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Keynote speaker to highlight MLK event

Donna Brazile will speak at third Martin Luther King commemoration

Ra-jah Kelly
Staff Writer

N.C. State will host the third annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration today at 11 a.m. in Stewart Theatre.



Donna Brazile
Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs, the event will feature keynote speaker Donna Brazile.

A distinguished political veteran, Brazile has achieved notoriety as a Democratic Party insider serving in various capacities on presidential campaigns.

Provost of the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs Jose Picart encouraged all students to attend, citing their impact on the future.

"Students have a special responsibility to leverage their education and become leaders," Picart said. "I hope a broad representation of students attend and that they're inspired by his legacy and his commitment to civil rights and social justice and that they themselves are moved to be advocates for civil rights and social justice."

Last year, NCSU hosted King's daughter, the Rev. Bernice A. King, who encouraged the community of students to leave as a changed person.

"It's not about how long you live, but how well you live. It's what you do to contribute to the betterment of humanity," she told community members at the commemoration. "It's not

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Bryan Belk, sophomore in biology, hangs out on a hammock set up in the Brickyard by Pi Kappa Alpha with Jennifer Todd, senior in communication. The fraternity was collecting money to help a faculty member adopt two orphans from Kazakhstan.

Faculty member gives the opportunity of a lifetime

GREEK ORGANIZATIONS ASSIST PETE KENNY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS

Cynthia Marvin
Staff Writer

Imagine the U.S. life expectancy of 78 years being reduced to only 21 years of age.

Although to many Americans that statistic would seem absurd, in Kazakhstan it is reality.

Yesterday, Pi Kappa Alpha held a fund-raising event with the world's largest hammock in the Brickyard to help NCSU communication teacher and Phi Delta Theta alumni Pete Kenny start raising money to go toward the two boys he and his wife plan to adopt this summer.

This being the first official fund-raising event, it will only produce a fraction of

the \$60,000 needed to adopt these boys from Kazakhstan.

There are 11 fraternities and sororities at NCSU, including PKA, which will hold various fund-raising events to make contributions toward the Kenny family.

"We just hope that people will give from the heart," Kenny said as he watched some students give donations to PKA and ride the hammock late Wednesday morning.

The goal, he said, is to raise the money by the summer so that during his time off from teaching, his family may go to Kazakhstan and pick up the boys.

As a part of Kazakhstan law, the Kenny family is required to spend 14 days with the boys in the country and then attend court to see if the judge will waive the

appeal period. If not, the family must wait an additional 15 days to finalize the adoption.

The adoption process will take anywhere from four to six weeks to be finalized in Kazakhstan. After the boys are picked up, Kenny will then have to make a trip to the U.S. Embassy for even more documentation.

Kenny, his wife and two daughters will be adding two boys anywhere between the ages of 5 and 10 to the family if all goes as planned.

"We know they will be between the ages of 5-10, it's like when a woman is pregnant -- you don't know what it is [a boy or girl]," he said. "It's kind of like

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STUDENT LIFE

Housing purchases apartments on Avent Ferry

Complex to be used for grad students, post-docs and researchers on Centennial Campus

Ben McNeely
Staff Writer

University Housing purchased Western Manor Apartment complex over the winter break for \$5.1 million.

The complex, currently occupied mainly by graduate students and researchers working on Centennial Campus, will continue to serve non-traditional affiliates of the University.

Justine Hollingshead, director of Conference and Guest Services, is manning the front desk for Housing.

"This was a good investment for the University," she said.

The complex has 118 one- and two-bedroom efficiency apartments, with hardwood floors, air conditioning and electric heat. Housing plans to manage these apartments like any other complex, but only rent them to tenants affiliated with the University.

"People that have a current lease signed will be allowed to stay. They will be grandfathered in and will be allowed to renew their lease on a yearly basis," Hollingshead said. "But anybody new that wants to rent must be affiliated with the University."

Rent in the complex is in the \$400-\$600 range, and will remain that way, Hollingshead said. The University will pay for water and sewage, provide dumpster collection services and maintenance, but tenants will have to contract out for their phone, cable and Internet access. Resnet or ComTech will not service Western Manor Apartments. Nor will they furnish the units. A graduate staff member will live there to serve the tenants' needs.

Housing bought the property because it was the "right item at the right time at the right place," Hollingshead said.

"Its location -- close to Centennial Campus -- makes it ideal," she said.

Hollingshead said Housing will market Western Manor to

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STUDENT HOUSING

Near-campus housing a viable option

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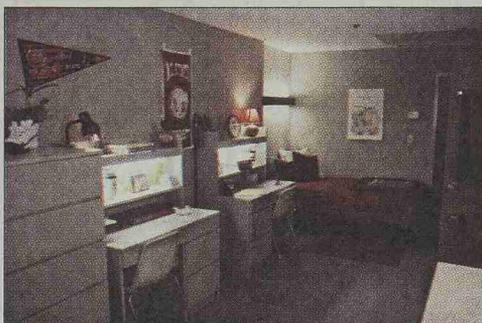
For those searching for new living arrangements next semester, apartment facilities near campus may prove a viable option for students looking to reduce travel time.

Less than a 15-minute walk away from campus, University Towers, Wolf Village and The College Inn can all claim close-campus proximity as one of their best selling points, among other amenities offered.

The College Inn property manager Meredith Beckmann stated that she felt location was a huge advantage to the students who lived there.

"The students don't have to have a car," Beckmann said. "I believe the majority walk to campus while some probably utilize the Wolfline. Our location is great for everyone."

The College Inn offers many community features such as an access gate, game room, a fitness center and a business center.



JEFF REEVES/TECHNICIAN

Dorm-style rooms at University Towers accommodate two people. The community atmosphere is a main selling point for the complex.

There is also 24-hour emergency maintenance staff on-hand.

The apartments have central air-conditioning in addition to providing ceiling fans for the rooms.

The College Inn also equips select rooms with a full-size washer and dryer, balcony, garbage disposal and microwave.

"I have really enjoyed my time

living here [The College Inn], the location is great," said Charity Mize, a sophomore in College of Textiles. "I do however have to take the Wolfline to Centennial Campus on a regular basis, but when I have to get to Main Campus I'm already so close. I'm definitely a fan of convenience."

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Relief pervades; memorial today



AUSTIN DOWD/TECHNICIAN

The NCSU community continues its response to the world's tsunami disaster by raising funds for the victims. Above, UNC student Talyaba Qureshi sells baked goods at a fund-raiser held by NCSU's Muslim Student Association. State officially launched a campus-wide drive for relief -- dubbed "Wave of Relief" -- earlier this week. Organizers hope to collect \$200,000 between now and Jan. 26. Spearheaded by Student Government, organizers indicate that the two biggest donation days should be the two home basketball games against Duke tonight and Georgia Tech on Sunday, as well as the memorial service planned to take place in the Brickyard today. For more information please see page 2.

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Last call for masterpieces

NCMA stays open all night for final weekend of Matisse/Picasso show. See page 6.

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that, we don't know how old they are."

Kenny also pointed out that by adopting older children, the family will be giving them a chance to escape a startling statistic.

"So many people want babies, leaving only 3 percent of boys over the ages of 5 a chance of being adopted," Kenny said.

The orphans in Kazakhstan rarely receive any education past the sixth-grade level, and most of these children are considered second-class citizens. In the country as a whole, 70 percent of males commit crimes, and 60 percent of women get will get involved with prostitution.

Most children are "aged out" of an orphanage around the ages of 15-16 and of these, 10 percent will commit suicide—all before their 18th birthday.

A sophomore in political science and a PKA brother, Ryan Minto tried his best to lure people in to ride the hammock for a small donation.

"[PKA], as a fraternity, felt like the professor's cause was a very

How to get involved

Donations to help Pete and Cathy Kenny expand their family may be directed to either one of the following places:

Pete and Cathy Kenny
c/o Orphans' Rescue
300 Fair Glen Rd
Holly Springs, NC 27540
(This will go into a special account for their adoption)

Christian World Adoption
www.cwa.org
c/o Kenny Adoption
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good one to get involved in," said Minto. "When we heard about it we all agreed it would be best to jump at the opportunity to what we could help."

Of the 350,000 orphans in just the country of Kazakhstan, only 825 of them made it to the United States last year.

Kenny says he encourages everyone to visit www.orphansrescue.com to learn more about his cause and welcomes any organization to contact him if they would like to help in any way.

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that group of people instead of undergraduates.

Housing will do routine renovations to the property, such as replacing hardwood flooring, carpeting and wallpaper and installing fire suppression systems.

"Right now the complex does not meet with the University standards on fire suppression," Hollingshead said. "We will install sprinklers and hardwire smoke and fire detectors."

This addition to Housing does not signal the beginning of a move to compete with other landlords.

"We are governed by the Umstead Fair Housing Act, which means we can only provide housing to people affiliated with the University," Hollingshead said. "Housing does not have plans to start buying up properties around campus. This is the first time the University has done something of this nature."

According to Hollingshead, the owners of the complex had been trying to sell the complex for about a year prior to the sale.

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the duration of your life, but the donation of your life."

In 1981, as a student at Louisiana State University, Brazile served as National Student Coordinator for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee, the committee that successfully petitioned to make King's birthday a national holiday.

Brazile has also moved into the academic arena, serving as a fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics and as adjunct professor at both the University of Maryland College Park and George Washington University.

Beginning as deputy campaign manager for Jesse Jackson, Brazile worked with presidential candidates from Michael Dukakis to Bill Clinton.

Most recently she headed the last few months of Al Gore's campaign.

Many might be more familiar with Brazile's work as a political commentator on CNN's "Inside Politics" or as a regular on MSNBC's "Hardball" and Fox News' "Hannity and Colmes."

IN THE KNOW

Meningitis outbreak reported at UNC-Chapel Hill

According to report from N.C. State Student Health Services, a UNC-Chapel Hill student was hospitalized Jan. 11 with presumed meningococcal meningitis.

Student Health Services are advising NCSU students who had known close personal contact with the ill student, such as sharing a household or exposure to oral secretions, to visit Student Health during business hours to receive a free antibiotic.

Even if exposed students have already had a meningococcal vaccine, they should seek the antibiotic since the vaccine does not protect against all serogroups of meningococcus.

Vaccines to protect from future exposure are available by appointment for \$85, administered through the Student Health Services.

For more information or appointments, contact Student Health Services at 515-7107.

Tsunami relief effort planned for campus

A campaign to aid the victims of the Asian tsunami kicked off Wednesday by organizers throughout the N.C. State community.

Dubbed "Wave of Relief," organizers say they hope the campaign will raise \$200,000 to be presented to the Red Cross on Jan. 26.

Donations will be taken in collection buckets across campus with the Red Cross logo. Locations include, among others, the entrances to the home men's basketball games against Duke and Georgia Tech tonight and on Sunday.

A memorial service with several speakers is also planned in the Brickyard at 3 p.m. today.

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Wolf Village apartments offer numerous amounts of external- and internal- accessibility features for their residents.

"Wolf Village offers upperclassmen a luxury apartment experience that is on campus and close to everything they need to be successful," said assistant director Barry Olson. "We offer four-bedroom, four-person apartments that allow residents the flexibility to spend time with their roommates in the living room and kitchen area, as well as the chance to maintain the privacy of their own room."

Wolf Village has the on campus

cable channel line up as well as four HBO channels in addition to Time Warner cable.

Each apartment has its own furnished kitchen, living room, washer/dryer unit and a ceiling fan in each room.

To address one of their best-selling points - convenience - the Wolfline bus services the apartment property at two locations.

"All of our features are bundled together in one easy-to-understand bill for the semester which students can access through the campus," said Olson. "No hidden fees!"

J.D. Berric, a senior in chemistry, attested to the benefits of living at Wolf Village.

"Overall, Wolf Village is great.

The community is quiet with great lounges, great for studying - fourth floor balcony for instance - and an excellent computer lab," Berric said. "The staff does a great job keeping it clean and well maintained, even down to the landscaping."

Berric also pointed out the financial side of the complex's convenience.

"[Because] it is owned by the school, financial aid and scholarship money can be applied toward the overall cost of living," Berric said.

University Towers, located on the corner of Dan Allen Drive and Hillsborough Street, attracts students largely during their freshman and sophomore years.

The rooms accommodate two people with a sink and mirror in each room. The bathroom area is placed between two rooms for four residents to share.

The community atmosphere is listed as a main-selling point for this area.

The rooms come air conditioned, and there is housekeeping staff to help maintain the facilities.

All residents have access to a swimming pool, pool table, volleyball courts, a computer lab and numerous 24-hour study lounges.

There is covered parking available, laundry facilities and even a dining room located on the top floor.

POLICE BLOTTER

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1:14 P.M. | LARCENY

A student reported that someone stole his bicycle from the bike rack south of Bowen Hall sometime between Dec. 16 and Jan. 9.

12:55 P.M. | LARCENY

A student reported that someone stole his bicycle from the rack south of Brooks Hall sometime between Dec. 18 and Jan. 10.

5:24 P.M. | DOMESTIC DISPUTE/ ASSAULT ON FEMALE/ FALSE IMPRISONMENT/ INTERFER WITH

911 CALL

Police responded to Wolf Village Apartments in reference to a domestic dispute in progress involving a student and a non-student. Upon arrival, officers determined that the couple had recently broken up.

The non-student was attempting to get his belongings. An argument ensued, and both parties began pushing and shoving. The student then told the non-student she was calling the Police; the non-student would not allow it.

The non-student closed the door to the student's room and would not allow her to leave. When she attempted

to get by him, he pushed her back. This has not been the first incident officers have dealt with the couple for domestic disputes.

The non-student was arrested for Assault on a Female, False Imprisonment, and interfering with a 911 Call. The student was referred to the University for fighting. The non-student was trespassed from all NCSU property.

9:17 P.M. | COMMUNICATING THREATS

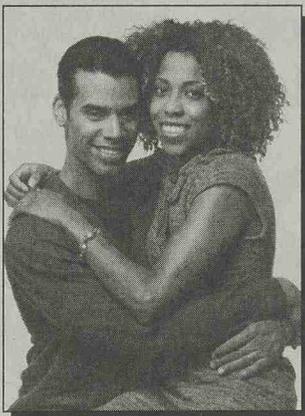
Police responded to Tucker Hall in reference to a dispute between roommates. One of the roommates stated

he began arguing with the other about leaving a bag of cookies open; the cookies got hard. The two began wrestling around the room.

One of the roommates told the other he was going to kill him. Both subjects refused to prosecute for the fight, and the roommate did not want to pursue criminal charges for communicating threats.

Both were referred to the University for disorderly conduct and violation of university policy. One of them was referred to the university for communicating threats. NCSU arranged for one to move to another room.

Male Volunteers Needed



Heterosexual men, ages 18 to 23, needed to participate in a vaccine research study aimed at preventing HPV infection.

- ▶ HPV (human papillomavirus) is the cause of genital warts.
- ▶ HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease.
- ▶ Over 50% of sexually active adults become infected with HPV during their lifetime.
- ▶ HPV can cause cervical cancer in women.



UNC Clinical Research/Raleigh is seeking male volunteers who do NOT have HPV or genital warts for a HPV vaccine research study.

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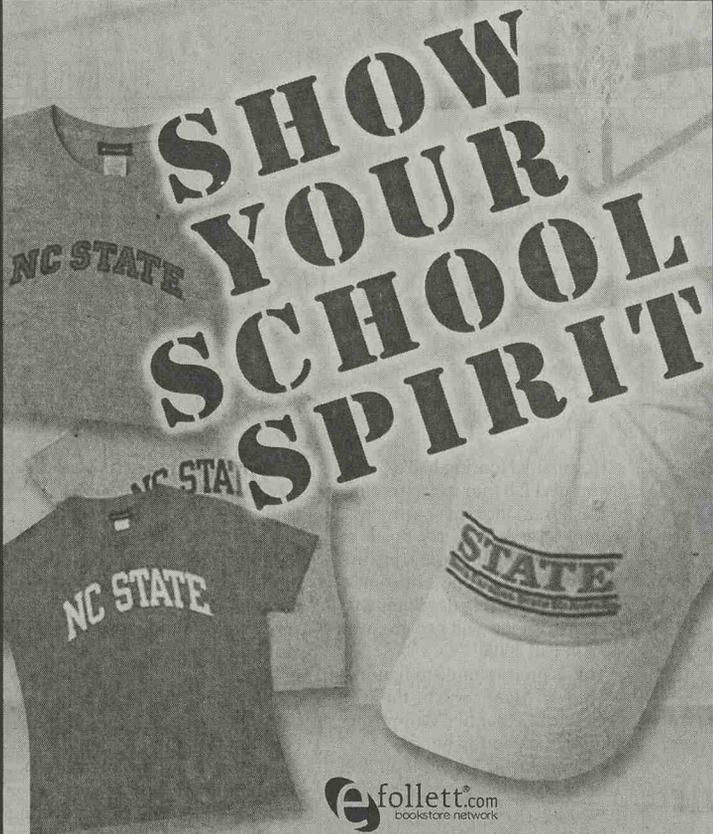
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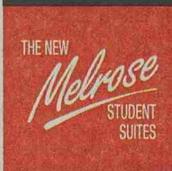
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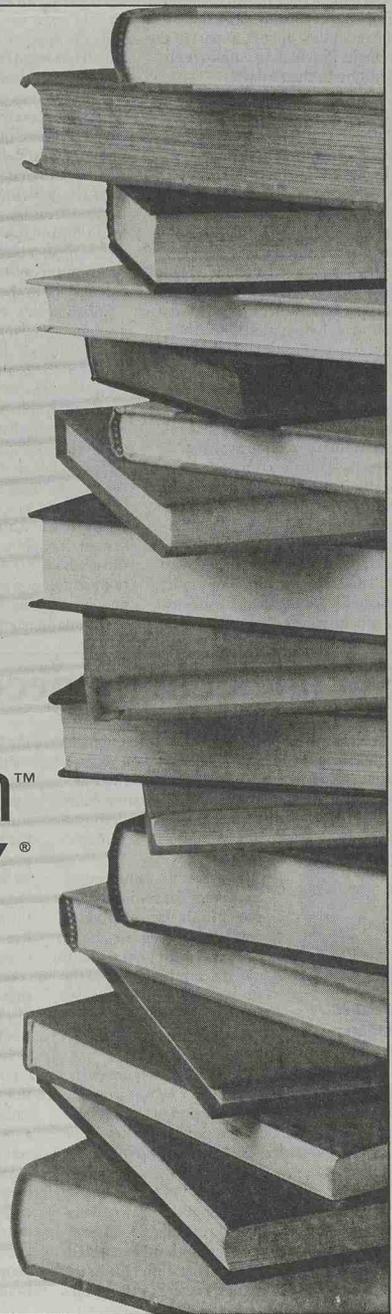
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The relatives of four men killed in Fallujah sued an NC security company, claiming it denied the men machine guns and armored vehicles in an effort to boost profits.



U.S. health care dismal, inefficient

Society has an obligation to provide the basics — food, shelter and decent health care for its people. Health care is a human right. Regardless of whether individuals can pay for it or not, they are entitled to it. Health care should be free.

The United States is the only industrialized country in the world in which health care is not a right of citizenship. Consequently, the United States has the worst health care statistics in the industrialized world.

In the United States, private health insurance pays for most care. About 90 percent of Americans have private health insurance. Employers typically pay a share of the premium, or cost, as part of the benefits provided to employees in addition to their salaries.

However, many U.S. citizens can't access health care because they can't afford it, and even worse, premiums are rising. We allow more than 43 million Americans (one in six), including 10 million children, to be uninsured. In addition, millions more are underinsured with huge gaps in their coverage. Access is a bigger problem in the United States because most other industrialized countries have national health insurance systems that cover medical expenses.

The cost of U.S. health insurance has increased severely over the past decade, far exceeding the general rate of inflation in most years. Who pays for the rising costs of health insurance? Taxpayers, employees and consumers pay. Businesses pass along a portion of rising premiums to their workforces in the form of lower wage increases. The U.S. leaves too many of its citizens without adequate medical care because the insurance premi-

ums are well beyond their financial reach. Essentially all those but the wealthy suffer. In the U.S. health care system, profit is more important than people.

When evaluating the availability of health care to those who need it, and in terms of the quality of health care for the amount of money we pay, the United States has one of the most dismal and inefficient health care systems in the world. Protection is not widespread, costs are ridiculously high, the quality is poor and spending has been consistently huge.

Nevertheless, there are health care systems in other countries, such as Cuba, which are far superior to ours. The United States needs to learn from the success of Cuba's health care program, and adapt it to better fit the needs of our country and its people.

In 1961, the Cuban government decreed that all health care would be paid for by the state. Cuba, despite the ongoing U.S. embargo, which has negatively affected Cuba's economy, has one of the best health care systems in the world. All Cubans receive free medical care, regardless of its socioeconomic standing. All areas of Cuba, whether urban or city, have doctors. The government built clinics in rural areas that had no medical facilities, and it required graduates of medical schools to provide a minimum of two years of health care service in these areas.

Cuban health care is widely available and of extremely high quality, though the embargo has damaged the health care system. Nevertheless, the Cuban government still works to attain equality in access to health care among all social classes and regions.

Individuals should question why the U.S., whose embargo has greatly hurt Cuba, is so deliberately hostile to Cuba and its health care system. It could possibly be that those who control the U.S. economics do not want the American people to see the accomplishments of a humanitarian and successful

health care system.

The differences between the United States and the Cuban health care system are clearly defined. The United States has a love affair with profits, while Cuba has a love affair with humanity.

The United States leaves those with the most need, such as the elderly, children and the poor, without little, if any aid. On the other hand, Cuba helps those with the most need, making health care available to all people. In Cuba the government covers all costs, while the United States causes confusion and difficulty by having thousands of private health insurance agencies, all with different requirements and rates. The Cuban health care system is far advanced in comparison to ours. All people have access and are thus able to maintain their health.

It is appalling that the United States does not recognize health care as a basic human right. Instead, health care is regarded as a commodity that can be bought. However, unlike other commodities, access to medical treatment is not optional and cannot be delayed. Provision of services should not be based on an individual's ability to pay, but rather on medical necessity. Our system, which leaves more than 45 million Americans without health care, is greatly flawed. We need to learn from countries, such as Cuba, who have created health care systems which are available to people of all backgrounds.

While the classification of health care as either a right or as a personal responsibility is disputed, the major difference is in the way countries pay for health care. Despite the fact that it is unlikely that U.S. health care will ever be free, due to the greediness of this country, it is however essential that reform be brought to our system so that more people can have access to health care.

E-mail Emily your suggestions at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

ACCOMMODATE STUDENT EXPANSION

OUR OPINION: UNIVERSITY HOUSING SHOULD BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ANY OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING — AS IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO DO SO WITH WESTERN MANOR.

University Housing had a pretty sweet deal fall into its lap recently.

Western Manor, an apartment complex on Avent Ferry Road, is officially changing from a private, family-owned business into an N.C. State housing development. The apartments will become available in Fall 2005.

This is pretty simple to figure out — Western Manor will be the Wolf Village of Centennial Campus, although obviously not as eye-pleasing. With a \$5.1 million deal, University Housing could hardly pass it up.

But this brings up a much larger issue.

Housing would be wise to pursue any available options for property near the campus, because it provides an alternative to dorm life. Given the response from Wolf Village — it's an alternative worth developing.

Since the larger colleges currently located on main campus will be gradually moving towards Centennial, in conjunction with the property development and growth around Lake Raleigh, land near that campus will start becoming high demand for contractors.

Available and affordable housing, like Western Manor, will be very attractive to students who will be working and going to class there.

This particular development, however, since moving toward Centennial is still in the beginning stages, should only be reserved for graduate and doctoral students

that will be spending most of their time on that campus. Most students are still traveling between the two campuses. Graduate and doctoral students would benefit the most residing in Western Manor for now.

But in the future, the property around Centennial will become more valuable.

Raleigh city officials will be happy because there has always been a concern for parties, social disturbances and destruction of property in the areas around campus. If Housing begins owning the developments near campus, students will get affordable places to live and will be operating under NCSU standards.

Thus, the University will be watching the behavior of more students rather than passing that responsibility on to the City of Raleigh.

Western Manor Apartments will not differ much from dorms in terms of what the University provides and what the students pay. The University will be responsible for the water, sewage and trash while students will be getting their own cable, phone and Internet.

Housing expanding to off-campus property in the future will not only be benefiting to the University and its students, but they will be better suited to meet the changing demands of the student body.

Housing can acquire it now or the land will be sold to private contractors in the years to come.

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Social Security needs help in much more sensible ways, Mr. President

President Bush, with a new firmly Republican Congress at his side, has endeavored on yet another risky political battle. His record thus far is nothing short of impressive. The man usually gets what he wants despite how vocal the dissenting side may be.

Indeed, tax cuts may not have made for sound fiscal policy in the face of growing government spending, but Congress would not turn him down. Countries around the world condemned America's hawkish stance, but few ears in the administration listened.

But these battles are over, and Bush has had his way. Now he has won his second term, along with a legion of Congressional Republicans. Bush has proposed a new idea for this legislative cycle: privatization of Social Security.

The idea is not entirely new, but the gravity behind it is. Last year, two Republican lawmakers presented bills that would privatize Social Security one way or another, but both were defeated by embarrassing margins. That didn't mean that the notion wasn't popular, rather, it just meant

the timing wasn't quite right.

But it is hard to gauge when the timing is right because outside of Republican circles, privatization isn't that popular. What would happen under privatization is this: at least two percent of the Social Security payroll tax, which is now 12.4 percent, would be diverted into private accounts.

Columnist George Will marvels at the thought: "in no 20-year period [in the last 80 years] has the average growth [of the stock market] been less than three percent, which is better than the rate of return on Social Security assets."

Will also theorizes, perhaps not incorrectly, that Social Security's original structure of low-yield but secure bonds came from distrust of the stock market brought on by the Great Depression.

Fine. But you cannot, as Will does, pretend that the system that has operated since the 1930s can simply be abolished and start anew with a more optimistic spirit about the state of our economy.

As is true now and since the conception of the program, Social Security has collected more in taxes than it has paid out in benefits. This will be true until the Baby Boomers retire. Hence, less workers will be paying the taxes and more people will be collecting the benefits. The Baby Boomers are about to retire.

Before 2020, the system will run deficits and most estimates point to complete insolvency by 2042. Other economists say this prediction does not realistically estimate future economic growth, so the actual year might be higher. Many point out this is not a crisis, or at least an imminent one. As Republican Rep. Rob Connors, one of the 20 or so Republicans who reportedly disagree with the president, says, "When does the program go belly up? 2042. I will be dead by then."

That's not exactly forward-thinking. But the inability to look into the future will not be the only hurdle in Bush's way. When it comes to it, the idea just isn't that good.

First, Bush has said that current benefits or benefits scheduled to be paid in the near future will not be reduced. Only in the far future, when the supposed magic of the stock market is well at work, will there be modifications with benefits.

This means that the taxes lost to privatization will not be countered by any immediate mitigation in benefits. To pay for this so-called "transition cost" the government must finance further debt.

Sources, including a White House memo, put this cost between \$1-2 trillion. As Paul Krugman notes: "Privatization would cost an additional \$3 trillion in its second decade, \$5 trillion in the

decade after that and another \$5 trillion in the decade after that."

The American economy can not withstand another round of huge debt. Last year Congressional Republicans, those famous warriors of fiscal discipline, increased the federal borrowing ceiling, and the international response was a steady decline in the value of the once-coveted dollar. Initial debt like that noted by the White House memo on privatization, and long-term unbearable debt like that predicted by Paul Krugman (his numbers coming from the Congressional Budget Office analysis) would produce even more grave consequences, both for the dollar and the economy at large. Krugman speculates: "And when investors started fleeing because they believed that America had turned into a banana republic, they wouldn't be reassured by claims that someday, in the distant future, privatization would do great things for the budget."

Social Security does need help, but in more sensible ways. Unpopular but necessary measures like increasing the retirement age and raising the maximum wage earnings allowable for Social Security are unheard. The timing once wasn't quite right last year for Bush's plan; hopefully the same will be true for this year.

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Duke Blue Devils (11-0, 1-0) vs. N.C. State Wolfpack (10-4, 0-1)

Keys to the game

N.C. STATE

MAKE SHOTS

Sometimes it's just this simple — State needs to make some shots to take down the Blue Devils tonight. An extended field-goal drought is all Duke needs to go on one of its patented game-changing runs.

BULLY REDICK

State is all too familiar with what J.J. Redick can do when he gets hot. To keep him from casually dropping 30 points on the Pack, State needs to put its most athletic player (Cameron Bennerman) on Redick and try to push around the cocky junior sharpshooter.

ESTABLISH THE LOW POST

With Shavlik Randolph down and out with the kissing disease, State is in the rare position of having a low-post advantage. Feeding the big men could not only create mismatches, but could also help put Duke's Shelden Williams on the bench.

DUKE

FIND A FOURTH MAN

As conference play heats up, Duke needs to prove it has more than just three scoring options (Daniel Ewing, Redick and Williams). The emergence of another scorer, like freshman DeMarcus Nelson, could be the difference.

AVOID FOUL TROUBLE

Duke has little margin for error when it comes to keeping its players on the court. The loss of any of the Big Three to foul trouble could be a game-killer, especially if they are forced to bench the foul-prone Williams for an extended period of time.

CONTROL THE BOARDS

State has the height advantage, but Duke can make up for it with tenacity on the boards to keep the Pack from second-chance opportunities. There is no better example than the 6-3 Nelson, the team's second-leading rebounder.

The last five

Feb. 15, 2004

NCSU 78 | Duke 74

State gave coach Herb Sendek probably the best win of his career, a stunning home defeat of the No. 1 Blue Devils that was the culmination of the Pack's impressive five-game ACC winning streak.

Jan. 15, 2004

Duke 76 | NCSU 57

Winners of its previous four contests, State roared into Cameron Indoor Stadium and met the Blue Devil buzzsaw in a game not even as close as the final score indicates.

March 16, 2003

Duke 84 | NCSU 77

The No. 2 Blue Devils overcame a 15-point second-half deficit to offset 26 points from Josh Powell and deny State its first ACC title since 1987 in the finals of the ACC Tournament.

Feb. 22, 2003

Duke 79 | NCSU 68

The Wolfpack trailed by 17 points at intermission, then spent the entire second period in a hopeless and fruitless comeback attempt in its eighth consecutive loss at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Jan. 22, 2003

NCSU 80 | Duke 71

State rebounded from its disappointing early-season results — three losses to non-ACC teams — to down the third-ranked Blue Devils behind 21 points from guard Clifford Crawford.

—MATT MIDDLETON

To the fans in attendance:

As we approach tonight's men's basketball game with Duke, we want to express appreciation to our students for the spirit and enthusiasm with which you support Wolfpack athletics. Your loud and continuous cheering throughout the game means a great deal to our players and coaches.

We would, however, like to request your consideration for one expression of spirit that has generated a

great deal of concern. Replacing "home of the brave" with "home of the Wolfpack" at the end of the national anthem is considered by many of our fans and alumni to be very disrespectful of our flag, our country and, especially now, the men and women in our military services.

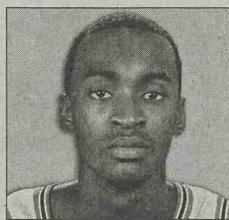
While not everyone feels this way, it is clear that enough do to bring this to your attention. We believe that

students at N.C. State want to project an enthusiastic, positive image and not one that is disrespectful of our flag, country and military services. We ask you to join us in a loud, positive and respectful support for our team.

—Athletics Director Lee Fowler & Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford

What they've said

The Duke-State Tobacco Road rivalry has filled reporter's notebooks with several memorable quotes. Here's a sampling:

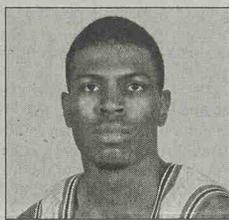


"There's no way I'm going to let some kid with a 4.5 GPA, acne and bad breath determine how I play."

—Julius Hodge said about the infamous Cameron Craizes after his team's 19-point loss last January

"The biggest trash talker in the ACC? Julius Hodge, hands down. On the court, Julius says just about anything. He's gotten to me a few times."

—Duke's J.J. Redick discussing NCSU's Julius Hodge at ACC Media Day last October

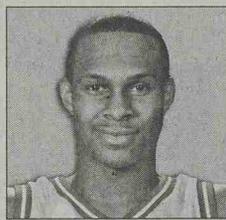


"You see him hit a 3, and he's running down the court hollering. He's got his hand up like he's gay or something."

—former NCSU guard Scooter Sherrill said about Duke's J.J. Redick in a press conference several days before his team beat No. 1 Duke. Sherrill later issued an apology, as did Athletics Director Lee Fowler.

"He has...arrogance. I was talking to him earlier, and he was like 'You know you all are going down when you play us at State.'"

—Duke's Daniel Ewing, describing NCSU opponent Julius Hodge at ACC Media Day last October



The fine print

TEAM STATS

Through Wednesday

Scoring offense

State 76.4
Duke 80.5*

Scoring defense

State 62.4
Duke 57.8

Field-goal percentage

State 46%
Duke 47%

Field-goal percentage defense

State 41%
Duke 37%

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

DUKE

Scoring
J.J. Redick 21.5 ppg

Rebounds
Shelden Williams 12.0 rpg

Assists
Daniel Ewing 4.3 apg

Blocks
Shelden Williams 3.6 bpg

Steals
Daniel Ewing 2.9 spg

NCSU

Scoring
Julius Hodge 18.8 ppg

Rebounds
Julius Hodge 7.2 rpg

Assists
Julius Hodge 4.4 apg

Blocks
A. Brackman, Jordan Collins 1.3 bpg

Steals
Tony Bethel 1.6 spg

SOURCE: TECHNICIAN, THE (RALEIGH) NEWS & OBSERVER ARCHIVES

SOURCE: DUKE, NCSU MEDIA RELATIONS

OVERHEARD

BY ANDY DELISLE

After losing three games in a row, does State have a chance to beat Duke tonight?



"I don't know, Duke is too strong."
Glen Moraven
Fr. Communication



"I'm not sure. Maybe, I hope we win."
Kelly O'Brien
Fr. First Year College



"Yep, yes sir, because we beat Duke last year. You play up to the level of your competition."
William Boyce
So. Biology



"Sure, there's always a chance. It might not be a good one."
Ivy Littman
Sr. Material Science Engineering



"Absolutely, we always beat Duke."
Graham Auten
Jr. Civil Engineering



"Yes, I do. If State comes up and performs well, they have a chance."
Brittany Jeffries
Fr. Biomedical Engineering

BRACKMAN

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"not total opposites, but not a lot alike personality wise" — got to work.

Sendek made the first contact with Brackman, but soon the two coaches were taking turns calling the 6-foot-10 stand-out. In time, he made a visit to State, with both Sendek and Avent serving as the guides.

"Coach Avent did a lot of the talking," Brackman said. "But you could tell Coach Sendek wanted to get a word in."

Sendek got enough words in to convince the two-way player to come to State for both sports. His intentions to go to college clear, Brackman went undrafted in June and came to Raleigh in August.

Pleasant surprise

The crowd at the RBC Center roars as loud as it has all night.

Brackman, running down the court to get back on defense, can't help but crack a smile in acknowledgment.

He had, after all, just thrown down the most thunderous dunk of the evening. As the ball took a high bounce off the back of the rim following a miss, the freshman glided down the lane unabated, rose, and slammed the ball home with one hand.

The smile remains after the game, as the humble Brackman downplays his role with the Pack early in the season.

"Get out there and play hard, that's my role. If they need someone to step up, I'm willing to do that every time," Brackman said. "Give us a boost of energy; help us get back on the right track."

Now, though, he has become a vital part of the team's success. A starter during the last two games, he now ranks third on the team in points, second in rebounds and is tied for the lead in blocked shots.

Brackman bits

NO. 40 ANDREW BRACKMAN
6-10, 205

Hometown: Cincinnati

Birthdate: Dec. 4, 1985

Year: Freshman

Career high: 20 points against Louisiana-Lafayette on Dec. 15

Notes: Will join NCSU's baseball team following completion of basketball season...Baseball America ranked the right-handed pitcher the No. 1 prospect from Ohio...Went 7-0 with a 0.58 ERA as a senior...Enrolled in First Year College

SOURCE: NCSU MEDIA RELATIONS

more year for his all-around game.

"My dad always put in at point guard or at a position where I dribbled the ball a lot and the skill just went with me as I grew," Brackman said.

But it's not his versatility that has impressed his coach most. It's effort that has earned Brackman many of his minutes on the court.

"Whether he makes a big play or makes a mistake, he is relentless," Sendek said.

The hustle has also made him

a crowd favorite on the court, whether he's running from behind to block an open lay-up or crashing the boards with reckless abandon. His success has not kept him from getting a little advice from his other coach, though.

"Avent gets on me all the time," Brackman said. "For not being aggressive, not rebounding, telling me to shoot the ball all the time."

While Avent said he doesn't "get on him" too much, he does admit to giving some pointers when he sees a problem.

"The time he got blocked three times in a row by the guy from West Virginia," Avent said jokingly. "I worked with him on his pump fake."

That other sport

The knuckle curveball is a pitch that has a tendency to drop as it arrives at the plate, then run inside on right-handed batters.

Thrown properly, the pitch is tough to hit. Combined with a fastball in the 90s, it can be near impossible. Even

the normally humble Brackman admits that when he has his knuckle curve going, it's "nasty."

The righty has already started throwing on the side to warm up his arm, though he does not participate in any activity with the baseball team right now. Avent said he thinks the best course of action is to let him be completely with the basketball team until the season is over for the team.

"He's going to go through a very grueling season," Avent said. "He's going to lose some weight; he's going to be a little bit tired."

But that won't keep Brackman from putting on a cap and rolling up his socks when basketball season is over. According to his father, that's just the way he's always been.

"What sets him apart is he's gonna do whatever he can," Mark Brackman said. "He has that 'nobody's going to beat me' attitude."

On the mound or on the court, that may be his real secret.

RYAN

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two team's only regular-season meeting.

He needs to do the same tonight if State plans to upset Duke.

Still, there is a large discrepancy between this game and the one two years ago.

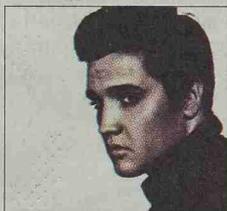
The Pack's talent in 2003 was similar to my Power Wheels jeep — it got the job done but didn't stand out like Big Foot. This year's version is much more deep and skilled at every position. There's a lot of potential here.

And despite the under-achieving start, there are a lot of games yet to be played, and the Pack is more than capable of making a deep push in the NCAA Tournament if it jells.

And that begins in earnest tonight.

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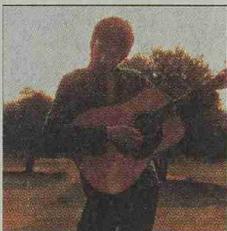
On a side note



HAPPY B-DAY TO THE KING Elvis Presley had a 70th birthday celebration to remember from beyond the grave after passing the 50 million singles mark in America. The rocker's 1954 single "Good Rockin' Tonight" attained a gold certification to push his total U.S. single sales past 50 million — in time for the celebrations to coincide with the 70th anniversary of Presley's birth. The bosses of Elvis Presley Enterprises were presented with a special sales award during a ceremony on Saturday at the singer's Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tenn. The latest certification, representing 500,000 in domestic sales, solidifies Presley's status as the artist possessing more certified singles than anyone in music history. In second place is Elton John, who has sold more than 21 million singles.



MARLEY TO BE EXHUMED The wife of reggae legend Bob Marley plans to exhume her late husband from his resting place in Jamaica. She plans to rebury him in a "spiritual resting place" in Ethiopia following a month-long celebration of the 60th anniversary of Marley's birth. Both the Ethiopian church and government officials have expressed support for the project.

**REMEDY FOR FANS: BLACK CROWES REUNION**

Absent from the stage for more than four years, The Black Crowes plan to return this spring for a five-night run in New York City. Led by brothers Chris and Rich Robinson, the reunited Crowes are booked at the Hammerstein Ballroom March 22, 23 and 25-27. Each show will feature a different opening act "handpicked" by the Robinson Brothers: John Butler Trio, The Bees, The Soundtrack of Our Lives, North Mississippi All-stars and Ben Kweller.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**The Brewery**

American Aquarium, TBD

Cat's Cradle

Boxbomb w/ The Urban Sophisticates, Classic Case, Far-Less and Agynst @ 7 p.m.

King's Barcade

The Trousers @ 9:30 p.m.

Local 506

The Brother Kite w/ Glissade and Centric @ 10 p.m.

Pour House Music Hall

Barney's Jive Band @ 9 p.m.

University Theatre - Thompson

Jane Martin's "Jack and Jill" @ 8 p.m.

-PATRICK CLARKE

ART SCENE

Last call for masterpieces

The North Carolina Museum of Art's exhibition of Matisse, Picasso and the School of Paris: Masterpieces from the Baltimore Museum of Art will be making its final run this weekend as the gallery is open for extended hours tonight and tomorrow as well as 32 hours this weekend.

STORY BY JASON MOORE
PHOTOS BY TAYLOR TEMPLETON

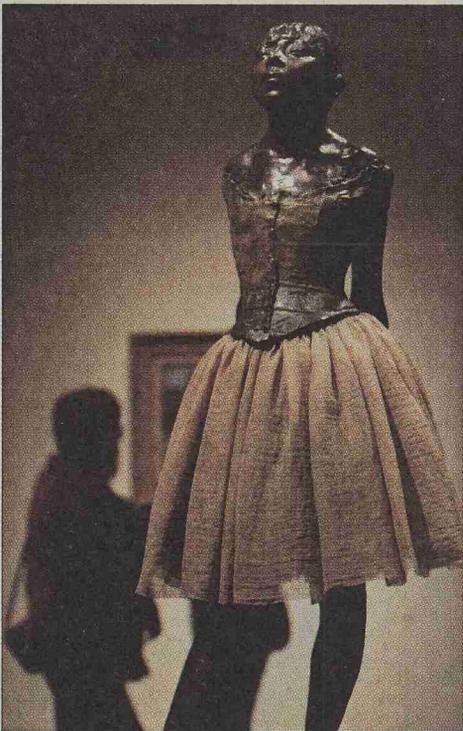
If you've ever attempted to express something creatively but feared the idea that getting your art to come out exactly as you envisioned was an impossibility, the worst thing you can do is to keep from trying. Revision and perseverance pay off.

Henri Matisse revised his famous painting, "Large Reclining Nude," 22 times before his results satisfied him. He documented each version of the painting in a series of photographs to show its evolution. The images provide a wonderful insight into the creative process and all of them, including the finished painting can be seen now until Sunday night at the North Carolina Museum of Art's "Matisse, Picasso and the School of Paris: Masterpieces from the Baltimore Museum of Art" exhibition.

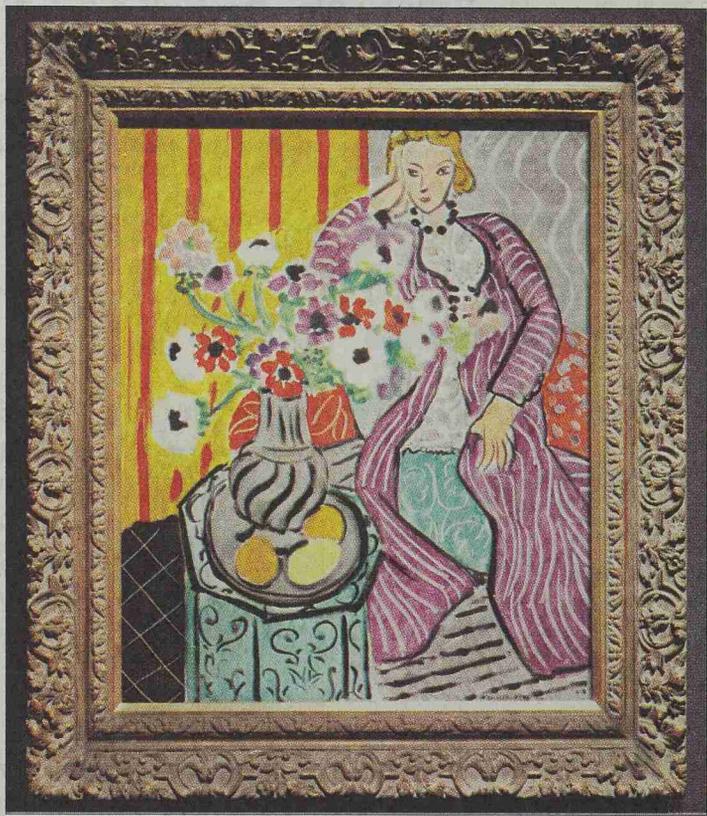
The exhibit is a display of

works from more than 15 of the spectacular artists who made Paris the capital of an artistic revolution between the end of the 19th century and World War II. Seventy-four paintings, sculptures and drawings are presented from artists including Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cezanne, Monet, Rodin, Degas and Giacometti while the headlining artists, Matisse and Picasso, are represented through a variety of 35 of their own works.

The exhibition draws an eclectic crowd of visitors spanning all ages. A number of parents bring their children to introduce them to famous works from creative talents who helped change the face of modern visual art. Students and older folks wanting to culture or educate themselves by experiencing a unique gallery also stop by. The works that these patrons have come to see



Edgar Degas' "Little Dancer, Aged Fourteen" stands at the N.C. Museum of Art's Matisse, Picasso and the School of Paris exhibit.



Henry Matisse's "Purple Robe and Anemones" is among the many pieces on display.

are undoubtedly worth leaving the house for.

"This group of modern paintings, sculptures and drawings represent the finest exhibition of this work ever shown in North Carolina," Museum Director Lawrence J. Wheeler said. "It is a once-in-a-lifetime exhibition."

Impressionism and beyond

One of the exhibition's major points of relevance is that what these artists created was so radically divergent from what had been seen before. Artists like Picasso and Matisse were not afraid to challenge conventional views of art. What they created was cutting edge and is still widely admired today. As modernist artists, they helped advance a more experimental and daring means of visual expression, affixing to their canvases images that defined their worlds in their own extraordinarily unique styles.

Early breakthroughs in this more experimental art showed up in French impressionist paintings of the 1870s. Impressionists such as Claude Monet focused their works on the everyday world, expressing it in fresh ways. Instead of trying to replicate an exact image of a scene at a particular moment, Monet experimented with the effect of light on landscapes. By using small strokes of related colors to compose images, the artist would simulate the chang-

ing nature of light on the surfaces it strikes. A body of water, for instance, may be composed of dabs of blue, indigo and even yellow and brown.

From impressionism came post-impressionism. Artists of this era further divorced themselves from attempting to create any sort of realism in their works. They broke away from art that merely represented what could be seen in the world in an attempt to create a new world born from the art itself. At a time when people's religious faith waned, they began to find comfort in the creations of artists whose works became something of a religion of their own.

Vincent Van Gogh was a major post-impressionist figure. He created paintings to comfort people and counter the unpleasant aspects of life. His "Landscape with Figures," on display at the exhibition, is a calm depiction of a person dressed in blue on a hilly path headed toward an unknown destination. The bold streaks of color that compose the image lead the viewer's eyes along the path with the character.

As the 20th century came, Matisse and Picasso emerged as leaders in modernist works of art influenced by impressionism and post-impressionism. The two continued to press on toward new, unexplored styles. Students who have seen flyers around campus for the exhibit

will be familiar with Matisse's 1937 painting "Purple Robe and Anemones," one of the most popular features of the exhibition. Matisse uses a wide range of vibrant, solid colors and a number of different patterns that make the entirety of the canvas alluring.

Picasso's featured works come primarily from periods in his earlier years as an artist. In his blue period he produced figurative paintings known for their melancholy atmosphere and their recurring use of the color blue. His painting "Woman with Bangs," an off-center portrait of a dark-haired lady with heavy eyelids, is a perfect example of this phase. Another notable work on display is a sketched study called "Boy with Pipe," which Picasso created in preparation for a painting, the painting, also called "Boy with Pipe," recently sold for a record amount of \$104 million.

The collection's origins

Art collectors Etta and Claribel Cone bought 500 works by Matisse, Picasso and other artists. More than 40 of the works displayed in the exhibition come from their collection. The wealthy bohemian sisters were friends with Parisian salon owner and abstract modernist poet Gertrude Stein, who was close to artists like Picasso at the time.

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THE COFFIELD REPORT

Every man deserves a more vigorous Hummer

It seems that our friends at General Motors are reigning in the year with a new Hummer military truck. This new machine is heavier, more powerful by 46 percent than the old model and comes with leather seats. The Alpha H1, it's called.



Tim Coffield
Senior Staff Tim

What we have here is, of course, a move in the right direction. A way to help males nationwide regain something we've lost. You see, I know what a Hummer can do for a guy. My sister's current husband, this fax-machine salesman named Ted, possesses one, and I've seen what it has done for him. I was with him when he bought it. Back in the fall I visited my sister, Jen, and he asked me if I wanted to come with him to the car lot.

Jen came too, though I think he wished she hadn't. At the lot she kept pulling on his shirt-sleeve and saying, "Think about Douglas' college money. Please, Ted." Little Douglas is one of the two things my sister won from

divorcing her last husband. The other thing is the Taurus her and Ted used to share. Ted, he wasn't as successful with his last divorce. I think Jen said a television set and a laminated picture of his dalmatian was about all he got out of it.

Anyway, so he buys the truck. It is a large thing. It weighs 7,500 pounds and there's a brush guard of reinforced titanium metal tubing welded to the bumper. The engine is turbo diesel and 6.5 liters. The truck itself is painted yellow.

Moving forward a couple months to winter break, I'm visiting again, this time in celebration of little Douglas' fifth birthday. It's nighttime. Ted comes home in his Hummer from selling fax machines and Jen just ignores him. It turns out, he'd neglected to pick up Douglas' birthday cake.

Douglas and I ride with him back to the bakery, which is closed. Ted just stands there at the door, looking at the sign, balling his hand in a fist. So we go to Revco instead. He buys a bar of chocolate and a Wiffle ball for Douglas and a silk plant for Jen.

"I'll tell her she can set it on the windowsill, over the sink," he says. "You know, so she can look at it."

On the way back, that's when we hit

the bear. It happens like this:

We come around this little bend, and there she is, this bear going along in our lane, about 80 yards out. Volkswagon-sized. And what she does is she gets herself turned around so she's facing us. Now she rises up and stands on her back legs.

"Daddy look!" says Douglas. He claps his hands.

We come up on her pretty quick. You'd think she'd make a go of it for the ditch on the side of the road, or at least drop a shoulder and cover her head. But no — she actually takes a step up, like coming to shake our hands. One of those little forepaws comes up, too — just like for a hand-shake. So we're going along about 75 or 80, and as she takes that step — Ted kind of moves forward with his foot, too. I feel it coming down on the gas and the truck's engine surges up and me and Douglas...we get pushed back into our seats.

Ted has all the fog lights turned on, so we get a pretty clear look at her big half-bald belly comes up against that titanium brush guard, and pivots on it. And up in the air she goes. She comes horizontal. Her forepaws go sideways

and her torso leans out over the hood. I get a good view of her face when it comes down on the windshield. She has these magical, earnest, light-green eyes. Then the windshield sort of presses her teeth out through the skin on her jaw. Her eyes remain open, however, and the end result resembles something out of a Slipknot music video.

Then her legs catch under the tires. She folds down into the hood then snaps right back up. And just before she disappears I hear a howling noise — sounds like a fifth grader practicing trombone — over the roaring engine and we come up on the two right tires a tad. We pass right on through, though.

"Daddy," says Douglas, whispering. Ted's leaned forward, steering with both hands. He's looking out through the big spider web crack she put on the windshield.

"Daddy," he says, "Can I have her teeth? To put on a necklace?"

She left behind a row of them, stuck there in the glass. Ted reaches over, and pats the kid on the leg.

"Daddy," Douglas whispers. "You are so big of a man!"

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Schedule

Men's Basketball vs. Duke, 1/13, 7
 Women's Basketball vs. UNC, 1/14, 8:30
 Men's Tennis at ACC Indoors, 1/14-16
 Swimming & Diving at Maryland, 1/14-15
 Track & Field at VT Invite, 1/15
 Wrestling at Illinois, 1/15

Scores

No games scheduled

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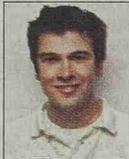
We've got you ready for the big game tonight against No. 5 Duke. Sitting in class in anticipation of tonight's action can be tough, so we've provided you with a full page of game coverage to keep you entertained. See page 5.

TECHNICIAN

COMMENTARY

Real season starts tonight

Last Sunday showed promise of being a great sports day. Two



Ryan Reynolds
 Deputy Sports Editor

NFL playoff games and the N.C. State ACC opener can prevent any normal area sports fan from partaking in physical activity — unless it's to

stretch out the kinks from the metal bars of the futon.

Too bad it didn't pan out.

After two NFL blowouts and a desperate final shot off the top of the backboard by Cameron Bennerman in NCSU's loss at Miami, my roommate's purchase of "Bio-Dome" on DVD ended up being the exciting part of the day.

Meanwhile, ESPN analysts Andy Katz and Joe Lunardi are having their thrill deciding whether or not the Pack deserves an NCAA Tournament bid after already reaching the midpoint of the season.

Right now I would conclude that no is the definitive answer.

That's not hard to figure out when quality losses outweigh the lone quality win, a seven-point victory over Purdue. Even that may not qualify as a quality win, as Purdue is well below .500.

Figuring out the problems of the 2005 edition Wolfpack is much like erstwhile "Full House" star Jesse Katsopolis trying to find his sweet spot on the basketball court — it's gonna take some time and adjustments.

State's shooting percentage from the free-throw line is the most glaring difference from last year's squad, a team that was a fluke away from the Sweet 16. It's never good when a team that relied on accuracy from the charity stripe to close out games last season is shooting more than 10 percentage points lower from the line this season. Last year's team set an ACC record by shooting 79.9 percent from the foul line.

It's even worse when last season's clutch free-throw shooter, All-American Julius Hodge, is struggling with his shooting touch. Last season Hodge was fourth in the league with a free-throw percentage of 83 percent. This season, he's shot 59 percent from the line.

In fact, Brackman at times has been the only pulse on a State team that prides itself on the motto "one heartbeat," a phrase that perfectly exemplified last season's second-place ACC finish. The Pack needs to dig down and rediscover its swagger — starting against Duke tonight.

Ironically, State finds itself in the same position as two years ago when it struggled to begin the season with losses to UMass and Boston College and had a season-defining game against Duke looming on the horizon.

Cliff Crawford decided to break out of his shell that game and emerged as the senior leader on a team that desperately needed to win the game to make its push for an NCAA Tournament bid.

It lies on Hodge tonight. We predicted before the season Duke would go down in the

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SCOUTS CALLED HIM ONE OF THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL PITCHERS IN THE COUNTRY, BUT ANDREW BRACKMAN IS PROVING HIS PROWESS ON THE HARDWOOD AS WELL



Andrew Brackman has a secret. Well, it's not so much a secret. He'll tell you if you ask him, but it's still something he might not want to tell his teammates on the hardwood.

"I like baseball better than basketball," Brackman said.

Wait, but he plays basketball for N.C. State. See those championship banners in the rafters? Look at the state-of-the-art arena that often fills with adoring fans. How could basketball not be his favorite?

That's less of a surprise when you consider that scouts rated Brackman one of the top 30 high school pitchers in the country. Or, as his father Mark Brackman puts it, he's always just

dual threat

been way better at baseball.

"In baseball, he's always been dominant," Mark Brackman said. "Every level he played at he was heads above the rest."

So dominant that Brackman heard he would be drafted in Major League Baseball's June draft if he decided not to attend college. If he wanted college, he was hearing from a myriad of baseball coaches that would love to have him. In fact, according to State baseball coach Elliot Avent, the only thing he wasn't hearing much of is that he should try to play basketball at all.

"A lot of people were telling him he couldn't play basketball and baseball at a major college, together," Avent said.

The lack of interest in Brackman as a basketball player might have come from his participation. Instead of attending the summer camps where so many players earn their hype, Brackman was on the mound blowing away hitters with a fastball that touches 94 mph.

So while many basketball coaches overlooked him, Herb Sendek thought he would be a perfect fit for his team. Avent and Sendek, who were hired only two months apart and had adjacent offices for eight years, didn't see a problem with bringing in the Cincinnati native to play both sports. So the soft-speaking Sendek and the always-speaking Avent — who described the two as

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CAMPUS RECREATION

Phi Delta Theta competes at nationals

Frat's flag football team competed at tournament held over Winter Break

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 Staff Writer

High hopes abounded as the Phi Delta Theta flag football team made its way to New Orleans during winter break to compete in the 2004 National Flag Football Tournament held on New Year's Eve.

Despite hopeful ambitions, the champions of the N.C. State's fraternity league headed back home in defeat.

Andrew Schmidt, president of the fraternity, said that the team lost early in the tournament.

"We knew how tough the competition would be, but we felt we were as prepared as we could have been," said Schmidt, who also served as a linebacker for the team.

He explained that the team practiced frequently, but went to New Orleans with the intent to "just have fun with it."

Schmidt said that the team had won for NCSU last year, and made its first appearance in the national championships for the 2003 competition.

"Going into the tournament we felt that we were more prepared," Schmidt said. "We knew what to expect, and had a stronger team."

Ashton Webb, a sophomore in accounting, is an avid supporter of the team. Webb took

part last year, but cheered on his fraternity brothers during the 2004 season.

Webb said that the team practiced for several hours once or twice a week, aside from scheduled games. He explained that the team's preparation included drills and scrimmages.

"They really wanted to go out and have a good time," Webb said. "The team was primarily concerned with winning NCSU's flag football tournament. They wanted to prove that we work well as a team, and show everyone what they can do."

Schmidt said that the team plans to begin practices for next year's season as early as the first week of the fall semester.

Jon Baker, an NCSU alumnus, played on last year's team and

served as both a fan and coach for the 2004 season.

Baker said he felt confident going into the championship, due to the preparation done by the team beforehand. Baker said that the team sometimes began practices before the school year even started.

"We had a better offense, and felt like we could put up a fight this year," Baker said.

The team lost by one touchdown during their first game, and lost by just two touchdowns in their second defeat, Baker said.

During the NCSU season, the team had 13 members, but only nine men were able to make it to the championships.

"The team has only been playing together for about two years,

there are a lot of young guys," said Baker.

He added that the team would have to replace its quarterback for the 2005 season.

Nate Diering, a graduate student and the current quarterback for the team, will graduate this May.

Baker said that he felt the team's chances were "looking pretty good for next year's season."

He explained that filling the slots of the players who will be graduating will be difficult, but that he felt confident that the team would have a successful season next year as well.

"No one has been able to stop us so far," said Baker, commenting on the other teams in NCSU's flag football league.

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