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Early admission numbers stagnant

University does not expect early action admissions number to differ from last year

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While some high school seniors anxiously await April deadlines for notices from colleges and universities, applicants to N.C. State will hear their status earlier because of Admissions' Early Action option.

Early Action is offered to freshmen and transfer applicants to NCSU. Early Action allows applicants to accept or deny their admission offer into the university; however, schools such as Davidson College and Wake Forest University both offer Early Decision, which differs in that it requires applicants to attend the school if accepted.

"Early Action is a good idea because it helps families of students plan out how they will pay, where their child will live and find potential scholarship opportunities," Kelsey Moore, a freshman in communication, said.

Eric Heyneker, a sophomore in psychology, pointed out that Early Action benefits students and the University. "It allows [NCSU] to admit people that are really interested in going here," Heyneker said.

Thomas Griffin, director of Admissions, said he felt Early Action was better in that it allows students to hear back from a school sooner than Early Decision. Students are still free to choose where they go to school, though. Early Action applications for NCSU were due Nov. 1 for undergraduate admission to the Fall 2005 semester.

Griffin stated that it is still too early to tell what kind of ratios are developing in the applications as far as in-state compared to out-of-state applicants or male to female applicants.

The majority of applicants apply Early Action, but there is no correlation between those who apply early and those who are accepted, he said.

Some students said they would have preferred to have been notified earlier regarding their acceptance to NCSU.

"It would have been nice to have known earlier that I had been accepted into N.C. State," Alice Bartram, a freshman in psychology, said. "If I had known, I might not have applied to other schools because that was a pain."

According to freshmen admissions for the 2004-05 academic year, around 14,000 students applied with 8,186 accepted and 3,837 enrolled.

Griffin said he expects to accept about the same number of freshmen into the university as last year, however Admissions will accept fewer transfers than previous years.

He also said that an offer of admission to NCSU is given to two people for every one spot available.

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Top films of 2004

Technician's film critics pick their top 30 films of 2004. It was definitely the year of the biopic — and the year where all your wildest dreams came true. See page 3.

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"When [the weather report] says flurries, they cancel school. That's what I love about this state."

-Tanessa Brinson, junior in Spanish language and literature



When the University cancelled classes Wednesday afternoon, David Senko and a few of his close friends decided it was the right time for a game of football. Cell phone and traffic problems engulfed the campus area due to the snowfall.

Snowfall causes problems for campus community

ADVERSE CONDITIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC WOES, CELL PHONE FRUSTRATION

Tyler Dukes
Deputy News Editor

Tanessa Brinson shivered as she waited at the Patterson Hall Wolfline stop Wednesday afternoon.

Her gaze was fixed intently at the red-and-white bus stopped listlessly down the lane on Founder's Drive.

"I see it, it's just not moving," the junior in Spanish language and literature said.

In the wake of her cancelled afternoon lab, Brinson had been working in the library when news of the Wolfline's cancelled service was released.

"I thought it was a rumor," Brinson said when a fellow student relayed the information. "I should of left as soon as it started snowing."

Connex, the Wolfline's contractor, made the decision to suspend service at 1:30 p.m. due to safety concerns caused

by the fast accumulation of snow on the roads.

"Our service provider called it because of safety," Assistant Director of Planning and Operations Slade McCalip said. "When we had two buses slide sideways down Avent Ferry [Road], that was it."

Although all Wolfline buses were being called back into garages following the completion of their routes, Connex was still running 16-passenger vans to park-and-riders looking to leave campus.

"We tried to provide limited service to get people out to their cars as best we could," McCalip said.

At press time, N.C. State transportation had one report of a car colliding with a Wolfline bus on Morrill Drive, although details on the accident were not yet available.

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Snow day surprise

Cancelled classes cause afternoon of leisure for some students

Tyler Dukes
Deputy News Editor

By 12 p.m., it had already begun to fall.

The large, white flakes accumulated quickly on the brick, greeting students with a welcome surprise as they exited their classrooms.

"Does anybody know it's snowing?" a student yelled as he ran through the Brickyard, inciting laughter from several students.

Though some headed for warm sanctuary behind the doors of D.H. Hill Library, or a quick lunch in the crowded Atrium, four students had something else in mind.

With afternoon classes cancelled, snow football became a promising way to spend the rest of the day.

Josh Beatty, Lainie Hinkle, Taft Franklin and Kimberly Godwin faced each other on opposite sides of a yard-line covered with the recent snowfall.

"We came out right when it started snowing," Beatty, a sophomore in chemical engineering said. "We had already planned it."

The group was donned in their warmest, tossing the ball leisurely around Derr Track, as the snow continued to fall.

Godwin, who said she was

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NO BUSINESS LIKE SNOW BUSINESS



Logan Kennedy, a freshman in aerospace engineering, takes a ride down a Pullen Park hill on his red plastic sled Wednesday afternoon.

Veterinary Teaching Hospital opens new unit



A veterinary technician takes care of a patient in the Vet School's newly renovated Intensive Care Unit.

Hospital revenues and a private donation funded the construction of a new intensive care unit for the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Erin Welch
News Editor

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital in the College of Veterinary Medicine opened a new 1,080-square-foot intensive care unit in December.

Although construction for the new unit began in the fall and it was opened over break, Bernie Hansen, who oversees the unit, said "it's still a bit of a work in progress."

"We basically built a physically new structure away from the old intensive care unit," Hansen said.

The new ICU is an entirely new room near the front of the hospital, adjacent from the emergency receiving area. A formal nurses' station, an office area, a kitchen for patient meals and a visita-

tion room were all additions in the ICU.

The new intensive care unit can house 22 animals. Hansen said the intensive care unit treats approximately 1,100 to 1,200 animals annually.

"It's great," Brian Trumpatori, a student in his fourth year at the Veterinary School, said of the new unit. "It's clean and nice, and it's orderly, which makes things easier to manage."

Trumpatori also said that although the new unit has fewer cages, it provides more large cages for bigger dogs.

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital provides service for clients and specialties in all areas of veterinary medicine, Hansen said.

It also serves as a venue to teach clinical skills to veterinary students, and to provide graduate students with specialty training. It also contains clinical research labs to support clinical research interests, Hansen added.

A private donation funded the new intensive care unit. The Nord Family Foundation donated \$298,000 in memory of

Normin, a golden retriever who received care by the hospital staff. This donation, in addition to hospital revenues, funded the new unit.

Hansen and Teresa DeFrancesco, both board certified in veterinary emergency and critical care, work in the ICU together with a technician supervisor and nine technicians. Roughly 60 students in veterinary medicine also work in the ICU as interns to fulfill their residency requirements.

Trumpatori is one of the students who works rotations in the new intensive care unit.

"We do shifts in the ICU depending on what rotation were on," Trumpatori said. Students who work at the Veterinary School rotate three times a day. Rotations vary, but are typically five-to-six hour shifts.

"Virtually every student in their senior year serves as an assistant in the intensive care unit. About half of the class goes through an elective rotation," Hansen said.

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But even with N.C. Department of Transportation salt trucks stuck in traffic, Raleigh gridlock caused problems for more than just NCSU transportation.

"These cars coming down the street are just sliding down," Brinson said, as she watched vehicles along Hillsborough Street slow from a steady crawl to a standstill.

Some packed buses opened their doors to let a few students on, but after watching the bus slide slightly onto the sidewalk, some students at the bus stop made up their minds to travel by another means.

"That looks real scary," Bailey Surratt, a sophomore in communications said.

Although snowfall peaked at .9 inches on Centennial Campus, the fast accumulation caught many students, like Brinson, by surprise.

"I didn't even look at the weather before I left," Brinson said, glancing down at her high-heeled leather boots. "I can't walk home in these."

According to National Weather Service hydrometeorologist Mike Strickler, the persistence of freezing temperatures throughout the week caused the rapid accumulation. When the snow began to fall, he said, the ground was already frozen solid.

"It's amazing what less than an inch of snow can do," Strickler, who is also a senior in meteorology, said.

Adding to Wednesday's weather woes, many students attempting to contact alternate means of transportation found continued problems with cell phone service.

"I don't mind the snow, I just wish I wasn't standing in it," Surratt said as she attempted to call her friend at the bus stop.

Adverse Weather Policy

Under the Adverse Weather Policy, faculty and staff are responsible for their regularly assigned duties and must make up time missed. Essential employees should report for work. Employees in non-critical roles must make their own decisions about reporting to work, based on personal safety.

Additional announcements concerning class and work schedules will be posted on the N.C. State homepage, on the emergency call-in line at 513-8888 and announced on local media outlets.

The Adverse Weather Policy is online at www.ncsu.edu/policies/campus_environ/health_safety_welfare/POL1115.003.php. For information concerning the status of Wolfline, go to www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans.

The cellular provider Sprint PCS received "a number of reports from the area" beginning earlier Wednesday morning, according to senior specialist Floyd Reid, and had already sent technicians to the area.

Although Reid said the problem could be weather-related, the technicians had not determined a cause of the problem at press time.

Wireless provider Cingular also noted problems and said that they should be resolved within 24 to 48 hours.

Temperatures are expected to rise to the 40s today, but due to freezing temperatures throughout the night, Strickler said he expects that road conditions won't improve much.

"It will be too cold for chemicals on the road to really be effective," Strickler said. "They stop working at around 20 degrees."

Limited cloud cover this morning may cause an opposite effect.

"Once the sun rises tomorrow, it will start doing its job before we break freezing," Strickler said.

Classes are slated to begin at 9:50 this morning.

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Trumpatori said the ICU had been busy lately and that there were anywhere between 3 to 10 animals being treated on normal days. All veterinary students have required rotations and shifts in the intensive care unit, he said.

Students basically serve as technicians who treat animals and help out clinicians when patients come in to the

hospital.

Hansen said the College of Veterinary Medicine is looking to start two shifts in the future. The cardiology unit will be moving to take the space that the old ICU occupied and plans for a new Veterinary Teaching Hospital have begun.

Although funding has not been reached to begin construction on the new Teaching Hospital, Hansen said the architectural designs for the building are well underway.

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having fun despite the cold, admitted already being ready for summer.

"I'll probably only stay out here for another 20 minutes," the sophomore in social work said, amid protests from her teammate. "My feet are freezing."

Beatty and Franklin, however, said they would take advantage of the weather for as long as they could.

"The weather's been weird," Beatty said. "We went from thunderstorms and 80 degrees last week to snow and 10 degrees [today]."

According to Hinkle, a

sophomore in zoology, plans for the rest of the afternoon weren't terribly pressing.

"We're probably going to go back and watch a movie," Hinkle said.

Franklin, a freshman in turf grass management, echoed her sentiment.

"I'm going home and playing video games," Franklin said. "I'm in Ag, so I don't have homework."

As for whether today's class would be cancelled, the players were undecided, although all agreed there would probably at least be a delay.

It depended largely they said, on the weather.

"It's probably supposed to be like 90 tomorrow," Beatty said.

POLICE BLOTTER

JAN. 18

1:25 A.M. | NOISE DISTURBANCE

Report of a male subject talking loudly on his cell phone and disturbing residents. Officers spoke with the student, who stated he did not realize he was talking loudly. He said he would lower his voice. Everything OK.

10:42 A.M. | BREAKING AND ENTERING A VEHICLE

A student parked his vehicle in the Dan Allen Parking Deck. When he returned to it, someone had entered the vehicle and tried to

remove the radio.

1:00 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A delivery truck backed into the loading dock at 516 Brickhaven Drive, resulting in minor damage to the dock.

10:18 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A student reported a possible odor of marijuana coming from a hallway in Wood Hall. The officer noticed a faint odor of marijuana, but was unable to locate the resident of that room at the time. Officer will conduct further investigation.

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Recent statistics show that Admissions has received more than 11,000 freshman applications so far and approximately 2,000 transfer applications.

Early Action applicants will be notified of acceptance, deferral or denial by the end of January, and accepted applicants have until May 1 to accept or decline their admission.

CALENDAR

The Gallery of Art & Design in Talley Student Center will open a new exhibit today titled "Curv-iture." The exhibition will center on the curve in studio furniture organized by the Furniture Society. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12-8 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, 2-8 p.m.

The Del McCoury Band will play Friday night from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Stewart Theatre.

The Martin Luther King Service Challenge will be Saturday from 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants should meet in Talley Student Center.



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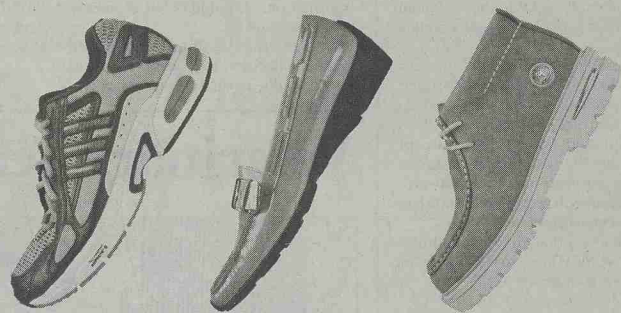
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Technician's top 30 Movies of 2004

MILES SNOW | PATRICK CLARKE | ANDREW NICHOLAS
SENIOR STAFF CRITICS

It is safe to say that if there was a dominant amount of a particular kind of movie that came to the forefront this year it was none other than the biopic. Real lives became the interest, and the range of lives that films represented was even more astounding.

We had unlikely heroes in sex researcher Alfred Kinsey and Peter Pan playwright J.M. Barrie, and in a few disaster cases — referring to *Alexander*, *The Alamo* and *Troy*. Whether watching Jamie Foxx sing and swing as Ray Charles or Leo DiCaprio take to the skies as Howard Hughes, there was some inspiration to be found most anywhere a multiplex stood.

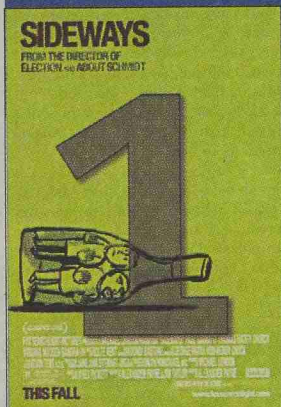
As with music, there was no way we could have seen some potentially great films that haven't even made it to the Raleigh area, not to mention having even been widely released.

There are probably some films on this list that people will balk at and films missing from the list that we may have either missed or failed to recognize. But, aside from all that, each one of the films represented on this list has proved to be significant in one way or another and are worth devoting some time to.

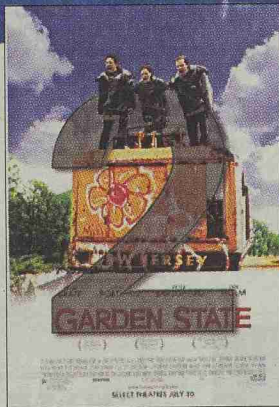
So, without further ado, here are the top films of 2004 presented by Technician's senior movie critics.

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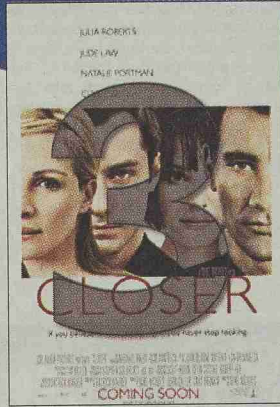
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| 7) <i>Finding Neverland</i> | 8) <i>Spider-Man 2</i> | 9) <i>Collateral</i> | 10) <i>Friday Night Lights</i> | 11) <i>Shaun of the Dead</i> | 12) <i>Napoleon Dynamite</i> |
| 13) <i>Man On Fire</i> | 14) <i>Ray</i> | 15) <i>Kinsey</i> | 16) <i>The Passion of the Christ</i> | 17) <i>Shrek 2</i> | 18) <i>Fahrenheit 9/11</i> |
| 19) <i>Meet the Fockers</i> | 20) <i>Bourne Supremacy</i> | 21) <i>Maria Full of Grace</i> | 22) <i>Manchurian Candidate</i> | 23) <i>Saved!</i> | 24) <i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i> |
| 25) <i>King Arthur</i> | 26) <i>Dawn of the Dead</i> | 27) <i>Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle</i> | 28) <i>Oceans Twelve</i> | 29) <i>National Treasure</i> | 30) <i>Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story</i> |



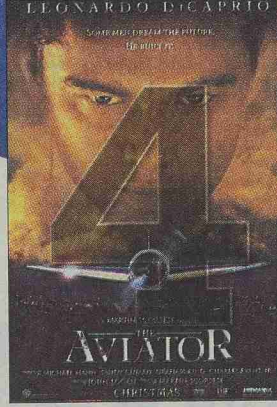
Sideways



Garden State



Closer



The Aviator



Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Cast: Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden Church, Virginia Madsen
Director: Alexander Payne

Director Alexander Payne, who helmed the smart and sassy *Election* and more subtle and somber *About Schmidt*, has scored his biggest triumph yet with the American character study *Sideways*. It may be difficult to classify this film as a character study alone, because it is also a road movie or even buddy comedy. Miles (Giamatti) and Jack (Church) are best friends and former college roommates who take a lust-for-life trip touring the wine country of California before Jack's wedding. Both are losers in their own right — losers inspired by two women they meet on their journey.

Cast: Zach Braff, Natalie Portman
Director: Zach Braff

Zach Braff hits the trifecta with this film that will "totally change your life." The writer/director/lead actor delivers the quirky coming-of-age film of the year — something to which everyone can relate. The emotionally detached Andrew Largeman (Braff) returns home to New Jersey after a nine-year, self-imposed exile in Los Angeles. Andrew runs into a free-spirited girl, Sam (Portman), who is everything he is not and she helps him re-connect with his past. The duo makes its way on a fateful journey that will help him discover what his future might hold.

Cast: Julia Roberts, Natalie Portman, Jude Law, Clive Owen
Director: Mike Nichols

This is one of the toughest films of the year directed by the great Mike Nichols (*Angels in America*), who has created a "carnal knowledge" for the young generations. Two couples that fall in and out of each other's lives play out a scorching tale of love, abandonment and beds as to remind us, at the very least, how fragile of a word "trust" can be. All the players bring the acid-fire dialogue to vivid life, particularly Owen who sears the screen. The film serves as a centerpiece of magnificence for how a character heavy film should be carried as each significant life is carefully illustrated.

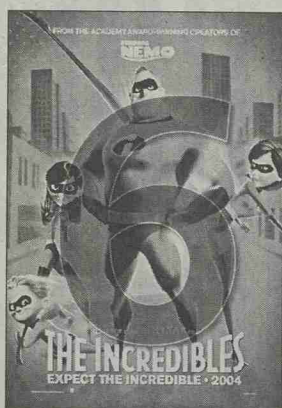
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett, Kate Beckinsale
Director: Martin Scorsese

In what may be his most fully-realized film since *Goodfellas*, Martin Scorsese brings this epic-scaled biography of Howard Hughes to the screen with stunning effects. The poignancy of this movie rests on the shoulders of Leonardo DiCaprio who has never been better than he is here. Scorsese's sense of lavish sets and scenery transports the viewer to Hughes' obsessive world of airplanes, movies, women and the American Dream that turns both exciting and terrifying. DiCaprio and Scorsese are proving to be an ideal team since their meeting in *Gangs of New York*.

Cast: Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, Kirsten Dunst
Director: Michel Gondry

Jim Carrey stars as Joel, a recluse who, on his way to work, decides to take a different train and meets the blue-haired Clementine (Winslet) — unfolding a new love to the viewer. Things are never what they seem, however, in a Charlie Kaufman-penned film. What seems like the beginning is really the end of Joel and Clem's relationship. Joel discovers that Clementine had her memories of their relationship removed through a memory elimination procedure. While the idea of not remembering a past relationship to prevent pain sounds good, some memories are far better to keep.

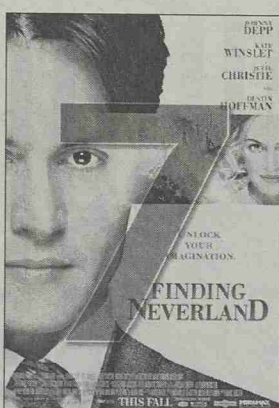
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The Incredibles

Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson
Director: Brad Bird

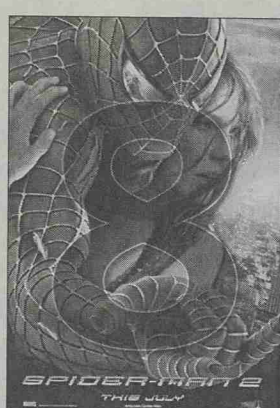
The Incredibles introduces the Parr family — a nuclear family... with unbelievable powers. Protection programs for super heroes begin to pop up as the government forces previously adored heroes into suburban Hell and the nine-to-five work force. Through hilarious scenes that draw upon the humor of *Office Space* and even the *Dilbert* comic strips, Bob Parr's (aka Mr. Incredible) frustration with a desk job in a cubicle barely big enough for his massive proportions pushes him to need a visitation to his old days of fighting crime.



Finding Neverland

Cast: Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet, Freddie Highmore
Director: Marc Forster

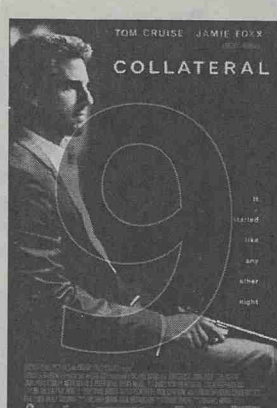
It may be difficult to imagine that the director of the dark drama *Monster's Ball* would be interested in J.M. Barrie's relationship between a widow's children that inspired his masterpiece of Peter Pan. What makes this idea more surprising is that director Marc Forster succeeds in creating a sentimental tale that is engaging enough for even the biggest movie skeptic to swallow. It also doesn't hurt that Depp, an actor who can do most anything, plays Barrie with the warm conviction of a child that doesn't want to grow up.



Spider-Man 2

Cast: Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Alfred Molina
Director: Sam Raimi

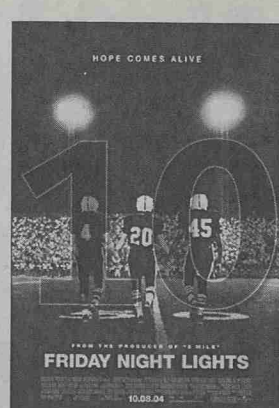
This movie gets the vote for the most entertaining popcorn flick of the summer. *Spider-Man 2* has a superhero that we can all relate to, because he isn't a wild beast nor raging machine — he's a human with more than his share of problems and a bit of radioactive spider in his system. Whether Peter Parker is going head-to-head with Doc Ock on a subway train or washing his Spidey costume to ill effect at a Laundromat, he remains unflappable in his attempts to do good. And it's even better that we get to watch.



Collateral

Cast: Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx, Jada Pinkett Smith
Director: Michael Mann

Michael Mann (*Heat*) is back to film noir territory with this propulsive cat-and-mouse thriller that has a level of complexity that wouldn't normally be expected from the mainstream. Largely shot in a digital format, this film takes the viewer on an unforgettable ride with seasoned cab driver Max (Foxx) who literally gets more than he bargained for after picking up a taciturn hitman named Vincent (Cruise). Foxx is utterly believable in his fiercely terrorized performance as the cabbie, and Cruise hasn't gone this dark since *Magnolia*.



Friday Night Lights

Cast: Billy Bob Thornton, Lucas Black
Director: Peter Berg

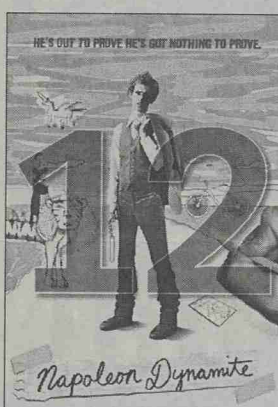
Friday Night Lights presents Texas as football heaven with a gridiron documentary-like flavor. The people of Odessa, Texas want a state championship, and they all seem to think that they are the coaching staff of Odessa Permian high school. This only adds to the enormous pressure that Coach Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton) faces. This film, with its Western undertones, doesn't feel like a traditional sports movie until the anticipating finale. In the end, it doesn't matter if you win or lose, as long as you fought like hell to get there.



Shaun of the Dead

Cast: Simon Pegg, Nick Frost
Director: Edgar Wright

Few films are able to blend the elements of horror, romance and absurd humor as seamlessly as *Shaun of the Dead*. The constantly harried Shaun (Pegg) just can't seem to escape his bloody troubles. His co-workers disrespect him, he had a falling out with his girlfriend and he is in the midst of a zombie invasion. Watching the group of British individuals try to out-think the undead to maintain a semblance of their normal lives is what fuels the biggest laughs. Major props go to a movie that showcases a couple of Brits beating the snot out of some zombies, accompanied by the rhythms of Queen.



Napoleon Dynamite

Cast: Jon Heder, Aaron Ruell, Jon Gries, Efrén Ramirez, Tina Majorino
Director: Jared Hess

Gosh, geez, idiot! *Napoleon Dynamite* on a Technician movie list? That's so stupid. If a film could better define the quickness and perils of being a teenager in the middle of Idaho, chances are you won't be able to find it — except for in Idaho. It doesn't take long to find yourself cheering for the anti-hero, Napoleon (Heder), and his new sidekick and class presidential candidate Pedro (Efrén). The film provides a sure-fire classic in the mold of *Billy Madison* as it is quite easily quoted, but it will no doubt find itself a huge cult following.



Man on Fire

Cast: Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning, Christopher Walken
Director: Tony Scott

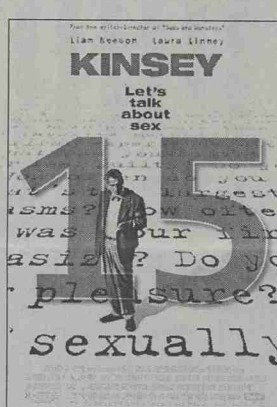
Former CIA agent John Creasy (Washington) wanders into Mexico to visit friend and fellow ex-agent Rayburn (Walken). Rayburn lands Creasy a job as a bodyguard to 9-year-old Pita Ramos (Fanning). Although reluctant to become close at first, Creasy ends up bonding with Pita as she gives him a reason to value life again. When kidnappers abduct her, his fiery rage is unleashed on those he feels are responsible and he stops at nothing to save her. Director Tony Scott fleshes out his main characters early in the film so to create a connection with Creasy and Pita.



Ray

Cast: Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington, Regina King
Director: Taylor Hackford

Taylor Hackford (*La Bamba*), who is no stranger to the musical biopic, captures the soul essence of the rough-and-tumble Ray Charles and the lives of the women who loved him, including his mother, wife and girls on the side. But this movie is a celebration of the influential music Charles created, as well as the man himself rather than the women in his life. The performance Foxx gives is a tour de force of technical mimicry. More importantly, amidst all the Rhythm, he is able to capture the Blues. Between *Ray* and *Collateral*, great things can be expected from Foxx.



Kinsey

Cast: Liam Neeson, Laura Linney, Peter Sarsgaard
Director: Bill Condon

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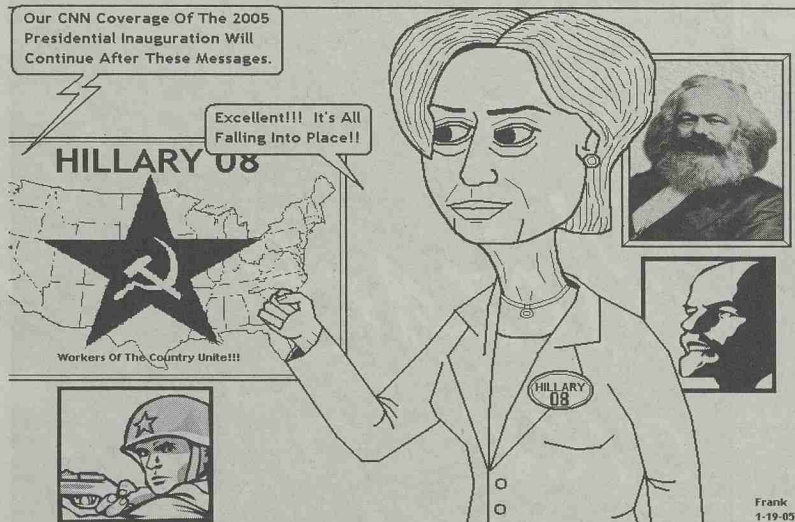
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I was going to work out, eat right and laugh as all of my friends ballooned to irrational sizes and shapes.

Wait, I have to walk how long to get to the gym?

Sure it's only a two-minute walk, but the dining hall is much closer. Once inside the dining hall, I can feast on hamburgers and chocolate milk for as long as my heart desires – or until it stops beating.

As time passed, the Freshman 15 had its way with me.

So did the weight that is cleverly associated with sophomore, junior, and senior year.

Now, four years removed from my svelte days, I am a slovenly 21-year-old, with nothing but the fond memories of my past to push me through.

Literally, I need help being pushed, I'm huge.

I eat at Hardee's, Wendy's and Taco Bell. These are the foods that a champion like me must dine on to stay strong.

To combat their effects, I like to run at least once a week, think really hard until I break a sweat, and

I drink beer – light beer.

I often forget to stretch when I workout and a sit-up to me is the hard part of lying down, so why try?

I don't waste money on fancy feather mattress covers, so I resort to a beat up mattress with a spring that has had its way with me for the last five months.

I'm told I need to listen to my body. I say that I wash it, what else does it want?

Plus there are many people out there who are a bit more ignorant than I when it comes to their bodies.

Your honor, may I present Exhibit A?

Dinh Thi Thu is a 75-year-old mother of three who resides in Vietnam. Her simple life was disrupted when severe abdominal pain landed her in the hospital. Scans revealed a skull, backbone, ribs, and limbs, the types of things that are normal on a 75-year-old Vietnamese woman. The only problem was that the body parts did not belong to her; they belonged to an eight-month-old fetus.

And by eight months, I mean at least 50 years.

Fifty years ago, Dinh ignored a growth in her stomach that had a tendency to move.

Give her a break; I'm sure this happens all the time. Maybe she just likes her meat really rare, to the point where it's still kicking on the way down.

Regardless, the woman neglected to get this seemingly big deal checked out and went on with her life.

After three kids, doctors finally found a calcified fetus in the abdomen of the woman. The fetus lived to be eight months old which, keep in mind, is huge. It is as though this woman has been toting around a massive fanny pack for

the last 50 years.

The fetus was a result of an ectopic pregnancy, lodging the fetus outside of the womb. It seems my bumpy mattress isn't so bad after all.

Exhibit B comes to us from Littleton, Col.

In a much lighter event than the town is unfortunately known for, Patrick Lawler went to his dentist to get a toothache checked out. Perhaps Mr. Lawler has been indulging on too many sweets or forgetting to floss.

Or maybe there is a nail in his skull.

Hooray, the nail wins! A four-inch nail has unknowingly (that's right, unknowingly) been lodged in the construction worker's skull six days earlier.

I wonder what warning signs our hero missed to evaluate this situation correctly. Maybe he forgot that a nail came hurling at him and embedded in his skull. Obviously he is not a man for mundane details.

On a construction site, a nail gun backfired, shooting out two nails: one into a nearby piece of wood and one into Mr. Lawler's mouth. He only saw the one in the wood.

However, blurry vision and a toothache sent him for professional advice. The nail was found to be one and a half inches deep in his brain and just outside his right eyeball.

So for all you student's out there trying to start the New Year off right with a rigorous workout routine and diet plan, don't get yourself too worked up.

On the other hand, any pulsating growths and nail gun accidents should be immediately checked out. Wow, I should go to medical school.

Email Matt your suggestions at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

GETTING OUT ON TIME

OUR OPINION: WHILE THE TOP SCHOOLS IN NORTH CAROLINA HAVE OPTIMAL SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES, MANY ARE BELOW 50 PERCENT. THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM NEEDS TO PUSH TO RAISE THE GRADUATION RATES FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

Universities pride themselves on the academic programs they offer, research their faculties undertake and how well their athletic teams compete. But behind the scenes, universities are graded and ranked on how many students they graduate in a given period of time. Graduation rates are a major category that goes into every major university ranking every year – including U.S. News and The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The Education Trust, a nonprofit education research group, published a Web site of graduation rates of 1,400 colleges and universities in the country.

They listed the graduation rates of every North Carolina university. The results are interesting and disturbing.

The majority of N.C. schools having six-year graduation rates below 50 percent. Among the top graduation rates, N.C. State comes in at 67 percent, with UNC-Chapel Hill at 82 percent and Duke at 91 percent. Eight of the 16 constituent institutions in the UNC system have rates above 50 percent.

Fifty percent of the system is graduating most of its students within six years. What about the other half?

There are many factors that go into graduation rates: how many students in a freshman class, academic programs, available financial aid, class sections, transfer rates, etc. But universities should have plans to get their students out in a

reasonable amount of time – by six years at most.

NCSU has worked hard to cultivate a culture where students are expected to graduate within five years. Since the University has an emphasis on technical disciplines that have rigid course tracks, it may take someone five years to get a degree.

Factor in study abroad opportunities or co-op experience and the number bumps up to six.

But plans like Progress Towards Degree requirements, which mandate that students follow a structured course track, and the help of advisors, students are able to plan out their college career and move at the rate they wish to do so.

Also, NCSU has significantly raised the amount of money they put into financial aid coffers. Any money coming from campus-initiated tuition increases goes directly back to financial aid to offer more class sections.

For smaller, commuter campuses, graduation rates are much more difficult to maintain, since students are constantly transferring in and out. But making plans to keep as many students as possible and get them out with a degree in hand in a reasonable amount of time should be a major goal for any university.

In fact, it should be a system-wide goal.

After all, the UNC system is known for its excellence. Let's try for 12 out of 16 next year.

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President Bush is a champion of religious freedom

President Bush recently said in an interview with the Washington Times, "I don't see how you can be president ... without a relationship with the Lord" – reaffirming his own religious views in no uncertain terms.

A smile lit up my face, because I was once again convinced that Bush is a man who knows what he believes and is not afraid to say so.

Not everyone is quite so comfortable with this type of free speech, and, frankly, these people scare me to death.

Anyone who seeks to deny someone else the right to publicly express their own religious views is a threat to our religious freedom.

According to the New York Times, U.S. military base Camp X-Ray played a Muslim call to prayer five times a day over a loudspeaker, and the detainees were served prayer caps, prayer oils, beads and their very own copies of the Koran. Gosh, that sounds like promotion of a religion to me!

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court recently rejected the effort of Michael Newdow – a man with, manifestly, too much time on his hands – to change the long-standing tradition of prayer during a presidential inauguration.

Edward White, a trial lawyer for the Justice Department, argued "It's the president's choice,

and he would like the prayer said. It's also the long-standing, uninterrupted tradition of our country."

I am not insinuating that Afghan detainees are subject or privileged to our Constitution, but they at least seem to have more freedom of religion than Newdow is fighting for. Thank goodness Newdow did not try to sue Camp X-Ray, I hear Muslims are not especially sympathetic to infidels warring against Allah.

If Newdow is going to demand that the entire country drop its religious practices, he better get his own house in order first. Inflamed by the words "Under God," he tried to sue his daughter's public school to keep her from having to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

To gain some perspective, Gallup polls from 2004 reported that 84 percent of Americans identify with some form of Christianity, 90 percent of Americans approve of the inscription "In God We Trust" on coins, 70 percent of Americans approve of the public display of the Ten Commandments in public schools and government buildings and 78 percent of Americans

approve of non-denominational prayer at public school ceremonies. Clearly, the majority of America is not engaged in an aggressive struggle against religion.

Obviously, the people who believe Bush should be able to reference "his god" publicly, and the people who believe prayer at the inauguration should be permitted, are no threats to our country's religious freedoms.

The real threat comes from secularists, like Newdow. Secularism is a philosophy that rejects any form of spiritual worship or religious faith.

Atheists, secularists, Muslims, Hindus and Christians all have views on the nature of reality. And, as far as the law and civil liberties are concerned, a person's religion is simply their own perception of reality.

So, nobody – neither a Secularist nor a Christian – has the right to demand others to conform to a different view on life.

The idea that the Constitution demands everyone to leave their religion at home is absurd. The framers of the Constitution, themselves, were unable to practice their own religion before coming to America. Those same people designed the famous "Establishment Clause" so that no

religion – including secularism – could become an enforceable, established national religion.

This gives people, without exception, the freedom to express their own religious views openly, which they would be unable to do if the modern-day, non-constructivist interpretation of the Constitution was espoused by the government.

I have discussed this issue with many people on campus and have been startled by some of their responses. One person argued that Bush does not have the right to talk about God because he holds public office.

This person actually wanted me to believe that Bush, openly expressing his religious beliefs, is basically instituting a national religion. By this incredible, slight-of-hand logic, the case could be made that Bush has instituted a national policy of fumbling over your own words at least five times per day.

The idea that the so-called "Religious Right" is intruding upon Americans' civil liberties holds as much weight as Hillary Clinton's claim that a vast right-wing conspiracy fabricated the charges against her not-so-faithful husband.

When President Bush makes reference to his personal relationship with God, we should all rejoice that we live in a country where that kind of freedom is ensured.

He is a breath of fresh air in the midst of a motley crew of angry secularists.

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phone. She knew the outcome, and we were able to talk briefly after the game. She asked me to read the stat lines off the stat sheet because she couldn't see the game."

When she returned on Wednesday, Yow praised her team for its effort in the two games. Both games were against nationally-ranked opponents.

"She was very proud of our effort in the Carolina game," Bell said. "And she told us she was glad that we finished against Virginia Tech, she thought that was missing against Carolina."

More than her compliments, Bell said her presence back with the team was uplifting for everybody. They even got to go back to a favorite pre-practice ritual.

"It was great just to be able to do the clap," Bell said. "Before practice, we always clap it up, but we can only do that when Coach Yow is there."

BBALL

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left before the Hokies started their comeback.

"When you're up by 11 with seven minutes, you're now playing a mini-game," Hodge said. "We couldn't put points on the scoreboard, and in that seven-minute stretch, they killed us down low."

State could manage just four points the rest of the way, missing several lay-ups in that stretch.

"In the ACC, you can't relax for a second or you lose dramatically," Hodge said. "And that's what happened to the Wolfpack tonight."

State jumped out to a 7-0 lead and maintained control of the game for essentially the entire first half. A 3-pointer at the buzzer by freshman Gavin Grant gave State a nine-point halftime advantage.

Grant, who has seen his playing time swell in the month of

January, netted a career-high of 14 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the floor.

Referees issued Tech coach Seth Greenberg a technical foul at halftime, and Iliyan Evtimov made two free throws to give State an 11-point advantage before the second frame began.

From there, the Pack opened the second half on a charge and quickly built its lead to 13 points.

But the Hokies refused to go away on a night in which they shot nearly 80 percent from the foul line. They twice erased large deficits, with the last comeback serving as the game's final score.

Additionally, the Hokies shot better than 41 percent from the field and got a combined 58 points from the trio of Collins, Dowdell and Carlos Dixon. That group combined to shoot a blistering 18-of-19 from the charity stripe.

State converted just 15-of-26 attempts—but still had a chance to win the game.

Sendek called timeout to set up the game's final play. Hodge used a dribble-drive to try and shake his man, but it was to no avail.

"I should have made the big play on the final shot," Hodge said.

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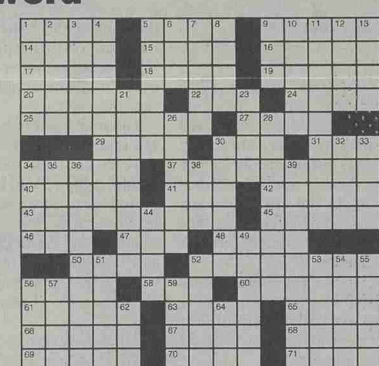
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W. Basketball vs. Miami, 1/20, 7
Gymnastics @ Denver, 1/22
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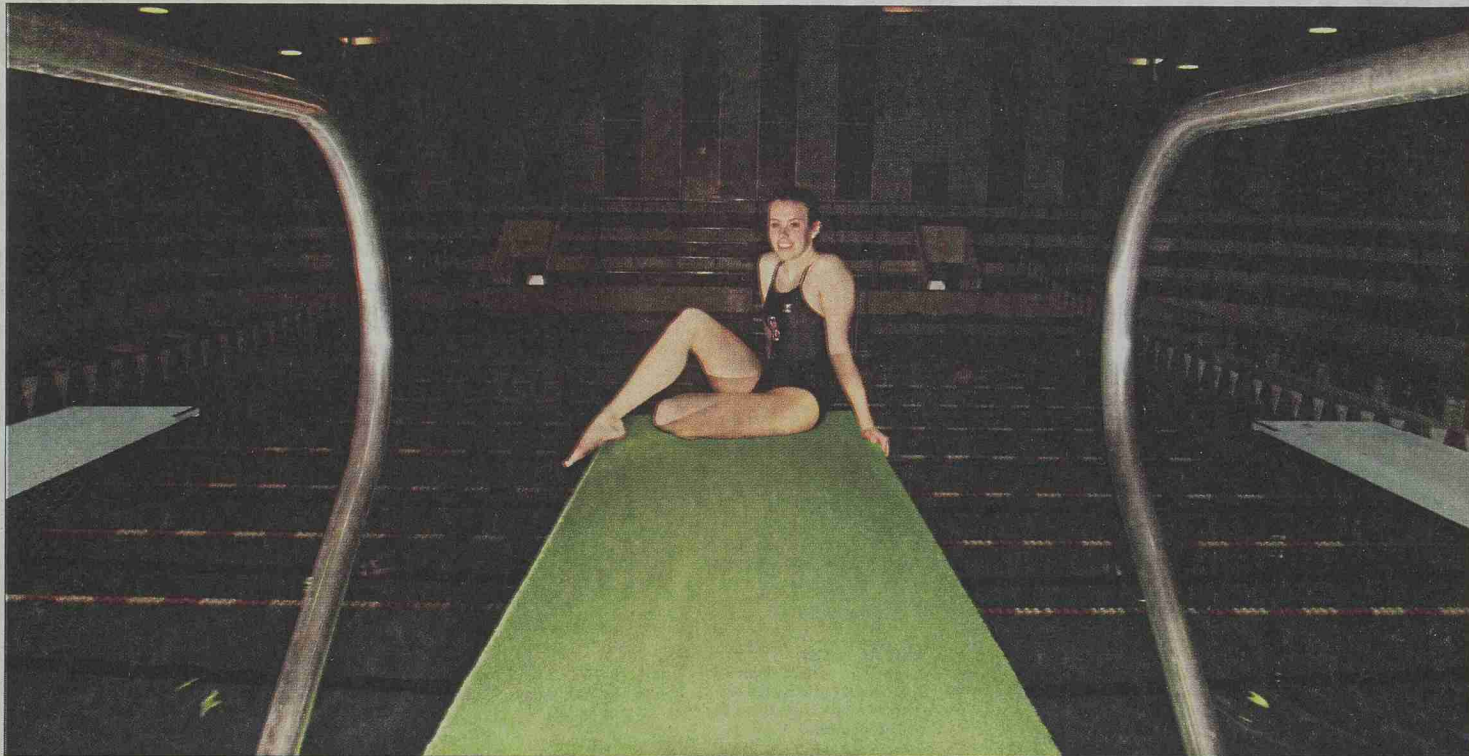
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TECHNICIAN

SWIMMING & DIVING

Diver incorporates gymnastics experience into routine



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Junior diver Molly Culberson, who aspires to be a veterinarian one day, holds school records in both the 1- and 3-meter diving events.

MOLLY CULBERSON SOLELY FOCUSES ON DIVING AFTER A TRAUMATIC BACK INJURY ON THE UNEVEN BARS ENDED HER GYMNASTICS CAREER WHEN SHE WAS 13.

Stephen Federowicz
Staff Writer

With the cold, frigid weather descending upon campus, the summer days spent at local swimming pool are firmly tucked as distant memories. For most, the day was spent either relaxing in the sun or perhaps doing cannonballs and other aerial acts of comedy off the diving board.

For junior diver Molly Culberson, that board is also her collegiate sport, where competition takes place, and aerial comedy is turned into art.

In fact, Culberson leads the Wolfpack in first-place finishes and holds school records in both

the 1-meter and 3-meter dives.

Her success in the sport of diving is rooted in the coordination and athleticism she gained from previous sports.

"I grew up a gymnast," Culberson said. "I did gymnastics for 11 years, but I also did summer diving leagues. It's all I would do during the summers while I was in gymnastics."

Culberson said she didn't have a difficult decision in deciding which sport to pursue. It came about because of a serious injury.

"I basically broke my back and had to have surgery when I turned 13," Culberson said. "[Doctors] told me that gymnastics was too much of a high-im-

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-Molly Culberson

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The injury came during an accidental spill during gymnastics routine.

"I've always been real flexible, and I was doing an exercise on the bars," Culberson said. "I jumped to the next bar and missed and my legs got bent back behind my head because I was so flexible."

As fate would have it, Culberson ended up in the pool at N.C. State, the same spot where her older brother, Richard, swam for the Wolfpack team from 1997-2001.

But Culberson had a bigger reason for attending State than growing up and watching her older brother swim for the Red and White.

"I actually wanted to come

here before he did," Culberson said. "Ever since I was little, I wanted to be a veterinarian, so I was always running around telling everyone I'm going to N.C. State."

Being true to her academic goal, Culberson is an animal science major and chose a university based on her academic goals.

"I just love the pre-vet program here," Culberson said. "I also love animals. My room is filled with animals."

These are all stuffed animals, though, due to her apartment complex's rules. But her dog does come to visit every once in awhile.

In the meantime, Culberson is

engulfed in diving and a horse-breeding internship at nearby Apex.

Diving Coach Mike Finneran joined the team last December and is certainly aware of Culberson's talents.

"She's quite quick and strong," Finneran said. "She just makes good lines into the water."

And also finds time to enjoy her former passion.

"I still love gymnastics," Culberson said. "I go to every gymnastics meet."

The gymnastics team is away in Denver this weekend, but Culberson and her team continue their seasons at home this Sunday against Richmond at 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Yow makes coaching return tonight at home

The Hall-of-Fame coach returned to practice on Wednesday and will coach tonight's game against Miami

Austin Johnson
Sports Editor

Kay Yow, now in her 30th season as women's basketball coach, will return to coaching tonight after missing two games with a recurrence of breast cancer.

Yow was back as planned on Wednesday afternoon to coach the team during its final practice before it faces Miami (8-8, 0-3 ACC) at 7 p.m. tonight in Reynolds Coliseum. State (13-4, 2-2) went 1-1 in the two games Yow missed.

The longtime Wolfpack coach left the team following last Sunday's game against Clemson to pursue a program of dietary and nutritional modification at an undisclosed location.

Senior point guard Kendra Bell said she was glad to have Yow back on the bench after missing two games.



ANDY DELISLE/TECHNICIAN

Coach Kay Yow, with her team during an early-season game, returns to the sidelines tonight.

"It was weird looking over at the sidelines and not having her there," Bell said.

Despite being absent from the floor, Yow has been diligently following the team in its games against Carolina and Virginia Tech over the weekend.

She was able to watch the Carolina game on television, but had to listen to the radio broadcast of Monday's overtime win against Virginia Tech. Associate Head Coach Stephanie Glance, who filled in for Yow over the last two games, said Yow got in touch

with her right after the victory.

"I was able to speak with her just after I finished radio and before I went to the pressroom," Glance said. "So she listened to the radio broadcast on a tele-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Another new ACC team hands Pack a close road loss

State drops road tilt to ACC newcomer Virginia Tech

Adam Abramson
The (Virginia Tech) Collegiate Times

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Virginia Tech and Miami both joined the ACC to raise its football prowess.

Now just three weeks into their inaugural ACC basketball season, both their basketball schools own wins over N.C. State.

Coleman Collins hit a jumper with 13 seconds left, and Tech denied reigning ACC Player of the Year Julius Hodge a chance to win the game for State, holding on for a 72-71 win over the Wolfpack (11-6, 1-3 ACC) Wednesday night at Cassell

Coliseum. The win gave the Hokies (9-6, 2-2) their second-straight ACC win and dropped State to ninth place in the conference standings.

The Pack has won just once since Dec. 28.

"They really started to hurt us inside. Collins did a great job for them," State coach Herb Sendek said. "We missed free throws and a couple of other very opportune shots."

Hodge led State with 23 points and 12 rebounds but had his game-winning shot attempt blocked by Jamon Gordon with just seconds remaining. Collins continually hurt State on the inside and tied teammate Zabian Dowdell for a team-high 20 points.

State led by 11 points with a little more than seven minutes

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