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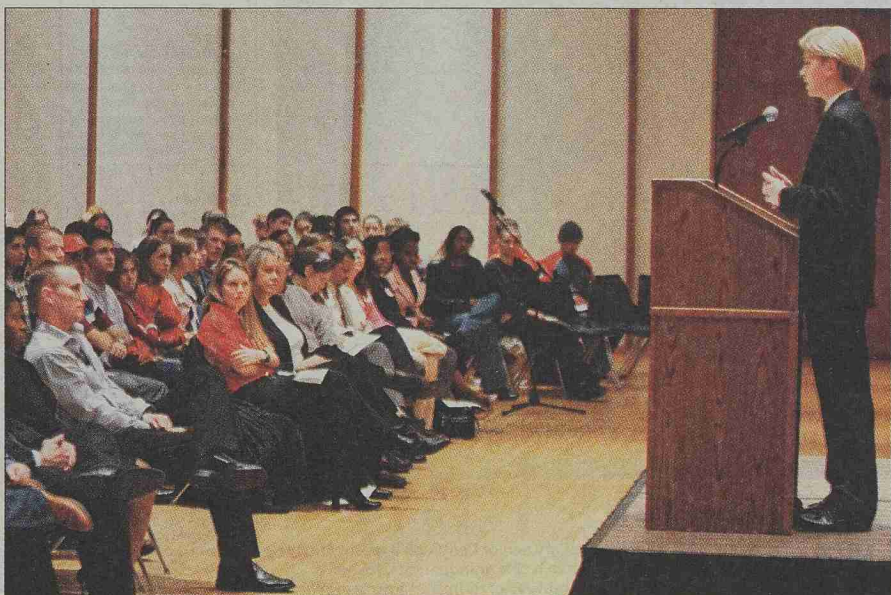
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Gregory Smith speaks last night in Talley Ballroom. Smith is a graduate student in mathematics at the University of Virginia.

15-year-old humanitarian advocates youth activism

AT THE AGE OF 15, GREGORY SMITH HAS ALREADY RECEIVED THREE NOMINATIONS FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Carie Windham
Staff Writer

As college students and faculty began to trickle down the aisles of the Talley Student Center Ballroom Monday night, two blonde-topped youth peered over their front-row chairs at the flags hanging in the back of the room.

"What's that one?" asked Dylan Kirby, 10, pointing a tiny finger toward a blue and white flag in the corner.

The young man beside him followed his gaze.

"That's the United Nations," he said. Satisfied, Dylan turned back in his seat.

Then, "What's the United Nations?" Gregory Smith, 15, lowered his head and, in a hushed voice, began, "The United Nations is a group of countries..."

His answer was textbook. What he didn't say, perhaps, was that just three years earlier, he had sat with other U.N. members as a delegate to a United Nations' special session on the rights of the child.

Smith, a preteen prodigy and three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, spoke to a capacity crowd Monday night in the Talley Student Center Ballroom as the Role Model Leaders' Forum honoree and keynote speaker.

Drawing on his own experiences as an

international youth advocate and humanitarian, he pleaded with students, faculty, and community members in attendance to be compassionate leaders and advocates for the lives of children around the world.

"Peace begins with children," he said, opening his speech, which discussed his own experiences and insights on topics from the importance of peaceful parenting to the formulation of a "corporate conscience" in business.

Throughout his hour-long speech, which audience members often responded to with shaking heads, his focus was children, both their needs and their potential.

"When I was very young and witnessed the video accounts of children suffering from disease or malnutrition, separated from their families or subjected to violence, I knew I had to act," he said. "I was just 7 years old then, but I was certain that there must be a way that I could make a difference."

Making a difference, he said, comes from parenting, education, advocacy and government commitments of more than just "pretty words."

"We must teach the children compassion, not hatred, and the sanctity of life," he said.

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Smith promotes proactive youth

Erin Welch
News Editor

Gregory Smith knew in kindergarten that he was a little different than the rest of his classmates.

"I really first realized it [that he was on an accelerated path] when I went to kindergarten where the other students were learning the alphabet or how to read and write," Smith said. "At that point I had been already doing some basic algebra and reading novels. I had been adding and subtracting back when I was one."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Stephenson retains post

Tyler Dukes
Deputy News Editor

Student Ticket Administrator Scott Stephenson was under fire Monday night following a request by Student Senate President Will Quick that called for his voluntary resignation from his position.

Quick submitted the request to the Campus Community Committee after confronting Stephenson Sunday night and asking for his resignation. When Stephenson refused, Quick forwarded the recommendation to the committee, charging that Stephenson's "negligence" contributed to an apparent culture of voucher theft.

Stephenson responded to the accusations by pointing out that although he did share some of the blame in the situation, he "had no part in the creation of this culture," which he said started before he took office as ticket administrator.

Although Chair Zach Adams, who introduced the motion, recognized that forcing Stephenson's resignation may not drastically improve the



Stephenson will remain Student Ticket Administrator.

situation, he stated that it might need to be done "more to address the student body's feeling toward Student Government."

The committee considered Quick's recommendation, but Adams withdrew the motion after the committee failed to offer any discussion in support of it.

Those present, however, offered arguments to the contrary.

"[Stephenson] has been very progressive this year," Sen. Forrest Hinton said. "He's definitely taken steps to improve the [voucher distribution] system."

Committee member Joe Sevits echoed the sentiment.

"The situation this year is not anything more drastic than any other year," Sevits said. "[Stephenson] could really benefit the Senate by staying around."

STUDENT LIFE

Duke Web site emulates eBay

Duke students created Dukebid.com as a means to buy and sell textbooks and other items

Joshua Bowes
Staff Writer

In light of eBay's success, Duke Student Government recently unveiled Dukebid.com, an online auctioning site emulating eBay. The site strives to alleviate added financial strain on the student body caused by inflated book prices by introducing competition for Duke's bookstores.

"As if we don't mind paying truck loads of dough for tuition, we get royally reamed by our bookstores," Ed Nakayama, a Duke senior in biology, said.

Many students, like Nakayama, are beginning to frequent Dukebid.com searching for a quick deal.

Aniel Lala, Duke Student Govern-

ment chief of staff, began brainstorming ideas for the Web site during the 2004 fall semester. Through the combined efforts of Pasha Majdi, Duke student body president, and a Web developer from England, the Web site was finished over winter break and launched soon thereafter.

Lala and Majdi did not anticipate the instant popularity of Dukebid.com.

After receiving more than 4,000 hits and 250 member registrations in the first few hours of operation, the overloaded servers simply turned off, leaving creators with the issue of extreme popularity to handle.

"We have upgraded our servers to handle this type of heavy traffic," Lala said. "There are more than 45,000 hits [total] and it currently receives between 2,000 and 5,000 hits daily."

Lala is hoping for continued suc-

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Trivia take to the bar

Students show off their knowledge with bar bills and pride at stake in local trivia games. See page 5.

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BLACK LEADERS ON CAMPUS | SECOND IN A WEEKLONG SERIES

Freshman ties culture, tradition to father

James Haskins' connection to the Civil Rights Movement guides his future

Erin Welch
News Editor

When James Haskins pulls up to a stoplight, he remembers his heritage. Patented in 1923, black inventor Garrett A. Morgan created the stoplight.

"If I don't give back to the people that came before me, [then] I turn my back on those who fought hard and died for me to be who I am today," Haskins said.

A freshman in political science, Haskins said his main inspiration came from his father, who was the president of the New Hanover County NAACP

chapter.

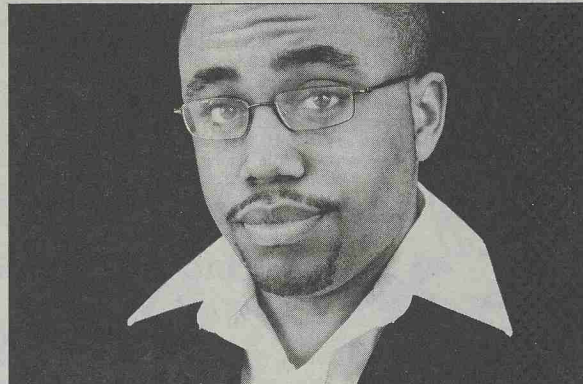
"He's been a person that's really instilled in me pride in who I am and where I come from," Haskins said. "When it comes to civil rights, especially when it comes to my culture, my dad has always been a strong component of keeping me in touch with...understanding where I come from."

Although Haskins said he cannot easily relate to his father's experiences with civil rights, he said he respects the lessons his father teaches.

"My dad is a person who has been through a lot in his life...he's spent his whole life focusing on civil rights," Haskins said. "He has been able to instill in me that these things happened to him so that I can be where I am today."

Haskins said it has always been in his na-

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A freshman senator, James E. O. Haskins II prepares for a future career in teaching.

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CALENDAR

TODAY

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.

TOMORROW

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 Association 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 p.m. at the McKimmon Center

The L. M. Clark Lecture, part of the African American Cultural Center's spring program, will take place with featured speaker and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Dr. David Levering Lewis in the center's Multipurpose Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Dance Marathon from 7 p.m. to 7 p.m. Event benefits the Dollars for a Difference Children's Fund for the North Carolina Children's Hospital

SATURDAY

"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 Triangles Open, the Seventh annual amateur Dancesport competition, in Carmichael Gymnasium.

Send all calendar and brief listings to news@technicianonline.com

NON-TRADITIONAL

Ray Black III documents the stories of non-traditional students every other Tuesday.

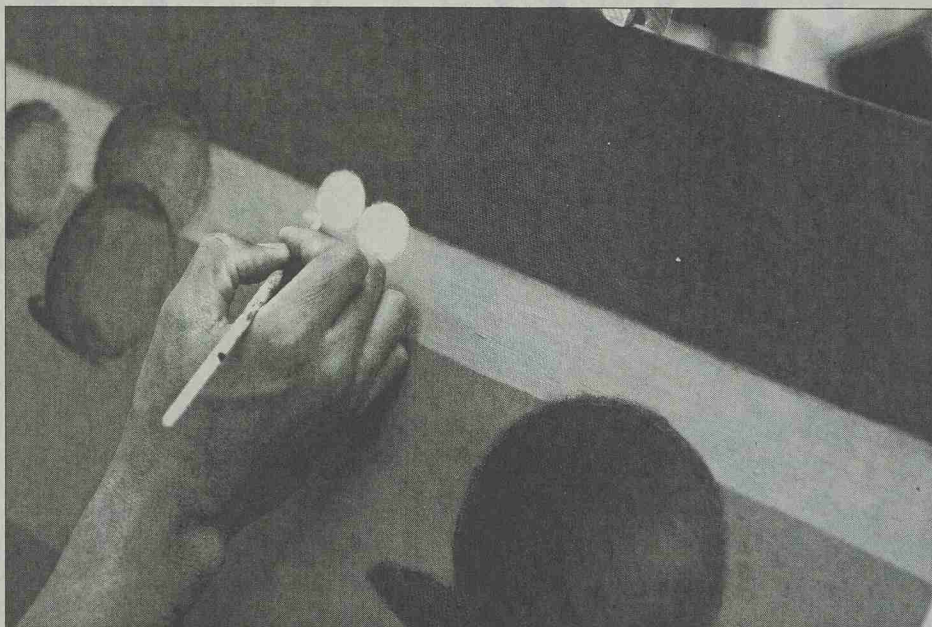


PHOTO BY RAY BLACK III

Jeremy Joyner works on an abstract painting during a weekly open art studio at the Cary Senior Center on a recent Friday afternoon. Working with a half-dozen of his fellow artists that were each old enough to be his grandparents, Joyner, a recent high-school graduate enrolled part-time at N.C. State, studies under the watchful eye of retired art instructor Winnie Ferguson. Ferguson invited Joyner to attend the art studio in an informal manner after he approached her for advice about a painting he entered in a high school art competition. The painting he's currently working on is "abstract, about cliques — how people get into their little groups. The big one is me, off to the side by itself."

IN THE KNOW

CULTURAL CENTER FORUMS BEGIN TODAY

The Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs is sponsoring a series of open forums for the campus community to meet candidates for the director of the African-American Cultural Center position. The forums are open to all students, faculty and staff. A complete listing of the dates, locations and times of the forums follows.

Today
Dr. Dwayne Mack
AACC room 375
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Friday
Dr. Lawrence Potter
AACC room 126
1:15-2:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 16
Janet Howard
AACC room 126
3-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 22
Dr. Fred Hord
AACC room 375
3:30-4:30 p.m.

ROADS TO CLOSE TODAY

CSX Railroad will be conducting rail maintenance today. 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 SATURDAY

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 afternoon classes
-Outside of Daniels Hall

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

APPROPRIATIONS SUBMISSION UNDERWAY

Student groups wishing to request spring appropriations can begin us-

ing 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:
-Today 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

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

POLICE BLOTTER

1/30/05

1:28 A.M.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

An officer found a non-student on the west side of the 219 Oberlin Road Building. The subject was taking shelter from rain and sleet. File checks came back negative, and the subject left the property.

9:33 A.M.

INFORMATION - POLICE

A student called to speak with an officer about an altercation she had on Saturday on Western Blvd with an unknown male subject. She stated she had blown her horn at the subject while traveling through campus because he had almost run into her.

9:33 A.M.

INFORMATION - POLICE

The student proceeded onto Western Blvd, where she attempted to turn onto Nazareth Road. The suspect pulled around her and blocked her in, then jumped out and started yelling at her. She called Raleigh Police at the time and filed a report.

9:48 A.M.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A staff member reported that someone damaged a cabinet lock in a room in Nelson Hall. There appeared to be no items taken from the cabinet.

2:53 P.M.

FIRE ALARM

Officers responded to a fire alarm at Doak Field House. The alarm was set off by a system malfunction. Electronics was notified.

3:19 P.M.

LARCENY

A non-student reported that someone stole her left front wheel and tire from her vehicle that was parked in the Pi Kappa Phi lot between 4 p.m. on Saturday and 3:10 p.m. on 1/30.

4:23 P.M.

MEDICAL ASSIST

A subject was transported by EMS to Rex Hospital after falling and twisting his ankle at Derr Track.

5:08 P.M.

FIRE ALARM

Officers and RFD responded to Sullivan Hall in reference to a fire alarm. The alarm was from a first floor pull station. It would not restore. Electronics was notified.

6:27 P.M.

VEHICLE B/E

A student reported that someone took the face plate from his car stereo while his vehicle was parked on Pullen Road at Gold Hall.

6:59 P.M.

INFORMATION - POLICE

Police received a call from an anonymous female saying she had suspect information about an incident which occurred last August on Hillsborough St involving a suspect with a gun and two victims. Information given to on-call investigator.

8:19 P.M.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON/TRESPASS/ARREST

A DH Hill staff member called reporting a subject he knew had been trespassing from DH Hill. An officer located the non-student. File checks indicated that the subject was trespassing from NCSU Campus in October 2004.

8:19 P.M.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON/TRESPASS/ARREST

The subject was arrested for trespass and transported to Wake County Jail.

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ture to be a leader, through being involved in high school student council and now being involved with Student Senate.

Hankins' decision to come to N.C. State was one partially focused on the diversity offered here.

"The problem with colleges and the problem with schools in general is that we focus Black History Month on black students," Hankins said. "Yes, it's extremely important for black students to understand black history, but at the same time, we have to make sure that other people — all kinds of students, no matter who they are — understand where the culture comes from."

Hankins said the root of the problem is simply not branching out and helping everyone understand the importance of black history and culture.

According to Hankins, N.C. State's population is comprised of "a lot of people that try to embrace the black community."

James E. O. Hankins II

BIRTHDAY: Dec. 7, 1985

EDUCATION: Freshman in political science with an education concentration NAACP in New Hanover County.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING BLACK COLLEGE STUDENTS TODAY: "Trying to get to the point where they can focus, where they can study. College, unlike high school, throws at you a lot of things, a whole new perspective of who you are. Some students of all races are not prepared for that, especially black students from poor communities don't have the resources to prepare. It's a problem of focus-focus on where you're going."

HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH: "I look over who came before me, who's been a leader in my country and state and world and I especially look at people I know personally and how they've influenced me in my life."

Hankins pointed out that at the same time, "there are those who don't understand the black community and don't understand where people come from."

Although he said black involvement in politics was not his main focus, he said it was a large concern of his, citing that the U.S. Senate only had one black member.

"I love politics, that is one arena that I'm very concerned about — black involvement in general," Hankins said.

"Some people make the mistake of thinking that after the laws are passed, everything is OK," Hankins said. "That's never true. Laws are always

passed. There are still people killed every day and there's a law against murder...so it's not that once a law is passed, everything is OK."

Hankins said it takes time for the community to come together and have a full understanding of each other.

Despite the time such changes may take, Hankins said he anxiously awaits the day when society regards black history not as a separate section or chapter in history, but as an intricate part of the history of the nation as a whole.

"I'm waiting for the day that black history is just a part of history," Hankins said.

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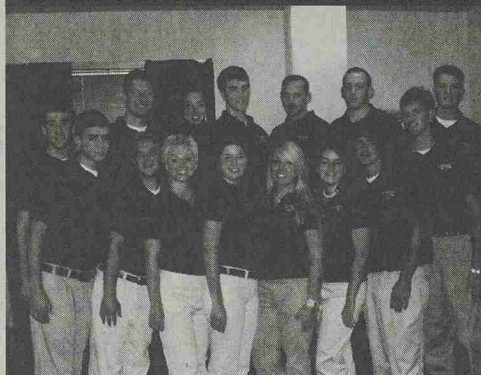
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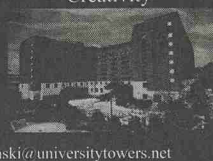
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* He said his own incredible life story is the result of passionate mentors and parents, challenging goals and taking advantage of his "gifts."

His vision is for all children around the world to share in his success.

"I know that I am a dreamer, an idealist," he said. "But the world needs idealists."

Smith detailed statistics and stories from his own travels about the plight of children around the world—about children without a library in Rwanda (which his foundation is now helping to build) or about unsafe drinking water in the Third World or the ravages of AIDS in Africa.

"I will help. I have pledged my life to this cause," he said. "How will you help? When will you help?"

"There really is only one choice," he said. "We must hear the cries of the students and answer their prayers."

Smith delivered his words with the polish and articulation of a skilled politician, only losing his step momentarily to field an audience question about his "marital status." He listed one of his long-term goals as claiming the United States presidency. The audience responded with their applause.

But some students found his words too polished.

"I was hoping [his speech] would be on a more personal level, and more directed to N.C. State," Emily Grimm, a sophomore in First Year College, said. "It sounded like he'd said it before."

Smith opened his speech with a short montage of clips and video from previous speeches and news shows. When he spoke Monday, he opened his speech with the same words featured in one clip.

Still, Grimm said she was glad she came. "I was inspired,"

Julie Brown echoed her sentiments.

"He's still an amazing kid," she said. "With a lot to tell."

Grimm came to hear Smith speak after learning about the event and Smith's biography from Phi Sigma Pi, a national honor fraternity on campus.

"It was really an inspiring story," she said.

A handful of students, including senior Subha Kolluru and junior Shannon Roten, lined up at the end of the event for autographs — often on ripped notebook paper — or photographs.

Roten, who got his business card as well, said she waited for an autograph because, "he's going to be famous."

Kolluru thinks he might be president.

Though most people in the crowd were at least three years older than Smith, he said he has no problem relating to the college-aged crowd.

"I really started bonding with high school-aged students when I was 7 so I got used to dealing with people who — at that point — were at least twice my age," he said. Going to college and graduate school, he said, has given him the chance to get to know college students on a one-on-one basis and find some common ground.

During his day at N.C. State, he also met with students at Centennial Campus Middle School.

"I'm very fortunate that everywhere I go across the country, I always try to make sure I get a chance to speak to the youth," he said. "Kids really have such amazing, interesting questions. They really want to know about the world and how they can help."

Besides connecting with local youth, Smith has another activity he typically does for speaking engagements.

In lieu of a fee, he asks his hosts to make a donation to a local youth advocacy group in their

community. In his honor, the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, and Public Service, made a \$3,000 donation to Wake Teen Medical Services.

According to Mike Giancola, director of CSLEPS, Smith was selected as part of the Division of Student Affairs diversity theme, which changes every year. This year's theme is ageism.

After the speech, Smith said ageism has become less of a problem as his academic reputation has spread but that it presented some problems early in his academic career.

"[Educators] didn't understand that I could go on to the next level academically," he said. His family eventually moved to Florida, where he took part in an accelerated curriculum that allowed him to complete entire grades at a faster level.

"What we agreed upon was that I had to prove myself at every level," he said.

In keeping with the theme, CSLEPS also honored 10-year-old Dylan Kirby with a Visionary Leadership Certificate at the start of the event.

Kirby, who wore shiny cowboy boots and sheepishly smiled and nodded during his introduction, raised more than \$10,000 to send children cancer survivors to Camp Happy Days after surviving his own battle with undifferentiated carcinoma, a rare disorder that affects less than one percent of children.

Giancola, who counts Kirby as family, held back tears during his presentation.

"You're not only my cousin, you're my hero," he said.

The Role Model Leaders' Forum is sponsored by Students Advocating for Youth, the College of Education, the Office of Extension and Engagement, University Housing, the Caldwell Programs, and the Women's Center.

Each year the forum honors a regional, national or international leader, for their commitment to leadership.

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Smith went on to finish grades 2 through 12 within the span of three years. He began college at age 10.

Smith, age 15, is currently a graduate student at the University of Virginia, majoring in mathematics.

"It's quite a challenge, but I'm loving every minute of it," Smith said.

His undergraduate degree was also in mathematics with additional minors in history and biology.

"What everyone really needs to try to do on their educational path is to search for challenges in the area they're interested in," Smith said. "It's not about finding the classes you can make an easy A in, it's finding classes that really interest you, that really can expand upon your potential as much as possible."

sible."

Smith has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for the past three years in a row for his work in founding the International Youth Advocates.

"It's just an incredible honor to be nominated alongside of them [other Nobel Peace Prize nominees]," Smith said. "It's an incredible, amazing chance that gives me an even greater opportunity to spread my message around the world," Smith said.

He said the program has outreaches in Canada, Ghana, Australia, Malaysia and the United States, among other locations.

Smith said the purpose of International Youth Advocates is to "promote the basic important ideas of living a life of moral values, like getting a good education, striving for promoting peace in our community and nonviolence."

"Basically it's to promote a way for youth to get involved in helping around the world," Smith said.

The program focuses on children in less-fortunate countries in various locations.

"It's so crucial that they [the children] have this opportunity, for they are our next generation, if we do not help them now, it will be a really difficult situation," Smith said.

Although interested in going into biomedical research in the future, Smith said he also had interests in political science and international relations.

Smith has appeared on Oprah, 60 Minutes, Late Night with David Letterman and The Today Show.

"Everyone has the power, no matter how young, [everyone] has the opportunity to bring about positive change," Smith said. "Imagine if every single person in our country took this initiative upon themselves, how much more, how much better our world would be."

"Every one of us has that possibility, has that chance to start working toward that goal."

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cess within the Duke student community. "If Dukebid.com continues to do well, then we want Duke administration to fully integrate Dukebid.com onto their servers so that it can be maintained by the University and be used in future classes."

Although N.C. State lacks an analogous site to Dukebid.com, Brentroad.com, an NCSU student community Web site, offers a forum in which students can post items for

sale.

"It makes no sense to pay the premium our bookstores charge; buying books and other merchandise online is much easier and substantially cheaper," Jackson Miller, a senior in political science, said.

Two former NCSU students started Brentroad.com as a way to exchange information about various aspects of student life, according to the Web site.

The increase in popularity sparked new features such as photo galleries, calendars, teacher evaluations and chat rooms.

With almost 20,000 registered users, Brentroad.com brings

buyers and sellers together, much like Dukebid.com.

"I bought two textbooks and a computer through on Brentroad.com," Miller said. "It was quick and easy. It also feels better to help out a fellow student."

Miller said he does not believe a Web site like Dukebid.com would work well for NCSU.

"We already have Brentroad.com, which is immensely popular and useful. Students can already create pseudo-auctions on Brentroad.com," Miller said.

"There just doesn't seem to be a need for an eBay at NCSU right now."

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Senior Cheryl Denning looks on as Matt Swing, a sophomore in civil engineering, and Jonathan Lai a senior in electrical/computer engineering listen as questions are asked for trivia at Sammy's Tap & Grill on Tuesday night. Lai stated, "We've come out the past couple weeks for trivia." Sammy's has trivia night on Tuesdays from 8 to 11 p.m.

Trivia jumps off board games and into bars

WITH BRAINS AND BAR BILLS AT STAKE, STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR KNOWLEDGE BY COMPETING IN TRIVIA CONTESTS AT LOCAL BARS AND RESTAURANTS

Kate Peters Bowra
Staff Writer

David Beck spent an evening with a friend at the Hibernian Restaurant and Pub and left that evening \$100 richer.

Beck, a senior in computer science, didn't stumble upon dumb luck—he simply tried his hand at bar trivia.

Trivia competitions are taking place just about any night of the week and bringing in crowds eager to outsmart their opponents.

The explosion of popular television game shows such as "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" has taken the gaming industry by storm. Not everyone can make the cut for television, so local trivia nights are giving the general public an opportunity to shine.

The Hibernian is located in Raleigh on Glenwood Avenue and hosts trivia competitions on Monday nights. The restaurant also has a location in Cary, which has trivia on Tuesday evenings.

"[The Hibernian] had 30 questions with three breaks throughout the game, so there was plenty of time to eat some dinner and have a few drinks while having fun. You could have as many people on your team as you wanted, so not too many of the questions stumped

my group," Beck said.

Most bars hosting trivia nights reward the top three individual players or teams with gift cards. On some occasions other companies affiliated with the bar will throw in logo T-shirts, key chains and other promotional items to those taking part in the game.

"It's nice to go out with some friends and not have to pay your tab at the end of the night. The questions widely ranged in difficulty and topic," Beck said.

Beck enjoyed his experience and thought that the event was handled fairly.

"[The game] was pretty well organized. You wrote down all the answers on paper, which were checked at the end—that way you didn't have to yell out answers. Things started promptly and lasted about two hours until the winner was announced."

Thomas Cullither, the Hibernian's head chef in Raleigh, is impressed with the turnout on trivia nights.

"During any given week for our trivia we have 20 to 50 people playing," said Cullither.

The student population is gaining strength in the trivia competitions.

Free prizes and an opportunity to break away from the daily grind of school and work provide for an environment free

of stress and worry.

At Sammy's Tap and Grill, trivia junkies fill the bar to capacity every week for Tuesday Trivia.

Jason Osborne, a senior in computer science, is an employee at Sammy's and gets to witness the fierce gaming competition when he is at work.

"Last week we had 18 teams. The actual number of players varies from week to week depending on school schedules and other events," said Osborne. "For the most part, our Tuesdays are packed with players and regulars."

An average, 80 to 100 players try their luck at answering questions to win gift certificates and have their evening paid for in full.

More often than not, trivia nights also bring special discounts on regular menu items to satisfy the players and onlookers for a moderate price.

"We have half-price pizzas and discounts on a number of drinks for our trivia nights," Heather Murphy, manager of Playmakers, said.

Playmakers, located on Hillsborough Street, runs trivia competitions on Wednesday nights. The evening is hosted by Willie Wright, a former football player for the N.C. State.

"Our game consists of six

Pick your night

A list of trivia nights at local bars

MONDAY: Jax
TUESDAY: Sammy's, Hibernian
WEDNESDAY: Playmaker's
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rounds with questions about general knowledge, music, movies and many others," said Murphy.

Special category requests are also an option at Playmakers. "We've had categories all about television shows like 'Friends' and even 'The Golden Girls.'"

Many restaurants and bars keep to general trivia to cater to the average player.

However, there are occasions where theme games on sports or cars are the only topic of the night. Web sites and calendars posted within the locations are generally maintained and updated often to keep gamers in the know and ready for the next round.

Trivia may not be for everyone, but it does make for a nice change every now and then.

"While I prefer to go to a club over playing trivia, it is some different and definitely better than watching the same thing again on television," Katie Phelan, a junior in English, said.

"The competition is tough. No one I knew came close to winning," Phelan added.

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When 'love' wasn't a thing

Ages ago, when we were young and innocent with our entire lives before us; love was plain and pure. It was a humble word,

so easy to say. Though we didn't really know what it meant we used it freely. "I love mommy. I love daddy. I love teddy and blanky and kitty and..."

Years went by, and even in middle and high school "love" was a word that passed rather freely from our lips.

"I love Brad Pitt. I love Matt Damon. I love Josh Harris, captain of the soccer team."

We loved someone different every week.

Then, somewhere between summer orientation and our first final exam, "love" suddenly took on a whole new meaning. God forbid you say it to anyone too early in a relationship, if at all.

People don't date anymore, they un-date, always in silent competition with our partner to see who can act like they care the least. We walk around like detached zombies, always hedging, always wondering if it's even all right to call them our boyfriend or girlfriend.

Nowadays when most people in relationships hear the word love, they turn tail and run for the horizon, screaming and pulling out their hair, tripping over small rocks and gopher holes.

Exposure to love, even just hearing someone else utter it second hand can have the following side-effects: nausea, shortness of breath, nervousness, anxiety, increased heartbeat, diarrhea, loss of appetite, itchy, watery eyes, sexual side-effects, dizziness and ultimately great feelings of loneliness in those who cannot handle the aforementioned symptoms.

Saying "I love you" at the wrong time is like saying the word "bomb" at the wrong time. Telling a dear friend that you've known and cared deeply about for quite some time that their new Chucks are "da bomb" can elicit feelings of warmth, happiness and joy. However, saying "BOMB!" to a security guard in an airport, for example, only provokes fear, chaos and can ultimately put an end to one's travels.

A friend of mine was at a party once, talking to some people, drinking some beer—all innocent enough. Then, she witnessed something truly horrifying. A girl standing next to her turned to the guy she had been dating for a couple months and said, "I just love—" Before the poor girl could complete the sentence this guy fell to the floor, writh-

ing in agony, seizures gripping his body. She just stared at him in total consternation and finished, "—your shirt." True story.

OK; that was a lie. This next story, however, is true.

In May of last year I was in a relationship with a guy who I was slowly realizing was completely wrong for me. He made me angry about something, and I was trying to decide whether or not to break it off using the surrounding circumstances as an excuse. I had a chat with his friend (also my friend at the time) to try to sort through the matter at hand. This friend says to me, "Come on, I know (name withheld) screwed up but you know he loves you." (Insert sound of squealing breaks here.)

For a moment I just looked at him like the neighborhood cat, who has suddenly found herself surrounded by little kids with sticks and butterfly nets. Then I blurted, "No, he doesn't!"

I liked this guy; why did the mere mention of love throw me into a tailspin? Why was my immediate reaction one of terror?

The friend fumbled, "I don't mean like that. You know what I'm saying—"

No use; it was too late. I was out of the relationship by the end of the day. No use wasting time, leading him on and all that. No sir, this was all for his sake.

One reason we are afraid of love could be because we're at that grand threshold between childhood and adulthood, and love represents a very grown-up emotion. Loving someone at this point often means marriage, and marriage means an end to keg parties, late-night chats with friends of the opposite sex and dating for sport.

A last possibility as to why we may fear love is this: Our generation exists in an age where science and technology make most aspects of our day-to-day lives extremely simple. Love represents a feeling so vast and intricate that it seems untouchable.

Still, others are afraid of love because it is human to fear the unknown. A guy friend told me outright that he was "afraid of love because he'd never had it."

For some people maybe it's just easier not to have it and all the complications that go along with it. Love requires time, commitment and hard work and disappointments abound.

But isn't love also wonderful when you find it with the right person?

Through all the blind-dates, drunken hook-ups and awkward chats with pretty girls and good-looking boys at parties, isn't love what we're really hoping for in the end?

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MOVIE TICKET

'Baby' worth its weight in gold

Million Dollar Baby

CAST: Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank
Director: Clint Eastwood
PLAYING AT: Crossroads 20, Raleigh Grande

★★★★★

Miles Snow

Senior Staff Writer

In *Million Dollar Baby*, Clint Eastwood plays Frankie Dunn, a great professional boxing trainer and cut man who has a reputation for over-protecting his fighters.

Because of this reputation, his fighters leave him to claim titles under managers who want to win the big money regardless of the fighters' personal safety. Dunn also has an estranged daughter who returns his weekly letters labeled "Return to Sender."

The unexpected happens when 31-year-old waitress Maggie Fitzgerald (Swank) approaches Dunn about her dream of being a boxer. Fitzgerald knows Dunn by reputation and she wants him to train her.

Dunn cuts her off by saying, "I don't train girls" and "girly tough ain't enough." But the ever-persistent Fitzgerald isn't shaken and she begins training at Dunn's gym where janitor and former fighter "Scrap-Iron" Dupris (Morgan Freeman) gives her boxing tips and nudges her in Dunn's direction whenever he can.

On her birthday a year later, Fitzgerald is still pounding away on the bags at Dunn's gym

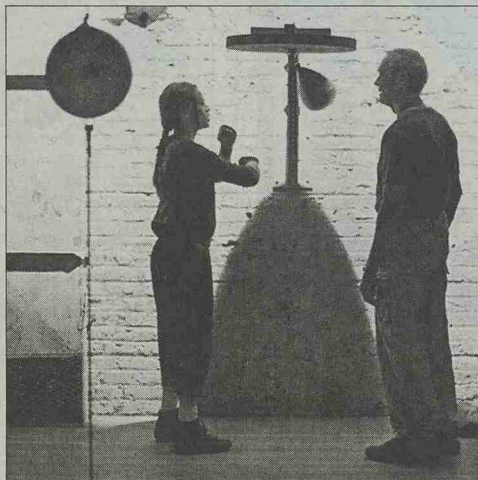


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 Hilary Swank and Clint Eastwood star in *Million Dollar Baby*.

when he finally breaks down and agrees to train her. With Dunn's help, Fitzgerald becomes a brilliant fighter knocking out the first few opponents she faces in the first round. Fitzgerald seems to be getting too good too fast and Dunn continuously worries for her and forms a bond with Fitzgerald that he never would have imagined.

The final third of the film, at the peak of Fitzgerald's success, the story suddenly takes a dark turn and veers into an unexpected direction only fully grasped at the end of the film.

Freeman and Swank are bril-

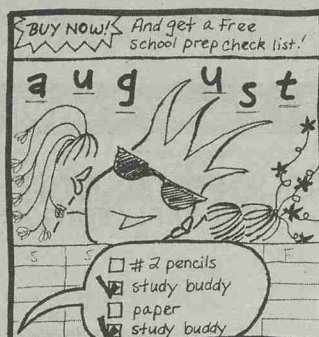
liant, as one would probably assume with this kind of material. The biggest surprise as far as the acting goes is Eastwood himself. He has never allowed himself to be this commanding or vulnerable on screen before. This film represents his finest hour.

Eastwood crafted a genuine crowd-pleaser here. Even though the "underdog going to the top" formula has been done to death, it still works.

The final third of this film proves that Eastwood did not make a good but familiar movie. He made a great one that no one saw coming.

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JOE

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Belichick wins.

Plain and simple, the Patriots' gipper knows how to build a winning team. He does so by commanding respect. His bosses respect him, and, more importantly, his players respect him. He advocates a no-nonsense policy on his team and players listen.

Belichick is a throwback to the tough coaches of yesterday, but his philosophy works. Many teams have tremendous talent but attitude problems get in the way (see: any team with Keyshawn Johnson or Randy Moss). Not the case with the Patriots. Players bought into Belichick's team-first motto,

and his stoicism and toughness pay dividends.

Team Unity

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In this "me-first" era of showboating, cell phone calls after touchdowns and crowd-moaning, the Pats are a breath of fresh air. New England is a self-described "team with no stars." The Patriots have forgotten the notion of individualism and play for one another.

Take Troy Brown, for instance. New England's secondary took quite a hit earlier this season with injuries. When

Belichick asked Brown to do double-duty and play both defensive back and wide receiver, Brown didn't hesitate to step up. Even the oft-troubled Corey Dillon has bought into the team-first attitude since coming to Foxboro. Since leaving behind his tantrum-filled years in Cincinnati, Dillon has reformed and had one of the best seasons of any running back in the league.

Nobody on this team moans over contract negotiations or playing time, they simply win. Players come to New England to be a part of a team that is unified like no other. Just like three Super Bowls in four years, such is a rarity in professional sports.

This dynasty most likely will not share the fates of the 1990s

Dallas Cowboys or the recent Los Angeles Lakers, whose dynasties were broken up prematurely due to poor relationships between players, coaches or management.

The Pats have hardly any free agents after the season, so the squad should remain intact. What's more, with such a healthy relationship between Belichick, owner Bob Kraft and the players, this team is far from any danger of falling apart. With a curse finally broken and a football dynasty here to stay, New Englanders won't be crying in their chowder any time soon.

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RUN

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"Cause we fast, man," he said. "It's crazy when I went to the state track meets in high school, all the speed that's there. I don't know how it all started; it's just like that in Texas, too."

Davis, Morgan, Jimmie Sutton III, Miguel Scott and Clark have been on a mission to get a more diverse population running in the future.

"I'm trying to flood the team with as many teammates as possible, just anyone that wants to run. I'll flood it with as many male sprinters as possible," Clark said.

The team's next meet will come Feb. 11 – the last meet before the ACC Championships, which are

the following week.

While Davis is using college track as a possible stepping stone to the next level in the Olympics, Clark had a dissimilar outlook, and would like to pursue a career solely in football if possible.

"I'd rather win an Olympic gold medal in the long jump – that'll take it. It's my best event. Track is an individual thing, it's a self-accomplishment, the Super Bowl is, too, but a gold medal would do it," Davis said.

Clark has other plans.

"I would definitely go with the Super Bowl, because football is what I do," Clark said. "A Super Bowl you can share with the whole team. Tampa Bay Bucs all the way – with my senior year coming up, hopefully they'll read this."

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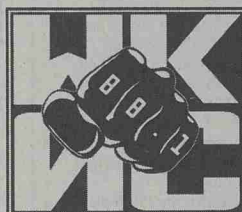
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Women's Tennis @ Louisville, 2/5, 2
Men's Tennis @ Yale, 2/4, 2:30
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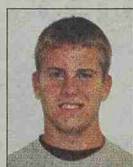


TECHNICIAN

COMMENTARY

Patriots this decade's dynasty

For the first time in eons, sports fans in New England have a reason to smile during their endless months of snow-fall. For starters, their beloved



Joe Overby
Deputy Sports Editor

Red Sox, previously the most heartbroken of perennial losers, finally ended the Bambino's curse and brought home a World Series trophy in November. Then, in what has become the surprise story of the year in college basketball, Boston College has jumped out to an 18-0 start and is ranked eighth in the latest AP poll.

But more importantly, the New England Patriots, once the NFL's most downtrodden franchise, now has the chance to become a dynasty. If the Patriots beat the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX on Sunday, they will have won three titles in four years. Only one other team, the Dallas Cowboys of the early 1990s, has done the same. With three Super Bowl titles and an NFL-record winning streak (21) over the past four years, the Patriots would fittingly be dubbed the dynasty of this decade.

The Patriots can credit their dynasty to three factors: a clutch quarterback who always finds a way to win, a stoic coach who commands respect and team unity uncommon in any other professional franchise.

The Clutch Quarterback

Dynasties start with a proven leader. The Cowboys had Troy Aikman, the 49ers had Joe Montana and the "Steel Curtain" Steelers had Terry Bradshaw. Under center for this decade's dynasty is an underdog turned clutch performer, Tom Brady.

Taken with the 199th pick in the 2000 NFL Draft, Brady has proven to be one of the biggest steals in draft history, selected with the intention of being an understudy to the veteran starter Drew Bledsoe.

Two seasons later, however, the then-24-year-old hoisted a Super Bowl MVP trophy over his head as he led New England to a victory over the favored St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI. Last season, all he did was lead the Patriots on a game-winning drive to secure a second Super Bowl trophy.

Brady's heroics earn him a second Super Bowl MVP award as well. Only three others have accomplished that feat: Montana, Bradshaw and Bart Starr. At age 27, he is the youngest quarterback to have won two Super Bowls as a starter and has placed himself among the elite.

The Stoic Coach

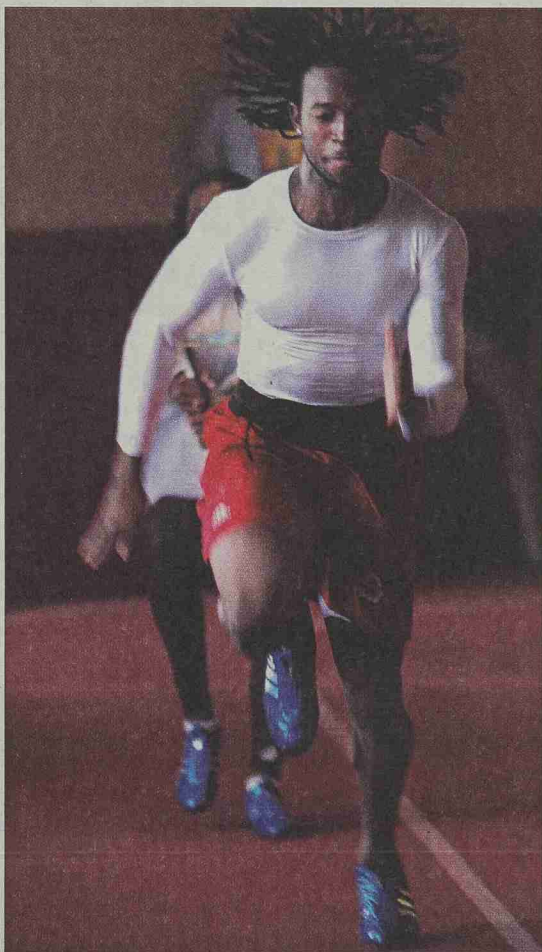
He doesn't smile. He rarely gives his team tremendous credit. And his stone-cold grimace could frighten the burliest of linemen. But Bill

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TRACK & FIELD

Running without the ball

FOR FIVE FOOTBALL PLAYERS, THE TIME BETWEEN THE LAST GAME AND THE START OF SPRING PRACTICE IS FILLED WITH ANOTHER SPORT— TRACK & FIELD



Freshman DaJuan Morgan practices his sprints at a recent indoor track practice. Morgan is one of five football players that run with the track team.

Andrew Tanker
Staff Writer

Brian Clark and A.J. Davis are well known for their talents on the football field, but during the offseason, they and three of their teammates run track in addition to regular football workouts.

"It's getting to be a trend. When we talk about track, they're like, 'man I want to run track next year,' and more and more are going to come out. Next time, we're going to be talking about 20 football players," sophomore cornerback A.J. Davis, said.

For some, track is second nature. Even on a football scholarship, track can be the favorite of the two sports, such as the case of Davis.

"Track is the main sport in my family; I only have two guys that played football. Track is a conversation piece in my house, that's all we talk about. Football comes later," Davis said. "I've been running track since I was 5 years old, so it was just something I've been doing all my life; it's kind of hard to stop doing."

Others did not have the same experience. Clark was forced to run starting in high school because he was told he was too slow to play the sports he wanted.

"In high school I started playing football and my position coach was talking to me and asking me what other sports I wanted to do and I said baseball and basketball. He was getting on me and saying 'you're too slow, you need to get faster.' He then talked to the principal who happened to be the track coach so I was forced to do it," Clark said. "Then I dedicated myself to doing it, found myself winning a lot of meets, so it became a second sport to me after that."

The athlete that was too slow now runs the fastest 60- and 200-meter dash on the team. Another wide receiver, Dajuan Morgan, has the second fastest time in the 200-meter dash on the team this season.

The benefits of running track are great for the players, the football team and the track team, players say. While the athletes get to stay competitive year round, and take pleasure in an enjoyable workout in addition to

the normal offseason training, the teams get faster, stronger and more durable athletes.

"It definitely helps out a lot because we're in need of short sprinters, and with the additions that we have, I'm already seeing some positive things happening," assistant track coach Terry Reese said. "With the football players we have coming out this year, it'll be a big boost to our program because in the past when we've had success, it's been due to football players coming out and running."

"The football players we have right now are going to compete for spots on the relay team, which is a marquee event. Last year we had a relay team with all football players that finished fourth. It'll make the team more competitive overall."

Though track might add extra work to player's already heavy time commitments, the athletes feel like the benefits are much outweighing the sacrifices, and are having a lot of fun along with the extra responsibility.

"It's just fun, it's just something you want to do," Davis said. "Don't do it just because 'oh, I want to do this,' do it because you like doing it. That's why I do it. I like competing, I like running track just as much as I like playing football, so it's not one specific reason why I do it, it's just because I want to do it."

Track is also a source of mental toughness. Many players are intimidated to run for fear of getting beat, but once running a sense of pride and satisfaction comes about.

"It was just intimidation. When I came out of high school, I was thinking I work hardest at football, it's what I do, then you go out there in someone else's area where track is what they do year round, you think 'I don't know if I can compete with them,' Clark said. "Football is 90 percent mental, so it's pride. You don't want to go out there and think you're the fastest guy on the football field, then you go out on the track and some guy beats you. That hurts you inside."

Despite the fact that track is a popular sport nationwide, four out of five athletes who run track and play football for State are from Florida.

Clark knows exactly why that is.

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WRESTLING

Pack's win typically foreshadows season

The Pack won in the Backyard Brawl against UNC, which is usually a sign of good things.

Michael Breedlove
Staff Writer

Kody Hamrah had heard about the marked rivalry between the North Carolina Tarheels and the Wolfpack. He had listened to head coach Carter Jordan preach the importance of this match.

He had overheard teammates express their detest for the powder-blue boys.

But he just didn't quite get it.

The New Jersey native had only been residing on Tobacco Road for a few months and couldn't fully comprehend the significance of a State-Carolina wrestling match.

"Hearing all the stories about the rivalry and how big this match is got me real pumped up. I just wanted to go out there and figure it out," Hamrah said.

He figured "it" out pretty quickly. Pinning his opponent in the first period, Hamrah helped propel the Pack to a 21-17 victory over the Heels.

Reynolds Coliseum was the site of the historic Backyard Brawl held on Friday night. Carolina jumped out to an

8-0 lead, only to have the State roar back with five consecutive wins.

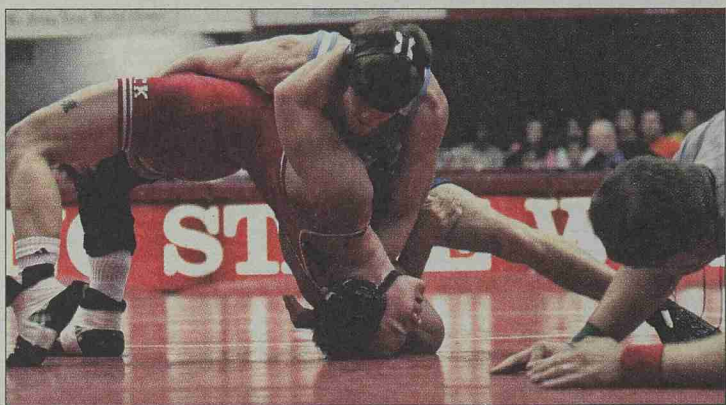
Playing the role of catalyst, Jeff Breesee used a late take down to start the rally for the Wolfpack. Alex Hernandez followed Breesee's lead, twisting and turning his way to an exciting 6-5 victory. Then it was Hamrah, whose relentless attack mode sent the reserved Reynolds Coliseum into an uproar.

At 165, the Pack's Ryan Nowicki literally saved his best for last, using a fierce hip-toss takedown to win the match in the final seven seconds.

The streak's finale came in the form of team leader Kevin Gabrielson. Battering his opponent the whole match, Gabrielson eventually worked his assailant into an inescapable position and picked up the pin. The pin pushed the Pack lead to 21-8, a margin too large for the Heels to overcome. As wrestler after wrestler picked up wins for State, the cheers of former coach Bob Guzzo could be heard echoing throughout the arena. Guzzo, who previously coached the wrestling team for 30 years, knows the importance of this match more than anyone.

"Well it's no secret that anytime UNC and State get together, it's very competitive and very spirited, but the battle nature of our sport might fuel it even more," Guzzo said.

Guzzo hinted then that the



NCSU 133-pounder Jeremy Hartrum is held to the mat by UNC All-American Evan Sola. Hartrum lost by a technical fall, but State still won the match against rival UNC 21-17 last Friday night.

winner of this match is usually in the driver's seat for the ACC championship.

"For the last thirty years, it's mostly been Carolina or us who's won it [the ACC Championship], so you can say this match doesn't mean anything, but it really does," Guzzo said. "It really points one team toward a conference championship."

Facts certainly back Guzzo's claims. Only twice since 1975 has a team other than State or Carolina taken home an ACC championship. The Pack's 12 ACC championships are topped only by Carolina's 16, and nearly every year, the team that isn't

crowned champion comes in a close second.

Guzzo wasn't the only coach excited about the victory. The Pack's current coach, Carter Jordan, was also visibly ecstatic after the match. A former walk-on wrestler for the Wolfpack from 1983-86, Jordan has been entrenched in the rivalry since his collegiate days.

"Anytime you beat Carolina," he paused, fumbling for words to match his wide-eyed grin, "It's just the greatest!"

Coach Jordan then calmed his elation and looked toward the future. Unique to other ACC matches, Carolina and State

will wrestle each other twice, adding yet another dimension in this historic rivalry.

"The implications of this match will be somewhat important, but we have to wrestle them one more time," Jordan said. "Sure we get another crack at them, but really, they get another crack at us."

His restraint was short-lived, as he shed the coach's cap and simply became a fan of his own team.

"Alumni all around the world are going to click on the Web site and see that we beat Carolina. It's going to bring a big smile to their face," Jordan said.

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