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Johnson brothers denied bond



Tony Johnson listens to Judge Shelley Desvousges deny him bond on Tuesday. Judge Desvousges later did the same with his brother Tony after the two were charged with two counts of first-degree murder stemming from an altercation outside last Saturday's football game.

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TIMOTHY AND TONY JOHNSON APPEARED IN COURT TUESDAY.

T.S. Amarasiwardena

News Editor

The two brothers charged with the double murder at Saturday's football game were denied bond and requested a court-appointed attorney at their first court appearance Tuesday.

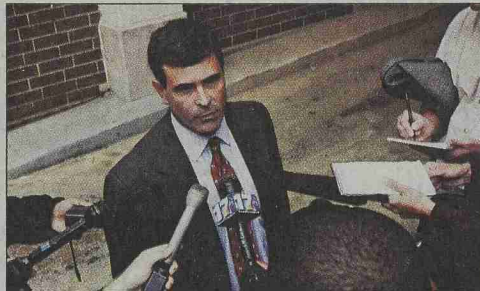
Donned in loose-fitting, orange-and-white striped prison garb, Timothy H. Johnson, a junior in psychology, faced a judge in a downtown Wake County Sheriff's courtroom, while she read the charges against him.

Acknowledging his name and the fact he was unrepresented, he requested a court-appointed lawyer.

Judge Shelley Desvousges said that she would accommodate the request "given the seriousness" of the crime. The attorney had yet to be named at press time.

She set a court date for Sept. 27, at 9 a.m.

Just before the minute-long exchange ended, Desvousges announced that there will be no bond for Timothy Johnson



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Johnson family spokesman Tommy Moore addresses the media yesterday after Tony and Tim Johnson were denied bond at their hearing.

or his brother, Tony.

With his parents and other members of his family packing the modest courtroom, Timothy Johnson glanced only briefly at them as he exited the room.

In an identical exchange, Tony Johnson was charged with the same crime and will appear with his brother later this month in court.

Tony's girlfriend, Ashley Brown, 18, of the Johnson's

hometown of Tarboro was charged as an accessory after the fact to murder in the same hearing.

Brown was turned in by her father after she helped find a hotel room for Tony after the shootings late Saturday.

Bail was set at \$100,000 for Brown.

The Johnson family would not

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Campus reacts to tailgate shootings

Allie Landrum

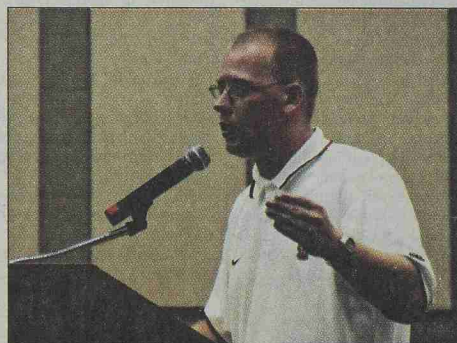
Staff Reporter

The recent deaths of Kevin M. McCann of Chicago and 2nd Lt. Brett Johnson Harman from Park Ridge, Ill. at a pregame tailgating party at the season opener sparked a variety of reactions from students.

The shootings occurred in broad daylight in a crowd of fans tailgating before the N.C. State-Richmond game that State won 42-0.

"It's a tragedy for one, because it happened so close to home

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RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Former death-row inmate Alan Gell addresses a Witherspoon Cinema crowd Tuesday night.

Gell tells story of freedom

Alan Gell, former death row convict, visits campus to push for a death penalty moratorium.

Ben McNeely

Staff Writer

Alan Gell has been a free man since February, after being found innocent of a wrongful murder sentence and released from death row.

But he still doesn't feel right.

"When I first got out of prison, it was hard to sleep," Gell said. "When I was on death row, I knew everybody's name. When I went into Wal-Mart for the first time after I got out, I was surrounded by strangers."

Gell and his attorney, Mary Pollard, spoke to students Tuesday night in the Witherspoon Cinema in an event sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union chapter at N.C. State and the Union Activities Board. Gell was tried and convicted for murdering Al-len Ray Jenkins in 1995, on the word of two girls—Gell's former girlfriend and her best friend. The prosecution had no physical evidence linking Gell to the crime, only the word of the two girls who testified as part of a plea bargain. Gell was granted a retrial and found not guilty on Feb. 18, 2004.

Pollard gave a presentation first on the state of the death penalty in North Carolina.

"There are currently 188 people on death row, with 31 executions since 1977," Pollard said, flipping through her Powerpoint presentation. "There have been eight [executions] since 2003, which leads me to believe we're picking up steam."

Pollard went on to explain that 17 percent of all death row convicts had lawyers that did not represent them properly.

Death Penalty By the Numbers

North Carolina

- 188 death row inmates
- 31 executions since 1977
- 8 since 2003
- 60 percent minority
- 98 percent poor
- 98 percent male
- most inmates come from rural counties

Nationally

- 92 counties in the United States account for 50 percent of all death penalty cases.
- Most are in the Southeastern part of the U.S.
- One out of seven condemned convicts are innocent.
- 17 percent of defendants are not properly represented by their attorneys
- Homicide rates in death penalty states are 48-101 percent higher than non-death-penalty states.
- North Carolina has a 8 percent homicide rate. Massachusetts has a 2 percent homicide rate.
- Only country in the world that executes people who committed their crime under the age of 18.
- DNA evidence is only available in 30 percent of the cases.

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"As a result, the [American] Bar [Association] has set standards for lawyers who can try capital cases," she said.

Gell, who spoke next, said that in 1995 he was a drug dealer and an addict.

"In July, months after the murder, someone from the SBI came and questioned me about it. With me being on drugs, I couldn't tell you where I was a week ago, much less four months ago," Gell said.

When he found out that people were pointing the finger at him, he got scared and began cooperating.

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Remains of Frances leave Florida, reach N.C.

Kate Peters Bowra

Staff Reporter

Even as Hurricane Frances looses its might by bringing heavy rains to North Carolina today, Floridians throughout the panhandle have begun the recovery process.

Patricia Escarza, a junior in business, currently located in Fort Lauderdale saw the brunt of Frances first-hand.

"Trees were down in my neighborhood and 30 percent of [Broward County] lost power, but it was nothing in comparison to Andrew when I was living in Miami," Escarza said, recalling her experience with Frances earlier this weekend in comparison to 1992's Hurricane Andrew.

"The only reason I see that things were not so bad is that the area was so prepared and ready for extreme disaster," Escarza said via telephone yesterday.

Frances, once larger than the state of Texas, peaked as a Category 4 hurricane. The hurricane moved onto the coast of Florida, drenching the east coast of the state with over 13 inches of rain and 95 mph winds.

Late Sunday, Frances crossed over the panhandle of Florida and moved into the Gulf of Mexico while the storm began to lose much of its power.

The storm knocked power out for more than 2.2 million residents in Florida and Georgia with 14 storm-related deaths. A final count will be unavailable until cleanup has

progressed and severely damaged areas have found outlets to contact residents. Eighteen counties within Florida have been declared major disaster areas.

While major flooding in various regions throughout the state of Florida remains to be an issue, the state has begun its cleanup efforts while recovering from the second major hurricane in a month.

As Tropical Depression Frances barrels up the eastern coastline, flash floods may become an issue locally.

"We are under a flash flood watch through [today] due to the remnants of Frances,"

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Saved from modest roots Pat McGee comes to the Lincoln Theatre Friday, see interview. See page 5.

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ating with the police because he felt it was right.

"I thought it far-fetched that anyone could blame me," Gell said. "It was like whatever worked for the police, it was legal and whatever didn't work for them, it was illegal. If you don't know the law, they could tell you whatever."

Blame him they did. He was arrested and tried for murder. During his first trial, Gell wanted to testify, to make his side of story known.

"My lawyers double-teamed me and told me not to testify, so I didn't," Gell said.

According to Gell, there was

no way he could have gotten a "not guilty" verdict.

"The deck was stacked against us," he said. It wasn't until Mary Pollard was assigned to the case for his second appeal that evidence started turning up.

"At first I didn't believe Alan was innocent, but then I started looking at the evidence and found that he was telling the truth," Pollard said.

What convinced her of Gell's innocence was 17 statements made by neighbors and friends of Allan Ray Jenkins, saying they had seen him alive the day of the supposed murder.

Gell's attorneys had never been informed of these statements in the first trial.

Pollard pushed for a new trial

and even made a presentation to Attorney General Roy Cooper.

"She made the presentation and a month and half later, I got the state's response," Gell said. "There was a paragraph in the letter that said, 'So what if he is probably innocent? He got a fair trial.' The attorney general's office tried to maintain the conviction to try and kill me."

Gell won his freedom in his second trial and has been fighting for a death penalty moratorium ever since.

"I was 19 then. I just turned 30. In fact, I had a birthday celebration at the state legislative building while I was lobbying for the moratorium," Gell said, to applause from the audience.

Commenting on the recent shootings at Carter-Finley

Stadium, Gell said he hopes the prosecutors don't seek the death penalty.

"I think it is a tragedy, but I don't think the death penalty is appropriate. Life is too precious, and to take a life because one has been taken only hurts more people," Gell said.

Gell is now attending Martin Community College and hopes to be a social worker.

Matt McCarn, chair of the issues and ideas committee for the UAB, said they wanted people to think.

"We brought Alan Gell so people could hear his story and cause them to be more active politically," McCarn said.

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[and] it's sad for the students at N.C. State because it happened to one of our own," Melanie Bradley, a freshman in communications, said, referring to junior Timothy H. Johnson, who was charged with the double murder along with brother, Tony.

Bradley said that she was less likely to attend a tailgating party in the future.

Others were not as cautious about tailgating in the future.

"It's going to be a situation where people feel like they have to worry about things — stupid incidents happen; people feel like they have to worry when they shouldn't have to. You shouldn't have to come to a tailgating party and worry about guns going off," Melissa Berry, a junior in communications, said.

"It's a major tradition at State that no one should be discouraged from going to," Berry said of tailgating.

Others commented on the ludicrous nature of the killings.

"It's just mind numbing how stupid it is. Just how senseless a tragedy it is — two guys get killed for nearly no reason at all," Robert Coughlin, an English major, said.

Coughlin was not quick to point fingers.

"You can't really blame the NCAA or the college or the fairgrounds for two violent idiots doing violent idiotic things," he said.

If drinking was the root of the problem leading to the shootings, Coughlin said that policing such activities would be an uphill battle, suggesting that tailgaters will go elsewhere for their pregame festivities.

Some students offered ideas to prevent such an incident from occurring again.

"It's less a matter of more police, it's more a matter of the police being worried about certain things such as underage drinking and not worrying about security and safety issues. If there were uniformed police there and made their presence known then people would be less likely to do stupid things," Josh Vendole, a senior in nuclear engineering, said.

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Elizabeth Gardner, a meteorologist for WRAL said.

Gardner urges students to take extra care while on the roads driving to various activities.

Excessive moving water can be extremely powerful and damaging to inland roads.

"The no. 1 cause of death during hurricanes is inland flooding. More people die during inland flooding by driving through flooded roads than any other way," Gardner said.

Al Riordan, associate professor in meteorology, agreed that inland flooding will be the greatest concern here in the Triangle as the rains from Frances continue to move up the east coast.

"Driving at night with poor visibility is an additional danger. Try to stay away from roads and creeks that are commonly flooded during periods of heavy precipitation," Riordan said.

As Frances wanes, eyes are already looking at Hurricane Ivan located near the Caribbean Sea, the fourth major hurricane of the season. Residents of Barbados and nearby regions are preparing for the hurricane as Florida residents did just days earlier.

The Category 2 storm has winds charted as high as 125 mph with an average 105 mph

at last look by radar Tuesday afternoon.

"The wind speed meteorologists keep reporting is a spot charted somewhere within the hurricane. Winds on the outskirts and in other portions of the storm are not necessarily that intense," Riordan said, while explaining where wind speeds from hurricanes are reported from.

Current trends do not forecast that Ivan will be a threat to North Carolina. Additional tracking information will gradually become available as the week progresses.

Based on past trends, Riordan understands the potential for more storms through the end of September. He said that he believes that preparation is vital.

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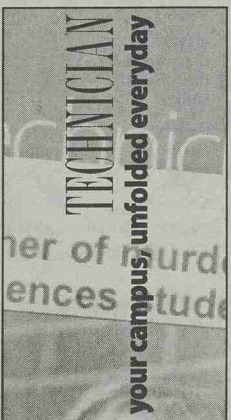
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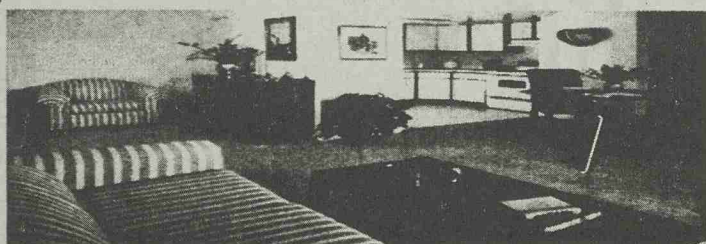
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comment about the hearing after it adjourned.

"They are in mourning right now and they want all of this attention to be over with,"

Tommy Moore, a family friend and Tarboro attorney, said.

Moore said that the Johnson

family's first thoughts were with the families of the victims.

Having known both Timothy and Tony Johnson for the past 10 years, he said the two were both "smart" and "well-mannered individuals," whose actions came as a shock to him.

In further developments in the case that killed Kevin M. McCann and 2nd Lt. Brett Johnson Harman Saturday evening, the

Wake County Sheriff's Department found a weapon based on a tip that matches the one used at the crime, according to a report from WRAL-TV.

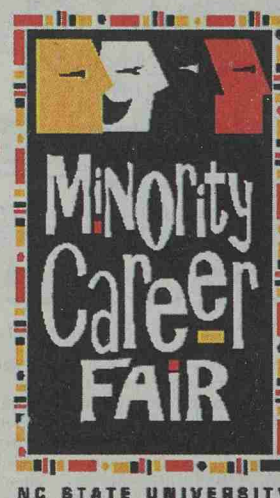
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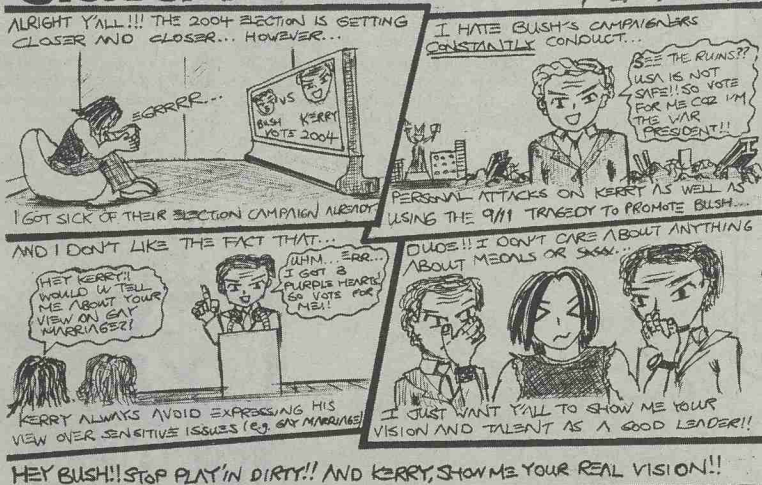
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Leave the skirts at home

Michele DeCamp questions women who promote their body over their worth in what they wear.

Some girls drive me nuts. I know I am a girl, and I suppose such a statement coming from a woman is problematic, but there are just some members



Michele DeCamp
Senior Staff Columnist

of my sex who make me irate. It starts with the fact that so many women worry about their bodies. We all remember that commercial from Special K where the men be-

moaned their thighs and whether they looked fat in 'this outfit.' And it was funny because men never say that stuff. A number of women do, though. They talk about it when they are overweight and when they are thin. They discuss it at the gym, at lunch and every other moment when they are among their own sex. They are fixated, and frankly I'm not surprised since they spend their time on the treadmill reading magazines that are filled with images of too-thin women who are presented as the ultimate goal in feminine beauty.

I applaud women and men who want to be healthy, and I enjoy exercise as much as the next person. I'm not going to pretend like I'm even close to being thin. I go to the gym because I want to be able to keep up with my students, but I'm not trying to be a supermodel and I'll be happy when I can run a mile in eight minutes.

I know the media doesn't help since they document every time Oprah Winfrey loses weight (again) and how fat Kate Hudson was while she was pregnant. One would think that we must be thin to be successful. Media critics have already documented how this idea of what women are supposed to do and supposed to look like is per-

petrated by magazines, television programs and now even poorly titled 'chic literature.'

Jean Kilbourne has produced and narrated a series of videos called "Killing Us Softly" that showcase how advertisements make women feel they must be sexy and almost impossibly thin to be truly attractive. The fact that some women succumb to such pressures is not surprising, but it's unfortunate that some members of the female sex go a step further to continue this idea that they must be sexy all the time.

I noticed it the most at the football game this past Saturday. Thousands of students were out in stands, wearing their red T-shirts and cheering on the team. However, I noticed a large number of girls who were quite dressed up in pleated skirts and high heels, and when it was time to clap they would turn to their neighbor and ask what happened. People can wear whatever they want to the game, but the fact that these girls take a very physical sporting event as an opportunity to dress to impress is confusing to me. What makes them do this? I saw maybe two guys wearing button-up shirts, and the rest were in t-shirts. They obviously had no problem with going to the game in comfortable clothing they could cheer in.

Perhaps I've been reading too many Kate Chopin stories recently, but I want women to recognize their natural beauty and be happy with who they are. I don't want their self-esteem to come from how others perceive them. I want them to stop worrying about their clothing and purses, and instead worry about who will be running our country next year and why it's so wrong that Victoria's Secret tries to sell US underwear by putting big-breasted women in seductive poses in their magazines. I'm not saying that dressing nicely when

you're out in public is wrong; I often wear skirts when I'm teaching. However, going to Porter's for dinner on a Saturday night is very different from standing on a bleacher for three hours in the hot sun. There need to be times when the skirts stay home and girls dress in the spirit of the event.

Of course, there are millions of women out there that recognize that *Cosmopolitan* isn't required reading and that Abercrombie & Fitch ads are selling sex and not clothing, and I applaud you all for helping us eliminate such negative stereotypes by not catering to industries that do nothing but exploit our bodies.

However, I've been privy to many conversations that suggest that women are still worried about pleasing their men and I've seen enough ads for plastic surgery makeovers to make me sick to my stomach. I don't think it's too late, though.

Most of the women at N.C. State are at a point in their lives when they can decide whether they want to continue to be at a football game sporting a skirt and a Vera Bradley purse instead of a T-shirt and a ball cap. They can decide whether they want to continue to allow magazines to determine their self-worth as a person. They can decide whether they want to read books that suggest that they have less intelligence and must read 'chic lit.' with hot pink covers instead of books with real characterization and substance. They can learn the rules of football and go to the game to cheer instead of flirt. They can be real women and promote our sex as one that is equal to men and not consumed with our physical being and sex appeal.

Michele hopes all the women on this campus will assert themselves by telling her what they think at viewpoint@technicianonline.com.

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

ABSURDITY AND NECESSITY IN THE GRE

OUR OPINION: THE GRE SHOULD REVAMP ITS TEST TO EXCLUSIVELY ADDRESS SPECIFIC SUBJECTS, NOT BROAD ONES. THAT WAY STUDENTS CAN BETTER REVEAL THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF A PARTICULAR DISCIPLINE.

By November, many students will be taking the Graduate Records Examination.

This is a standardized test with two sections. The first, the general test, is comprised of an analytical writing section to test critical thinking and analytical writing skills, a verbal section to measure the ability to analyze grammar, sentence structure and reason as well as a quantitative section to test proficiency of math reasoning and elementary concepts.

This basically boils down to the SAT. Again. The questions in the math section test the knowledge in the areas of geometry and algebra. Which, of course, has relevance to someone going to graduate school for psychology or music. These questions are no different from the ones taken on the SAT and if someone could answer them to get to undergraduate school, then there is no reason to ask the same questions to people who are taking the test so their education can go to the next level.

Students who are registered to take the general test are not taking it because it will be a measure of their ability to perform, but because most university graduate programs require or suggest it. The material on the general test is pointless and will not teach students anything other than how

to study for the GRE, and will not serve them in their respective fields of study.

The second part of the GRE, the subject test, is a concentrated test aimed in one of eight disciplines, including Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Psychology. This test is pertinent to determining whether someone is prepared for graduate school or not. The purpose of graduate school is to be educated in a single, specific field of study. Taking this part of the GRE will reveal whether or not students have the knowledge of the subject matter to continue with education in that field.

The subject test, unlike the general test, challenges students on what they have been studying in their undergraduate careers and is beneficial to the selection of students into the next level of their education.

There is no need for the general test because students have to study material they will not touch for the remainder of their professional lives. The subject tests are pertinent because it will determine what students do or do not know and asks questions that will test their knowledge of the content of their discipline.

Otherwise, students just learn how to take another standardized test.

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CAMPUS FORUM

Onorio's work is 'small-minded'

[Columnist] Brian [Onorio] is nothing but a cocky kid who likes to think he knows politics. But his lack of worldly perspective is quite apparent in his mediocre essays. Most of the graduate students I know who have read his small-minded articles are thankful that he is doing the work for us — making a fool of himself across campus! Guess he wants many enemies... Keep up the awful work Onorio — can't wait to see you on the street so I can laugh in your face!

Katie Robertson
Master's Student
Marine, Earth and Atmospheric

John Kerry and John Edwards will lead

Instead of a convention, last week in New York George Bush is pushing a masquerade ball — a facade put on by extremists, pushing moderates out on stage to mask the special interest agenda that's governed America. Bush has misled America for four years, and now he's chosen to mislead us for four more months.

President Bush stood by as college tuition has soared 35 percent. He broke his promise to increase the Pell Grant and he has cut other financial-aid programs, choosing instead to reward his wealthy friends through massive tax cuts. He inherited record surpluses, a balanced budget and steady job growth, and he squandered them away.

Under President Bush, young people have the highest unemployment rate in America — 12 percent, more than double the national average. President Bush has also failed with his policies abroad, alienating our allies when we needed them the most. He misled the American people to sell the war in Iraq and irresponsibly sent young people overseas to fight for their country without a plan for winning the peace.

Fortunately, John Kerry and John Edwards' plan to make America stronger at home and respected in the world offers a positive, alternative vision to get our country back on track again.

Kerry and Edwards have a plan to expand opportunity in jobs, education, and healthcare through an agenda that will benefit all Americans, not just the very wealthy.

They will make it easier for students to afford college by offering a fully refundable College Opportunity Tax credit on up to \$4,000 of tuition for every year of college and offering aid to states that keep tuitions down.

They will create good paying jobs by cutting taxes for businesses that create jobs here in America instead of moving them overseas.

Instead of deficit spending that forces us to mortgage our future away, Kerry and Edwards will make Washington live within a budget to prevent young Americans from having to pick up the tab later on.

Kerry and Edwards have pledged to free America from its dangerous dependence on Mideast oil by exploring and developing new energy sources and ensuring that resources such as coal and natural gas are used more efficiently and cleanly.

Under their leadership, we will launch and lead a new era of alliances to better respond to the threat of terrorism, and we will modernize the world's most powerful military to meet new threats.

We will deploy all that is in America's arsenal, using diplomacy, our intelligence system, our economic power, and the appeal of our values and ideas to make America more secure and prevent a new generation of terrorists from emerging.

Kerry and Edwards will end the backdoor draft, keeping thousands of reservists overseas for months and years at a time, and they will honor our veterans by providing adequate pay and increased benefits. They will also secure our homeland while at the same time preserving the civil liberties we, as Americans, hold dear.

This November, young Americans face a clear choice over the direction of our country and the kind of leader we want

at the helm. Over the past four years, we have been misled by President Bush and his administration. We have seen what they do when they have power.

President Bush had his chance, and he has not led. John Kerry and John Edwards will.

Grant Woodward
President
College Democrats of America

Matthew Spence
President
N.C. State College Democrats

Hard work equals success

In response to Sept. 2 Technician column: "Campus Organizations Help Students Fit In." Just "really smart" you say? How typical of people like you (people afraid to learn more of that which is different) to write off minority success as an anomaly of nature. We are where we are because we work hard, and we uphold our standards.

Working hard is a concept that we emphasize a lot more. For us, it is not about the end results, but the journey to get to those end results. For your information, we do have a scholarship program that has been implemented since our foundation on this campus in spring 2003. Contrary to the e-mails I received that day, there is NO collection of previously graded paperwork that we rely on to study for our classes; so don't count on that if you decide to pursue us.

You say, "Find a group that emphasizes a high GPA and has study hours built into its bylaws." There isn't enough you can write on paper to convince someone to study. If you haven't internalized that while you were pledging, then I highly doubt having "larger group study sessions" will help; everyone knows that in those situations you only learn as

much as the smartest person, and the smartest person gets stuck explaining concepts they already knew, hence the lower overall average.

Besides, this standard isn't just the belief of our organization either, it is written in Greek Life's Standard Program: You are what you recruit. Our sorority isn't about grades. We are about La Comunidad, La Cultura Latina, y La Hermandad.

Concerning "only seven members" — news flash: There will NEVER be a class of 50. We do not pledge people simply because they are interested in our organization. We have standards too. Understand that reputation is what others think of you, and character is who you are — we are lucky enough that our National Board understands that. Not emphasizing quantity, we would rather have five people who can accomplish the work of 50 than 50 people who are interested in joining, they are by far welcome to try.

Joining a Minority Greek Organization is something to be proud of — it isn't easy and isn't something to be patronized by "larger organizations." Our Greek organizations stand apart from the rest.

We do not discriminate; we educate. And contrary to stereotypes of Greeks in general, we don't form cliques and make you drop your old friends. We are here to help both personally and professionally. Don't get me wrong; we are proud of our success. Less members means our individual grades matter more. I just think it's lame of your organization to downplay our success.

The big point I want to make is that I must correct the advice previously given in that article for all non-Greeks — don't join a Greek organization to improve your GPA. Greek Life is not a Tutoring Service. We are leaders in our community, and we stand for more than that.

In Greek Unity,
Mercedes Marshall
President, Rho Chapter
Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc.

AUDIOPHILE



Brian Fechino, Chris Williams, Pat McGee, Chardy McEwan, John Small and Todd Wright — Pat McGee Band — are performing this Friday with Rob Watson at Lincoln Theatre.

Saved from the modest roots

Technician sits and talks with Pat McGee of Pat McGee Band about his humble beginnings in Farmville, Va. to the release of 'Save Me.'

Jake Seaton

Arts & Entertainment Editor

The term "work ethic" is not something that is commonly attributed to most modern music bands. The common band or artist that is heard on the radio probably "earned" success through the winning of a television reality show (Clay Aiken and Kelly Clarkson) or may have gained a label through a single demo shopping of a radio-friendly track. Not many bands these days can say they worked from the ground up to build a reputation as a grass-roots band with a huge fan base.

Richmond's Pat McGee Band is an exception to this trait.

The band's modest roots go back to lead singer Pat McGee's solo days in Farmville, Va.

"We basically started in Richmond, Va and I had just left Longwood College, it's over in Farmville, Va, and moved to Richmond and I had a solo record out just under my name," McGee said.

Shortly after McGee's move to Richmond, the band began to take form.

According to McGee, "It took about a year to find each guy in the band and everybody was — this was in 1996 — doing different things. I got everybody out of each band they were in and basically handed them schedules and said, 'here you go.' That year we did probably 200 shows, and we've done 250 shows a year for six years straight."

The band was formed from members of other musical outfits from the Richmond area.

"They were all in different acts I had known through town, like going to bars and seeing guys playing. I'd go up to them and say, 'You wanna join a band I'm starting?'"

McGee found that Richmond was the best place to put together a jam outfit, as Farmville did not have much to offer musically.

"They were all from Richmond, not

from Farmville — you're not going to find any in Farmville, there wasn't much pickings there for musicians that wanted a touring band," McGee said.

After only four years of touring small clubs and venues as well as self promoting, Pat McGee Band was signed to Warner Bros. Records and soon released their major label debut "Shine."

"It wasn't that long before Warner picked us up because I think labels just watch bands because they see record sales are doing well in little indie stores and they hear the buzz about different bands selling out different clubs."

"We waited a while, we waited until we sold about 150,000 or so records and by that point we had hired a lawyer and by then it was taken seriously, it was like 'OK, instead of me fielding the phone calls, I need to talk to a lawyer.' From that point it was about a month, maybe, that we were signed."

Due to their good work ethics, the band developed a strong fan base that helped to fuel their success and the success of "Shine."

"We got signed because of our following and our hard work and our rigorous touring and we have a very active fan base. Because we sold a hundred something thousand of our own records, we must have done something right, and I think the label saw that."

Three years after their label debut, McGee returned to the studio with the band to record a more Rock-oriented follow-up, which became "Save Me."

"['Save Me'] is more amped up than what we used to be. The songwriting is, I don't want to say intense, a little bit deeper — not as light-hearted as 'Shine.' It also has some darker moments in it so we were able to pull

out a few songs with a symphony. It was also the first time we made a record with Brian [Fechino]. He's been in the band for three years but we haven't made a record in three years, so to have a full-time electric guitar player in the studio was something we always wanted. We came from an acoustic background so we wanted to slowly introduce the electric, so overnight people aren't like, 'What the hell happened to that band? They were a nice acoustic, three-bar harmony band and now they are all Rock.' I've always wanted to go in a Rock direction anyway, so this was the next logical step."

"Save Me" serves as the pinnacle of Pat McGee Band's releases as McGee asserts this is the album he put his whole heart in.

"This is the one I am definitely most proud of — that I want to play my friends and be like, 'Yo, check this song out.' Even my friends I grew up with, who all listened to Metallica and Van Halen, I'll say, 'Dude, you guys will like this, it's not like total freaking AC/DC, but it's got some energy to it that the other records

didn't have — a little more tension to it."

Other than just pure Rock, "Save Me" has its share of percussion and melody driven tracks such as "Now."

"Because of the direction the band took, the percussion in the studio didn't play as much of a role as far as congas and stuff. Chardy played a hell of a lot of tambourine on this record and he probably wishes he played more percussion, but he gets it. He knows you can't put bongos over a Rock song all the time. But for 'Now,' [congas] worked — I like the way it has that percussion feel and then it goes into a Rock chorus, it's a fun song."

In the tradition of the popularity of the band's song "Rebecca," from



"Save Me" is the latest release from Pat McGee Band on Warner Bros. Records.

Pat McGee Band with Rob Watson
Friday at Lincoln Theatre
Doors open at 9 p.m.
Tickets: \$12 advance, \$15 at the door

"Shine," Pat McGee entered the studio with the track "Annabel" with not much of a frame of reference.

"We were just kind of digging for a name and we needed something that had that kind of syllables and it sounded right. It's sort of a mixture of a bunch of different situations there — it's a fictitious scenario of walking down the street and meeting somebody. It's definitely the most light-hearted song on the record and it's fun as hell to play live. Sonically on the record, it really came out nice — the drums and the bass sounds, it's the kind of song that when it comes on you turn it up — it's a driving song."

With illegal downloading still on a rise, "Save Me" has battled the Internet by providing a full album of great tracks rather than just one good song. Even though downloading has its "woes," a topic that McGee feels strongly about.

"I support the hell out of taping, trading and downloading live shows, but not the trading of studio recorded albums. A lot of planning and promotion goes into having a big release week."

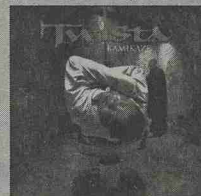
"As the artist you gotta say, 'At the end of the day, I don't know what I can stop — but what I can control is to have a great record.' Hopefully, you have a record that each song is worth 99 cents. Don't make a record that is going to have one song that is worth a [expletive], that's where the artist needs to step it up. I don't think a lot of people understand the trickle-down effect of the label not making the money means the artists are not going to make records at the level that they'd make these records. I can tell you that we spent \$5,000 to make my own record and I can tell you we spent \$500,000 to make a real record — that money is not going to be there and it's already getting less and less 'cause the labels are losing so much money. The industry needs to figure out how they are going to support the mentality of 'I want it right now and I want it at the tip of my fingers.'"

On a side note

ROCK THE VOTE

ROCK THE VOTE CANCELED

According to Jay Stell, press representative for Rock the Vote, a Web site error led many to believe the Rock the Vote Bus Tour would be making its way to N.C. State's campus today. Stell said yesterday, "As of now, there are no dates for Rock the Vote bus stops scheduled for North Carolina." However, negotiations are on the way for the 14-year-old, pop culture tour to hit some of the Southern states, including North Carolina.



TWISTA IS O.K.

Although a member of his security crew was killed, Chicago based rapper Twista suffered only minor injuries in a car accident near Erie, Pa. Five other men sustained minor injuries in the accident.



JAMIROQUAI WITHOUT A LICENSE

Jay Kay, front man for Jamiroquai, lost his driver's license in Scotland. It was reported that the artist was clocked going over 100 miles per hour. Kay certainly was not "Traveling Without Moving."

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

For the week of 9/6:
Alan Jackson - "What I Do," Paul Westerberg - "Folker," Black Keys - "Rubber Factory," Matthew Sweet - "Living Things," Delerium - "Best of," Dio - "Master of the Moon"

THIS WEEK ON DVD

The Coen Brothers' latest film "The Ladykillers" was released, as well as Kevin Smith's "Jersey Girl," the 10th anniversary special edition of "Clerks," "The Punisher" and the Ultimate Edition "Dawn of the Dead."

CALENDAR

Events for today:

- RAQ is performing at The Pour House Music Hall.
- The Backwards (an early Beatles tribute band from the Czech Republic) and The Spinns are performing at Local 506.
- Merge presents DJs Merlin, Shade and Phobia at Martin Street Music Hall.
- Carolina Bluegrass Band is playing at Six String Cafe.
- The Brewery is hosting a bikini contest with live music all night.

—COMPILED BY JAKE SEATON

MUSIC BIN

A 'Beautifully Human' sultry progression

Josh Eure

Staff Writer

The intricate and soulful flows of Jill Scott waft through the speakers once more with her new album "Beautifully Human: Words and Sounds, Vol. 2."

The music remains organically laced with spirit and optimism. Her trademark falsetto and tangible utterances seem to complete her previous album "Who is Jill Scott? Words and Sounds, Vol. 1."

Achingly, a profound sense of longing emanates from the romantic track "Bedda At Home," and is confirmed on "Rasool."

Her high octave meditations are compelling and insightful, leaving the listener in reflection.

The disc, while still hopeful, delves into negative truths to isolate the positives — "... how the shots rang in the streets, hitting everybody in the surrounding vicinity."

Scott, after her first album's introspective aura, seems to be focusing on the external conflicts of life — violence: "Rasool," confident defiance: "I Keep Still Here" and most importantly, fish & grits: "Whatever"

— "Do ya' want some fish and grits? I'll hurry and go get it."

The enigmatic chants introducing "Warm Up" speak of her music's progression. The chants, hailing from her former disc's "He Loves Me," descend into an elementary flatter of lips, appearing to elate the simplicity of childish folly.

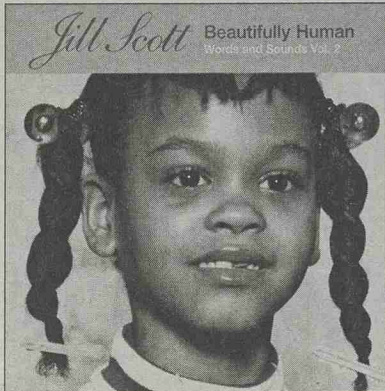
"Family Reunion" furthers her nostalgic yearning and relates her to the listener.

"I'm Not Afraid," though not atypical in its female empowerment theme, is unique in its verbal interpretations of the stance — "I am not afraid to be your lady/ I am not afraid to be your whore."

The idea of control lying in her hands is by no means fresh, but her presentation conjures a raw emotion in reference to the revived sentiment.

Some may argue that "Beautifully Human" is less impressive than "Who is Jill Scott?," but she seems to have simply evolved. The inquiry into her sense of self having been concluded, she has found roots elsewhere — soul intact.

Scott's new album compliments her previous disc,



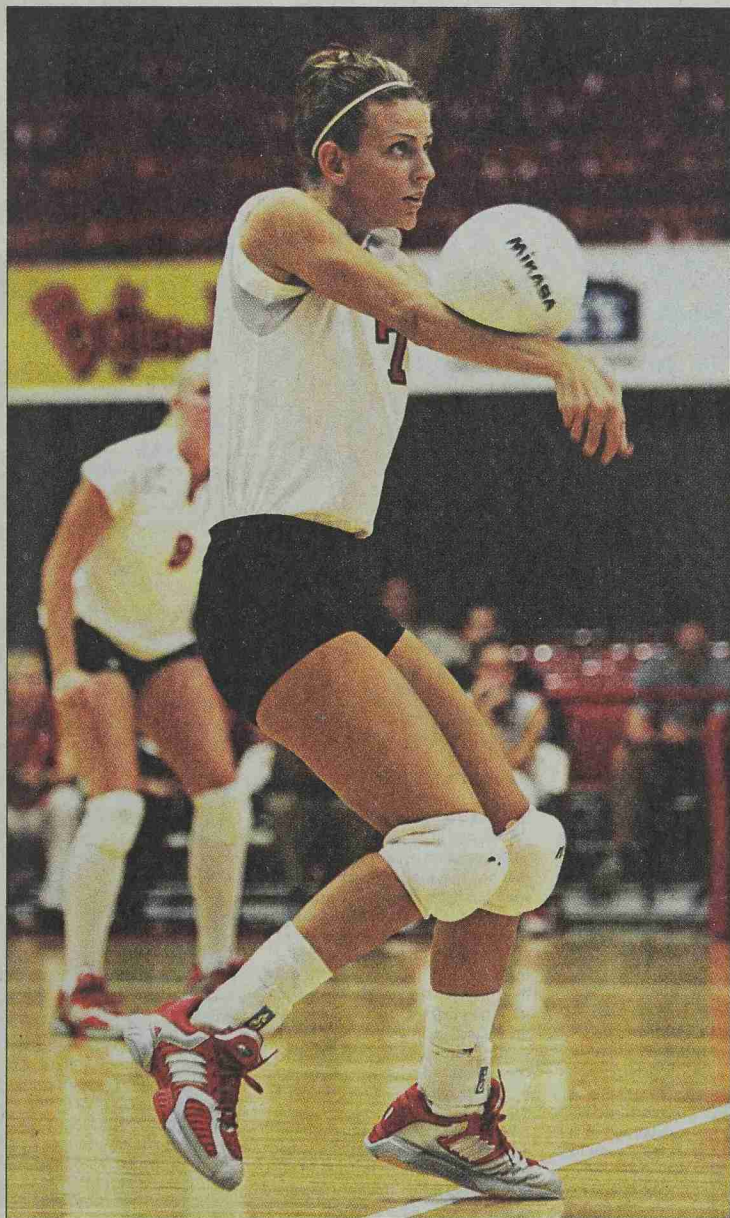
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Beautifully Human: Words and Sounds, Vol. 2

Jill Scott
Sony Music



but is strong enough to stand alone. Though different, "Beautifully Human" echoes a true progression from internal conflict to external acceptance.



Sarah Ensminger hits the ball in a 3-0 defeat of East Tennessee State Tuesday night in Reynolds Coliseum. ANDY DEUSLE/TECHNICIAN

VBALL

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centage ended up under .100 for the match.

State led almost the entire first game of the evening, but were only able to pull away from the Buccaneers midway through the game.

Both sides played excellent defense, the result of which was frequent stoppages of play so the

floor could be wiped down. The Pack eventually pulled away after taking advantage of nine ETSU errors to win the game 30-22.

After halftime, with State up 2-0, the match seemed to be in the bag. ETSU, however, had no plans of leaving without a fight. The Bucs battled back after being down 25-19 but fell short, losing the final game 30-17 and giving the Pack a sweep of the match.

"There is just a new attitude about the team," Byrne said.

"They're very driven. And it brings a lot of excitement and a big spark to the court. That makes it easier for our team to play like that and play more relaxed.

"When things get tough, we don't talk enough so we need to keep that emotion out there on the court."

The victory gives the Pack its best start in four years under Byrne.

CROCKER

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"I'm not going to play cautious at all, it's not worth it. If I come out and play cautious, it could hurt my team; so I'm going to play as hard as I can every game."

After every game, Crocker has to put a bag of ice on each knee to keep swelling to a minimum, but she says they are completely healed and healthy.

Kerrigan has set a high bar for Crocker after last season's successful effort.

"My goal for her is to stay healthy," Kerrigan said. "It's a shame that the other coaches in the ACC didn't choose her for all-ACC last year because I think she's definitely one of the best defenders in the ACC."

Next game

FRIDAY: State brings its undefeated record into an afternoon match against Fairfield in the Summit Hospitality Invitational. Game time is set for 3:30 p.m. at Method Road Soccer Stadium. The Wolfpack concludes play in the tournament Sunday at 2:30 p.m. against the Penguins of Youngstown State.

"In my eyes and everyone in this team's eyes she certainly deserves to be all-ACC this year."

This season, the Pack has started off 3-0-1 with a lot of the credit going to a defense that has only allowed two goals.

"Individual honors don't mean anything to Michelle," Kerrigan said. "She wants the team to do well, so our goal is

to make the NCAA tournament and that will be reward enough for her."

Crocker has also been able to serve as a resource for fellow captain and teammate Katherine Warman, who also tore her ACL right before the start of last season.

"Just seeing her sucking it up every day in practice, she's always going hard, she set a standard for me — she drove me to come back quickly," Warman said. "She helped me out (with the rehab process) whether it was just venting or giving me advice; she was just very helpful."

And what do Crocker's teammates think of her since the injuries?

"She's still an animal," Warman said. "She was aggressive before, and it hasn't slowed her down a bit."

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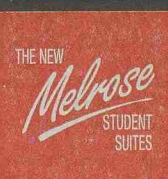
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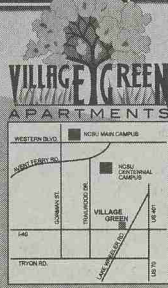
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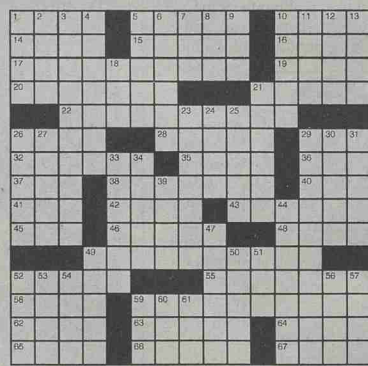
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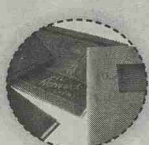
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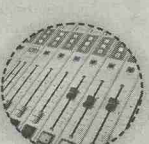
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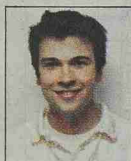


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The worst situation

M. Brian Smith had no clue what he was about to be in the middle of when he headed to the fairgrounds to tailgate for



Ryan Reynolds
Deputy Sports Editor

N.C. State's home opener against Richmond Saturday. The 31-year-old spent the first couple of hours in normal pregame fashion,

hanging out with friends in perfect September weather.

Everything became shockingly different for Brian around 6 p.m. though.

Instead of witnessing the Wolfpack offense manhandle Richmond 42-0, Brian was a key witness to a double homicide only a couple hundred yards away from Carter-Finley Stadium.

The people charged with two counts of homicide, brothers Timothy and Tony Johnson, are being held in the Wake County Jail without bail.

The victims, Kevin M. McCann and 2nd Lt. Brett Johnson Harman, weren't even Brian's friends.

In fact, they first became recognizable to him a couple of hours earlier when a green 1996 Chrysler Cirrus sped through the narrow, unpaved roads, reportedly brushing one girl's leg and narrowly missing other tailgaters.

The Cirrus stopped its rampant pace through the fairgrounds and came to an abrupt stop when a carton of beer was thrown at the car.

Then Brian, not even involved with what was about to ensue, became the centerpiece of the crime. Not by choice, but just because he was there.

He was there to see McCann and Harman get in a scuffle with the driver of the car. He was there to see the driver humiliated enough from the fight that he shouted threats to the two men and drove away.

Then, Brian was put in the worst situation anybody could imagine. Later that afternoon, he was approached by a young man, and offered \$200 to point out the two people that had assaulted the reckless driver.

Brian's reply, "Whatever," according to the News and Observer. Brian's reaction was typical of anyone in his position — being in denial that the worst possible thing could happen over a short-lived fight at a football tailgate. No way could the fight be settled with the death of two innocent people.

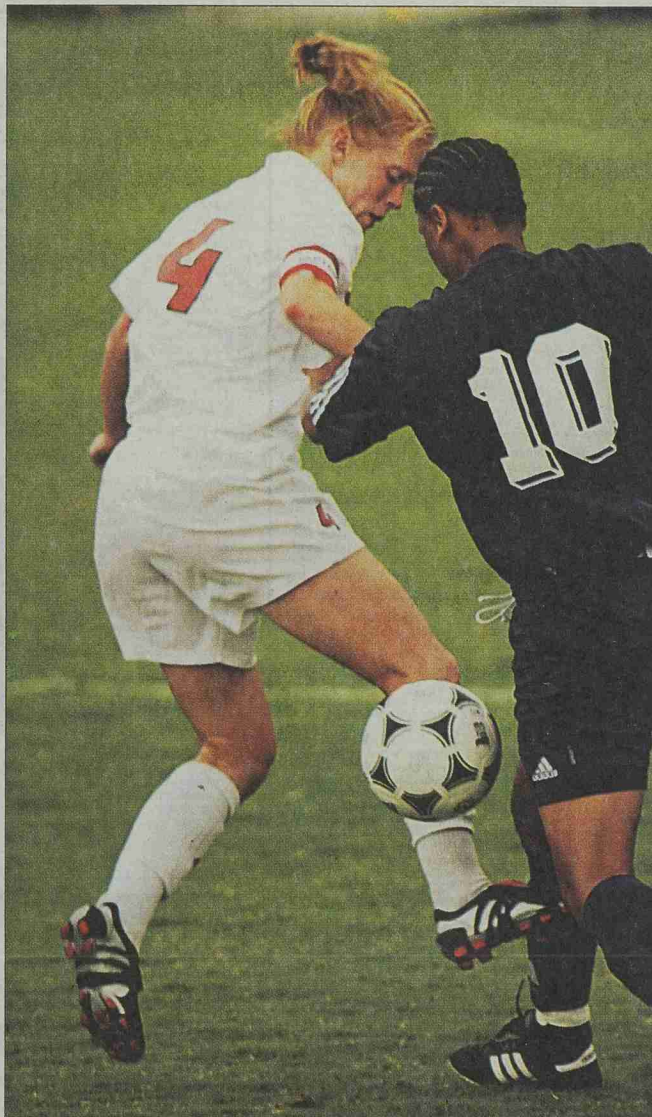
That's why Brian brushed off one of the Johnson brothers when he vowed to seek revenge on the two friends that had embarrassed him and his brother earlier. A short while later Brian heard several loud pops, and he immediately rushed over to the scene.

"My reaction is that I just got two people killed," Brian said in an interview shortly after the murders.

But it's not your fault, Brian. You didn't leave the scene and come back an hour later to commit an obvious premeditated crime and pull the trigger. You were just there to tailgate.

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Bouncing back to lead Pack



Defender Michelle Crocker fights a Howard player for possession of the ball during last Wednesday's game at SAS Soccer Complex. Crocker has battled back from two ACL tears.

AFTER TEARING THE ACL IN BOTH KNEES, MICHELLE CROCKER IS BACK AS A CAPTAIN AND A DEFENSIVE ANCHOR FOR THE WOLFPACK THIS SEASON.

Andrew Tanker
Staff Writer

Former NFL MVP Terrell Davis never fully recovered from it. Hockey great Pavel Bure's career is coming to an end because of it.

It is a torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL).

Women's soccer player Michelle Crocker has recovered from it — twice.

The sophomore defender had her first ACL injury in the winter of 2002 before her freshman year at N.C. State. The injury forced Crocker to redshirt her first year on the team as she rehabbed.

"I didn't want to rush into anything, so I took the time off, came back in the spring and played," Crocker said.

In her first season after rehabbing, Crocker not only came back to play, but was named the team's Most Valuable Player.

Then, it happened again. Crocker tore the ACL in her other knee in November 2004 during a pick-up game.

Not wanting to have to sit out and watch yet another season, Crocker sat out in the spring and went back to rehab.

"The first rehab was a lot harder because I didn't know what to expect, I didn't know the pain that came with it, and the work ethic I had to have," Crocker said. "The second one was a lot easier because I knew what to expect. I knew I had to put a lot of hard work in if I wanted to get back before the season started."

Crocker's hard rehabilitation work has already paid dividends. Coach Laura Kerrigan named her one of the three team captains — a rare feat as a sophomore.

"The reason she was picked is

Michelle Crocker

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CLASS: RS Sophomore
HOMETOWN: Raleigh, NC
HIGH SCHOOL: Millbrook
POSITION: Defender

As a redshirt freshman: Started on defense in all 19 games for the Wolfpack. She tallied two assists on the season, one in the 4-0 win over Campbell and her second in the 6-1 win over Howard.

As a freshman: Redshirted her freshman year after suffering from a torn ACL in her senior year of high school. Was named to ACC Honor Roll.

SOURCE: NCSU MEDIA RELATIONS

that she's such a great example for the team," Kerrigan said. "She's such a leader. She leads us on the field, and she leads us by our work ethic."

ACL tears have been all too common in the United States as doctors see more than 200,000 cases a year. Unfortunately, most cannot fully rehab and get back into old form.

Crocker is one of the exceptions. "When she came out in pre-season, she was leading the way in the fitness tests and that says a lot about her as a person," Kerrigan said. "It says a lot about her character; it says a lot about what she's made of."

Since tearing the ACL in both knees, Crocker's play has not slowed down on the field, and she hasn't changed her aggressive style.

"I'm going to play as hard as I can every game. I've always played hard, it's not going to scare me that I hurt my knees," Crocker said.

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VOLLEYBALL

State Surges past winless Buccaneers

Freshmen provide a big boost in a 51-kill output.

Jay Kohler
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State finished 7-25 last year. East Tennessee State wound up at 9-22. What, then, was the appeal in last night's match between the two? For one thing, the Wolfpack is already halfway to surpassing its win total from last season. Unfortunately this came at a cost to the good citizens of Johnson

N. C. STATE 3
ETSU 0

City as the Buccaneers are going to have to keep waiting for its first volleyball victory of the season.

The Pack (4-1) didn't have too much trouble handing the Bucs (0-4) its fourth loss in a row on a night when the youthful energy of the Pack could be seen all over the court. State, as a team, smacked 51 kills while sacrificing their bodies for 43 defensive digs.

"We started out pretty strong but we got sluggish during the match," Coach Mary Byrne said. "The tempo was tough to deal with because of the amount of times the match was stopped because of the floor. I thought we did a good job of coming back and falling into rhythm."

The highlight of the match for State came midway through the second half. After a

Bucs block, the Pack had a one-point advantage at 12-11. The door was then slammed as State outscored the Bucs on a 14-4 run. The outburst was aided by the defensive prowess of freshman Andi Bentley, who ended up with 10 defensive digs for the game, as State won 30-20.

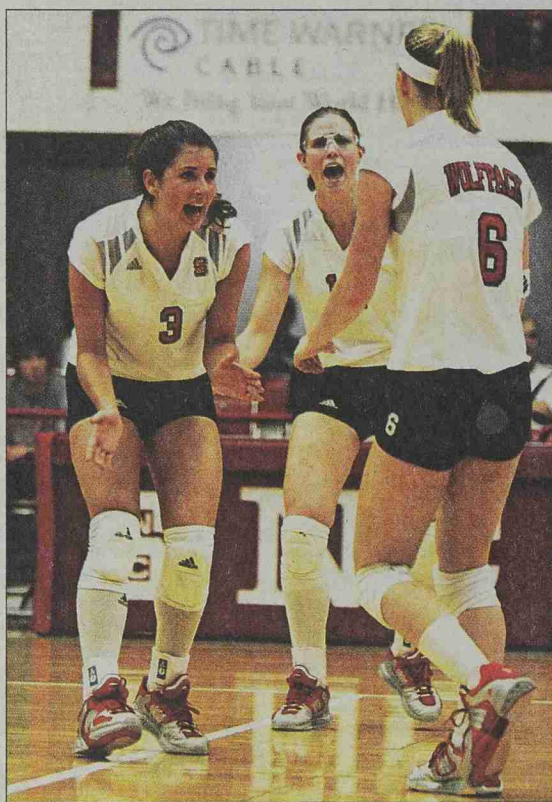
"I love playing with these girls," Bentley said. "The only reason I'm so good at my job is because everybody else is good at their job. I just go out there and try to get everybody into it."

Freshman Emily Bertrand led State with 14 kills, garnering a .250 attack percentage. Junior Adeola Kosoko had a .350 percentage, tallying 11 kills and only four errors to help lead the Pack to victory. The team attack percentage finished at .282 for the evening with four freshman playing significant minutes.

"They bring a lot of intensity and excitement onto the court and they're talking," Byrne said. "I think they have had better performances, but all the freshmen are doing a good job of stepping up when they need to."

"We need them to progress each match as we get into conference play. That'll be the true test for them."

Katie Longden and Sara Scandiffio, both with seven kills, were the lone bright spots for the Buccaneers as its team attack per-



Emily Bertrand, Amy Cochran and Lauren Markowski celebrate after an N.C. State score in a 3-0 defeat of ETSU in Reynolds Coliseum on Tuesday night.

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