

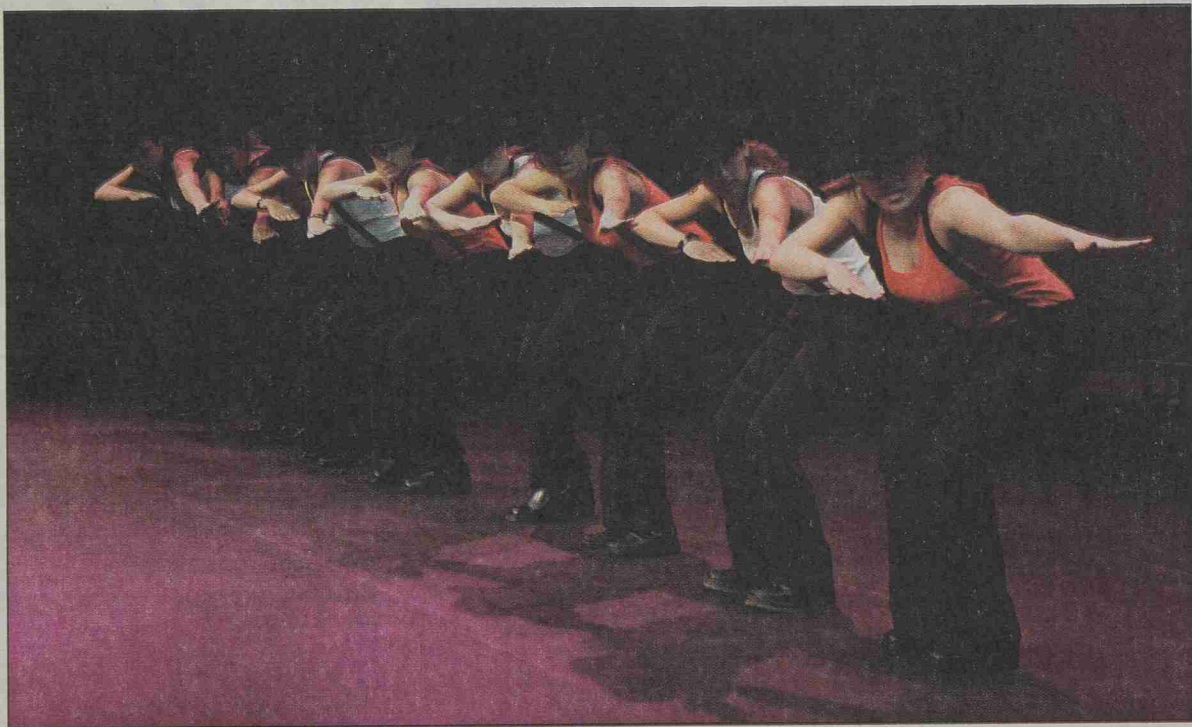
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STUDENT LIFE



The Lambda Pi Chi Sorority performs a step show to "La Negra Tiene Tumbao" by Celia Cruz at Somos Estrellas in Stewart Theater Wednesday night.

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America's dying dollar

The American dollar has been steadily decreasing in value over the past several years, affecting students, travelers

Stacy von Drehle
Staff Writer

Gardner Annas will be using her debit card and traveler's checks while studying abroad in Florence, Italy this summer.

Annas, a junior in communication, feels that the decreasing value of the dollar will not dramatically affect her experience abroad.

"Yes, I will have to save more money for the trip, but the great experiences, sites and shopping I can do will reap the benefits," Annas said.

The American dollar, compared to other currencies, has been noticeably dropping in value over the past several years, according to Thomas Grennes, professor of economics.

Especially when compared to the euro.

"The value of the dollar, adjusted for inflation in the United States and partner countries, has followed long swings that are related to relative inflation and international borrowing and lending," Grennes said.

Grennes said the dollar experienced an increasing trend from 1995 to its recent peak in 2002.

"[The U.S. dollar] has declined substantially since then," Grennes said.

To help students who are traveling abroad, officials from the Study Abroad Office suggest that students budget more dollars to cover their cost.

Ingrid Schmidt, director of study abroad, said she feels that the strength of foreign currencies will have an impact on students traveling.

"Luckily, N.C. State students can use their financial aid on study abroad programs, and the aid amount is based on the actual cost of participating in the program," Schmidt said.

The reasons for the currency exchange difference however, are a matter of opinion.

David Flath, professor of economics and director of graduate programs in economics, said Americans can expect nominal exchange rate movements if domestic rates of inflation differ.

"The low value of the dol-

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'Somos Estrellas' brings out the stars

James Scott Truax
Staff Writer

Building on a tradition that began last year, Latino student groups presented an evening of Hispanic dance, song, skits and poetry to an enthusiastic crowd at Stewart Theater in Talley Student Center on Wednesday night.

Spanish for "We are Stars," "Somos Estrellas" follows last year's program titled simply "Somos," (we are) and continues the theme developed last year.

"The idea was to pay tribute to Latin artists who have laid a foundation for music, dance and literature and for those who were influenced by those artists," Amanda Davila, a sophomore in zoology, said.

Two student groups, Mi Familia, and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, sponsored the event.

"The aim [of the event] is to give the community and student body insight into the artists who

influenced music and dance and thereby Hispanic culture," Joel Morales, a senior in electrical and computer engineering and President of SHPE said.

Gabby Rangel, a senior in communications and a member of Mi Familia, said she likes to participate in these events "to support my fellow Hispanic students."

"It's cool to show our culture to others," she added.

The program reflected the wide-ranging influences that comprise Hispanic culture. The evening began with a dance troupe and the performance of a song by Selena, a Mexican-American singer who popularized a crossover style of popular music that blended Latin music into mainstream American pop music.

Morales sang while playing Spanish guitar and was later joined in a duet by Tania Jones, a senior in chemistry.



Dancers from La Agrupacion de Danza de la Asociacion Peruana de Carolina del Norte perform La Conchaperla.

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FINANCIAL AID

Drug question could be removed from FAFSA form

Josh Harrell
Staff Writer

A question that has brought much controversy and surprise among students, educators and government officials could be removed from the FAFSA financial aid forms soon.

The question as to whether or not the applicant has had a previous drug conviction was recommended to be removed from the form by a congressionally appointed committee last week.

Many personnel and students agree that the question has become or should be irrelevant to receiving financial aid.

"Drug use shouldn't have anything to do with receiving financial aid because a guy could just be caught doing minor drugs once, gets caught and

gets kept out of college because he can't pay for it," freshman in chemical engineering Gabe Ramos said. "All because of one stupid mistake he made when he was 15."

The question does not specify a certain time limit for drug usage and many believe that it is not specific enough for an answer to be of any relevance.

"I do have a problem with it being on there, especially since there is no time limit," Student Legal Services Director Pam Gerace said. "For people that had messed up years before, it could really come back to haunt them."

The proposal was written up in 1998 by Rep. Mark Souder as a concern for those receiving financial aid who were involved with drugs.

There are those who see

Souder's point.

"It is kind of relevant because you get a refund check in the mail that is supposed to go for books or supplies, but instead you could buy drugs with that," freshman in design Rhonda Lewis said.

Individuals convicted of a drug charge are also required to attend a rehabilitation program, a fact which some say makes the question even more irrelevant.

"I do not think the question is fair, especially if the courts have already dealt with them," Director of Financial Aid Julie Rice Mallette said. "But some congressman thought it would be a good idea to add, and so there it was."

At N.C. State, the drug question has not been too much of a hindrance to receiving financial aid.

Most of the students who do answer "yes" go through a rehab program, or they are excused for other reasons.

"We have had the issue come up with several students," Gerace said. "Fortunately most of those issues dealt with drug paraphernalia, which slipped through the cracks because it didn't fit the category of the question."

The question of paraphernalia was not considered as part of the question as only a conviction of drug usage was on the form.

Many also wonder why people would answer "yes" when there is really no way of checking if someone had used them or not.

"The question was pretty irrelevant, because who is really going to answer yes, but I guess if you lie, they have ways of fig-

uring it out," Lewis said.

But according to Mallette, this isn't necessarily the case.

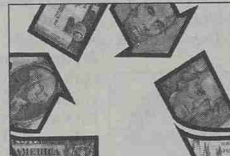
"There is no real database for the question of drug use like there is for social security numbers and felonies," said Mallette. "I often wonder how they check or if they would check when someone says no."

The fact that the question was on the form surprised many students.

"It kind of shocked me that it was up there, because it seems like if someone does answer 'yes' then they wouldn't be offered financial aid," freshman Lauren Leitner said.

"Even if someone had done drugs then they would still put no, because they have no way of checking that, unless you've been convicted."

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Future of Social Security

President Bush visits Raleigh today to discuss his Social Security reform. To get an in-depth look at the reform, see page 2.

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The future of Social Security

PRESIDENT BUSH'S PROPOSED SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM IS A HOTBED FOR DISCUSSION

STORY BY REBECCA HESLIN

Donovan Gromet would have skipped class today if it weren't for an anthropology test.

"If it was just a normal class, I'd definitely be downtown protesting Bush's visit," Gromet, a sophomore in physics, said. Bush will be in Raleigh today as part of a nationwide tour to promote his proposed privatization of Social Security.

The current Social Security system works as a pay-as-you-go program — meaning that today's taxpayers are largely responsible for supplying the benefits of today's retirees.

President Bush is currently pushing for the "need of wise and effective reform" to the current version of "one of America's most important institutions" as a package of retirement, disability and survivors' insurances alike — a program which has provided economic security to Americans for nearly 70 years.

"There is a reason the safest investment you can make is in the government and that is because the government never goes bad on a loan from its people," Jessie Mendez, a junior in

political science and vice president of College Democrats, said. "These are not 'gradual changes,' they are abrupt endings to 70 years of policy that has given financial security to seniors and also has been criticized by Republicans ever since it was born."

According to Robert Clark, a professor of economics, there are three broad principles of change involved in Bush's proposed privatization — there will be no increase in the payroll tax, no changes will occur for those 55 years or older and there will be the installment of voluntary personal accounts.

"This would allow for personal choice in the issue of retirement and social security as well as the ability of the citizen

to make more money in private investments than in the government Social Security system," Rachel Collins, a sophomore in political science and president of College Republicans, said.

The flourish of political debate recently grew after Bush proposed his new budget, because it did not include any allowance for the cost of overhauling Social Security. Also stirring more debate is the Congressional Budget Office's Jan. 31 report that notes the current system will be paying out more money in benefits than it takes in as taxes in 2020 — a year that falls two years later than originally predicted.

Clark said he agrees that the current system is "financially unstable," and

Franki Senter, interim director of University payroll, suggested an explanation for the anxiety over this decrepitude.

"Given the instability of the investment market over recent years, people are afraid that it [the Social Security funding] is going to run out of money," Senter said. "Potentially, the student base we have now could be the sole and original recipients of this change."

Creating the 'nest egg'

Bush's proposals outline the need for the allowance of younger workers to put away a portion of their Social Security taxes into a voluntary personal account.

"Your money will grow, over time, at a greater rate than anything the current system can deliver — and your account will provide money for retirement over and above the check you will receive from Social Security," Bush explained in his State of the Union address. "Best of all, the money in the account is yours, and the government can never take it away."

According to the Social Security Administration, Social Security is fi-

nanced through a payroll tax. Employers and employees currently each pay 6.2 percent of wages up to the taxable maximum of \$90,000 in 2005.

The creation of personal accounts would work much like a 401(k) plan — up to 4 percent of taxes, or up to \$1,000 annually, could be diverted into personal accounts.

Funding the 'beast'

Several large questions still loom about the privatization of Social Security, including the details and flexibility of the personal accounts and funding this potentially massive transition. The financial needs of the first 10 years alone under privatization could reach \$2 trillion.

"There is a need for more money in the transition to individual accounts because you have to have more money to divert into the system," Clark said. "It's fundamentally changing the benefits from guaranteed to one that is subject to market fluctuation."

Both Coe and Clark agreed that the

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Current system needs changes, or we'll pay for it

No one doubts that the problems facing Social Security today need to be addressed.

The sooner the problem is addressed, the more options today's young workers will have when it comes to funding their retirement. Due to the elimination of a party balance in Congress, legislation is able to move more freely through the government without a debate of valid cost-benefit analysis and options. Researching other options may be harder than ever today because of two political persuasion tools the Bush administration has mastered: how to use fear and how to convert words to make them sound less controversial or more harmful.

The word "crisis" that is being used does not adequately describe the situation today. When you hear that word, it should trigger an alarm that you are being fooled as you have been before.

In 2042 if nothing is done, we will

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

PULLING WOOL OVER THE COUNTRY'S EYES

OUR OPINION: THE CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM IS NOT A CRISIS, NOR IS IT IN IMMINENT DANGER OF COLLAPSING. PRESIDENT BUSH NEEDS TO USE REALISTIC, GENERALLY-ACCEPTED NUMBERS WHEN DRAFTING HIS PLAN OF SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM. WE HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT ALL THE OPTIONS TO KEEP SOCIAL SECURITY GOING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt created Social Security as part of his New Deal program to bring the country out of the shadow of the Great Depression. The program is designed for workers to pay into a nationwide pool, then receive payouts once they retire. The program has been in place for 70 years and has been faithfully paying out to the nation's retired people, despite the many attempts of Congress and the executive branch to raid the trust fund.

Now, cashing in on his political capital, President George W. Bush is embarking on a crusade to reform Social Security, saying the program will collapse in the near future and will not be available for the next generation of workers. He is touring the country, selling his plan to reform, including a stop in Raleigh today at the BTI Center.

President Bush does have a point: Social Security is an old system that needs to evolve to meet the demands of the Baby Boomers and the generation entering the workforce right now.

But, just like he misled the country about weapons of mass destruction, Bush has launched a massive campaign of misinformation to support his idea that Social Security

needs to be privatized.

Contrary to what he says, however, Social Security is not in a crisis.

Bush wants to partially privatize Social Security by setting up "personal retirement accounts" and giving retirees the option of diverting money into those. In order to continue paying the current benefits out to seniors, the government would have to borrow money — some estimates have it as high as \$1 trillion.

Giving people choice with money is a good idea, but let's take a reality check here.

Right now, the government is massively in debt. We've spent \$160 billion dollars to bomb — and then rebuild — Iraq. President Bush has submitted a budget that has \$135 billion in cuts from essential government programs, including Medicaid and prevention programs. Yet, he wants to make his tax cuts permanent and reduce the national debt by half in six years.

The United States is already in debt. We do not need to borrow more money and go deeper in debt because President Bush is showboating for his "mandate."

Social Security will not go bankrupt until 2050, according to the Social Security Administration. We have plenty of time to look at options about modernizing the elder program.

But, much like he BS-ed Iraq, President Bush is really shooting the horse hockey about Social Security.

The bottom line is if you are young and want money to live off of when you retire, start saving in an individual retirement account as soon as possible.

Plan of action should be based on partial privatization

Social Security is on everyone's mind these days. Whether you love it, hate it or just think it needs to be changed, the suggestions of President Bush during the State of the Union

Address affect you.

Bush stated that Social Security was "a great moral success of the 20th Century" but that it "is in need of wise and effective reform." I have to agree with him.

People are living longer and the proportion of working-age people to retirees is grossly unbalanced. Benefits are scheduled to rise and people are drawing benefits longer. The pool of workers paying into the system to support these retirees is not enough to continue this support into the future.

President Bush described the problem well when he stated, "Instead of sixteen workers paying in for every

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Jessie Mendez
Guest Columnist

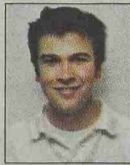


Rachel Collins
Guest Columnist

COMMENTARY

Tie-dying
to know

My memories of Wake Forest and venerable Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum run deep.



Ryan Reynolds
Deputy Sports Editor

I rocked a Demon Deacon golf club headcover on my 3-wood after I attended Wake Forest golf camp. I went to all the Wake Forest-N.C.

State football and basketball games as a younger lad, because I lived 20 minutes away. I witnessed Pack guard C. C. Harrison nail a game-winning 3-pointer – actually his foot was on the line, but the refs didn't call it – that defeated a Tim Duncan-led Deacons team that boasted a No. 2 ranking.

But my memories of last year's Pack victory in Winston-Salem are blurred. My eyes were too distracted by something I hadn't seen since going to the flea market back in 1991 – ugly, hideous tie-dyed shirts.

How can Wake Forest fans know as much about fashion as Billy Madison's nemesis Eric Gordon knows about business ethics?

I had to find out where this terrible idea to create tie-dyed black and gold shirts originated. And more importantly, why fans wear them.

A good starting point had to be the AI Gore-invented Internet. I infiltrated the Wake Forest chat room on accboards.com, using "tiedye-wakey82" as my handle.

After making a post asking for the origin of the tie-dye shirts, I received some positive feedback that got me one step closer to finding out the real truth. One board user told me the idea came from former Wake assistant coach Chris Mack, who is now with Xavier. Others informed me that the Deacs got the idea from the Wisconsin student section who refer to themselves as the "Grateful Red."

But I needed more. Too many questions were still left unanswered. That led me to my next stop, which consisted of scrolling through old high school acquaintances on thefacebook.com. One showed up that particularly got my attention – a guy I knew from East Forsyth nicknamed Rooster, now a senior at Wake Forest. Rooster came off as a tie-dye aficionado with his depth of knowledge on the subject.

"Two years ago before the triple-overtime game against Duke, they handed out the shirts for students to wear to the game," he said. "They called it 'Tie-Dye Night.'"

Now the Screamin' Demons, a group similar to the Student Wolfpack Club, gives out tie-dye Wake Forest T-shirts to anyone who joins the club. They require Screamin' Demons who attend games to wear them. What's even more disturbing is the fact that this tie-dye phenomenon is spreading amongst the ACC.

"When I went up to watch the Deacs play in Charlottesville, some of their [Virginia] fans had on tie-dye shirts," Rooster said. "They need to get their own style. Something that's original like this has to stay with us."

Original, eh? I guarantee not even Wisconsin students wear those white shirts everyone had in pre-school. You know, the ones that were white with black outlines and could be colored with magic marker. Now that would be original – not to mention very fashionable.

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TRICKS
OF THE
TRADE

Fans wave a Bulgarian flag at the RBC Center, a tribute to Evtimov's native country.

ILIAN EVTIMOV ISN'T THE MOST ATHLETICALLY GIFTED PLAYER ON THE N.C. STATE ROSTER, BUT HE JUST MIGHT HAVE THE BIGGEST BAG OF TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE.

Austin Johnson
Sports Editor

No one saw it.

All they saw was the ball bounce off a player's knee and go out of bounds. That's all the referee saw as he signaled N.C. State ball.

But Ilian Evtimov knows – the hand is quicker than the eye.

"When someone penetrates, instead of watching him go by you maybe give him a little push in the back," Evtimov said. "The referee won't see you because he is going that way anyway."

Evtimov calls them tricks, and for good reason. They are moves that are designed for refs to overlook, fans to ignore and to give opposing players one more thing to think about.

They don't always work, but when the junior forward can pull one off, it's worth the risk.

"When it works, even though nobody sees it, I know the reason why they did that is I pushed them," Evtimov said. "In the back of my mind, I'm smiling."

The tricks are part of his game. It's a meshing of his European upbringing in the sport and the necessity that comes from not being the most athletic player. Coach Herb Sendek said he makes up for his lack of athletic ability in other ways on the court.

"He's somebody who has to rely on his basketball IQ and his savvy," Sendek said. "He's not the tallest, or the quickest or the fastest. He doesn't jump the highest. He has some physical limitations he has to make up for with intelligence and heart."

Coaches don't teach most of the tricks to him. They come from his family and from playing basketball in France and Bulgaria as a kid.

On rebounding, for example, Evtimov will sometimes simply grab a guy's arm and pull him down to keep him from getting to the ball. His logic – maybe he can't get to it, but he can keep someone else from getting the rebound as well. To Evtimov, that's just as good as getting the board himself.

"I don't jump as high, but I do have some tricks I learned in



Junior Ilian Evtimov battles in mid-air for a loose ball during the Wolfpack's win over Georgia Tech.

Europe," Evtimov said. "Some of my moves are not the moves you see from most players."

Fitting the system

With the ball in his hands, Evtimov's tricks become a little more noticeable.

At 6-foot-7, he often plays in the post against bigger players. To compensate for the height difference, Evtimov developed a hook shot that he calls "old school" to be able to shoot over defenders on the inside.

Then there is the scoop shot he displayed earlier in the season.

An odd-looking move to the casual observer, it's something between a lay-up and the old "granny shot" approach younger players take. Not that it's ever been about style points with Evtimov.

"People don't expect that," Evtimov said. "Most people don't think about it."

One shot people have learned to expect from the Bulgarian native is the 3-pointer.

In State's heartbreaking loss to Vanderbilt last season in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Evtimov scored 28

points including five shots from behind the arc.

This season he's third on the team with 27 made 3-point shots. Evtimov admits he enjoys the way he causes mismatches for the other team.

"I love to shoot the 3, even if I'm playing center," Evtimov said. "The other team has no choice but to put their center on me, and maybe they are not comfortable with guarding that far out."

Sendek said he had an idea about how his offense might shape out when he was recruit-

No. 3 Ilian Evtimov

VITALS: 6-7, 232

YEAR: Junior

BIRTHDAY: March 12, 1985

HOMETOWN: Winston-Salem

CAREER HIGH: 28 points against Vanderbilt in the 2004 NCAA Tournament

NOTES: Both his father Ilija and brother Vasco play or played professionally in Europe... Born in Bulgaria but spent most of youth in France... Nicknamed "Shoush," a term of endearment in Bulgarian... Speaks four languages – Bulgarian, French, English and Spanish... Majoring in communication

ing Evtimov, but that there was no certainty at the time. Luckily, his greatest playing strengths were things that would make him a perfect match for the offense.

"He certainly fits the system very well," Sendek said.

The one asset that has made the junior so valuable over the years within the context of the offense has been his ability to pass.

All in the family

From the high-post spot, Evtimov is able to find cutters for easy lay-ups. It's a skill he attributes to learning from his older brother.

"When I was younger, and I was watching him play, he was a great passer," Evtimov said. "I used to think he was Magic Johnson. I just saw how beautiful passes can be."

Vasco Evtimov now plays for Casa de San Fernando in Seville, Spain. He led the team and league in rebounding last season.

Three inches shorter and six years younger than his brother, it was hard for Ilian not to look up to Vasco when the two were growing up.

When Vasco went to North Carolina in 1996, it only made sense that Ilian would go to a school in the same area. The rivalry part never mattered to the two.

"He was kind of like my mentor," Evtimov said. "My dad

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N.C. State Wolfpack (13-9, 3-6 ACC)

VS.

No. 6 Wake Forest Demon Deacons (19-3, 7-2)

Wake keys to the game

GRAB THE LEAD EARLY

State is in the midst of a disappointing season. If Wake gets a decent-sized lead early, the Pack could start looking at each other with a "hear we go again" look on their faces. You don't win many games carrying that look.

OUT-QUICK THE PACK

The Deacons have the talent level that will allow them to out-pace State in the same way Carolina did one week before. That job starts with Chris Paul, who is contending for national player of the year honors.

CHALLENGE SHOOTERS

The Pack may not have shown it recently, but it has plenty of players capable of making a 3-pointer. Wake's big men need to be comfortable with the idea of coming out to guard State's forwards.

Top storylines

WAKE'S QUEST FOR CHARLOTTE

Three teams in the ACC have a legitimate shot at a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament – Wake Forest, Carolina and Duke. But playing the first two rounds of the tourney in their home state is the even greater reward.

Down the stretch, it will be those three that fight it out for the right to play in what basically becomes a home arena. Wake trails Carolina by one game in the ACC standings, but beat the Tar Heels and Duke earlier this season. Losing to a bottom-tier team like the Pack is a good way to start losing the battle for the Queen City.

THE FALL OF THE PACK

No one picked State to win the conference, but few expected it to be tied for ninth in early February. Since December, the team has been on a downward spiral that hasn't stopped. It started in New York, but appeared to boil over at home against Virginia, the last-place team in the ACC.

Looking back and wondering what in the world happened isn't the solution, though. It could take State winning out the rest of the regular season to grab any sort of at-large NCAA Tournament bid. A win against Wake Forest is where the daunting uphill climb has to start.

NCSU keys to the game

ATTACK THE GLASS

Rebounds have cost the team wins all season long, with Saturday's loss another glaring example. State needs to box out in defense and stop all those second-chance points to be successful.

RUN THE OFFENSE

Tony Bethel reminded everyone that backdoor cuts are actually an integral part of the offense State runs. Now if everyone else on the team takes notice and makes crisper cuts, the Pack will be able to get a few easy baskets.

PREVENT PENETRATION

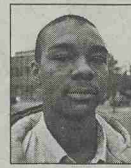
Another simple problem that the Wolfpack needs to fix to reverse its backward plummet. Keeping the opposition from getting in the lane makes it harder for them to find open shots in Sendek's man-to-man defense.

OVERHEARD
BY RAY BLACK IIIWill N.C. State make the
NCAA Tournament?

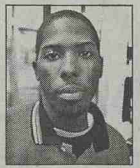
"I don't know much about the basketball team."
Cortney Herring
So. Biological Sciences



"Probably not. There's no momentum, and they're not playing as a team. I doubt they'll make it."
Tyler Phillips
Fr. FYC



"Very, very small. Still haven't gotten to play well together yet because of injuries. They have to win the ACC Tourney to get it."
Cedric Pickett
So. FYC



"They can do it if they start winning on the road."
Tim Farrar
So. Political Science

Around the ACC**Standings**

	CONF.		ALL		Next game
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Duke	8	2	18	2	at Maryland, 2/12
North Carolina	8	2	19	3	at UCONN, 2/13
Wake Forest	7	2	19	3	vs. NCSU, Today
Georgia Tech	5	5	14	7	vs. NCSU, 2/13
Maryland	5	5	17	7	vs. Maryland, 2/12
Miami	5	4	14	7	at Clemson, 2/12
Virginia Tech	5	5	12	9	at Virginia, 2/12
Virginia	4	7	13	9	vs. Virginia Tech, 2/12
N.C. State	3	6	13	9	at Wake Forest, Today
Florida State	3	8	11	13	at Wake Forest, 2/12
Clemson	2	8	11	11	vs. Miami, 2/12

TUESDAY'S RESULT

Georgia Tech 70, Clemson 62

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTSVirginia 56, Florida State 55
Duke 71, North Carolina 70**Quote of the week**

"I felt like a chump, like someone hit me with an air punch, and I'm out. I'm thinking, 'What an idiot, and I know I'm going to get it from my daughters and my wife. They have so much ammunition on me.'"

- Coach Mike Krzyzewski on his collapse during the Blue Devils game against Georgia Tech on Saturday

Thumbs up**The greatest rivalry in college sports:**

It may not have been the track meet many were expecting, but Duke's 71-70 win over North Carolina delivered all the excitement of the best rivalry in college sports. The Tar Heels had a chance to get the last shot but Rashad McCants fumbled the ball out of bounds to end the game. Appropriately, Carolina gets its chance at revenge on its home court later in the season.

Thumbs down**Middle of the pack:**

The ACC was supposed to be the toughest league in the nation, but the middle of the conference hasn't held up its end of the bargain. Spots 4-10 in the standings are full of disappointing cases - Maryland, Georgia Tech and State were all in the top-25 of the AP poll to start the season, but none of them are currently ranked.

Individual League Leaders

Through Feb. 8.

ScoringJ.J. Redick, Duke 22.8
Guillermo Diaz, Miami 18.8
Julius Hodge, NCSU 17.7**Rebounds**Shelden Williams, Duke 11.8
Sean May, UNC 9.4
Elton Brown, UVa 9.0**Assists**Raymond Felton, UNC 7.2
Chris Paul, WFU 6.6
John Gilchrist, Md. 5.6**Steals**Jamon Gordon, VT 2.5
Carlos Dixon, VT 2.2
Vernon Hamilton, Clemson 2.2**Blocks**Shelden Williams, Duke 3.7
Anthony King, Miami 3.2
Luke Schenscher, GT 2.3**FG percentage**Steve Allen, Clemson .643
Eric Williams, WFU .638
Ra'Sean Dickey, GT .629**FT percentage**J.J. Redick, Duke .932
Chris McCray, Md. .922
Marvin Williams, UNC .888

-AUSTIN JOHNSON

Bennerman set to return against Deacs

Junior Cameron Bennerman, who has missed the last four games with a strained ligament in his elbow, is expected to play tonight coach Herb Sendek said Wednesday. Bennerman was averaging 10.3 points per game before his injury, the second best mark on the team. His 3-point shooting percentage of .423 still leads the Wolfpack.

According to Sendek, he has been practicing with the team this week.

"It's been great to have him back together with us in practice, and he's been working hard," Sendek said. "He's an important player for us. When he went out, he was our second leading scorer."

Sendek said Bennerman is able to do ev-

erything, but is still somewhat limited by the injury. He will wear a special sleeve on his arm for the Wake Forest game.

"He has a brace-like structure on his arm," Sendek said. "I don't think he has the ability to have full extension yet."

-AUSTIN JOHNSON

EVTIMOV

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taught us a lot of things, but I was always looking up to my brother."

The scoop shot is one of the lessons his brother taught him during the offseason.

The elder Evtimov had a very persuasive way of getting his message across in their younger days.

"When we would play basketball, like 2-on-2 or 3-on-3, and I'm messing up he will just start yelling at me," Evtimov said. "He has a deep voice and he's 6-10 - it's pretty intimidating."

The two still play a little 1-on-1 with each other in the offseason. For Evtimov, it becomes a measuring stick for his own abilities.

He can't beat his brother yet, but that doesn't stop him from trying.

"He's always like a competition, a goal for me to achieve," Evtimov said.

Setbacks and losses

Here we go again.

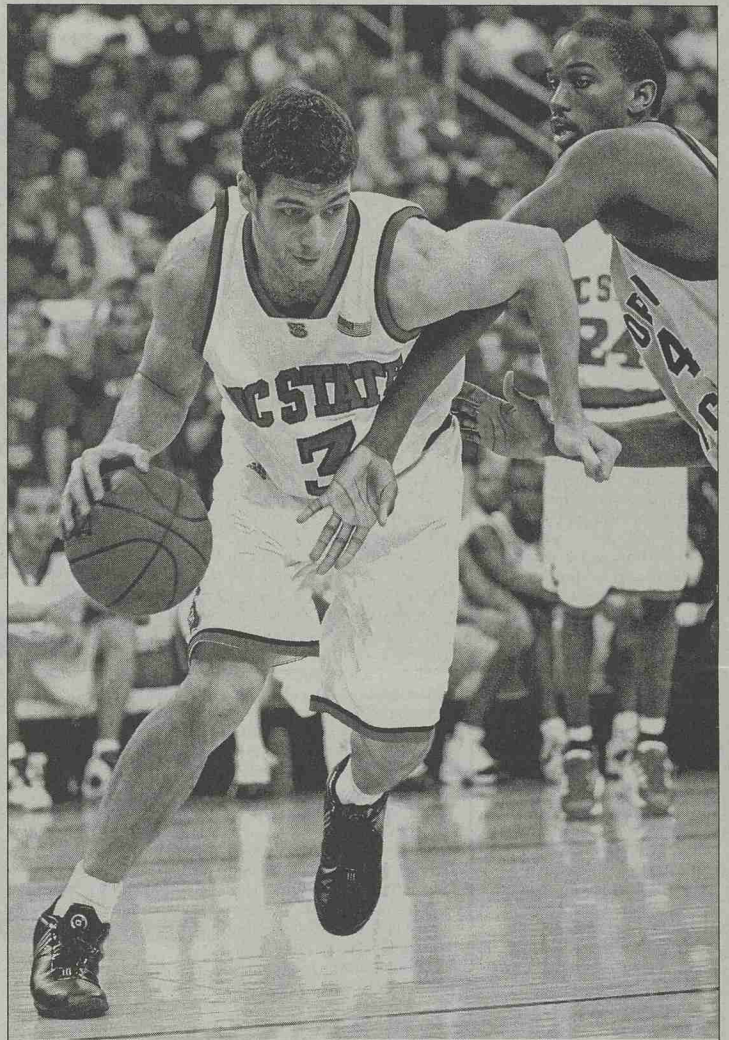
It passed through Evtimov's mind when he went down with a knee injury this past summer. The injury forced him to redshirt his sophomore year because of an ACL tear he suffered during an exhibition game, when he fell awkwardly coming down for a rebound and had to be helped off the court.

The doctors said his torn lateral meniscus wasn't nearly as bad, though, and that he would be back in a month. That was before the setbacks.

"I started having some swelling problems," Evtimov said. "When they went back in there, they saw I had cartilage damage that wasn't there the first time."

One month quickly became two, two became three; soon the season was starting, and Evtimov still wasn't playing. When he did get back, it took more time to get him back in the flow of playing.

"It's always hard when you come back from not playing for three or four months," Evtimov said. "You try to do some motions, and your body doesn't



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Ilian Evtimov has had two separate knee surgeries during his career at State. The first one, an ACL tear, forced him to redshirt his entire sophomore season and his next one cost him the early part of this year.

respond like it used to because it hasn't done it in so long."

But Evtimov seemed to be at full strength by January, when he had big games against Miami and Maryland on the road. But his scoring has dropped as State's downward spiral has continued.

While Evtimov has struggled recently with his shot (just

2-of-13 from the floor in the last two games), his team has struggled all season. After the Virginia game on Saturday, he had trouble sleeping for several days.

Evtimov, though, doesn't deal with the stress like most of his teammates.

"I'm sure most of the guys play video games," Evtimov said. "I

play them once in a while, but I don't really have time."

Instead, the junior went on a few walks to clear his mind and refocus.

On Monday, when the temperatures shot into the 60s, he walked around campus with his girlfriend.

Just another trick he's learned along the way.

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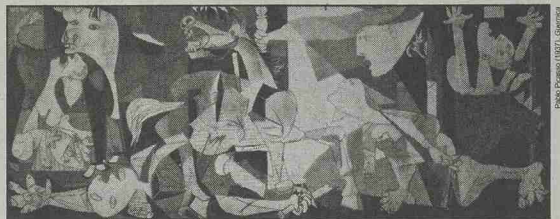
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privatization would have no effect on the overall funding problem.

"That is what's misleading — it doesn't solve the problem," Coe said.

From the point of view of a payroll administrator, Senter said she realizes that fresh ideas are a good thing but worries about the backlash that could potentially come along with the proposed changes.

"Privatization could produce nightmare," Senter said. "If it goes into effect it won't be a clean break. It could be a beast with tentacles."

It's a long, long journey to the capitol city

According to Clark, "The proposal would have to pass in both the House and the Senate; it would be debated to death and then rushed by any means."

He went on to say that the administration is building up support for its main themes, which would then be written up and proposed to Congress.

"Bush is out there selling [his proposals] now," Charles Coe, a professor of public administration, said. "They don't want it to be too specific right now. They're keeping it fairly broad — possibly to create more support."

Although the details of the

plan have not been made public at this point, Clark said he believes the debates will be off the table before any 2006 elections.

Eric Bridenstine, a junior in communication, said that despite the emphasis and debate being placed on these proposals, it's important to note that the legislative process will not change.

"We really don't know what's going to happen with Bush's proposals in terms of becoming a bill and eventually a law," Bridenstine said. "But at least we do know it's a long, long journey to the capitol city, and it's a long, long wait while sitting in committee."

Mixed opinions

According to the Gallup poll released Tuesday, the majority of the 1,010 respondents said the hardest hit taken to improve Social Security should be upper-class Americans. More than 2/3 responded by saying it would be a "good idea" to limit retirement benefits for wealthier Americans and to tax them on all their wages instead of at the current cap of \$90,000.

Of those polled, 55 percent also think Bush's proposal to allow for voluntary personal accounts is a "bad idea." That percentage is actually the same as it was a month ago, before Bush began his campaign for the plan.

Todd Rowe, a junior in accounting and president of the

NCSU accounting club, said he disagrees with the majority of the poll and thinks the creation of personal accounts would be a step in the right direction.

"I hate the [current] Social Security system and would opt out of it if I could," he said. "If I could invest that money in a mutual fund, I could earn much more than that, and it would be my money."

According to Coe, polls show that the younger people are, the more they are in favor of these voluntary personal accounts.

However, Gromet doesn't agree with the establishment of the personal accounts, because he said they are basically auctioning off Social Security.

"Bush is not reforming [Social Security], he's completely demolishing it," he said. "The protesters are out there trying to reinforce that this transition will not be easy and should not be done. They're trying to tell him 'no.'"

One thing everyone seems to agree on is the importance of becoming financially educated in order to prepare for any reforms.

"This is front-burner stuff — it's going to affect students the rest of their lives," Clark said. "I would encourage all students to be participants in the debate in coming months. Students will spend their entire lives paying Social Security taxes and need to be thinking about this at the start of their first job."

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beneficiary, right now it's only about three workers."

He went on to describe how here will soon be only two workers per beneficiary and that "with each passing year, fewer workers are paying ever-higher benefits to an ever-larger number of retirees."

By 2018, Social Security will be in the red and Americans will feel the strain.

"We can ignore this problem and pretend that everything is alright until we have to dramatically raise taxes to continue the system (which will ultimately cripple our economy), or we can seek a solution."

The Social Security Administration has already had to implement drastic reform in order to keep Social Security from going bankrupt. A change passed recently raised the retirement age from 65 to 67.

Without a major overhaul, we are likely to see many more of these same changes. In my opinion, giving citizens the option of keeping their money

in traditional Social Security or privately investing it is the most rewarding solution to this problem.

The option of partial privatization of Social Security would open up a world of possibilities for citizens who wish to invest their money and watch it grow. Retirees have been investing privately and as a result are living comfortably during their retirement.

This would simply allow all citizens to be able to use their money in a way that would give them more benefits. When FDR was addressing the issue of Social Security, he said, "It seems necessary to adopt three principles." One of which was "voluntary contributory annuities by which individual initiative can increase the annual amounts received in old age."

Some concern is raised because of the risk involved in investments and the stock market. However, the stock market has never lost money over a span of years comparable to that of the time covered by the average worker's career.

Therefore, with diversified investments over time, each

citizen stands to make money and can determine their level of risk by having a personal choice in their investments. The value of privatized investment far outweighs those paid by Social Security at present and will certainly do so in the future if our current system continues.

In addition, this money could be passed down to descendants if the investor dies instead of being taken totally by the government, regardless of the age at death.

President Bush made it very clear in his speech that he has not yet decided on a plan of action. He wants this effort to be bipartisan and seeks to listen to many ideas on how to solve the problem of Social Security shortcomings.

My personal belief is that partial privatization is the best way in which citizens can be given the most freedom and liberty, and reap the greatest benefits from their hard work.

Rachel Collins is a sophomore in political science and is president of the College Republicans

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low U.S. interest rate and foreign purchases of dollarominated assets are all part of the same phenomenon — foreigners investing their savings in the U.S.," Flath said.

Flath said he believes it is possible to tell whether the downward spiral of the dollar will continue in the future.

NCSU Students have their own views about the topic.

"The international markets, including competition for goods, has caused the American dollar and its value to decline," Annas said.

Lonnie Coulter, a junior in architecture, said the dollar is at the all-powerful greenback used to be.

"I'm not an economist, but I think the decreasing trend will continue a little more before leveling off," Coulter said.

The study abroad office tries to help minimize the effect of currency differences on students.

"The faculty who direct our programs really care about the well-being of the students, so they're also a great source of information on how to keep costs down while still having a great experience on the program," Schmidt said.

The study abroad office works hard to keep the cost of traveling as low as possible.

"The current exchange rate is going to make a big challenge for us to break even this year, but we want as many students to be able to go abroad as possible," Schmidt said.

More than half of the students applying for scholarships through the study abroad office will get at least one. These scholarships help students to feel less of the currency exchange effect.

Foreign students traveling into the U.S. will experience something a little different.

"They will find things cheaper in terms of their own money," Grennes said.

It is impossible to tell how long students traveling abroad will have to deal with the decreasing dollar value.

Grennes said no one has been successful in forecasting foreign exchange rates with much accuracy over short periods.

"One dollar would buy one euro about a year ago, but more recently it took \$1.30 to buy one euro," Grennes said.

The dollar price of the euro has risen by around 50 percent in the last couple of years.

"Right now is an expensive time to visit Europe compared to a couple of years ago," Flath said. "For the Europeans, the opposite is true; their visits here to the U.S. are ripe with bargains for them."

ESTRELLAS

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A lighthearted skit performed by Mi Familia members pointed out stereotypes of Hispanic culture in effort to educate others.

One scene included a young man with a life preserver on who had "floated here," in reference to a perception that some Caribbean Island Hispanics got here by floating across the ocean.

In one skit, a young lady describes her upbringing as being born in Colombia but raised with "Venezuelan culture."

She said she now lives in Miami and considers herself both Colombian and Venezuelan "because culture comes from the heart."

While most of the performances were traditional dance styles representing various parts of the Hispanic world, such as the Tango, a "Reggaeton" dance style, which originated in Panama and was popularized in Puerto Rico, was also performed.

Davila said the style is "our generation of pop."

Stepping was also performed. "Stepping is different from dancing," said Christina Hewitt, a senior in math and math education, "it's a rhythm, synchronized."

She pointed out there are 20 Spanish-speaking countries in the world, and the people and cultures are quite varied.



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have a Social Security funding crisis; when we are in our mid-60s with grandchildren — to put it into a better perspective.

From my understanding of policy making in governments, for everyone helped by a policy, there is someone else that is hurt.

Your political ideology helps you in deciding who exactly that is. For example, college students just got increases in the Pell Grants; however, what you did not hear about is how the Education budget was cut by \$4.6 billion along with anti-drug, literacy programs and other federal grant programs hurting students even more.

Most of the cuts in this year's budget proposals hurt the lower and middle classes the most. We are now on a regressive tax system, meaning that those with extremely high incomes are taxed less than those falling into the low to mid-range income brackets. Logically, those hurt by the new Social Security plan are lower and middle income, or lower "access" people.

Let's make it personal. Who has always gained on personal retirement accounts? The upper class.

They average a return of 9 percent, but the average citizen averages a return of less than 3 percent. Even the best economists have a hard time predicting what the market will do, but what they are

always sure of is that it fluctuates. According to sfgate.com, "Economists say it's harder for low-income workers to save more, in part because 12.4 percent of their wages goes to pay for Social Security, which taxes all wage income up to \$90,000."

Without any savings, older low-income Americans rely heavily on Social Security. Price fluctuations are a natural characteristic of business cycles.

A personal investment account in the hands of an inexperienced stock market player is a recipe to buy into rallies and sell into recessions.

Just ask the millions who lost money in the stock market bubble of the 1990s and lost all of their retirement accounts through investments in Enron with no compensation.

What percentage of people has the access to information and knowledge to make investments the way the upper class can? What percentage of people has enough money to even save and invest?

In the proposed budget, transition costs for Social Security are not factored in (along with funding for Iraq and Afghanistan stability) those Social Security costs add up to \$56.5 billion in 2010, a figure given by the White House but is expected to be higher.

The current deficit is \$427 billion, a figure that is expected to be cut in half by 2008 to \$251 billion. This figure does not include the current \$56.5 billion for transition costs or

the \$80 billion in requested, necessary Iraqi funds.

Suddenly, we're back up to at least \$387.5 billion in deficit. The strain of the massive amount of debt is likely to play a role in the private, business sector that fuels the stock market as well as the crucial trust in the government's commitment to pay of its massive, growing debts.

Some say that instead of an insurance program (intended to cover expenses under any circumstances), this proposal turns what was once thought of as a certain income of money into a certain gamble of money. Safeguards in the market are trivial at best, especially when big business primarily funded the Republican party's campaign.

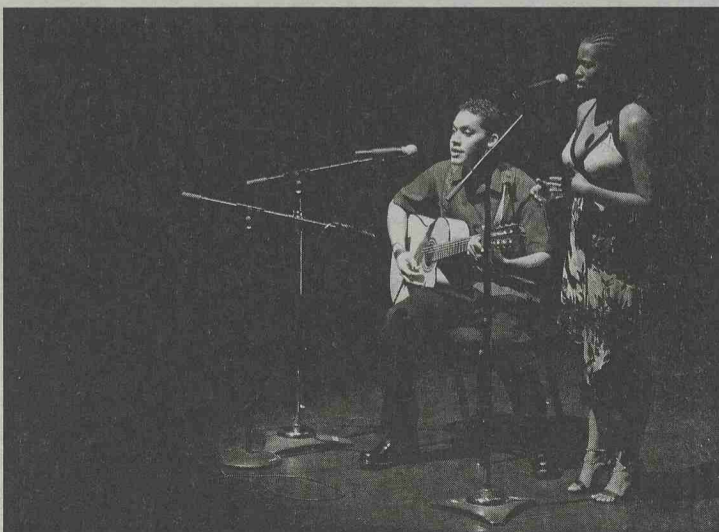
Social security is and always has been an insurance program.

This is a radical proposal with radical changes to a system that has proven successful for 70 years.

No one is saying we should not do anything. To do nothing would be more expensive in the long run.

However, it is time to start considering other credible options for tweaking the current system. Perhaps by taxing those incomes above the \$90,000 cap or adding personal retirement accounts as a chosen alternative to the system in place today to ensure a safe retirement.

Jessie Mendez is a junior in international politics and is vice president of the College Democrats.



CHRIS REYNOLDS/TECHNICIAN

Tania Jones and Joel Morales perform "Bajo un Palmar" by Pedro Flores at Somos Estrellas.

"I think it's a chance to educate the student body about the diversity of Hispanic culture," Hewitt added.

Davila explained that much of the Hispanic cultural organization at NCSU is very recent.

"Three years ago, there were no clubs for Latinos at NCSU except for the engineers [SPHE]," Davila said.

She mentioned now there is a Hispanic sorority, Lambda Pi Chi,

the student group Mi Familia, a Hispanic dance group, La Raza de Mil Colores, and others.

"We want to put on this program to educate people about what the culture is really about."

She also mentioned that the activities are growing, "every year a bit more," and added that she hopes to continue the program as a yearly event.

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On a side note

VIRGINIANS AGAINST MIS-TREATMENT OF UNDERGARMENTS

Virginia's House of Delegates passed a bill that will fine those showing "below-waist undergarments intended to cover a person's intimate parts." Under the proposed law, people wearing pants that reveal undergarments would be subject to a \$50 fine. The bill's sponsor, Delegate Algie T. Howell, who has also filed bills against drivers who lean too far back in their seats and whose car stereos are too loud, said, "When a person gets to the point that he or she does not want to sit out on his porch and watch people walk by because of the way that they are dressed, then I think it is time for us to do something about that." The bill, which was introduced in January, was approved 60-34 on Tuesday. It will now go to the state Senate for review.

CALENDAR FOR TONIGHT Campus Cinema:

They Made Me a Criminal @ 7 p.m.
I Heart Huckabees @ 9:15 p.m.

The Brewery:

Punos, The Keep, Emergency and Verdict @ 10 p.m.

Cat's Cradle:

The Rosebuds, The Comas, Portastatic and The Sames @ 8 p.m.

The Pour House Music Hall:

Iconic, The Sammies and Rooster for The Masses @ 9 p.m.

Local 506:

Done Deal and Legion of the Fall @ 10 p.m.

THE COFFIELD REPORT

Microeconomics 101

According to The (Raleigh) News & Observer, two men, claiming they worked for the city of Raleigh, showed up at



Tim Coffield
Senior Staff Writer

the Athens Drive home that Elizabeth Graham Hendren, 90, shares with her 59-year-old blind son and said the cold weather had burst her water pipes. The men said they would fix her pipes for \$1,600. Hendren wrote the check and handed it to one Jonathan Ray Williams, 23, of Rocky Mount. It was cashed at a bank by the end of the day. An arrest warrant has been issued.

For a few weeks when we were nine, I took piano lessons from Johnny Ray's mother, an angry barrel-shaped man of a woman who subbed English classes for Nash County in the mornings and gave lessons on her antique Burlman in the afternoons.

With fingers the size of baby carrots and an inbred revulsion to musical instruments that weren't guitars, I was a bad pianist. And Ms. W., who quickly recognized my badness, had a strange habit of reciting poetry about shepherds when irritated.

She'd watch me hacking violently at the keys for a few minutes, until she'd had enough.

Then it was, "He howled his heart out, trying in vain

to speak! Against the flocks, delighting still in blood!" I talked my parents into letting me quit.

Johnny Ray's dad, Carl, was the coach of our little league team and a big man. Had shoulders the size of pumpkins, wrists like grapefruit. And like many working class males in the eastern Carolinas, he had an old car with a giant block that he liked to race at a local track on the weekends and around the neighborhood at night.

He put a lot of time into his car. Hand painted it orange, welded the doors shut, installed nets where the windows should've been. Was always buying new things for it, like mufflers. Said a good muffler could add 30 horsepower. Tinted the windshield. Drove hard, never flinched for squirrels.

We used to ride Johnny Ray pretty hard about his freak of a mother — he even quit the piano, and told everyone when he did — but we respected his dad, and he knew that. Would tell us how he was gonna get that car one day, and that his dad, who could bench press over 200 pounds, was stronger than the American Gladiators. We couldn't argue.

Then one day we were at practice. Playing catch in the outfield, blowing purple gum bubbles. Carl was standing, arms crossed, in center field, supervising. No one heard Mrs. W. drive up, but she must have, because suddenly she was sprinting across the infield towards her husband, yelling at him. "With rabid mouth he turned his lust for

slaughter! So one house died, but not one house alone!" Cursing too. She took off her sun bonnet and threw it at him, the blue fabric trailing the hat like a wind sock.

Carl turned and ran. We stopped playing catch. She chased him across the outfield and out the gate, along the metal row of bleachers, behind the dugouts and into the parking lot. They kicked up clouds of gravel dust. He made it to his big car and, lacking the time it took to remove the netting and slide in through the window, he leaped onto the hood, and then onto the roof.

She picked up pebbles and slung them, with an arm stronger than any of ours, in his direction. He blocked them with his giant forearms, which he held over his face.

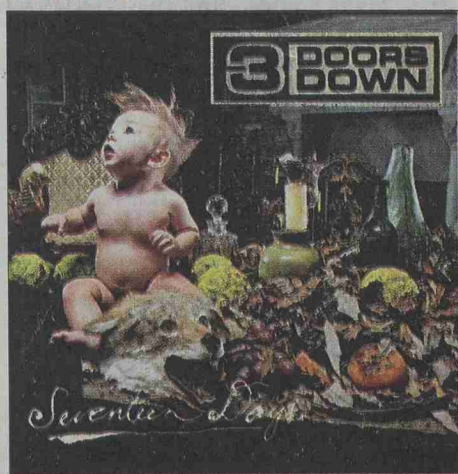
By then we'd made a little circle around the adults, and around Johnny Ray, who had climbed up on the car and was crouching behind his father. Except for Mrs. W., who was panting and grunting with each toss, no one made a sound.

Things had just begun to get a little bloody when Carl put an end to it. He went into his pocket and came out with a wallet the color of our baseball mitts and started pulling out bills, one at a time, and flicking them down at his wife. Twenties and fives and ones. A couple tens.

"Eileen, I swear — it was only once," he said. "Here, go get yourself something nice you want. I'm buying, babe. It's on me. You tell me how

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MUSIC BIN



A moderate attempt at Post-Grunge

Seventeen Days

3 Doors Down (Republic/Universal)

★★★★☆

There is a profound difference in what is good and what I like. Tomatoes are supposedly good — although, I do not like them. Does this mean tomatoes are bad? No, of course not. I just try to avoid eating them and allow others to enjoy their juicy goodness.

Music is a subject that can relate to this similar principle.

Ozzy Osbourne is a cornerstone of Heavy Metal, but I do not like him — his voice just irks me and gouges at the nerves in my spinal cord. He is not bad though — just not my flavor of fruit, I much prefer Blue Oyster Cult. On the other

hand, I enjoy a good Bloody Mary and ketchup — just as I enjoy Black Sabbath and Ozzy's duet with Miss Piggy.

Escatawpa, Miss.-based quintet 3 Doors Down falls along with this same idea. The band is by no means bad. It sold over 12 million copies of its debut album *The Better Life* and nearly that many of its sophomore release *Away From the Sun*. Pop-Rock radio eats up the group's singles and the concerts are constantly packed or sold-out — so the band must be doing something right.

What makes 3 Doors Down work is the blending of Grunge and Pop-Rock, two genres that flourished throughout the '90s. And with Pop-Rock, success is almost a guarantee. If music were politics, 3 Doors Down would be a moderate or a conservative liberal — Post-

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"No. Man, I'm a UNC fan. I'm just here because my dad went here, I don't even like the team."
Matthew Johnson
So. Music



"No. Because the referees don't pull for anyone who wears red. Plus we're not playing very well right now. Maybe if we wore Carolina blue."
Matt Annas
So. Parks and Recreation



"I think we do have a chance, but we've got to play really good ball. We've got a great team, Hodge is still excellent, so we've got a chance. But we've got a lot of tough games ahead of us."
Amit Lakhani
So. Electrical Engineering

Spirit speak



JEFF REEVES/TECHNICIAN

Junior Lauren Allen cheers on the Wolfpack on the road against Maryland during the football season. Allen has been cheering since the 5th grade.

Lauren Allen

Junior Communication-Mass Media
Third year with team

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WHAT'S YOUR TYPICAL DAY LIKE?

I only have classes on Tuesday and Thursday, I have the other days off. Then practice from 6-9 Tuesday and Thursday, practice on Wednesday from 6-8 and then practice on Sunday from 6-9.

YOU ARE ALL CALLED CHEERLEADERS, BUT WHO ACTUALLY LEADS THE CHEERS?

Either the captains will start the cheers off for us, or we just go with what the crowd is cheering.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN CHEERING?

Since 5th grade.

HOW MUCH TRUST DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE IN YOUR PARTNER?

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WHAT IS THE MOST UNUSUAL THING THAT HAS HAPPENED WHILE CHEER-LEADING?

Nothing too weird has happened, I've been dropped plenty of times, but that pretty much comes with cheerleading.

WHY IS CHEERLEADING A SPORT?

It's much the same as gymnastics, because we have to perfect our stunts, and it requires a lot of athletic ability to perform them.

- JOSH HARRELL

The Fine Print

STATE TEAM STATS
Through Wednesday

Scoring offense - 75.1 PPG
Scoring defense - 66.7 PPG
Field-Goal shooting - 45.7%
3-Point shooting - 35.5%

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Points

Julius Hodge — 18.3
Cameron Bennerman — 10.3
3 tied — 8.5

Rebounds

Julius Hodge — 7.6
Andrew Brackman — 4.3
Tony Bethel — 3.6

Assists

Julius Hodge — 4.4
Tony Bethel — 2.8
Engin Atsur — 2.7

Steals

Engin Atsur — 1.6
Julius Hodge — 1.5
Tony Bethel — 1.4

Blocks

Andrew Brackman — 1.3
Jordan Collins — 1.1

WAKE TEAM STATS
Through Wednesday

Scoring offense - 86.2 PPG
Scoring defense - 74.9 PPG
Field-Goal shooting - 49.5%
3-Point shooting - 40.5%

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Points

Justin Gray — 16.9
Eric Williams — 16.7
Chris Paul — 15.7

Rebounds

Jamaal Levy — 7.2
Eric Williams — 7.0
Chris Paul — 4.4

Assists

Chris Paul — 6.5
Jamaal Levy — 2.6
Taron Downey — 2.3

Steals

Chris Paul — 2.1
Justin Gray — 1.4
Jamaal Levy — 1.2

Blocks

Eric Williams — 1.1
Jamaal Levy — 0.8

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-RYAN REYNOLDS

By the Numbers

37

Consecutive ACC games Julius Hodge scored in double figures. That streak ended Saturday when the senior managed just six points in a loss to Virginia

5

Number of Wolfpack starters that have missed a combined 14 games since Christmas due to injury

18

Second-half point deficit State overcame last year to knock off the Deacs

63

Free-throw percentage for Julius Hodge, the worst on the team

214

Games played between State and Wake, which is the Pack's most prolific opponent

The last five

March 6, 2004

NCSU 81 | Wake Forest 70

State closes out its finest ACC season in 15 years with a road victory in Winston-Salem. Engin Atsur hits a career-high five 3-pointers, and Cameron Bennerman -- playing for the injured Scooter Sherrill -- drops in a career-high 16 points.

Feb. 4, 2004

NCSU 73 | Wake Forest 68

The Wolfpack overcomes a 16-point halftime deficit by holding Wake to 24-percent shooting in the second half. Marcus Melvin scores 20 points and pulls down 11 rebounds.

March 15, 2003

NCSU 87 | Wake Forest 83

NCSU essentially cements its second-straight NCAA berth by knocking off No. 9 and ACC regular-season champ WFU in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament.

March 8, 2003

Wake Forest 78 | NCSU 72

Wake hits six free throws in the final two seconds for its final margin of victory. State squandered an 11-point halftime lead and lost its cool in the final seconds when a couple of key calls didn't go its way.

Feb. 6, 2003

Wake Forest 73 | NCSU 58

ACC Player of the Year Josh Howard scores 20 second-half points to lead Wake to its seventh win in a row over State.

-MATT MIDDLETON

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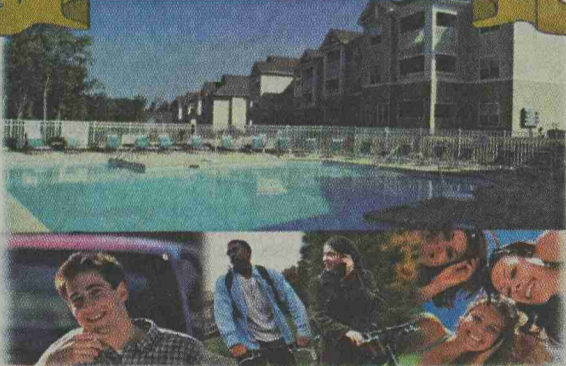


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Sports

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Schedule

Men's basketball at Wake Forest, 2/10, 7
 Women's basketball at Ga. Tech, 2/10, 7
 Baseball at Campbell, 2/11, 2
 Softball in Triangle Classic, 2/11
 Wrestling at Virginia, 2/11, 7
 Gymnastics in Hearts Invitational, 2/11, 7
 Men's tennis vs. Purdue, 2/12, 10 a.m.
 Track & Field in Virginia Tech Challenge, 2/12

Scores

No games scheduled.

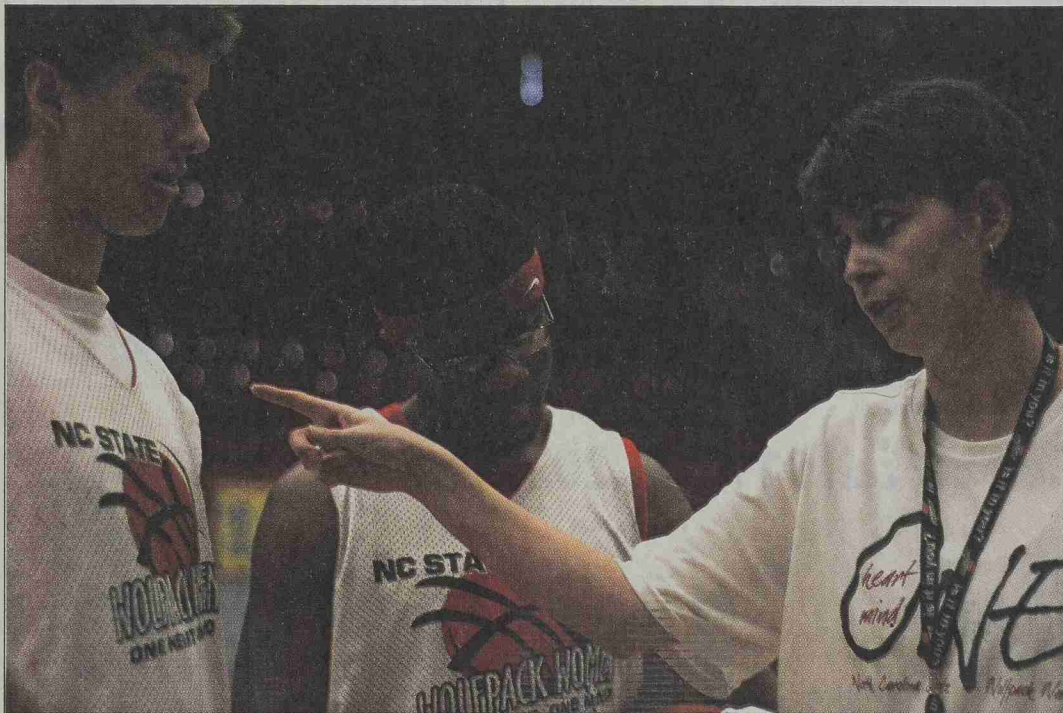


Inside: Technician Gameday
 We've got tonight's rivalry game with Wake Forest covered. See four-page insert.

TECHNICIAN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The unsung team



Assistant coach Jenny Palmateer explains the Georgia Tech offense to sophomore Brian Barkley and junior Kevin Patterson on Wednesday during practice.

THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCOUT TEAM IS A GROUP OF GUYS THAT GET LITTLE RECOGNITION, BUT GO A LONG WAY TO TO HELP PACK WIN

Joe Overby
 Senior Staff Writer

Three years ago, Jason Rasnake was alone in Carmichael Gym shooting hoops. Since it was holiday break, Rasnake couldn't find anyone to play ball with. That was until nine members of the women's basketball team approached him and asked him to join them in a scrimmage. He obliged and, hours later, left Carmichael having never been more impressed.

"It definitely was competition," Rasnake said. "That was more competition than I had ever seen running with the guys at Carmichael."

As impressed as Rasnake was with the team, they were more impressed with him. They asked him to be a member of their practice squad, where he's played ever since.

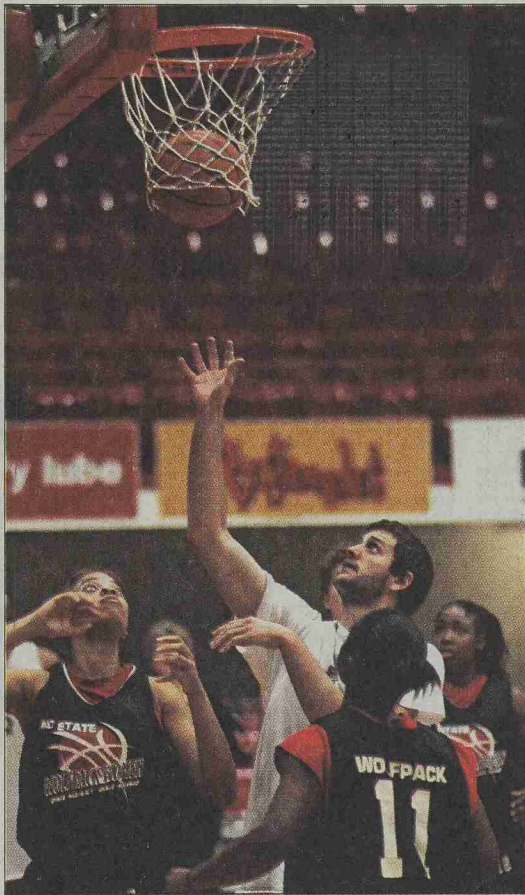
Rasnake is a part of a seven-member, all-male team known as the "scout team" that practices every day with the women's basketball team. Each member was picked for different reasons: connections with the team, prior basketball experience and some, like Rasnake, are just found playing pick-up at Carmichael. Whatever their reason for joining the squad, they all have the same mission: to act as a replica of the N.C. State's upcoming opponent.

The squad has to learn how the opponent will play and come to practice prepared to play in the exact same fashion. They must know how the opponents' playbook runs so State can be fully prepared for anything that might come its way.

"To simulate whatever team they're getting ready to play, we play that team's defense, that team's offense, any zones, any presses, anything they need to practice against," said Kevin Patterson, a junior who serves double-duty for the scout team and as a team manager.

With two opponents a week, scout team members get little to no time to learn an opponent's playbook. At times, they must learn an offense or defense on the spot. In the fast pace of practice, the scout team has to think on its feet.

"In practice they'll show us a play



Sophomore Tyler West grabs a made basket during Wednesday's practice as the team gears up to travel to Georgia Tech tonight. West and the rest of the male scout team mimic the offenses and defenses of opposing teams.

and we have to be able to run it as soon as they show it to us," Rasnake said. "There's no time to study it. We get the play, we run it."

In addition to being able to run the opponent's plays, each member of the scout team is assigned to act as a specific member of State's opponent. Scout team members are assigned opposing players based

on height, position and skill level. Their duty is then to play exactly as their counterpart would, even down to hand-coordination and player-specific moves.

"Usually they'll put you as one player per team," Rasnake said. "If they're left-handed, you might have to go to the left more. Or if there is a specific move you have to work on.

You have to be that player. Sometimes you'll be playing a certain style you're not used to."

There's little rest for the scout team. While the women's team usually has a full rotation on hand, many times the scout team only has five or six players and gets few breakers. They run the entire practice.

"They have to work hard and be in shape. They get worked, more than we do," senior guard Kendra Bell said. "They might have a sub here and there, but they go the entire practice."

In addition to having endurance, quick thinking and a knack for learning plays, scout team members must also fulfill NCAA eligibility requirements, just as any scholarship player would. But the most important requirement, the scout team said, is a "team first" attitude.

"If you're more into yourself than into the team environment, they really don't need that," Patterson said. "Because if you're more into yourself, you're really not helping everyone out on the team."

Scout team members are used to making sacrifices for the team. However, they show up to practice early, spend two to three hours everyday running drills and often have to re-arrange class schedules in order to accommodate practice. Social lives and study time are often cut short.

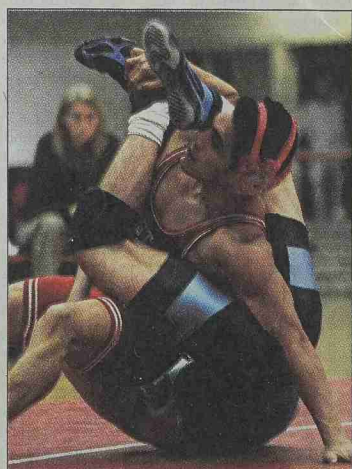
"It takes even more dedication and commitment from them than it does for us," Bell said. "We're probably getting our school paid for. They might get a couple T-shirts, some shorts, some shoes."

Not that it matters to the scout team. Such sacrifice and commitment, they said, are necessary to be part of the team.

Their efforts haven't gone unnoticed. Players said the scout team has made them a better team and, ultimately, become part of their family.

"They'll come to the games and after the games, we'll have a meal catered, and they're sitting there eating with us," Bell said. "It's really nice to have them there because we really do appreciate everything. We can't thank them enough."

WRESTLING



Alex Hernandez planned to redshirt this year, but volunteered to compete when he was needed.

Hernandez suits up for the Pack

Michael Breedlove
 Staff Writer

Defining what makes a "great teammate" can be tough. Finding someone who truly embodies that description, even tougher. While the term "great teammate" might be ambiguous to some, the wrestling team can define it in a mere two words.

Alex Hernandez.

"Alex's first concern is the betterment of the team," coach Carter Jordan said.

It's not what Hernandez gives to the team that best illustrates his team-first mentality, it's what he gave up.

Hernandez matriculated to NCSU after two All-American seasons at William Rainey Harper Community College. Following a strong junior season in which he placed second in the ACC, Jordan decided to redshirt Hernandez as a "reward," giving his star senior another year of eligibility.

"I was happy with [the red shirt]. I wanted to gain a little more experience," Hernandez said.

Everything was going smoothly until Chris DeLuca, the stopgap that was wrestling at Hernandez's 149-pound spot, abruptly left the team. DeLuca's departure left a Grand Canyon of a gap in the middle of the Wolfpack's lineup.

"I didn't even have to go to Alex, Alex came to me and said 'I'll do whatever you need me to do,'" Jordan said.

What Coach Jordan needed was Hernandez, who put his personal values aside for the prosperity of the team.

After shedding his redshirt, Hernandez has become one of the team's biggest winners, battling his way to a 9-5 record. By going undefeated in his last four matches, including a victory over 17th-ranked John Cox of Navy, Hernandez was recognized as ACC Wrestler of the Week.

The distinction was a welcomed surprise to Hernandez.

"It shocked me that I got it [ACC Wrestler of the week], but now that I've earned it, I appreciate it," Hernandez said. "After I've graduated and look back, I can always remember that I accomplished this."

The Florida native was raised with sunshine and soccer balls and had aspirations of being a soccer player long before he even knew wrestling existed.

When Hernandez was in eighth grade, a friend told him that since soccer season had ended, he should try wrestling. Curiosity coupled with boredom drew Hernandez to the mat.

As early as his first practice, Hernandez's potential was apparent, and masked his naivety.

"After I got done [with the first practice], the coach said 'you're pretty good, considering you don't know what in the world you're doing,'" Hernandez said.

Hernandez soon swapped his shin guards for head guards, and his wrestling potential quickly converted to wrestling perfection.

Capturing back to back state championships for South Dade High School and a massive winning streak.

"I just had in my head that I couldn't be beaten," said Hernandez, regarding his jaw-dropping 96-match win streak.

Armed with an unrivaled mental toughness, Hernandez took his talents to William Rainey Harper Community College in Illinois. His electric brand of wrestling would soon electrify coach Jordan.

"He's just so explosive," Coach Jordan said. "He can throw, he can trip, he can pin from different positions. You better wrestle a sound match with him, or you're in trouble - he'll take advantage of you."

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