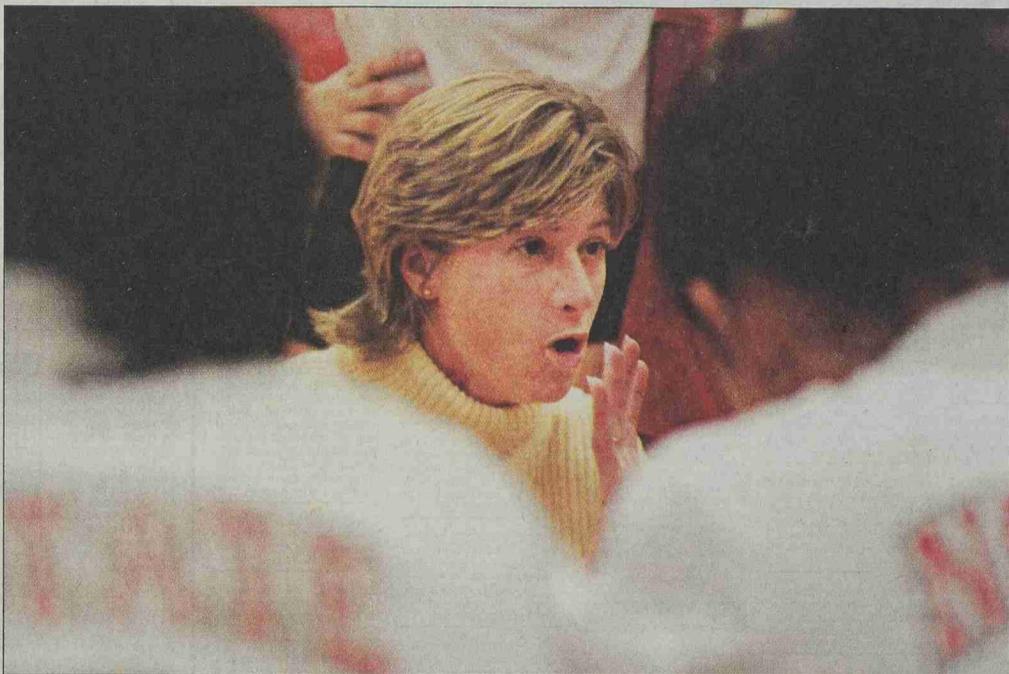
Create a beer pong table
 Beer pong doesn't have to be played on a regulation ping-pong table. It can be created by simply going to Home Depot and buying a slab of plywood and propping it up with two trash cans.

Playing this timeless classic during tailgating will make time fly for those people who are anxious about the start of the game. I recommend using clear plastic cups to play, so it will be easy to tell if an opponent is nursing their beer. We can't have people bending the rules.

Use a generator
 This was an invention made for tailgating. The generator is as versatile as Paris Hilton in an undisclosed video – it can do everything.

Nobody wants to miss ESPN College Gameday, but if there's a State home game, it has to be sacrificed to get a parking place at the fairgrounds.

With the generator, a fan can log in significant tailgating hours, and plug in a TV to see



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Coach Marye Byrne emphatically talks during a timeout in a home game last season. The Pack will be in search of its first ACC win in three years.

Volleyball optimistic about earning elusive ACC win

Veteran leadership and new talent have the N.C. State volleyball team looking to rebound from a dismal 2003 season.

Memie Ezike
 Staff Writer

For the last three years, the N.C. State volleyball team has struggled to succeed in the ACC. Frustration and missed opportunities have resulted in one conference win and last-place finishes in the last three seasons.

But NCSU plans to have a different attitude heading into the 2004 season.

"We really have an entirely new team this year," senior Melanie Rowe said. "This team is getting along so much better than previous years, and that communication will be important to our success."

The team's main goal is to move up in the conference, but there are two more obstacles to overcome with the addition of Miami and Virginia Tech.

"We are at a point now in our program where we have to move up in the conference," Coach Mary Byrne said. "We have to start getting things done on the court, and the players

know that."

Rowe sees the team's current goals, such as improved hitting, passing and academic performance, as ones that can be improved upon throughout the season.

"We see our current goals as only starting points," Rowe said. "One of our most important goals is to have to reevaluate our goals."

Byrne feels the season could be promising after going through fall practice. An influx of new talent with returning veteran leadership has the fourth-year coach feeling that this is her most talented team she has coached at State.

After three straight seasons at the bottom of the conference, the team has nowhere to go but up. Byrne knows that it will be difficult picking the rotation for the season but is confident that all players will contribute to the success of the team.

"I think that we are going to have a much improved season from last year. We have seven new players and seven returning players," Byrne said. "We've worked a lot on the chemistry and the flow of the game, and the players have been real competitive."

State's inability to win matches last year was partly due to the team's failure to finish games. Two factors – poor passing and a sub

par hitting percentage – hurt the Wolfpack last season.

"The team itself set a passing and hitting percentage goal to reach each game," Byrne said. "If we achieve that goal, then we will have results in the win column."

The Pack hopes that finishing games will not be as difficult as it has been the past few seasons.

"It's very important that we have an aggressive attitude and work hard for everything," Rowe said. "Everything, from blocking to defense to offense, we must approach aggressively. Doing that will help us to finish games."

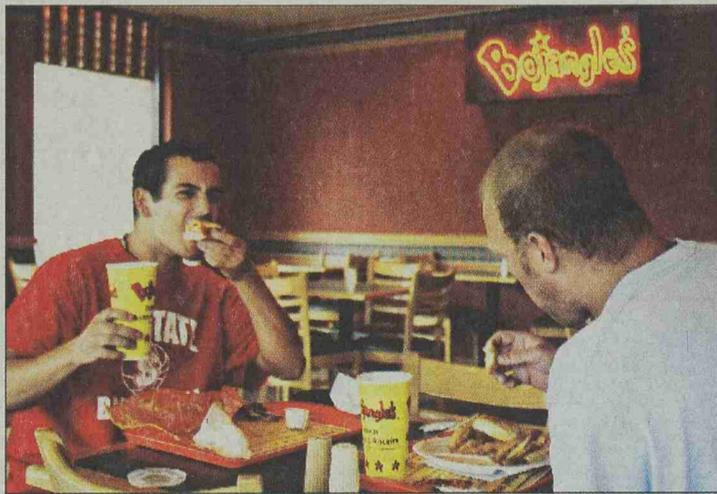
A couple of coaching changes happened during the off-season. Georgette Crawford and Fiona MacPherson have joined Byrne's staff to assist the team.

Even though the team added two assistant coaches, it will have some holes to fill on the court. Maya Mapp, Paige Gilliam and Julia Reis did not return to the team.

"The changes that have happened this year are positive; it always takes a little bit more work as a head coach to get everybody acclimated to working toward the desired di-

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Hungry Wolfpackers crave chicken n' biscuits on game day



ANDY DELISLE/TECHNICIAN

Blake Barham (left), a junior in environmental sciences, tailgates at Bojangles' before most home football games. "We come here for a lot of noon games," Barham said. "It's quick and easy."

Bojangles gets the cooking started as early as 4 a.m. on game day.

Austin Johnson
 Sports Editor

Walking through the parking lots before a game at Carter-Finley Stadium, there are some things that the Pack fans are certain to see: grills, beer, red shirts and Bojangles' chicken.

Tommy Haddock is president of Tri-Arc Food Systems, which owns the Bojangles' franchises in the area. According to Haddock, the Bojangles' location at Western Boulevard processes around 2,500 food tickets during a game day. That's an increase of around 80

percent from an average day Haddock said.

"That's actually just tickets sold," Haddock said. "If you come in and order a tailgate special for however many people, that just counts as one ticket to us."

The extra traffic requires planning and preparation on the part of Bojangles'.

To help prepare for the onslaught of customers on game day, employees will begin cooking chicken as early as 4 a.m. for a noon game. "If it's a noon game, we start selling basically when we open our doors," Haddock said.

For later games, employees will arrive later but cook more during the morning

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