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PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH IS ELECTED TO A SECOND TERM AFTER RUNNING NECK-AND-NECK AGAINST DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER JOHN KERRY

Ben McNeely and Tyler Dukes
Staff Reporters

After a long and trying campaign, President George W. Bush emerged victoriously over Democratic candidate John Kerry late Wednesday morning.

In a phone call to Bush shortly after 11 a.m. Wednesday morning, Kerry conceded the election, congratulating the president on a "tough campaign."

Kerry's call, which solidified Bush's prospects of re-election, came several hours after the announcement early Wednesday morning by Sen. John Edwards to "fight for every vote" in Ohio.

Bush led in Ohio polls by around 136,000 votes, a margin of victory large enough for the Bush camp to consider Ohio

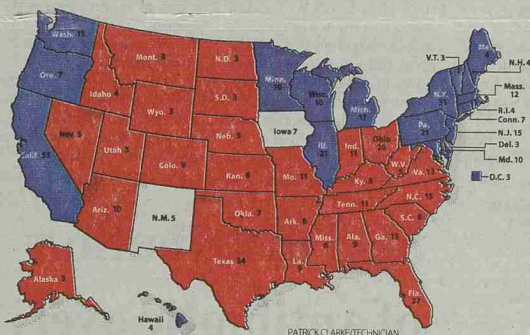
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THE ELECTORAL VOTE

BUSH: 274

KERRY: 252

UNDECIDED: 12



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Campus community mixed toward election

Bush's second term has sparked celebration, outrage for some

Katie Akin
Staff Reporter

Disappointment, confidence, outrage, exuberance — these are a few of the emotions hovering around campus as students and faculty discussed the re-election of President George W. Bush.

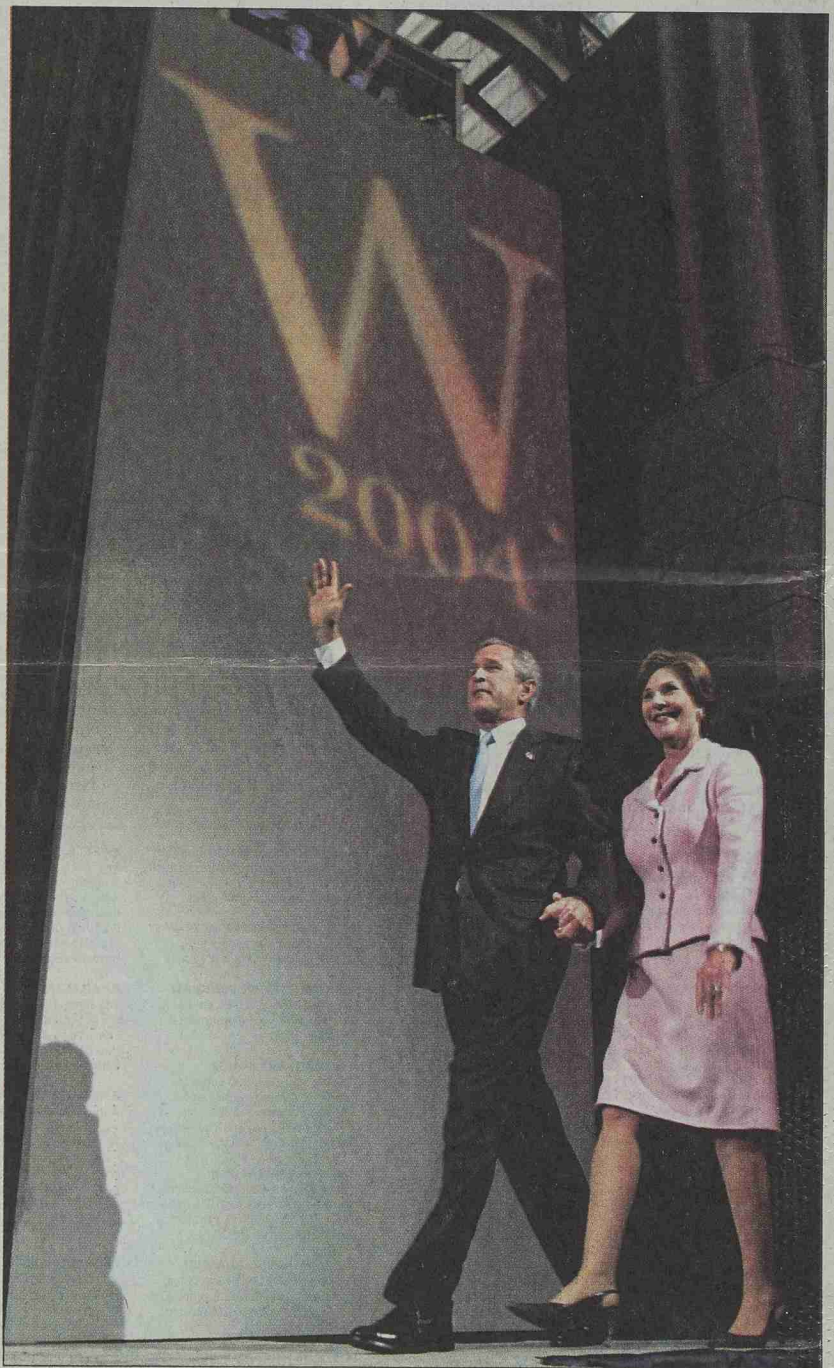
Many experts, as well as voters, an-

ticipated the race for the presidency to be neck-and-neck. Political analysts in the media were discussing the possibility of recounts even before Nov. 2.

"I thought the election was going to be a lot closer," Ed Scanlan, a junior in psychology, said.

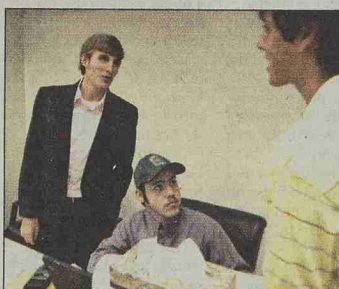
Students are grateful that there were no recounts and less confusion in general during this election, regardless of their political position.

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President George W. Bush walks hand-in-hand with first lady Laura Bush before giving a speech declaring victory in the presidential race. Bush enters a second term after defeating Sen. John Kerry, thanks to victories in key states like Ohio and Florida.



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Will Quick, Joe Sevits and Zach Adams discuss procedure at the Senate meeting Wednesday.

Senate passes new appropriations bill

Amendments, reallocation mark improved form

Tyler Dukes
Deputy News Editor

Sporting a slightly revamped distribution of funding, the Fall 2004 appropriation funding bill passed by consent in the Student Senate Wednesday night.

The appropriations committee, which engineered the bill, spent two

days last week working on a way to improve the original, which was sent back to the committee following a sit-in at a previous senate meeting Oct. 20.

According to Student Body Treasurer and appropriations committee member Mital Patel, the committee put the extra time to good use by working with student organizations.

"The committee was really willing to listen, and I applaud them for being open-minded," Patel said.

In addition to minor changes among the \$40,000 allotted to student groups

during fall semester, the committee also decided to move \$4,100 from Spring appropriations to account for events early in the spring semester.

A major sticking point for participants in the sit-in, many of these spring events planned by student organizations occur in February or early March, which are slated too early for the groups to apply and receive money from spring appropriations. Some of these events must also be confirmed or paid for in late fall, creating a need for

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Vietnam veterans to speak on campus

Veterans to "break silence" on past experiences and current issues

Manisha Dass
Staff Reporter

Echoes from the past will definitely be heard Thursday night as Vietnam War veterans visit campus to share their stories with students.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, in honor of Veteran's Day, is organizing a program called "Breaking the Silence: The Unspoken Brotherhood of Vietnam Veterans."

Event organizer Marquitta Raynor, a senior in English, was also responsible for the success of the event last year and is eager about this year's outcome.

"We are hoping that it will become a growing event on campus," Raynor said.

Raynor and her sister work in conjunction with the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and three other co-sponsors comprising the Vet Centers of Raleigh and Greenville, the North Carolina Humanities Council and the American Folklore Society.

Raynor said she hopes publicity this year will yield an even larger turnout than that of the past.

"We have fliers all over campus and have e-mailed professors on campus to offer students extra credit for coming to the event," Raynor said. "We have also informed veterans at the Raleigh Vet Center to encourage a large

WANNA GO?

Breaking the Silence: The Unspoken Brotherhood of Vietnam Veterans
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audience turnout."

According to Raynor, 12 veterans have confirmed their plans to attend the event, and her hope is that other veterans will come out as well.

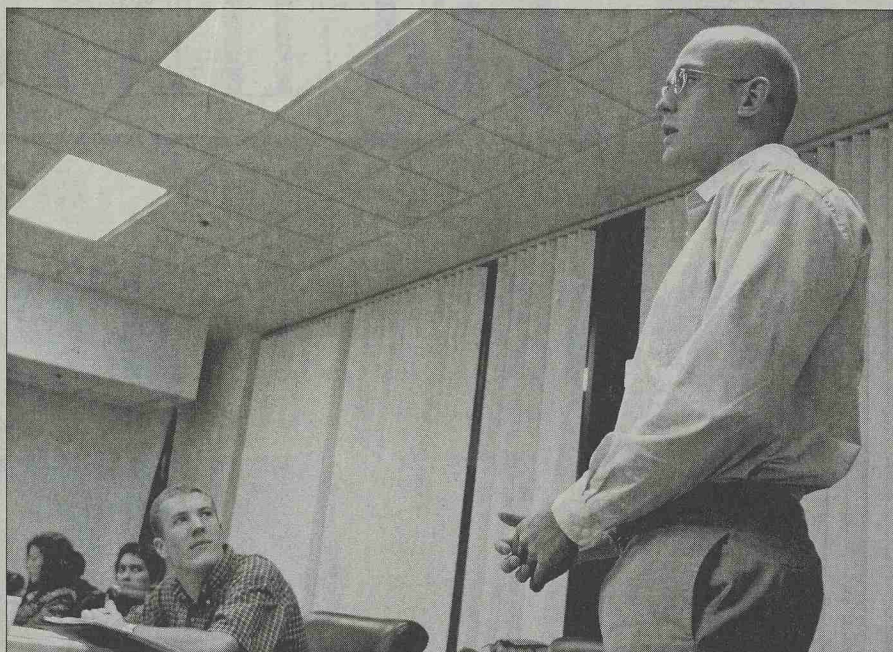
Last year, six veterans were on the panel for the discussion, but there were also veterans in the audience who contributed to the discussion.

Raynor said that the event was going to change a little this year.

"This year we aren't doing a panel discussion," Raynor said. "It is going to be a meet and greet reception so that people can come out and enjoy refreshments and one-on-one conversation with veterans so that they can honor them on Veteran's Day."

To veterans and students in attendance, the event provides not only a learning experience, but a chance to reach out to a group not normally accessible.

"We just want to let students know that we are still trying to make this an educational opportunity," Raynor said. "We are trying to reach out and get them to meet veterans in their local community. Feel free to come out and [experience] fellowship with us."



Patrick Bufkin, management senior senator, addresses the Student Senate Wednesday on the issue of appropriation funding as PAMS Sen. Forrest Hinton looks on. The Senate passed the newest form of the appropriation bill Wednesday.

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money that the committee had previously overlooked, various organizations contended.

Four student organizations received funding from spring appropriations — the Association for the Concerns of African American Graduate Students, the History Graduate Student Association, the Society of African-American Culture and the Victory Campus Ministry.

Also on the docket for the passing of the bill were five amendments, slated to either decrease or increase the funding of their specific organizations.

The first amendment, which did not pass, sought to cut funding to IMPACT Movement from \$250 to \$0, and was based around accusations of an incomplete budget.

The second and fourth amendments were drafted to improve the consistency of the committee's policies on when and where to allocate money to groups.

According to appropriations committee Vice-Chair Adrián Ortega, many student organizations cited this as a big problem with the previous bill.

The fifth amendment dealt with an increase for the funding to Dance Marathon.

Despite the donations the group receives for the North Carolina children hospital in Chapel-Hill, Patel says that this funding doesn't cover everything for the group.

"The money we want to give them is for operating costs," Patel said. "This is something normally not donated because people want the money to go to the children."

Perhaps the most contentious amendment of the debate was

the third, which aimed to increase funding to the fraternity Phi Gamma Delta from \$0 to \$400.

The money was allocated in the original appropriations bill for the fraternity's Dodgeball Tournament fund-raiser for the Red Cross held in mid-October. It was adjusted to zero last week since the event was already held.

"I believe in the Red Cross and I support the Red Cross, but you can't fund an event that has already happened," Sen. Tracy Hutcherson said.

Alan Roberts, who represented the fraternity as he petitioned the Senate Wednesday, stated that money in upwards of \$750 was used to fund the event and was borrowed from brothers and their parents. He also stated that not granting additional funding would detract from their contribution to the Red Cross.

The senate disagreed with Roberts, voting 29-15 in favor of the amendment.

The final figure was just two votes short of passing the amendment.

Before the senate passed the final version of the appropriations bill, senators commented on the improvement of the bill during its repeat voyage through the committee.

"I believe this long and drawn out process has given us the best bill that we can get," Student Senate President Pro Tempore Patrick Cleary said.

Sen. Erich Fabricius attributed many of the bill's problems to lack of funding, citing the \$200,000 worth of requests for the only \$40,000 available for appropriation.

"In the end, is this bill completely consistent? No. Is it perfect? No. But it's the best that can be done under the circumstances," Fabricius said.

POLICE BLOTTER MONDAY NOVEMBER 1

10:41 A.M. | LARCENY

A staff member reported that money had been stolen from her office on Lake Wheeler Rd.

11:50 A.M. | LARCENY

A student reported that her bike had been stolen from the Carroll Hall bike rack.

2:45 A.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A non-student reported his tires on his vehicle had been slashed while parked in the Dan Allen Deck.

3:14 A.M. | NOISE DISTURBANCE

A student reported several subjects making noise, acting disorderly, and striking signs. Four students were referred to the university for alcohol underage, disorderly conduct. Three of the students were also referred for contempt.

8:31 A.M. | MEDICAL ASSIST

A staff member was suffering from an anxiety attack at the Alumni Building. EMS and Fire Protection responded; the staff member was transported to Rex Hospital.

9:47 A.M. | LARCENY

A non-student reported that someone had stolen her son's bike from the bike rack at the N Building at ES King Village.

1:17 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A student was attempting to leave a parking space on Cates Avenue and struck a parked vehicle behind him.

1:38 P.M. | LARCENY

A student reported that someone had stolen her laptop while she was sleeping in DH Hill.

1:52 P.M. | MEDICAL ASSIST

A non-student was running on Paul

Derr Track when he became light-headed and called an emergency phone. Police, Fire, and EMS responded to the area and checked him out. He refused transport to the hospital.

10:07 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A student called to report she saw a suspicious male crouched in the bushes near the Bell Tower. An officer located the non-student, who was laying in a sleeping bag under a tree. All file checks came back negative. The non-student was trespassing from NCSU and was escorted off campus.

10:40 P.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A student reported his bike was damaged on the bike racks at Lee Hall. The damage occurred sometime last week.

11:25 P.M. | ATTEMPTED LARCENY

An officer observed a gray Jeep Cherokee occupied by 4 subjects in the partners 1 Lot. The subjects were attempting to take a sign which said "do not enter," and which was in place to keep vehicles from a construction site nearby. All four subjects were NC State students, and were all referred to the University

for attempted theft of the sign. They also had a shopping cart from a local grocery store in their vehicle. This cart was returned to the store.

12:00 P.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM

Sergeant Barnwell conducted a safety program at Student Health.

2:44 P.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM

Sergeant Barnwell conducted a safety program at Environmental Health.

2:51 P.M. | FIRE ALARM

The fire alarm went off at the Motor Pool Complex. Police and Fire responded to the area, and determined it was set off by people changing the filters in the building.

4:02 P.M. | FIRE ALARM

Police and Fire responded to a fire alarm at the Yarrowburgh Drive Steam Plant. The activation was caused by contractors in the area.

4:38 P.M. | MEDICAL ASSIST

A student fell off his bike at Cates Avenue and Pullen Road, injuring his arm. EMS arrived and transported him to Rex Hospital.

4:57 P.M. | HIT AND RUN

A student reported that she had parked her vehicle in the Delta Zeta Lot, and when she returned to it, she located damage to the left rear side.

8:15 P.M. | LIAISON PROGRAM

An officer conducted a liaison program at ES King Village for the residence hall staff members. They discussed concerns over recent bike thefts in the area. The officer explained to residents how to properly secure their bikes.

8:15 P.M. | LIAISON PROGRAM

Residents were also told to contact the police if they see people in the area who look out of place, or that they don't recognize as ES King Village residents.

8:43 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A student called to report she saw a male subject in the Sullivan Hall area this afternoon who she believes was trespassing from campus. An officer went by her room in Sullivan to meet with the student, but she was not in. The officer left a message for the student to contact him in reference to a follow-up.

9:42 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

An officer observed three subjects parked in a field off of Mid Pines Rd in a Toyota 4Runner. All files were checked on the three non-students and came back negative. They said they were just watching animals in the area. The three non-students were told they could not park there, and they complied to leave the area.

SHS distribution of antibiotic over; special clinic to be offered next week

News staff report

The Student Health Center has given 1,100 doses of Cipro, an antibiotic to prevent meningitis, to those who had close contact or possible contact with a UNC student hospitalized with the infection, according to Dr. Mary Bengtson of NCSU Student Health.

UNC freshman Johnathan Davis is hospitalized at UNC Hospitals with serogroup B meningococcal meningitis. Davis attended a party at 611 Chamberlain Dr. and also stayed at University Towers the weekend of Oct. 23.

Most of the people receiving the antibiotic attended the party or were in the area of UT that night.

Distribution of Cipro ended yesterday, corresponding with the one-to-10 day incubation after exposure to meningococcal bacteria.

Antibiotic prophylaxis was given to those exposed, regardless of vaccination status, since serogroup B meningococcal protection is not included in the vaccine.

Those who wish to receive meningococcal vaccine to lessen risk of meningococcal meningitis if there is a future exposure may take advantage of a special clinic offered next

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Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It causes inflammation and pressure on the brain.

Symptoms include severe headache, vomiting, stiff neck, fever, sensitivity to light, confusion, muscle and back pain and extreme sleepiness.

The primary infection is usually preceded by an upper respiratory or ear infection.

The incubation period for meningitis is one to 10 days. Meningitis can be spread by physical contact with respiratory fluids, such as kissing or drinking after an infected person. It is also transmitted through the air.

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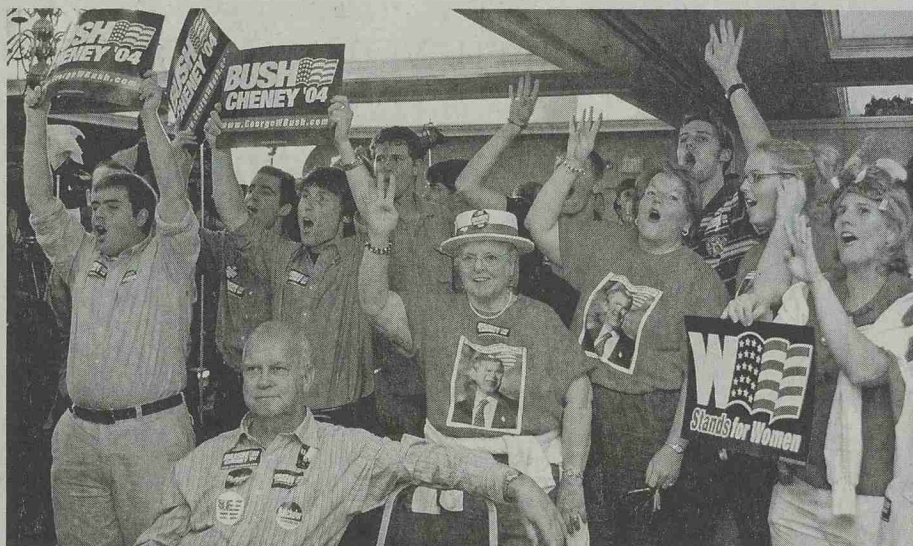
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Bush supporters share jubilation at the Brownstone Inn near downtown Raleigh Tuesday night as the incumbent candidate gains in the polls. JEFF REEVES/TECHNICIAN

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a victory in Wednesday's early hours.

Ohio's electoral votes — crucial for a win for either candidate — were contested Wednesday evening by Kerry's campaign on the basis that around 250,000 absentee and provisional ballots were not yet counted.

According to a Kerry campaign adviser, the Democratic hopeful stated in his call to Bush that further pursuit of the essential swing state of Ohio would have "further divided this country."

"It is important that every vote count and every vote be counted, but the outcome should be decided by voters, not a protracted legal process," Kerry said during his concession speech early Wednesday afternoon. "I would not give up this fight if there was a chance that we could prevail."

DOWN TO THE WIRE

Bush led the race for the duration of election night, jumping ahead of Kerry in electoral votes early. As Tuesday night wore on, it became obvious that, as each candidate took the same states taken by their respective parties in 2000, the swing states — Ohio and Florida — would again determine the election.

The exit polls showed the

president leading Kerry 51 to 48 percent in the popular vote, a difference of more than 3.5 million votes.

Bush carried 28 states, including Ohio and Florida, with Kerry carrying only 20.

President Bush and Sen. Kerry both campaigned hard in the final days of the race, rocketing across the country and holding rallies in the major swing states of Ohio, Florida and New Mexico. Even the "October surprise" — the video from Osama bin Laden — did little to slow them down, as they crisscrossed the nation, drumming up support for their respective campaigns.

After completing a grueling six-state, 19-hour day on Monday, visiting Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, Bush voted at a fire station in Crawford, Texas, near his ranch. He then returned to Washington to watch the election results at the White House with his family by his side.

'AMERICA HAS SPOKEN'

As the results rolled in Tuesday night, Bush stated he would accept the "judgment of the people," and placed further importance on the will of the constituents in his acceptance speech Wednesday afternoon.

"America has spoken, and I am humbled by the trust and the confidence of my fellow citizens," Bush said. "I will do my best to fulfill that duty every day as your president."



Democratic supporters turn solemn at the Raleigh Convention Center. JOSHUA MICHEL/TECHNICIAN

For the majority of the campaign, the incumbent president defended his record and sought to solidify his base among conservative voters. He succeeded in that, pulling more than 90 percent of the Republican vote.

By taking a strong line on moral issues, such as gay marriage and abortion, Bush catered to Conservative Christian voters, who, traditionally, have not gotten out to vote.

Both campaigns went after the youth vote heavily — Kerry/Edwards more than Bush — in hopes to turn out the 18-24 year-old constituency. But as NBC News reported, only 17 percent of the youth vote showed up to the polls — roughly the same amount that showed up in 2000.

Despite the wide division

throughout the country concerning the candidates, Kerry noted in his concession speech Wednesday that it is necessary for the nation to stand as one.

"America is in need of unity and longing for a larger measure of compassion," Kerry said. "Now more than ever, with our soldiers in harm's way, we must stand together and succeed in Iraq and win the war on terror."

Addressing Kerry supporters, President Bush acknowledged the fact as well.

"To make this nation stronger and better, I will need your support, and I will work to earn it," Bush said. "I will do all I can do to deserve your trust. We have one country, one Constitution and one future that binds us, and when we come together

debate the country has undergone in reaction to the heated presidential race, some students still remain apathetic.

"I didn't watch the coverage," Lee Stepp, a junior in turf and grass management, said. "I found out that Bush won when I woke up at 3 o'clock this afternoon. A president is a president."

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"I hate that Bush won, but I admire Kerry for conceding," Mariana Lhotsky, a freshman in textiles, said. "You have to admire someone who will prevent a repeat of what happened in 2000."

Democrats seem largely appalled at the magnitude of the Republican vote.

"The Republican students I have talked to are amazingly uninformed," Nick Halpern, an English professor, said. "I wish they had learned about

the issues before they voted. An educated nation would have voted for Kerry."

Many opponents of Bush are disappointed in the nation's choice and are still skeptical of the president's ability to lead.

"My gut reaction was complete disappointment in the American people," Todd Pfeffer, a graduate student in history, said. "I believe the political landscape in the United States will totally change in the next four years since we lost the House and the Senate, and I'm worried."

Republicans, on the other hand, are for the most part confident and celebrating.

"I am happy that Bush won; he is consistent in what he believes and what he does," Brian Wiggs, a senior in aerospace engineering, said. "I'm not so sure our economy will get a jump, I think Kerry might have done better with that, but Bush will hold a strong foreign policy."

Still, some Republicans are concerned that Democratic dissent toward the president will continue.

"I personally approve of Bush's election, but the main issue now is reunifying the country," said Taylor Browne, a senior in English.

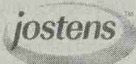
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Thank goodness it's over

Heather Cutchin explains how life after the election can finally go back to normal.



Heather Cutchin
Senior Staff Columnist

The election is over. This is the end of the bombardment of signs telling us who is the best candidate for the job. The end of flyers and postcards from candidate A in the mailbox informing me of the horrible things about candidate B and because of candidate B's horrible record, I should vote for candidate A.

No more e-mails filling up my inbox and causing my account to close. And finally, no more annoying phone calls from a person too hyped up on caffeine to be alive telling all about candidate A and why they are so great. Obviously, I am happy the election is over.

This was my first presidential election and probably the first for many college students. For some, the reasons for getting involved were simple—they wanted to be able to complain after the election when something goes wrong.

For others, their friends learned about the candidates and voted, so they had to do it too. Finally, there were the folks out there that were proud to be able to have a voice in the most significant election that only occurs every four years. Whatever the reason, a large number of college students did vote.

Learning about the candidates and deciding who to vote for was the hardest part. There was tons of information out there, and it was hard to differentiate between truth and lies. It was tiring to hear all of the mud-slinging, slander, lies and promises from candidates.

Some of them have been in office before, and it was possible to look at their record and see how consistent they were. Others though,

have not, and it is easier to believe someone who has done something already than someone who has not. Actions speak a lot louder than words, especially when it's politicians speaking and doing.

Then there was the actual voting part. Some folks were eager to get to the polls and cast their votes in the early voting stage of the election last week. Others, like me, were still trying to decide who to vote for up to a point when we were actually drawing the connecting line on the ballot.

A friend of mine waited in line for an hour and a half to vote and then was confused by the ballot itself. "I kept running up to the lady to ask her if I had to answer everything, or what this word meant," she said, "But I feel good because I voted, and that's what is important."

Strange though, with all of the hype about people voting twice and all of Florida's problems four years ago, I expected at least my registration card to be checked. I was never asked for identification, and they took me on my word that I was Heather Cutchin living at the address they had listed. One girl admitted to me she is not even registered to vote, but told the people at the polls she was, and they allowed her to vote! Why go through the process of registering to vote if it does not even matter when I go to actually vote? If we're going to be that lenient about it, let us just vote online.

However, the voting is done. Now we wait. Which state will mess up this year? Surely Florida has the bugs worked out of their system by now. Will Kerry throw a fit like Gore did? In the spring, will a polling place in Wisconsin be

thawed out and hundreds of ballots found? Probably none of the above, but anything could happen.

So what do we do now? We go back to the "normal" way of life. We can't get out of homework because we were stuck at the polls anymore. We have to go back to the regular excuses of "my goldfish ate it" (if you're in the dorms) or "my tiger cub ate it" (people in apartments). Going back to work is important. Having real conversations with friends and family that do not consist of Bush/Kerry bashing will occur more frequently again.

However, we cannot get away from the politics completely. We elected these people to office. It is our job now to make sure that they

"Actions speak a lot louder than words, especially when it's politicians"

do their respective jobs the way we want them to be done. You don't pay for the trash collectors to come whenever they feel like it. Similarly, you don't pay taxes for politicians to change things and uphold the laws when it works best for them.

Keeping up with what your senator, house representative, governor or even president is doing is an important part of any American citizen's life. I voted this year. Did you? If not, I don't want to hear you complain when tuition goes up to an unaffordable amount, or taxes are raised exorbitantly. Don't whine when the economy goes into even more debt, or the president looks like a fool while choking on a pretzel. You had a chance to change things. Now you have to wait four more years.

E-mail Heather your waiting-at-the-poll adventure at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

THE YOUNG COULD HAVE HAD IT DIFFERENT

OUR OPINION: A DISAPPOINTING AMOUNT OF VOTERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 24 TURNED OUT TO VOTE. IF THEY HAD COME OUT IN FULL FORCE, PERHAPS A NEW PERSON WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE OVER 1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

A little more than 40 million. That's how many people between the ages of 18 and 24 there are eligible to vote in the United States. That is approximately 20 percent of the entire voting population.

So the question for this election arises—how come fewer than one of every 10 voters were between the ages of 18 and 24?

This is quite a shocking statistic, given the amount of effort groups contributed in order for the young population to get to the polls. Even more shocking than that—the outcome may have been different had the age group flexed the entirety of its voting muscle.

What this non-voting generation has yet to realize is the impact this election has on each individual's future. This election is considered a "fork"—meaning whichever candidate got elected would take the country in a clear, definitive path for longer than four years. That notion held true, considering we now have a GOP-controlled White House, Senate and Congress.

The Pullen Arts Center is essentially located on campus, making it highly populated with students. According to the unofficial results the Wake County Board of Elections tabulated so far, 70 percent of early voters at that precinct voted for Sen. John Kerry. For those that voted on Tuesday, 56 percent voted

for Kerry.

Granted, students aren't the only ones who vote there, but it can't be ignored they make up a strong portion of that precinct populous.

Results from Method Road, another precinct dense with N.C. State students, shows that 68 percent of voters voted for Kerry. Still, N.C. State—with its agricultural roots and Bush-controlled N.C. locale—had more than a fair number of Bush supporters, but it's a safe bet to deduce college students across the nation were pro-Kerry.

College students are obviously not the only ones who fall into that particular age group. Some young eligible voters may be working, taking part time classes or in the military. They do not necessarily have all the information that college students have available or even be in a place to understand the sheer weight this election has on the future, and thus did not vote.

Something important was placed into the hands of the youth, and it slipped right through their fingers, judging from the woeful turnout.

But the president has been chosen—and students need to find a way to come to terms with that. The impact of this election will likely be a great part of their future.

Regardless if they turned out Tuesday or not.

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A big win for one candidate is a big loss for America

Isaac Tripp discusses why we shouldn't be forced to choose between the "lesser of two evils" in every election so there must be a change in the political party system of America.

One thing has been clear since the start of the campaign season: No matter who wins this election, America loses.

It has become increasingly obvious that our political system contains serious flaws. One of the most pressing issues in politics is the Republican and Democratic stranglehold over American politics.

It is inconceivable to think that every issue can be divided into two parties that accurately represent the ideologies of all Americans. Our two-party system needs to be ended with the inclusion of other parties in the political system.

The Framers of the Constitution did not design the government in the way that it now exists as a two-party system. They were attempting to create the first democracy of its kind and could not account for all future problems.

George Washington, in his farewell address, spoke of the "danger of Parties in the State." He warned that political factions could result in the downfall of American democracy. His successors ignored his advice by immediately creating the first political parties and starting the process that has led to the disaster that is modern

politics. Nearly every other modern democracy has learned from our mistake and altered the system.

The danger Washington mentioned is readily apparent with the recent polarization of American society that has divided the population along party lines. People vote more for their party than for their beliefs about issues, and many beliefs are not represented by either party.

Money and special interests, rather than the benefit of society, play an all-too-important role in politics, and party loyalty is now more of a guideline for deciding legislation than progress. The result is that cooperation in Congress is about as common as a senator on Medicare, and bills are created that lose all effectiveness in trying to please both sides.

Both parties focus on negative campaigns, scare tactics and empty rhetoric, instead of facts and stances on real issues. Instead of choosing between the lesser of two evils, we should be able to select the best candidate for the job. Unfortunately, this won't happen until there are new ideas and competing parties participating in the election.

"But wait," you might be saying, "What about that guy Nader I heard about? Or the guy with big ears (Ross Perot) that ran in 1992 and 1996?" Well, it is true that third parties like the Greens, Progressives and Libertarians exist and have

substantial followings.

However, our electoral system is set up in a way that third parties are marginalized. Democrats and Republicans have routinely excluded third parties from the presidential debates, thereby eliminating the threat of competition.

Furthermore, a vote for a third-party candidate is either a wasted vote or a vote that essentially helps the other side. This should be obvious to anyone who can remember the 2000 election where Ralph Nader cost Al Gore the presidency.

When there are more than two parties competing in an election, it is likely that one party will win with less than a majority. This happened in Vermont in 2002, when a Republican governor was elected with 45 percent of the vote over the Progressive and Democratic candidates. Despite the fact that the majority of citizens voted for a liberal candidate, a Conservative was elected. Clearly, the will of the majority of the people was not served by the election.

This problem can be solved with something called Instant Runoff Voting. With IRV, you would list your preference for candidates in order (first, second, third, etc.), and if there's no majority winner, the "instant runoff" would be recalculated and the votes for candidates who lost would revert to their second choice. If IRV were implemented in 2000, Nader's votes would

have reverted to Gore (assuming he was the second-choice candidate), and Gore would have won the presidency.

Another change that needs to be made in the electoral process is the abolition of the Electoral College. This will serve the dual purpose of aiding third parties and abolishing an antiquated system that has little relevance today.

The Electoral College was originally instituted because the Framers of the Constitution feared the judgment of the people in an election, so Electors were chosen to select the president. Today the College serves little purpose.

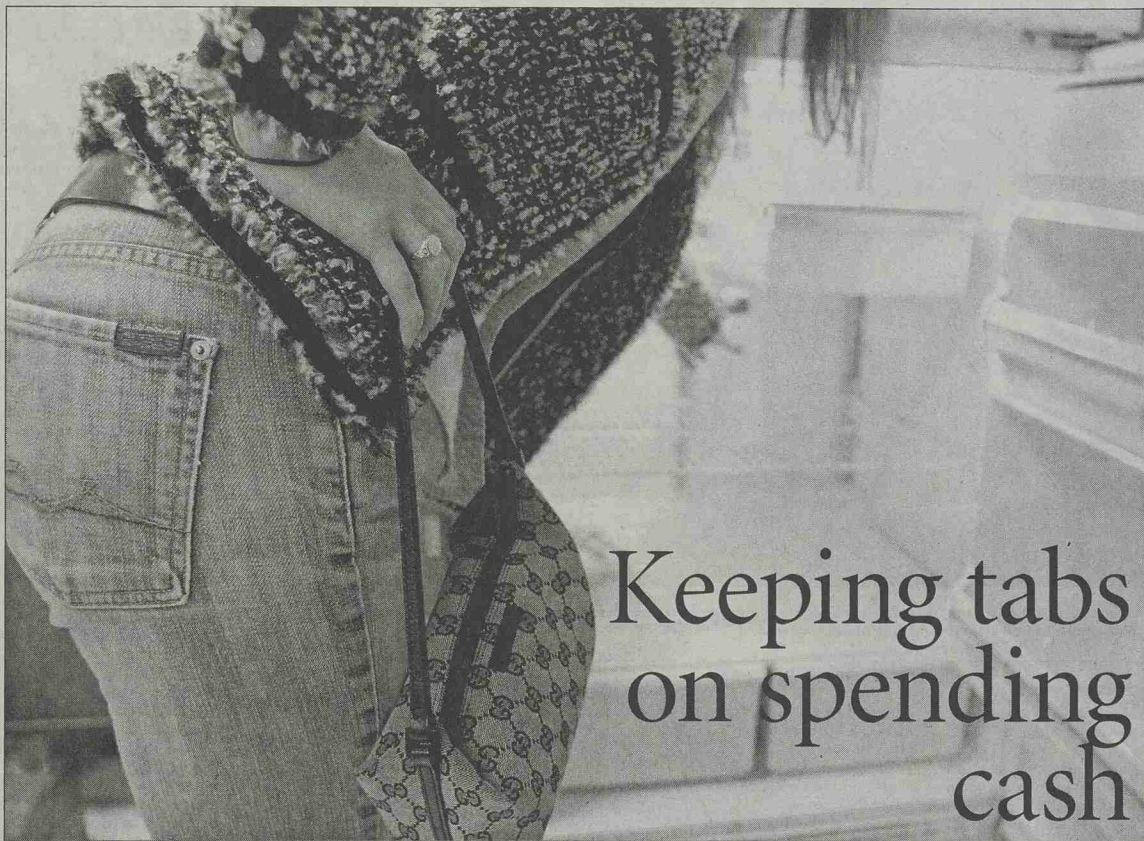
According to Charles Frazier, political science professor at Meredith College, the Electoral College causes small states to be over-represented, "distorts the results, discourages third parties and pushes candidates to focus in swing states." The deleterious effect on third parties is obvious if one looks at the fact that Ross Perot garnered 19 percent of the popular vote in 1992, but failed to win a single electoral vote.

Life is not so simple as a D or an R, and politics shouldn't be either. We should not be forced to choose between the lesser of two evils simply because there are no other candidates. What is needed is the inclusion of more parties in the political process.

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Keeping tabs on spending cash

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FRIVOLOUS SPENDING IS ONE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS THAT KEEP STUDENTS IN DEBT AND UNABLE TO SAVE IMPORTANT FUNDS

Jasmine Modoro
Staff Writer

They're calling your name: newly released DVDs, front-row tickets to a hot concert, those designer jeans at Nordstrom and a top-of-the-line mountain bike.

There's no shortage of fabulous items that tempt college students to whip out their wallets, but frequently spending on luxury can land students with something they never bargained for – debt.

According to personal finance Professor John Huggard, one of the biggest money mistakes college students make is "buying things they really don't need. They will go out and buy an expensive car, join spas and health clubs."

Overpending college students graduate with debt because they do not know how to control their spending.

Jennifer Rodriguez, a sophomore from Charlotte, is no stranger to shopping sprees and bills that pile up after.

It's a Monkey Good Time Shopping

Having recently paid off the car mechanic and with a new Master Card in hand, Jennifer Rodriguez went shopping. "I went to Concord Mills to buy a T-shirt, and then I was like, let's just buy everything. I bought two pairs of sneakers, whole bunch of clothes, three pairs of jeans and a lot of stuff for my room

because I was redecorating my room in a monkey theme."

She added to the already abundant collection of monkey pajamas, monkey stuffed animals, monkey blankets and even a monkey telephone with an "ooh-ooh-ah-ah-ah" ring. The shopping spree last year is still costing Rodriguez.

"I spent \$400, and I am still paying it off," Rodriguez said.

Before Concord Mills it was Express, Rodriguez's favorite store.

"I went to Express, and I got the Express credit card, and they give you that 15 percent discount right then. And I maxed it out the day I got it. The limit was \$350," she said.

Rodriguez, always paid a little more than the minimum because the interest rate was 24.5 percent, and it took her eight to nine months to pay it off.

"Since I had two other credit cards and a cell phone bill, I had to spread my money out," explained Rodriguez.

"For the \$350 I spent, I paid \$500 for it. I finished paying it off this August and I canceled it because the interest was too high."

Currently, Rodriguez doesn't have a job and budgets herself. "I am broke now. This month, I bought a Curious George sweater and gas. That's it. I haven't used my credit card this month," she said.

Getting Ready

"I didn't want things to pile upon me like a job, a house and senior projects," Eric Harbeston, a senior in computer engineering major, said.

That is why Harbeston bought a Hyundai Tiburon 2003 this past summer. Harbeston supports himself through student loans and a part-time job at PVC, a contracting company for engineers where he designs Web sites.

While Harbeston considers the car a necessary purchase he admits that his biggest money mistake is buying things that he doesn't really need.

"When I see multiple things on sale, I go ahead and buy it all and I end up drawing money on reserves [from summer]."

Items Harbeston recently bought include a new LCD monitor, a new stereo system, an Xbox and a printer and a scanner. Of all the recent purchases, only the printer and scanner were necessary since Harbeston's printer had been broken since his freshman year.

Overcoming Overpending

If regularly making purchases that weren't planned ahead, then its time to stop and evaluate items being purchased. Evaluating the long-term benefits of wanted items is an effective device to control over spending because most people, like Rodriguez and Harbeston, are impulsive buyers making purchases for momentary pleasure.

Another way to control unruly spending is to leave the credit cards and debit cards at home, and take only the cash to the store. That way, even if tempted to buy something, there's a limited amount in the wallet.

Keeping track of money spent is a good way to get control of finances. This helps to find out exactly where money is going and where money leaks might exist. Money leaks are small purchases made throughout the day such as everyday coffee that costs \$1.77, but over a week it ends up being \$8.85 and in a month \$26.55.

Should you budget?

"I don't believe budgeting works," Professor Huggard said.

"Over the years, I noticed it's kind of like going on a weight-lifting plan. Everybody gets excited when they create the budget, and it lasts for about three days."

He adds, "I think people will be better off setting aside a certain amount of money away every month, and whatever they have left they can spend it on anything they want."

The problem mentioned by Huggard can be solved by setting up a pay-yourself-first budget. After you contribute 15-20 percent of your paycheck, what's left over can be used for everything else.

If there isn't enough to go around, then it might be time to cut something out.

On a side note



NOBODY DIED

P. Diddy's long and highly publicized "Vote or Die" campaign came to an end as the early hours of Wednesday morning lead away to a presidential winner. Taking a bipartisan approach to get young people out to the polls, Diddy placed his vote in Harlem, N.Y. Reflecting on the experience, he said, "It really felt when I pulled that lever that my 'ching' went in." Now that the election is over, Diddy can retire the "Vote or Die" slogan and make his 'ching' back at his day job, which is...



BRITNEY WITH A CHILD?

According to Char Jackson, the ex-girlfriend of Britney Spears' husband Kevin Federline, the newlywed couple is expecting a child. Spears' representative is denying the claim, but suspicion grows after Spears recently announced that she's taking a break from her career. Not specifically stating what she'll be doing over the hiatus, fans might only have to wait nine months to know.



SIMPSON'S SHADOW

Despite recent reports of a rocky marriage, "Newlyweds" stars Nick Lache and Jessica Simpson report that their relationship is better than ever. As for Lache's questioned jealousy of his wife's popularity, he says he is his wife's "biggest supporter." Besides, when she's away on work, he gets to have a break from babysitting. All is well in the newlyweds house.

CALENDAR FOR TODAY

- "Delovely" is playing at 7 p.m. at Campus Cinema
- "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" is being performed at 8 p.m. at Thompson Theatre
- Wind Ensemble performs at 8 p.m. at Talley Student Center
- Appetite for Destruction playing at Cat's Cradle at 9:30 p.m.
- Evenout playing at The Pour House at 10 p.m.
- Pillar playing at Lincoln Theatre at 8 p.m.

Compiled by Ashley Hink

THE COFFIELD REPORT

Nation endured an election of spins

"They actually believe what they're saying. They want to persuade you. That's what they're trying to do by spinning. But I don't doubt for a minute these people – believe that stuff. This is not a lie or a deception at all."

-Paul Begala, Oct. 15, 2004



Tim Coffield

Senior Staff Tim

"Little of it bears any resemblance to the truth." -Chuch Raasch, USA Today, Oct. 23, 2004

Looking back – and we mean back because this column is being written in 2004, about the election of 2004, and that's way back – we can clearly see where it all first went so very badly wrong. And it has gone very badly wrong. Unless you consider the fact that the western world will cease to exist after Friday evening, though perhaps it will endure into Saturday midmorningish, to be a not-bad thing. In that case, we can't blame you.

The literate among us – and that would now be 14 percent, for those still keeping score – have perhaps read of the curious thing American people did to themselves that November. By a firm margin, they foolishly ignored George W. Bush campaign's earnest warnings that a Kerry presidency and/or Democratic congress would swiftly engulf the nation in apocalyptic flames. They elected both.

Our institutions of backward-looking information would have you believe it was the invading Canadian National Army that caused the fall of the U.S. Empire only two years later in 2006. They are only partly right.

Partisan spinners on both sides – from their post-debate "alleys" to their frightening TV ads and radical Web sites – had, of course, always promised national doom if the other guy won. And year after year, they were proved wrong. America ticked on, undaunted and strong.

But all that changed in the aftermath of the 2004 vote. For once, the hype turned out to be

prophecy.

At his inauguration, Kerry made a series of euphemistic commitments that were so vague, it would've been impossible to hold him accountable for them.

"Our education system will continue to involve children!" he vowed. "And I'll oppose terrorism! And poverty!"

He went on to make his famous promise of one federally funded big-screen television to every U.S. household, regardless of race, gender or income.

"Because the wealthy aren't the only ones who deserve big televisions!" he declared. "What are big televisions their fundamental right as humans or something? I firmly believe: No!"

By March 2005, President Kerry was under increasingly heavy pressure from telephone polls and the Heinz Corporation to limit spending and lower gas prices.

In response, Kerry's administration re-assigned most federal education monies to his new economy/ecology program: Renewable Cost-Efficient

Organic Fuels.

In retrospect, we can see that the resulting loss of standardized testing in elementary schools was the downfall of the U.S. education system. The children, sadly, were all simply left behind.

By August, however, clever RCEOF researchers had devised a way to use aborted fetuses to propel automobiles. The genius of these "fetal fuels" was largely economic, since the sources of the so-called fetal fuels actually paid for the necessary conversions of the nation's car engines to use the new fuel.

Kerry came under media criticism in December. That was when the U.S. Postal Service discovered a Christmas card addressed to "Osama, my homeboy, and the rest of the ol' gang" in the White House mailbox, flag up and bearing a French address.

In response, John F. Kerry struck up his historic alliances with France, Russia, China and Cuba, then ordered drastically over-manned invasions of Iran, Syria and Kuwait.

"It may be true that at one

time I opposed Bush's invasion of Iraq," Kerry announced. "But that was before I knew the facts."

In other areas, the final U.S. president was equally active. He pushed to legalize same-sex marriages in August 2005, then signed legislation mandating their divorces in January 2006, then erased his signature. He reportedly switched numerous times between Neutrogena and Banana Boat eye creams.

Meanwhile, Kerry's universalized health care was wreaking its well-documented havoc on the nation. Kerry defended the Program's controversial stipulation that a cabinet member be present at all medical exams, saying "We need to separate those who honestly need treatment, from the friends of the government who honestly want treatment."

In February of that year, Chief Justice Rehnquist keeled over after standing in line in the snow for six hours waiting to receive medical attention. Soon after, many of Justice Scalia's body

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pitch I guess.

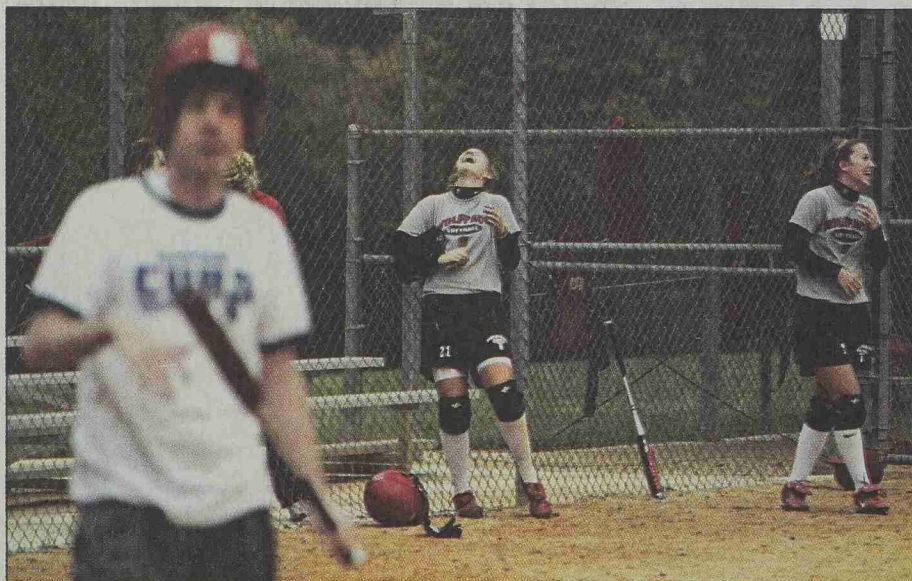
SUCCESS! Foul ball down the third-base line on another fast-ball low and inside. Applause, sarcastic as it may be, rises from the team. I've had enough, might as well quit while I'm ahead. I give back the helmet and the bat, and walk away proud. Hey, Jenny Finch struck out Albert Pujols. Based on that fact, I was more than happy to make contact.

"You did a good job," Sims said.

Clearly, hitting a softball is much harder than it looks. Sims throws in the low 60s, but at only 60 feet from the batter's box, the speed is equivalent to a 90 mile-per-hour fastball from a normal mound.

I guess that means it's time to move on to the next challenge: facing Joey Devine. But maybe that can wait till spring.

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Softball players Beth Poore and Tess Corona get a good laugh at a certain Technician sports editor after he misses a curveball from sophomore Abbie Sims during an unofficial practice last week at Pullen Park.

TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

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State for coming in here and playing us."

It didn't take long for the Wolfpack to bury the Broncos with a relentless man-to-man defense, causing 51 deflections in the first half. FSU stayed in the game for the first eight minutes, as the Pack struggled to find a consistent offense, missing on all types of shots.

But a 3 by State newcomer Gavin Grant lit a fire beneath the stagnant Wolfpack. State then left the Broncos in the dust when Levi Watkins nailed a trey, immediately followed by a forced turnover on the in-bounds play and Jordan Collins hit on another shot.

In all, FSU gave up 19 first-half turnovers, which was one more than the team's point total of 18 after 20 minutes of play. State also blocked six shots in the half, with Jordan Collins and freshman Cedric Simmons picking up two apiece.

"I was real nervous at first," Simmons said, on his first-ever collegiate game. "It's like you're on the stage at the RBC, with the lights shining right on you. It feels good to have a lot of people on your side cheering for you."

The Broncos were without two starters for the game. Leading scorer and CIAA Preseason Player of the Year Donell Williams was ruled academically ineligible for the fall semester, while forward Karon Washington was out with an injury sustained during practice.

But most of all, it was still an opportunity for the Pack's three freshmen and Bethel to get acclimated.

"The young guys came in and really gave us a boost," Hodge said. "They are still learning the offense, but that comes with repetitions in practice."

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parts were found washed up on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Aided by the two new Kerry-appointed judges — actress Jeanine Garafuolo and a guy with long hair and leather sandals named Kelly — the Court paved the way that summer for the groundbreaking Federal Mass-Distribution of In-Home Abortion Kits Program.

The FMDIHAKP, along with the sizable tax cuts Kerry granted (exclusively) to gay married couples, has generally been credited for the 61 percent population plunge in its waning aftermath.

More importantly, perhaps, the Court radically reinterpreted the Second Amendment. Guns were now illegal, but "bear arms" became available at federal distribution centers nationwide.

That fall, Kerry delivered as promised with the big television.

Soon, the weather grew colder. Almost overnight, buildings seemed to turn to metal and then rust. People became paler — their pet dogs angrier.

And John F. Kerry was frequently seen patrolling the D.C. streets in his shiny armored tank, sporting brand new platinum teeth. Yes, the U.S. had descended into its final, socialistic phase.

Then in March, Canadian troops swept across the border. With very few homeland ground troops remaining and a brilliant-but-not-funded national defense system, the U.S. folded in less than a week.

But by that point, the people had given up. Few objected as literacy and health plunged to nearly sub-primordial levels. Hardly anyone complained as Canadian troops took to torturing the (futilely bear-armed) people.

Ultimately, the Canadians retained and subordinated the U.S. government and only required a cut of the Kerry administration's "life and liberty" taxes, which Kerry then raised.

And so: for 50 years now we've escaped the darkness of the outside world by concealing ourselves in the bright colors of our Kerry-issued big televisions. Sadly, no one warned us about the dangers of exposure television radiation.

And thus our universal brain cancer epidemic. It has gone untreated because the government classifies it "preventable-by-agent" and thus refuses funding. Our scientists predict no one will survive the weekend.

And looking back at how far we've fallen, it's pretty clear that that's a good thing.

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there, taking someone on one versus one, that's not something you teach. He has his and he's able to showcase it."

After numerous diving stops by the Campbell goal keeper, the Wolfpack was able to net their second goal of the contest in the 62nd minute of the game.

Federico Peria got fouled hard just outside the box, which led to not only a free kick, but a yellow card for the guilty Camel defender. From the free kick, Peria lined up and shot the ball into the top right corner of the net, and all the helpless goalkeeper could do was watch it sail off the crossbar and into the net.

The goal put the game out of reach for the Camels, and gave the Pack a win in their last non-conference game of the season, giving them momentum into their final game and the upcoming ACC

tournament.

"We had a great effort, a great goal from Federico to seal the win," Ash said.

Ash also said that the absence of Tarantini was not a distraction to the team.

"Everything he told us to do this week, the guys did, and the results speak for themselves. The kids played, the people who were supposed to finish, finished," Ash said. "Nothing changed except that he was not here physically."

Forward Bryant Salter sat out of the match to let the cut over his eye, that required stitches to heal, and sophomore Santiago Fusilier was out due to an ankle injury. Salter and Fusilier have been a key ingredient to State's successes throughout the year, and playing without them changed the scheme of play.

"Bryant is one of the guys that hustles most in the league, and Santiago is one of the best players in the league; of course, playing without them is different," Ash said.

Geiger grabs award

*Cross country Coach
Rollie Geiger picked up his
10th men's cross country
coach of the year award.*

Sports staff report

If they gave out rings for men's cross country coach of the year, Rollie Geiger would be out of fingers. Geiger collected his 10th such title on Tuesday, a few days after his men's team picked up its fourth straight ACC Championship crown. It's the 13th

overall under Geiger.

In 23 seasons as head coach of both the men's and women's teams, the team's have won 29 ACC team championships, 18 individual ACC championships and he's coached 45 All-Americans. Geiger has also won 13 women's cross country coach of the year awards.

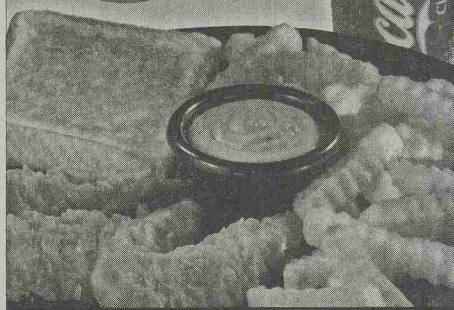
The cross country team will hold a local meet this weekend, then move to the District Championships in Greensboro next weekend.



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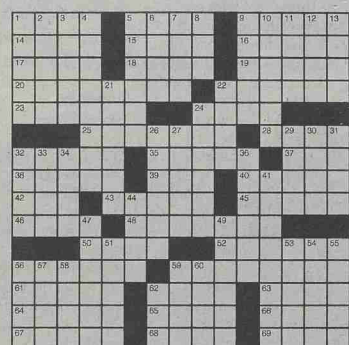
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RIVAL VIBE

Tech's roller coaster year

Edward Tamsberg

Guest Columnist

I have never doubted the ability of our football players; anyone can see that Reggie Ball has a great arm or that P.J. Daniels is one of the toughest running backs in the ACC. Instead it has always been a question of what fans can really expect from Georgia Tech.

The Yellow Jackets have become the roller coaster ride of the conference. In the past two seasons they have had wins over ranked teams like Auburn, Clemson and Maryland but losses or close wins to teams like Vanderbilt, BYU and Duke.

This past week was no different. After putting up a 17-7 lead against Virginia Tech by halftime, the Jackets came back on the field a different team.

The Hokies, capitalizing on two mistakes by our secondary, rallied in the fourth quarter, scoring 25 unanswered points to take the lead and the game.

But even that was not as bad as the Clemson game, or rather, as good. The Jackets had managed to put themselves on the board first, but a Tiger rally in the second half kept the lead out of reach by field goal.

Then with 30 seconds left in the game, Clemson botched a snap deep in their own territory, giving Tech the chance they needed to win the game.

I suppose it is easy to be sporadic when you are not sure who is going to play.

After losing starting linebackers

Keyaron Fox and Darryl Smith and three starting linemen, many expected it to be a less-than-perfect year for Georgia Tech. Our inconsistency last year, coupled with losses at key positions only made us seem more vulnerable to our opponents.

The standout leaders in the past for the team have been All-ACC selections like Ball, Daniels - who will miss Saturday's game - defensive end Eric Henderson and center Andy Tidwell-Neal, but persistent injuries have hampered these veterans. Daniels, Henderson and Tidwell-Neal have all spent time on the sidelines this season with injuries making team play sub-par.

At least that's what Clemson expected and Maryland, too.

Last year's team may have had more experience, but this year's team has an even greater potential. With so many freshmen and first time starters stepping up at key positions, there is no telling whom you will have to watch.

It is precisely this large lack of experience and wealth of talent that has given Georgia Tech its highs and lows. In any given week the Jackets could destroy a rising team like Maryland or be trounced by some nobody that has never been heard of.

The preparation for Saturday's game will be no different than any other this season for fans. They will tailgate, eat, drink, watch the game and hold on to their stomachs.

Edward Tamsberg is sports editor for the Technique, Georgia Tech's student newspaper.

FOOTBALL

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away a couple of times, and he didn't do it," Gailey said. "That's something that he hasn't learned at this point."

While according to Gailey, Ball hasn't learned everything quite yet, in last year's match against N.C. State, Ball figured the Wolfpack defense out - quickly. He was able to set his career high in passing yards with 283.

Even after a great performance against the Pack the previous year, Gailey realizes that this is a completely different defense that his team is going against this year.

"This will be another physical football game," Gailey said. "State is very strong, especially their defense, it has been ranked probably No. 1 more than anyone else."

One major problem for Tech this weekend is that it will be without star running back P.J. Daniels who is out for the game.

"We lost P.J. Daniels for the ballgame this week, hopefully we will have him back for our next game," Gailey said.

Even with Daniels out, Gailey is confident that the backfield will be able to pick up where Daniels left off.

"It's not like the other guys we have are slugs. If you look at the second

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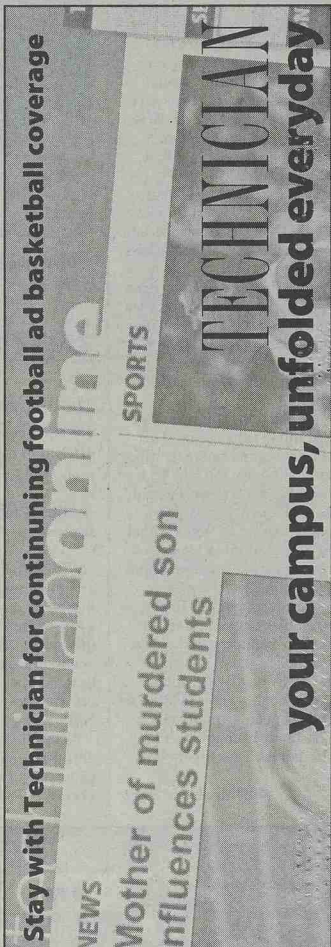
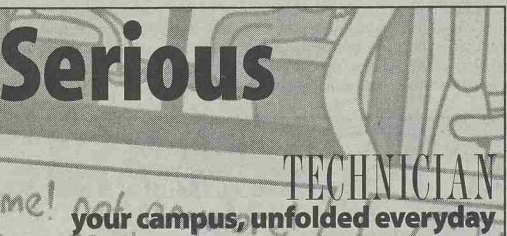
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half last week, Chris Woods went out there and took one drive almost personally down the field and got us in the position to possibly win the ball game," Gailey said. "When he has played, he's done a pretty good job and Rashaun Grant is starting to come along."

With Ball at quarterback and without Daniels, Gailey believes that the game plan will change very little. He states that they will continue to stick to the run because that is the type of team they have been so far this season.

"We aren't going to shy away from the run," Gailey said. "We are going to run the football because that is who we are."



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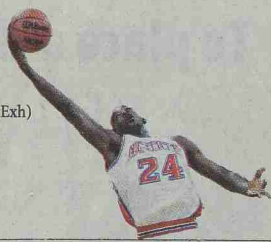
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Schedule

Football vs. Georgia Tech, 11/6, noon
Basketball vs. St. Augustine, 11/9, 7:30
Men's Soccer vs. Virginia Tech, 11/6, 2
Swimming & Diving vs. Georgia Tech, 11/5, 5
Cross Country at Charlottesville Invite, 11/6

Scores

Men's Basketball 82, Fayetteville St. 46 (Exh)
Men's Soccer 2, Campbell 0



TECHNICIAN

COMMENTARY

Swing and miss

Some things look a lot easier than they really are. Take hitting a softball for instance. The ball only comes at you at about



Austin Johnson
Sports Editor

60 mph and it's about twice the size of a baseball. I mean, how hard could it be?

To prove myself, I issued a bit of a challenge to N.C. State softball pitcher Abbie Sims. Basically, I wanted a chance to try and hit a few of her pitches.

So, off I went to a volunteer practice last week to face off with Sims, the same person who struck out 258 batters last year, recorded 20 wins and threw back-to-back no-hitters. After the scrimmage game, I walked through the dugout onto the field. I was a man doomed to his fate at this point, no backing out.

Beth Poore, a sophomore outfielder, was nice enough to loan me a batting helmet. This meant one of two things; either its a warning that the first pitch is coming at my head or she is just a nice girl. I grab a bat, which is incredibly light, and step up to the plate.

"What do you want me to call?" catcher Miranda Ervin asked. "Whatever you would call in a game," I reply.

Can't have them going easy on me after all, it would cheapen the whole process. I dig in and look up - wow, she isn't very far away at all. Sims does her windup, steps forward and launches a spinning, yellow softball at me.

The ball took some sort of bizarre outward turn, and I missed it by about three miles and swung approximately three minutes too late. That was bad. "That was a curve ball," Sims said. "It curves away from you."

Oh. Right. Never seen a ball take a direct right turn before. I try to regroup as the team behind me tries not to laugh too hard. At least they haven't directly insulted me yet. Here comes pitch number two.

This one I'm closer to, but still pretty late. Sims later informs me that she had just thrown me a riser ball, another one of those hell-spawned softball pitches that defies the laws of physics. I'm really bad at physics, but I'm almost certain that gravity pulls objects down and not up. This isn't looking good. Time for the third pitch.

"That was a change-up," Ervin tells me after I hit solid air with my swing. It's not fair at this point. She just threw a change-up. This is what I get for not requesting fast balls down the middle. If this were a real game, I would have officially struck out in embarrassing fashion. On the bright side, I think I have a semblance of her release point and timing my swing.

The fourth pitch is, finally, a fast ball, low and down the middle. I almost had that one, I could feel it. I'm not embarrassed by that swing, and no one is laughing now (which had been happening pretty much constantly from the start to this point). Time for another

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

State opens with Bronco blowout

Newcomer Tony Bethel scored a team-high 18 points in the 82-46 exhibition rout of Fayetteville State.

Ian Jester
Senior Staff Writer

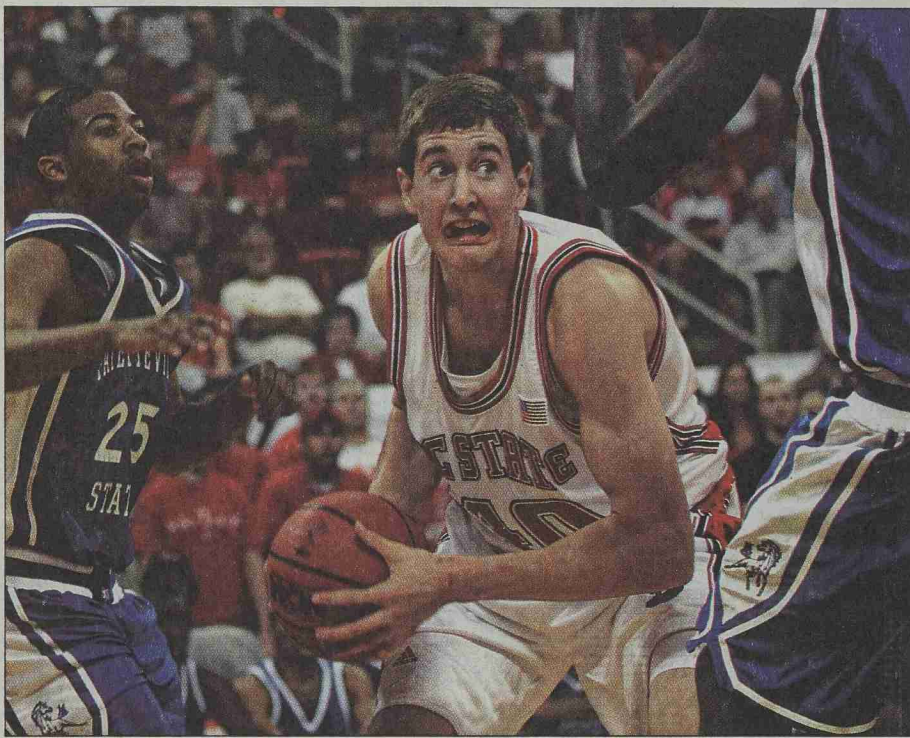
The main event at the RBC Center Wednesday night failed to bring a sell-out crowd, but that didn't stop guard Tony Bethel from taking center stage.

In his first ever appearance for N.C. State, the junior transfer from Georgetown made the most of his debut, scoring a team-leading 18 points to carry the Wolfpack to an 82-46 victory over Fayetteville State in the first exhibition game of the year.

The Broncos never held a lead the entire game, except for in the turnover category, where 29 FSU miscues prevented any chance for the Broncos to develop a passing rhythm. Meanwhile the Pack ran the floor harmonically most of the game, resulting in a barrage of 11 baskets from 3-point range, five of them coming from Bethel.

"I told y'all, I told ya'll," senior Julius Hodge said, commenting on the superb play of Bethel. "But I guess you have to see it for yourself."

Hodge himself didn't let anyone forget he was the ACC Player of the Year just a season ago by adding 18 points of his own on 7-of-13 shooting from



Freshman Andrew Brackman looks for a gap in the defense during Wednesday night's 82-46 win over Fayetteville State at the RBC Center.

the field, under the scrutinizing eyes of Indiana Pacers General Manager Larry Bird.

With the basketball icon in attendance, Bethel showcased

a keen sense of the Pack offense while running the point, and as he points out, the exhibition games allow him that opportunity.

"We play against each other all day every day in practice, and we kind of get tired of guarding the offense," Bethel said. "This gets the young guys involved in

the next level. Its a good 'W' to play teams like this early, and I tip my hat off to Fayetteville

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MEN'S SOCCER



Junior midfielder Federico Peria celebrates with sidelined sophomore midfielder Santiago Fusilier and former soccer player Chris Gannon after he scores against Campbell at Method Road on Wednesday.

Pack shuts out Campbell

The Wolfpack spent a dreary Wednesday afternoon dispatching the Camels by a 2-0 score

Andrew Tanker
Staff Writer

With just a handful of fans and no head coach, the atmosphere at the men's soccer game mirrored the weather - dreary. N.C. State though, was able to brush off the mood and beat Campbell by a 2-0 score on Wednesday afternoon at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

Wolfpack Coach George Tarantini was suspended for the game due to a red card in the previous game against Boston

College. Without the boisterous sideline encouragement of Tarantini, State had some trouble keeping its intensity level up.

"A lot of people felt more comfortable, but our intensity kind of dropped after our first goal," forward Aaron King said. "It's a loss, but at the same time it's a different style of play -- real calm. Tarantini is real critical, if you make a mistake, you'll hear about it. Today was more 'I understand I made a mistake, so just don't do it again.'"

The Pack (7-7-2) got on the board in the 11th minute of the match when John Queeley lost control of the ball at midfield but was able to regain possession long enough to break away from

the Camel defenders and find a wide open Aaron King.

"Queeley gave me a perfect ball to my left foot, and I tried to take a touch and just place it in," King said. "Somehow the goalie let it go through his legs. It's just a hard shot, and he couldn't save it."

King was able to get off six shots today which was one less than the whole of the Campbell (5-10-1) team. The goal was the ninth of the season for King, which leads the Wolfpack.

"Aaron King is all-ACC, that's what an all-ACC goal is," Coach Oronde Ash said. "It's speed, it's taking the opportunity when it's

FOOTBALL

Pressure falls to quarterback Ball

With Georgia Tech's P.J. Daniels out for Saturday's game, Tech must turn to sophomore quarterback Reggie Ball on offense

Nicholas Jeffreys
Staff Writer

Moments after Clemson's long snapper Geoff Rigby had snapped the pigskin over his punter's head, Georgia Tech quarterback Reggie Ball got under center with a bruised left eye and a chance to win the football game.

After just leading his team down the field for two touchdowns on the previous two drives, Ball threw a perfect pass to freshman receiver Calvin Johnson. Ball's touchdown pass was the third touchdown in the final five minutes and capped off an improbable Yellow Jacket victory.

"It doesn't matter to me whether we're the underdog because every time we take the field I expect to win," Ball said. "I won't think of myself as the underdog."

Now, with star runner P.J. Daniels out of Saturday's game, Ball will once again have to be the hero on offense. Tech's performance has been directly related with the play of their quarterback. In the Jacket's four wins, Ball has thrown for eight touchdowns and four interceptions with an average of just under 200 yards.

However, in the team's three losses, Ball's play has been less



Sophomore quarterback Reggie Ball will work without running back P.J. Daniels on Saturday.

than superb. In those three games, Ball has had two touchdowns and eight interceptions, and he has only averaged 137 yards.

The ability of Ball to be able to run or pass has caused trouble for many opponents. Although, when Ball has sat in the pocket and not run the ball, his team has fared much better.

Ball has run for under 50 yards in Tech's four victories, averaging less than 15 yards a game. Yet, in the Jacket's three losses, Ball has run for over 50 yards in each game, averaging 67 yards a game.

After Tech's stunning loss to Virginia Tech, Coach Chan Gailey questioned the decision making of his quarterback.

"He did some good things early, but then later on he just kind of needed to throw the ball

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