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I'm too tired. I don't want to get up early. I don't want to stand in line. My vote won't count. No one will listen. The line will be too long. ★ I don't know who to vote for. Both candidates suck. I have to work. I have class. I have to go to the doctor. I have no gas in my car and gas is too expensive. ★ Half the country isn't going to vote either. No matter who I vote for, the country is screwed. There might be a terrorist attack. I'm scared. I'm angry. I don't want to make waves or rock the boat. ★ I have no idea what they do anyway. They are just figureheads. They are not real. They are good at shaking hands though. ★ What would Jesus do? What would Allah do? What would Buddha do? ★ Nine people are going to choose the president anyway, right? They did last time. I applied to the Electoral College – all I got was a measly rejection letter. ★ My home is 3,000 miles away and I can't go home to vote. My ballot will get disqualified. Why can't they email me my ballot? I don't know how to mail an envelope anymore. ★ My dog ate my absentee ballot. I've never much liked elephants or donkeys. ★ My single vote will not change this election. ★ Someone else will vote for me. I don't know where to vote. My pregnant chad gave birth to the wrong candidate. I don't know how to vote. The ballot is too long. My parents don't vote. This is only the evil of two lessers. ★ Traffic jam. Hurricane. Locusts. Server crash. al-Qaeda. Nuclear meltdown. Tornado. Godzilla. The Boston Red Sox. Elevated terror risk. France. ★ Too poor. Too rich. Too weak. Too right. Too wrong. Just too busy... It doesn't matter.

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NORTH CAROLINA RACES

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
DESCRIPTION: The Agriculture Commissioner oversees the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which regulates the largest state industry. Regulation includes gas pumps, food and drug protection and oversees the State Fair and the farmer's markets across the state. The commissioner also works closely with NCSU on agriculture research and development efforts.
MAJOR ISSUES: tobacco buyout, safe and adequate food supply, plant and animal diseases
TERM: Four years
SALARY: \$107,136
RECENT COMMISSIONERS:
Jim Graham: 1964-2000
 Meg Scott Phipps: 2001-2003
 Britt Cobb: 2003-present (was interim, named permanent by Gov. Mike Easley)

CANDIDATES:
 Britt Cobb
 Party: Democrat
 Occupation: Commissioner of Agriculture, appointed 2003-present
 Home: Raleigh
 Education: Bachelor's degree in business, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1971
 Web site: www.brittcobb2004.com

Steve Troxler
 Party: Republican
 Occupation: Operates Troxler Farms, specializing in wheat and tobacco
 Home: Browns Summit
 Education: Bachelor's degree in conservation with a concentration in environmental studies, N.C. State University, 1974
 Web site: www.stevetroxler.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL
DESCRIPTION: As the state's chief lawyer and law enforcement office, the attorney general represents the state in legal matters in both civil and criminal matters. The attorney general also advises judges and the General Assembly on legal disputes.
MAJOR ISSUES: state security, death penalty reform
TERM: Four years
SALARY: \$107,136
RECENT ATTORNEYS GENERAL
 Roy Cooper 2001-present, Mike Easley 1992-2000

CANDIDATES:
 Roy Cooper
 Party: Democrat
 Occupation: attorney general, 2001-present
 Home: Raleigh
 Education: Bachelor's degree in psychology and political science and law degree, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1979, 1982
 Web site: www.roycooper.com

Joe Knott
 Party: Republican
 Occupation: attorney, partner - Knott, Clark and Berger, Raleigh
 Home: Raleigh
 Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration and law degree, UNC-CH, 1974, 1980; master of divinity, Trinity Divinity School, 1978
 Web site: www.joeknott.com

OTHER STATE RACES:
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
 Beverly Perdue - Democrat
 Jim Snyder - Republican

SECRETARY OF STATE
 Elaine Marshall - Democrat
 Jay Rao - Republican

STATE AUDITOR
 Ralph Campbell - Democrat
 Leslie Merritt - Republican

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
 Robert Brawley - Republican
 Jim Long - Democrat

LABOR COMMISSIONER
 Cherie Berry - Republican
 Wayne Goodwin - Democrat

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
 June Atkinson - Democrat
 Bill Fletcher - Republican

STATE TREASURER
 Edward Meyer - Republican
 Richard Moore - Democrat

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PATRICK BALLANTINE



MIKE EASLEY

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR

PATRICK BALLANTINE	ISSUES	MIKE EASLEY
Republican	Party	Democrat
B.A. in political science, UNC-Chapel Hill 1987, J.D. University of Dayton	Education	B.A. in political science, UNC-Chapel Hill 1972, J.D. N.C. Central University 1975
www.ballantineforgovernor.com	Campaign site	www.mikeeasley.org
N.C. Senate, 1994-2004 (minority leader)	Experience	Governor, 2001-present, attorney general 1993-2000, district attorney, 1983-91
Wants to implement new plan for college students that will freeze tuition costs for the four years they are in school. "It would be like a contract," Ballantine says, adding that it will also encourage students to graduate in four years.	Education	Says he will continue to fight for college students in wake of rising tuition costs - "I was there for them for them with the bond referendum, I was there for them with tuition, and I'll remain with them."
Firmly against the lottery, says the concept is "bad fiscal policy."	Lottery	Strongly for a state lottery. Easley claims N.C. loses \$300 million to neighboring states with lotteries. Wants the lottery to fund education policy such as reducing class size and school construction. Says he will push for General Assembly approval if re-elected.
Against granting benefits to same-sex couples. Supports an amendment that defines marriage as an act between a man and a woman.	Same-sex marriage	Against granting benefits to same-sex couples. Supports an amendment that defines marriage as an act between a man and a woman.
Has attacked Easley's taxation policies nonstop in television ads. He has been lauded by several taxpayers advocacy groups, one calling him "a taxpayer's best friend."	Taxes	Raised taxes to compensate for huge budget shortfall he called "the worst any governor had faced since the Great Depression."
Against a moratorium on the death penalty.	Death Penalty	Against a moratorium on the death penalty, a stance that has angered some liberal Democrats in the state.

your voice: the ballot

You cannot vote straight party for every office up for grabs in North Carolina. You must vote separately for the presidential candidates, then make your choice to vote straight party or not. Judicial races are non-partisan, so you won't see an "R" or a "D" beside the candidates' name. Inform yourself on the judicial candidates so you know where they stand.

PRESIDENT
 Choose the candidate you want to vote for. You have to vote for this office separately.

STRAIGHT PARTY OR NOT?
 There are three choices for voting straight party:

1- Vote a straight party ticket by choosing the line beside the party you wish to vote for.
 2- Vote on each race separately and leave the straight party voting options blank.
 3- Vote for one party in the straight party section, but break away from the party on individual races. For example, if you vote for the Jeffersonian Republican party, but wanted to vote Aaron Burr in for Secretary of Duels and Gunslinging, fill the line beside his name in that particular race.

It is recommended that if you do vote straight party, that you vote on each race separately, instead of choosing one party, to make sure you are voting for the candidates you want.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

All judicial races are non-partisan. That means there is no party affiliation beside each candidate's name. You must vote for the judge's races separately, so now you are voting for.

TURN THE BALLOT OVER!

The judicial races, soil and water conservation commissioners and the amendments to the state constitution are on the back side of the ballot.

AT THE POLLING STATION

As per election law, no campaigning can take place within 50 feet of a polling site. But that doesn't mean you cannot express yourself. You can wear stickers, T-shirts and buttons proclaiming a par-

ticular candidate, but you cannot start talking to your line buddy about a candidate. That could be considered campaigning and could get you in trouble. At the polling site, you may be asked for identification.

Proper forms of ID are student photo ID, driver's license, current utility bill, bank statement or paycheck showing name and address or any government document with your name and address.

You can have an immediate fam-

ily member in the voting booth to assist you, but you cannot make cell phones calls from the booth.

CONVICTED FELON? NO PROBLEM!

If you are a convicted felon and have paid your debt to society — this includes jail sentences, fines and probation periods — you are eligible to vote, provided you registered on time. Those guilty of misdemeanors do not have voting rights taken away.

CURBSIDE SERVICE

If you are disabled or can't physically get to the polling booth, you can request curbside polling, where the ballot will be brought to you.

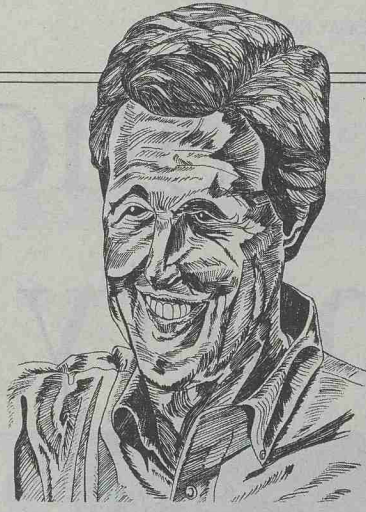
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

If you are not registered to vote, or if you have moved and not informed the Board of Elections of your new address, you may cast a provisional ballot. Election officials can help you fill out the information you need at the polling site for the provisional ballot. You will receive a personal ID number when you cast your ballot, so you can check the status of your ballot.

The downside: you won't know if your ballot was counted until the following Monday. You can check the status of your ballot through your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at www.sboe.state.nc.us.

REMEMBER: You can only vote once! If you vote absentee, whether at an early voting site or by mail, you cannot vote again on Nov. 2.

NOW GO VOTE!



PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

GEORGE W. BUSH	ISSUES	JOHN KERRY
Republican	Party	Democrat
B.A., Yale 1968 M.B.A. Harvard 1975	Education	B.A. Yale 1966 J.D. Boston College 1976
www.georgewbush.com	Campaign site	www.johnkerry.com
United States President, 2000-Present Governor of Texas, 1994-2000	Experience	United States Senator, 1984-Present (D-Mass.)
Make middle-class tax cuts permanent, supports semi-privatizing Social Security funds into stocks, allocate federal funds to help states with their budget crises	Taxes	Opposes upper-class tax cuts, opposes privatization of Social Security, increase the child tax credit, cut tax loopholes for corporations and reduce government spending
Supports reducing drug costs for poor patients, wants to add a Medicare drug benefit and favors a current health care system over a universal health care system, place limits on suits against HMOs	Health Care	Wants to close loopholes and do away with incentives for drug companies to keep drug costs down, focus on elderly and veteran benefits, government-funded health care through repealing tax cuts and controlled spending
Opposed United Nations involvement in the Iraqi war, now wants it, supports pre-emption policy, supports \$1 billion for reconstruction of Afghanistan, supported Middle East "Road Map" peace plan	Foreign Policy	Initially supported war, now opposes it, says Bush made a mistake, wants to get a coalition of nations to help rebuild Iraq, wants consensus of nations before deciding on waging war, opposes pre-emptive strikes
Supports same-sex constitutional ban, opposes gay adoption, supports "don't ask, don't tell" military policy	Gay Rights	Against gay marriage, but supports civil unions and other rights and benefits for gay couples, supports adoption rights for gay couples, supports open service for military personnel
Supports drilling in ANWR for oil, supports funding for research into hydrogen-powered fuel cells, wants market-based standards on air-quality	Environment	Opposes oil drilling in the Arctic, supports development of other energy resources to reduce dependency on foreign oil, promote clean fuel sources, offer incentives for reduction on fossil fuels



U.S. SENATE



ERSKINE BOWLES	ISSUES	RICHARD BURR
Democrat	Party	Republican
B.A. in business, UNC-Chapel Hill 1967, M.B.A. Columbia University, 1969	Education	B.A. in communications, Wake Forest 1978
www.bowles2004.com	Campaign site	www.burrforSenate.com
Supports more funding for No Child Left Behind, provide flexible teacher certification and re-licensing and pay raises for teachers who qualify, provide funding incentives for schools that hire and retain quality teachers, increase federal role in determining smaller class sizes.	On education	Supports vigorously enforcing No Child Left Behind through the hiring of legally-defined "quality" teachers and a rigorous accountability system for schools to follow, getting government out of home schooling and tax breaks for families with college students, keep the words "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Does not support tax increases, keep the Bush middle-class tax cuts, revive bipartisan approach to balancing the budget, installing "pay-as-you-go" rules for government spending, better efficiency for government operations.	Taxes	Does not support tax increases, make Bush tax cuts permanent, abolish the federal income tax, the death tax, require a "super-majority," or three-fifths majority in Congress for any tax increase to pass, no retroactive tax increases.
Both men worked and lobbied for the over \$9 billion tobacco quota buyout that just passed. Bowles supported the Senate version.	Tobacco	Both men worked and lobbied for the more than \$9 billion tobacco quota buyout that just passed. Burr sat on the conference committee that hammered out the details between the House and Senate versions.
Allow Medicare to negotiate for lower drug costs and contain prescription drug costs, allow importation of drugs from Canada and hasten generic drugs to the market.	Taxes	Does not support universal health care or raising taxes to pay for universal coverage, wants Congress to pass meaningful medical liability reform.
Protect vulnerable targets, like ports, nuclear facilities, public transportation and electrical grid, prevent attacks by securing borders, provide the right equipment for first responders to combat the terrorist threat	National Security	Increase military and intelligence spending, supports a missile defense system, bring squadrons of F/A Super Hornets to Marine Base Cherry Point, increase military pay, including hazardous duty and imminent danger pay, protect veteran's pensions.

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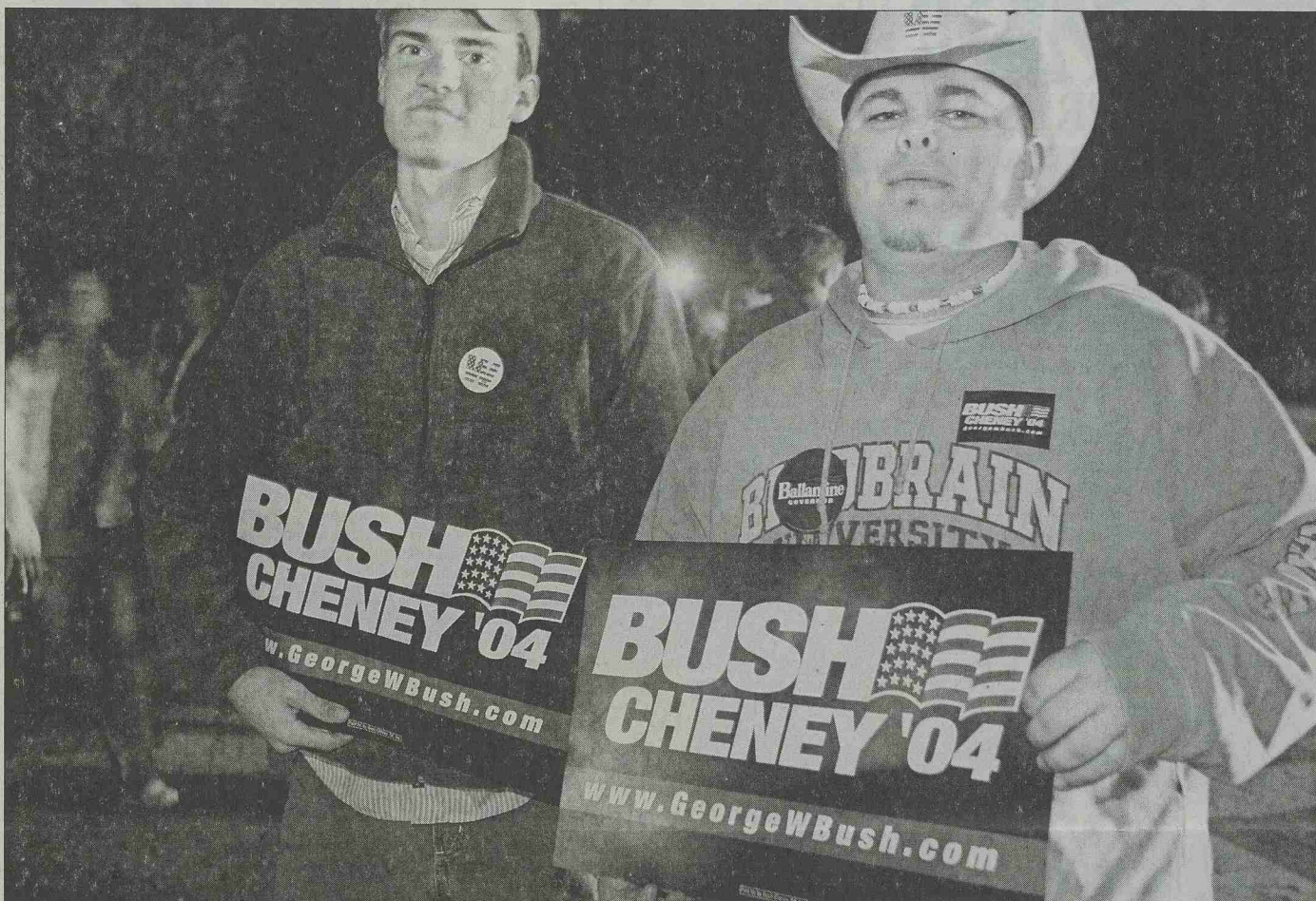
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Showing party pride



The driver of this car went all out and hand-made stickers that read "Bush re-elected? The end is near!" and "He's not my president!"



Jonah Simpson, a senior in turf grass management, and Drew Medlin, a junior in agriculture business, show their support for Bush at the Patrick Ballantine rally on campus last week. They said if Bush won they were going to "Drink beer and party."

STORY AND PHOTOS BY TASHA PETTY

Whether decked out in 'W' buttons or covering cars with Kerry stickers, for the past few months, students have proved that the trendy accessories of the fall are none other than campaign paraphernalia.

The presidential race is closer than two lovers in carnal embrace and more heated than nuclear fission.

The rivalry between Bush and Kerry supporters has been getting vicious and intense, and those who proudly dawned American flags after Sept. 11 are now armed with stickers, signs and buttons showing their support for one of the presidential candidates.

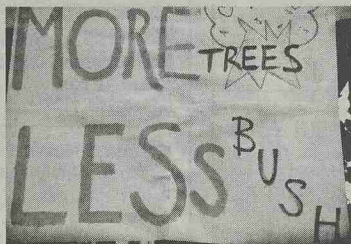
The last presidential race was one of the closest in history, but still was not accompanied by the same level of student obsession as the current race. The presidential candidate paraphernalia — buttons with the smiling faces of Bush and his wife, stickers proclaiming "Don't re-elect Bush again," hats with blinking lights spelling out B-U-S-H and T-shirts with W's marked through in red — has found itself on the fad must-have list for students.

Americans play the middle of the field on many issues, but they are strongly and evenly divided along partisan lines. The Democrat-Republican rivalry is reminiscent of the North-South rivalry during the Civil War (sans bayonets and uniforms), and newspapers and magazines all over the country have been running articles on wife v. husband, parent v. child and sibling v. sibling clash over candidates.

This hand-painted back window reads "1,000 Americans killed in Iraq...30,000,000 Americans killed in the womb! Vote Pro-Life." Cars have become political tools for local residents such as this Bush and Ballantine supporter that lives near Cameron Village.



Creative signs, like this 5-foot-by-6 sign hanging on a front porch of four NCSU seniors living on Kent Road, have been popping up everywhere in the past months.



On campus, this clashing has been taking place in campus residences and classrooms.

A window in Sullivan Hall displays one Bush and one Kerry sign. Classroom political discussion turns quickly into aggravated debate that must be quieted by mediating professors. There is even a car around campus that has one Bush and one Kerry bumper sticker.

That must be either one very undecided voter or one very tense car-sharing situation.

One thing of interest to note, however, is that Kerry supporters are more likely to display their candidate paraphernalia.

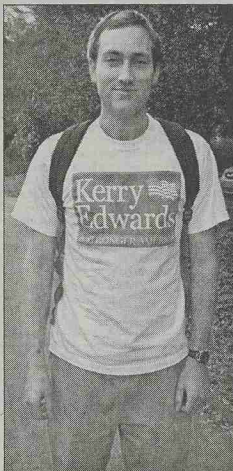
Brian Lerschall, N.C. House District 38 chairman says of this phenomenon that "Republicans are more conservative and more inclined to show their support at the polls rather than wearing buttons."

And for the lack of Bush bumper stickers he adds, "They don't put bumper stickers on because they don't want to devalue their car."

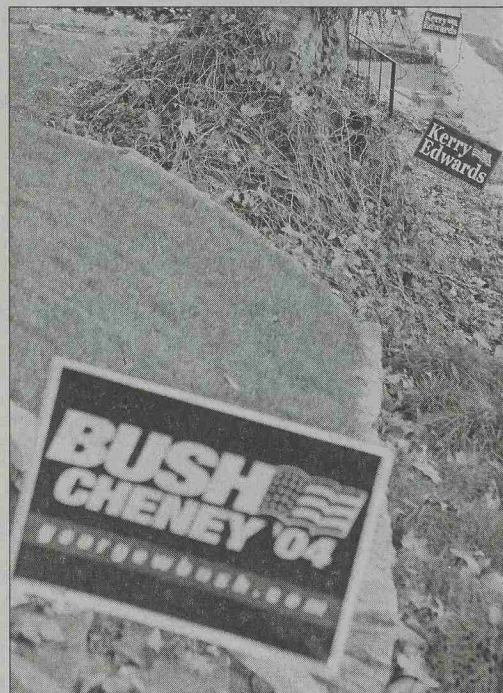
English professor, Dick Reavis, provides a simpler explanation by drawing an analogy between Kerry supporters and Red Sox fans in the World Series.

"It's the underdog spirit," Reavis said. When Republicans do decide to show their party pride, they go all out. A group of students living on Kent Road protect their large Bush sign by taping 20-plus razor blades to its sides and lining the ground just beneath with a board containing nails sticking out.

Whatever the reasons or rivalries, it will all be over today, hopefully some will be peeling off bumper stickers and throwing away buttons in defeat and others in victory.



"Just trying to get out the vote for Kerry anyway I can," said Dan Kahler, a freshman in economics.



These neighbors near the Five Points area might not share the same preference in candidates, but they still voice their preference in yard signs.



N.C. House District 38 Chairman Brian Lehrschall shows his overwhelming support for the Bush ticket proudly on his belly at the Ballantine rally on campus last week.

PAGE TURNERS

Harsh truth provides clarity, acceptance

The people at "Sex and the City" bring forth yet another trend; only this time it's not in the form of a shoe or handbag—it's a catchphrase

Becca Heslin
Staff Writer

At last the writers of "Sex and the City" are bringing women everywhere an affordable, realistic way to relate to the Jimmy Choo-wearing, Cosmo-sipping, fabulous existence of the women we all fell in love with and recently said our farewells to. In fact, it's the one thing that has a common effect on women in all corners of the world: heartbreak—and the confusion it entails.

Most women have experienced it and now Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo, a consultant and a writer, respectively, from "Sex and the City," explain in their new book, "He's Just Not That Into You," the inner workings of the dating man's mind.

It all started in the writer's room when a female writer was sharing her version of the infa-

mous, age-old, "We had a great connection but he still hasn't called and I don't get it" predicament. Behrendt, the token straight male on staff, decided he could no longer take it and quipped, "Listen, he's just not that into you."

And thus an episode of "Sex and the City" was born, centered around this catchphrase. The revolution began.

In the hottest thing to hit the relationship advice section at bookstores since "The Rules," readers are presented the epiphany that "men are not complicated, although [they'd] like you to think [they] are," as Behrendt says in the book's introduction. Along with Tuccillo, he analyzes common scenarios and mistakes that plague the otherwise intelligent women in the dating scene.

The familiar dating situations addressed in the book are guaranteed to hit close to home with just about every woman. After all, they are the same quandaries women have struggled with since the beginning of time.

Behrendt provides the majority of the witty, dry comments encouraging women to stop wasting their time with guys

that aren't that into them, while Tuccillo presents the arguments with each case that make it so hard for women to accept as truth. In what she describes as an "intoxically liberating" experience, she encourages women to "assume rejection first" and "assume [they're] the rule, not the exception."

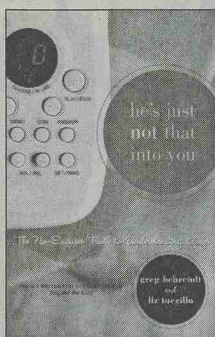
The book provocatively focuses on the concept that women "go into hyper-excuse mode for weeks or possibly months, because the last thing [they] want to think is that this great man that [they] are so excited about is in the process of turning into a creep," as Tuccillo writes. Instead, women need to accept that he's just not that into them.

Throughout this modern dating masterpiece, Behrendt provides sarcastic responses to common dating problems women face in hopes that they will accept that the guy might just not be into them and move on. This notion can be gloriously therapeutic once you get over the initial shock that someone in their right mind simply cannot recognize your fabulousness. Put that in your martini glass and sip it.

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU: THE NO-EXCUSES TRUTH TO UNDERSTANDING GUYS

Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo
Simon Spotlight Entertainment

★★★★☆



Thanks to Behrendt and Tuccillo and the rebellion they created against the archetypal dating attitudes of women, I for one know I can now happily get back to my Rainbow-wearing, Franzia-sipping, frugal existence and simply accept that "Hey, he's just not that into me!"

FOOTBALL

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fundamentals.

"Just go back to day one of training camp," Hudson said.

Amato clarified that State already works more on fundamentals than many teams, spending anywhere from 25 to 35 minutes on it every practice. Amato knows that Hudson's solution needs to start working with just three games remaining and two wins needed for bowl eligibility. "We know how to add and subtract, that his solution needs to start working with just three games left to go and two wins needed for bowl eligibility," Amato said. "They know what has to be done."

Stuck in the middle

A wild weekend of college football, including losses by league leaders Florida State and Miami, has clumped the ACC standings as the football season heads into the home stretch.

10 of the 11 conference teams are at .500 or above, with six of those teams (State, Maryland, Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, North Carolina and Clemson) sitting at the four-win mark. All 10 of those teams could become bowl eligible by the end of the season.

"You can't overlook anybody," Ritcher said. "If you slip up at all you are going to lose."

With conference teams beating up on each other, the chances of an ACC team playing for the national title are now slim. Miami still has the best shot of any team, but would need a lot of help from schools like USC and Oklahoma.

The league title though, is still very much up for grabs.

"I told our team on Friday night that a team with two losses could go to the Gator Bowl," Amato said. "Now, a team with two losses could go to a BCS bowl."

SOCCER

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eight games of the season, though the Maryland game Sunday night is officially listed as a tie since it was decided by a shoot-out after two sudden-death overtime periods.

"The level of competition is completely different in the ACC than what we played in the first 10 games," sophomore defender Michelle Crocker said.

State finished 7-8-2 on the season including a 1-8 mark in the ACC. Its only win came against Miami on Sept. 17.

"We need to know that the ACC is a different level," Crocker said. "We have to come out hard every game. We can't just expect to win every game. It's not like that in the ACC. All the games are against top-25 caliber teams, and you can't just expect to win. You have to come out ready to go. We have to get up early and make people play our style; we can't let them dominate us."

It was a bitter pill to swallow for Katherine Warman. The redshirt senior defender made a comeback from an ACL injury this season. But she's the first to admit it didn't go exactly as she'd planned.

"It definitely wasn't how I pictured it," Warman said. "Coming back you're always overly optimistic. But I have no regrets at all on this season. It's been frustrating, but that's how it goes sometimes."

Despite the frustrations, Coach Laura Kerrigan said the future is promising because the building blocks are in place.

"We completely outplayed

Wake Forest, and sometimes in soccer you can outplay a team and lose," Kerrigan said. "The same goes for Virginia Tech. Even though we have those losses, there were some games in that streak that we feel like we outplayed the team, and that's important for building."

"Right now there are quite a few teams in the ACC that are ranked. You get a lot of experience playing against tough teams in the conference and that helps the younger players," she continued. "It's definitely helped season them a bit. You have to be stronger on the ball and you have to be quicker because the ACC is a lot more physical game. I think there are a lot of pluses that came out of it."

Kerrigan added that though the team lost its last eight games, in each of those games the score was either tied or the Pack was down by just one goal at halftime.

"Every one of those games was winnable, and that shows our team we have the ability to play with anyone in the country, and we just need to learn how to finish," Kerrigan said.

Though the future may be bright for the Pack, as Kerrigan contends, that doesn't make the disappointing season any easier for departing seniors like Warman.

She said there is one lesson that is most important for returning players to remember.

"I just want them to know it goes quickly," Warman said. "Every game means a lot and it'll be gone before they know it."

"It's important that they know every game is important and to have fun and enjoy everything as much as they can."

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them only once. But to be fair, Kerry did play hockey for Yale, a ruthless sport that scores him major bonus points. Edwards could pull off the upset, if he bothered to show up for the event. And Kerry does hail from Boston, which currently has a supernatural aura of invincibility surrounding the entire region.

Winner: Kerry BUSH VS. ELEPHANT

Talk about pedigree: Bush, Sr. not only captained the Yale baseball team; he led them to the College World Series in 1947. His son, George W., served as general partner of the Texas Rangers for five years, so we know he can make decisions. Not to mention Bush was a former head cheerleader, which means his heart is big enough to serve both himself and his running mate. The elephant, the majestic sleeper of the tourney, will be pacified with peanuts from the ballpark in Arlington.

Winner: Bush BUSH VS. KERRY

Packers 28, Redskins 14. The outcome of the Redskins' last home football game before the election has predicted the winner since 1933. If the Redskins win, the incumbent wins. If the Redskins lose, the challenger wins. 17 times isn't a fluke, it's a prophecy.

But streaks are made to be broken. You have the power to overturn this potential catastrophe. There's no way the Texan could lose in a fight with Old Man River and his saggy eyelids. It's vote or go home.

And when Bush wins, don't feel bad for Kerry. The NHL is going to need replacements for such avid hockey players.

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son said. "She is able to play the front and back row, taking strong ownership in trying to push the team forward. That is something that we really appreciate and admire."

Eddins has brought experience to the court this season in a crucial position for the team.

"I'm very glad she came because we desperately needed

another middle this season," sophomore setter Melissa Rabe said. "She has really stepped up and been a leader on the team."

Eddins currently leads the Pack in blocking, 146 to date this season, regardless of her unconventional style of play.

"The way she plays is definitely not out of the book," fellow junior middle blocker Adeola Kosoko said.

"I just want to get the job done," Eddins said. "I don't really think about it, I just play.

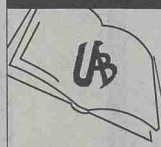
Whatever comes, it comes. I don't try to think in the game too much because I'll mess up. I know the game plan. I just try get out there, execute it and have fun."

Eddins endorses instinctual play for the remainder of the season, a year in which the Pack has failed to gain a conference victory.

"We have a really good team," she said. "Physically, we have excellent players. Mentally, we sometimes tend to think too

much. We can over-analyze things, and if something goes wrong, sometimes we just can't shake it off. We've got six people out there on the court, and we'll just start falling, one by one. We'll try to pick each other up, then we'll have substitutions, but get sucked into this thinking. I think that if one game we can go out there and play for one another, and play to have fun, we can win. Our goal is for a conference win. It's not too late."

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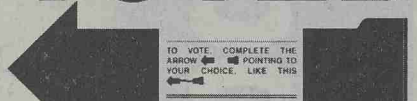
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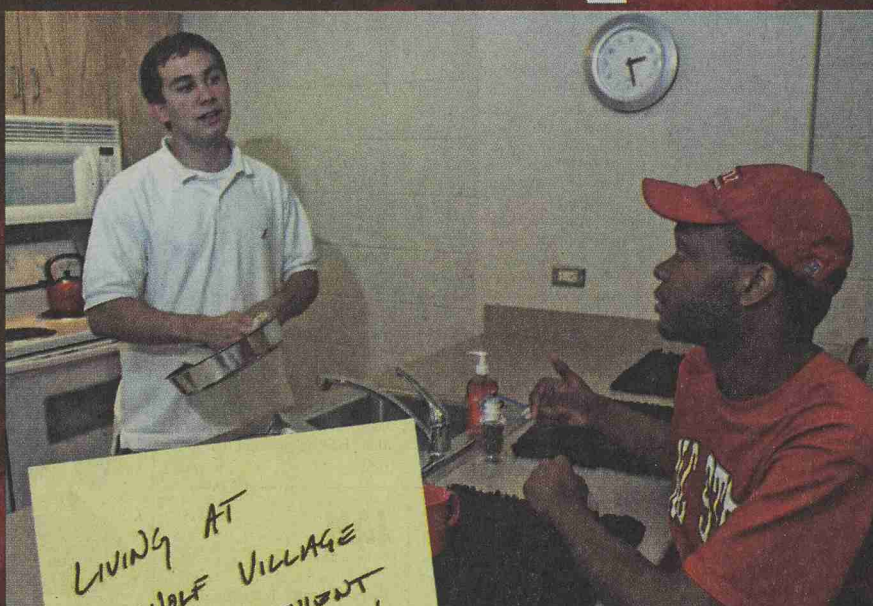
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Around the ACC

Standings

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Virginia	3	1	6	1	
Miami	3	1	6	2	vs. Clemson, Sat.
Virginia Tech	3	1	6	2	at North Carolina, Sat.
Florida State	4	2	6	2	vs. Duke, Sat.
North Carolina	3	2	4	4	vs. Virginia Tech, Sat.
Georgia Tech	3	3	4	3	at N.C. State, Sat.
N.C. State	3	3	4	4	vs. Georgia Tech, Sat.
Clemson	3	3	4	4	at Miami, Sat.
Maryland	2	3	4	4	
Wake Forest	1	4	4	4	
Duke	0	5	1	7	at Florida State, Sat.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Clemson 26, N.C. State 20
Virginia Tech 34, Georgia Tech 20
Wake Forest 24, Duke 22

Maryland 20, Florida State 17
North Carolina 31, Miami 28

Stat of the week

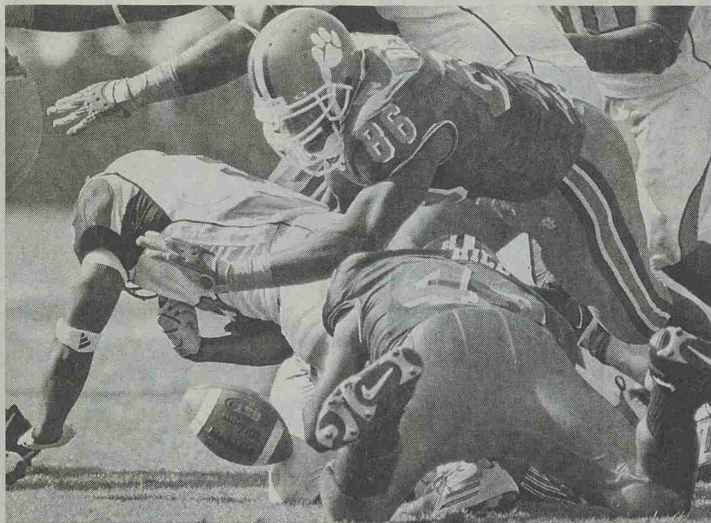
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The number of points Virginia Tech dropped on Georgia Tech in the fourth quarter for a comeback victory last Thursday night. The loss dropped the Yellow Jackets to 3-3 in conference along with just about every other team.

Quote of the week

"It's mind boggling."

—Miami Coach Larry Coker who, to this day, is still trying to figure out how his team let the Tar Heels' second-worst defense in the nation contain the Hurricanes enough to win in the monumental upset. Fifteen years from now when asked who was the first team to knock off Miami when it joined the ACC, Coker will look down and quietly mumble the words "U-N-C."



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Freshman Darrell Blackman fumbles, one of six turnovers in the Wolfpack's 26-20 loss to Clemson on Saturday.

Thumbs up

Connor Barth

Who was the big man on campus at UNC-Chapel Hill on Saturday night? No one else but Connor Barth, the Tar Heels freshman kicker who booted the game-winning 42-yard field goal with no time remaining to defeat No. 3 Miami. The following night, males dressed as the Barth-man and strutted down Franklin Street, hoping to receive the same attention from the ladies Barth received the night before. There's still no report on if the costumes were effective.

Maryland

What a way to end a three-game losing streak. Just when it appeared the Terps were headed to obscurity, it pulled off one of the biggest upsets in the program's history by knocking off No. 5 Florida State at Byrd Stadium. The win, coupled with other outcomes from conference games this week, will give anyone who tries to decipher ACC bowl scenarios a headache.

Thumbs down

N.C. State turnovers

The Wolfpack just can't seem to hold onto the ball for a complete game. State had a season-high six turnovers in Saturday's 26-20 loss to Clemson, which makes that 10 giveaways in the past two games. The rest of the season hasn't been much better. The Pack has already accumulated 23 turnovers on the season with three games still remaining.

Florida football

Not since 1978 had Miami, Florida and Florida State all lost in the same week, but North Carolina put the nail in the Sunshine State's coffin with the thrilling win on Saturday night. Since the loss, Florida voters have spent countless hours practicing punching chads in preparation for today's election, so the state won't look any more foolish.

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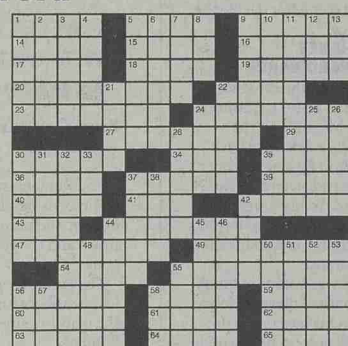
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2 Montessori or Calais
3 Heroic sagas
4 Cozy retreats
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6 Kind of goat or cat
7 Look intently
8 Double bend
9 Say again
10 Morals
11 Acting offending
12 Shade tree
13 Caustic solution
21 Feels poorly
22 West Point
23 beginner
24 Trudge
25 Weird
26 Shabby
28 Highland dance
30 Military muddle
31 Infield fly
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33 Levy
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 Volleyball at North Carolina, 11/2, 7
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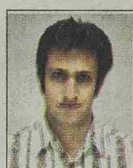


TECHNICIAN

COMMENTARY

Vote or go home

It's Election Day and as you might already know, tonight is when we'll find out which tandem of politicians can host a



Ian Jester
 Senior Staff Writer

flag football game on the White House front lawn without the Secret Service breaking up the party for trespassing.

And although you might have decided which candidate or ticket you're voting for, keep in mind there are plenty of issues to dispute — topics ranging from health care to the economy to the war in Iraq.

But whether you have or haven't realized it by now, there is only one issue that can truly determine which candidate will make the stronger president.

Who is the better athlete? Now I'm not talking about the money-grubbing superstars in professional sports that can barely read a book, much less hold public office. Boil down the meaning of a true athlete: mentally and physically tough, decision-maker, clutch performer.

That's worthy of recognition. For competition's sake, we'll enter the four worthy candidates vying for the oval office in our tournament of champions, as well as the two mascots for the respective parties. Single elimination is the only rule with George W. Bush and John Kerry receiving first-round byes.

Besides, there's no way I'd let a BCS computer decide the presidency.

DICK CHENEY VS. JOHN EDWARDS

Let's look at the evidence. In the fall of 1971, Edwards polished his skills on the gridiron as a defensive back for Clemson for one semester before he transferred to N.C. State. And twenty years of chasing ambulances as a trial lawyer surely built up his speed and endurance.

Cheney was a standout high school football player in Wyoming, but his heart runs on electricity now, so he'd have to beat Edwards another way. Given Cheney's vast experience, he could be like the un-retired MJ and school the young Democrat in a variety of events. Like darts? While sitting down of course.

Winner:

Edwards, in a blowout.

ELEPHANT VS. DONKEY

Have you ever seen a donkey balance itself on a red ball? I didn't think so.

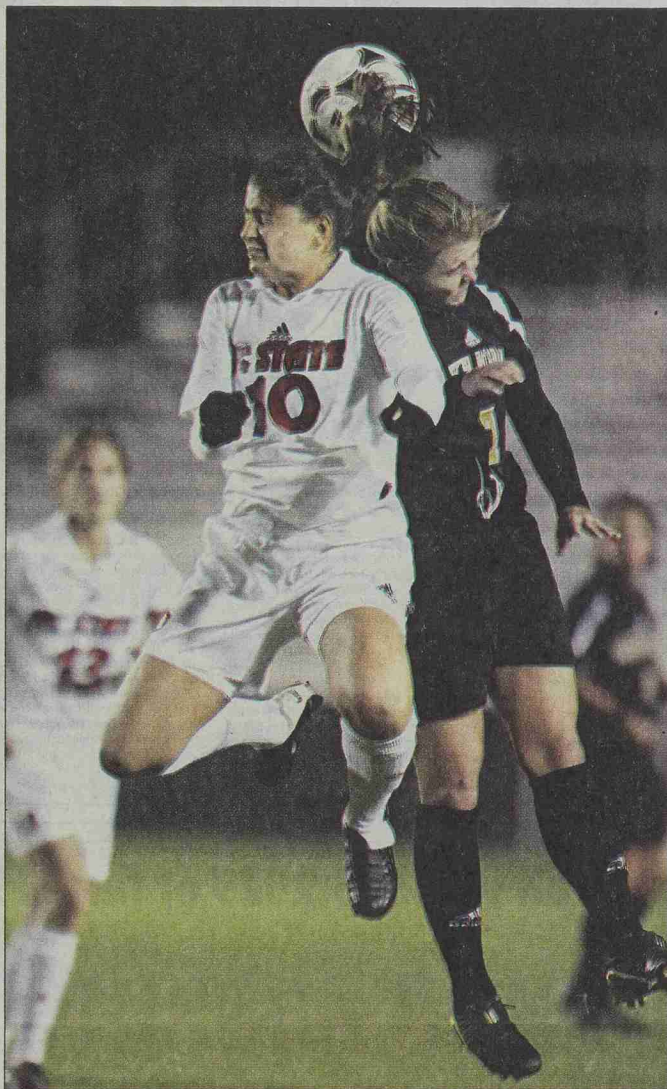
The elephant trumps the donkey on size, stamina and sheer likability. Remember, crowd support means everything.

Winner: Elephant

EDWARDS VS. KERRY

Kerry is a self-proclaimed avid skier and windsurfer, which means he's done each of

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Carol Tognetti and N.C. State lost in one of two play-in games of the ACC Tournament Sunday.

Pack shut out of ACC tourney

AFTER PLAYING THROUGH TWO OVERTIME PERIODS WITHOUT A SCORE, N.C. STATE LOST IN A 4-2 SHOOTOUT TO MARYLAND IN THE ACC TOURNAMENT PLAY-IN GAME

Brian Grossman
 Senior Staff Writer

The women's soccer team's final game was a microcosm of its season. The team started out hot and played strong. Then it couldn't finish and the game, and the season, was gone.

The Pack dropped a heart breaking, 4-2 loss in a shoot-out thriller to Maryland in the play-in game of the ACC Tournament Sunday.

The loss means State won't be playing in the tournament it's basically hosting at the SAS Soccer Complex this weekend.

N.C. State started out playing as well as anyone in the country this season, losing only one of its first 10 games en route to a 7-1-2 record.

Over that stretch the team outscored its opponents 25-6.

Then the ACC happened. State lost its last

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FOOTBALL

Pack has no easy solution



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Marcus Hudson sacks Charlie Whitehurst in Saturday's game.

Turnovers and penalties continue to plague State, and Coach Chuck Amato is running out of ideas

Austin Johnson
 Sports Editor

The situation has become so desperate that Coach Chuck Amato turned to the media on hand at his Monday press conference for answers.

"Give me some suggestions," Amato said.

Amato was searching for a way to motivate his team into cutting down its problem with turnovers and penalties, which plagued the Wolfpack during Saturday's 26-20 loss to Clemson.

According to tight end John Ritcher, the burden falls on the players to execute on the field.

"It's got to stop for us to win the next three games," Ritcher said. "It's our job to execute and our job not to make mistakes."

Ritcher admitted that it was a little ironic that State's team motto for the 2004 season is discipline, yet it seems to be the one thing that separates the team from success. He said that players are already penalized for their on-field mistakes, both in practice and during the game. Players must run extra gassers (after-practice sprints) for every mistake they make, be it a penalty, turnover or missed assignment.

Amato said it would be easier to dole out punishment if the penalties were being committed by the same people.

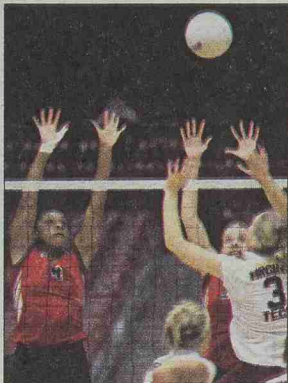
"If the same guy was making the same mistake over and over, it would be easy — he wouldn't play," Amato said. "But it's not the same person making the same mistake over and over."

After State's loss to Miami, Amato tried to minimize emphasis on turnovers during the team meeting Friday. He told his team to win the turnover battle, but tried to keep the pressure off the offense alone. With six turnovers the next day against Clemson, Amato is open to suggestions for this week.

Free safety Marcus Hudson had a suggestion earlier in the press conference — turn back the clock and focus on

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VOLLEYBALL



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Junior transfer Stefani Eddins leads the Wolfpack with 146 blocks this season.

Eddins provides powerful punch

Athletic junior transfer Stefani Eddins has been a dominating blocker for N.C. State this season

Mary Beth Usher
 Staff Writer

The rolled-up sleeves say it all. Sprinting onto the court, Stefani Eddins means business.

The force with which she will strike the ball in the next minute will noticeably morph the profile of the object, driving it into the arms of an opposing player and inflicting a raw, stinging sensation. Consecutive demonstrations of her intensity follow as she delivers an

array of powerful hits, accumulating remarkable statistics.

Smack.

Her teammates swarm around her, enthusiastically approving a critical block. But this is nothing new for Eddins — just another day of volleyball.

"Stefani is probably the most athletic person on our team," Coach Mary Byrne said. "She is an unbelievable player in that she is very powerful and explosive. It's fun to coach her because she can do so many things out there on the court."

A new addition to the Wolfpack, junior middle blocker Stefani Eddins, a Texas native, transferred from North Carolina A&T this past year in hot

pursuit of athletic excellence.

"I went to A&T because they let me run track and play volleyball, so that is how I ended up in North Carolina," Eddins said. "But I came to N.C. State because I really just needed a better challenge. I had been at A&T for two years, but I really needed people that could push me. I needed to play better and play long. I needed someone to push me hard every single day."

Little does Eddins realize, she is urging the Pack forward as well.

"Stefani is a really strong leader for us and is also just a really strong athlete," assistant coach Fiona MacPherson

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