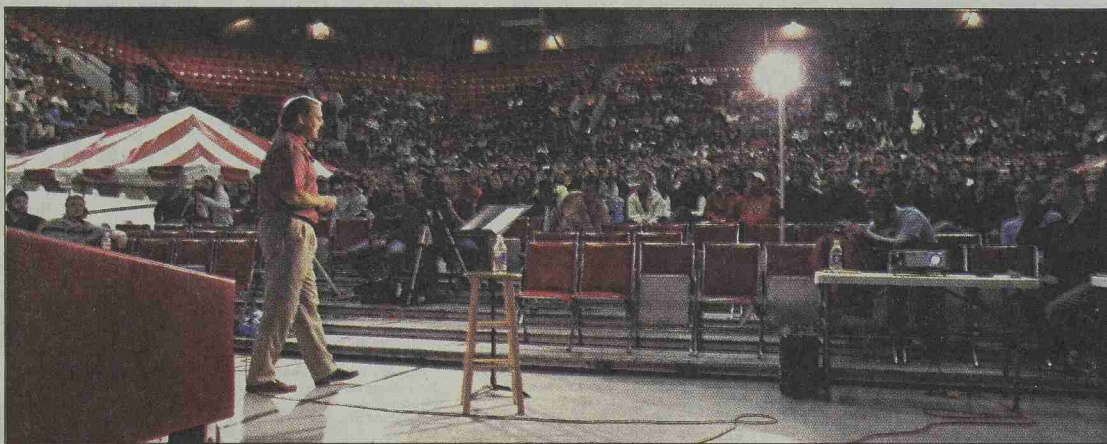


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Michael Leahy, a former porn addict, presents "Porn Nation" to members of Campus Crusade and other curious students in Reynolds Coliseum on Thursday night.

## Crowd exposed to 'Porn Nation'

Hundreds turned out to Reynolds Coliseum last night to hear Michael Leahy and others speak on the downfalls of sex addiction

Josh Harrell  
Staff Writer

Sex sells. And last night, the attendance at Campus Crusade's presentation of "Porn Nation" proved just that.

More than 500 students, comprised of the usual large contingency of Campus

Crusade members and curious student newcomers, attended the event to hear from speaker Michael Leahy about his and others' experiences with sex addiction.

Leahy, along with videos of many other addicts and psychiatrists, gave their stories and views on the booming industry of sex in the media and the culture that has been born of it worldwide.

Leahy, a former pornography addict, pointed out that the porn industry is a \$57 billion business worldwide and has been expanding since the proliferation

of the Internet.

Prior to the event, 879 N.C. State students took a survey, which revealed that 47 percent of the respondents have made sexual decisions they regret, and 36 percent have felt degraded by past sexual behavior.

Leahy has helped coin the term "sex syndrome," which he defines as an increasing series of compulsive responses where individuals' sexual buttons are pushed, and they continually give in to the addiction.

Leahy knows the feeling, as he admitted

to his own addiction.

"I had to have this fake intimacy so much that it ruined my marriage and caused my divorce," said Leahy. "What you feed grows, and what you starve dies."

Leahy used this saying on various occasions to illustrate how an addiction to something such as porn can consume one's life and eventually ruin it, which he claimed it had done to him.

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## Search dogs' health tested in post-9/11 research

In February, the Veterinary School will test search-and-rescue dogs from 9/11 for diseases resulting from exposure to toxins during the attacks

Haley Huie  
Staff Writer

Hundreds scoured Ground Zero around the clock, braving the most dangerous of situations.

In the aftermath of the attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the search-and-rescue dogs of 9/11 worked tirelessly for days going into areas where humans were unable to explore.

The dogs came from around the world and helped rescue workers labor to find victims trapped under the debris.

Sherry Hartkey, medical director at the Iams Pet Imaging

Center and faculty member at N.C. State, was also present for the relief efforts following the attacks.

The Imaging Center is a separate business, but is located on the Vet School's campus and employs members of NCSU's personnel.

Hartkey helped set up and managed all of the medical records for the dogs participating at Ground Zero.

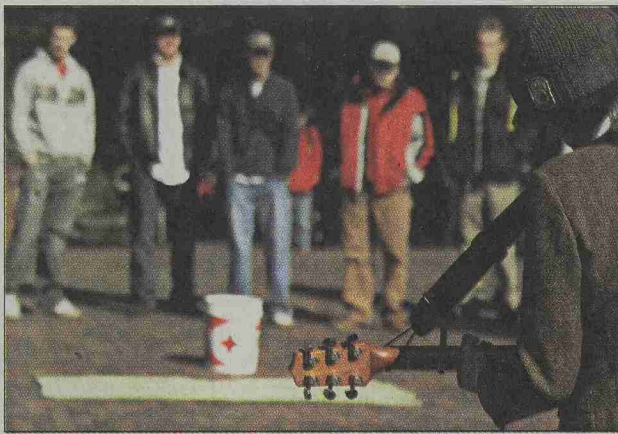
More than three years after the attacks, researchers have begun studying the effects of the animals' exposure to the wreckage on their health.

Since 9/11, there has been speculation that the working conditions for rescue workers may lead to long-term illnesses. The research performed will help minimize the risk of disease for other workers in the future, Hartkey said.

The animals are being tested

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## ROCKIN' FOR RELIEF



American Aquarium plays at "Rock for Relief" outside the Free Expression Tunnel on Thursday afternoon. Sponsored by twenty senators, the concert raised money for the tsunami relief efforts. The Radio Silence and Double D joined American Aquarium Thursday, while Phil, a guitarist, D.J. Ill Digitz and Doco will perform today between Turlington and Alexander Halls from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The challenge for raising \$200,000 has been extended until Feb. 5.

## Chamomile tea could prevent common colds

Reuters Health in New York suggests that drinking tea may avoid illnesses

Meghan Woodall  
Staff Writer

"Get a large dose of vitamin C," "eat chicken noodle soup" and "wash hands often" are all pieces of advice heard by anyone trying to protect themselves from the winter cold.

Soon to be added to the list could be drinking chamomile tea on a daily basis.

Recent research performed by Reuters Health in New York suggests that tea-drinkers may be avoiding sickness by producing an increased amount of a substance that fights off colds.

Many students feel helpless in fighting off illness due to the former restrictions placed on the flu shot as well as the close contact with other individuals in residence halls and classrooms.

Hudson Hollingsworth, a sophomore in accounting, uses a traditional method to avoid illnesses.

"I lather myself in antibacterial soap every day," Hollingsworth said.

Such extreme measures may be terminated if the results from the study on chamomile tea hold true. However, studies also reveal that people allergic to ragweed should not drink chamomile tea as it may lead to a severe reaction.

"I take a bunch of vitamin C tablets and drink orange juice," Lauren Capps, a sophomore in First Year College, said.

Orange juice, rich in vitamin C, potassium and folic acid, helps the body build its immune system to fight bacteria and germs.

Chicken broth contains large amounts of iron and protein, which help the body gain strength and, like chamomile tea, the warm

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## Sleeping patterns vary for students

Staying up late during the night may alter students' biological clocks

Lia Kotsopoulos  
Staff Writer

A common trait found among college students everywhere, and especially at N.C. State, is the ability to stay up into the wee hours of the morning partying or studying.

"There have been many instances where I can't go to sleep before 2 a.m. It's just a lot easier for me to stay up all night than it is to go to bed early and get up early," Ryan Gavigan, a junior in parks, recreation and tourism, said.

According to California researchers, by fluke, these night owls may not possess their nocturnal behavior and may actually be genetically predisposed at birth.

San Diego researchers are toying with the idea and trying to find the gene that resets the human body clock.

NCSU psychiatrist Jackson Chiu said she believes this idea is reasonable.

College students are prone to being night owls due to their lifestyle of contemporary culture, according to Chiu.

"The university is a performance culture. Sleep is something you sacrifice," Chiu said.

Due to their nocturnal habits, students' biological clocks become delayed.

"I'm more productive at night, Lindsay Kasper, a junior in biological sciences, said. "I just can't do my homework during the day. I usually don't start it until at least 10 p.m."

Chiu said the key to sustaining a healthy sleep regimen is to maintain regularity.

"If you don't have a consistent sleep pattern, your body doesn't know when to do what," Chiu said.

"Between balancing my schoolwork and catching up with friends, I can hardly get to bed before 3 a.m., which causes me to stay sick all the time. I really need to set a bedtime," Julie Thorpe, a junior in communication, said.

According to Chiu, everyone has different efficiency levels and some people can be recharged on fewer hours of sleep than others.

"It's the quality of sleep, not the number of hours, that is important," Chiu said. "As long as you have sleep, it will be more efficient in recharging your body."

According to Lee Salter, director of counseling at NCSU, sleep will help students perform better on exams, schoolwork and other tasks.

"Being deprived of sleep can have a huge impact on your mental state. It can affect your concentration, moods, mental and physical performance and can even make you manic or psychotic," Chiu said.

According to Salter, more than 5,000 of his patients said sleep is a difficulty for them.

However, there are some tips to help those night owls get to sleep earlier and with ease. Salter suggested that individuals avoid taking naps, not allow themselves to sleep too much, exercise daily, and take a hot bath or drink something hot two hours before going to bed to raise their body temperature two degrees.

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for cancer and other related diseases.

Studies released from the Iams Company reveal that 17 search-and-rescue dogs, which were previously tested, showed no signs of poor health.

Hartkey said an additional concern researchers face, relates to the potential danger for humans to develop diseases that the animals may begin to demonstrate.

Iams pioneered the project, footing the bill for most of the research. Iams set up two centers to test more than 30 dogs. The first center, at the University of Pennsylvania, was set up in 2002 and will last five years.

The second site is the College of Veterinary Medicine. Hartkey explained that NCSU was chosen partially because of its state-of-the-art equipment and technology.

Hartkey said that no students from the Vet School are aiding in

the Iams 9/11 study, but students typically take part in research projects.

"Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) techniques are provided to scan the nasal passages of the dogs," Hartkey said.

She explained that the tests would be done once a year for each dog for the next five years.

The MRI's also examine the dogs' tissues and glands to discover any symptoms of a cancer-related illness. The technique was adopted as an alternative to exploratory surgery.

Hartkey said the aim of the MRI's is to specifically test for the adverse affects of certain toxins that may have been present at the site of the catastrophe.

"It is very important to monitor the health of these animals and to intervene at the earliest possible time," Hartkey said.

She added that the center at the Vet School has already tested five dogs, and she anticipates somewhere between three and seven patients in the future. The next dogs are scheduled to be tested in February.

Betty Jane McCombs, a junior in animal science, applauded NCSU for being chosen to host the study.

"It's really great that we are able to take part in the study. Opportunities like that are only given to schools with excellent reputations, and we are lucky to be able to take part," McCombs said.

"It's important that we study the animals over the next few years to detect early signs of a disease so that we will be better equipped to handle situations that could arise in humans."

The study is also important because of the treatment of the rescue workers and dogs, McCombs said.

"If the dogs or humans develop health problems, it will be evident that proper precautions should be taken to guard against incidences like that in the future," she said.

The Iams Company also released a statement saying that another center for testing will open in August 2005.

## IN THE KNOW

**RAIL MAINTENANCE**  
CSX Railroad will be working on Monday. No parking will be allowed in the following areas:

-Yarborough Drive - all along the railroad fence line from Pullen Road to west of the Dan Allen Deck  
-Yarborough Lot - behind Riddick Labs - along the fence line  
-Mann Lot - entire lot closed

Work will begin on the Pullen Road side of campus and proceed westward.

Parking spaces will open for use as the work is completed in the affected areas. Dan Allen Drive will also be briefly closed to all through traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian) as CSX equipment moves through this area. CSX personnel will provide traffic control and assistance. Pedestrian tunnels will remain open at all times. Appropriate safety barriers will be in place and pedestrian access will be maintained. Due to the number of parking spaces affected, "B" permit holders will be allowed to park in the Coliseum Deck on Monday. We do expect the Coliseum Deck to fill. Hillsborough Square, Riddick Stadium, Central Campus Lot and the East Tower of the Dan Allen Deck ("C" zone) are also parking options for displaced "B" permit holders.

**'WAVE OF RELIEF' EXTENDED TO FEB. 5**

Student Government officials have extended NCSU's "Wave of Relief" program to aid victims in Southeast Asia. The goal of the program is to collect donations from every student and faculty member on campus, with a monetary goal of \$200,000 by Feb. 5. According to the effort's official Web site, SG has led an effort that has collected \$22,872.60.

All donations will be sent to the Triangle branch of the American Red Cross. Checks should be made payable to The ARC International Relief Fund and include Tsunami Relief in the memo line of the check. Legislation has been passed to allow donation checks written by next Sunday to be tax deductible for 2004. Organizers have set up several donation booths around campus for students' convenience. They are:  
-Every Dean's office  
-Graduate departments  
-Residence halls  
-Campus dining facilities  
-Certain businesses on Hillsborough Street  
-Brickyard during morning and af-

ternoon classes  
-Outside of Daniels Hall

For more information follow the Internet site relief.ncsu.edu

**TRIANGLE TSUNAMI RELIEF COALITION**

The TTRC is hosting a charity benefit show on Saturday at the HSNC Cultural Hall in Morrisville. The show will last from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students (\$9 at the door) and \$10 for the general public (\$12 at the door). Students should contact Deepti Vanguri for tickets and more information.

**APPROPRIATIONS SUBMISSION UNDERWAY**

Student groups wishing to request spring appropriations can begin using the online submission system, which went into effective Monday night. The Student Senate appropriates funds to organizations each fall and spring. An organization is asked to file a request online that is reviewed by the Senate Appropriations Committee for recommendation to the full Senate. Additionally, there are two information and help sessions on the following dates:

-Monday at 7 p.m. in 201 Witherspoon Student Center  
-Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in 201 Witherspoon Student Center

**JUDICIAL BOARD APPLICATION AVAILABLE**

In the spring semester of each year the Office of Student Conduct and the Judicial Branch of Student Government conduct the selection process for new board members. Applications are due by next Wednesday to the Student Government Office and may be downloaded at the following Web Site:

[http://www.ncsu.edu/student\\_affairs/osc/involved.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_affairs/osc/involved.html)

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The Alumni Association Student Ambassador Program is now accepting applications. Applications are available in the Alumni Building on Pullen Road as well as online at [www.alumni.ncsu.edu/students/ambassadors](http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/students/ambassadors).

Applications are due by Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Building.

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vapors help to shrink the sinuses to reduce congestion.

During winter months, professors must compete with numerous coughs and sneezes in order to give lectures to their students.

Hollingsworth said he tried to stay at least five feet away from people who cough or sneeze.

He added that avoiding germs can be difficult in cramped classrooms full of students.

Many students have been paying the Student Health Center visits to diagnose illnesses from ongoing symptoms. Courtney Smith, a sophomore in communication, said the Student Health Center told her to always wash her hands.

The role that chamomile tea may play in preventing sickness remains unproven, but medical experts suggest the method of hand-washing.

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## CALENDAR

## TODAY

The College of Textiles will present "All Them Rags - The Use of Textiles in the Theater: A Master Class," at 1 p.m. in Stewart Theater. This first-time presentation will highlight the use of textiles in the theater.

## Rock for Relief

Student Government is sponsoring a concert featuring several N.C. State bands today between Turlington and Alexander Halls. American Aquarium, Sullivan, Doco, Line Drive, Ill Digtz and the Radio Silence will play from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Three N.C. State bands, Brooks Wood Band, Arcadia and Seina will play at the Berkeley Cafe in Raleigh tonight. The show starts at 9 p.m.

## SUNDAY

Hoops for Hope, a cancer awareness event and fundraiser, will feature Pam Valvano Strasser and former N.C. State Student Body president Jenny Chang. The event will have a brunch and a silent auction in addition to the speakers. It will be held at the Brownstone Hotel at 10:30 a.m. All proceeds from this event will benefit The V Foundation for Cancer Research, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (Triangle Affiliate), The American Cancer Society, The Lance Armstrong Foundation and Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation. Later that day, the No. 25 women's basketball team will take on No. 1 Duke in Reynolds Coliseum at 1 p.m. It is the only regular-season meeting between the two rivals.

## TUESDAY

A campuswide welcome reception will be held for Chancellor James Oblinger and his wife, Dr. Diana G. Oblinger, in the Talley Student Center Ballroom at 4:30, following the General Faculty Meeting that begins at 3 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. The reception will conclude at 6 p.m. All members of the campus community are invited to attend.

## WEDNESDAY

The 13th annual career and internship fair for CHASS students will be held on this date in the Talley Student Center Ballroom from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The University of North Carolina As-

sociation of Student Governments will be hosting a "Students' Day at the Capitol" rally at the North Carolina General Assembly building on the Feb. 2 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

## THURSDAY

2005 Engineering Career Fair Sponsored by the N.C. State Engineers Council 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the McKimmon Center

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEB. 4-5 FROM 7 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

## Dance Marathon

Event benefits the Dollars for a Difference Children's Fund for the North Carolina Children's Hospital

## SATURDAY, FEB. 5

"Friends and Lovers," a play based on Eric Jerome Dickey's best-selling novel will show at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Shows will be at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

## MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FEB. 7-8

The Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) at North Carolina State University will hold the 20th annual Emerging Issues Forum, "My Health is Your Business: Making Healthcare Work in North Carolina," at the Jane S. McKimmon Center. Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, will be the keynote speaker Feb. 7.

## MONDAY, FEB. 21

Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade, change from credit to audit or change to credit only at the 400 level or below. TRACS closes for undergraduate drops at 5 p.m.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 26

Dancing with Wolves will host the 2005 Triangle Open, the Seventh annual amateur Dancesport competition, in Carmichael Gymnasium.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Priority fall deadline for financial aid filing students might qualify for need-based scholarships and grants, low-interest loans or work-study. Stop by 2016 Harris Hall or call 515.2421 for more information.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

## 1/25/05

## 10:55 A.M. | LARCENY

A staff member reported that someone entered her room in Witherspoon and stole a document camera.

## 9:46 P.M. | DRUG VIOLATION

Syme Hall staff called to report the possible odor of marijuana coming from a room. No odor of marijuana or smoke was detected in the room.

## 1/26/05

## 11:55 A.M. | TRAFFIC - STOP SIGN

A non-student was issued a citation for running a stop sign at Oval Drive and Main Campus Drive.

## 12:00 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP

A non-student was issued a citation for expired registration at the above license/registration checkpoint.

## 12:03 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP

A student was issued a citation for expired registration and no driver's license at the checkpoint. The vehicle was turned over to a licensed driver.

## 12:19 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP

A student was issued a citation for expired registration at the license/registration checkpoint.

## 2:11 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON/TRESPASS

Officers located a non-student in the campsite he had set up in the woods on Centennial Campus across from the Farmer's Market. All file checks came back negative. He was trespassing from Centennial Campus and told to break down his camp. He was cooperative throughout the encounter and said he would have a friend with a truck come help him remove his tent and belongings from the area.

## 6:17 A.M. | MEDICAL ASSIST

A student was passed out in the third floor restroom of Tucker Hall. She was checked by EMS but refused transport. She was referred to the University.

## 6:45 A.M. | DRUNK AND DISRUPTIVE/DRUG VIOLATION

A student was arrested during a search of Tucker Hall. He was arrested for being drunk and disruptive

and for possession of drugs. He was transported to jail and referred to the University.

## 10:19 P.M. | LARCENY

A student reported that her bicycle had been stolen from Avent Ferry Complex.

## 10:26 P.M. | TRAFFIC STOP - STOP SIGN VIOLATION

A student was issued a citation on Yarrowburgh Drive for a stop sign violation.

## 10:56 P.M. | NOISE DISTURBANCE

A student reported a noise disturbance at the Free Expression Tunnel. An officer spoke with members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, who were having a 'sleepout for the homeless.' They were advised to keep noise down. Everything was O.K.

## 11:37 P.M. | LICENSE/REGISTRATION CHECKPOINT

Officers conducted a license/registration checkpoint on Morrill Drive. Two verbal warnings were given.

## 11:41 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

A student reported a suspicious vehicle at E.S. King Village. Officers spoke to a student, a resident of E.S. King Village, who was just sitting in his friend's vehicle talking. Everything was O.K.

## 6:11 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT &lt;\$1000

A student and a non-student were involved in a traffic accident in Carmichael Lot. No report of injuries. The accident occurred on 1/25/05.

## 6:37 P.M. | MEDICAL INFORMATION

A staff member requested to speak with an on-call counselor in reference to an employee who had threatened suicide off campus. Contact was made with the counselor. Also, contact was made with Cary Police Department.

## 9:48 P.M. | TRAFFIC STOP - STOP SIGN VIOLATION

A student was issued a citation on Yarrowburgh Drive for a stop sign violation.

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But this kind of addiction doesn't apply just to married couples, Leahy said.

"College students are most susceptible to the evils of porn because of the developing thoughts and attitudes they are exposed to when they enter college," Leahy said.

Leahy attributed his ability to work his way through his addiction and back into his marriage and family to his strong faith.

This message gave hope to many who were in attendance, as the message and overall program received favorable reviews from students.

"It was a great program that will have a lot of impact on many students," Korey Hite, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, said. "This brings up a lot of questions for people that may not be brought up by themselves."

Anthony Walden, freshman in computer engineering, said he agreed that the program made quite an impact on many of the attendees.

"People are going to think twice about viewing porn again," Walden said. "His [Leahy's] testimony at the end did a lot for people looking for hope."

Others such as Bethany Hunt saw last night's event as an alternative to most mainstream views.

"It gave an alternative view that the majority of people may not have heard," Hunt said. "It was a counter-culture and counter-media kind of event."

Many of the students that attended said they knew



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Leahy says the country and its culture are on the verge of becoming a "Porn Nation."

what to expect, as they had been planning this event for a while as part of Campus Crusade for Christ.

"It was pretty much what I expected," Walden said. "But I was glad to see such a good turnout. I think the title of the event helped to draw such a large crowd."

Others also agreed that the title, "Porn Nation," made it a successful event.

Hite said she also knew what to expect going into the event but was pleasantly surprised by the amount of people that attended.

Leahy and the rest of his crew said they believe that the country and its culture are on the verge of becoming a Porn Nation, a belief that he said he is taking with him to other college campuses around the country.

A follow-up program will be held tonight at 8 at Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh, where Leahy will again talk about the maintenance of sexual purity and integrity.



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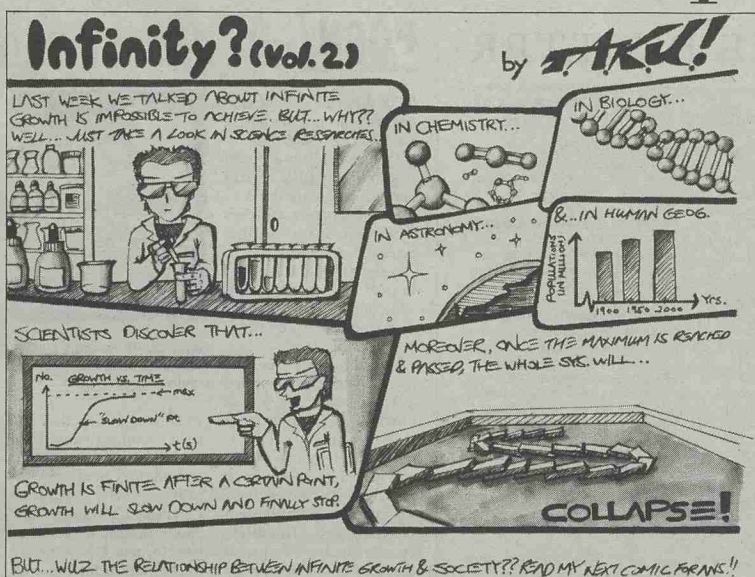
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# Viewpoint

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## Freedom of religion questioned

Last semester, I sat-in on a social deviance class here at N.C. State to hear a guest speaker. The speaker was John Kinlaw, an ex-convict



**Daniel Underwood**  
Staff Columnist

whose life had suddenly been turned around. The professor, invited John to address two of his classes so that they would hear first-hand from the type of person whose behavior they were studying. On the first day John delivered his speech, he outlined the crimes he had committed, the lifestyle he espoused, and the shocking turn of events that led ultimately to his apprehension. Everyone was on the edge of their seat listening to him describe countless nights when he and his accomplice would prowling rich neighborhoods, looking for houses to break into and rob. "Of-tentimes," said John, "we would hit several houses right beside each other, just bam, bam, bam." He was stealing TV's, stereos, credit cards, jewelry, and furniture. At one point his operations became so big he would have to carry all the furniture he had stolen in the back of an eighteen-wheeler! His life was a wreck; he had all the money and possessions he could ask for, but the burden of guilt and embarrassment he felt, left him internally in shambles.

One day, upon arrival at his mother's home, he was greeted by a small army of police cars. He was arrested and spent time a fair amount of time in jail. A lot happened to John after his arrest. The shame he brought upon himself and his family and the weight of all the pain and trouble he had caused his victims began to take its toll upon him. John determined within himself to make right all the wrongs he had done and to start anew. During his time in jail, John recounts, he began to read the Bible and was converted to Chris-

tianity. He claims to have found all the answers he had been searching for in Jesus Christ - this was, according to John, the power that resuscitated him. That was John's story.

The next day, before speaking to the second class, the professor pulled John aside in the hallway. "I want you to do me a favor, John," said the professor, "and not mention that person's name in my class today." There was no doubt as to whose name he was referring to - John knew he meant Jesus. Puzzled by the professor's polite yet unequivocal demand, John just said, "OK." The professor hurriedly told him that there were people in his class of different beliefs, and he didn't want to "offend" any of them.

So John gave the entire message over again to the second class, except that, when he got to the part about his changed life, he became very quiet and said, "I want to tell you about the person who changed my life, but I've been asked not to mention his name in this class." Afterwards, the professor and John shook hands and exchanged a cordial goodbye.

Was it fair for this professor to force John to discard a vital piece of the history of his life? I'm not asking "was it fair to John," but "was it fair to the students?" Presumably, in this course, they are interested in examining patterns and personal accounts of socially deviant behavior. Whether or not you believe what John does about Christianity is totally irrelevant. The fact is: John's religious experience is a factor in his changed life.

If you were an investigator at the scene of a freshly committed crime, and you asked a suspect, "Sir, can you tell me where you were at 8:00 this evening?" and he responded, "I was at church," or "I was praying to Allah," would you then say to him, "Sir, you'll have to ditch that religious stuff and stick to the facts?" Of course not, because anybody interested in getting at the truth wants to know

the whole story, straight from the horse's mouth (so to speak). This is especially true in the scientific process. After all, just what part of observation requires deliberately not looking at all the facts?

We as students should be on guard against religious bigotry that encumbers our learning. The most common form of religious bigotry in schools takes place when students or faculty are accosted for merely questioning the truthfulness of evolutionary theory. A boy named Jacob in a high school in Asheville, Virginia was called "ignorant" by a teacher because he raised one of evolution's scientific conundrums. Jacob said, "She told me she felt sorry for science teachers who have to cope with students like me."

Regardless of where we stand on these important issues, teachers have an obligation both to the scientific community and to their students not to obstruct the pursuit of knowledge simply because they disagree with us. And most professors honor this obligation.

My food science professor from last semester began his talk on evolution by stressing that what he tells us should not intrude upon our religious beliefs; he said, "science by definition cannot tell us about the supernatural." He then began relating to us what he saw in his own scientific assessment. This professor should be commended for his intellectual honesty.

Whether you are studying biology, chemistry, sociology, religion, or any other discipline, you, as a student, have a right to be given the facts openly and honestly. As a human, we all have a right not to be pushed aside, mocked, or silenced because our views are at odds with another person's. While professors deserve our respect in the classroom, I think we also deserve theirs. The progress of modern science and philosophy can only be impeded by religious bigotry.

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### TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## WHO WOULD HIJACK A ZAMBONI?

**OUR OPINION:** THE WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTORS AT THE RBC CENTER ARE EVIDENCE OF OVERREACTION AND IMPRACTICALITY. THE METAL DETECTORS ONLY CREATE AN ILLUSION OF SAFETY. ACTUAL SAFETY CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH MORE EFFICIENT MEANS.

When anything is thought of in terms of degrees or variation, there is never an end.

So when people want to feel safer, at what point do they actually become safe?

Well, the truth of the matter is that safety is often exchanged for hassle and inconvenience. Often, the illusion of safety is more important than actual safety.

The walk-through metal detectors at the RBC Center create an illusion of safety and have no practical purpose. The purpose of the detectors being there is basically out of sheer paranoia, because metal detectors have been around for a long time. If safety was an issue at the RBC Center, the detectors could have been put in years ago.

They were put in at the National Hockey League's request for the NHL draft last June. The Department of Homeland Security has since designated the RBC Center a "soft target area" for terrorism, mostly because up to 21,000 people can attend an event there.

So does this mean Carter-Finley Stadium should be required to these detectors and an alternative security plan? Because if 21,000 people can be considered a soft spot, then 55,000 people would definitely need attention.

But no one would ever see such a measure enforced at Carter-Finley, because it would be ridiculous to have every individual that walked through the gates take out their

keys, take off their watches and unload any other metallic item on their body before walking through the gates. That would create nothing but impatience, anxiety and frustration.

And do metal detectors actually make people safe? In reality, if someone wanted to do any drastic harm or attack on the RBC Center, it would not be with something that they could carry with them into a basketball game.

So before the K-9 units become regulars at the RBC Center, the detectors need to be pulled out. The security measures that were being taken in previous seasons were efficient and practical.

The wands that security could use to scan individuals is quicker and accomplishes the same thing that metal detectors do. Plus, people can scan individuals who are waiting in line so not everyone has to wait to go through the same security device. This would be even more efficient because more than one person can be scanning people.

Not to mention that the people who arm metal detectors do not do so for a living, like the people who work at airports. Thus, inefficient is created because not all are properly trained.

Simply put, walk-in metal detectors are only necessary at airports. This is simply an overreaction. Because before we know it, these things will show up at buildings across campus.

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## Make no mistake, race still matters at NCSU

Earlier this week, I was walking throughout campus passing out the Nubian Message to everyone I encountered. Why is it that white students and professors were the only people I encountered who said, "No thank you," when they received a newspaper? There were a few white students who threw the newspaper on the ground after I walked away. From this experience, I realized that in this year of 2005, race still matters.



**Johnathan Brunson**  
Staff Columnist

Other minorities in which I encountered were more sympathetic to the issue of African-American culture. I took this as an understanding we

all share on campus being minorities amid a majority. With this common makeup among the student population, minorities share an appreciation for each other's culture.

I began to think of this issue of "white privilege." Dictionary.com defines privilege as "a special advantage, immunity, permission, right or benefit granted to or enjoyed by an individual, class or caste."

Peggy McIntosh, associate director of the

Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, in her article "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" said, "I think whites are carefully taught not to recognize white privilege, as males are taught not to recognize male privilege."

I have come to see white privilege as an invisible package of unearned assets which I can count on cashing in each day, but about which I was "meant" to remain oblivious."

McIntosh traces the problem of white privilege back to the angle of history taught in schools.

"I can be sure that my children will be given curricular materials that testify to the existence of their race," she said.

Last semester, a white professor passionately told students, "The truth is white universities will most likely land you a prestigious job compared to going to a historically black college or university. It is a sad conclusion, but it is reality."

Educational statistics state that in college, 80 percent of a student's learning is on his or her own. Why is it that during my college experience, I have only been taught about African-American culture by African-American professors?

**"...most students and professors are not making an effort to be informed of African-American culture."**

I was given insight about the history of the Civil Rights Movement by a white professor last semester, but our learning was based on lectures which came from books and videos. This type of learning was informative, but African-American culture is not only in books and videos.

I, along with staff members from the Nubian Message, passed out newspapers to everyone simply because black history is not only for blacks, but for everyone. The Nubian Message is a newspaper in which honors black history, which is a significant part of American culture.

It is a sad fact that there are only 1,000 Nubian

Message newspapers circulated on this campus of 30,000. And that number doesn't include the faculty and employees at this University. Yet every week, there remain old editions of Nubian Message newspapers at their very distribution sites.

This informs me that most students and professors are not making an effort to be informed of African-American culture. With such a large number of people on this campus, there is no legitimate reason for Nubian Message newspapers to be left over in bins.

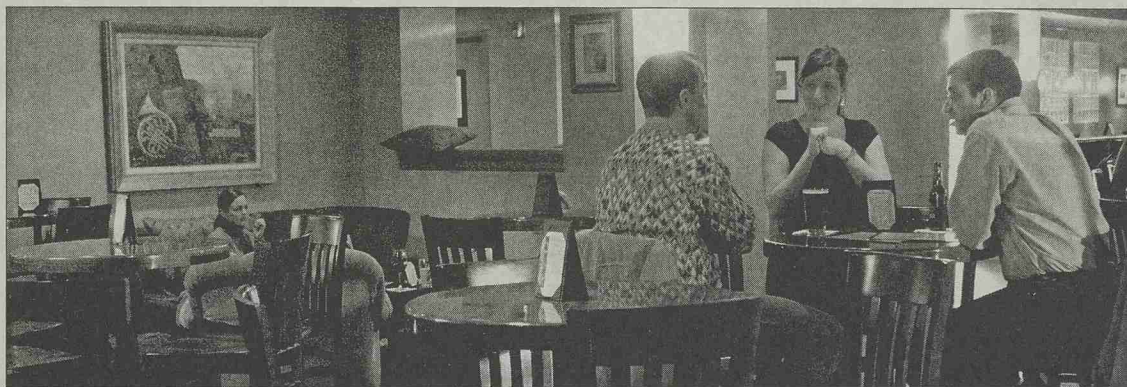
As we think about the month of February, it is important for us to understand that black history is not just about what school can put up the most Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman posters, but black history is a culture in which all of us as American citizens engage in on a daily basis.

For the many inventions made by African-Americans and the contribution made by the millions of Africans brought over to America whose blood, sweat and tears labored on America's soil, there is no room for "no thank you's," we all have plenty to be thankful for.

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## RAISING THE BAR



Blue Martini is located in the blue-light district of downtown Raleigh, across from Ri-Ra pub. The bar offers many specialty martinis and a jazzy atmosphere.

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# ...and all that jazz

THE BLUE MARTINI HOSTS  
LIVE JAZZ AND SHAKES  
SOME OF THE BEST  
MARTINIS AROUND

Ashley Hink  
Features Editor

The thumping music vibrating outside Blue Martini is a far cry from the usual bar base—the thumping isn't from Rap though... it's from Jazz.

Open since the summer of 2004 across from the popular Ri-Ra pub, Blue Martini has shaken things up with its twist on what music makes a good time.

Sophisticated by design and sound, this bar hosts live Jazz bands Thursday through Sunday night, sparing visitors from the usual Hip-Hop music found in bars and clubs just blocks away.

Even for those unfamiliar with Jazz, it's a relaxing and entertaining change.

Blue Martini, however, is about much more than the music. Beautifully decorated and designed, the atmosphere is welcoming for bar goers that simply want to relax.

Inside the tall windows lining West Street, colorful, contemporary art hangs on the walls and beautiful Italian lights hang over many of the tables to create a soft, if not romantic, light.

When not occupied by a band, the front lounge has an overstuffed couch and polka-dotted chairs for lounging.

While the number of comfortable seating options is scarce, tall steel tables, booths and hidden rooms to congregate around pack Blue Martini. In the summer, the best place to be is on the long patio, which offers rows of tables and tall chairs for those that like the summer heat and an escape from the sometimes smoky indoors.

Not easily accessible, however, is the bar. In a somewhat obscure shape and definitely too small, the bar area becomes jammed on busy nights and obtaining a drink is anything but easy.

If a mere beer is desired, the wait can be irritating. If wanting one of Blue



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**Blue Martini**  
116 N. West St.

**ATMOSPHERE:** Relaxed, sophisticated lounge  
**CROWD:** Young professionals, classy collegians  
**PRICES:** \$3+ for beer, \$6+ for martinis

Martini's specially-made martinis, then a few minutes of bumping elbows might be worth the time and price.

From classic cosmopolitans and green apple martinis to the rich chocolate mint kiss, Blue Martini has every martini lover covered.

However, don't expect to pay less than \$6 for the shaken drinks. For those only willing to hand over a few bucks for alcohol, the pints on tap like Bass are around \$3.50 and bottled domestics are \$3.

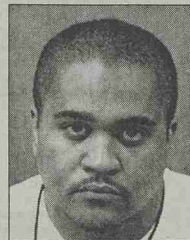
For all price-conscious students, there

are a number of weekly specials offered by the otherwise pricey bar. Monday night S.I.N. offers half-price martini and shot specials, Jager bombs are \$5 on Tuesdays, and starting at 8 p.m. on Sundays, an open Jazz jam is accompanied by \$2 Budweiser and Bud Light bottles.

While young professionals mostly frequent the Blue Martini—especially on weekdays, well-dressed college students surprisingly fill the snazzy bar on weekends. Even with the Jazz, classy atmosphere and pricey martinis, the environment is relaxed and welcoming rather than pretentious.

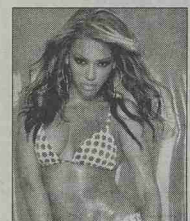
If looking for a bar to take a date, Blue Martini might be perfect. With tapas plates available until 2 a.m. and an undeniable romantic vibe, it is perfect to grab a drink with that special someone.

## On a side note



## GOTTI BE NOT GUILTY

Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo, CEO of the Inc. (Ja Rule, Ashanti), and his brother, Christopher, both pleaded not guilty to charges of laundering more than \$1 million in drug money through the label Wednesday in federal court in Brooklyn. According to charges, the Inc. was part of a crack and heroin business run by Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff and sustained by street assassinations. Witnesses have told authorities that McGriff had confessed to the 2001 killing of rapper E-Money Bags, and he is a suspect in the shooting of a possible informant one month later. The Queens Crack dealer was charged with murder and racketeering.



## BEYONCE WEARS HER OWN CLOTHES

Beyoncé Knowles is planning to release her own fashion collection. The Destiny's Child singer has signed a licensing agreement with the Tarrant Apparel Group to produce a line of apparel for young women. She named the House of Dereon collection after her grandmother Agnes Dereon, who worked as a seamstress. The fashions will "a mix of vintage things with contemporary things. It'll be fur with denim, classic with street," Beyoncé said. The collection also will include party dresses, sweaters and tailored jackets.



## CAT STEVENS RECORDS AGAIN

Yusuf Islam, the artist formally known as Cat Stevens, recently composed a new song, "Indian Ocean," about the Asian tsunami. The track is his first to include instruments since Islam began embracing Islam in 1977. He will be headlining a concert of local artists in Jakarta on Jan. 31 to help raise money for the tsunami relief.

## CALENDAR FOR TONIGHT

**Stewart Theatre:**  
All Them Rags: The Use of Textiles in the Theater @ 1 p.m.

**Campus Cinema:**  
Friday Night Lights @ 7 p.m.  
Maria Full of Grace @ 9:15 p.m.

**The Brewery:**  
Ozzmosis @ 10 p.m.

**Lincoln Theatre:**  
Squeezetoy, System Burned and Jason Adamo @ 9 p.m.

**Local 506:**  
International Orange, The Argument and Imperial Pints @ 10 p.m.

**Cat's Cradle:**  
The Arcade Fire and Final Fantasy @ 9:30 p.m.

**Pour House Music Hall:**  
Moonshine Still and Woodwork Roadshow @ 10 p.m.

## MOVIE TICKET

## Latest thriller should stay hidden

Jake Seaton

Arts & Entertainment Editor

It seems that horror films these days are just not catching the clue bus. Aliens are not scary anymore (*Signs*), nor are psycho killers (*Saw*) and the new *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and giant, man-eating creatures (*Anacondas*).

The most recent horror genre that distributors are playing out is the psychological thriller. Sure the first few films were pretty freaky, but after *Identity*, *The Cell*, and even *Psycho* and *The Shining*, enough is enough. I don't think there could be a plot twist that a writer could throw in that I haven't seen before.

Now, if we're talking about some really creepy horror films let's divulge in the topics of *Dawn of the Dead*, *House of 1000 Corpses* and *Das Experi-*

ment. But alas, we will not speak of real horror, it will be *Hide and Seek*.

*Hide and Seek* is the latest reincarnation of *The Shining*, which is reason enough that I did squirm a bit in my seat. But it's been done.

Emily Callaway (Dakota Fanning) recently lost her mother (Amy Irving) and her father, David Callaway (Robert De Niro), moves them to an older, rambling house in the woods in upstate New York to start a new life.

While in her new house, Emily secludes herself from all possible friendships outside of her friend Charlie. The problem is Charlie seems to be pointing the finger at David for the death of his wife. This leads to several violent acts by Charlie but David believes him to be merely a figment of Emily's imagination.

## Hide and Seek

**CAST:** Robert De Niro, Dakota Fanning, Elizabeth Shue  
**DIRECTOR:** John Polson  
**PLAYING AT:** Mission Valley, Crossroads, North Hills

★★★★☆

In this mass of cliché, plot is an abundance of horror clichés—including suspicious neighbors, an eerie sheriff, mutilated baby dolls, a dark door leading to an even darker basement, an imaginary friend and the vulnerable girlfriend.

But what makes things more ridiculous is people will fall for it! I certainly did.

What helps *Hide and Seek* shine is the film's star—not the weathered but well fermented Robert De Niro, but the young and character-agile Dakota Fanning. Next to Sean Penn in *I am Sam*, Fanning's perfor-



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mance should have received an Oscar nod. She has yet another impeccable and impressive performance in this otherwise drab horror. As Emily Callaway, Fanning captures and even perfects the character of an 11-year-old girl who has just lost a mother

with whom she was so close.

*Hide and Seek* works for its ability to still shock an audience even after its many psychological predecessors. However, the same audience allowed Wes Craven to release three installments of *Scream*.



# Sports

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## Wolfpack Weekend

### Don't miss: Wrestling

**Next Match:** Tonight vs. North Carolina, 7:30 at Reynolds Coliseum

State swept last year's two matches with Carolina, and the year before, they were swept by the Tar Heels. Both seasons, the winner of those matches has gone on to win the ACC title. The Pack is fresh off a victory at UNC-Greensboro, snapping its two-game losing streak. State will turn around after tonight's match and face No. 21 Navy on Saturday night, a bout that will be held at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh.

### Men's Tennis

**Next match:** Sunday vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, N.C. A&T

After a 4-0 start last weekend, the Pack looks to improve to 6-0 with two more home wins on Sunday at the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Complex. Freshman Nick Cavaday, who is starting at the No. 2 spot for State, took home the ACC Men's Tennis Performer of the Week honor for his effort last weekend. Overall, the team won a whopping 26 of 28 possible points over the weekend.

### Women's Tennis

**Next match:** Tomorrow vs. Appalachian State, Western Carolina

The women's team kicks off its home slate with a double-header against two in-state foes starting Saturday morning in the new J.W. Isenhour Tennis Complex. Last season the Pack went 7-12, 0-8 in the ACC but was ranked No. 71 overall for three of the last four weeks of the year.

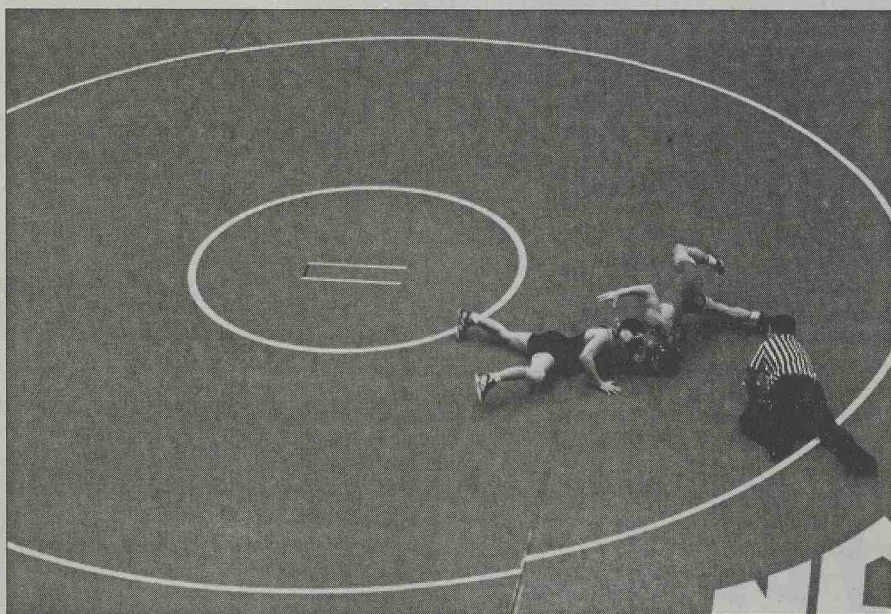
### Swimming & Diving

**Next meet:** Tomorrow at Clemson, Sunday Women's vs. Richmond

Both the men's and women's teams travel to Clemson tomorrow as the women compete in their last conference game before the ACC Championships. The women will finish up their season schedule on Sunday against the Richmond Spiders at 1 p.m. The men have one meet remaining against rival Carolina. The Championships start Feb. 15 and last through that weekend.

—COMPILED BY AUSTIN JOHNSON

## DOWN FOR THE COUNT



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Kody Hamrah fights to retain control over North Dakota State's Collin Kelly during Hamrah's 19-7 victory at 157 pounds during a bout at Reynolds Coliseum on Jan. 15. State will face arch rival North Carolina tonight, with both teams looking to gain control of the conference race with a victory.

## ZOLTON

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on starting her college career slowly.

"Early this year she should compete for us on bars and floor," Stevenson said.

Against Rutgers, Zolton scored a 9.425 on floor. But the biggest adjustment for Zolton

may have come after the meet, when the gymnasts signed autographs for fans. Zolton said she was surprised at the turnout for the event, not expecting to receive that kind of attention.

In her next meet at Denver, Zolton added the vault to her list of events.

"She seems to be doing pretty well; we're happy with how she

works and the energy level she puts into practices," Stevenson said.

Zolton and the rest of the team will look to make another step forward this Saturday night when it faces James Madison along with William & Mary at home in Reynolds Coliseum. The meet is set to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

## BBALL

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that was more important than this game [against Florida State] because we could have gotten to .500 in the league. But now we're 2-4 and playing like this."

A win over the Tigers will only be a building block, though. The Pack needs quality wins

over teams like North Carolina, Wake Forest and Georgia Tech to present a worthy resume to the NCAA Tournament Committee come March.

The Tigers are in a similar position. Clemson has struggled all season and is desperate for a win in the midst of a four-game ACC losing streak. But a win over the downward-spiraling Tigers would once again get the Pack

started in the right direction — a winning one.

"It's like when we win the game, we get relaxed," Grant said. "We were preseason ranked and we haven't done anything. We've got to win more than one game at a time."

We have to win so when NCAA selection comes we're gonna be one of those teams in the tournament."

## DUKE

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"I think we're going to have to take that [being ranked] and not just slack off," guard Marquette Dickens said. "That should make us work harder to stay ranked."

A win Sunday would mark the Pack's third straight victory over a ranked opponent. It would also push the Pack's ACC record to 5-2, good for second in the conference.

"It's big. We need it, we need it. And we're going to work hard to get it," forward Khadijah Whittington said. "If we get this game, I think we'll be just set."

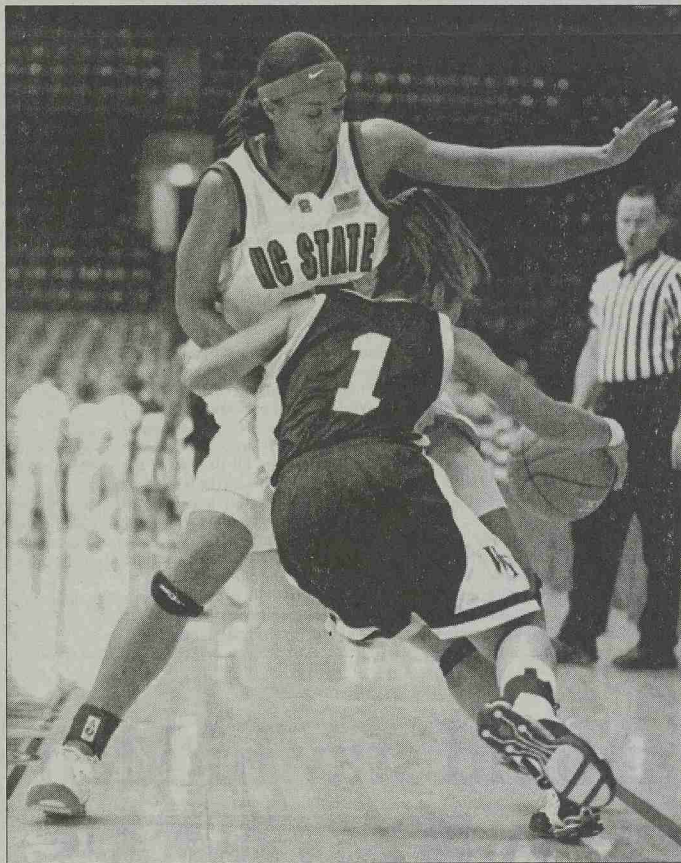
Yow said she hopes a win against Duke will build upon the respect already garnered by the team this year after the three straight wins.

"I think the team is earning a lot of respect right now, but of course, even greater respect every game we win now," Yow said. "A team that's been ranked in the top-five all year without a question would give us great credibility. It will be another step in our quest."

Sophomore Billie McDowell and junior transfer Tiffany Stansbury lead the team with 11 points per game, while Whittington is averaging over 12 points a game in conference play. Stansbury is also averaging more than seven rebounds per game in her first season with the Wolfpack.

Yow said that State has made remarkable strides in its last three games, all against ranked opponents, but Duke will provide a measuring stick for how far this team has progressed. Yow said the Devils are the conference's standard of competition.

"It will say a lot about how far we've come since the beginning of the season. Duke has been the standard the last few years," Yow said. "When you're going up against a team that's ranked in



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Ashley Key cuts off the drive of Wake Forest's Porche' Jones during State's first conference win this season.

the top five and it's been the standard for a while, it means a little more if you beat that team."

State will face their longtime rival only once this year because of the end of round-robin play — an effect stemming from last year's ACC expansion. Yow said the newly formatted schedule has been an adjustment, but the

veteran coach says the team has adjusted accordingly, just like any other challenge they have faced.

"I just try to go with the flow, accept change and move on. I've always done ACC basketball home and away. It's a hard concept," Yow said. "But this is the way that it is. When they added

Florida State, that was going to be the ninth team, and that was going to be something different. As time goes by, it just becomes normal. Boston College will come in next year, and it's just going to become the normal way. You miss it at first, but only time will help you adjust and accept it completely."

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Women's basketball vs. Duke, 1/30, 1  
Gymnastics vs. JMU, 1/29, 7  
Wrestling vs. North Carolina, 1/28, 7:30  
M. Tennis vs. La.-Lafayette, 1/30, 11 a.m.  
W. Tennis vs. App. State, 1/29, 11 a.m.

## Scores

No games scheduled.



## TECHNICIAN

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Wolfpack ready for battle against top-ranked Duke



Senior guard Kendra Bell looks to upset the No. 1 team in the nation on Sunday night, adding to State's three-game winning streak and increasing its momentum heading into the final month of play.

State to face Tobacco Road rival Sunday at Reynolds, hoping to avenge last year's two losses to the Blue Devils

Joe Overby  
Senior Staff Writer

Reynolds Coliseum remained quiet at a recent women's basketball practice.

The only noises heard over the hum of the air conditioner were basketballs bouncing against hardwood and coach Kay Yow calling out drills in her soft, Southern drawl. Such silence will not be the case Sunday, however, as Tobacco Road rival and top-ranked Duke comes to Reynolds for a tilt with the Wolfpack at 1 p.m.

Yow said she hopes the Old Barn is rocking.

"I feel like the fans are the sixth player. We need a strong and a big sixth player," Yow said. "It's going to be loud. I think it's going to be a tremendous college basketball atmosphere."

Two weeks ago when State faced North Carolina, the steel beams hanging above the rafters in Reynolds Coliseum shook. The house was filled to the brim with boisterous fans who came to show support for both Yow and the Wolfpack. Players said they expect a similar atmosphere Sunday, considering the in-state rivalry with the Blue Devils.

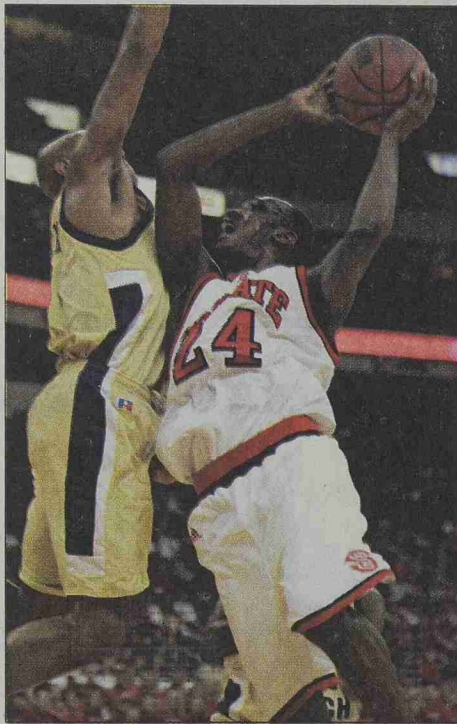
"It's going to be crazy," sophomore guard Ashley Key said. "I'm pretty sure it's going to be packed just like the UNC game, just because they are right down the road and are a ranked team. There's going to be a lot of energy."

Adding to the energy will be State's recent Associated Press ranking. State cracked the Top 25 this week after defeating two ranked opponents, Virginia Tech and Maryland, on the road last week. It marks the first time since December 2001 that the Wolfpack has been ranked. Players said the recognition inspires them to work even harder.

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Pack needs to play with 'sense of urgency'



Senior forward Julius Hodge tries to avoid the outstretched arms of Georgia Tech's Jarrett Jack in State's home win earlier this month.

N.C. State and Clemson have struggled in conference play heading into Saturday's showdown at Littlejohn Coliseum

Ryan Reynolds  
Deputy Sports Editor

Inconsistency has plagued N.C. State all season. Inconsistency with defense, scoring, free throws and, most importantly, wins.

The Wolfpack has yet to put together a two-game winning streak in the ACC. After defeating No. 22 Georgia Tech for its first ACC win, the Pack lost at Virginia Tech three days later.

State bounced back with a decisive win at Maryland that got Ilian Evtimov believing the Pack was back. But Florida State proved to be just another stumbling block in what has been a very up-and-down season.

"There should have been a sense of urgency a long time ago, but there hasn't been so far, and hope-

fully now it's going to show," Evtimov said. "We looked like we had a sense of urgency at Maryland. I think that was a statement, but a statement's not enough -- you just gotta do it over and over."

The Pack (12-7, 2-4 ACC) travels to Clemson (10-9, 1-6) on Saturday, with its postseason aspirations all but secure.

Last season when it traveled to Littlejohn Coliseum, State carried with it a five-game ACC winning streak. State had also just defeated No. 1 Duke and was one game out of first place in the ACC.

By the end of the night, State had just suffered through a dismal performance en route to its third loss in the ACC, but it still remained in the top tier of the league.

This season, with hopes slipping away after every loss, State finds itself in a must-win situation.

"It's more than important," freshman Gavin Grant said. "There wasn't a game I thought

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### GYMNASTICS

## Freshman looks to make mark

Heather Zolton is already competing for the team in bars, vault and on the floor.

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Staff Writer

Tucked away behind the courts where pick-up basketball games are commonplace, the gymnastics team practices in Carmichael Gymnasium. Sharing a room with a giant wall of fake rock, freshman Heather Zolton strives to perfect her bar routine for her first collegiate meet against Rutgers.

The practice paid off later that week when she scored 9.675 on the bars to place second overall in the meet. She said college competition differs from high school's because the focus is so much more on the team.

"In high school it's more individual, but college is all about the team and what's best for the team," she said. "I don't know much about the other teams or what to expect, but I'm more concerned about doing my best."

A native of New Port Richey, Fla., Zolton says that part of her decision to attend State was because she was looking for a group that she could work well with and could get along with easily.

Like the other members of the team, Zolton participates in various practice activities, including preparation, jogging and working with equipment similar to what is found at official meets. The practices are similar to actual meets in both effort and enthusiasm of the teammates.

"Zolton is a great listener, so if you give her a correction she'll work really hard to try," sophomore Rachel Katz said.

Like many other gymnasts, Zolton's career started at a young age. According to Zolton, her parents put her in a gymnastics program because she was very energetic as a child. She started performing at age three.

Zolton was a member of the club gymnastics program at River Ridge High School in New Port Richey.

She has placed twice in the top 20 in

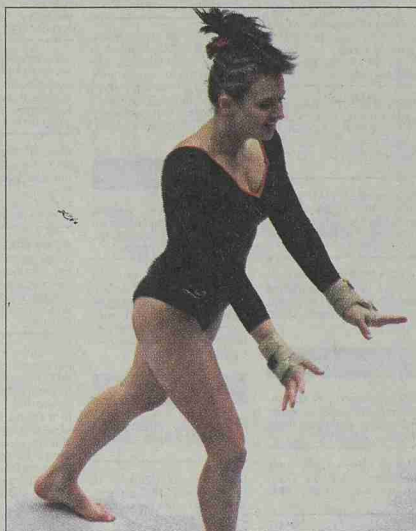
national high school meets. In 2003, she finished fifth, and in 2004 she finished in thirteenth place.

Club level gymnastics is considered to be at a more challenging level than varsity gymnastics, but Zolton recognizes an important difference in the sport on the college level.

Being on her own in college has also been something for her to adjust to as well. Zolton said those around her on the team have made the transition easier.

"The coaches and team really made me feel at home," Zolton said.

The freshman said she is looking forward to competing against some of the most powerful college programs in the country this season, as the Pack will travel to Berkeley, Georgia and North Carolina. However, she said she is not certain of what to expect from the athletes. Coach Mark Stevenson recognizes Zolton's talent but is planning



Heather Zolton performs on the floor against Rutgers.

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