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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Yow's absence embodies campus, rivals

THE TWO-GAME HIATUS BY THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH HAS UNITED THE COMMUNITY IN BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Ian Jester and Ryan Reynolds

Staff Writers

Freshman Clay Bomgardner sat with the Student Wolfpack Club on Sunday at the RBC Center quietly anticipating the start of the basketball game against Georgia Tech.

He was wearing one.

Junior Cameron Bennerman used the pregame to shoot 3-pointers and jump shots near the basket to warm up against the Yellow Jackets.

He was wearing one, too.

So were most of the cheerleaders and several students scattered throughout the RBC Center.

They all wore a pink wrist band given out by RBC Centura Friday night at the women's basketball game against North Carolina to support breast cancer awareness. The University announced last

week that women's coach Kay Yow had a recurrence of her breast cancer originally diagnosed in 1987. She missed the team's last two games and is expected to return Thursday in a home game against Miami.

"She's a very nice lady, and I've talked to her a couple of times," Bennerman said. "She hasn't been around lately because of it, but I wish her the best, and I wish the team the best too."

Victoria Sutton, a junior in business management, said she thought the atmosphere at the women's basketball game was unlike any other she had attended in the past. UNC won 77-75.

"It was incredible," Sutton said. "Toward the end everyone was standing up and cheering, and it was a great atmosphere."

She has worn the wrist band since she got it, and plans to continue wearing it to support "those who

have breast cancer and those who have any type of cancer."

RBC Centura donated 4,000 bands to be distributed at the game with more than 6,700 fans in attendance.

The Student Wolfpack Club buoyed the student turnout, as members' ubiquitous red shirts clashed with the color of the moment. The game was already a two-point event, a given for any State-Carolina women's game, Student Wolfpack Club President Darryl Glanton said. He added that the news of Yow's absence underscored the importance of the event, one that typically draws the building's biggest crowd of the women's season.

"It was even more important for us to show

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support [Friday]," Glanton, a senior in engineer-

ing, said. Friday's contest was the first game Yow had missed because of the disease in her 30-year run with the program.

"When someone has been around a program every day for 30 years, you notice immediately the first day when they're not at practice," associate head coach Stephanie Glance said. "There is definitely a noticeable absence without Coach Yow, but this team is strong and we depended on each other all week."

The Wolfpack women broadcast their support by wearing pink shoelaces in the televised game. Carolina players also at-

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MARCHING FOR THE KING



Marchers parade down Edenton Street Monday morning in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Raleigh citizens braved freezing temperatures as they gathered at the State Capital Building around 10 a.m.

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Teching Fellows help state students make the grades

N.C. State Teaching Fellows contribute to N.C.'s high level of teacher qualification.

Ben Motal

Staff Writer

According to national statistics, teachers in North Carolina have reason to be proud.

With the largest total number and highest percentage of National Board certified instructors, they constitute one of the most qualified teaching cohorts in the country.

Through the Teaching Fellows Program and the Col-

lege of Education, N.C. State is playing a major role in educating North Carolina's growing number of skilled instructors.

"We are trying to make sure our students are highly qualified," said Laura Pottmyer, director of the NCSU Teaching Fellows Program.

The program is part of a state-wide selection process that awards 400 Teaching Fellows scholarships to promising high school seniors, 40 of whom are accepted by NCSU.

In return for the scholarship, Fellows must teach in North Carolina for at least four years following graduation.

"The Fellows Program is a teacher preparation program

that enhances students' opportunities through forums and seminars, summer and spring break programs, travel opportunities, community service and hands-on tutoring activities," Pottmyer said.

"There's a lot of camaraderie that you wouldn't otherwise have," said Jenelle Mick, program assistant.

Fellows build strong friendships and take part in exciting leadership activities, she said.

The program also collaborates with Centennial Campus Middle School for tutoring and observation exercises, Pottmyer said.

Although the College of

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'Problems outweigh benefits' for laptops

Virtual system may prove a superior solution to campus-required laptops

Joshua Bowes

Staff Writer

Between textbook costs and tuition increases, students can tell from their rising credit card bills that spring semester is in full swing.

But despite the normal expenses of a new semester, most students have been spared from an additional, often daunting required cost: a laptop computer.

"Everybody in class has a laptop," Anthony Henage, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill, said.

Nearby schools, such as UNC-CH and Wake Forest University, currently have a laptop requirement policy for incoming freshmen.

UNC-CH, for example, requires that all students own an Intel-based laptop computer that

meets University specifications. "The minimum laptop requirements at UNC seem too steep," Katherine Chamberlin, a senior in electrical and computer engineering, said.

Chamberlin regarded her three-year-old laptop as being more than adequate for her classes. Her laptop however, does not meet the current minimum specifications at UNC.

"We have looked at this institutional requirement in the past and decided against it for several reasons," Sam Averitt, vice president provost of information technology, said. "The problems with this type of policy outweigh the benefits."

Students would be forced to embrace unilaterally one side of technology. Thus, the requirement would limit options and potentially handicap students in certain classes or labs, according to Averitt. The policy would

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Campout rouses support

Students camped out Friday night for guaranteed tickets to the Georgia Tech basketball game on Sunday

Ayo Adeyeye

Staff Writer

While avid campers typically head to the mountains or other natural landscapes to set up camp, this past weekend, many could be found pitching tents in the backyard of Reynolds Coliseum.

Numerous tents and groups of people lined the street Friday night across from the Coliseum to secure a ticket to Sunday's basketball game against Georgia Tech.

Chancellor James L. Oblinger, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford and basketball Coach Herb Sendek kicked off the night with inspiring speeches to the crowd of students huddled around them.

"It showed a lot of pride," Kassi Rose, a freshman in engineering, said of the appearances.

The culmination was a heart-felt address to the campers by Sendek who thanked students for their unwavering support and encouraged them not to lose heart as a result of the loss of the past four men's basketball



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Men's basketball coach Herb Sendek addresses the campout crowd Friday night on Dunn Avenue. Sendek spoke highly of the fans' dedication and thanked them for their continued support.

games.

"The fact that you're here tonight encourages me; it lifts me," Sendek said. "We've got a great challenge on Sunday, you've got to share in the challenge with us."

Sendek roused the crowd, encouraging students not to focus on the negative losses of recent

games.

"The RBC has been a good home for us; don't underestimate the power that we have there," he said. "We're going through a difficult stretch right now, but you must see the good and joy as well, because it's there."

Sendek acknowledged the continued need for campus support

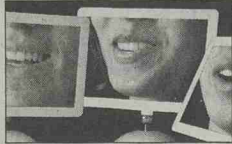
during this part of the season.

"We're very grateful for the continued support of our great student body," Sendek said. "I know it does make a difference."

Charlie Squires, a junior in computer science, agreed that

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Online 'friend' sites are the new tech rage for college students. But which ones are best? See page 5.

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the campouts make a difference.

"It's good to pump up the students," he said.

Stafford is a veteran to N.C. State campouts.

He has attended 34 campouts and was responsible for the rules governing this year's campout, such as the prohibition of alcohol and campfires.

Conversely, Chancellor Oblinger attended his first campout Friday night.

"I wanted to be a part of that," Oblinger said of the abounding enthusiasm.

Students appreciated the personal appearances from University faculty and Sendek.

"I like being able to get close to the coach," Ben Hackney, a freshman in mechanical engineering, said.

Though no campfires were permitted, groups of students sat in circles in front of their tents, trying desperately to keep warm.

"We're going to stay warm by thinking about how hot it's going to be in the RBC Center," Michelle Goff, a senior in psychology, said.

Goff's fellow group member Jackie Avise, a freshman in ecology, said she felt that the campout was an outlet to foster the Wolfpack community as she explained how the students next to her group helped them pitch their tent.

One especially large group of 12 managed to erect five separate tents, the biggest of which was designated for "chilling," as team leader Brad Hensley, a junior in agricultural education, said.

"It's such a great thing that so many dedicated students were out here," Will Langley, a student senator and facilitator for the event, said.

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Education is the smallest college at NCSU, Pottmyer said it performs an important function by training students to become instructors capable of achieving the level of qualification required by the No Child Left Behind legislation.

The college offers programs that focus primarily on middle school and high school levels of education, she said.

Teaching fellows and graduates of the College of Education have little trouble finding employment due to the teacher shortage in the state and across the country, Pottmyer said.

"Most districts have vacancies they cannot fill," Pottmyer said.

According to Pottmyer, North Carolina's high teacher qualification rates can be partially attributed to the fact that the state pays the registration fees for teachers to apply for National Board certification. In addition, teachers who achieve certification are given a 12 percent salary increase.

However, Pottmyer said the process of becoming certified is challenging.

"[Becoming National Board certified] is an intense year-long process you go through to document your effective teaching abilities," Pottmyer said.

Teachers must have at least three years of teaching experience to apply for National Board certification. Through a combination of videotaped portfolios entries of class session and assessment center exercises, an instructor can be considered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as a candidate for the award.

Over 8,000 teachers in North Carolina have achieved National Board certification, nearly 10 percent of the state total.

Certification was attained by 1,642 N.C. teachers in the past year alone.

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increase costs and strain the financial aid department.

Although the N.C. State does not have a laptop policy in place, some departments, such as the School of Design, have embraced a laptop requirement.

"It is easier to manage and deploy a laptop policy for a small, specialized subset of the student body," Averitt said.

Conversely, Averitt said it would be difficult for an institution as large as NCSU to deploy a standard laptop requirement that sufficiently meets the needs of the entire student body.

"Investing in technology, such as a laptop, is a very personal decision to most people," Averitt said.

He said that NCSU is cur-

rently focused on a much more powerful and robust alternative to a laptop policy.

"There is a superior solution, known as the Virtual Computer Labs, which are currently in development," said Averitt.

VCL represent a state-of-the-art remote access system and is a joint venture of the College of Engineering and High Performance Computing, which is a team in the Information Technology Division.

The system is based on networked computer clusters and advanced grid-related technologies. It also implements a "1-1-1" solution, or one user, one processor, one application, to provide on-demand network accessible services.

"Students are able to log into virtual workstations, regardless of location, and use software without downloading it to their computers and without paying for the software license. What they want when they want,"

said Averitt.

This system will also seamlessly integrate distance-education students with campus computer facilities.

The high cost of expanding on-campus computer facilities is a major motivating factor for developing an advanced remote-access system.

"The goal of this project is to provide a platform independent software repository available to students at any location," said Averitt.

Software previously unattainable by most students due to high cost, such as AutoCAD, Solidworks, ArcView and SAS, will be easily accessible.

The pilot VCL started in Spring 2003 and has 32 "seats," each of which represent a single unit in the computer cluster.

Although initial deployment is set at NCSU, the project will expand to other universities if successful.

POLICE BLOTTER

1/13/05

1:08 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

Student Patrol Officers noticed two subjects running and carrying a speed limit sign in Riddick Lot. Possibly same subjects as event 2946 that occurred earlier in the evening. Subjects went into Syme Hall. Officers and Student Patrol checked Syme Hall, but were unable to locate anyone matching the description received by officers.

12:39 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-SPEEDING

A non-student was issued a citation on Sullivan Drive for speeding 50 in a 25 mph zone.

2:39 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A student reported two males at Wolf Village near Building C acting suspicious. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate any subjects matching the description.

7:25 A.M. | B/E BUILDING

A non-student reported that someone stole copper wiring

from the Carter-Finley construction site.

9:56 A.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A staff member was picking up trash behind Bowen and backed his trash truck into a light pole.

1:30 P.M. | WEAPONS VIOLATION

An officer stopped a taxi cab for speeding on Dan Allen Drive and discovered a firearm on the dash of the vehicle. The non-student was cited with a misdemeanor weapons violation.

12:05 P.M. | TRAFFIC-SPEEDING

A non-student was issued a citation for speeding 42 in a 25 mph zone on Sullivan Drive.

12:37 P.M. | LARCENY

A student reported that someone stole his bike from the east side bike racks at Lee Hall.

12:56 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A student was backing out of a parking space in West Lot and struck a passing police vehicle. There was very minor damage.

2:51 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A student was waiting in line to leave the Coliseum Pay Lot and backed into the vehicle behind him. The driver of

that vehicle did not wish to pursue anything, and left the scene.

3:42 P.M. | HARASSING PHONE CALLS

A student reported that her ex-boyfriend had been calling her repeatedly and threatening her.

3:44 P.M. | HIT AND RUN

A student parked her vehicle in the Coliseum Deck. When she returned, she found damage to it.

5:55 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

A white Ford Explorer was reported to be driving on the sidewalk on Sullivan Drive. The officer was unable to locate.

7:33 P.M. | LARCENY

A student reported finding two speed limit signs in a room in Syme Hall. Two students were charged with possession of stolen property and were referred to the University.

7:58 P.M. | HARASSING PHONE CALLS

A non-student reported that a student had been calling her son in Metcalf Hall. The son did not wish to have contact with that student, and he has told her not to contact him. The victim is unwilling to prosecute.

Prank ends with arrests

News Staff Report

Campus Police arrested Vincent Bannister and Andrew Larson Thursday for setting fire to a tennis ball in Syme Hall last September.

A University Housing maintenance worker reported the incident over winter break, which accounted for the time span between the actual occurrence and the arrest, Sgt. Jon Barnwell of Campus Police said Sunday.

Bannister and Larson were charged with felony counts of burning a school building.

Campus Police also issued a warrant for the arrest of a non-student involved in the incident.

Barnwell said the two students coated a tennis ball with lighter fluid before setting it on fire.

"Even though this was a prank, the seriousness of what could have resulted from it is the reason why we're taking zero tolerance," Barnwell said.

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tached pink ribbons to their shorts.

The two teams united for the cause, an ideal that appealed to Bomgardner.

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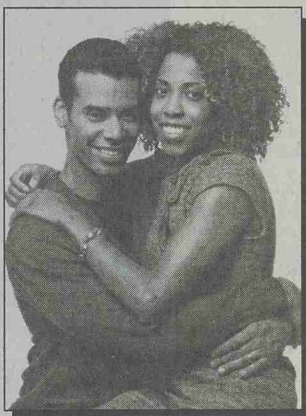
- Basketball voucher/ticket distribution and at entrances and exits for the Florida State men's game

- Entrances and exits of the women's basketball game v. Miami
- All deans' offices
- Graduate departments
- Residence halls
- Campus dining facilities
- Various Hillsborough Street businesses including Applebee's and East Village
- Brickyard during classes

- Outside of Daniels Hall
- Checks should be made payable to the ARC International Relief Fund and include Tsunami Relief in the memo line. Donation checks written by Jan. 30 are tax deductible for 2004.
- Visit the Wolfpack Wave of Relief Web site for more information:
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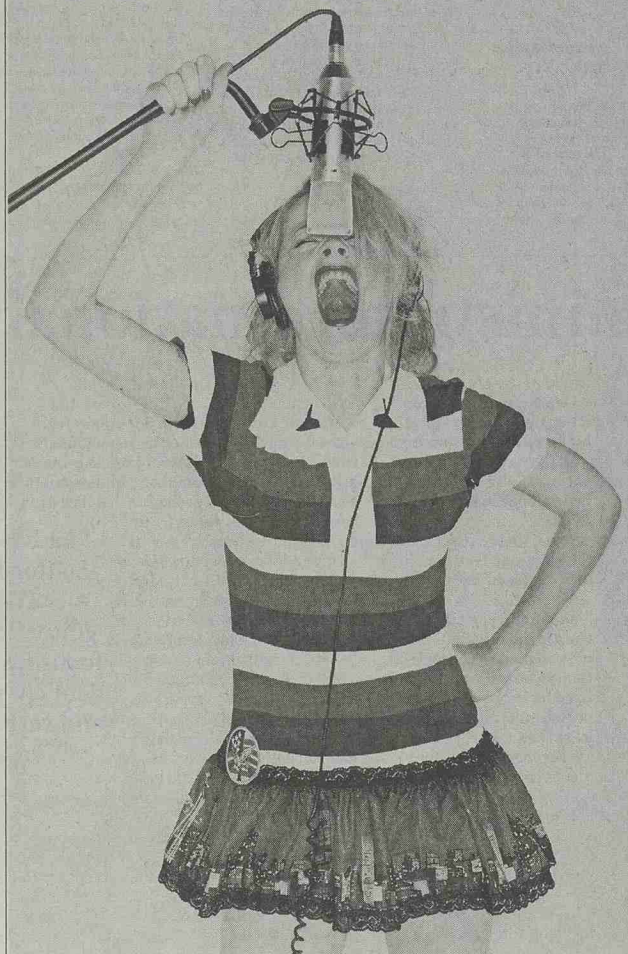
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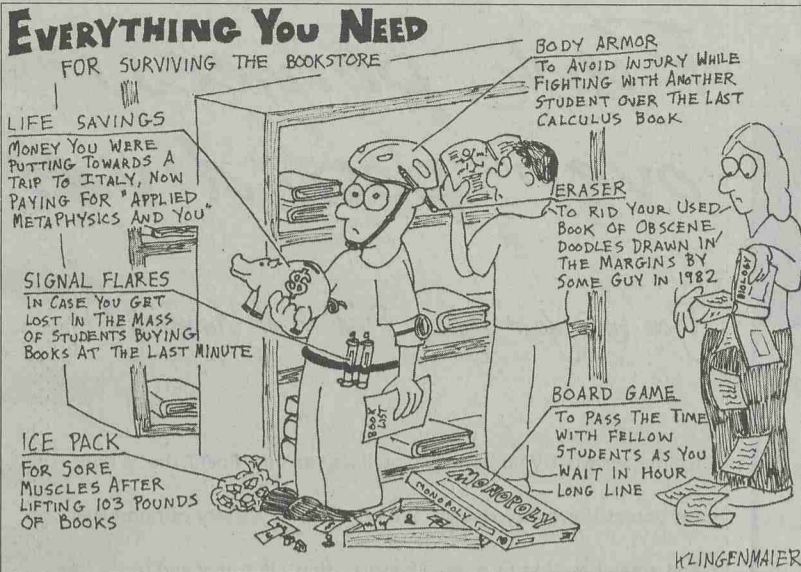
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

CAMPOUT WAS ILL-TIMED

OUR OPINION: CAMPING OUT FOR GEORGIA TECH BASKETBALL TICKETS DID NOT GENERATE THE LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE AMONG THE FAN BASE. CAMPOUTS SHOULD BE PLANNED TO MAXIMIZE FAN SUPPORT AND OFFER A CHANCE FOR DIE-HARD FANS TO ATTEND GAMES AGAINST RIVALS.

N.C. State dominated Georgia Tech Sunday, halting the Pack's four-game losing streak with a 76-68 victory. The game was exciting, but the atmosphere – while admirable – could have been better.

Because of Martin Luther King Day on Monday, student fan attendance was down, even with a campout on Friday night. This campout, planned by a committee representing the student body, administration and Athletics, was a consolation campout for the Duke game, which was Jan. 13.

Leaders of the committee said it was too early to camp out for Duke, as classes didn't start back until Jan. 10. They moved the campout to the next weekend for the Georgia Tech game.

As far as the schedule was concerned, it worked. But for fan turnout and excitement, it was a bust.

As a tradition, campout started when students would camp out in front of Reynolds Coliseum for tickets to the Duke and Carolina basketball games. It was a first-come, first-serve, free-for-all event that led to a fiery demise in early 2000. The modern-day reincarnation is a planned and tightly controlled event that included group checks and Campus Police patrolling for alcohol.

Still, those who camp out get great seats to the Duke and Carolina games.

Campout is supposed to rally the

Red Raiders against the rivals from up Tobacco Road before their Big Dance. So why camp out for Georgia Tech tickets?

Yes, Georgia Tech is a good team this year. This will be their best ACC season in recent memory. But the Wolfpack Nation is not easily riled up over Georgia Tech. To camp out for Georgia Tech tickets is camping out just to have a campout. It was a holiday weekend. Campus was empty and everyone who got vouchers won tickets.

Compare the numbers from last year. For the Duke game last year, 86 groups signed up and 850 people camped out, Student Ticket Administrator Scott Stephenson estimated. For the cancelled UNC campout, 170 groups and 600 people were registered.

This year for Georgia Tech only 36 groups and 318 people camped out for tickets. Attendance at the game was down almost 3,000 from full capacity – leaving the upper-deck student seating nearly empty. Compare that to the Duke game three days earlier, where the RBC Center was maxed out.

Clearly, campout should be saved for important rivalry games. It's a better use of University resources and brings the fan base closer together behind our basketball team.

If you just want to go camping, head to Jordan Lake.

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CAMPUS FORUM

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Fraternities have to fight negative stereotypes

I am stereotyped each day that I wear my Sigma letters or talk to people about being in a "frat." It is hard for "independents" to understand exactly why someone would join a fraternity or a sorority, seeing how we are stereotyped in today's world. When a new member decides that he wants to become a member of a fraternity it is for common interest or knowing the comfort of a brotherhood. Once a new member starts the process of becoming a brother, he is not only joining the local chapter but also a nationally-run organization that can literally open thousands of doors of opportunities. These connections are not only used for job opportunities but also for advice and guidance through life.

Just yesterday I was contacted by a brother in Wyoming about the loss of a brother in a car accident. He was looking for guidance from us knowing that we too lost a brother two years ago.

Scott Brown was a brother of our chapter that was killed by a drunk driver while walking up his driveway one night. This was the hardest situation that I have personally been through, but my fraternity brothers were there to help me and his family.

It was my fraternity brothers that spoke at his memorial service and also pleaded to the young girl at her court hearing to not waste another day without trying to prevent this from happening again. It was my fraternity brothers that helped plant a memorial tree for him at Carter-Finley Stadium and generate a memorial stone that helps people understand the dangers of drinking and driving.

This type of proper memorial could not be done possible if we did not join the fraternity and also have had the opportunity to interact with him as we did. It is a growing process that can truly change people's lives for the best, as it did me.

David Brown
Senior
Mechanical Engineering

Public health care contradicts its own advantages

With all due respect, I immensely disagree with Emily Duncan's column "U.S. health care is dismal and inefficient."

I agree when looked at through a child's eyes, "free" public health care for all is a seemingly moral obligation of society. However, when you look at history, economic logic and the principle ideas

Joseph Stack
Senior
Computer Science

of capitalism, it totally contradicts the proposed advantages of free health care.

First of all, universal public health care provides no incentives for doctors to provide quality health care and they will leave to find better opportunities in freer countries.

So then the poor and middle class will have to wait in agony for simple procedures, while the rich fly to the countries where the doctors are flocking.

A trip to a local Havana pharmacy would depict shelves of half-empty, dusty rows of old-fashioned little bottles where customers are as scarce as the medicines. Sure the care for top government officials is excellent and all doctor visits are free, but without access to antibiotics, insulin, heart drugs and other life-saving medicines, doctors cannot perform their duties.

Duncan thinks Americans are greedy because we don't want to pay 80 percent of our income to the government. There are plenty of countries that employ socialist economic principles and they are always looking for new people to pay into their funds. You can then enjoy long waiting lists, medical czars controlling your treatment, and limited selection due to mass exodus of doctors.

I prefer to live in a true capitalist place where I get to spend most of the money that I make. In reality, Castro has a love affair with profits and the U.S. has a love affair for humanity as we continue to lead the world spreading democracy and allowing individuals to "democratically" donate money to the poor.

Brett Chandler
Sophomore
Political Science

Cuba not a model nation

Emily Duncan's column "U.S. health care is dismal and inefficient" fails to make any significant insight and provides abysmal logic.

Trying to make Cuba look more empathetic than the U.S. is offensive. Look at Amnesty International's Web site for a list of the gross human rights abuses that Cuba has committed in the last 40 years.

Duncan should spend a little more time researching her columns so that she doesn't come off as childishly didactic as she did in this instance. Perhaps if she didn't pre-conclude that the U.S. is full of greedy pigs before she wrote the column she might have helped the student body and herself learn more about this crisis.

Anthony Santago
Junior
Mechanical Engineering

Booing a poor decision

I have spent one year and 15 games watching N.C. State play basketball as a student of this wonderful university. I have never once booed my own team.

I had thorough disgust toward the students' out cry against Julius Hodge Thursday night against Duke.

The general consensus among the students around me was that Hodge shouldn't be in the game, let alone touch the ball. What they failed to realize, however, is that despite a few mistakes Hodge played an exceptional game.

We, as a University, have always bashed North Carolina fans for being fair weather and yet, we are doing the same thing. I love watching Hodge play. He is one of the best players in the country and deserves all of our support.

Candice Scheffing
Graduate Student
Nuclear Engineering

Kinsey should not be lauded

After reading the review by Miles Snow on the film "Kinsey" last Friday it became obvious that Snow has no idea who Dr. Alfred Kinsey was at all.

While the film portrays some of Alfred Kinsey's deviant behavior, it suppresses the most shocking truth about this homosexual, sadomasochist, voyeuristic pedophile advocate, whose "research" launched the sexual revolution. Kinsey's agenda was to create a "sexual utopia" where everyone could have sex with anyone and anything without restraint.

Taking a closer look at Kinsey's research reveals that he compiled statistics of "normal" sexual behavior by including a high percentage of pedophiles, inmates, sex offenders, pimps and prostitutes and describe them as "average" Americans.

Snow's statement that "Kinsey is able to penetrate the truth about the sex lives of the people he encounters because he tends to disregard human feeling all together at times" is more true than he even knows. Kinsey believed there was nothing inherently wrong with child-adult sex except for reactions to it based on "taboos." I feel it is important to inform everyone that this film is completely misleading and withholds the truth about Alfred Kinsey's agenda. His "junk science" is believed and used by many and led to the elimination or reduction in penalties for sex offenses, including rape, child abuse and prostitution.

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Administrators' national anthem issue egregious

Political correctness is a bunch of bull. I'm tired of people correcting our perfectly viable choices in life. We think we are doing somebody a favor by instituting all these rules that everyone must follow to ensure that we don't make anybody feel bad.

But all those rules do, for the most part, is ensure that nobody gets to enjoy themselves.

As a result, I do take offense to the sensitivity demonstrated by a few people recently who want to limit our freedom to respectfully enjoy ourselves at sporting events.

For instance, Athletics Director Lee Fowler and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford published a letter last Thursday in this very publication that asked the student body to stop saying "home of the Wolfpack" at the end of the national anthem at performed at basketball games.

Apparently, this phrasing had disturbed many fans and alumni because it seemed "disrespectful of our flag, our country and, especially now, the men and women in our military services."

Oh, really? After all, I'm sure those in our military services are much more concerned about how we choose to phrase the national anthem at our basketball games than about their families that they haven't seen in a year or the fact that they don't have the resources necessary to do their job overseas.

However, I'm certain that University officials have received letters from people upset over the rephrasing of the song. Still, I think it is wrong to take offense to something that is in no way a sign of disrespect but rather an indication of the support we have for this university.

If fans sat down during the national anthem then maybe Fowler and Stafford would have a point, but all the fans do is alter the last word of the song.

For some reason, that action is being equivocated to burning a flag or flipping the bird to the ROTC members on the court. In light of the issues going on in the United States and abroad right now, I find the fact that they actually felt like they needed to address the issue pretty egre-

gious. The letter ends with a plea for us to respectfully cheer on our team. Well, the students did.

On Thursday, at the end of the song, many students and fans chose to say "home of the Wolfpack."

"I advise Fowler, Stafford, the former DTH sports editor and people focusing in on student chants, cheers and verbiage to get a life."

It's our right, and if someone wants to be oversensitive about it then they too have the right to say his/her piece. Thankfully, their letters won't do any good.

We're not the only school having letters written about our cheering choices. The Daily Tar Heel, the paper for that other "institution," recently published a letter from a former DTH sports editor who wanted the student body to stop waving their arms and chanting "air ball" when the opposing team shoots free throws.

Apparently, former basketball coach Dean Smith had promoted sportsmanship during games throughout his tenure, and this gentleman felt like the jumping and obscenity-yelling students went against Smith's philosophies about fan-dom class and instead acting like

"Duke fans." Statistics probably do show that hand-waving techniques do very little to affect a rival's shooting.

If our recent Duke game is any indication, fan antics have absolutely no merit when it comes to deterring someone's free throws.

However, I would say that the home team benefits from seeing fans get into the spirit of things, and when one of those opposing players finally misses a free throw, all the fans who waved their arms get a momentary rush that they had a part in the victory.

I certainly can see why people are watching sporting events closely with NBA players getting into fights with fans and people shooting tailgaters in parking lots.

But they seem to have turned their attention to the ways we truly get to enjoy a good game rather than focusing on the people who are instead out to hurt others.

I respectfully advise Fowler, Stafford, the former DTH sports editor and all the people who are focusing in on student chants, cheers and verbiage to get a life.

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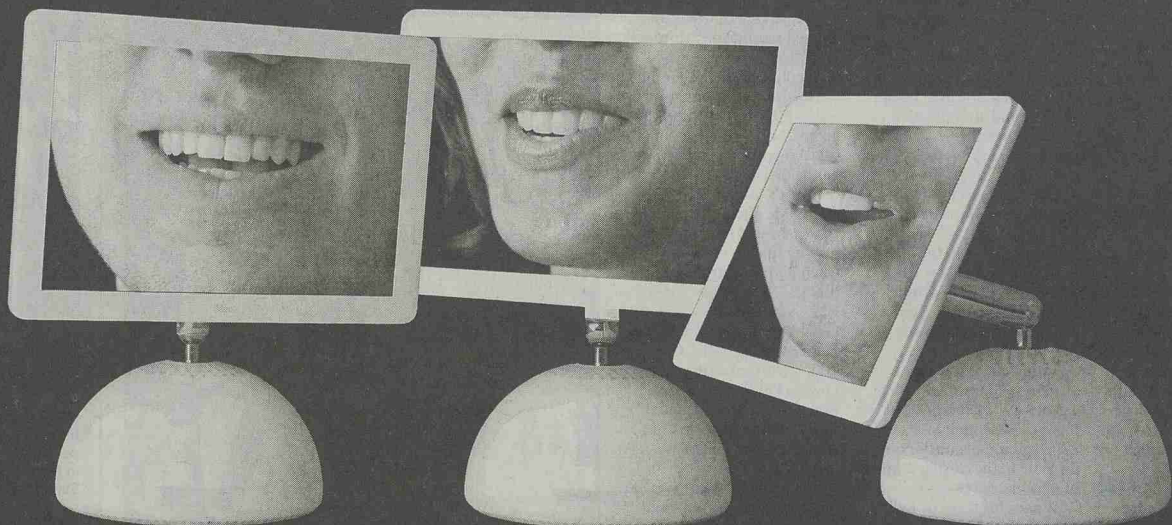
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Confirm or reject?

STUDENTS FORM NEW FRIENDSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS THANKS TO THE NEW WAVE OF ADDICTIVE INTERNET DIRECTORIES THAT LINK PEOPLE TOGETHER

Thefacebook redefines campus communication

Chris McCoy
Staff Writer

The hottest place for college students to congregate with new and old friends is not a bar or a trendy nightclub. There is no cover charge and all you need is a college e-mail address.

Forget online dating services. This is an online friend service.

Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg and a few of his friends created Thefacebook.com just for fun. Since debuting in February of 2004, the Web site has spread to more than 300 schools in the United States and Canada, with more than 1.3 million registered users.

More than 6,500 students currently at or graduated from N.C. State are members of Zuckerberg's creation that seems to be nothing more than an online yearbook.

Dig deeper and one will find a growing social phenomenon linking college friends, grade school acquaintances and strangers.

"I've sent messages to friends from high school and a few random people," Susan Woodson, a sophomore in history, said. "My friends have joined when I've told them about it."

Thefacebook.com added NCSU to its site last October. The online campus community has also created more than 1,500 groups to join.

The groups range from private, request-to-join groups like "306 Suites" to large, public groups like the "Family Guy" group. Some groups, like "People who enjoy taking the ramp up Harrelson," show students' creativity and silliness.

Other groups have no specific purpose, such as "People who eat babies." Regardless, the groups allow students to find people similar to them.

"The best thing about facebook is how easy and convenient it is to meet people who have the same interests as you," Christy Johnson, a freshman in animal science, said.

Each member can create a personal profile. On this page members can display a picture of their choice, favorite movies and musical artists

and other interests.

Only members of the same school and designated friends can view a specific profile, which can include personal information including one's home address, AOL Instant Messenger screen name and phone number.

"It's completely safe," Johnson said. "You only give out the information you want people to know about you."

Members also have free reign over any other Thefacebook member in regards to poking, an idiosyncrasy of the site.

Poking's official explanation is a feature with no specific purpose, and the Web site refuses to elaborate on its purpose. Members are divided into another group—those who poke and those that don't.

"I can't say that I poke people, because that seems entirely pointless to me when I can just message them," Chris Crutchfield, a junior in communication, said. "But I have done it a time — or 17."

Searching for friends is fairly easy. Users can search in fields by name or additional fields such as their high school.

Once users find a friend, new or old, they can add them to their list, although the person can reject or confirm the friendship.

The results create a veritable "friends arms race" to see which user can have the longest list of friends.

"I have added people that I don't really know to my 'friends' so I look popular on the Internet," sophomore Anna Pollard, an arts applications major, said. "My boyfriend and I have a competition to see who can get the most 'friends' or 'connections.' I'm definitely winning."

With its growing presence on campus, only one question remains: is this a fad or here to stay? According to Crutchfield, the site is going to be a mainstay of college life for years to come.

"Thefacebook, while inherently pointless, is slowly growing to be the successor to the ever-so-popular AOL Instant Messenger," Crutchfield joked.

Other online directories also connect the masses

Tiffany Key
Staff Writer

Screen name, address, clubs, organizations, class schedule and cell phone numbers—everything you need to track a person down. Is it Stalker.com? No, it's Web sites like BlackPlanet.com, Friendster.com, Myspace.com and the most popular, Thefacebook.com.

"I used Thefacebook initially as a joke because I saw someone on there that I knew, but then it got addictive," sophomore Brandy Blackmon said. "It's sort of like the new IM without getting too personal."

Some people actually like the close-knit bonds they can form on Thefacebook. Godfrey Eason, a sophomore in the transition program, said he believes that Thefacebook is a great place to be seen.

"Thefacebook is a great social network of students which allows me to form valuable study groups, or anything of that nature. I can also put cute pictures of myself there!" he said.

If one is a facebook faithful, signing up with any of the other networks may or may not be disappointing.

As soon as one becomes a member with Myspace, the site forces a "friend" named Tom on you to help you get situated with your new "home." However, Tom is no computer-generated image like the annoying paper clip from Windows' Microsoft Word. Tom is a real person—a 28-year-old from Santa Monica, Calif.—who owns part of the Myspace company.

Users of Myspace greatly vary in age and educational backgrounds. Unlike Thefacebook, everyone is not a legitimate college student. Sharing a Web site with a group of one's peers is not as feasible as it is on Thefacebook. It is quite common to come across a variety of people, for instance, a 33-year-old plumber from Garner.

On Myspace people can also leave posts on a personal bulletin board, which is much like the Thefacebook's "Wall" feature. However on

Myspace it is not possible to erase comments people leave for the world to see, no matter how inappropriate or offensive they may be.

There is also a forum, which includes various categories ranging from Automobiles to Religion. Myspace covers a wide variety of topics for people to potentially bond over.

However, unlike the Thefacebook users, they can not make their own groups or clubs, where people with the same interests join and congregate.

On Myspace Thefacebook members might truly miss the "I'm a member of the Derek Zoolander's School For Kids That Can't Read Good and Want to Learn to Do Other Stuff Good Too" or "Ghostwriter was my hero" group.

Yet one thing that users of all of these sites have found is that friendship sites are more than just places to meet friends.

A recent article in The Village Voice reports that "Friendster may masquerade as a place where friends connect, but it is really a no-frills dating service. There are no cupid's or hearts on the site, nothing to indicate it's anything but a tool for connecting with friends. But although you could use it to meet a fellow Scrabble aficionado or an Ultimate Frisbee partner, the site ends up being largely about dating."

On Myspace one can rate how "hot or not" people are, on a scale from one to 10, one being the lowest, 10 being the highest. On Thefacebook complete strangers can request to be your friend or even "poke" you.

There are many differences between these competing sites, but their primary goal is to bring people together in one way or another. James E. Lamberth III, a senior in science education, agrees.

"If people choose to be a part of this uniquely elite class of social butterflies, it can be used for many things. We can find old and new friends, relationships, dates, or just 'random play' for a night, allowing ourselves to be known to other people, which inevitably broadens your social horizons," Lamberth said.

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Schenscher had a seemingly easy lay-up swatted away by Brackman, causing the crowd to explode and simultaneously chant "An-drew Brack-man" repeatedly.

"I heard them," Brackman said of the crowd chanting his name.

Brackman finished with six blocks and eight rebounds in the contest.

Julius Hodge had possibly the most unconventional double-double of his college career. The senior swingman struggled from the field, only making one field goal, but accumulated his points from the free throw line and crashed the boards often.

After missing his first two free throw attempts, Hodge reeled off 12-straight, finishing with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The consistent performance from the free throw line was Hodge's best this season after struggling over the last few weeks. Junior forward Ilian Evtimov said Hodge has been

working on his free throws after his recent struggles at the line.

"He's been working really hard at it," Evtimov said. "He's been in the gym before practice and after practice shooting free throws. When you work hard, sooner or later it's going to pay dividends."

Hodge was just excited about getting the taste of victory.

"It's like being in the desert," Hodge said. "When you're thirsty, you have to drink. When you're hungry, you've got to eat. We've been starving, man."

Evtimov picked his spots all game and finished with a game-high 17 points. The forward had four assists, and nailed an important 3-pointer for State in the closing minutes.

"What a big three by Evtimov," State Coach Herb Sendek said. "When Georgia Tech had cut the lead to three, there was still a lot of time on the clock, and he stepped up and hit just a big, big, big three. That's enough bigs."

State received a huge contribution off the bench from

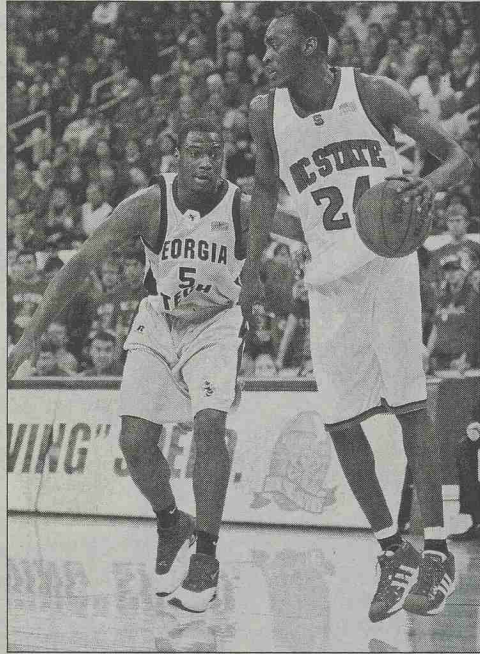
freshman guard Gavin Grant, whose playing time has increased significantly since Tony Bethel was diagnosed with colitis last week. Grant finished with 13 points and was 2-for-2 from behind the arc in 21 minutes of action.

The increased playing time has helped Grant adjust to the Pack's complicated Princeton-style offense, though the freshman said he expects his playing time to come down when Bethel returns from his illness.

"It's getting to be real comfortable, but we've got Tony Bethel coming back," Grant said. "He's recovering right now, so I'm pretty sure my minutes will be distributed between me and Tony. I'm comfortable as long as we win."

Brackman and Bennerman may not feel the same about the significance of the seemingly elusive victory, but both agreed on one thing.

"We played a 40-minute game tonight," Bennerman said. "I feel like we played a complete game from beginning to end. That's why we won."



Senior guard Julius Hodge looks downcourt, while Tech's Mario West keeps his eyes on the ball during State's 76-68 win on Sunday night.

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Sophomore Amanda Jones rises high during her balance beam performance Saturday night at Reynolds Coliseum during State's win over visiting Rutgers.

JOSH MICHELE/TECHNICIAN

GYMNAST

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credits part of her work with other teammates as a key to her success.

"Everyone notices the little things and people have different views about performances," Katz said. "When you help, it all works out."

On the floor the Pack scored a total of 48.25, which was only half a point higher than the Scarlet Knights' score. Rutgers got its highest overall scores of the night on the floor, a 9.7 for sophomore Beth Fittery and a 9.65 for senior Nicci Bradder. Both gymnasts tied for the all-around win with scores of 38.15.

Overall, the Pack freshmen felt that their performances were great and that they are off to good starts.

"It was a great learning experience," freshman Heather Zolton said. "Competing with others really helped."

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State would have final play underneath the basket with one second left, but Ashley Key's desperation 3 from the left corner fell short at the buzzer — and so did the Pack 77-75.

"We got the offensive rebound that we wanted, we just didn't get the shot back up," interim coach Stephanie Glance said.

Although State was visibly heartbroken after the game, players gathered arm-in-arm on the court as a sign of soli-

arity and joined the cheerleaders in singing the Alma Mater.

The game shared a similar sense of unity.

Glance said that the game was a tribute to Kay Yow and her battle with cancer. State players wore pink shoelaces and Carolina players wore pink ribbons on their shorts as a sign for breast cancer awareness and in support of Yow. Glance said the effort of the Wolfpack was perhaps the greatest tribute.

"It was a hard-fought game, credit our players. They battled and battled to the end. They're worried because

they think they let Coach Yow down," Glance said. "In no way did they let Coach Yow down, she is very proud of them. Her expectation is that they play hard every time they go on the floor and that's what they did tonight."

The ACC's oldest archrivals battled neck-and-neck in a game that saw both teams go on scoring droughts, runs and multiple lead changes. Glance said that Pack had to stay focused and match the Tar Heels aggressive inside play in a game where emotions run high.

"It was going to be a battle of wills, because the game was so

physical...we knew underneath, under the glass...it was going to be a battle, very physical. We just made a commitment that we were going to hang in there and battle it out."

The 6,715 on hand ranged from middle school cheerleading teams to senior citizens to groups of Tar Heel fans making the journey from Chapel Hill. They packed Reynolds not only to cheer on their teams, but also to support of Yow. Before the game, Glance made an announcement commending all those in attendance for their support of Yow and afterwards applauded the fans for their role in Yow's

recuperation.

"It was great. And I just think that [the crowd] is a great tribute," Glance said. "The fan support and the community, it's really the support across the country."

The heartbreak of Friday didn't carry over against Virginia Tech though. Facing a similar situation — down two with only three seconds left — this time the Pack delivered in the form of a Bell runner to tie the game and force overtime. The Wolfpack carried their momentum over, capturing the victory by a single point and splitting the weekend set of games.

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the second time in less than a week. North Carolina blew the jackets out on Tuesday, but they actually had a chance in this one. An impromptu dunk from Isma'il Muhammad with 2:44 left cut State's once-comfortable lead to just a bucket.

All of a sudden, the Pack showed the resolve it used to win 11 league games a year ago to pull away for an eight-point victory.

That year, which also produced the school's highest NCAA Tournament seeding since 1988, promised to romanticize this go-round. All-everything Hodge returned. So did all but two cogs of the team's regular rotation.

So far it hasn't turned out like the Pack's championship-demanding fans have liked—but that shouldn't surprise anyone at this juncture. Early-season road losses at Boston College and

Michigan last year initially blinded the masses from the beginning of the memorable run that followed. A month later, the doubters were too busy high-fiving their neighbor during State's victory over No. 1 Duke to remember the meaningless Ann Arbor and Chestnut Hill results.

Finals are in May. Christmas is in December. And NCAA Tournament bids are still not handed out in January, which is a month to finalize your rotation and not play yourself out of an at-large bid.

With a win tomorrow in Blacksburg, Va.—a place with all the basketball culture of Antarctica—State will be on track to do just that. It's already weathered a stretch of injuries and continuity issues. Now, with the freshman combo of Andrew Brackman and Gavin Grant swallowing front-court playing time and Hodge cherishing a different role, the real season can begin. But even success on that front might not ever be enough for Sendek.

"No matter what he does, people are never happy," Student Wolfpack Club President Darryl Glanton said before State's win over Tech. "Every year it's something new—people wish he went further [in the NCAA Tournament]. Part of me thinks that even if he won a national title, people still wouldn't be happy."

Sendek was happy Sunday night, though. Minutes before he conducted an atypically candid interview with the press, his three daughters yelled from section 103, "We love you, dad." Flanked by his senior star, he beamed radiantly, an action mirrored by Hodge on his way back to the locker room.

"We're back, y'all," Hodge said, reaching high to grab the hand of a fan filled with irrecoverable splendor.

Back just in time to begin what's become a patented end-of-January run.

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Wolfpack Weekend

Wrestling

Last Game: Illinois 40, N.C. State 0

The second-ranked Illinois swept State away on Saturday, sending the Pack to an even 3-3 record while keeping Illinois perfect on the season at 6-0. The closest match of the day came from sophomore 125-pounder Garrett Cummings, who lost a 4-2 decision to Kyle Ott, who ranked second nationally in his weight class. At 157, freshman Kody Hamrah fell two points short of Cal Ferry, losing 9-7.

Swimming & Diving

Women's Swimming 198, Villanova 155
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Molly Culberson finished second in both the 1- and 3-meter dives over the weekend, helping lift the women to a win over Villanova. The women also lost to Pittsburgh and No. 12 Maryland, falling to 5-4 on the season with a 2-3 record in conference. Lindsay Lowell took home third place in the 3-meter diving event, while State's Shelby Kosova nabbed fourth.

Men's Swimming 178 vs. Maryland 169
Men's Swimming 288 vs. Villanova 60
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The men's team took two out of three over the weekend in College Park, Md. downing the host Terrapins and Villanova. The wins put State at 3-3 overall and 2-2 in conference. In the 100-yard butterfly, Scott Dettloff, Lyle Babcock and Kevin Devine finished second, third and fourth, respectively. Sprinter Cullen Jones won both the 50 and 100 free, posting his first fastest time this season in the 100 with a 45.39.

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M. Tennis vs The Citadel, 1/23, 3

Scores

M. Basketball 76, Georgia Tech 68
W. Basketball 76, Virginia Tech 75 (OT)
Illinois 40, Wrestling 0
M. Swimming & Diving, 2-1
W. Swimming & Diving, 1-2



TECHNICIAN

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pack snaps losing skid

Five players scored in double figures, and N.C. State never trailed Georgia Tech in its first ACC victory this season.

Ryan Reynolds
Deputy Sports Editor

Andrew Brackman considered the win huge. It was a must-win game, and a loss would "pretty much crush us," he said.

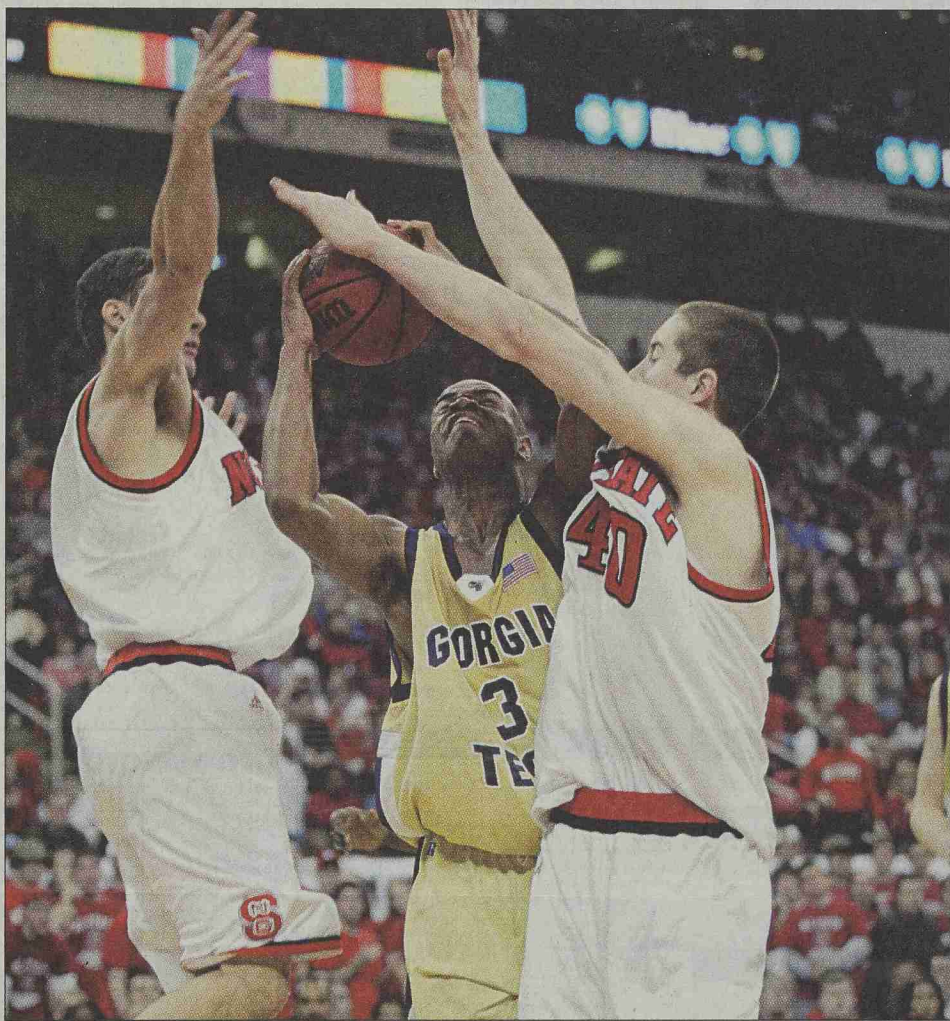
For Cameron Bennerman, it was an important game but not a season-breaker. The versatile junior said the game was a "little relief. It's all about building. With a win like this going into Virginia Tech, we've got to get another win."

Either way, their performance in the Wolfpack's 76-68 victory over Georgia Tech in front of a sold-out crowd at the RBC Center on Sunday evening was just what the doctor ordered. The win was the Pack's first since beating Columbia in the Holiday Festival Tournament in New York City three days after Christmas.

Brackman scored the first 11 points of the game for N.C. State (11-5, 1-2 ACC) and finished with 12 points. Bennerman added 16 points to help State end its four-game losing skid and earn its first ACC win of the season.

Both played lock-down defense en route to holding Georgia Tech (11-4, 2-2 ACC) to its second-lowest offensive output this season.

As the Yellow Jackets tried to muster a comeback late in the second half after trailing all game, 7-1 center Luke



Georgia Tech guard Jarrett Jack tries unsuccessfully to slice through the outstretched arms of Ilian Evtimov and Andrew Brackman.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnasts start season with win

Despite falling a little short of coach's goal, the Wolfpack succeeded Saturday.

Michael Fox
Staff Writer

On Saturday night many of the Wolfpack gymnasts said they did not know what to expect in their first collegiate meet.

"I'm not used to all this cheering and people clapping, but I love it," freshman Kelsey Lee said about the approximately 1,100 in attendance at Reynolds Coliseum. More than a quarter of the team are freshmen.

But by the end of the night, it took all the might the Pack could muster to squeak out a 192.4-189.3 victory against visiting Rutgers.

"Our score goal was 193 [points]," Coach Mark Stevenson said. "We took a few falls and had a few wobbles, but we figured if we can get in the 192-194 range then we'd be in great shape."

The evening started strong for the Pack, as sophomore Rachel Katz led the team on the vault with a 9.775 score. Freshman Leigha Hancock scored a 9.675 on this, her first ever college performance on vault. However, Katz said she continues to work at improving in the event.

"Vault's my favorite event, and I love doing it, but I could focus more on my landings," Katz said.

Pack senior Cori Goldstein finished in first place on two events during the meet. She scored a 9.725 on the beam and a 9.85 on the floor.

Also on the beam, senior Jennifer Gray scored a 9.45 in her first ever non-exhibition performance.

"I'm so proud of [Gray]," Stevenson said. "She's come back from all those injuries she's been through in her freshman and sophomore years."

On the bars, freshman Kelsey Lee fell during her performance but managed to continue to compete on the two remaining events. Lee had a 9.65 performance on the floor, the team's third-highest score in the event.

"I was very surprised that I fell on bars," Lee said. Elsewhere on the floor, Katz scored a 9.8 in the event. She

Early January results don't paint accurate picture



Matt Middleton
Staff Writer

Completely bathed in a fabric of bright-red paint, NCSU freshman fan Seth Wachtel could have passed for a human fire engine Sunday night in the RBC Center.

The business major is in his first year of college, but it's clear he's already learned a lot about the religion that is Tobacco Road basketball.

"I'd rather be peaking in March than in January," he said. Along with friends, Wachtel camped out Friday night to secure sideline seats to the sliding Wolfpack's game against No. 8 Georgia Tech.

State had dropped its previous four contests, and the Herb Haters were slowly warming up their annual January rendition of de-traction.

It seems to happen every year—a public referendum on the status of Herb Sendek's employment just after the New Year. This season was no exception, which is a shame because it was supposed to be the year.

Instead, it's developed into more of the same—factions of fans split on the approval of the beleaguered headman.

State opened the season ranked for the first time in 15 years, then rose almost meteorically into the top 10 before dropping a taut contest at No. 10 Washington.

Two weeks later, the first of four losses began, and the sports think tanks that are Internet sports message boards began to produce pearls of wisdom such as "If Herb were fired, who should we hire?" or "Will our team ever improve? How?"

Keep in mind that the date was Jan. 9 and the team's record was 10-4. Ridiculous? Sure. Asinine?

Absolutely.

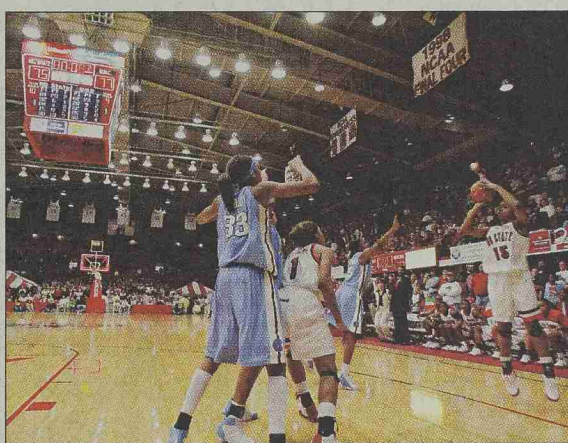
Accordingly, almost 3,000 people failed to show up Sunday for a tilt against a top-10 opponent; the upper-deck sections that house students were less than 1/4 full. Still fighting a rampant sickness bug, State dressed eight scholarship players and played with a clear sense of urgency.

"We looked desperate," reigning ACC Player of the Year Julius Hodge said.

Tech was on Tobacco Road for

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With the clock showing zeros, Ashley Key launches a meaningless jumper from the corner in a losing effort to the Lady Tar Heels in Reynolds Coliseum on Friday night. The Wolfpack rebounded with a 76-75 win at Virginia Tech on Monday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

State splits weekend without coach

While the legendary Kay Yow remains sidelined, the team continues its trek through the ACC

Joe Overby
Senior Staff Writer

In the span of four days, N.C. State played two ranked opponents without the help of Kay Yow, the 30-year Wolfpack coach who missed the weekend's action to battle a recurrence of breast cancer. She is expected to return Thursday to coach the team against Miami.

Both times, the games came down the final play. The difference was in the results though, as the Pack fell to No. 9 Carolina on Friday night but

triumphed on Monday evening on the road against No. 23 Virginia Tech, grabbing a 76-75 overtime win.

The big win may have come on Monday, but it was Friday's game that will be remembered for the emotions that surrounded the contest.

"It was a physical game, but you can expect that," freshman Khadijah Whittington said Friday. "We're rivals and it's going to be a hard fought game anytime we play. That's how it was tonight."

The roar of the crowd bounced off the walls of the legendary coliseum and seemed to vibrate everything from the wooden seats to the steel rafters. But for the first time in the entire ball game, Reynolds Coliseum stood unusually silent with just under seven

ticks left.

After an intense 40 minutes of multiple runs, lead changes and physical play, N.C. State trailed North Carolina by three. State guard Rachel Stockdale stood at the line with a chance to tie to the game after being fouled on a three-point attempt. The junior made the first attempt but after missing the second, Stockdale intentionally missed the third to set up a possible game-winning play.

Freshman Khadijah Whittington grabbed Stockdale's missed attempt, but her follow-up shot bounced between the rim and backboard and went out of bounds off a Carolina player.

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