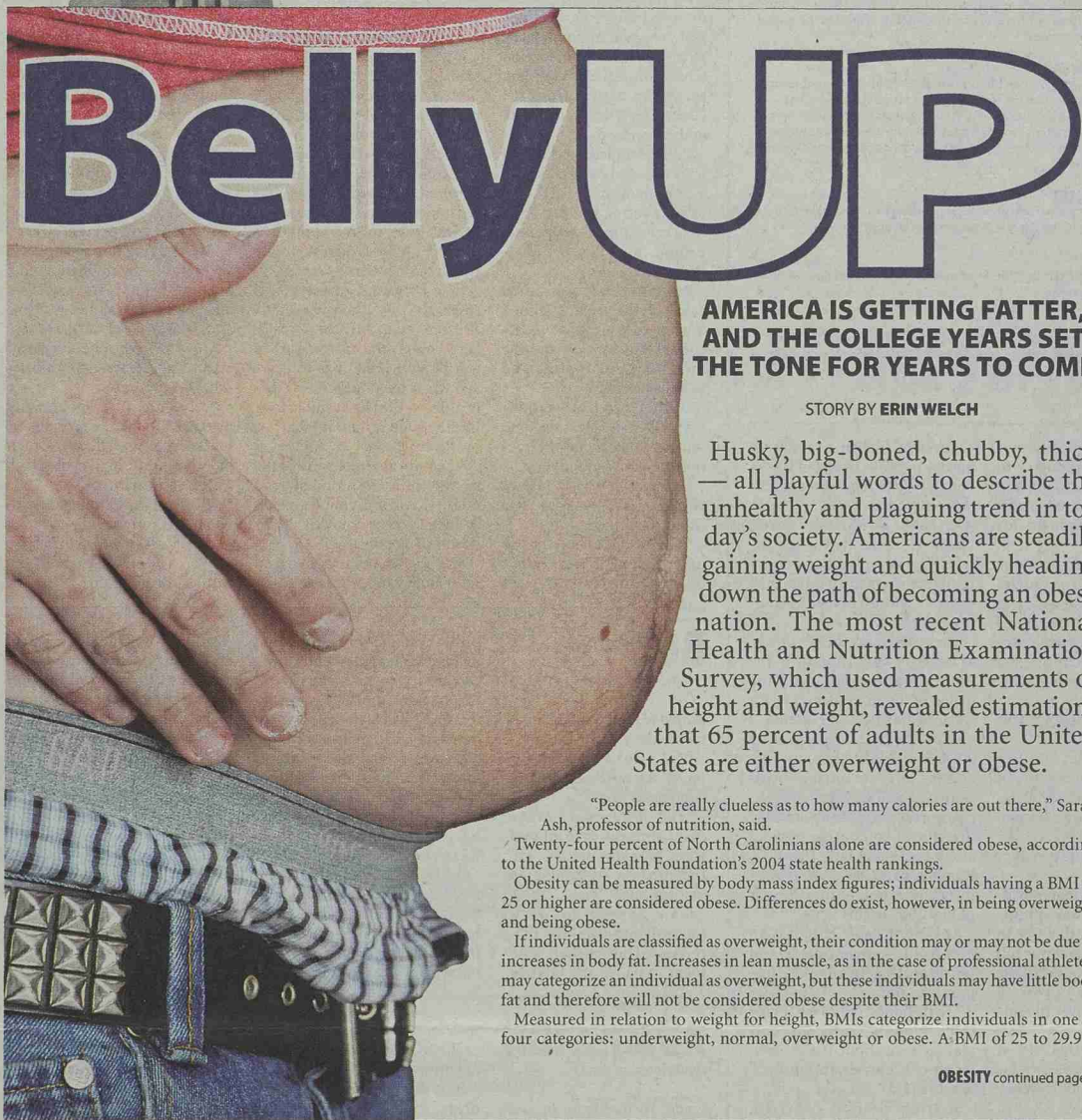


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Belly UP

AMERICA IS GETTING FATTER, AND THE COLLEGE YEARS SET THE TONE FOR YEARS TO COME

STORY BY ERIN WELCH

Husky, big-boned, chubby, thick — all playful words to describe the unhealthy and plaguing trend in today's society. Americans are steadily gaining weight and quickly heading down the path of becoming an obese nation. The most recent National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which used measurements of height and weight, revealed estimations that 65 percent of adults in the United States are either overweight or obese.

"People are really clueless as to how many calories are out there," Sarah Ash, professor of nutrition, said. Twenty-four percent of North Carolinians alone are considered obese, according to the United Health Foundation's 2004 state health rankings. Obesity can be measured by body mass index figures; individuals having a BMI of 25 or higher are considered obese. Differences do exist, however, in being overweight and being obese. If individuals are classified as overweight, their condition may or may not be due to increases in body fat. Increases in lean muscle, as in the case of professional athletes, may categorize an individual as overweight, but these individuals may have little body fat and therefore will not be considered obese despite their BMI. Measured in relation to weight for height, BMIs categorize individuals in one of four categories: underweight, normal, overweight or obese. A BMI of 25 to 29.9 is

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Trustees pass \$363 tuition, fee hike

T.S. Amarasiwardena
Staff Writer

Taking advantage of its newly regained ability to discuss campus initiated tuition increases, the Board of Trustees passed a \$300 tuition hike and additional fees of \$63, at its last meeting of the year Friday.

In discussion for months, the campus-initiated tuition increases set to begin next academic year will face another hurdle next year as trustees attempt to pass the proposal through the UNC Board of Governors.

BOT Actions

- Voted to reaffirm last year's campus tuition increase request of \$300 for 2 years. Also voted to increase student fees by \$63. The student fee increase would go towards renovating Thompson Theater, home of the University Theater and Dance Program.
- The current tuition rate for in-state students is \$4,304/year and \$16,202/year for out-of-state students. Current student fees are \$549.75/semester
- Voted to look into building a new chancellor residence on Centennial Campus and into renovating the existing house. James L. Oblinger, the next chancellor, is expected to move into the existing building when he takes over Jan. 1.
- Approved the provost position description to use in the upcoming national provost search.
- Congratulated Interim Chancellor Robert Barnhardt for his service to the university during the fall semester during the search for a permanent replacement.

SOURCE: BOT AGENDA, UNIVERSITY CASHIER

The lone vote against the hike, Student Body President Tony Caravano asked fellow board members if the increase stood in direct conflict with the land-grant mission. "This is a land-grant institution," he said, reminding that universities of that type are designed to be financially accessible. "How many times do we increase tuition before we lose that mission? Eventually this is going to have to stop before we price out students,"

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STUDENT LIFE

Movies ahoy: film piracy swings up

Movie piracy, like music piracy, is on the rise, but the movie industry is fighting back against the tide of increasing downloads, targeting local campuses

Cynthia Marvin
Staff Writer

With a heavy roll out of ads warning against movie piracy this week, the Motion Pictures Association of America initiated a hunt for people illegally downloading and trading movies online. The MPAA said that those culprits will be made the

way in the pocket of a college student, so why spend that money on something you can obtain for free?

That seems to be the mindset of some students these days.

"I wasn't going to buy the movie anyway, so it's not like they [the movie industry] lost money because of me," a sophomore in history said. On the contrary, some defend their illegal acts by stating that they're just getting a "taste" of the movie before they purchase it.

For instance, a sophomore in civil engineering said, "I usually only

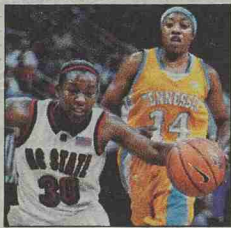
download older movies anyway, and if I like the movie after I watch it I tend to go out and buy it — I give them my support if I think they deserve it."

Admitting that he has downloaded many movies since high school, he claims he only has about 20 DVDs he never went out and bought after downloading them.

A student from Duke University studying English said she has probably bought about 50 percent of the

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Almost an upset

The women's basketball team matched up against No. 1 Tennessee in the final game of the Jimmy V Classic. See page 8.

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Tuition defined by in- or out-of-state

Ben Motal
Staff Writer

In the language of college tuition, two kinds of students exist: those who are "in-state" and those who are not.

For students who have questionable residency status, establishing a classification in the first category is worth its weight in gold.

"In-state tuition rates [for full-time students at N.C. State] are about \$2,100 per semester, while non-resident rates are over \$8,000 per semester," Mary O'Neill, manager of student accounts at the NCSU cashier's office, said.

Of the 29,957 students enrolled for the 2004 fall semester, 26,012 are classified as "in-state" for tuition purposes, while 2,364 are

classified as "out-of-state" and 1,581 are classified as "international."

Of the 3,847 incoming freshmen this fall 3,462 are in-state, 360 are out-of-state and 25 are international.

"Establishing residency is usually a one-time process," Michele Johnson, associate registrar at Registration and Records, said. "If your permanent address is in North Carolina, then you are considered in-state."

If students disagree with their determined residency status, they can submit an appeal form that is reviewed by the NCSU Residency Appeals Committee, Johnson said.

If they are dissatisfied with the committee's ruling, students can appeal to the State Residency Appeals Committee, where a final decision will be

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PRAYER FOR A FALLEN LEADER



Sara Elsayed and Jonathan "Doc" Bradley participate in a candlelight vigil for Yassir Arafat, the late Palestinian leader, in front of the Bell Tower Friday night.

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movies she's downloaded, so it really isn't too bad to the movie industry.

Most students don't even feel guilty about taking these movies off the Web without paying a dime.

The engineering student continues his radical spiel and vents that he doesn't feel any guilt, especially if the movie is bad.

"They should lose money for me having to take the time to download their crap and take up my hard drive space," he said.

Some students take the stance that downloading movies is OK since it is so available to the public.

"Basically it is free entertainment. I will admit I think it has gotten a little out of control, but that is what happens when people have that kind of accessibility to these kinds of things," a junior in English said. "I don't have a problem with it — if you can do it then it is your business and to tell you the truth, I'd still do it if I could."

Due to a firewall, the student has been denied the access to download movies as of last fall. Supporting the infringement of movies, she stresses that she hopes people are careful about how and what they download.

"If you can download movies — then great! Just be aware of the consequences, don't be stupid about it," she said.

A sophomore in business management said he thinks it's a convenient tool for students. He even has a separate hard drive just for his downloaded movies.

Using a program called "Bit Torrent" to download his movies, he's not as scared about getting caught.

"From what I can tell, this file-sharing method hasn't been cracking down on people as much as the others," he said.

He is yet another student that isn't guilt-ridden by this act. "I really do think it is okay, I feel that if it was legal, more people would do it, and it would give the movie or actors/actresses some more publicity," he said.

With no intentions of quitting, this sophomore in history and die-hard "Sex and the City" fan has more than 70 movies and approximately 80 episodes of "Sex and the City."

"I love it and I only plan to stop if I get caught and some horrible punishment was implemented," she said.

And little does the movie industry realize this computer science student isn't just benefitting himself, but he is providing for the consumers in the long run — at least according to him. He defended his actions once again

Types of movie piracy

OPTICAL DISC PIRACY

-Includes three types of discs that are inexpensive to manufacture and easy to distribute.

INTERNET PIRACY

-Is governed by the same laws as other times of piracy. Most prevalent in downloadable media, when digital files allow for motion pictures to be compressed and uploaded for direct download onto a computer; hard goods sold on Web sites such as eBay and Yahoo!; and via streaming media, which is the "transmission or transfer of data that is delivered to the online user or viewer in a steady stream."

VIDEOCASSETTE PRIVACY

-Has three types: Camcording, when pirates use hand-held video cameras to record motion picture films off of theater screens and then copy these films onto blank videocassettes and optical discs for illegal distribution; screeners, when illegal copies are sometimes made from legitimate advance copies used for marketing purposes; and back-to-back copying: connecting two VCRs and copying one on to another.

THEATRICAL PRINT THEFT

The theft of a 35 or 16 mm film from an industry-related facility for the purpose of making copies is "one of the most serious forms of piracy."

SIGNAL THEFT

Is the act of illegally tapping into cable TV systems as well as receiving satellite signals without authorization.

BROADCAST PIRACY

Occurs when an institution or commercial establishment shows a tape or film to its members or customers without receiving permission from appropriate authorities.

SOURCE: MPAA OFFICIAL WEB SITE

as he said, "It is people like myself that cause the industry to find more secure methods and this "crime" ultimately helps generate better products for consumers."

Most students are in the same scenario. They burn movies for their own pleasure, not to distribute among friends or attempt to sell. And most carry the same no-guilt feeling giving similar justifications about why it is OK.

What these students don't have are the facts.

The Copyright Act of 1976 gave the United States some of the strongest anti-piracy legislation in the world and when it was enhanced in 1982, it substantially increased the penalties for piracy.

Many might think that movie-making is almost always profitable. Statistics show that one in ten movies actually receives full investment from just domestic showings and four out of 10 films will never recover the initial investment.

The MPAA has estimated that the United States loses an excess of \$3 million of potential revenue per year due to piracy.

The MPAA is working closely with universities and they are trying to put an end to the infringement of movies.

Just this year, a sophomore in business management was sent a letter from the MPAA giving him a warning about the infringement of media.

"The letter basically stated that I had violated them by downloading certain files, and since this is my first offense they will think of it as a 'slap on the wrist' more or less," he said. "I will continue to download, but now, I will choose carefully. The

chances of me being caught, in my opinion are small, but if I do, I am aware of the consequences that will follow."

ResNet Coordinator Carrie Levow explains that when she receives a complaint of a copyright infringement, it is reported by the IP address of the "infringing computer."

They then track the IP address as far as possible (usually to the exact room location) and the owner of the computer is given a warning for their first offense.

From Fall 2002 through Spring 2004, 658 movies, 255 music files and 182 software infringements were reported on campus.

According to Jeanne Smythe, director of computing policies at UNC-Chapel Hill, there has been approximately 180 infringement complaints during the year of July 2003 to July 2004.

At UNC-Chapel Hill, it is an even split between movie and music infringements on campus, she said.

"To be honest, from what I recall I think the copyright complaints were about 50/50 when it came to movies and music," Smythe said.

Steering clear of copyright violations for at least five years, Melanie Fitzgerald from the technology department at Meredith College said they are keen on educating both faculty and students about the consequences of copyright.

"I mean you can get a \$40,000 fine at the drop of a hat," Fitzgerald said. "We don't even allow them put together derivative copies of things for school projects because we know that it could potentially lead to trouble — especially with the current media out there."

fence at the research farm on Trinity Road. Officer stated that the goat had died. Appropriate personnel was notified and the goat was removed.

11:46 A.M. | B/E VEHICLE
A student reported an unknown person pulled away the window to their Honda Civic and stole the stereo/CD player while it was parked in the Vet

School Main Lot. The crime occurred between 9 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

5:02 A.M. | ARREST 2ND DEGREE TRESPASS
A non-student was arrested for second degree trespass in Dabney Hall.

1:42 P.M. | LARCENY
A student reported another student

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considered overweight, while a BMI of 30 or more is considered obese.

A new trend has emerged with the percentage of children and adolescents defined as overweight. Approximately 15 percent of the population is now considered overweight, according figures from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

College students feel the effects of obesity as well.

"It's important to get people to start eating healthy when they're younger," Stephanie Bruton, a junior in nutrition, said.

Professor Ash attributed a lot of the weight gained during college years to alcohol consumption and the increased use of eating as a social activity.

"Eating is such a diversionary activity," she said. "So much of our social interactions revolve around food."

However, obesity cannot be narrowed down into a few simple triggers.

"The whole society has so many factors that go into it [obesity] that you can't de-

scribe it all," Bruton said.

Contributors to overweight-ness and obesity problems include behavior, environment and genetics.

Behavioral factors contributing to obesity include consuming too many calories while not balancing those calories with an adequate amount of physical activity to maintain weight.

Environmental factors that lead to obesity stem from the lifestyle in which an individual partakes. School, work and community all play roles in providing barriers to active lifestyles.

Extremely relevant in the community aspect, it is easy to see how Americans have gained weight due to the countless number of fast-food restaurants which pack every city street.

"I've noticed so many places cater to the low-carb diet," Bruton said. "If they really cared about the customer they would have done that 10 years ago when they knew it was unhealthy — they just want to look like the good restaurant that has healthy options."

Genetics also determine the susceptibility of individuals to obesity. An individual's genes influence how quickly their body burns calories.

Although genes may make an individual more prone to obesity,

all three factors — behavioral, environmental and genetic — together contribute to the issue of being overweight. According to the CDC, effects from behavioral and environmental factors are the easiest to alter.

"A lot of it is just common sense and being aware of what you put in your body," Beverly Lawrence, a program assistant at the Health Center, said. "People have to not believe everything they hear on TV and research for themselves."

Lawrence said that rising obesity in America can be explained by more than a single reason. She attributed this rise to several factors, including not enough physical exercise and portion sizes.

"We're living in a society that surrounds us with phenomenal amounts of food," Ash said. "It's an imbalance of calories available and calories we're burning."

Ash said in the end, it was all about "calories in versus calories out."

According to the CDC, obesity has been found to be significantly associated with diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, asthma and arthritis.

"[College is] definitely a point where if you decide to start eating healthy you won't have to worry about diseases in the future," Bruton said.

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he told fellow board members before the vote.

BOT Chair Peaches G. Blank acknowledged Caravano's concerns.

"Tuition increases are never easy," she said. "We must always balance tuition with the mission of land-grant institutions."

Only a week ago at its monthly meeting, the BOG rescinded an earlier statement to pause any talks re-

garding campus-initiated tuition increases. Though recently given the ability to kick-start these talks again, the BOG gave no instructions or guidelines as to how large a increase would be allowed, leaving the future of the raise in question, if not tenuous, state.

In a quiet vote, the proposed tuition rise passed with only Caravano dissenting.

Following that vote, the student fee raise passed unanimously. With nearly half of it directed to renovating Thompson Theater, the raise represents a sizable increase over years past.

Mulling over the current state of the chancellor's residence, the board initiated discussion to move the house to Centennial Campus.

After considering a number of options, including merely renovating the current building just off Pullen Drive across from the Bell Tower, the board decided that building a new 6,000-square-foot residence near the Park Alumni Center would be a more viable.

According to Vice Chancellor for Finance Charles Leffler, the \$3 million residence would be funded through private funds.

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made. To qualify for in-state tuition status, students must be considered residents of the state of North Carolina.

Although residency is not rigidly defined, typical characteristics of residency include registering a vehicle, obtaining a driver's license, registering to vote and having state income taxes withheld from earnings.

However, being a resident does not necessarily guarantee in-state status for tuition purposes.

"Just because you paid state taxes doesn't make you

in-state," Arren Fisher, member of the NCSU Residency Appeals Committee, said.

In addition to being state residents, students must have held this status for at least 12 months to be considered for in-state classification. Even if students meet the 12-month requirement during a term however, they will not be eligible for in-state tuition rates until the following term.

The final requirement is that students must reside in North Carolina for reasons other than attending school. Out-of-state students seeking to establish residency must be financially independent and must intend to reside in North Carolina permanently.

According to Fisher, students

are allowed to appeal their residency status once a month.

The Residency Appeals Committee handles at least 15 cases a month, with many appeals coming from students who have appealed multiple times, he said.

Residency laws are established by the state legislature, but it is the responsibility of the individual universities to set up a procedure for determining the status of students, Johnson said.

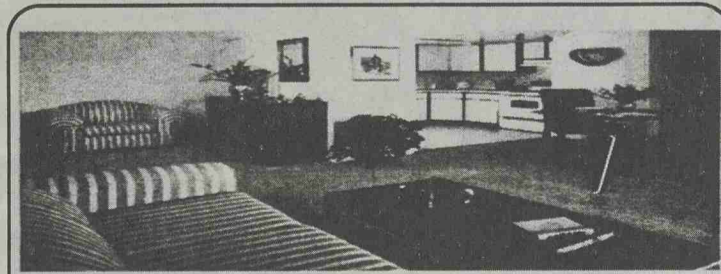
"[The NCSU Residency Appeals Committee] is trying to apply state law," Fisher said. He emphasized that the university is not in control of decisions made by the state legislature.

"If the law changes, we'll abide by the new requirements," Fisher said.

POLICE BLOTTER

11/18/04
1:00 A.M. | NOISE DISTURBANCE
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1:58 A.M. | ANIMAL PROBLEM
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Alumnus concerned with pavillion plans

I am a mechanical engineering graduate, a current N.C. State employee and a lover of all things green.

I was very saddened, and a little embarrassed, to hear of the university's plan to destroy one of the most beautiful places on its nearly all brick and concrete campus.

The campus is known to have very few natural areas left and I believe it would be a huge loss to the university and her students to lose any of this valuable organic space.

Once one of these very few green spaces around campus are converted into new construction, they are lost, and no older buildings are being torn down to replace them.

Because of this phenomenon, it is vital that the students and alumni who so dearly love the few green spaces of N.C. State fight to preserve each and every square foot with which we are currently blessed. If we don't fight for these sacred areas, over time the campus we love may truly become nothing but brick and concrete.

Tommy Cleveland
N.C. Solar Center
N.C. State University

Nothing wrong with leaving games early

I would say I have to agree with many of the points raised in Andrew Tankers' "Cheer With Respect" column from the Nov. 17 issue of Technician. Sitting in the midst of "F*** Miami" is not exactly what I would consider having a grand time at a football game.

As he said, we are beginning to look a little like the oh-so-horrible-how-could-we-ever-reach-that-level Maryland fans.

Now, I am a loyal Technician reader and never miss reading one. However, I could swear that in every issue since the Ohio State game, all I have had to suffer through is article after article and forum after forum complaining about fans leaving before the end of the game.

I like to consider myself a fairly decent Wolfpack fan. I have, however, left a few of the games early. Now, before we all begin to pass out from the shock of someone admitting such an atrocity, allow me to explain myself.

First, we all know that parking and traffic suck at Carter-Finley stadium. I'm not exactly the greatest of drivers in this world and I tend to like getting out of there before everyone else does.

Second, Mother Nature was against us in the game vs. Florida State – it was cold and rainy. Third, when the score is 45-31 (that would be the Miami game) and not in our favor, it takes more than just one touchdown to bounce back from that. The way our team has been playing lately, we're not coming back from that one.

Now, call me a terrible, horrible fan, but I don't think that rain, traffic and a brutal loss mix well together.

Please, I beg of you. No more about the lack of school spirit at the games. It's a new season! A new exciting few months filled with basketball and Herb Sendek! And if I feel the inclination, I'll leave those games early, too.

Becky Lou Bowes
Sophomore
PRT

Belly button bandit a bit overblown

As I write this letter I am sure I will be credited with "playing the race card" – terminology I detest considering the fact that racism is still very much alive and is a daily reality for some people. It is far from a game and should not be paralleled with one.

While reading the story entitled Belly button bandit hits campus in Friday's edition of the Technician, it took me a while to understand what all the fuss was about. Granted this guy's request to view female's belly buttons is, well let's say, a "hilarious" one, I was puzzled at the decision to trespass him from campus.

From what I read in this story and on previous police blotters, I have found no grounds for this. It is a drastic measure to say the least.

I am probably one of the biggest advocates for women's rights and, as a female, I understand the need/desire to feel safe and secure and not have your physical space invaded or violated. But, unless there is more to this story than has been reported, I do not see where any violation occurred.

If the guy asks you to see your belly button, you have the right to decline. I have not read anywhere that this guy physically threatened or accosted anyone and it is unclear to me when exactly the "harassment" occurred.

I have a tongue ring and have been frequently questioned by males and females. "Did it hurt? How much did it cost? I'm thinking of getting one but I'm scared. Can I see it?"

While some people admittedly have fetishes for piercings, could it be that this "belly button bandit" is simply curious for the reasons he stated?

As I reread the second paragraph, my suspicions were solidified. Could it be that the so-called "threat" Brian Watson imposes with his unusual request is only a threat because he is an African-American male?

When issues such as these arise, it is imperative that as so-called intellectuals on college campuses we examine the historical ramifications of these issues and not merely oversimplify them.

These same situations arise year after year and nothing tangible is ever done about it. I am not convinced that had Brian Watson been a Caucasian male N.C. State would take the same "precautions." And from the vague report on his conduct, I am also not convinced that Brian Watson's actions merit trespass.

Ashely Robbins
Junior
FYC

Campus Police needs to set its priorities straight

I was appalled at the article "Activists cited in Brickyard" on the front page of Friday's Technician. I could not believe that Campus Police actually gave out citations for students handing out pamphlets about homosexuality. At most, only a warning was warranted.

I think it is sad that our police officers are busy giving tickets to and harassing these students when I read the police reports in the paper, overrun by instances where a problem (i.e. a mugging, break-ins, etc.) is reported and never resolved or the culprit is never caught.

Maybe this is because Campus Police is too busy breathing down the necks of those who, in all honesty, are causing very little trouble at all.

I have to wonder that if I began seizing in the middle of the Brickyard and it began to draw a crowd, if I would get cited for "not having a permit." Yes, while there were no criminal charges brought on, they were cited for violation of university policy and will have to appear in student court.

This could be worse than getting sent to the slammer. Most students here will never see the kind of discrimination and bigotry that the homosexual population face at N.C. State.

I think the students that did this were doing a great service to the homosexual population at NCSU, because this population is grossly misunderstood. Shame on anyone who decides to act on their prejudices and discriminate.

You can be prejudice all you want, but do us all a favor and keep it to yourself. As

students, we share many ideals and, for all of those we don't share, we all are entitled to our own opinion. No one is asking anyone to become homosexual, just to acknowledge that there is a homosexual population here and respect that.

Lastly, thanks to Dr. Surh. As a faculty member, you are a true student advocate, and I wish there were more faculty that expressed the same amount of concern that you have.

Casey Shadix
Sophomore
Applied Sociology

Media does have a liberal bias

The recent editorial by Technician's editorial board stated that the media is not biased. This statement bothered me because there is no doubt that the media is extremely liberal and biased.

Is it possible for the press to report politics in a non-biased manner when 89 percent of Washington bureau chiefs and reporters voted for Bill Clinton in the 1992 Presidential election? The media also showed its biased nature when Newsweek decided not to go with a story in which they had a tape of a young female intern discussing her affair with President Clinton. How can anyone say that Newsweek was just "reporting the facts"?

They simply decided not to tell the American people what was happening. Finally, it is evident that even the journalists that write the news articles are liberal and biased. The Media Research Center conducted a survey in the late 1990s which found that out of 653 gun-policy stories broadcast, 357 stories were in favor of gun control while only thirty-six were against it.

In 2001, the three major television networks – NBC, CBS and ABC – ran 190,000 words worth of gun crime stories, but did not run a single story in which a private citizen used a gun to stop a crime. This evidence proves that, in fact, the media is not just reporting "what they see" but instead what they choose to see.

Alexander King
Freshman
Business Management

Impact of liberal media harmful in the world

Had anyone ever stop to analyze the impact of liberal U.S. media on foreign people? No wonder there is the illusion that world hates us, all you see on U.S. television and in U.S. papers is how everything we are doing is wrong, quickly followed by how many people died fighting for the interests of our administration.

Do you think we are the only people these reports are being broadcast to? This is America, we are the world's entertainer, the majority of people on Earth know exactly what is going on in our everyday lives.

Imagine you were an Iraqi citizen, and everyday someone comes into your home to tell you how wrong America is by being in your country.

How receptive would you be to a new market economy, free elections, and freedom from oppression when all you have ever known was the heavy hand of a malicious dictator?

Moreover, what if it was another American coming into your home to tell you this? The Islamic people are a people of hard work and passion, if you give them an issue to get behind they will support it.

We are sending the wrong message to the people we are trying to aid, we cannot expect the bloodshed to stop, when our own media is adding fuel to the fires of rebellion.

Joseph Norman
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Business Management

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

STUDENTS ARE STILL SHAFTED

OUR OPINION: N.C. STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS PROPOSING AN INCREASE OF \$300 FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CUTTING FEDERAL LOANS TO SAVE \$300 MILLION. THE TWO OCCURRING AT THE SAME TIME LEAVE CURRENT STUDENTS BROKE AND MAY DENY FUTURE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND COLLEGE.

The difference between good and great is consistency.

Given that, it is great that the Board of Trustees is raising tuition consistently for the next two years. One must respect consistency.

This began last year when the BOT requested a \$300 increase and the UNC Board of Governors allowed a \$250 increase. The plan was to allow that increase to continue over the next three years. This hike comes in addition to a \$63 student fee increase for 2005-06 school year.

That's a lot of numbers and a lot of increases, but the bottom line is that students are forking over extra money every year out of their pockets.

This is not just a saying. The funds will literally be coming out of their pockets since the federal government will not be supporting students in the pursuit of higher learning.

The federal government is planning on cutting funding for financial aid. Congress passed a bill that – to put it into perspective – if it were passed last year, would have cost students across the nation \$270 million.

That bill will take effect for the 2005-06 school year and the federal government will be saving \$300 million – so that's good.

Right?

Well, considering the more than 90,000 families that will become ineligible for the Pell Grant after the bill is passed is by no means worth saving the money. Those families will average an income of \$35,000 to \$40,000, which means that college-hopeful high school students may be denied any reliable means to get into a solid college or university.

Not so good.

Obviously, tuition-hiking public universities and the federal government are not on the same page when thinking about the needs of the higher-education student – the future of this country.

To their credit, however, they are keeping the forward movement of the university and country, respectively, at heart.

But the two bodies are inconsistent with each other – which leaves the students digging for pennies in between the seats on the bus.

Students go to college to get a formal education at an institution of higher learning – which means their focus should be on academics, not on the many jobs they hold to pay for the academics.

Inconsistency in the education system inhibits learning – thus one side needs to give or at the bare minimum, offer an alternative so students will receive the education they deserve.

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We should all question government spending

Emily explores how Congress's increase in the borrowing limit on federal spending ups the national debt and affects individual citizens.

Late last week, a measure authorizing an \$800 billion increase in the United States credit limit was approved by Congress. This allows an increase of the debt limit to a whopping new



Emily Duncan
Staff Columnist

\$8.18 trillion ceiling. The bill has authorized the third biggest increase in federal borrowing since President Bush took office in 2001. Federal debt has grown by \$1.4 trillion over the past four years, to \$7.4 trillion, and the new ceiling will allow borrowing to

reach \$8.2 trillion. The federal budget deficit is the amount by which a government's expenditure, or promises of future payments, exceeds its tax revenues. The difference is made up for by borrowing from the public through the issuance of debt. Public debt, or national debt, is money owed by government, at any level, which will indirectly be considered a debt of the

citizens. Consisting mostly of government bonds and bank loans, public debt is an amount of money that is owed to another person or country by a specific time.

Suppose you want to spend more money this week than your weekly income allows. So perhaps you borrow to fill this gap. The amount you borrowed, and now owe back, could be called your personal debt. You likely would have to pay interest on your debt.

If by the next week you don't have enough money to cover your spending, creating another deficit, you must borrow even more, and you'll still have to pay the interest on the loan.

If you continue to operate with a deficit every week, you keep borrowing and your debt grows, leading to a perpetual cycle of borrowing to pay interest on past expenses. Most would agree this is a less-than-optimal personal financial strategy.

Since 1969, Congress has consistently spent more money than its income. The Department of the Treasury has to bor-

row money to meet Congress's appropriations. As of recent statistics, the total borrowed, is more than \$7 trillion and growing.

The estimated population of the United States is more than 294 million people. Therefore, each citizen's share of the national debt is around \$25,000.

The likely passage of this new legislation, which has extended the debt limit by \$800 billion, has enabled the government to further spend money that it doesn't have – thus the government is merely increasing the deficit instead of looking for ways to control and reduce spending.

Both sides of the political spectrum are making their thoughts known. One side of the debate feels the debt limit increase was absolutely necessary.

The government reached its \$7.38 trillion borrowing cap last month, and since then the Department of the Treasury has paid federal bills by taking cash from a civil service retirement account, which it claims they had plans to repay. It is

argued that if Congress had failed to approve the raising of the debt ceiling, then the government would've been forced into a federal default, leaving them unable to pay Social Security recipients, federal workers and other obligations.

Those opposed, however, feel that Congress and the President's actions were fiscally irresponsible. With the \$2.3 trillion in deficits now estimated for the coming decade, many complain that those bills will have to be paid by future generations.

Sen. John Kerry, who voted against the borrowing increase, said, "This can be called a birth tax, a birth tax that is dumped on the back of every American child unwillingly."

As the real owners of this debt, all Americans should start questioning real growth in governmental expenditures, and hold our elected officials responsible for burdening future generations with compounding debt.

Email Emily with your budget suggestions at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

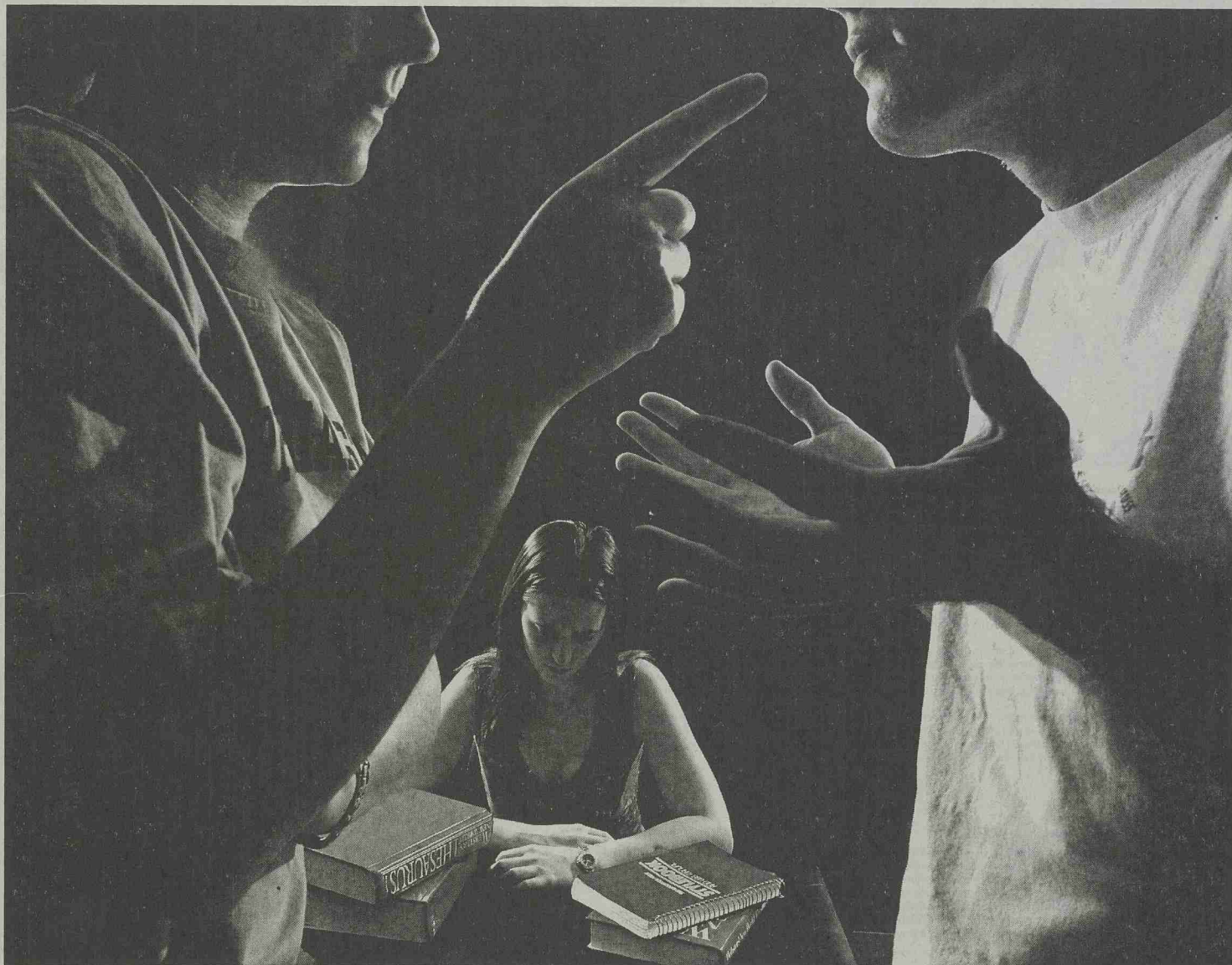


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Dividing the child

WITH DIVORCE RATES BETWEEN 40 AND 50 PERCENT, STUDENTS NOW MORE THAN EVER FACE CHALLENGES OF SPLITTING THEIR TIME OVER BREAKS AND THE EMOTIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF A BROKEN HOME

Nicole Black
Staff Writer

Winter break. These words are heavily music to college students. They signify the end of a semester and a vacation from the numerous papers and tests that plague their lives. Most students can't wait to get home to their families and relax.

For some, however, the words "winter break" sound more like a piano falling down a flight of stairs than music sent down from angels.

These students are the children of divorced parents. For them, going home for the holidays means splitting up their time between two households, dealing with new family members and making decisions about where to be, with whom and when.

The current divorce rate is approximately between 40 and 50 percent, depending on the source. With that many marriages ending, everyone either knows or is the child of a broken home. The divorce rate is reported to have slightly decreased since the 1980s, but the children of that divorce-peak period are now this generation's college students.

College alone can be stressful enough, but managing the "at home" time with family for a student with divorced parents can sometimes be wearisome, especially when they must adjust to new people. Along with the two different households, there are usually several new people in the student's life. The mother or father might be in a new romantic relationship or even remarried. Then the student is

not only adjusting to a new person and a new family, but also to a new schedule.

"By having divorced parents, it is hard to allocate your time between them for holidays and other events," Kelly Douglas, a freshman in business finance, said.

Many students struggle with breaking down their time between two separate households, which can cause feelings of guilt.

This new lifestyle is sometimes put away and forgotten while the student is away at school, but when he or she returns home, it once again becomes time to adjust.

Samantha Davenport, a freshman in business management, has had to deal with just this situation.

"[I] adjusted to the fact that my

step-mother has a say in what my father gives me because they also have children together that need things," Davenport said.

Granted, not all people deal with divorce the same way. Some do not have as hard a time as others because everyone's circumstances are different. However, this is the time college students use to figure out what they want to do with the rest of their lives, and many meet their future spouses in school as well.

For students who come from broken homes, the fear that they may suffer divorce is not only present but justifiable as well.

According to an article in the Journal of Counseling and Development, Frederick Lopez writes that, "children of divorce tend to report more vulner-

ability to stress, weaker investment in the parental role, and more instability in their own marriages."

Children from divorced families also have an increased risk of falling into the habits of smoking, drinking or using illegal drugs.

All of the negative statistics aside, many students who come from divorced families claim they are doing quite well and intend to beat the odds and not become a statistic. Some decide to focus on the positive influences in their lives instead.

However traumatic or manageable a divorce might have been, issues that need to be resolved will always exist.

How one chooses to handle those issues when they become an adult could be the deciding factor for whether their own marriages will last.

MOVIE TICKET

Payne delivers yet another knock-down flick

Miles Snow
Senior Staff Writer

Director Alexander Payne who helmed the smart, sassy "Election" and more subtle and somber "About Schmidt" has scored his biggest triumph yet with his new American character study, "Sideways."

It may be difficult to classify this film as a character study alone because it also can be called a road movie or even buddy comedy.

Miles and Jack are best friends and former college roommates who take a lust-for-life trip, touring the wine country of California before Jack's wedding. Miles (Paul Giamatti) is

an English teacher still recovering from the disappointments of a divorce and unpublished novel. Jack (Thomas Haden Church) is a once-promising actor who now works as a voice-overer for commercials.

Both these men are losers in their own right but losers who become inspired by two women they meet on their journey.

Jack becomes involved with a straight-shooting party girl Stephanie (Sandra Oh) who also happens to be a single mother.

Miles on the other hand is taken by lovely waitress, Maya

(Virginia Madsen), who like Miles, is a bit of a wine connoisseur herself.

There is a scene between Mya and Miles on a porch that is a testament to Payne's rich understanding of human interaction.

Miles starts talking to Mya about his favorite wine when, in essence, he is really describing himself. He lets his

guard down for once and Mya begins to comfort him. This scene alone is worth the price of admission.

Payne has a sharp eye and con-

duces both comedy and drama out of the most improbable of situations, somehow grounding them in reality. It helps that his two leads are guys that in some way or another we can all relate to and pull for even with all their shortcomings.

Haden Church threatens to steal the movie at times with his callous grin and crackling delivery but Giamatti is brilliant as Miles.

This vivid character actor extraordinary who had memorable turns in "Man on the Moon" and "Saving Private Ryan" has a face for rollicking humor, but he is also careful enough to show us the vulnerable man behind the face.

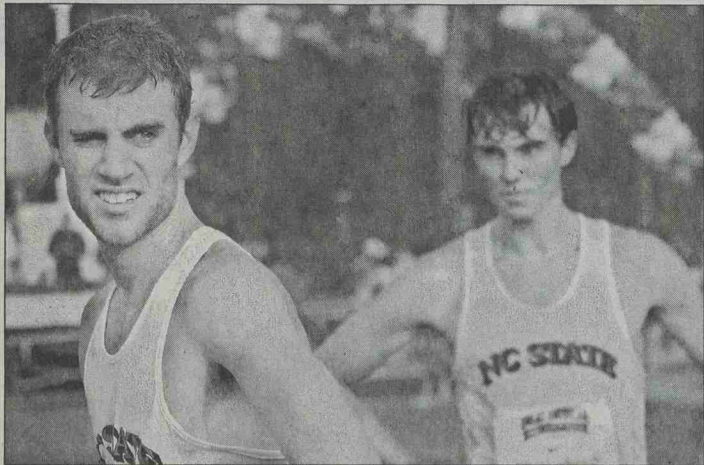


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The women are great too. Sandra Oh is terrific as Jack's wild infatuation and Madsen

matches Giamatti with a luminous performance that brings about honesty.

Wolfpack Weekend



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Senior Andy Smith and ACC Freshman of the Year Gavin Coombs cool down after competing at the Great American Championships earlier this season. Both runners will race at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind. today. Smith will be running the final race of his cross-country career at State.

Cross Country

NCAA Championships

The Wolfpack finishes his season in Terre Haute, Ind. today as it competes in the NCAA Championships. N.C. State is coming off a regional qualifying appearance where the men finished first, while the women's team took home second place.

The race will be the last cross country event for senior Andy Smith. Smith was the ACC individual champion and an All-American last season. The men will also send Wesley Smith, Andy Smith's younger brother, and Bobby Mack to the competition for the second straight year. Wesley Smith finished 83rd last year while Mack finished 54th. John Henderson, Bryce Ruiz, Gavin Coombs and John Crews round out the field State will send to the race.

Junior Julia Lucas, who finished third at the district meet two weeks ago, will lead the women's team into the Championships today. Joining her will be junior Kristina Roth, who placed ninth at the District III Championships. The Wolfpack sends seniors Erin Swain and Josianne Lauber to the meet along with three true freshman - Angelina Blackmon, Amy Kelly and Magin Kebert.

Wrestling

Result: Third place in Navy Classic

State took home third place behind host Navy and Virginia Tech on Friday in Annapolis at the Navy Classic. Sophomore Garrett Cummings won the championship bout at 125 pounds, taking down Justin Staylor for the title. Junior Chris DeLuca lost to Midshipman John Cox at 149 pounds to place runner up, and junior Kevin Garleson placed runner up at 174 pounds, falling to Andy Roy of Rutgers in the finals.

Navy took home five of the 10 individual championships during the event, and won with a 202.5-point total. Virginia Tech scored 152 points to finish in second place while the Pack had 126 points to finish third. State will not compete again until Dec. 3, when it travels to Las Vegas for the Cliff Kean Las Vegas Invitational.

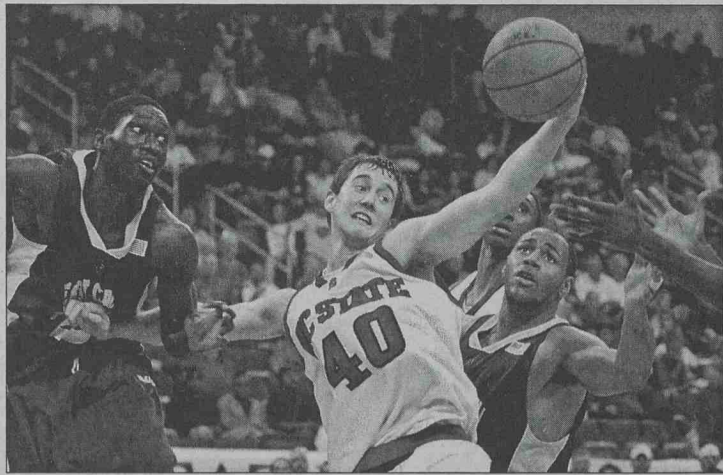
Swimming & Diving

Results: Men second, Women fourth at Georgia Tech Invite

Junior Cullen Jones set a Georgia Tech Aquatic Center record with his time in the 50-yard freestyle during the Georgia Tech Invitational this weekend. Jones won the event as well as the 100-yard butterfly event to help guide the men's team to a second-place, finishing behind No. 3 Florida.

The women's team finished in fourth place behind Florida, Tennessee and Georgia Tech. Molly Culberson finished second in the 3-meter dive to lead the Wolfpack, while Laura Cutler finished second in the 400-yard IM event.

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Freshman Andrew Brackman reaches for a loose ball during Friday night's game against East Carolina at the RBC Center. Brackman led the team with five blocks on the night and also scored 12 points.

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and beat them early."

The Pack's play down low was its finest in the three-game tournament, as Ilian Evtimov, Cedric Simmons, Brackman and Collins all contributed in the paint.

Evtimov finished the night with eight points, many collected on running bank shots or other unorthodox shots. On one shot he was able to scoop the

ball under an ECU defender.

"That's something I learned from my brother, it's something he showed me this summer," Evtimov said. "Once in a while, you know, why not?"

Brackman showed off his shot-blocking potential in the game, swatting away six shots. His best block of the night was taken off the board by a foul call, which drew a chorus of boos from the crowd. Simmons also had a thundering block that went soaring into the stands during the first half.

"The young guys are playing hard - they are shot-blockers and they are getting all over the ball," Bethel said. "I know it's tough on them to play limited minutes but they come in and do a great job."

ECU Coach Bill Herrion was proud of his team, but also impressed by the play of State.

"We just got beat by a really good basketball team tonight," Herrion said. "If they shoot ball like that, I'm not sure how many people are going to beat them this year."

Hodge in the tournament

Julius Hodge was named BCA Tournament MVP for his performance in the three-game event.

	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds	Assists	Points
New Orleans	8-11	4-6	7	6	21
Elon	8-13	5-9	7	5	21
East Carolina	3-6	6-8	3	4	12

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really important to us - the team played really hard, and we played really well together," Yow said. "We're not as smart a basketball team as we would like to be just yet, but it's early

and we have a lot of people starting for the first time."

The loss was a much improved performance from the teams' last meeting when it was a Tennessee blowout by 37 points.

With an improved shooting performance, the team believes they have a chance to have a great season, and maybe even have pulled off the upset.

"Our shots just aren't falling for us. If we could just get our shots falling, we'd be in business because we're working really hard on defense, we're really working hard on the boards, being aggressive and everything, we just need to get a few more of our shots falling," Yow said.

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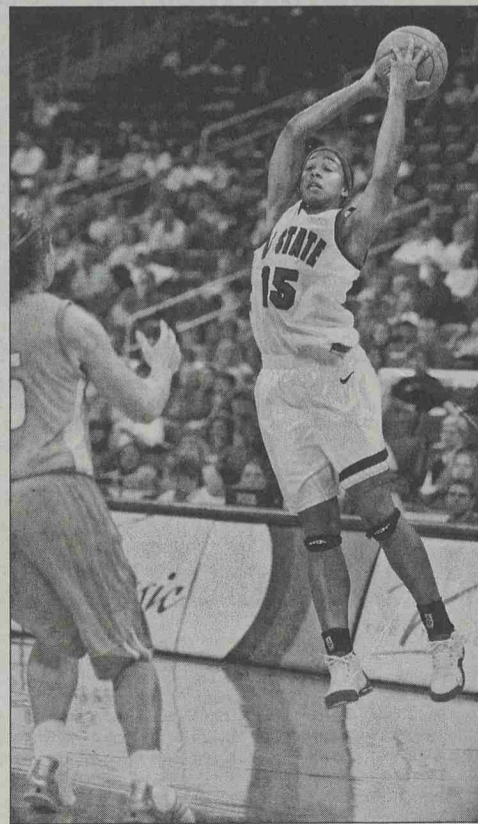
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Sophomore Ashley Key pulls down a high pass on the wing during the Jimmy V Classic on Sunday afternoon at the RBC Center. Key scored 12 points during the game, second best on the team, in a losing effort against No. 1 Tennessee. State fell 64-54 to the Lady Vols.

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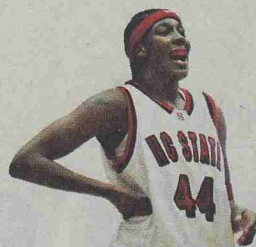
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Men's Basketball vs. Campbell, 11/26, 7:30
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Cross Country at NCAA Championships, 11/22

Scores

Basketball 100, East Carolina 66
Tennessee 64, Women's Basketball 54



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pack just misses on upset bid

N.C. State nearly pulled off an early-season upset over No. 1 Tennessee, but was done in during the second half by poor shooting

Andrew Tanker
Staff Writer

One local team pulled out an upset at the Jimmy V Classic on Sunday, the other came up short.

The first upset came when North Carolina guard Ivory Latta sunk a three-pointer in the closing minutes of the game to give the Tar Heels an upset victory over defending national champion the Connecticut Huskies while N.C. State watched from the stands and waited for a chance of an upset of their own.

The Wolfpack missed its chance for the second upset when the team took a three-point lead into the half only to see that lead quickly melt away in the second half thanks to poor shooting.

"We took too many quick shots," State Coach Kay Yow said. "Shots that are not out of our offense can always cause some problems."

State (1-1) started the game fired up and took the lead early while playing stifling defense that the Lady Vols (1-0) could not break.

"They rattled us and forced us to turn the ball over," All-American Tennessee forward Shyra Ely said.

The defensive pressure State put on Tennessee pressured them to take bad shots at the last seconds of the shot clock on multiple occasions and caused ten first half turnovers.

"We've really emphasized team defense above everything else," Yow said. "We're going to have to help, we're going to have to cover each other's backs."

Tennessee has three players on the preseason player of the year watch list. The Pack held those players to just 13 points, on 6-17 shooting in the first half.

"They really disrupted us with their defensive pressure," Tennessee Coach Pat Summitt said.

State held the lead for much of the first half, and was up 26-23 at the break thanks to nine first half points by junior college transfer Tiffany Stansbury.

As the game wore on, Tennessee put on defensive pressure of their own, which started to get to the Pack, and force bad shots on offense.

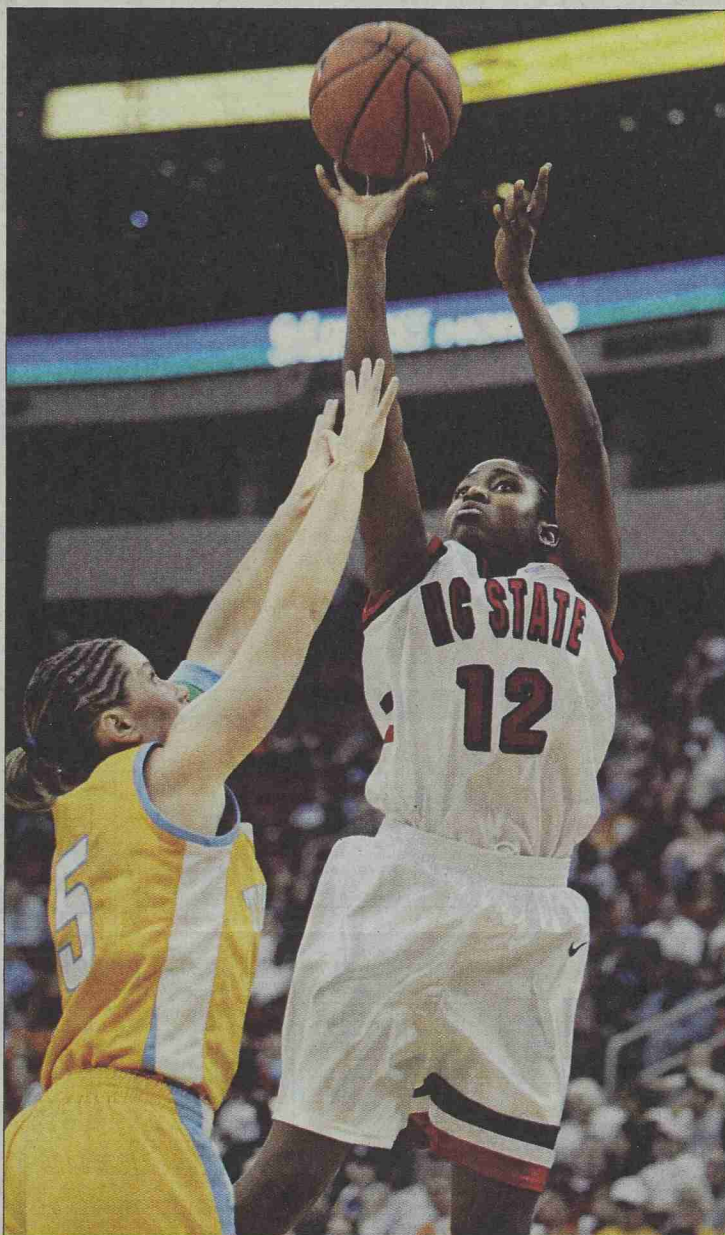
State shot just 37 percent on the day from the field, including just 12 percent from the 3-point line.

"We attacked it well at times, but then we took a shot that we shouldn't have," Yow said. We should've had a little more discipline, a little more patience and gotten a better shot."

Fourteen second-half points by Ely and Shanna Zolman put some distance between the Volunteers and the Pack, as did 13 free throws down the stretch.

The Lady Vols took the lead for good just before the first television timeout in the second half, when Shanna Zolman hit a three-pointer and Ely made a lay-up putting State behind 32-30.

With 17:25 to go in the contest, State was able to force Ely's fourth foul of the game, forcing her to play the role of spectator for much of the rest of the game, but they were not able to take advantage of her absence. Without



Marquette Dickens, who finished with seven points, rises for a jumper over Tennessee's Shanna Zolman.

Game summary

Why N.C. State lost

State went 2-of-16 from behind the arc against the No. 1 team in the land. Despite carrying a three-point lead into the half, State shot only 33 percent after the break allowing Tennessee to pull ahead and hold on to the lead.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Points: Stansbury - 13
Key - 12
Rebounds: Stansbury - 11
Key - 6
Assists: Key - 2

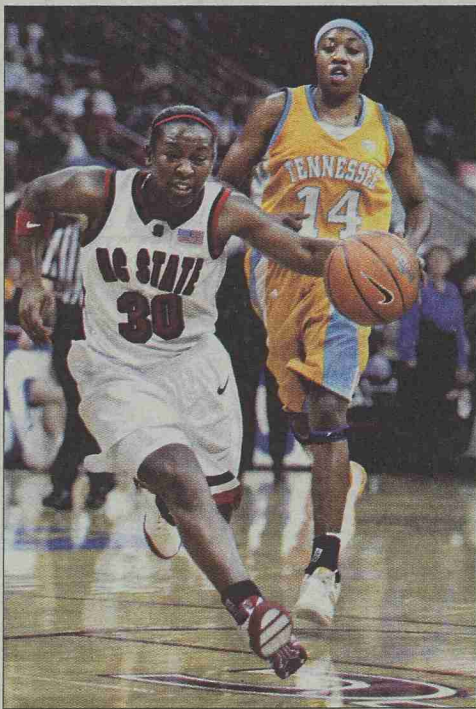
Ely in the lineup, Zolman and freshman Alexis Hornbuckle took over the scoring and put the game out of reach.

The last breath of life for the Pack came with a minute to go when Kendra Bell made a lay-up, followed by two free throws for Ashley Key to bring them within seven points.

Tennessee was then able to play keep away for 24 seconds before State could manage to foul, which effectively ended the game.

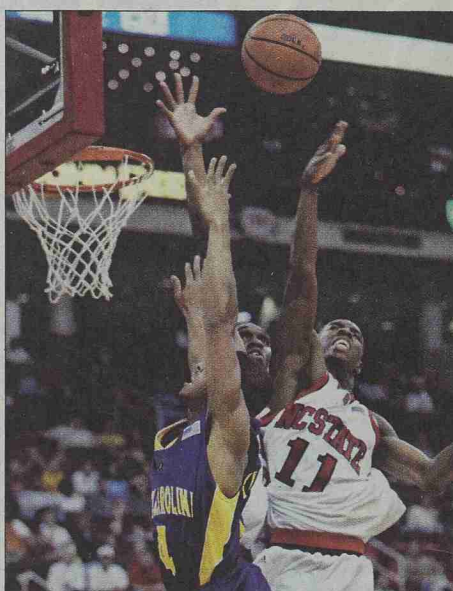
"We did a couple of things

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Senior point guard Kendra Bell drives through the paint during State's 64-54 loss to No. 1 Tennessee at the RBC Center on Sunday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Freshman forward Gavin Grant (right) reaches up for a rebound during State's 100-66 victory over East Carolina at RBC Center on Friday night. The Wolfpack started the regular season with three wins in three days at the BCA Invitational last week.

State pounds Pirates for BCA title

Julius Hodge was named tournament MVP as the Pack took down all three opponents by an average of 31 points.

Nicholas Jeffreys
Staff Writer

Julius Hodge didn't make a field goal in the first half.

It didn't matter.

N.C. State used a hot start from point guard Tony Bethel to jump out to a 13-0 lead, quickly dousing the hopes of East Carolina fans on hand Friday night at the RBC Center. By the end of the game, the Wolfpack had touched the century mark in points, taking down the Pirates with a final score of 100-66 to win the Black Coaches Invitational.

While Hodge wasn't relishing his three first-half points, the Pack (3-0) turned to many other players to get the scoring done -- something Hodge liked.

"I was happy that we were winning, and that I made three out of four free throws," he said. "[Not making a field goal] is cool with me. I could relax for the rest of the night."

Hodge still played 29 minutes, finishing with 12 points, four assists, and three rebounds. Hodge was elated that his teammates did the majority work.

"Not having to go out there and score 25 points, that's a great feeling," Hodge said. "This is just a little chip off the ice. We think we have a great team, and we went out there and showed it."

Bethel posted the best game of his young State career, hitting his first five shots in the game and collecting 22 points. He finished the game with only two misses in 10 shots. He also collected five rebounds and dished out three assists.

Even though Hodge was

Game summary

Why N.C. State won

State jumped out to a 13-0 lead and never looked back. Tony Bethel hit on his first five shots, finishing the game with 22 points. State shot more than 60 percent from the field for the game while holding East Carolina to 39 percent.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Points: Bethel - 22
Brackman - 12
Hodge - 12
Rebounds: Bethel - 5
Brackman - 5
Assists: Hodge - 4
Evtimov - 4

named the tournament MVP, Bethel was the only other State player to be on the All Tournament Team.

"He played terrific tonight on both ends of the floor," Coach Herb Sendek said. "I'm very proud of him and I really commend him for his excellence tonight and throughout the tournament."

The night began as well as the Pack could have imagined. After a missed shot by the Pirates (2-1) on the first play of the game, Bethel grabbed the rebound and on the ensuing Pack possession, hit a 3-pointer.

The play was followed by another 3-pointer by Levi Watkins and then Jordan Collins scored five straight, including a 3-pointer of his own.

In each of the three tournament games, the Pack jumped out to an early lead. The championship game was no different. Freshman Andrew Brackman said that fast starts were something the team discussed prior to tip-off.

"That was pretty much a big key that Coach wrote on the board before the game," Brackman said. "We needed to take away any efforts that they had

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