



## GREEK LIFE

# Hazing provokes suspensions

ONE GROUP KICKED OFF CAMPUS, TWO OTHERS NOT RECOGNIZED UNTIL PROBATION PERIOD EXPIRES

Ben McNeely  
Staff Writer

The University ended its investigation on two fraternities over the winter break and levied heavy penalties against them. Three fraternities now have been suspended for hazing during fall rush activities.

Delta Sigma Phi was suspended during the fall semester, while Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon had sanctions placed against them during the break, according to the Office of Greek Life.

Sigma Phi Epsilon incurred the stiffest penalties. The chapter was kicked off campus, had its chapter and individual memberships suspended by the national headquarters and will not be allowed back until the fall semester.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will remain in its Fraternity Court house, but has lost recognition until the fall 2005 semester.

Delta Sigma Phi lost University recognition during the fall semester, a penalty that will last through the spring semester. They are eligible for recognition in the summer.

Sigma Phi Epsilon faces stricter internal sanctions from its national headquarters. The group planned to celebrate its 100th anniversary this spring, but vacated its Fraternity Court house on Dec. 15. The news received national attention and questions surrounding the fraternity's dismissal from the university pervaded.

According to Associate Director of Greek Life, Shelly Brown Dobek, it was a collaborative decision between the Sigma Phi Epsilon national headquarters and the university for the chapter to disband.

"The chapter was overall mediocre. GPAs and membership had been slipping," she said. She contrasted this with the fact that Sig Ep was a well-performing fraternity in the early 1990s.

The hazing incidents were only the tip of the iceberg of problems Sig Ep was facing. Including the lax standards, Sig Ep was behind in its rent to the University. Greek Life is a part of University Housing and depends on rent funds from the frat houses in Fraternity Court to run office and program operations. Rumors about the



Sigma Phi Epsilon juniors Ty Johnson and Andrew Jones haul their belongings out of the Sigma Phi Epsilon house last month.

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## Fraternity fouls

A list of the four NCSU fraternities currently suspended:

Fraternity	Suspension period	Violation
Delta Sigma Phi	fall 2004 to spring 2005	hazing; sent a group of pledges on scavenger hunt in costumes around campus
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	fall 2003 to fall 2007; suspended by national organization	hazing and underground pledge line
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	spring to fall 2005	hazing; made pledges eat odd food concoctions
Sigma Phi Epsilon	spring to fall 2005; kicked off campus	hazing; made pledges streak in Fraternity Court; behind in its rent to University Housing

SOURCE: NCSU Office of Greek Life, Office of Student Conduct

university going to court to evict the chapter from the house were not exactly true, said Dobek.

"It never got to that point. They were found guilty of hazing before that point," Dobek said.

The national headquarters, through its North Carolina Beta Alumni and Volunteer Corporation, decided to evict the brothers and take time to retool the chapter.

They can recolonize in the fall semester of 2005.

The brothers were given five days notice to move out of the house. Students could not re-enter the house once their belongings were moved out.

Paul Cousins, director of

the Student Conduct office, confirmed Greek Life's reason for this.

"We didn't want someone severely damaging the building, so it was best to limit access," he said. "The last house we vacated, Lambda Chi Alpha, had \$30,000 of damage done to it."

There were no reported incidents during the move-out of Sig Ep, Cousins said.

When Sig Ep returns in the fall, they will be a "Balanced Man" chapter, a program that national headquarters instituted 10 years ago. According to the Sigma Phi Epsilon national headquarters, the core values of a "Balanced Man" chapter focus on developing a sound mind and

a sound body.

## 'Silly acts that could have become dangerous'

Most of the hazing acts were a part of the pledging process and involved menial tasks, including cleaning up the frat house after brothers who intentionally were keeping the house in disorder and scavenger hunts around campus while wearing costumes.

They also weren't egregious acts, but rather silly and immature that could have been potentially dangerous, Cousins said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, as part of an annual ritual, had its pledges run around Fraternity Court

nude, run in and out of, and sing in front of sorority houses, according to Cousins.

A Greek Life official witnessed the acts. Dobek said Greek Life had heard rumors about this tradition, but could never confirm it.

Delta Sigma Phi, whose house is located on Tryon Road, held parties where alcohol was served to minors and made their pledges wear embarrassing costumes, Cousins said.

"One brother made his pledge dress in a tight T-shirt and underwear, go to the convenience store and bring back hot sauce," Cousins said.

Delta Sigma Phi also engaged in an annual ritual where pledges dressed in costumes and went on a scavenger hunt across campus. Cousins said they had to locate and drink cans of beer at various points across campus.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon went a bit further than streaking, flashing and scavenger hunts.

An anonymous tip reported to the Office of Greek Life that pledges were made to eat odd food and drink nasty

## Brothers react to eviction

Sig Ep brothers feel they were treated unfairly by Greek Life

Rebecca Heslin  
Deputy News Editor

The busting of move-in day that comes with every semester was absent from one house on Fraternity Court yesterday. On Sunday night, the lights to the Sigma Phi Epsilon house were on, but no one was home.

The 25 students that lived in the residence last semester, as well as the rest of the brotherhood, say they are upset with Greek Life after being kicked out of house by their national fraternity in mid-December. Brothers cited communication problems, false promises and the leadership of Greek Life as their main concerns.

"Greek Life knew for three weeks that they were going to evict us but didn't want us to worry before exams—so instead they told us during exams," Brian Oschwald, a junior in civil engineering, said.

The brothers living in the house were told they had three business days to move out.

John Mountz, director of Greek Life, said his office notified Sig Ep about the eviction decision "in conjunction with the national fraternity." He also emphasized that "the decisions were made by Sigma Phi Epsilon, not NCSU." According to Greek Life, the eviction occurred during finals week to allow residents the chance to start fresh in the spring semester.

That decision cost at least one brother on the academic front.

"I got a 52 on an exam because I didn't have time to study," Jason Rainey, a senior in civil engineering and the fraternity chaplain, said. "I had to find another place to live, and [the eviction] was all I could think about."

The eviction occurred shortly after word of the hazing incident made national news. A Greek Life official reported witnessing pledges streaking through

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# Community takes charge in relief effort



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Sarah Oraby sells baked goods outside Sam's Club during the Muslim Student Association's bake sale to raise money for tsunami relief.

Raleigh's students and citizens do their part to help send aid to tsunami victims.

Erin Welch  
News Editor

Only two weeks ago, tsunamis struck Southeast Asia and countless relief efforts have already started in the Raleigh area.

Springing students to action, efforts and talk to raise money for affected regions began prior to returning to classes today.

More than 1,000 students, faculty members and visiting scholars are from areas affected by the tsunami, Chancellor James L. Oblinger said in a re-

leased statement.

Abdel-Baky, a sophomore in education, said the Muslim Student Association began talking of relief efforts more than a week ago. Last Wednesday, the association raised more than \$1,550 in a car wash at the Food Lion on Western Boulevard.

"We can't physically go [to the affected areas] and help out," Abdel-Baky said while noting that the MSA came up with the idea for the car wash and bake sales because these tangible actions would still help the affected nations.

Abdel-Baky and others arranged three bake sales which took place last weekend at various locations in Raleigh

and Cary.

The first bake sale raised more than \$850, while the second brought in more than \$2,000.

These efforts were the quickest way to start helping, Abdel-Baky added.

In addition to relief efforts by the MSA, Student Government has a working plan for raising at least \$35,000—or \$1 per every individual on campus. The plan targets not only students, but also faculty, staff and the local Wolfpack family for donations.

The plan for raising money

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### Raleigh's urban cowboys

Clubs like Longbranch Saloon and City Limits Saloon attract a diverse clientele to their country western bars. See page 3.

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## Code of conduct written broadly, applied narrowly

The Code of Student Conduct specifically defines hazing as "any act that injures, degrades, harasses or disgraces any person." It also defines the penalty for hazing: expulsion from the university.

While the three frats in question were all found guilty of hazing, no individual member was charged with a crime or infraction of the code, according to Cousins.

"If we had heard of any individual, you bet they would have been charged with infractions," Cousins said.

Cousins said the statute concerning hazing is written broadly on purpose, but it is usually applied very narrowly when a joint investigation is

begun between Greek Life and Student Conduct.

"We look at the behavior from a reasonable person's point of view and ask, 'What would they think?' What would their parents think?" Cousins said.

The investigators begin by asking general questions to students, like "What happened to you?" Usually, no one will speak up right away. Cousins said it usually takes several meetings to get someone who is telling the "stone cold truth."

Among the things considered are the psychological stress and impact a hazing act might incur, alcohol or drug use by underage members and risk of danger the act involved.

"Sig Ep brothers followed their

pledges along to 'prevent them from being harassed.' They knew it would generate a negative response, but no one stopped it," Cousins said.

Students rarely self-report hazing because they want to be a part of the organization, Cousins said. They expect hazing to be a part of the culture and something they have to go through to earn their place. But hazing is not appropriate, Cousins said, and the university has taken steps to combat it. Along with Shelly Brown Dobek, Cousins developed an education program for Greek organizations to teach them about hazing, alcohol and drug use, pledge activities and what it means to be a model chapter. They held sessions with

Greek leaders at the beginning of the fall semester.

"Not a month later, these incidents happened," Cousins said. According to Dobek, the majority of the fraternities are "conditionally compliant."

"We have really good frats that are doing really good things. We have a couple of frats that are doing the worst of things," she said.

Greek Life advertises itself as leadership organizations, but if you look at a frat's GPA or hear about these hazing incidents, no one would want to join these organizations, Dobek said.

"It makes it hard for the model chapters to advertise against that," she said.

-Ben McNeely

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concoctions that brothers put together, Cousins said. According to Dobek, pledges were required to eat dinner at the house every night during rush.

Members were fed according to a seniority system and whatever was left for the pledges was mixed together and given to the pledges to eat.

Brothers took it a step further, though.

"One pledge drank boiled beer and ate jalapeno peppers. As a result, he vomited in a trash can," Cousins said.

Dobek also said brothers gave blood from cooked meat mixed with gravy to pledges

to drink.

On another occasion, pledges were given dog food to eat.

Pledges also cleaned the house that was left intentionally dirty by brothers, who would throw food around and make pledges clean up the mess afterwards. Pledges also were summoned to the house in the middle of the night to perform simple tasks at random.

"One pledge was called to the house early in the morning and told to get Easy Mac out of the microwave for a brother. Once they did that, they could go home," Cousins said.

Cousins added that however broad the tasks were, they all crossed the hazing threshold.

"We don't have any 'Animal House'-type chapters here," Cousins said. "They just didn't use good judgment or common sense."

## SIG EP

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Fraternity Court and singing outside of sorority houses.

"The severity of our actions does not equal that of other fraternal organizations at N.C. State," said David Rangel, Sig Ep's vice president of recruitment and a senior in turf grass management. "We don't urinate or vomit on our pledges and

we've never tied anyone up or beaten anyone."

Sig Ep president Wilson Harris feels the root of the problem lies within how hazing is viewed. "The definition of hazing is so broad in the Student Code of Conduct," said Harris, a junior in turf grass management.

Harris, who says he thinks "the Office of Greek Life has a master plan for the land on Fraternity Court," feels that they handled all of the recent charges on Greek

organizations the wrong way and blames the decline of Greek Life on campus on them, particularly Mountz.

"John Mountz did a piss-poor job of handling the situation," Harris said. "At some point the chancellor is going to have to step in, because Mountz has some questions to answer about the downfall of Greek Life at N.C. State."

Oschwald said communication was a major problem between

Greek Life and the fraternity.

When asked about the lack of communication and failure to return phone calls and e-mails, Mountz declined to comment, saying "I'm not going to publicly respond to that."

Rangel agrees with Harris that the situation was dealt with unjustly and affected them on many fronts, including their philanthropy.

"We had our rights to meet taken away along with anything

else we were doing at the time," Rangel said. "We were co-sponsoring Take Back the Night, but we weren't even allowed to participate in the march."

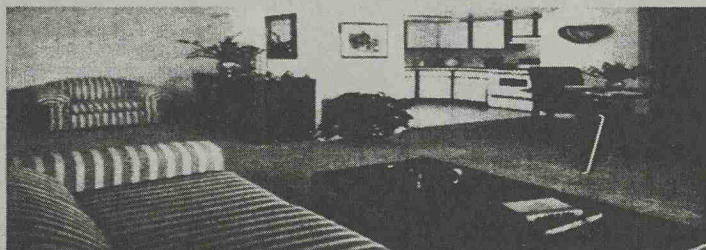
Not all is lost for the brothers, however. According to Greek Life, they can be reinstated in fall 2005. They will return as what their national headquarters coined as a "Balanced Man" organization. Aside from an alcohol-free house, the organization will cut pledging out of

the membership process.

"We're not the only ones with problems on this campus," Rainey said. "Greek Life needs an extreme makeover."

All of the recent charges on various Greek organizations have left Fraternity Court noticeably calmer, several brothers noted.

"Frat Court is a ghost town," Rainey said. "When I left the house for the last time, I saw a tumbleweed blowing across the street."



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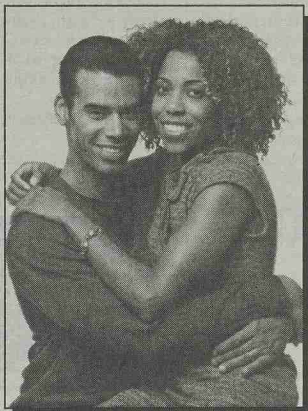
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Sarah and Georgeann dance on the stage railing Friday night at downtown Raleigh's City Limits Saloon.



Women dance on top of City Limits' center bar to country music.

# URBAN COWBOYS KICK IT COUNTRY

STORY BY **ASHLEY HINK** | PHOTOS BY **TAYLOR TEMPLETON**

*Staring onto a crowding dance floor with Budweiser cans in hand, scattered groups of young men lining the upper balcony of City Limits Saloon appear to be in culture shock.*

Their gazes meet a small group of bar goers dancing in nearly perfect sync. In leather cowboy boots, detailed belt buckles and felt hats, they kick, stomp and swirl their hips on the hardwood to Big & Rich's "Save a Horse (Ride a Cowboy)." Around the periphery of the dance floor, onlookers lacking the line dancing skills simply manipulate their hip-hop moves to fit the country beat.

Hoots and hollers from the bar overcome the music for a young woman who reserves enough composure to slip sultry smiles at the crowd watching her grasp a whipping mechanical bull.

For those new to City Limits Saloon and the country western bar scene, the line dancing, bull riding and cowboy-hat-wearing crowd might in fact be a culture shock.

Visiting City Limits for his second time, Marc Kmec, a senior in business management and Chicago native, looks at his friend, Grayson Liner, a senior in agricultural business management, and mocks him as he sings along to the country music.

"I can't get into this, singing the words to these songs," Kmec said after imitating the slew of people singing the lyrics to the country songs.

City Limits Saloon and the long-popular Longbranch Saloon serve as Raleigh's two country western bars. While people like Kmec and other city slickers are foreign to the country scene, bar-goers fill both clubs to capacity despite being located in a mostly metropolitan area.

## Country goes cool

Depicted best in classic country western movies, the fictional saloons where John Wayne and Clint Eastwood hung their hats and slung back shots of liquor are the only images that modern public have of country bars. Swinging bar doors, shoot-outs and scantily clad women in lace and fish-net stockings surely aren't present in most contemporary saloons, but that's not to say the movies have held no influence on the country western bar scene.

Dan Wood, the 18-year manager of the Longbranch, attributes the surge of country western popularity that began in the early 80's to the movie deemed "country's Saturday Night Fever," no other than "Urban Cowboy."

"Urban Cowboy" started it all," Wood said.

Based in Houston, stars John Travolta and Debra Winger embodied every major southern stereotype to date, from twangy accents to trailer park weddings.

Yet, its plot circles around a local bar that featured country music, two-stepping and mechanical bull riding. The stereotypes of the then cult-like "Urban Cowboy" might not have caught on with viewers, but the country western bar appeal clung fast.

"It used to be that people wearing cowboy boots and hats were rednecks. Then you had doctors and lawyers into it," Wood said.

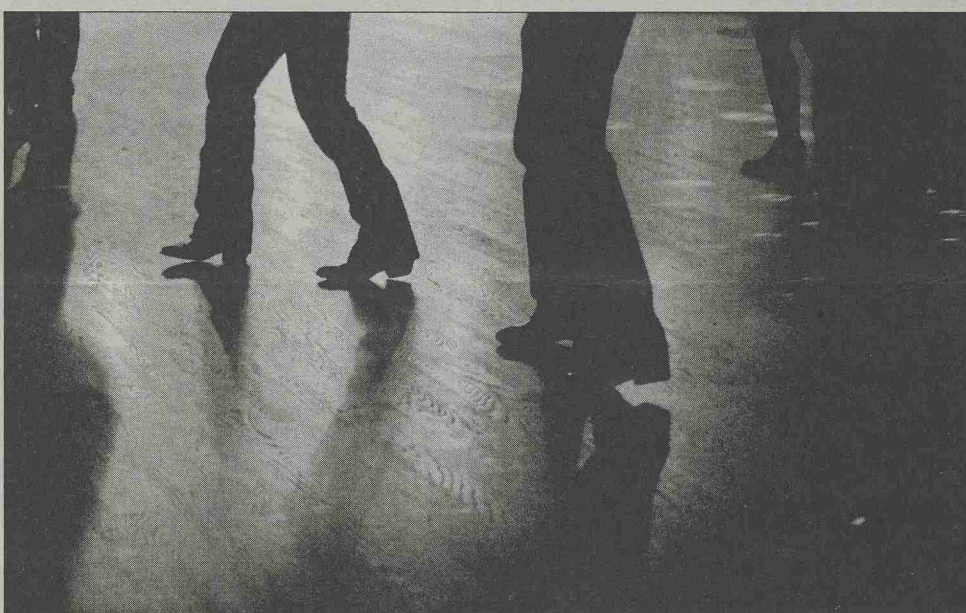
The professionals and rednecks that frequented the then small Longbranch in 1982 were a part of something big without even knowing it. Cornering Wake Forest Road and Creekside Drive, the saloon once occupied a small corner of a strip mall that housed a doctor's office, a beauty supply store, and ironically, an Alcoholics Anonymous counseling center.

"People use to leave here early in [the] morning drunk and head over to the A.A. place," Fred Wilburn, the owner of the Longbranch, said, jokingly.

As the other businesses moved out, the Longbranch began its takeover of the vacant offices. After years of wall-knocking and expansion, the club took over the strip mall, occupying 40,000 square feet so it could hold a maximum of 3,300 people.

While the crowd ranges in age from 18 to 80, the Longbranch has served as a social and dating hub for years.

"We've had the most people meet here," Wood said. "They'll



Bar patrons line dance to country western music at the Longbranch Saloon Saturday night.

come for a while and start dating, and then you don't see them for about two or three years because they get married. Then all of the sudden they're back—divorced and ready to go again."

While lacking the history of the Longbranch and a movie-inspired beginning, City Limits Saloon is undeniably becoming another popular country hang.

Manager Ron Christ was in the club business in Knoxville, Tenn., managing a popular dance club that catered mostly to a college community. Why leave Tennessee and start a country western bar in Raleigh?

"Girls love country," Christ said. "In the club in Knoxville, we'd

*"If we don't have a line out the door at 1:45, it's not a busy night,"*

*City Limits Saloon Manager Ron Christ said.*

end the night with country music and girls would love it; they'd sing along and dance."

On any given night inside the Morgan Street two-story saloon, one wouldn't dare argue with Christ's hypothesis. After 11 p.m., there's a steady line of girls along the bar dancing and singing along to a country play-list.

Surely though, the theme is hardly reserved for female fun.

"Our concept was to have everything a party bar has with a country face," Christ said.

"If we don't have a line out the door at 1:45, it's not a busy night," Christ said.

Like the Longbranch, City Limits' design appeals to everyone. "This is a blue-collar bar. There are no VIPs here," Christ said.

## Line dancing and bull riding

True to country form, both clubs have successfully created thematic atmospheres; NASCAR paraphernalia, neon beer signs and pictures of country western singers flank their walls. Yet, it's what's to do, or sometimes even better, what's to watch, that keep people coming back for more.

Since its opening, the Longbranch is known for hosting the best of up-and-coming country acts. Mr. Country himself, Garth Brooks, performed on the Longbranch's stage in 1989.

"He was very nice," Wood said about Brooks. "After the show he was walking around the crowd asking people if they wanted his autograph."

Other popular acts have included Tracy Lawrence, Alan Jackson, Vince Gill, Kenny Chesney and Keith Urban.

When a live performance doesn't steal the stage, country music

blares from the speakers while patrons in boots and buckles two-step or line dance, shoot pool, brave the mechanical bull or sip on mostly domestic beer from one of the Longbranch's 16 bars. For those less inclined to kick it country, there's a Top-40 room with DJ's spinning popular dance music and a disco room that plays hits from the 70s and 80s.

City Limits is by no means a bore either. Kmec admitted that while he's not quite into the country western music scene, "There's a lot of things to keep you entertained here—the bull riding and girls on the bar especially."

The mechanical bull at City Limits is center stage; under a giant disco ball and in front of a mural of a young Johnny Cash giving the finger, the bulls boasts the crowds attention, or the people on it, that is.

When the clock strikes midnight on Thursdays, everyone shifts attention from dancing and their drinks

to the bull for the infamous bikini bull riding contest where young women in skimpy bikini tops and bras expose their belly piercings and lower-back tattoos for a "ride-off."

The winner takes a cash prize while the losers simply get attention or humiliation.

Outside of the fleshy bull rides, the majority of the crowd keeps busy dancing along to the likes of Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman," Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child of Mine" and an occasional rap song.

While the country music, bull riding and country western attire all indicate "country," only a few are able to distinguish the real bars from the phony.

New to Raleigh from Fort Worth, Texas, John Spencer is an employee for Southwest Airlines and is no stranger to the country western bar scene. While frequenting the Longbranch, he ventures to City Limits in his cowboy hat, boots and colorful western button-up shirt for Thursday's College Night. How do the country bars here compare to the real deal down South?

"This is a good country western bar—for Raleigh," Spencer said, joking that it doesn't quite compare to those back home.

However, he claims that the occasional hip-hop music at City Limits and the Top-40 at the Longbranch that seemingly falls out of place, is in fact quite typical at the country bars farther south.

"Even down in the hole-in-the-wall country bars, where country is country, they play dance music. People like diversity," Spencer said.

From those who love country music and two-stepping to bar hoppers simply looking for a change of scenery, Raleigh's urban cowboys don't have to look far for a night of country-flavored fun.



## IN THE KNOW

Registration for the Georgia Tech game opened Jan. 3 at noon, and will close today at 6 p.m.

In order to register, a group leader must submit the Unity ID for their group. Each member of the group must then verify their membership by email. The deadline for verification will be at noon, Jan. 12. Verification forms then must be printed by each group member and submitted to the Student Government office between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Jan. 13.

After all the forms for eligibility have been received, they will be numbered and placed into the computer, which will put the numbers in random order. The winning groups will be posted on the N.C. State Student Government Web site.

The campout will begin Friday at 7 p.m. and end Saturday at 8 a.m.

## POLICE BLOTTER

1/7/05

1:36 A.M.  
FIRE ALARM

Officers, Fire Protection, and RFD responded to a fire alarm at the College of Engineering Building. The alarm was in a duct detector in the air handling unit. Unknown cause of activation. No problems noted.

1/6/05

10:20 A.M.  
FIRE ALARM

Officers responded to a fire alarm at Scott Hall. The alarm was caused by a system error. Electronics was notified.

10:31 A.M.

## B&amp;E BUILDING/LARCENY

A faculty member reported that someone entered a room in Withers Hall and stole two laptop computers. The theft took place sometime between 12/20/04 and 12/29/04.

11:55 A.M.

## DISPUTE

A staff member reported that a student confronted her at the Alumni Building about a friend whose employment had been terminated. The staff member was shaken by the encounter; however, no physical threats were made.

9:57 A.M.

## SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A staff member called to report a small dent on a door knob in a room in Burlington Labs. It was thought someone had attempted to break in. An officer at the scene spoke with occupants in the building. The officer determined that the door knob had been struck while furniture was being moved over the break.

1:40 P.M.

## SAFETY PROGRAM

Sergeant Barnwell conducted a safety program at Talley Student Center.

10:59 P.M.

LICENSE/REGISTRATION  
CHECKPOINT

Officers conducted a license/registration checkpoint on Varsity Drive at McKimmon Center. One verbal warning was given for an expired registration. One citation was issued for an expired inspection sticker.

11:29 P.M.

## TRAFFIC STOP

A non-student was issued a citation for an expired inspection sticker at the above checkpoint. It expired in March of 04.

3:54 P.M.

## DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A staff member reported he hit a vehicle with his car door while unloading at Sullivan Hall. The owner of the vehicle was unreachable at the time of report. A note was left on the vehicle.

6:28 P.M.

## SAFETY PROGRAM

Sergeant Barnwell conducted a safety program at McKimmon Center for the Lifelong Education Orientation group.

1/5/05

## 10:13 A.M.

## SAFETY PROGRAM

Sergeant Barnwell conducted a safety program at Withers Hall.

10:36 A.M.

## FIRE ALARM

The fire alarm went off at Scott Hall. Police and Fire responded to the building and determined that the activation was due to dust.

## RELIEF

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spans a two-week time frame from Tuesday until Jan. 26. Student Body President Tony Caravano said organizers agreed that two weeks were a reasonable amount of time to respond.

The timing for these relief efforts also allowed for fundraising to be shaped around basketball games. Donation boxes at ticket distribution windows as well as at the RBC Center during basketball games will allow students and community members to participate in the efforts.

Although organizers have not yet made a definite decision as to where the money will be donated, they talked about giving a large portion of the donations to the American Red Cross.

A campus-wide memorial service is tentatively scheduled for 3

p.m. Thursday, in the Brickyard. The service will follow a similar format as the 9-11 memorial service that was also held in the Brickyard.

A speaker who was present during the tsunami will speak at the memorial as well as several administrators. A moment of silence will be held and collections will be taken for the relief efforts.

Student Government also brought up the idea of developing an additional Spring Break service trip which would send students to Southeast Asian nations to aid in rebuilding efforts.

"The international students that I talked to wanted something tangible," Caravano said.

The trip would allow students to help the rebuilding efforts and to be able to see the impact of their aid, Caravano added.

Jared Milrad, a junior in fisher-

ies and wildlife, is planning to help the fundraising efforts in the residence halls. As a resident adviser in Alexander Hall, Milrad hopes to invoke the help of his residents and others to increase the amount of aid N.C. State can provide.

His hall plans to take part in penny wars to raise money for the relief efforts. Milrad said several of his residents are from affected areas.

Milrad just returned from northern India where he was participating in a veterinary service project with Vet Charity, a non-profit organization that provides basic veterinary care and a sterilization program in India.

Although Milrad was not directly affected by the tsunamis in India, he said he knew several people who had families and friends in the affected areas.

"Many of my close friends in

this part of India were devastated by the news and many have still not heard from their friends in southeastern India," Milrad said.

While he was in India, Milrad said several impromptu efforts had already begun to raise money for individuals and animals affected.

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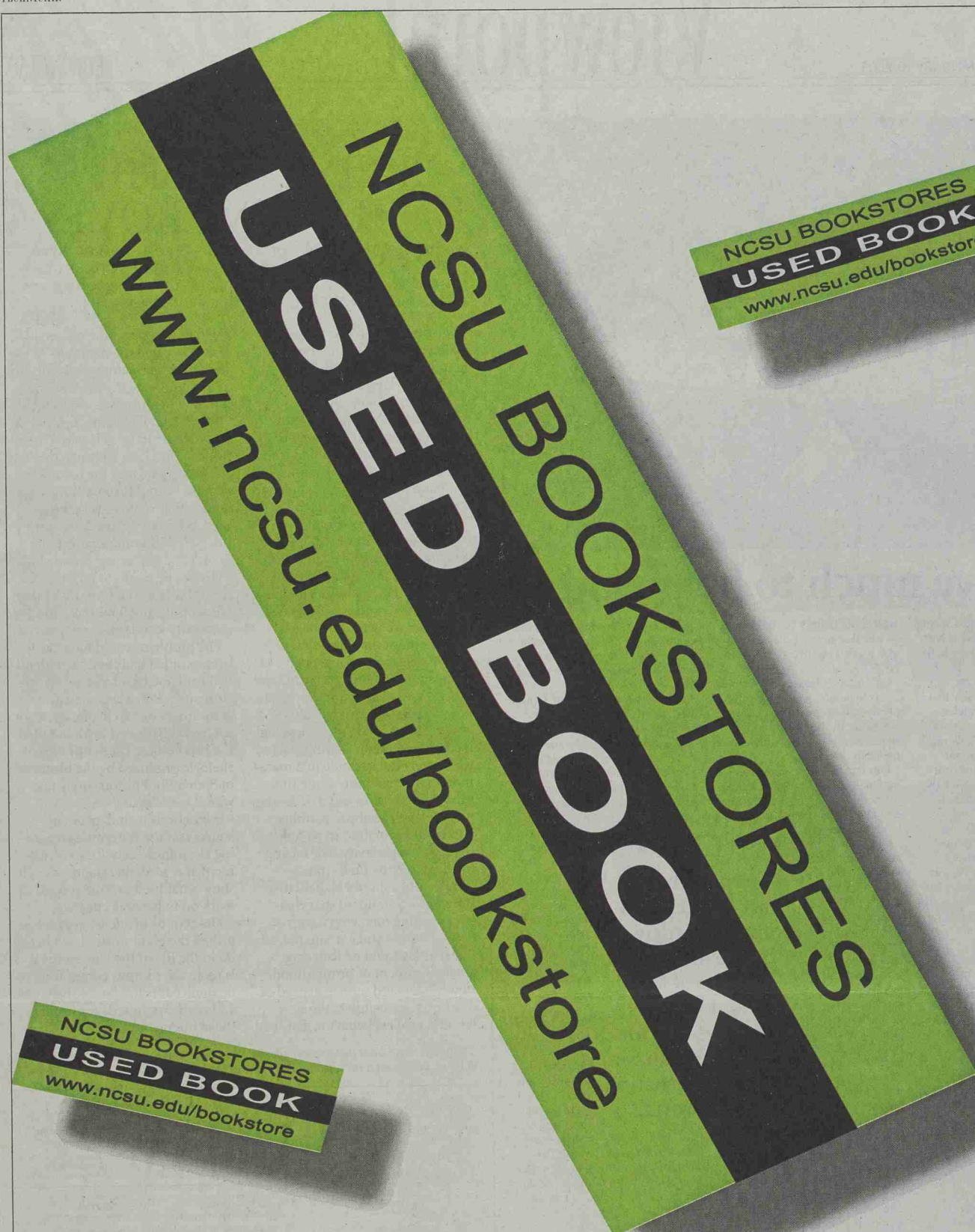
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Welcome back to campus. Spring semester 2005 is underway at N.C. State. I hope you enjoyed the holiday break.



**James L. Oblinger**  
Guest Columnist

For me, Jan. 1 was my first official day as chancellor of NCSU. Being part of our campus community for 18 years has allowed me to get to know many people on campus and throughout the state. As you may have seen in Technician a few weeks ago, one student, when told I had been appointed chancellor responded by saying "Who?" I can understand that.

You'll see me on the Brickyard, at athletic events, arts events or in our dining halls. Come over and talk. Help me get to know you. I think you will find that I am approachable and interested in what students have to say.

It might be easy for you to say "Yeah, right" when you hear that, but I ask you not to dismiss that statement as rhetoric. I'd like to hear from you about how we're doing. I'd like to hear from you about our successes as well as about where we might have fallen short. You can also e-mail me at [chancellor@ncsu.edu](mailto:chancellor@ncsu.edu).

The chancellor alone doesn't make the university. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and supporters make us who we are. The university is all about learning, both in and outside of the classroom.

It's about building relationships that help move us forward. It's about innovative research that improves people's lives. It's about being an engine for economic development. It's about expanding your friendships, your skills, your leadership abilities. The university

is all about being a community — one that supports its own but also reaches out to others. We are NCSU, all of us, collectively.

One of my primary responsibilities is to be sure you have a supportive environment that allows you to get the best education possible, and I'm proud of our achievements in this area.

Our student successes on local, national and international stages, for example, demonstrate the quality of both our students and their academic programs.

Our many construction projects

across campus — however inconvenient they may be at the moment — are a sign of our growing "next generation" university. Our faculty is dedicated to undergraduate and graduate education. Their dedication shows in our challenging academic programs that include both practical experience as well as research, personalized mentoring and the national and international recognition faculty members continue to gain.

The list of donors and friends who lend their support to the university is a clear sign of their appreciation for our results-oriented approach. Your drive to get the best education possible and to take that education out into the world and apply it to better yourself and the people around you — that is at the heart of what makes NCSU a great university.

Our university's history is also of listening to the needs of North Carolina and responding with real-world applications that solve

problems. We produce results that matter in the day-to-day lives of the people we serve. As global citizens, we serve not just North Carolina, but the world.

With that world in mind, I am particularly pleased to hear that many of you as individuals and participants in formal student organizations are interested in helping with the relief effort for the hundreds of thousands of people affected by the recent tsunami in southeast Asia.

The fact that you want to be involved in helping people speaks volumes about you. It says you are touched by human suffering and want to do something about it. You are active, aware and generous. And that you care about your fellow students, some of whom are from the affected countries.

I'm proud to be part of a campus com-

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munity driven by the desire to achieve great things — not just for ourselves, but for what we can do for our state, our nation and the world.

We are NCSU. You have every reason to be proud of your association with NCSU. I hope you will join me in making sure everyone knows NCSU is a great university.

Again, welcome back. I hope you have a successful spring semester.

Guest columnist James L. Oblinger took over as NCSU's 13th chancellor on Jan. 1. He can be reached at [chancellor@ncsu.edu](mailto:chancellor@ncsu.edu).

### TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## RELATIONSHIPS MUST IMPROVE

**OUR OPINION:** THE EVICTION OF THE SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY IS MERELY A SNAPSHOT OF A LARGER MOVIE ABOUT FRATERNITIES IN GREEK LIFE. THE BIGGER PICTURE REVEALS A LARGER CONCERN REGARDING FRATERNITY BEHAVIOR AND STANDARDS THAT ARE NOT BEING MET.

The official Web site of N.C. State's chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon includes a countdown to its 100th anniversary at the University. March 4 looms imminently, but these brothers won't get to celebrate what should have been a joyous date, because the fraternity was booted off campus in mid-December by its national chapter and is suspended until fall 2005.

The event stirs up quite a controversy in the Greek community, particularly the relationship between Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Office of Greek Life. Whether or not the obvious problems the brothers have with the office is a microcosm of the status quo of frats, it's clear that some degree of change must emerge from this and other events. Three fraternities are now suspended until fall 2005.

Sigma Phi Epsilon's brothers had it coming to them. Getting evicted was merely the last mile in a marathon that began quite some time ago. The fraternity had a declining membership, a subpar member GPA and was behind in paying rent to the university. The hazing incident was the final straw.

Fraternities should be held to a standard — a standard that challenges young men who have a desire to grow and a desire to lead. Fraternities could be fostering an environment of brotherhood, stewardship and service instead of one of irresponsibility, thoughtless and careless behavior. This bad

publicity disgraces the university, Greek Life and the members of the fraternity. The campus community will not tolerate it — just like the national organization will not.

So why did Greek Life not step in and take an active role when they noticed the GPA's slipping, the rent not being paid and the membership declining? If those things were going on, it is obvious that the members were focused on something else other than improving grades and becoming responsible.

Greek Life ought to take the responsibility of the fraternities that are slipping and have them meet a university standard.

The problems could have easily been avoided had they been identified earlier. Greek Life and its constituents need to become effective communicators so blame does not get tossed back and forth between the two bodies. The venom-laced rhetoric produced by the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon surely just wasn't made up.

Evaluations by independent sources on the fraternities regarding cleanliness, activities, recruitment and academic standards will show what the fraternities need to work on to become effective.

The actions of a few have tarnished the good work most Greeks do in the life of the University. It is up to the campus community to denounce this intolerable behavior and set the standards for proper social interaction.

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## Pulling 'Confederate' detracts from school history

As students meander around campus today, they probably won't pay attention to the names on the buildings — unless they're completely lost. They'll stride past D.H. Hill and make their way to Tompkins and Leazar without hesitation, because the names of important alumni, donors and university faculty etched on the brick don't raise any red flags for most students.



**Michele DeCamp**  
Senior Staff Columnist

However, the name of a building on Vanderbilt University's campus in Tennessee is causing a little stir because it used to contain the word "Confederate."

North Carolina, as a former part of the Confederate States of America, has as much at stake as Tennessee in this battle over whether it is appropriate to honor a southern state's history by remembering its secessionist past.

Vanderbilt University contributed to this debate when its current chancellor, Gordon Gee, decided to change the name of Confederate Memorial Hall to Memorial Hall as a demonstration of the university's commitment to their increasingly diverse student body.

The dorm was originally a part of the George Peabody College of Teachers, which in 1935 accepted funds from the United Daughters of the Confederacy that would help build a dorm that

would house daughters of Confederate soldiers at little or no cost. Peabody College became a part of Vanderbilt in 1979. Vanderbilt stopped honoring the housing agreement after the merger.

In 1989, Vanderbilt officials put a plaque in the building that explained the UDC's involvement with the building's construction and history.

Today, Vanderbilt attorneys claim this plaque should suffice in explaining the building's original connection to Confederate soldiers.

Of course, the UDC members disagree.

Their organization believes that contracts between the UDC and Peabody College stipulate that the name must remain Confederate Memorial Hall. A lower court already ruled that Vanderbilt could change the name in 2003, but an appeals court is now hearing the case.

According to the appeals court judges, this case is just about contracts. Unfortunately for the UDC, some of the "contracts" were spoken

agreements or did not contain signatures. The court has not made a final ruling.

But much like the former debate over a certain flag atop the South Carolina Statehouse, this

issue again raises the question — is it possible for Southern states to honor words or emblems from the past without hurting their current citizenry?

I personally take more offense to the flag than to the word. The Confederate flag is often used by the public, not as a memorial to the South, but often as a demonstration of the individual's own desire to return to the "Old South" way of life.

That way of life included the enslavement of a race of people, and I detest the ignorance motivating people who would consider returning to a time when the nation discriminated against people solely because they weren't white.

However, having a building with the word "Confederate" on it does not suggest that Vanderbilt University wants to return to the Old South. Rather, I see the name as what it was supposed to be — a memorial.

Tennessee seceded from the union in May of 1861, and North Carolina followed a few weeks later. Those of us around in 2005 can't change that part of the past.

The UDC's mission statement doesn't mention slavery; rather, its focus is on the soldiers who fought in the Civil War, men who were a part of their families.

Those men might be some N.C. State students' great-grandfathers.

Should we ignore their lives because they didn't understand that all men and women were created equal?

This nation's history is full of people who didn't know better, but we don't need to start removing words from buildings, because we know so much more now.

"Confederate" is not a swear word, and the students of Vanderbilt would do well to pass by the word daily and remember that a unified nation is so much more effective and resilient than a divided one — a lesson that might be useful for students living in such a politically divided environment today.

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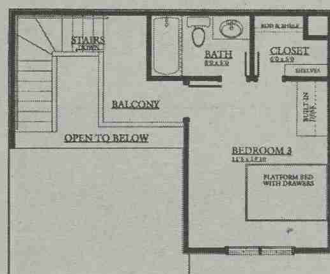
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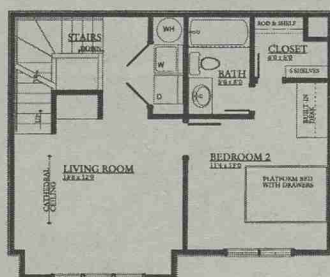
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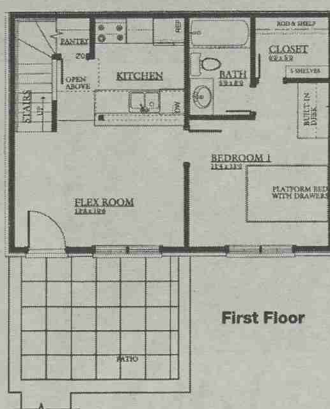
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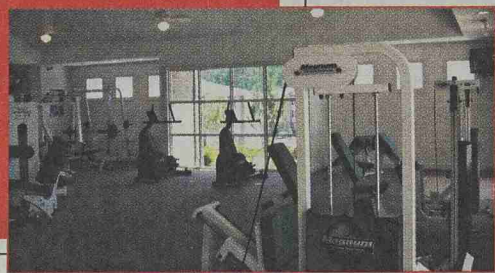
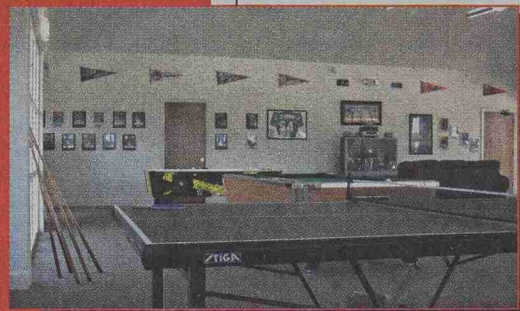
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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

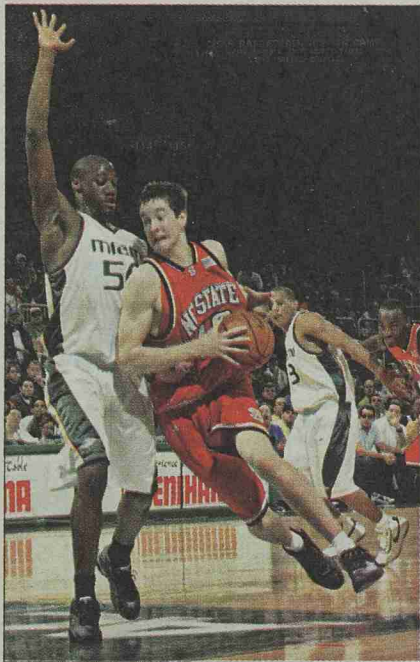


PHOTO BY JOEL AUERBACH  
Freshman Andrew Brackman drives to the basket for a lay-in during State's 67-66 loss at Miami on Sunday night.

## Losing skid reaches 3

The Wolfpack failed to convert on the final play of the game, handing Miami its first ACC victory.

Austin Johnson  
Sports Editor

The worst part of N.C. State's loss to St. John's in the championship of Madison Square Garden's Holiday Festival may not have been the sting that Wolfpack lost to a team beaten by St. Francis (N.Y.), Niagara and Hofstra.

### N.C. STATE 66 MIAMI 67

It might have been that the entire team was forced to watch the awards ceremony held on the court immediately following the contest. Most participated with sullen faces and disinterested gazes before later speaking of shamefulness and vowing that things had to turn around after the Dec. 30 loss.

"I can't explain what happened...we were horrific," coach Herb Sendek said.

Now there's more bad news for Sendek and his players — that nightmare was only the beginning.

Conference newcomer Miami, brought into the league for its football prowess, beat N.C. State 67-66 Sunday night for its historic first ACC win.

### Men's basketball

Record during the break: 3-4

**High point:** Not easy to find, but the Columbia game was as good as it got. Bennerman stepped up on a night when Julius Hodge wasn't in A-form, and it appeared as though State was ready to roll through December with only one blemish — a road loss to highly ranked Washington — on its resume.

**Low point:** The first half of the St. John's game, when State made three field goals and two free throws in 20 minutes to fall behind 27-10. Cameron Bennerman made two 3-point baskets, Engin Atsur sank a lay-up and Julius Hodge hit two free throws.

**Outlook:** State has struggled the last three years at this point in the season, but pulled out an NCAA tournament bid each time. So there isn't cause for panic yet, but the team has plenty to fix to get things right again. Unfortunately for Herb Sendek, the naysayers will be out in full force after Sunday night.

Bennerman never appeared to get complete hold of the ball, missing badly and hitting the back of the backboard with a second remaining.

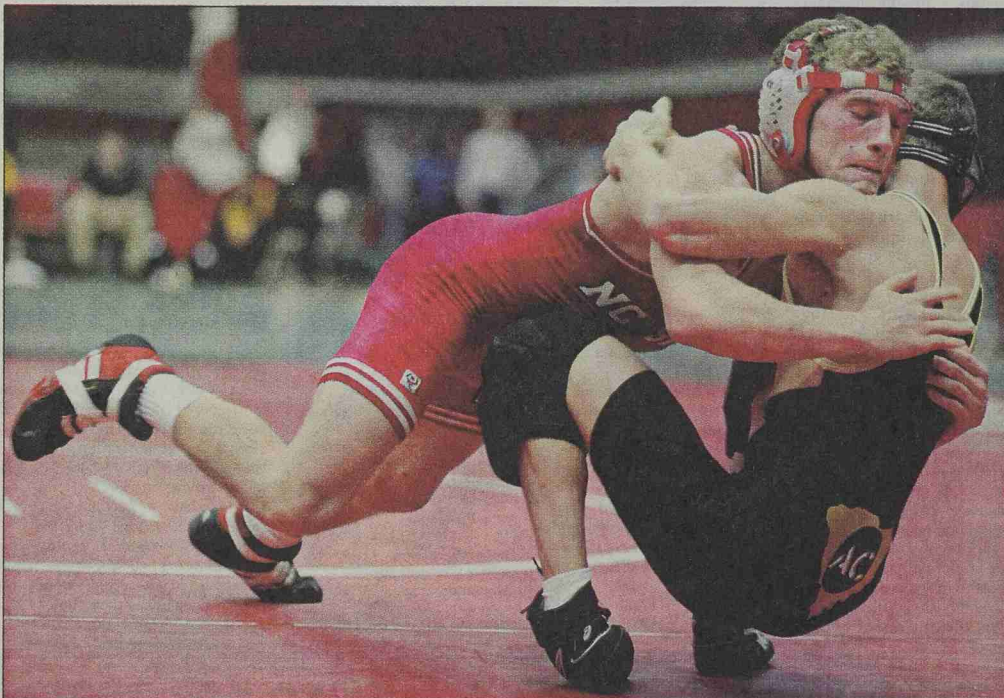
Miami inbounded the ball without incident to seal the victory.

Evtimov led the way for the Pack with 19 points, and he hit on 5-of-8 on 3-point shots. Freshman Andrew Brackman had 16 points and Atsur had 15 for the Pack in the losing cause. Julius Hodge added 14 points and 12 rebounds, but hit on only 4-of-10 from the free-throw line. In the final

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### WRESTLING

## Wolfpack nabs two victories at duels



ANDY DELISLE/TECHNICIAN  
Garrett Cummings takes down Brad Spine of Anderson College during Saturday's duels at Reynolds Coliseum in a bout he won with a 14-4 decision.

## FRESHMAN KODY HAMRAH WON THREE MATCHES ON THE DAY AS STATE PICKS UP WINS OVER ANDERSON AND GARDNER-WEBB

Michael Breedlove  
Staff Writer

The wrestling team came back from break a little early, turning what many students experience as a month-long hiatus into a much shorter time away from campus.

"We stayed about a week after finals and got back two days after Christmas, so really, we had about half of a Christmas break," sophomore Jeff Breese said.

The Pack's dedication paid off Saturday in the form of two wins, and a strong effort in a losing cause. Duke, Campbell, Anderson, Gardner-Webb and North Dakota State all convened in Reynolds Coliseum Saturday for the annual N.C. State duels.

The tournament consisted of three different matches for each team, with State drawing Anderson College, Gardner-Webb and a talented North Dakota State squad.

In the first match of the afternoon, the Pack shook off some early rust and slammed Anderson College 34-3. All but one of the Pack's wrestlers triumphed, with new addition Alex Hernandez, who earlier this year was redshirted, pinning his opponent in the first minute of the second round. Zack Garren aided the

"Everything's different in college; everything's got to be perfect. I knew coming in that I had to clean up a lot technique-wise, and it's been hard. But it's fun when you get done with a day like this."

-freshman Kody Hamrah

cause as well with a pin of his own while redshirt sophomore Garret Cummings earned a 14-4 major decision, one of the three victories Cummings had on the day.

The second match didn't go quite as smoothly. North Dakota State brought a 20-match winning streak, along with a snow-covered bus to Raleigh.

"That was one heck of a team," coach Carter Jordan said. "They're as tough as they come."

The Pack didn't go down easily, however. Cummings used a late takedown to win the opening match of the day, and Kody Hamrah, Kevin Gabrielson and Hernandez also picked up wins. The effort wasn't quite enough for a team as talented as North Dakota State, as the

Pack fell 19-13.

Redemption came in the form of State's final match of the day against Gardner-Webb, as the Pack out-dueled the Bulldogs 27-12.

The Pack, using some of the second-string wrestlers, won their last six matches of the bout, concluding with heavyweight Jainor Palma taking down his opponent in the fifth-overtime for a dramatic end to the day. While Palma's match was exciting, the most promising signs came from freshmen Kody Hamrah and Jeremy Colbert, who both pinned their opponents. Colbert pinned in a jaw-dropping 30 seconds, one of two victories for the freshman on the afternoon.

Hamrah won all three matches of the day. A freshman from Middlesex, N.J., Hamrah seems to be adjusting to collegiate wrestling quite well, though he says the adjustment phase was harder than he thought.

"Everything's different in college; everything's got to be perfect," Hamrah said. "I knew coming in that I had to clean up a lot technique-wise, and it's been hard."

He paused for a moment, grinned at his teammates and added, "But it's fun when you get done with a day like this."

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Bell's second half output not enough

Days after upsetting No. 12 Vanderbilt, State comes up short in its ACC road opener.

Sports staff report

For the second straight game, N.C. State faced a second-half deficit on the road. But on Sunday, the State rally fell short.

Senior guard Kendra Bell scored 11 of her 16 points in the second half, but it wasn't enough for State to avoid a 78-65 loss to Clemson in the Pack's conference road opener. State (12-3, 1-1 ACC) overcame a 12-point halftime deficit against No. 12 Vanderbilt earlier in the week to capture a road win, but couldn't hold on to a two-point lead against the Tigers (7-6, 1-0) on Sunday.

Clemson scored 52 points in the second half on 56 percent shooting, and buried its free throws late to put away the Pack in the waning minutes of the contest.

The Tigers out-rebounded State 46-37 and held

### N.C. State's individual leaders

SCORING			REBOUNDING		
Player	Avg.		Player	Avg.	
Tiffany Stansbury	11.1		Tiffany Stansbury	7.4	
Ashley Key	10.1		Marquetta Dickens	5.8	
Billie McDowell	9.5		Khadja Whittington	4.0	
ASSISTS			STEALS		
Player	Avg.		Player	Avg.	
Kendra Bell	2.8		Tiffany Stansbury	2.1	
Marquetta Dickens	2.5		Billie McDowell	1.6	
Billie McDowell	1.9		Kendra Bell	1.5	

the Pack to just 34 percent shooting for the game. Khadija Whittington added 10 points while Ashley Key had eight. Tiffany Stansbury, the team's leading scorer heading into the game, was held to just three points during the game.

The Pack was also called for three technical fouls with Bell, Monica Pope and Marquetta Dickens all receiving technicals. State will face rival Carolina at home Friday night.

### Women's basketball

Record during the break: 6-2

**High point:** A one-point road win against No. 12 Vanderbilt. State overcame a 12-point halftime deficit behind sharpshooting Rachel Stockdale, who scored 14 points in the half to help State pull off its first win over a ranked team this season.

**Low Point:** Despite a solid break, the Pack ended on a down note, dropping its conference opener at Clemson on Sunday afternoon. The Pack rallied to keep the game close in the final five minutes, but the Tigers pulled away to a 78-65 victory.

**Outlook:** State is playing like an NCAA tournament team to this point, though a lot is left to be decided as conference play starts up. Tiffany Stansbury has stepped in from the junior college ranks as a double-double threat every game while sophomores like McDowell and Ashley Key have provided consistent scoring for the Pack. State gets a huge home test when Carolina comes to town this Friday.

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