

TECHNICIAN

MONDAY
NOVEMBER
29
2004

technicianonline.com

Raleigh, North Carolina

IS GOD DEAD?

STORY BY T.S. AMARASIRIWARDENA AND ASHLEY HINK

Seeing is believing — or so they say.

Americans love to have something to show for themselves. Flashy cars to prove they've achieved a successful career, a rock-solid body to reflect hours slaving at the gym, experimental data to support their hypotheses, a medal of honor to show those in service have fought selflessly in war.

Though the nation may be obsessed with objective proof of work, values and beliefs, they do stray from that mantra for one key thing: Americans still predominately cling to faith in a higher being in attempt to show for something far greater than success — the meaning of human existence.

While science has thrown its two cents in on the subject, gathering support for its theories of evolution, speciation and man's beginnings, scientists, philosophers and the religious alike acknowledge that science, in all its objectivity, may never answer this question.

If they're right, this void of scientific, solid proof will indefinitely be filled by God. Even for the most "must see it to believe it" Americans.

"Science can answer many questions. It can tell us a great deal about how the universe is put together and the processes by which particular things come about, but it cannot explain the ultimate reasons for things," Robert Hamburger, a professor of philosophy, said.

For Crystal Wrenn, a senior in communication, there are too many disparate pieces to latch together into one unified notion.

"Scientists still can't connect all the pieces together, and they never will. If they had, we wouldn't be still trying to answer this question," she said.

And so it becomes less of a question than if God or religion is dying, more so, it becomes a question if the mysteries of life will ever be answered through meticulous inspection via science, or conducted in the more ethereal realm of religion.

In science, where ideas are in a constant flux, where theories are constantly refined, there is one constant; change is certain.

"We always study in physics — the first law of thermodynamics — that all matter ends up into a state of entropy. A tree will grow, only to later die and rot. Stars will be born and then die — this is the state of all matter in the universe," Robert Bruck, a plant pathology professor, said.

GOD continued page 2

TUITION

Tuition on the rise nationally

Josh Harrell
Staff Writer

A recent College Board Annual Survey of Colleges has found the average tuition for a four-year public school has risen 10 percent in the last year. With a proposed \$300 tuition hike for N.C. State students passed last week by the Board of Trustees, the issue hits close to home. These numbers are smaller than last year's increases, but are still high by historical standards.

The survey, given every year by the College Board, also found that tuition at two-year public colleges rose 9 percent and four-year private school prices increased 6

percent.

But students here on campus are doing everything they can to reduce the increase.

"The Student Senate just passed a bill to oppose any tuition increases, period," Vice Chair of the Tuition and Fees Committee Nicole White said. "We are still trying to find ways to keep tuition low and not allow any more increase."

But these attempts may be short lived, as tuition on campus has continued to rise year by year since 1990 when tuition was only \$604. A seven percent increase occurred this past year as between

TUITION continued page 2



STORY BY STACY VON DREHLE

Kicking back with the purple and blue marshmallows mingling with crunchy cereal in a pool of milk can brighten anyone's day.

Move over Ramen Noodles, cereal is the new top dog for cheap eats. Today, cereal has found its way into nearly every dorm room, becoming a staple part of college students' diets.

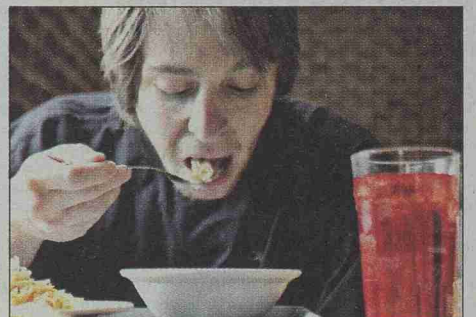
"It's easily accessible and requires very little preparation and chewing time," Joy

Kagendo-Charles, from the physical education department, said.

And for thin-walletted college students, venturing down the cereal aisle has another boon; it's cheap.

"It's cheap and quick. You can get a box of cereal at the grocery store for a few bucks," Cameron Watts, a junior in electrical engineering, said.

CEREAL continued page 2



TIFFANY KEV/TECHNICIAN

Josh McBeth takes a mouth full of cereal into his mouth for breakfast while in Fountain Dining Hall.

New check law not affecting students

Stacy von Drehle
Staff Writer

Writing checks has become a common method of payment, but a recent law changing how checks are cashed could leave some bank accounts un-

expectedly in the red.

Since Oct. 28, a new law has been in place known as Check 21, short for the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, and students adapted to it quickly, saying that it's actually a boon.

"I found out about the new law from a brochure at my bank. I'm really glad the law was passed because now I don't have to wait as long for my checks to clear," Jana Moss, a junior in communication, said.

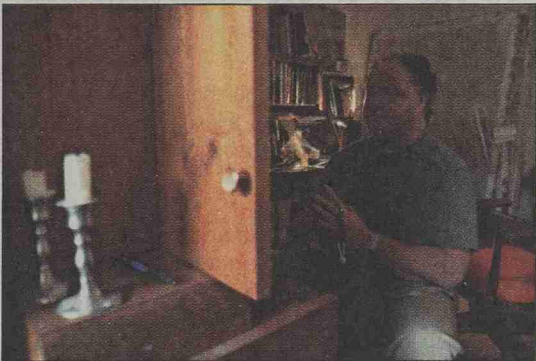
The act deals with "floating" checks — which does not refer to hovering checks — but instead to a practice most students frequently rely on.

A floating check is a check

CHECK continued page 2

THEIR FAITH | BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY ISLAM JUDAISM HINDUISM

Meditating on the basics: life, love and music



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Matthew Irvin, a practicing Buddhist for the past 17 years, prays at his home altar twice a day.

Manisha Dass
Staff Writer

"Nam Myoho Renge Ko" may not be a very familiar phrase to most around campus but a portion of Buddhist students, by chanting it, are becoming a better version of themselves.

Matthew Irvin, a doctoral student and an instructor of sociology, usually chants the phrase twice a day for various lengths of time — ranging from 15 minutes to two hours. "They are elements of meditative chant but considered an oral chant," he said.

THEIR FAITH

Beginning today, one of a five part series running each day this week, Technician will examine five students and how faith effects their daily lives.

MONDAY Buddhism
TUESDAY Christianity
WEDNESDAY Islam
THURSDAY Judaism
FRIDAY Hinduism

Through his chanting, Irvin is hoping to become as enlightened as possible, though it is sometimes difficult. He practices the chant in the morning and in the evening.

Irvin stressed that Buddhism and its followers are

members of society as well and spend their leisure time the same way a lot of people do. Irvin has been involved with Buddhism for the past 17 years and considers his level of involvement very strong.

He spends a lot of his spare time studying and is also a professional musician. He is also quite committed to his family.

The organization that Irvin and a few other students are part of at N.C. State meets sporadically.

"The few students involved

FAITH continued page 2

insidetechnician



Another dramatized epic?
The previews of "Alexander" looked good — now what about the epic movie based on the story of Alexander the Great? See page 7.

viewpoint 6
diversions 7
classifieds 9
sports 10

weather today tomorrow

58°/37° 59°/51°

Sammy's
Tap & Grill
755-3880

33¢
Jumbo Wings
Sun - Thurs

Every Tues & Thurs
Almost Everything
\$2.50

Mon - Thurs
2 for 1 dinners
5:30-7:30

Sammy's
Tap & Grill
755-3880

WWW.SAMMYSNC.SU.COM

News briefs from over the Thanksgiving break

CALS names new dean

After a year and half search, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences named Johnny Wynne as its 11th dean on Wednesday. Wynne, who has served as interim dean since James Oblinger was promoted to provost in May 2003, will start his duties Dec. 1. Wynne, a crop science professor, has spent all of his professional career at N.C. State, starting as a graduate research assistant in 1965, and working his way up, becoming a professor of crop science and assistant dean and director of the North Carolina Agricultural Research Service.

"Given a world-class faculty, a dedicated staff and bright students, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is well-positioned to continue a proud tradition of teaching, research and extension in service to North Carolina," Wynne said. "We have made great strides in developing value-added crops, products and enterprises to sustain our state's leading industry, which is agriculture and agribusiness."

Chancellor-designate Oblinger said Wynne is the "ideal man for the job" in the face of increasing financial challenges facing North Carolina farmers.

-News services

Land donation to fund scholarships

N.C. State received a \$4 million land donation on the coast, according to a story in The News & Observer. Edward Gore, an East Carolina business alum and Sunset Beach city council member, donated two oceanfront tracts of land valued at \$4 million for the university to sell. The proceeds from the sale will benefit scholarships for Brunswick County residents, for environmental research on the coast and to the Gen. Hugh Selton National Leadership Scholarship Endowment. Gore said he was inspired by the Shelton Initiative, which teaches involved students "values-based leadership."

"Our country was founded on the core values. We've seen a drifting away from that. It's been misinterpreted by the courts. The Ten Commandments tell it all," Gore told the News & Observer.

Offers for the land should start being made in a month.

Three to receive honorary doctorates

Interim Chancellor Robert Barnhardt will bestow honorary degrees on three individuals at Fall Commencement on Dec. 15. R. Scott Wallinger, retired senior vice president at MeadWestvaco Corporation, Richard Benedick, former United States ambassador and Robert Ward, an internationally renowned composer will join members of the administration on the dais at the RBC Center for graduation exercises.

Wallinger, a 1960 graduate of NCSU, worked to promote sustainable forestry and started a program to inform land owners about proper uses for their land and created with the forest industry the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

Benedick is a career diplomat who served as ambassador and special advisor to the United Nations secretary-general on environmental affairs. He was a main writer of the Montreal Protocol, which bound member countries to protect the ozone layer around the earth.

Ward won the Pulitzer Prize for his opera, "The Crucible," based on Arthur Miller's play about the Salem Witch Trials. He served as chancellor for the N.C. School of the Arts and is professor emeritus at Duke University. He is also a member of the National Academy of Arts and Letters.

-News services

Tom Wolfe to speak at McKimmon Center

Tom Wolfe, author of "The Right Stuff" and "The Bonfire of the Vanities," will speak Wednesday at the McKimmon Center at 7 p.m. He will be discussing his new book, "I am Charlotte Simmons" and will sign books after the speech. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Wolfe is known for his literary journalistic writing style, called "New Journalism." His new book, about a North Carolina girl in her freshman year in college, has caused controversy in the academic and literary worlds. The novel speaks about current trends of social behavior in America's colleges. Wolfe spent a year visiting Harvard, Stanford and Duke researching for this novel.

Tickets are available in the Friends of the Library office or at Quail Ridge Books and Music in Raleigh. Admission is \$5 for the public, but students can get a free ticket with a valid student ID. Tickets are available at the door.

-News services

Want to have your campus brief listed? Send announcements to the news staff at news@technicianonline.com

TUITION

continued from page 1

the 2003-2004 year and this year tuition has increased from \$2,995 to \$3,205, and maybe raised another \$300 next year.

Sandy Baum, a College Board senior policy analyst and co-author of the report, said the survey is representative of 2,800 schools across the country.

The study also found that all forms of student aid are growing to adjust to this increase, but that students are now relying more heavily on private loans.

"This is because the federal loan limit has not increased for a decade," Baum said. "So students

are not getting enough through federal programs and have to turn to alternative sources of borrowing."

Here on campus, total grants and scholarships given out has grown from \$53.1 million given out last year to both need-based and merit-based students, to \$56.8 million given out so far this year, with more numbers still to come in, according to the University Cashier and Student Accounts Office.

Borrowing from private loans has become more popular as well, as overall aid has decreased.

"There is a lot of credit available, and interest rates are low, so it makes sense to borrow," Baum said. "What students and families cannot get from the federal

government they get from other sources."

In recent years, changes in the distribution of state and institutional grant aid have favored middle and upper class students.

"Most grants are still allocated on need, but there does seem to be a diminishing focus on students from the lower class," Baum said. "But I think it is misleading to say that grant aid is not going to them, when it is really going to students who really need it."

But the study does show that the difference of benefits received by college graduates compared to high school graduates has increased.

"Students who attend college obtain a wide range of personal, financial and other lifelong bene-

fits," College Board president Gaston Caperton said in the report.

"Uneven rates of participation in higher education should be a matter of urgent interest not only to the individuals affected, but also as a public policy issue at the federal, state, and local levels."

This section of the study also found that college graduates display higher levels of civic participation than others, and that their children attain higher levels of education.

Also it found that the after graduation earnings of the average college graduate is high enough for graduates to recover both the cost of full tuition and fees plus forgone earnings while in college in a relatively short period of time.



"I find that Buddhism is like playing a guitar. The more you do it and practice [the religion and the guitar], the better you get." - Matthew Irvin

FAITH

continued from page 1

are extraordinarily busy and their lives are very integrated in society," Irvin said.

Irvin also lectures at NCSU and does not make it a point to show that he is Buddhist through his lectures. "Sociology is controversial enough. I do try to respect the fact that I am in a classroom and respect the religious sensibilities of all students. Occasionally Buddhism does come up and if someone asks me, I will be happy to talk to them, but I do not promote it."

Irvin finds that his faith in Buddhism profoundly and increasingly affects everything he does. "It becomes synergistic - it is my life, but in natural ways," Irvin said. "It is the core of my life and universe. It literally affects everything I do - from applying for a job, to playing music - to the extent that I do things correctly and do things better." Irvin's particular sect of Buddhism does

not have dietary restrictions but he finds that, because of the chanting, his beliefs naturally weeds out "bad food," based on a constant negotiation.

When it comes to marriage, Buddhism is very open-ended. Irvin said that his significant other is not Buddhist and there is no requirement for Buddhists to marry a Buddhist.

He finds that his relationship with his significant other is not affected by his Buddhist faith.

"Sometimes it gets difficult because I may be awake chanting or I am away. It colors our conversations a little because of the different opinions we share on certain issues but it doesn't really affect our relationship to the point where there are prohibitions," he said.

Irvin offered a simile, pooling his musical and religious interests together; "I find that Buddhism is like playing a guitar. The more you do it and practice [the religion and the guitar], the better you get."

RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Matthew Irvin rubs prayer beads together as he chants.

CEREAL

continued from page 1

After a long day of classes what could be less intimidating than a bowl of Lucky Charms?

"I reserve those times when it's been a long day and I don't want to fix anything. Cereal is a quick fix that you can't mess up," Stephanie Canady, a sophomore in communication, said.

When dealing with the stresses of college, many people choose to eat cereal because it is what they grew up eating. "I eat Raisin Bran every morning. Even when I was younger I would eat Raisin Bran all the time," Elizabeth Gray, a senior in communication, said.

Peering into a bowl of cereal, students say, they are taken back

to their childhood, a time when problems were few and exams were even fewer.

"I eat the same cereals I grew up eating. Cereal is my comfort food during the day," Canady said.

Although the cereal craze is steadily on the rise, this does not mean that cereal meets the daily nutritional needs of the average college student.

While the back of a cereal box can keep one amused for hours, the nutritional value of a bowl of cereal is not as satisfying.

"Sugar is one of the many additives in cereals and is usually the second ingredient in most junk cereals," Kagendo-Charles said.

And sugar is not one of the six essential nutrients.

So it goes.

Too much sugar during a given

day can have a toilsome effect on the activity levels of students, according to Kagendo-Charles. "Eating cereals during the day, especially those high in sugar, can affect activity levels, physical energy, as well as emotional and mental states," she said.

This does not mean that students should remove the marshmallows from the cereals they eat. Nor does it mean students should refrain from eating Fruity Pebbles if it makes them feel good.

"I eat cereal five days out of the week. I never think about the amount of sugar they have in them," Gray said.

As an alternative, students can choose healthy cereals that contain whole grain products that are high in fiber, Kagendo-Charles suggests. "Fiber is essential for healthy

bowel care, cancer prevention and general nutrition," she said.

But by the time students are on their third or fourth bowl of cereal, it's good to remember old sayings from the past.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away" still holds truth. Fruits and vegetables are excellent sources of fiber and they also contain natural sugars," Kagendo-Charles said.

Where most college students might open a cabinet in their apartment and find stale bread and Beanie Weenies, some find shelves filled with sugary cereals.

"If you open my pantry my love of cereal can be seen. I can name seven cereals I have in there right now," Canady said.

EXCEPTIONAL RATES
CALL FOR DETAILS

Kensington Park

M-F 9-5

Off Avent Ferry Road Approximately one mile from NCSU on Wolfline 851-7831 1-800-K82-PARK

Student Help Wanted!

MICROTHERMICS (NORTH RALEIGH) IS HIRING ENGINEERING STUDENTS WITH SOLID HANDS ON MECHANICAL BACKGROUND TO ASSEMBLE RESEARCH TEST EQUIPMENT PART TIME.

Ability to read drawings, tape measure and use basic hand tools required. Electrical, plumbing and carpentry skills a plus. Pay is \$9.50/hour. Applicants should be in their first, second or entering their third year of school, willing to work part time year round until graduation and have reliable transportation. Hours can be adjusted for class schedules, minimum of 15 to 20 hours per week.

Please contact Matt Wroblewski or Doug Bell today at (919) 878-3262 8am-5pm to schedule an interview.

GOD

continued from page 1

But with that constant, comes another supposition, something cannot come out of nothing, and for Bruck, that's where life differs.

"We are built from nothing into something that is unbelievably complex and doing something just the opposite of [any notion of physics]," he said.

"Life is the antithesis of entropy - that is the hand of God, I have no other explanation for it," he added.

Taking simple carbon-based structures that, individually, have no meaning or notion of self, life builds itself out of an intricate lattice of nothingness.

Somewhere in that lattice - there is a "spark," as Bruck likes to call it, that defines life - and both religion and science aim to pinpoint where exactly that point lays, albeit from different vantage points.

"It is easy to create a highly polarized debate between science and religion - that oversimplification is pernicious," David Austin, a professor of philosophy said. "When people use the word 'science' or the phrase 'The Scientific method,' what they often have in mind is the sometimes successful search for the better, if not the best possible explanations."

But that methodology doesn't necessarily cross over to other facets of life.

"People see good explanations about many matters not typically listed under a course catalog heading 'science,'" Austin said.

What makes a musical note pleasing, a piece of art aesthetically catchy, or an interpersonal relationship just "click," are nebulous notions - and to dissect the workings of those ideas may be fruitless battle. It's that vein of thinking that may need to be carried over to religion, Austin says.

Comparing two divergent subjects, and attempting to apply one set of analysis procedures from one, and carrying it over to another, is an inequitable route to take he said.

"This oversimplification has at least two common and very bad consequences," Austin said. "First, one may be misled into thinking that every branch of inquiry on the standard 'science' list is almost sure to yield good explanations."

"God is thrilled about [our investigation into the intricacies of life]. Why - because of all beings in creation, he gave man the brain and free will to use it,"

— Robert Bruck

Under constant revision and scrutiny, scientific theories are constantly being tested and refined. Because of its dynamic nature, just because it is scientific does not immediately mean it can be taken for gospel, Austin notes.

"Second, this oversimplification may lead to a dismissal, as opposed to good explanation, of almost everything labeled 'religion' since, after all, 'religion' is not on the standard 'science' list," he said, "[pouring] gasoline on an already hot debate by encouraging critics of religion to compare the best explanations in the branches of science with the weakest explanations in various religions."

While science may try to answer the meaning of life, religion may seek a means to give meaning to life. The two camps could be attempting to answer completely different questions, filling the holes of the other.

"What science explains, it explains by finding causes, and causes are always prior to their effects. So every scientific explanation must leave something unexplained. Science can explain things that are very large and very old, but it cannot hope to explain everything," Hambourger said.

Though the Big Bang may have opened up the doors of the universe, what lays prior remains to be a vacuous notion in science.

"What created the Big Bang - what was before it - science cannot answer it," Bruck said.

The ultimate effect is outlined, but ultimate cause is still a question - an answer that religion offers a solution to.

For Bruck, a scientist and practicing Jew, the coexistence of religion and science is completely compatible.

"Let's go to the most contentious of subjects - genesis," Bruck says. "There are some fundamentalists that take it so

literally that they will go back 6,000 years ago to when God created the earth, making it completely incompatible with what science tells us."

But paleontology and geology bound the earth into the realm of some four billion years - on multiple orders of incongruence to biblical notions.

"When I take a purely objective thing like radio carbon dating - you can't fudge it," Bruck said. "The idea to use the metaphor for a day is a perfectly reasonable thing to do for us to comprehend [creation], a day could be a billion years."

Science, Bruck explains, is constructed through vigorous debate.

"Within all of the bounds, if 100 percent of data and evidence points to the theory being true," in science we'll take that as fact he said.

Bruck offered an example: "We can test gravity fairly easily. I can take a pen and drop it and it will fall every time. But if one time it fails and doesn't drop, I can take [the theory] of gravity and throw it out the window."

The same applies to evolution.

"Evolution is going all around us today," he said.

A plant pathologist, Bruck explained that some pathogens that he has seen have built defense systems to pesticides in spans of days.

"Evolution is happening in front of our eyes," he said.

Ultimately, it comes down to showing a series of concrete events - but to debate science and throw it away to fit a literal model of a religious text dilutes the conversation.

Literalists fail to give "one shred of evidence that what I believe is false and what you say is true - it then becomes a discussion of faith," and one where little honest discussion can be performed Bruck said.

And to Bruck, honest discus-

sions are what it's all about.

"God is thrilled about [our investigation into the intricacies of life]. Why - because of all beings in creation, he gave man the brain and free will to use it," he said.

Free will, too, allows those willing to have honest discussions not just about the intricacies of life, about faith itself, or lack thereof.

Yet, many religious skeptics take a platform stance that faith and belief sometimes isn't investigated enough by individuals and is adopted merely out of socialization, fad or even fear.

Wrenn, a practicing Christian, attributes socialization to past decades where religion, mainly Christianity, took precedence in the U.S. and still does in certain regions of the country.

"It used to be that people stayed where they were. They stayed around their towns, families and churches - people with the same beliefs," Wrenn said.

Now that more people are growing up in large, diverse cities or are moving around and exposed to different people and religions, "religion isn't established as much in their lives," she said.

This leads for those without a steady socialization into a religion with the opportunity to consider the validity of many faiths, or abandon them all together.

"It seems that they [atheists] don't really know what to believe, they don't know what's right. So they chose just not to believe in anything," Wrenn said.

While socialization into a religion and lack of exposure to others might lead some into an "unquestioned faith," Russ Stackhouse, a senior in statistics and biology, said, "What drives some people to religion is fear."

Whether it's fear of death, punishment or simply the un-

known - Stackhouse finds that religion is a source of comfort for many people.

Blind socialization and clinging to comfort may lead some people's faith - propelling critics to categorize religious people as ignorant or lacking reason for belief - personal faith for many is hardly adopted without thought and good reason.

Bruck said, "The whole basis of this religion [Judaism] is studying yourself until the point of reason."

"It is true that some people believe in God without much reason, because its comforting or socially accepted. But many religious believers can give you very good reasons why they believe as they do," Hambourger said. "Many of these people are intelligent, thoughtful and well educated. Many are scientists. They are not all whistling Dixie."

What might in fact warrant greater criticism and question isn't one's personal faith, but the new wave of "moral values" loudly voiced in the U.S. These moral values, which Stackhouse said, "Are definitely attributed to religious beliefs," that are noted to have propelled many voters in the November presidential election, are now in the forefront of political debate and national policy.

Yet, why now?

"They [voters] fear some decisions will deface our values and principles," Stackhouse said.

If any values were in danger of being defaced or not, it won't be known any time soon, but now as a country, Americans face faith as being a political issue - whether it should be or not. Yet, it's not particularly a faith in God and the morals derived from such a belief, it's mostly a conservative Christian faith

rather than that of a different monotheistic religion.

"The religious right element feels very empowered and are going to come out," Bruck said. "That will be the trend."

Stackhouse, too, agrees that this "moral value" kick is a trend.

"It's like when people put bumper stickers on their cars after Sept. 11 - you know, 'yay America' - and then six months later took them off," he said.

These newly vocalized morals and fundamentalism might be a trend, but Stackhouse also said, "Religion is going no where in our society."

He acknowledges though, that while religion will remain a static and powerful element in society, our country will have to minimize its impact in legislative issues in order to suit all of society.

"The church was against interracial marriages 50 years ago, and now it's no big deal. Gays aren't going away, the church and state is going to have to find a way to fit them into society," Stackhouse said. "What states are doing now with constitutional amendments is postponing the inevitable."

The country's government will inevitably continue to struggle separating the line of religious-based values and legislation, and the country's people will continue to find themselves struggling to keep it in check.

For the majority of people, however, will inevitably continue to keep their faith in God - no matter, what legislation is set in place or new scientific discovery might challenge the heart of their beliefs.

"It is very unlikely religion will stop playing a large part in humanity. There are literally billions of religious believers in the world. People are created to seek meaning in their lives; it is a central part of our nature," Hambourger said.

After all, if "finding the meaning of life" is what people are ultimately after, then the search will be indefinite for as Stackhouse said, "As far as we've come in science, it comes no closer to finding the meaning of life," and it quite possibly, never will.

Until then, it looks like God is here to stay.

CHECK

continued from page 1

written when sufficient funds are not currently in an account, therefore, it floats until the appropriate deposit is made.

"The main way everyone, including students, will be affected by the new law, is that the float time on checks will reduce significantly," Tim Swinson, a vice president at State Employees' Credit Union, said.

The new law enables checks to be transferred electronically, reducing float time and saving time and money for banks. Electronic images of checks will now be considered legal representations of payment.

If an account holder does not have the proper amount in their bank account to make a payment, they will have to pay overdraft charges.

"Students need to make sure when they write a check they have money to cover it in their accounts," Swinson said.

The effect of Check 21 will cause some students to change current check writing habits. "I always pay my rent a few days be-

fore I get my monthly paycheck. I put my paycheck in the bank as soon as I can. This system has worked for me for years," David Hine, a senior in sports management, said.

Apartment complexes haven't noticed a change in students rent payments. "Students haven't been paying their rent any differently although many of them have asked about the change. Maybe we will notice a difference in the future," Misty Rookard, assistant manager at Ivy Chase Apartments, said.

Check 21 is a law that grew out of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, when planes carrying paper checks were grounded. Soon after, the need to expedite the transfer of money was realized.

Congress passed Check 21 in an attempt to meet the need of speedy money transfer.

"Check 21 helps financial institutions more than it will help the public," Swinson said. The law will allow for faster collection of checks for banks, which will also help to reduce check fraud. The change will not be immediate, with most changes expected to occur over the next several years.

UAB NCSU UNION ACTIVITIES BOARD

Get ready for the Red and White Charity Ball
February 18, 2005

FREE MOVIE
THE FOURTH WORLD WAR
THURSDAY
December 2nd 2:30PM
CAMPUS CINEMA

The movie will be presented by director Jacquie Soohen

FREE BOWLING
WESTERN LANES
MONDAY
December 6th 7-9PM
Free Food
NCSU Student Id Required

UAB.NCSU.EDU

CLEAR CREEK
GUEST RANCH

N.C. MOUNTAIN DUDE RANCH
Jobs - Full-time/Summer 2005
Need Wranglers, Food Service, Housekeeping. Call Rex or Mike at 1-800-651-4510.
Website: www.clearcreekranch.com
E-mail: ccrude@prodigy.net

FLU VACCINE
available for "high-risk" students

FLU MIST vaccine
available for those eligible
*cost \$29.50,
see Pharmacist

Student Health Services
www.ncsu.edu/student_health

ATTENTION STUDENTS!
Looking For A Home Away From Home?

- Affordable 2, 3 & 4 Bedrooms
- Houses, Town homes & Apartments
- Lease Specials Available
- Move-In Tomorrow!

Something for Everyone.....
"Your Own Place" - 1 Bedrooms on Gorman
"You & a Friend" - 2 Bedrooms on Wolfline
"The Whole Group" - 4 Bedrooms Near McKimman Center

Barker Realty, Inc
919-859-0068 www.barker-inc.com

ΦBK

Zeta of North Carolina Chapter
Honor Society of the Arts and Sciences
Congratulates its New Members
November 29, 2004



Thanks to Devorah Marks,
Student Representative

Bradley Neal Adkins
Robert Chester Barker
Amanda Lea Baucom
Lucas Savage Bilbro
Mildred McGehee Breedlove
Jason Damon Bryan
Mitchell Jared Cohen
Roger Latham Cordes, Jr.
Chelsea Simone Davis
Stefanie Askew Delph
Mark Adam Eckert
Courtney N. Elder
Lisa Gray Flores
Carrie M. Goodson
Alia N. Granger
Scott Alan Hefner
Andrea Hernandez
Robert Horner
William Andrew Huffman
Erin Idol
Jeanine Gabrielle Jackson
Kelli Sue Jeffries
Marie Kieronski
Amanda Lilley
Elizabeth Lee Lockamy
Mary Emmitta Lyford
David Monroe McCallum
Kaylyn Susan McCoy

Tanya Leigh Merchant
Amanda Rae Peele
Christie McHone Peters
Tyler S. Pool
Ligaya Renee Roque
Nickole P. Rucker
Amanda J. Ruth
Lauren Simmons
Courtney Andrea Sipe
Paul Stewart Smith
Hudson Douglas Spivey
Benjamin Nolin Stepp
Kawan A. Swain
Sarah Catherine Thomas
Eamonn Patrick Tweedy
Justin A. Wells
Mary Margaret Williard
Jennifer Brooke Wilson
Carolyn L. Windham
Brittain Avery Wood

Coming soon...

It's not a movie...
It's **hundreds** of movies.



This Thursday Night!
10 T-shirts given away every 1/2 hour!
\$1.25 Corona Nips Bottles! \$3.75 L.I.T.'s!

Accepted Here

THE OFF-CAMPUS MEAL PLAN

FOOD DRINK DECK

Too busy to dine in?
I always drop in for take-out when I want a delicious meal and I'm on the fly!

Thursdays at East Village are always awesome!
\$3.75 Long Islands, Giveaways all night long, & the Thurs. beer special!

Listen up Wolfpackers!
With Tar-Heel-Stompin' great food at East Village, you should eat here when you're hungry as a Wolf!

Dude, this food is Awesome!
I can cross the street from class and have a great lunch every day!
What a great deck! The scenery rocks!

Dude, I know. I come here everyday between my classes.

FREE Hi-Speed Wireless Internet!
Finally, I can eat and use the computer!

East Village is starting to accept waitress applications for the spring semester. Have fun and make money while in college! Come in for lunch this week and fill one out!

I Love East Village!

I love it! I can eat restaurant quality food in a FUN atmosphere and use the PACK OFF-Campus meal plan my parents paid for!

East Village shows Monday Night Football on 18 TV's!

Football's great on Monday, but I like the 2\$4 wings and \$1 beers

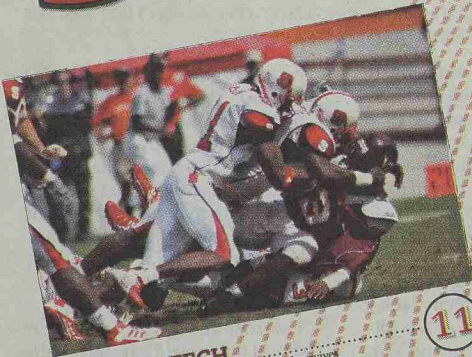
EAST VILLAGE

919-821-9985 • Corner of Dixie Tr. & Hillsborough St.

SEMBLANCE OF A SEASON

For the first time under Chuck Amato, NCSU ends its football season in November and will be home for the holidays. It was close, players point out. "Most of our games have been decided by a touchdown here or there — real close games," departing senior Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay said. Technician looks back at the roller coaster of a season, ranking the 11 games accordingly, with 11 being the year's high point and one being rock bottom.

TEXT BY AUSTIN JOHNSON, RYAN REYNOLDS, MATT MIDDLETON | DESIGN BY PATRICK CLARKE
 PHOTO CREDITS: RAY BLACK III - MARYLAND, MIAMI, OHIO STATE, RICHARD WASHINGTON - RICHMOND | TAYLOR TEMPLETON - CLEMSON, EAST CAROLINA, UNC - VIRGINIA TECH, WAKE FOREST | JEFF REEVES - GEORGIA TECH, MARCUS HUDSON, JOHN MCCARGO | COURTNEY EVANS - FLORIDA STATE | MELIH DUNYAL - NON-TOUCHDOWN



VIRGINIA TECH
 Defense and drama. State records 10 sacks and survives last-second FG miss, storming off the field in a wild celebration. Tech hasn't lost since.

11



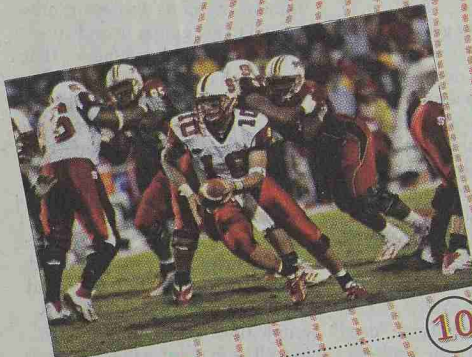
ECU
 State spoils lame-duck John Thompson's finale and leaves underclassmen something to build on. "We wanted to start a streak for the other guys," Aughtry-Lindsay said. Hall added, "Next season, we'll be ready."

7



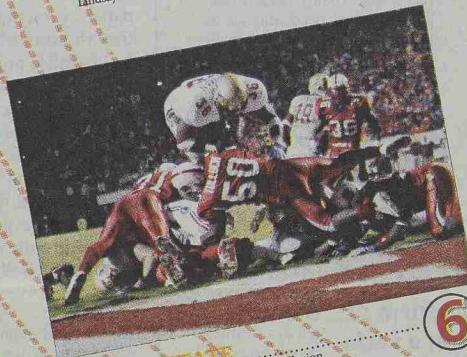
CLEMSON
 Injuries begin to wear on team that starts makeshift o-line. Davis throws four INTs.

4



MARYLAND
 Davis does what Rivers never did - beats the Terps, thanks to huge defensive effort on the road.

10



FLORIDA STATE
 Rainy, misty Carter-Finley only provided an illusion to Pack's postseason. Up 10-0, State allows the last 17 points.

6



OHIO STATE
 Highly anticipated match-up flames out in the first half; even worse considering OSU turns out to be a middle-of-the-pack Big 10 team.

3



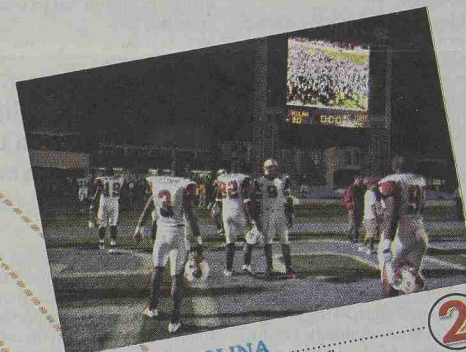
WAKE FOREST
 Pack proves it can win the close ones, downing Deacs in overtime. Jay Davis remembers, "We were [3-2] at one point and ready to go..."

9



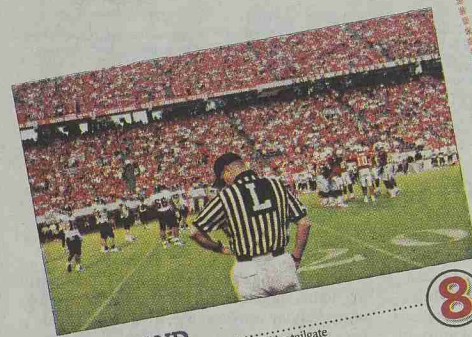
MIAMI
 College GameDay is there. Pack's A game isn't. "We knew we could beat them we knew it," Framain Hall remembered. "Even after the first quarter after we came out and saw our speed was just as good."

5



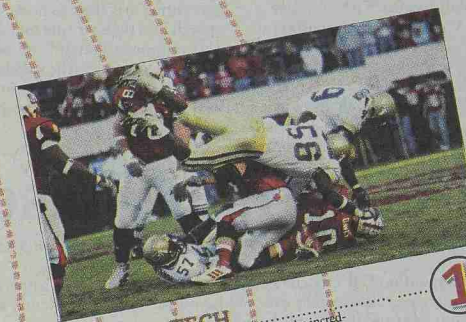
NORTH CAROLINA
 Davis continued, "things they didn't necessarily really work off for us." Downward spiral begins with a controversial overturned touchdown.

2



RICHMOND
 Veritable scrimmage game overshadowed by tailgate shooting deaths that left two dead.

8



GEORGIA TECH
 Rock bottom. State drops a home contest to the incredibly average Jackets 24-14, falling below .500 and being forced to win out to go to a bowl.

1

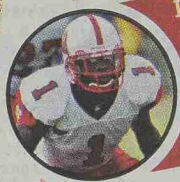
OFFENSIVE MVP: RICHARD WASHINGTON

When Richard Washington left the Clemson game with a knee injury, it made an inconsistent offense downright bad down the stretch. He was emerging as Jay Davis' favorite target before he missed the last four games with a knee injury — three of them losses. Washington's 29 catches were good for second on the team even though he essentially missed four full games.



DEFENSIVE MVP: MARCUS HUDSON

On the nation's top defensive unit, versatile defensive back seemed to do one thing consistently: make plays. Sacks, defensive touchdowns, big hits — Hudson did it all without an attitude that yielded dumb penalties; he grew up after a year away from football. For the year, Hudson tallied three quarterback sacks, returned an interception 60 yards for a score against Georgia Tech, and caused two fumbles and played both the cornerback and safety positions.



PLAY OF THE YEAR: NCSU/UNC - THE TD THAT WASN'T

First State was down by six points, then running back T.A. McLendon charged to the goal line, and one line judge signaled touchdown. The scoreboard read a 30-30 tie with the extra point looming, but line judge Rick Page came in and overruled the touchdown, taking the points off the board. State had one last play from scrimmage, but McLendon fumbled at the 1-yard line, and Carolina recovered to end the game. The Heels won three of five games down the stretch against a brutal schedule. State won just twice more.



UNSUNG MVP: JOHN MCCARGO

State's defense may end up the top-ranked unit in all of college football, and John McCargo's presence in the middle of that defense was often overlooked this season. Surrounded by the more prominently known Mario Williams and Manny Lawson, it was McCargo that helped clog the middle and force teams into third-and-long situations where the ends could shine.





Embrace Ebonics everywhere

Ebonics may be improper but it is just another dialect in an ever-changing language.

Thanksgiving is a time for being with family, eating excellent food and debating with aunts and uncles in my household. My family members are not quiet, and we don't sit around the television and watch "It's a Wonderful Life" after we finish our meal. Rather, we pick some topic and go at it. Sometimes we cause a family member or two to leave the room

in exasperation, but more often than not everyone participates and tries to get a word or two in the conversation.

This year, with my being a newly minted English teacher, we discussed the rather touchy and always interesting topic of African-American English.

When I was an ignorant little girl in high school, I never understood why anyone would defend Ebonics, as the media called it. After all, Ebonics was a poor form of English that shouldn't be supported by schools because then Standard English would be lost to our country forever.

Now that it's my job to teach the rules of English to the young people in this community, I realize that Ebonics, now more commonly known as African-American English, is not an incorrect form of English but a variation that should be acknowledged and accepted as a viable dialect of the language.

Should we teach it? Of course not. We don't teach people how to speak like a Southerner nor should we have lessons on the grammatical rules of African-American English, but we should explain

that the latter has rules that its speakers follow and that it is not an arbitrary misuse of English but a speech shared by thousands of people. For instance, the use of the word "be" in African-American English is quite deliberate and most speakers can identify in what situations they would include the word. Such rules illustrate the complexity of this form of English and certainly warrant its acceptance as a part of its speaker's heritage.

We have several professors, including Walt Wolfram, at N.C. State who have studied African-American English and identified some of its rules. Their research is integral in a push for our schools to openly acknowledge different dialects of English and let students know that their way of speaking at home is not a sign of ignorance, but just a form of speech that cannot be used in the public arena.

Obviously this nation must promote some form of English that is considered standard because our country's citizens need to be able to communicate with one another. The airline industries apply the same reasoning in their decision to make all air traffic controllers speak English.

Most students today realize that this language dance is necessary for their own success. My students use slang, slur their words and sometimes mix their at-home speech into their writing for my class. However, they are well aware that they must learn the standard rules for their future careers just as they know they can't wear their

favorite t-shirt and jeans to their interviews.

The process of learning to speak and write English correctly is a long journey, and I know many adults who haven't mastered the language yet. Teachers should spend more time reviewing such rules in their classrooms, but that fact doesn't change the attitude adjustment we need amongst the people in this country who believe that Standard English is the only true, good, correct form of English in this country. All English's dialects, all its slang words, all its sounds are a part of its beauty, and Standard English isn't the best form — it's simply the form the most educated class of people in this country have decided should be the standard for general communication.

"AAE is not an incorrect form of English but a variation that should be acknowledged and accepted."

I hope that the students at this university do not discriminate people based on their language use. NCSU brings together people from all parts of this state and beyond, and I'm sure their collective voice is diverse and colored with forms we don't teach in English class.

We students are very fortunate to live in a place where our heritage is not just in our past but a part of every word we utter. Each individual can help eliminate some of the ignorance in the United States by promoting language diversity and understanding the fine line between professional speech and the speech that makes the rest of our lives a little more interesting.

Email Michele your comments at viewpoint@technicianonline.com



Michele DeCamp
Senior Staff Columnist

The holiday season – and attitude – has just begun

After Thanksgiving, the holiday season cranks up with Americans fighting over the latest gifts ideas in their quest to "make the season bright."

After months of advertisement and hype, Thanksgiving 2004 is finally over. We have loosened our belts and there are still plenty of leftovers. Crazy in-laws, aunts and uncles have gone away until next year and the need to have good manners and be polite is long gone. Just in time too, it's the holidays!

Thanksgiving brought me back to the capital of good manners and holiday spirit: Long Island, N.Y. I started the weekend off reuniting with good friends and having one of our mothers pack us all in her minivan cart us off to the bar. We spent the evening plotting how our old-timers would take down my brother's team during the next morning's football game.

The conversation was going well over a few beers, until a wonderfully slutty New York shot girl coerced us into buying shots of Jagermeister, complete with a free T-shirt. The situation for the next morning looked bleak.

A mild, yet rainy morning greeted us on Thanksgiving. We scheduled an early kickoff; however, we waited for the usual suspects of tardiness. Early in the game, the old men dominated. Then our aging 21-year-old bones started to ache and the young stallions took control. At the

end of the game, a long touchdown gave the old men the victory and left the young ones waiting until next year.

I spent Thanksgiving dinner at my grandmother's house, complete with friends and family. Turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie provide the needed caloric intake to survive the next month known as "The Holiday Season."

For a time where love and generosity is encouraged, we seem to become more hostile and hateful. Outside of the politically correct use of the term "holidays," the Christian jewel, Christmas, dominates the season. No other holiday can compare to the massive commercial goodness of Christmas. You can't market Hanukkah, or Chanukah. See, you can spell it two ways; the kids won't buy into it.

Now I'm not here to bicker about the religious importance of Christmas and what it all means in the Bible. Let's face it, I love gifts just as much as the next guy.

I thank the bloated businessmen for my days off from school, not Jesus. I have some dignity though. I still expect friendly neighbors, soft snowfall and happy times.

I am looking for the spirited goodness of the post-9/11 America. Sure, that only lasted a month, but our "holiday" season only lasts a month so it can be done. Can't we all just get along?

My first taste of this year's decrepit holiday was a few weeks ago in a waiting room at the Hyun-

dai dealership. It seemed as though my Korean driving machine needed its regularly scheduled maintenance. As I waited for hours in a spacious room filled with the booming sound of morning television, I sat near an older woman sorting out Christmas lists with what I assumed to be her daughter.

Between Regis' clever antics, I noticed the woman next to me went through the list of relatives, jotting down gift ideas. At the strike of 10 a.m., just as I was baffled that Tony Danza has a morning talk show, the conversation turned for the worse. The joyous season got off to a bad start after the woman accused the daughter of spoiling her children, making it difficult to buy them gifts. Geez lady, you can buy me the Barbie dream house, move on!

No matter how bad that exchange seemed, the worst was yet to come. See, after a delicious meal at Nana's on Thanksgiving, we waddled to the car and hit the road home. We passed a Best Buy on the way back and saw the start of what has become the single biggest shopping day of the year: Black Friday.

Over the weekend after Thanksgiving Day, it is estimated that 130 million people will brave the traffic and chaos and find those unbeatable Holiday deals. The bravest waste no time, though. Before the apple pie has been completely digested, some shoppers scurry away from the dinner table to wait in line outside of malls and department stores.

With amazing deals starting at the early morning hours, shoppers quickly forget about the joy of the holiday season and gear up for the madness that makes all of America look like the set of Supermarket Sweep.

My mom won't fall for the trick. She is convinced that the deals will make you buy things you don't really need. Instead, she chooses to go out on Black Friday — after the deals are gone. She shops with the people who couldn't make it out before noon, meaning they were probably plastered from the night before. I ventured out with her this year. I was very excited about the start of Christmas songs and trees with lights. Instead, as I was really getting into Jingle Bell Rock, this interrupted me, "Hey move it! (honk, honk) Get out of the road you &%\$#@*!" Happy holidays to you too, bud.

I realize that it may just be a New York thing, but in reality this is how the holidays go everywhere. Our nation has decided to leave the neighborly love to moments of national tragedy. This isn't a time of grief; the new Elmo doll is 50 percent off!

Try to bring back the joy of the holidays, even while you spend too much on your loved ones. Your local retailer is thanking you, why don't you give everyone else something to thank you about too. Happy Holidays, you &%\$#@*!

Email Matt your holiday experiences at viewpoint@technicianonline.com



Matt Campbell
Staff Columnist

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW DOES DEAD WEEK ACTUALLY EXIST?

OUR OPINION: DEAD WEEK IS SUPPOSED TO ALLOW STUDENTS TIME TO PREPARE FOR FINALS, BUT THEY OFTEN FIND THEMSELVES TRYING TO FINISH UP THE CLASSWORK RATHER THAN THINKING ABOUT THE EXAMS. STUDENTS CRAM MORE DURING EXAM WEEK AND A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE WOULD BENEFIT STUDENTS GREATLY.

Dead Week is the time for students and faculty to gather that last bit of intellectual energy and prepare to harness it for the next nine days in an all-out, no-looking-back, burst of information on a recipient called "exams."

Too bad it never happens that way.

Ideally, Dead Week would be set up for students to review and gain the remaining sense of security going into finals. Students want to feel confident when taking an exam and since, in theory, most finals are cumulative, confidence in knowledge of class material would be a powerful tool.

Too bad they don't get that opportunity.

During the week, nothing is to be assigned. This gives students the opportunity to tie up any loose ends surrounding the class.

However, the week is typically filled with final semester exams, papers, presentations, speeches and the last homework assignments. Just because nothing can be assigned during the week doesn't mean nothing can be due.

Therefore, there is nothing "dead" about the week since the students are working on their assignments. Students need the opportunity to adequately review for cumulative finals and time to adequately study for them as well.

So, "Dead Week" should only

consist of three days. This week, for instance, Dead Week would only be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Very few, if any, assignments should be due during that time to give students adequate time to spend with material. The dean of the respective colleges would be held responsible for what is due during that time.

The latter part of the week, Thursday and Friday, would be reserved for students to study — thus no classes would be held on either of those days.

In addition, students and faculty alike dread the second Monday and Tuesday of exams. Professors are rushed to get grades in and students have to stay around for that 1 p.m. exam on the second Tuesday — which is borderline painful.

Exams should exist from Saturday to Saturday — for one week only. Then, the Thursday and Friday before exams would be spent efficiently since the exams would start on Saturday.

It's a fairly simple structure and would work. Setting up the schedule like this would give students ample time to prepare, to study, as well as maximize the time they spend actually taking the exams.

Students would only have one focus during the "Dead Week" — getting ready for finals.

Too bad it doesn't work that way now.

The unsigned editorial that appears above is the opinion of the members of Technician's editorial board and is the responsibility of the editor in chief.



TECHNICIAN
THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Editor in Chief
Matt Middleton
editor@technicianonline.com

Managing Editor
Ben McNeely
ben@technicianonline.com

News Editor
T.S. Amarasriwardena
tas@technicianonline.com

Viewpoint Editor
Jason Eder
jason@technicianonline.com

Sports Editor
Austin Johnson
austin@technicianonline.com

Arts and Entertainment Editor
Jake Seaton
jake@technicianonline.com

Features Editor
Ashley Hink
ashley@technicianonline.com

Photography Editor
Taylor Templeton
taylor@technicianonline.com

Graphics Editor
Patrick Clarke
pclarke@technicianonline.com

Advertising Manager
Claire Saunders
clsaunders@technicianonline.com

Classifieds Manager
Zach Patterson
zach@technicianonline.com

Deputy News Editor
Tyler Dukes
tyler@technicianonline.com

Deputy News Editor
Erin Welch
erin@technicianonline.com

Deputy Sports Editor
Ryan Reynolds
ryan@technicianonline.com

Deputy Photo Editor
Ray Black III
ray@technicianonline.com

Deputy Graphics Editor
Jessica Gluck
jessica@technicianonline.com

Technician (USPS 455-090) is the official student-run newspaper of N.C. State University and is published every Monday through Friday throughout the academic year from August through May except during holidays and examination periods. Opinions expressed in the columns, cartoons, photo illustrations and letters that appear on Technician's pages are the views of the individual writers and cartoonists. Copyright 2004 by the North Carolina State Student Media. All rights reserved. To receive permission for reproduction, please write the editor in chief. Subscription cost is \$100 per year. Printed by The News & Observer, Raleigh, N.C.

323 Witherspoon Student Center Box 8608
NCSU Campus Raleigh, NC 27695-8608
Editorial 515-2411
Advertising 515-2029
Fax 515-5133
Online technicianonline.com

MUSIC BIN

U2 preaches politics to the choir

Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

In the wake of the 2000 bid for the White House, it seemed that America had one primary demand: Have an opinion. Dismiss the flip-flop term if necessary, but truth is, people didn't vote for John F. Kerry, because — thanks to a plethora of explicit contradictions and internal confusions — they didn't understand where he wanted to carry the country. Some may regard George W. Bush as an idiot, but at least he's an idiot with a steadfast belief in his ideas and ideals.

By now, it would seem that Bono — who, what with his television appearances, his American flag-lined bomber jacket and a redemptive "comeback" record still ringing in the nation's ears, who nearly became an honorary American in the wake of 9/11 — would understand the need to be assertive. The Dublin Do-Right, after all, has never before had reservations about speaking his mind.

That is, until now. That is, until it counts.

But given the philosophy Bono espouses in "Original of the Species" from U2's 11th full-length, "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb," it would certainly seem he wouldn't have problems getting involved. "Everywhere you go, shout it out / You don't have to be shy about it," he rails at

the close of each verse. But, with what is proffered as a political album by way of its name and the squadron-style cover photo, Bono largely dismisses his own advice, managing a largely self-effacing role as one obsessed more with personal passions than with global goons and goops this time around.

For at least half of the album's 12 tracks, Bono writes about matters of the heart, turning in some of this band's best love songs yet. He finds redemption in the beautiful face that appreciated his tune for "All Because of You," and unadorned longing evinces the value placed in the

interchangeable here with larger themes of love and faith in God, something Bono has tried before. It's not a stretch to understand that his "All Because of You" redemption stems from above, especially as he chants "I'm alive, I'm being born / I just arrived, I'm at the door" above a fever-pitch rock clamor. And "Yahweh," co-written by The Edge, rides guitar and cello atmospherics through lyrics about "pain before a child is born" and "the dark before the dawn" interspersed with proper-noun appeals to God, cascading into paeans of faith.

Bono pines for the innocence of beauty and true love in "A Man and A Woman," express-

ing his need for the comfort of love rather than the adventure of romance. Perhaps that boon to settle down, that emerging maturity is what keeps Bono and his bandmates from being too confrontational and politically empowered 24 years into this career. When the political statements do come in "Atomic Bomb," they creep out in boorishly optimistic, idealistic and contradictory swaths that would fluster even John Lennon. The album's most flammable edict comes in "Love and Peace or Else," when Bono demands that "We're gonna break the monster's back." He's after freedom, which he proclaims "has a scent like the top of a newborn baby's head" in the album's most able simile.

But he dismisses the true quest — the fight for that freedom — in waiting "on a miracle drug" that he somehow sees in the combined powers of science, love, logic and "the human heart." This philosophy is tenuous in practice and questionable in theory, though, considering the abounding contradictions of "Crumbs From Your Table," in which Bono calls world leaders and their higher power consultations to task: "And you speak of signs and wonder, I need something other / I would believe if I was able, But I'm waiting on the crumbs from your table."

His implicit criticism of faith-based policy comes across as hypocritical pandering to an audience he know he has, especially given his own combined mess of religious and scientific exaltations voiced throughout

"Atomic Bomb."

Instead of striking while the politically conscious iron is hot, U2 seems content to offer a picture of its own love-is-the-way microcosm, hoping that a handful of obtusely political songs will be that paradigm's conduit into the macrocosm. But when those commentaries come in contradictions that see preaching and pleading as more efficacious than mustering and marching, that transition is evasive. True to liberal spearhead form, no platform emerges.

But there is some amazing work here, despite the murky waters lingering between the personal demons and worldwide aspirations of the band's bard. A majority of the tracks on the gorgeous

"All That You Can't Leave Behind" worked, despite the band's tendency to fade in and out, over-afraid of over-commitment to spectacular songs on the heels of popular debacle "Pop." After selling 4.6 million units and scoring four stateside hits that charted in the top 10 from its follow-up, though, the band rolls here. Fade-outs are traded in for snappy, forthright playing and swirling sheets of noise, and the album benefits from that braggadocio.

Melodically, Bono is as good as he's ever been. "Oh, you look so beautiful tonight," a booming chorus sings during "City

of Blinding Lights," evoking a bona fide soul-saving power reminiscent of authentic American rhythm n' blues. Snatches of "The Joshua Tree" course throughout "Atomic Bomb," but the martial, ironically industrial-tinged "Love and Peace or Else" is electronic experimentation with a heart. Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen, Jr. provide the characteristic root-and-snap rhythm section that continue to define the band's pulse, while The Edge's biting tones and caustic solos during

"Miracle Drug" and "Because of You" give these songs newfound aggression for a band that was too polite last time.

Once again, though, the band seems content, using familiar producers (who happen to be brilliant) to hark back to the finest moments in a stellar back catalogue. Bono employs the same vocal tricks he always has, and The Edge gets away with making standard stereo delays sound fresh for the thousandth time. There is little push or oomph here, sonically or lyrically. And, ultimately, that's what makes "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" at once a fine rock n' roll record from the biggest rock n' roll band in the world and a largely non-progressive scrap of conservative comfort from some of the world's most artistic marquee rockers.

How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb

U2
Interscope

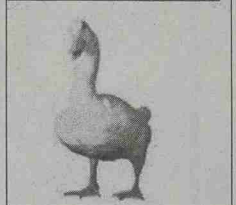


HOW TO DISMANTLE AN ATOMIC BOMB



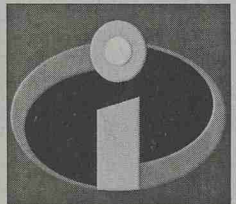
On a side note

AFLAC



AFLAC DUCK LANDS SPOT IN 'LEMONY SNICKET'

The fussy duck featured in commercials for insurer AFLAC is slated to pop up in "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" and a series of ads promoting the movie. Director Brad Silberling sought out the insurance company's mascot, known for delivering insistent shouts of "AFLAC!" in TV commercials, as a way to add comic relief in one of the scenes in the film. In the upcoming movie, starring Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep and Jude Law, the duck is shown being launched off a boat, however it will not be heard yelling its usual AFLAC plug. "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" opens in theaters Dec. 17.



INCREDIBLE RESULTS AT INTERNATIONAL BOX OFFICE

"The Incredibles" has delivered Disney's biggest single weekend ever at the international box office, taking in \$45.5 million, according to data issued Sunday. The haul outshone that of 2003's "Finding Nemo," which took in \$39.1 million on a similar release pattern across 22 countries and 4,000 screens. The total for "The Incredibles" rose to almost \$60 million, and is set to leap past the \$100 million mark next week.



I WANT MY BLEEPING GEMS BACK

Rocker Ozzy Osbourne and his wife Sharon made a televised appeal to the British public last Tuesday for help in recovering jewelry worth nearly \$2 million snatched from their English country estate. Sharon admitted that most people would likely respond with "who really gives a damn" to the plight of such a fabulously wealthy couple asking for help, but said the theft "pissed her off big time." The couple offered a near-\$190,000 reward for the return of the gems. Newspapers are estimating the gems to be worth about \$1.8 million.

'BAYWATCH' VOTED WORST U.S. TV IMPORT

"Baywatch," the sun-bleached saga of Californian life guards, was voted the worst-ever U.S. television import in a British survey released Thursday. The show which starred Pamela Anderson and David Hasselhoff, ran from 1989 to 2001 and was once ranked the world's most popular program, with viewers in 140 countries. Broadcast magazine's poll of about 20 program buyers from British terrestrial, cable and satellite channels acknowledged the appeal of a "series about a muscular lifeguard and his crew of pneumatic young helpers with raging hormones," but condemned "Baywatch" for scripts "of mind-numbing predictability: beachgoer is saved from drowning. The same survey ranked the 25 best U.S. imports, with "The Simpsons," "Dallas," "M*A*S*H," "24" and "The Larry Sanders Show" leading the pack.

"Broadcast's" 10 Worst U.S. Imports:

1. "Baywatch"
2. "The Anna Nicole Show"
3. "The Dukes of Hazzard"
4. "Wild Palms"
5. "Manimal"
6. "The Jerry Springer Show"
7. "Knots Landing"
8. "Falcon Crest"
9. "The Bold and the Beautiful"
10. "Extreme Makeover"

CALENDAR

Events for today

Alexi Murdoch
Pour House Music Hall @ 8 p.m.

COMPILED BY PATRICK CLARKE

MOVIE TICKET

Film is another dramatized epic



WARNER BROS.

Alexander

CAST: Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie
DIRECTOR: Oliver Stone
PLAYING AT: Crossroads, Mission Valley Cinemas, Briar Creek, Carmike, Raleigh Grande



Jill Shaul

Staff writer

Well, at least the previews are good.

This film is one of the current mass of historically based movies that seem to be seeping out of Hollywood lately. After "Troy" and "The Alamo," you think they would take a hint. "Alexander" follows suit, proving that sometimes you really should just watch the movie preview on TV, to see the good parts and save your money.

Alexander the Great was a major historical figure. Flip on the History Channel at some point and you'll be bombarded with facts about the massive feats he accomplished. He used the phalanx, an invention of his father, to defeat armies larger than his own and win against impossible odds. In 11 years, he never lost one battle.

So how in the world did they make this into a bad movie?

First of all, "Alexander" tries so

hard to be dramatic that it hurts to watch.

The background music is too loud and overly used, the film maker seemed to be under the impression that having things done in slow motion with opera music makes them spectacular by default, and worse, throughout the entire movie you have to sit and listen to excessively dramatic monologues.

Instead of focusing on the factual grand accomplishments Alexander made in his fairly short lifetime, this movie often focuses (badly) in on his speculated personal life, from his relationship with his strange snake loving mother (Angelina Jolie), to his drunken father (Val Kilmer), to his male lover, Hephaistion (Jared Leto). This makes for long periods of boredom and lots of wishing you could get your money back.

You feel no sympathy for the main character at any point in the movie, which really just leaves you wishing he'd hurry up and die already.

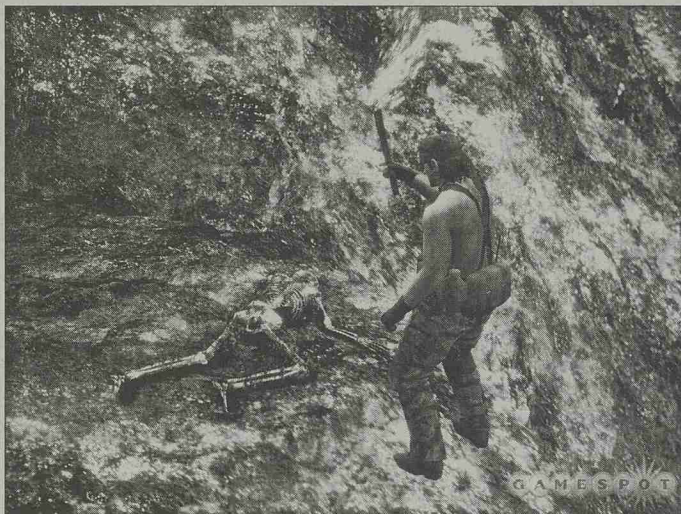
The war scenes are probably the best parts, but for a man who made his name in the world through battle, they were barely a part of the movie.

The phalanx (a group of men carrying very large spears in formation) was a major part of Alexander's victories, as well as a pretty awesome looking thing to see, and it barely got a notice in the movie.

For a story that has so much interesting history, "Alexander" is historically inaccurate in a very disappointing way. All the good parts were left out and a bunch of bland, pointless ones were inserted in.

For a movie with so many big actors, "Alexander" falls short — in fact, you barely see Alexander. Unless you like paying money to be bored, I'd advise you stay home and watch the History Channel instead.

GAMING



GAMESPOT

KONAMI

'Gear 3' takes survival up

Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater

Platform: Playstation 2

Developer: Konami



Jason Moore

Staff writer

Acclaimed for its innovation in the development of the stealth-gaming genre as far back as its early days on the Japanese-only MSX console, Director Hideo Kojima's "Metal Gear" series now reaches its fifth main installment and its third three-dimensional adventure with the ambiguously phallically dubbed "Snake Eater." For the first time ever, the story takes a break from its linear progression to travel back before even the first game started. This one takes place in the 1960s Cold War era among jungle landscapes reminiscent of the first "Metal Gear," which Americans were exposed to in the 80s on the NES port of the original MSX game.

Now since the "Metal Gear Solid" games are becoming renowned for their convoluted plots, here's an easy to digest summary for this prequel: Snake must sneak into a base, save an engineer and destroy a tank.

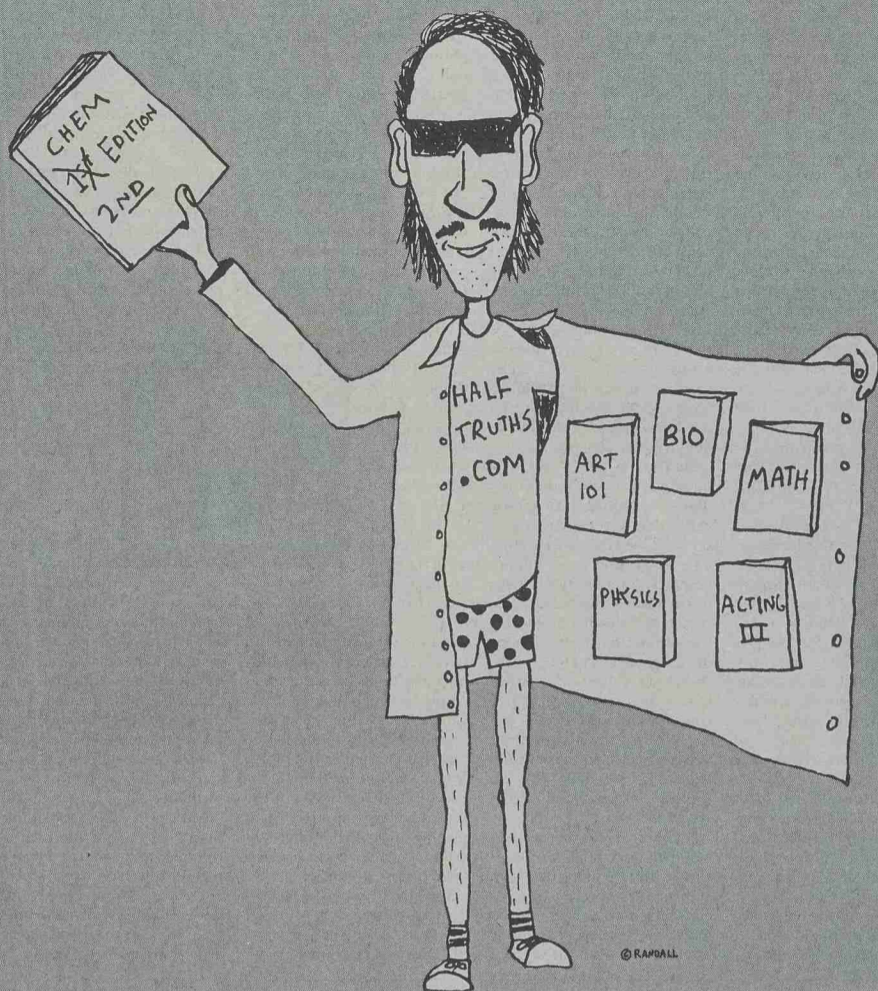
But wait — it's different this time! No, really! There are significant new features that differentiate game play in this prequel. Since the series has always thrived on stealth infiltration, the most immediately noticeable addition is the camouflage system. You have the ability to switch between a stock of face paint and uniforms on the fly to blend better with building walls, patches of grass and so on. Situation dictates attire and you can't expect not to be seen if you wear the wrong colors in the wrong place, so an omnipresent "camo index" indicator keeps track of how well you blend into the background.

Other new features include the food and cure systems. Snake's life meter slowly regenerates on its own this

time so what the player has to focus on is keeping him fed and patching up his boo boos. You can kill and eat peewee wildlife from snakes and fish to biguns like alligators and goats in an effort to keep his stamina meter high so his performance doesn't wane.

Also when he gets hurt he gets specific injuries — burns, lacerations, bullet wounds — that must be dealt with using disinfectant, splints, sutures and the like to help the healing process. But you know, you can activate the best feature of them all by going into the cure menu and twirling our hero right round enough times that when you exit, he tosses his cookies! Joy!

While I honestly don't believe this game beats MGS 2 in narrative terms (and for the record, I rather enjoyed the addition of Raiden), the new features are rather creative and entertaining to execute. One big plus is that this game seems to have the longest climax out of any of the MGS games. And who doesn't like a nice, deliciously long climax?

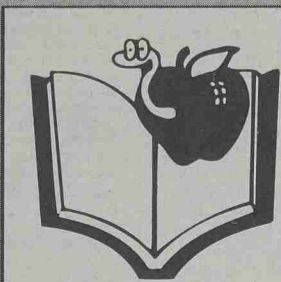


GET A GREAT PRICE ON THE WRONG BOOK.

**IT WON'T HELP YOU PASS YOUR CLASS,
BUT THINK OF THE MONEY YOU'LL SAVE!**

At your off-campus bookstore we work directly with your professors to ensure we only order the exact books they plan on using. Buy your books somewhere else and you may or may not get what you're really after. And at efollett.com you can order your books online and pick them up in store, so there's no waiting or shipping to pay. So if you're looking for a deal, now you know where to look.


Your off-campus bookstore has the right book



**ADDAM'S
UNIVERSITY
BOOKSTORE**

Mission Valley Shopping Center

Phone: 919/832-9938 Fax: 919/829-1349

 **follett.com**
bookstore network

Sports

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2004

Schedule

Men's Basketball vs. Purdue, 11/29, 7
 Women's Basketball vs. Seton Hall, 12/2, 7
 Swimming & Diving vs. North Carolina, 12/1, 5
 Wrestling at Cliff Kean Las Vegas Invitational, 12/4

Scores

Football 52, East Carolina 14
 Men's Basketball 99, Campbell 44
 Women's Basketball 54, Louisville 49



TECHNICIAN

GAME 11: N.C. STATE 52 | EAST CAROLINA 14

Season ends on positive note

State ended its season with a 52-14 blowout over East Carolina, ending a disappointing 5-6 season on a high note for the Pack

Austin Johnson
 Sports Editor

CHARLOTTE—A small, loyal group of fans stayed around in the cold, damp, drizzling weather.

They stayed in Bank of America Stadium on Saturday to show their appreciation to N.C. State, winners over East Carolina 52-14.

They stayed because this was the last game for the Wolfpack, for the first time since Coach Chuck Amato took the helm, there is no post season.

They stayed because in the final game, the Pack helped wash away some of the disappointment that surrounded the team after a 4-2 record turned into a 4-6 one. The team went out with a bang, a decisive victory that leaves a team with hope for the future. For junior wide receiver Tramain Hall, that future starts today.

"It starts on Monday," Hall said. "Going into the weight room and lifting weights."

There were still reminders on Saturday, though. Reminders of all the things that went wrong during the season.

With an early 7-0 lead, Jay Davis took a sack in front of the Wolfpack goal line. The ball came squirting out, and the Pirates jumped on the ball in the end zone to tie the game up.

State would add a field goal, and another touchdown late in the second quarter when Miguel Scott blocked a punt that rolled into the end zone, where he recovered for a touchdown. The Pack built a 10-point lead going



Defensive back Miguel Scott falls on the loose ball for a touchdown after blocking a punt against East Carolina at Bank of America Stadium.

into halftime, but Amato said it should have been more.

"The score was close because we fumbled the ball in our own end zone and they jumped on it," Amato said.

But the Wolfpack jumped out in the second half and put away any hopes of a Pirate upset. State scored on its second possession of the third quarter when junior tight end John Ritcher stretched across the goal line for a touchdown.

The State defense held the Pirate offense to just 140 yards, including -14 yards of total offense in the third quarter. State has a chance to be the No. 1 defense in the country at season's end despite having a losing record.

"Looking at [our ranking] you would think things were

different," Defensive end Mario Williams said. "We dominated defensively — we feel like we did enough to be the best defense in the country, just a great job all year by all of the guys."

Cornerback Dovonte Edwards, who had an interception in the third quarter, said the key to the defense's success was getting pressure on the quarter.

"Pressure busts pipes," Edwards said. "Mario tells me all the time that he only needs four seconds and he'll get to the quarterback."

The Wolfpack scored 21 unanswered points during the third quarter, and continued to pile on the points in the fourth. Jay Davis, who has played inconsistently all year as the starting quarterback, took a quarterback

draw in for a touchdown. Davis also threw for three scores and an interception on the day. Junior wide receiver Tramain Hall said that despite his struggles, Davis has shown improvement over the course of a difficult season.

"We have a growing confidence in Davis," Hall said. "He's relaxed right now — he has another year under his belt and he'll be better next year."

The game was the last for John Thompson as head coach of the Pirates. Thompson was forced to resign as coach two weeks ago, pushed out by Athletics Director Terry Holland.

Thompson coached just two seasons with the Pirates, winning only three games in that time span. He coached the last

insidetechnician



Season Review

Technician takes a look back at the 2004 football season. See page 5.

two games despite having announced his resignation, a story that caused a few looks around the city of Greenville.

"I feel like I was in the zoo or something the way people looked at me — like I've got four heads," Thompson said.

Matt Middleton contributed to this story

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAY 'AWESOME'

Spero Katsanos
 Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — The importance of consistent special teams play was not lost on the crowd during Saturday's 52-14 victory against East Carolina. After all, two touchdowns are usually difficult to miss.

Pack defensive back Miguel Scott blocked the remaining kick and fell on it in the end zone for a touchdown that made the score 17-7 in favor of State with just over two minutes left in the first half. Coach Chuck Amato said he liked what he saw from Scott and the rest of the special teams unit.

"We finally dominated the kicking game," Amato said. "If we could've dominated the kicking game like this earlier this year, maybe we would've won a few more of those games."

The Pack would grab another special teams score late in the contest. With State holding a 45-14 lead late in the game, East Carolina lined up for an onside kick that Pack wideout Tramain Hall was ready to jump on.

"Man, I was hoping he'd kick it to me," Hall said. "I was drooling."

As it turns out, Hall was ready. He snagged the high-bouncing kick midair and took off 40 yards in the other direction for the seventh Wolfpack touchdown of the afternoon, the second by the special teams unit.

"Once I got into the open field, I knew I could get the job done," Hall said. "The whole week we practiced for the onside kick; it just shows that it comes down to being ready."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Yow just one away from 600

Two victories in the Paradise Jam this weekend put Kay Yow a single victory away from her 600th win at State

Sports staff report

State brought home its first tournament win of any kind since 2000 this weekend when it wrapped up the Paradise Jam title, a tournament held in St. Thomas on the Virgin Islands, with a 54-49 win over Louisville. The victory puts Coach Kay Yow one victory away from her 600th career win at N.C. State.

Sophomore guard Marquetta Dickens led the charge for the Wolfpack (3-1), combining for 17 points and 13 rebounds. Tiffany Stansbury posted 13 points as well, and was named tournament MVP. Louisville's Jazz Covington led her team with 16 points and 11 rebounds in the losing effort.

State took the first game of the tournament on Friday when it took down Nebraska by a 55-45 score. Senior point guard Kendra Bell led the team with 13 points and Stansbury pulled down 13 rebounds during the game.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pack cruises by visiting Camels

Cameron Bennerman shot 11-of-13 from the field as State defeated Campbell

Mary Beth Usher
 Staff Writer

Campbell Coach Robbie Laing sighed in desperation, glaring at the scoreboard.

"We need a rebound!" he shouted.

That was a mere three minutes into the game.

The Fighting Camels would eventually post points and positive stats — but not until after a successful 3-point

N.C. STATE 99
CAMPBELL 44

sophomore guard Engin Atsur at the top of the key, another by senior forward Levi Watkins and a baseline drive by senior center Jordan Collins.

The 17th-ranked Wolfpack trounced Campbell 99-44 at the RBC Center Friday night, demonstrating the immense depth of the bench and marking the fourth straight N.C. State victory this season.

State had an 8-0 advantage early in the game, raking in points during eight of its first 11 possessions, then transform-

ing a 20-4 lead into a 20-point margin. With a commanding 41-22 lead at the half, the Pack returned to garner additional momentum, coming away with the first 13 points of the second period.

The remainder of the half became an impish romp as State secured 70 percent of its shots from the field.

Junior guard Tony Bethel said the early starts for the Pack can be attributed to offensive and defensive balance.

"We have good shooters and good scorers," he said. "Our offense provides so many opportunities for us. But you also have to have good stops of the other hand. It's been our defensive pressures, taking the charge."

Junior guard Cameron Bennerman collected an impressive game-high of 20 points, sinking 6-of-8 3-pointers. Senior forward Julius Hodge accumulated 16 points, seven assists and seven rebounds for the Pack, which shot just over 56 percent for the game with only six turnovers.

An outsized Campbell was not as fortunate with 21 turnovers — a hump that allowed Coach Herb Sendek to drain the Pack bench. While the re-

serves poured onto the court and completed a thorough dismantling of any final Campbell rally, Hodge, Atsur, Bethel and Ilian Entimov sat comfortably on the bench, joined by a calm Sendek.

"I am impressed by our team's willingness to share the ball, to make the extra pass and to play together," Sendek said. "On some occasions, where it would be very tempting and easy not to do that, our guys have gone the extra mile and continued to play together as a team."

With just over five minutes remaining, freshman forward Gavin Grant drove the lane for a brutal dunk, leading a 9-0 run for the Wolfpack. The Pack defense held the Camels to just four points following.

"Their defense is downright impressive," Laing said. "It's swarming. It's overwhelming."

State continued to fire 3-pointers and dunk in the closing seconds of the game, smothering the Campbell defense with a smorgasbord of rebounds and floor-diving scrambles.

"We were just overmatched," Laing said. "They had no choice but to pour it on."

Sendek said that the focus of the first four games of the season, all blowout victories, has



Junior Cameron Bennerman peers around the Campbell defense for an open teammate during on Friday night at the RBC Center. Bennerman scored a game-high 20 points, hitting on 6-of-8 3-pointers.

been improvement. "We want to make sure we really focus on improvement," Sendek said. "The first few games we've had a really good working margin and we know

that won't always be the case. We're going to really expect our leaders to set the tone and make sure that we stay in the right frame of mind and are as ready and aware as possible."

Sammy's 33¢ Jumbo Wings Sun - Thurs 755-3880

Pint Night Most Pints \$2 Mon - Wed

Mon - Thurs 2 for 1 dinners 5:30-7:30

Sammy's 755-3880

WWW.SAMMYSRESTAURANT.COM