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Bush presents case for reform



PRESIDENT BUSH JOINED A PANEL OF FOUR NORTH CAROLINIANS THURSDAY TO DISCUSS HOW HIS PROPOSED SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM WOULD IMPACT THEIR LIVES



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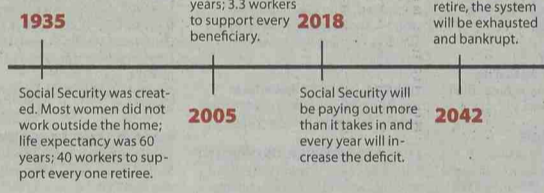
President Bush addresses a crowd in Raleigh's BTI Center Thursday to promote his plan to reform Social Security. Afterwards he greets the crowd.

Erin Welch
News Editor

Social Security is like a ship heading toward an iceberg. At least that's the way Andrew Biggs sees it. "You can't wait until the last minute to turn. You have to change directions well ahead of time." Biggs, a Social Security analyst and assistant director of the Cato Institute's Project on Social Security Privatization, said. Biggs harped on the issue of Social Security reform Thursday when President Bush visited the BTI Center in downtown Raleigh as part of the Town Hall on Strengthening Social Security.

Noting the help of Elizabeth Dole in setting up the event and the attendance of political figures such as Jesse Helms, Bush comfortably took his place among a panel of four North Carolina residents and Biggs. Several N.C. State College Republicans served as volunteers throughout the day, helping to escort members of the press and other attendants. "This was the first time I saw Bush that close," Casey Perry, a freshman in First Year College, said. Perry said she enjoyed Bush's humor throughout the entire event, noting that it made him much more personable. "He's not just going to occupy an office, he's trying to do something,"

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she said. Ben Rush, a junior in political science, also volunteered at the Town Hall. Rush said most of the volunteers had helped at previous events.

"Anytime you get to be in the same room when the president speaks, it's something you're going to remember."

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THE BIG EVENT



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Reynolds Coliseum hosted the annual Big Event on Thursday night. Julius Hodge couldn't comeback against Wake Forest, falling 86-75.

University recognized for scholarship winners

NCSU has been very successful in winning nationally ranked awards. The University seeks to encourage students to apply for these scholarships.

Stacy von Drehle
Staff Writer

Lily Jeng, a senior in biomedical engineering, represents N.C. State as one of 12 students nationwide to win the George J. Mitchell Scholarship. "I am honored and delighted to have been selected as a Mitchell Scholar," Jeng said. "Through the generosity of the Mitchell, I will get a chance to study a different approach to biomedical engineering research and will continue to make connections in the scientific community." The scholarship is named in honor of the former U.S. Sen. George J. Mitchell for his contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process. These scholarships support one year of graduate study in Ireland for American citizens between the ages of 18 and 30.

According to Dell Pendergrast, director of the George J. Mitchell Scholarship, the University clearly understands what qualities a Mitchell Scholar must have. "Superior levels of academics, leadership and community service achievements are qualities we seek," Pendergrast said. The Mitchell Scholarship is quickly becoming well-known around the country as a celebrated award. "The Mitchell program is now generally acknowledged with Rhodes and Marshall as the most prestigious national fellowships in the United States today," Pendergrast said. The first Mitchell Scholar from NCSU was Tommy Vitolo in 2000. Since then, the University has stayed competitive with students from Duke, UNC and Ivy League schools around the country. "Our best students can stand up to the best from anywhere else. If we keep attracting and supporting those students, we will remain competitive," Dr. Larry Blanton, director of

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SG officials vie for positions

Tyler Dukes
Deputy News Editor

With spring semester's student body elections fast approaching, potential candidates are beginning to kickstart their campaigns with the opening of the books next week. Potential candidates can file to run for a myriad of offices starting at 8 a.m. Monday in front of the Student Government office in 307 Witherspoon Student Center. The offices of the student body president, student senate president and student body treasurer are among the positions that will be vacated following the end of the semester. Several Student Government officials have already expressed their intent to run for office. Junior in political science and social studies Lock Whiteside, for example, has already initiated his campaign, running on what he calls the "Big Ticket" with Tom Ozbolt, a junior in political science and philosophy of law. "The 'Big Ticket' is excited about hitting the campaign trail," Whiteside said. "It is important that we get our message out to the student body." Whiteside and Ozbolt, both Judicial Board members, cited the recent voucher scandal as well as problems with last semester's appropriations funding as reason to sponsor major changes within Student Government. "Student Government needs to rebuild its image," Whiteside said. "We elect Student Government leaders to serve us, not to steal from us."

Ozbolt, who is running alongside Whiteside for Student Senate President, echoed this sentiment. "[If we are elected] the Student Senate will be radically reformed or disbanded," Ozbolt said. "We've given those who claim to represent us a free pass long enough, now it's time for 'we the people' to take back our Student Government."

Also mulling over the idea of a ticket collaboration is sophomore in political science Will Langley, who plans to vie for Student Body President. Langley said his previous and current term as senator will speak for itself in the upcoming election. "What I've done is try to stand up every day for the normal student," Langley said. "I'm the true meaning of a representative." Langley stated that he is still considering running on a ticket with Forrest Hinton, a fellow senator and sophomore in math education and political science.

Hinton, who will be running for Student Senate President, plans to make Senate more efficient in serving the needs of its constituents. "I've been disappointed with the direction [the Senate] goes in every year," Hinton said. "The Senate needs new direction. It needs someone who's been there, someone who has dealt with the problems."

Patrick Cleary, a senior in paper science and engineering, also recognizes the problems in Student Senate. Currently serving as Student Senate president pro tempore and senior class president, Cleary said he hopes to reconnect the Senate and the student body if elected.

"We need a re-evaluation of what our role is," Cleary said. "Too many people think [the Senate] is practice for their future work in other bodies, like the General Assembly. We need to talk to our constituency, talk to students and find out how we can become effective student advocates."

Also gunning for the position of student body president is current Student Senate President Will Quick. Quick stated that, if elected, he wants to continue the plans that he has set into motion in his current term throughout his presidency.

He also said much of his focus will lie in the rising costs of tuition. "I'd like to look into different options for tuition," the sophomore in biomedical engineering said. "We try to battle tuition every year. I want to continue this, but there are other options to lessen the loads and keep students paying less."

Despite the tough campaign road ahead, Quick said that he still has things to accomplish in his current position, and that he will make sure his candidacy doesn't interfere with his duties with the Senate.

"I need to finish my job," Quick said. "It doesn't end until another student senate president is elected."

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the University Honors Program, said.

Blanton said he believes that staying competitive means being the best at what we do.

"There is much at this institution about which we can be justifiably proud," Blanton said. "If anything, we don't do a good enough job publicizing those accomplishments."

Carie Windham, a senior in history, also received the Mitchell Scholarship this spring.

NCSU has the most Gates-Cambridge Fellows of any North Carolina school and has two of 12 Mitchell Scholarships, nationally.

"The only other institution with the later accomplishment is Stanford," Blanton said. "That is good company to be in."

Pendergrast said he believes that NCSU's academic record compares favorably with any college or university in the country.

The University recently started an office for scholarships and fellowships that will be fully dedicated to helping students win these prestigious awards.

Laura Gail Lunsford, director of the Park Scholarships, said she feels that NCSU is still developing the culture that encourages

students to have confidence to apply for nationally recognized scholarships.

"The establishment of the Park Scholarship has helped. All three Mitchell winners have been Park Scholars," Lunsford said.

Jeng said she suggests that students who are interested in applying for scholarships need to start early.

"The Mitchell Scholarship values academic excellence, leadership and community service, so start planning and finding ways to incorporate those aspects into activities you enjoy," Jeng said.

Throughout her collage career, Jeng was involved with clubs, community service and leadership roles.

She began preparing her application several weeks in advance.

"I believe giving myself plenty of time to fill it out, and compose an essay that tied together everything and presented a personal picture of myself was important in making me competitive," Jeng said.

Lunsford said she thinks the best preparation for students is to encourage first- and second-year students who are considering graduate school to think about applying.

NCSU looks forward to receiving many more nationally recognized scholarships in the future.

The only scholarship the University has not received is the Rhodes.

Blanton said no one can know for sure why there has never been an NCSU Rhodes Scholar.

"In recent years we have put forward outstanding candidates who have advanced to the state and regional levels of the competition. So we have been in the game," but we keep coming up short," Blanton said.

The traditional emphasis among Rhodes Scholars is within the humanities and social sciences.

"N.C. State students have been very successful in receiving Gates-Cambridge Scholarships, which is a program that tends to have more of an emphasis upon science and engineering," Blanton said.

It is very unique to have two Mitchell scholars from the same university in the same year, according to Pendergrast.

"It is a tribute to N.C. State and the excellent academic and extracurricular opportunities offered to its students," Pendergrast said.

Editor's note: Carie Windham is a Technician staff member.

Vegetarianism impacts campus dining options

University Dining improves dining choices for vegetarians

Cynthia Marvin
Staff Writer

Some do it because they think it's immoral.

Others do it because they hate the taste.

Some even do it to become more healthy.

Despite the reason, students all over campus have cast aside the taste of meat and have made the decision to indulge in a vegetarian lifestyle.

"Just like any diet, choosing not to eat meat is a way of living," Lisa Eberhart, a registered dietician and N.C. State dining consultant, said. "You can be a very healthy or unhealthy vegetarian; the ones that eat a lot of cheese and fries, for example, are not particularly healthy."

For Alexander Carter, a junior in biomedical engineering, the decision to be a vegetarian was an ethical one.

"It's wrong to kill and eat other conscious living creatures out of indulgence rather than necessity," Carter said. "I have also been exposed to this lifestyle before, which I'm sure was an influential factor in me eventually becoming a vegetarian. My father and best friend since fourth grade have been quasi-vegetarians." Eberhart explained that there are different kinds of vegetarians. Individuals that consume egg and dairy products are known as ovo-lacto; vegans, who may be known as "strict vegetarians," eat no meat, fish, dairy, eggs or any other animal products.

Influenced by her A.P. environmental science class, Irena Rindos, a freshman in natural resources and political science, became a vegetarian during high school.

"[The class] opened my eyes to many environmental issues, and I gave up meat of my own accord after reading up on the degrading effects it has on the planet," Rindos said. "It takes over 7 kilos of grain to produce

1 kilo of beef, so why not eat the grain directly?"

Rindos said that vegetarianism improves human welfare as well.

"You can support more people on a plant-based diet. It uses less resources and saves 68 human lives a year as a result of less pressure on the planet," Rindos said. "[Vegetarianism] improves human health because this decreases the chance of heart disease and cancer."

Vegans have a little more trouble in maintaining a healthy diet. She said that they have a higher potential of developing riboflavin, which is found in eggs, meat and dairy products. Most vegans can stay healthy if their diet consists of variety, but many don't receive enough B-12 or vitamin D.

Eberhart said that many vegans may get by on vitamin D because the body can make this from sun exposure, but B-12 can only be found in animal products. Vegans need to monitor

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Police Blotter

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1:15 A.M. | VEHICLE STOP

A non-student was issued a citation for driving while license revoked at the checkpoint. His vehicle was released to his father at the scene.

1:20 A.M. | VEHICLE STOP/DWL/ARREST

A non-student was arrested for driving while license revoked at the checkpoint. His license had been revoked for multiple failures to appear. His vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

12:59 A.M. | LICENSE/REGISTRATION CHECKPOINT

One subject was arrested for driving while license revoked.

12:59 A.M. | LICENSE/REGISTRATION CHECKPOINT

Officers conducted a checkpoint on Varsity Drive at McKimmon Center. Three verbal warnings were given for violations of expired registrations and improper display. One subject was issued a citation for driving while license revoked.

9:00 A.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM

Sgt. Barnwell conducted safety training and alcohol awareness on the Brickyard.

10:51 P.M. | LICENSE/REGISTRATION CHECKPOINT

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

11:08 P.M. | TRAFFIC STOP-ARREST

A non-student was arrested for no driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. The traffic stop was for turning around at a checkpoint on Morrill Drive.

2:55 P.M. | ASSAULT

A non-student was assaulted at the Weisiger-Brown construction site. He was seen by EMS for facial and abdominal pain, but he refused transport to a medical facility. Another subject was arrested and trespassed for this incident.

5:43 P.M. | FIRE ALARM

Weisiger-Brown-men's locker room. Caused by steam from showers. Police, Fire Protection, and RFD responded.

7:43 P.M. | FIRE ALARM

Poe Hall-7th floor. Caused by contractors drilling. Police, Fire Protection, and RFD responded.

8:35 P.M. | LARCENY

A staff member reported that his wallet was stolen from the basketball court at Carmichael Gym.

8:59 P.M. | FIRE ALARM

North Hall-smoke head activation. Caused by unknown subject cooking. No damage reported. Police, Fire Protection, and RFD responded.

9:15 P.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM

Officer Brinkley spoke to RA staff in Syme Hall concerning crime updates.

Thirteen RA's attended.

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10:18 A.M. | LARCENY A staff member reported that a clock and lamp had been stolen from 512 Brickhaven Drive.

11:25 A.M. | ACTIVITY REPORT

Officers worked the Emerging Issues Forum at the McKimmon Center. There were no issues to note.

9:03 A.M. | B/E & LARCENY

A staff member secured his office in Jordan Hall on Friday with a computer inside. When he returned to his still locked office on Tuesday, the laptop was gone.

9:09 A.M. | BOMB THREAT

ECC reported to Campus Police that there was a bomb threat at Centennial Middle School; Wake County was responding. University Police also responded. After evacuating the school, officers made a sweep of the building. Nothing was located in building.

1:51 P.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM

Sgt. Barnwell conducted a safety program at Administrative Services I.

11:26 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A student called to report she heard possible gun shots outside coming from the Dan Allen Deck area. Officers checked the area, and did not see or hear anything out of order.

12:39 P.M. | TRAFFIC-STOP SIGN

A non-student was issued a citation for running the stop sign at Yarborough Drive and Dan Allen Drive.

4:50 P.M. | DRUG VIOLATION

A caller stated they could smell marijuana coming from a room in Wolf Village. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate anything.

5:05 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A student was involved in a traffic accident in the Central Campus Pay Lot. An accident report was filed.

5:58 P.M. | SKATEBOARD VIOLATION

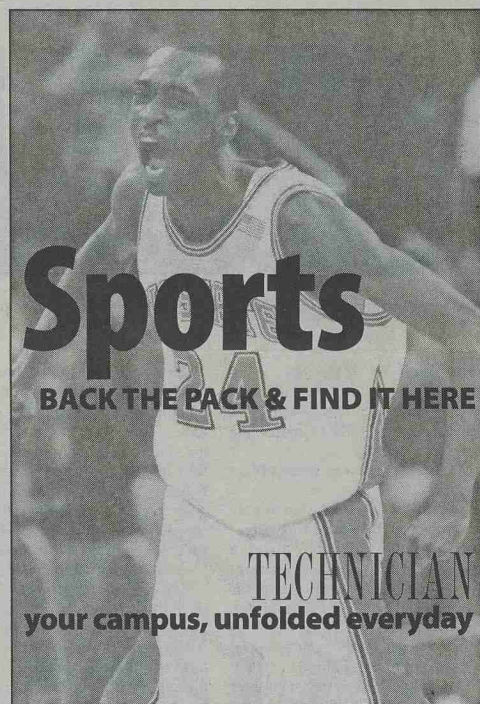
A student reported seeing six subjects doing bike tricks on the north side of Mann Hall. As an officer arrived, five male subjects fled the area towards Hillsborough Street.

6:37 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

The Principal requested officers to transport the students back to Centennial Middle School. Their parents were notified and came to pick the students up. All students were juveniles.

6:37 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

The Centennial Campus Middle School principal called to report he was out with some middle school students behind the Partners I Building. Middle School staff had been looking for three students from earlier today.



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ber," Rush said.

A panel joined Bush on stage to discuss how the Social Security reform would impact them directly.

The panel consisted of Matthew "Skip" Long, president and CEO of the National Jobs Partnership, Cyndi Godfrey, an employee of Godfrey Lumber Company, Noel Council, a retired Raleigh resident, and Dawn Baldwin, a professor at Lenoir Community College.

Before honing in on his discussion about Social Security, Bush touched on issues such as the recent elections in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The world is getting more free, and future generations are more likely to live in peace," Bush said. "Freedom is on the march and my job is to continue to promote free societies. Freedom equals peace."

Hitting on other topics such as taxes, the No Child Left Behind Act and energy needs, Bush also stressed the significance of taking part in public service prior to introducing his proposed plan for Social Security.

"I'm here to talk about an important subject," Bush said segwaying into his open discussion on Social Security. "I'm here to talk about an issue that is going to be an interesting experience dealing with Congress."

"He really made it pertinent for younger generations. It sounded

like he had a lot of faith that young people could make good decisions and could invest their own money," Perry said.

Referring to Social Security as the third rail of American politics, Bush said most politicians tend to shy away from the issue.

"I believe the job of the president is to confront problems, not pass them to future presidents and generations," he said.

Social Security, if not confronted, is an issue which will undoubtedly affect future generations, Bush said.

Throughout the entire discussion, talk revolved around the issue of future generations and how secure retirement would be in years to come.

"It's something that affects us, it's not going to affect our parents or grandparents," Rush said. "If nothing is done, Social Security is pretty much just going to be wiped out when we come to collect it."

Perry agreed that Social Security has a strong impact on today's younger generation -- one which highly populates NCSU.

"It's not so much an issue for older people," Perry said. "It's really one that's going to affect us."

Bush said that the basic aspects of Social Security have shifted dramatically from when Social Security was founded in 1935.

Factors such as an increase in life expectancies and individuals having fewer children have all increased the issue of Social Security for future generations. Bush said the equation added



Casey Perry, a freshman in First Year College, escorts a woman to her seat during President Bush's speech on Social Security Wednesday.

up to more people living longer and receiving better benefits but having fewer workers to support them.

"We've got to anticipate problems, especially on this issue," Bush said. "The longer we wait, the more difficult the solution is."

North Carolina was the sixth state in Bush's travels to promote the strengthening of Social Security, and the president headed

directly to Pennsylvania following the panel discussion.

Bush said he hoped to assure Congress that it is time to act in his visits to various states concerning Social Security.

"Now is the time for people from both sides of the aisle to address the problem," he said.

According to Biggs, the surplus of money in Social Security will disappear in 2018 and the deficit will only increase in sequential

years. "We have a lot of choices," Biggs said. "The sooner we make them, the easier they'll be."

While Biggs compared Social Security to a ship heading toward an iceberg, Baldwin had another viewpoint.

Baldwin compared the state of Social Security to the new home she is having built for her and her son.

Building on the land of her

grandfather, Baldwin said Social Security is a similar process.

"[It's] building for a better day and our future on our past," Baldwin said of Social Security and her new home.

"The world has changed, Social Security hasn't -- yet," Bush commented.

"I'm not taking opportunities off the table until Congress comes to the table."

NY governor institutes incentive plan for graduation

Proposed plan provides federal funding for colleges with students who graduate in four years

Haley Huye
Staff Writer

In an effort to promote students who graduate in four years, Gov. George Pataki of New York recently proposed a plan to reward colleges for having students graduate "on time," according to The New York Times.

The plan would provide \$500 for each student who earned a bachelor's degree within the allotted time and \$250 for students who earned an associate's degree in two years.

An online report released by the U.S. Department of Education revealed that half of all students enrolled in a four-year institution graduate behind schedule.

According to Assistant Head for Advising in the department of communication Sandy Stallings, students at N.C. State are not strangers to graduation delays.

"There are a number of factors that make it easier or more difficult to complete a degree in four years," Stallings said. "Many students work, and find it difficult to manage a full-time or part-time workweek along with a full-time class schedule."

She also said that the goal of advising is to help each student to achieve as much academic success as possible.

"We encourage students to gain academic strength as well as obtaining career goals," Stallings said. "Each situation is different, and requires a different plan of action."

"Within the communication department many majors are able to get out in four years," Stallings said.

Jacquelyn Warner, a senior in communication, says that she will be graduating in May, which is the end of her four years.

Warner said that she feels that Pataki's move could set a "good goal" for advisors and faculty of colleges to provide more academic structure for students.

"If this program were implemented it would provide an effective incentive for schools, professors and advisers to be at the top of their game," Warner

said.

Improved accountability for those in the field of education is a large factor, contingent on the adoption of programs like Pataki's, Warner said.

She added that the length of each student's academic career depends on his or her course of study.

"Engineering students face a more demanding course load, and often take longer than four years in order to complete their required classes," Warner said.

Stallings also mentioned the NCSU Progress Toward Degree Plan, which encourages timely enrollment into degree programs and reasonable progress toward graduation. The regulations include maintaining the number of hours required to be a full-time student and take courses that are consistent with the student's plan of work.

"Implementing an incentive program such as the NCSU Progress Toward Degree Plan has value, does promote timely graduation and does take into account the uniqueness of each student's situation," Stallings said.

Wes Crill, a graduate student in materials engineering, graduated a semester late last December.

"Some people's parents may put pressure on them to graduate on time, but I think that it's not a big deal," Crill said.

He pointed to poor scheduling early in a student's college career as a potential reason for delayed graduation.

"I personally don't see the need for incentives programs," Crill said. "They may cause people to try to finish faster than they are able."

Johnny Johnston, a junior in mechanical engineering, said that he was unsure of whether he will be graduating in four years.

"I don't think that it's really important to make it out in four years," Johnston said. "If it takes longer, students should be willing to take the extra time. Each person is different, and I know several other people with the same major who may not graduate on time."

Incentive plans proposed by some states have value, but each person should make decisions based on what is most appropriate for his or her situation, Johnston said.

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this intake because without the consumption of animal products, a vegan should try to eat fortified cereals, soy-milk or multivitamins.

If vegans are not aware of this, they could develop B-12 deficiency, an irreversible neurological disorder.

"I think it can be a very healthy lifestyle if [vegetarians] are cutting out junk foods and are eating a variety of foods, but really that is the same for any diet out there," Eberhart said.

Jared Milrad, a senior in fisheries and wildlife, feels the vegan lifestyle has been nothing but a good change in his life.

"We are the best living examples of healthy environments and people, and we must live up to this ideal of having a positive impact in all situations," Milrad said.

While vegetarianism may be healthier when a balanced diet is followed, Milrad said it can sometimes be a challenge to students who eat strictly off a campus meal plan.

"As a vegan for seven years, I do occasionally find it difficult to find healthy, enjoyable vegan options on campus," Milrad said. "Junk food — like French fries, some candies and other sweets — are readily available

of course, but the consumption is not consistent with the ideals behind veganism."

Carter said he also found eating on a campus meal plan difficult.

"This could be a result from my fickle eating habits, in addition to being vegetarian," Carter said.

University Dining is trying to improve the meal selection at NCSU specifically through an organization called Students Protecting Animals Respectfully and Compassionately, according to Milrad.

He said University Dining has developed a new labeling system and added more vegan options to the dining halls and C-Stores.

"SPARC is proud of our growing relationship with University Dining," Milrad said. "These recent developments, though we are cognizant of the long road left to travel, are still developments nonetheless."

Being a vegetarian may not be the way of life for everyone, but it has changed the lives of many people in different ways.

Rindos said that since switching her diets, she has noticed "dramatic changes," like being able to think clearer and faster. She said she has even become more athletic.

"I just feel happier and more at peace with myself," Rindos said. "I've converted several people to vegetarianism, and they all have noticed the same changes in their lives and they're extremely grateful."

Calendar

Tomorrow

The College of Textiles will hold its open house for high school students, parents, teachers and the general public from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Kaplan will be offering a campus-wide opportunity for students to take a free practice GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, DAT or PCAT administered under simulated testing conditions. The Kaplan Test Drive will take place at 9 a.m.

in Broughton Hall. To register for Kaplan's Test Drive, call 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit www.kaptest.com/testdrive.

Friday, Feb. 18

The Red and White Charity Ball will be held Feb. 18 from 8 p.m. until midnight at Delightful Inspirations on Avent Ferry Road. Tickets are on sale at Witherspoon Campus Cinema Box. Cost for NCSU students is 3 cans of food; other college students \$5; general public \$10.

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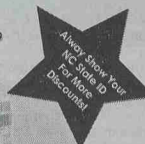
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Stafford and Heather Green, a morning show host for WQDR 97.4 radio.

Saturday, Feb. 26

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

The African American History Quiz Bowl will take place in the African American Cultural Center's Multipurpose Room at 4 p.m.

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In The Know

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. 14 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Building.

LeaderShape applications available

Applications for LeaderShape 2005 are available on-line for the event held May 17-22. The deadline for applications is March 1. Since its inception in 1986, the flagship program, the LeaderShape Institute, has developed a national reputation as one of the premier leadership development programs for young adults.

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Basket is more than points, rebounds and assists

Austin, I wish you would save your emotional ramblings for the round table discussions of whatever fan clubs you belong to. The discrepancy between where this N.C. State basketball team is and where it was projected to be at the beginning of the season is large. If you're allowing us to point the finger at Lee Fowler, who has no connection to the team other than the money allotted to it, then certainly we're allowed to point the finger at a player, who is on the floor and directly responsible for the outcome.

This team's leader is only Julius Hodge, as opposed to last year having it shared between Hodge, Marcus Melvin, and Scooter Sherrill. It is true that his points, rebounds, and assists are comparable to last year. However this is at the expense of his shooting percentage dropping from

56 percent to 50 percent, his free throw percentage dropping from 82 percent to 63 percent, and his turnovers rising from 38 at this point last year to 56. Basketball is about more than points, rebounds, and assists. I thought a sports editor would see that.

Brooks Peel
Freshman
Meteorology

Technician's content decisions should be left to its staff

I would like to bring up two catchphrases of American democracy, "Freedom of Speech" and "Freedom of the Press" were two of the ideals that America was founded on in the first place. It is true that the University is composed of many different people, of many different belief systems. This does not mean, however, that everyone should avoid stepping on

everyone else's toes in everything they say. Rather, everyone should expect to get their toes stepped on sometimes, recognizing that there are people who disagree with them. I may not agree with everything Technician prints, but I certainly do not claim that anyone should be restricted from posting their viewpoints, and in the Viewpoint section nonetheless!

The content of Technician is within the jurisdiction of the Technician staff, and that is where it should stay. Content restriction would only be necessary if Technician were a required reading.

If Technician begins running nothing but offensive columns, then I will simply stop reading. Until then, I will simply keep in mind the fact that others have different opinions than I do.

D. Michel Mason
Freshman
Electrical Engineering Unmatriculated

Free speech is not absolute

Universities are notorious for breeding extravagant thought. While walking through any of N.C. State's halls, it is not entirely shocking to find posters littering the doors of professors' offices displaying comic mockeries of our nation's cabinet as the cast of the science fiction classic, Star Wars, or a black-and-white mug shot of President Bush with the caption: "International Terrorist."

The usual response to passing by one of these posters is either a raucous sinister laugh of approval or a discouraged sigh in recognition of their manifest ignorance — unless you are fortunate enough not to notice the poster, in which case you have assuredly not been deprived of any worthwhile intellectual stimulus.

In light of a university's atmosphere of controversial ideas and the almost deified "right to free speech," I am puzzled that the recent news surrounding a University of Colorado professor, Ward Churchill, has not gained more momentum in conversations and classrooms at NCSU.

Churchill's invitation to speak a couple of weeks ago at Hamilton College in New York was canceled in light of death threats that his essay, published more than two years ago, recently elicited.

His essay, "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chickens," outlines his own strong hatred for American foreign policy and lays the blame of the 9/11 attacks on America's corporate imperialism.

In an interview with Bill O'Reilly, Churchill admitted that his essay was "harsh," but he still maintains that comparing Americans to "little Eichmanns" — in reference to Adolf Eichmann, a man instrumental in the Nazi plans to exterminate millions of Jews during Hitler's Reich — is sound, sociopolitical discourse.

Churchill compares America's resounding patriotic response to 9/11 to the spirit of anti-Semitic Nationalism during Nazi Germany. It should be noted that the Jews were living quite peacefully within German borders — one struggles to recall any planes flown into German high-rises, any bombs blowing up German delis, or any torture chambers where Germans were scourged and forced to consume lethal amounts of kosher food products. Any comparison between the Jews and the hijackers is the height of folly.

The closest Churchill comes to actually denouncing the acts of the 9/11 hijackers is saying that "they finally responded in kind to some of what this country has dispensed to their people as a matter of course." And Churchill shares no sympathy with the victims of 9/11, who were really only, in his words, "civilians of a sort." Setting the tone for his ostentatiously insensitive paper, he writes, "On the morning of September 11, 2001, a few more chickens [...] came home to roost in a very big way at the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center."

While Churchill does bring forth some good points about materialism and how many of us as Americans tend to get sucked into our solipsized, self-serving view of society, all these are far outweighed by his general ignorance of modern humanitarian crises and his failure to recognize the face of evil and its courageous, as it happens American, antagonist. Brimming with the pathos of a lost man, a wanderer, a reject, an old dinosaur whose views only warm the bitter and dusty hearts of implacably anti-American Michael-Moorists, Churchill principally blames the 9/11 attacks on the people of America.

Understandably, Churchill's essay has caught the eyes of the media and local government. He has his supporters, to be sure, but many demand his resignation as a University of Colorado professor; though he has already resigned as chairman of the ethnic studies department. Governor Bill Owens and Colorado Senate President

Joan Fitz-Gerald have both been vying for his resignation on the grounds that his essay is not only "outrageous and insupportable" but it also tarnishes the name and character of a highly-regarded Colorado university.

Many faculty and students cite the first amendment in his support. But his "right to free speech" is not entirely the issue. The free speech clause of the first amendment is intended to protect a person's views from a more powerful mob of critics seeking to stifle all opposition. And, for his views, he will serve no time in prison. He is permitted by law to express the views which he expressed. But he is by no means free from the consequences of his speech.

The idea that the right to free speech is an absolute right, is not only false, but dangerous. There are entailments that follow certain types of speech. For instance, I could not tell my friend that I have plans to assassinate a sitting U.S. president and not expect a visit from the Secret Service; nor could I publish false statements about a corporate entity's financial expenditures and not expect to be forced to retract them. If I told one of my black friends that they were nothing more than property in my eyes, and then, after his reaction, said "Don't get angry! I'm exercising my right to free speech!" would I not sound foolish?

Churchill, who has said, "I don't believe I owe an apology," should be prepared to deal with the ramifications of his essay. He has shamed Americans by blaming them for the 9/11 attacks, sent a message of sympathy and respect to the followers and comrades of the hijackers, and has belittled the death of innocent Americans — all from the distinguished professorship of the University of Colorado.

His right to free speech does not shelter him from the responsibilities of adulthood. Churchill should formally apologize to the families of the victims of the 9/11 attacks and recognize his own self-proclaimed ignominy.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT

OUR OPINION: STUDENTS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA HAVE A VOICE ON THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS. BUT THAT VOICE CAN ONLY GO SO FAR. THUS, STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE TO MAKE A STAND ABOUT STUDENTS' ISSUES.

Students have always fought for the right to vote. Granted, that just because they can vote does not always necessarily mean that they do — but, in one particular case, it is absolutely critical that a student gets a vote.

The UNC Board of Governors, which oversees the 16 universities in North Carolina, has 32 members who are eligible to vote on matters pertaining to those campuses. There are 36 members total, thus there are four on the board who are involved in the committee meetings, the debates and overall functioning of the board, but do not get a vote.

Basically, those four members that do not vote lobby for people to vote their way.

One of those four members is a student who is the UNC Association of Student Governments president.

The student representative — who this year is Amanda Devore, an N.C. State student — should have that vote and students at all campuses deserve that vote.

The vote would be a step forward for the students of North Carolina because finally the students would be properly represented on the board, especially when it comes to voting on tuition increases and academic programs.

There are a lot of voices behind that vote.

One of the issues the BOG is deciding on now is tuition increases — which is why giving the student

representative the vote is vital. The BOG wants to provide and establish a strong education for students. Therefore, knowing what the students want is important — important enough for the students to have a vote.

Sure, other members could say that the students don't know all the "ins-and-outs" of financially backing a 16-campus education system — and they would probably be right. But the members are there to support the education that students want.

If students wanted a tuition freeze, a new theatre, laptops for everyone or even a green car for everyone who has brown eyes, then that should be heavily considered and a priority. And a clear vote on the BOG would be a powerful indication of what the students of the North Carolina universities want. Simply lobbying for students' choices are not enough. A vote, by nature, always reveals a secure stance someone has on an issue — and that is what is needed.

Ideally, there would be more than just one student voting on the BOG. One student is representing hundreds of thousands of students across the state and, eventually, there should be broader student representation on the board.

But giving the student representative this vote would be a step in the right direction for students who want to see positive change in the education system they are currently in.

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N.C. State school spirit is at an ultimate low

I have never been one to give UNC credit for anything. Everything about Carolina, from the loudmouthed fans to the obnoxious lack of parking, drives me crazy. Even though it pains me to the bone to admit, Carolina has something going for it that N.C. State currently does not — school spirit.

Last year I managed to get into the Carolina-NCSU game in Chapel Hill where I witnessed something amazing. Not only do most of the students settle for the worst seats in the nosebleed section, they pack that section with the attitude that at least they were lucky enough to go to the game.

I was amidst a sea of Carolina blue, about to throw up due to the high altitude, when I realized, why isn't NCSU like this? True, basketball tickets are somewhat of a pain to get. We have to walk all the way over to Reynolds Coliseum, wait in line for vouchers, wait for the selected numbers to be posted and then realize that most of our worthless vouchers are clogging up our wallets.

If that sounds bad, we would all probably pass

out if we heard what Carolina students do for basketball tickets. They get up with the sun on Saturdays and stand in line with the hopes of getting seats, a check-in process that weeds out those without the dedication to their team.

I hate getting up early, and I find it hard to believe that the way NCSU students complain about the system in place now, they would be any more inclined to get up when it is still dark outside to get tickets like the Carolina students. However, if I was a part of a seemingly rabid fan base like Carolina's, I would sacrifice extra sleep.

The truth is, NCSU students have forgotten what it means to have true school spirit. Maybe part of the reason for our basketball team's recent downfall is this lack of student support.

Skip Prosser, head coach of Wake Forest's men's basketball team, came to Wake Forest four years ago. He quickly realized that something needed to be done about the student attendance at home games after witnessing another team's incredible turnout of student fans.

He immediately developed a way to guarantee a full house of students and fans to pump up his basketball team. Students are given the opportunity to be guaranteed tickets by signing a contract promising to attend every home game. If this contract is broken, their seat is given up to

the next name on a wait list in order to secure a large student population at every home game.

Wake Forest has grown into one of the top teams in the ACC and the nation — a huge accomplishment for a private university of only about 4,000 undergraduate students.

Maryland, Virginia and an increasing number of schools across the nation have adopted a ticketing program that permits students to print off tickets from their dorm rooms. This system, offered by Ticket Return, allows students who have received a lottery bid to accumulate points that increase their chances of getting tickets to games later in the season. Similar to Wake Forest, students who have gotten tickets and do not attend are penalized through loss of points.

Both of these systems help to minimize the dependence of attendance on fair-weather fans, as seems to be the current case at NCSU.

Duke's fans, the Cameron Craziest, are one of the most notorious groups of fans in basketball history. This continuous support from students has led Duke's basketball team to multiple winning seasons and national championships.

I am noticing a pattern here. Support from students seems to have a great deal to do with the success of the basketball team.

In watching the recent NCSU basketball

games, I have seen something that I had never seen before: the players seem to be as discouraged as the fans.

I then began to ask myself, are we losing because the team is not unified, or because the school isn't?

Last year, many of my friends drove up and down the East Coast to support NCSU on the road, possibly because they were a winning team. Now it is a rarity for any of my friends to attend even the home games.

It's time for NCSU students to stoke the fire that fuels the competitive spirit of the basketball team. But the students should not be alone in this task; help from the University could go a long way.

It seems to me that a revision of the current ticketing process would have the same positive effect on school spirit and attendance as it has at Wake Forest, Maryland and Virginia.

If Student Government made the ticketing process easier, more students would likely attend the games, and therefore pump up the team and create the home team advantage that every team needs to survive in the ever-strengthening ACC.

Give Meghan a spirited response at viewpoint@technicianonline.com



Meghan Woodall
Staff Columnist

BOOKS BEHIND THE OSCAR NODS

Exposing the generation's genocide

IN 'WE WISH TO INFORM YOU,' THE BOOK THAT INSPIRED HOTEL RWANDA, PHILIP GOUREVITCH EXPOSES THE BRUTALITIES OF RWANDA'S GENOCIDE A DECADE AGO.

Greg Behr
Staff Writer

Close your eyes and imagine you are a New York City journalist transported into post-war and post-genocide Rwanda 1995. You take a trip with armed military men in the back of an open Land Rover to a church that was first used as a refuge for people fearing for their lives only to be used later as an amusement park for militia forces wishing to kill the Tutsis they hated.

You step around skulls and skeletons of mothers clutching their machete-hacked children close to their breasts. You try not to step on any of the skulls. It's impossible and one cracks beneath your feet. When you open your eyes are you thankful that you didn't have to experience this? Or do you wish you had?

Philip Gourevitch pulls no punches. He doesn't dance around the issues or candycoat

the realities that led to the murder of 800,000 Rwandan Tutsis and Hutu intermediaries in the worst genocide our generation has seen. In his 1998 book, *We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will be Killed with our Families*, Gourevitch goes far beyond describing the brutal but systematic genocide that occurred in Rwanda. He introduces his readers to the people who experienced the genocide first-hand on both sides of the machete.

Rwanda is now an example of how hatred can get a hold of control so quickly. Gourevitch turns the spotlight around on who is to blame for the genocide and makes a daring move by placing blame not only on the Interahamwe militia and Hutu Power force but also on the United Nations, the western powers, and then President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeline Albright. The West debated definitions of genocide, while in Rwanda,

during one hundred days of slaughter five and a half people were killed every minute.

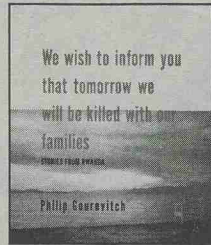
In the recent film "Hotel Rwanda," director Terry George portrays the heroism of hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, who saved the lives of over 1200 Tutsi refugees in the Hotel des Mille Collines. Gourevitch uses Rusesabagina's story to show the face of genocide and rationality. Rusesabagina, a Hutu, used all of his power and risked he and his family's lives to save those of his neighbors and friends, as well as orphans and other refugees.

Actor Don Cheadle portrays Rusesabagina so strongly that the moviegoer believes that they are witnessing genocide first-hand. Cheadle's performance earned him a "Best Actor" nomination in the Oscars and the performance of Sophie Okonedo as Tatiana Rusesabagina earned her a "Best Supporting Actress" nomination.

Gourevitch first became aware of the situation in Rwanda while standing in line to enter the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. in 1994. While waiting in the long line he attempted to read a newspaper but couldn't get past the photograph on the front page. The photograph was of dead bodies clogging a stream in Rwanda. When he looked up he noticed a button on the blazers of staffers at the museum. The buttons read, "Never Again."

Gourevitch forces his readers to open their eyes to an event that they were blind to before. He shows that the genocide in Rwanda was so senseless and the basis for killing was only small aesthetic differences and hatred at its most raw state. Gourevitch cannot stand on the outside any longer and the book is filled with his own opinions and reactions when facing evil dead on.

Most readers will never find themselves in that churchyard,



Overall quality: ★★★★★
Revealing the brutality present in every human
Ease of reading: ★★★★★
Contains a lot of information
Speed of reading: ★★★★★
Not a book to be absorbed on the weekend. Should be read carefully so the true reality of the situation can be understood

but luckily writers like Philip Gourevitch have reported the horrible honest truth of what has occurred and the world is better for it.

On a side note



NUKED: EASY MAC BY BEN E. MAC

Out of all the microwave meals college students partake, Easy Mac is a solid staple. Macaroni and cheese is a childhood favorite anyway, so Kraft did itself a favor by taking mac and cheese and making it easy to make. But there is an art to making Easy Mac and there is a difference between the suggested way and the proper way.

First, make sure to have enough water to cook the pasta in. Too much and the pasta will get too dry there won't be enough to mix with the cheese powder. It'll turn into macaroni and grits. Second, add a little milk and a pat of butter to the cheese mix. This is standard when it comes to mac and cheese. Now here's my secret: add black pepper and a dash of garlic salt or powder. It'll give the mac and cheese an extra zing. Try it and be surprised.

TRIANGLE ROCK



fishing for your girlfriend

Hook, line and sinker

Chapel Hill-based quintet *Fishing for Your Girlfriend* is performing tonight at *Lucy's in Chapel Hill*.

Hisham Salama
Staff Writer

When first hearing the words Chapel Hill, most would associate basketball, Michael Jordan or UNC-Chapel Hill, not music. However, Chapel Hill has been the hometown for many artists (Ben Folds Five, James Taylor, Squirrel Nut Zippers) that have walked the road to stardom. That same path is open for *Fishing for Your Girlfriend*.

Singers and songwriters Ben Cashatt and John Kurtz formed *Fishing for Your Girlfriend* in late 2002. Through mutual friends, Ben and John met during their first year at UNC and found out that each wanted to start a band. Due to other proj-

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MOVIE TICKET

'Hitch' is the hook-up

Hitch
CAST: Will Smith, Eva Mendes, Kevin James
DIRECTOR: Andy Tennant
PLAYING AT: Mission Valley, Crossroads, North Hills
★★★★☆
Jake Seaton
Arts & Entertainment Editor



Will Smith and Kevin James co-star in *Hitch*, a romantic comedy that is the year's first and best so far.

With Will Smith's current track record, it shouldn't be so much of a surprise that his newest film *Hitch* is smart, witty and an all-around fun movie. *Shark Tale* was definitely funny, despite what critics were crying about. *I, Robot* was intense and entertaining. *Bad Boys II* and *Men in Black II* may have both been empty-headed, but the action and hilarious one-liners were enough to keep the attention on the films. Finally, there was *Ali* — not much need to be said about this film other than Will Smith is breathtaking as Ali.

But how can a romantic comedy be good? This just doesn't happen — and when it does, it comes every quarter century. It is not, however, the fact that this film is a romantic comedy that this film works. It is because the actors play into their roles as if they were written specifically into the script. *Hitch* is a film that centers on Alex "Hitch" Hitchens (Will Smith), who is a date doctor for men. Hitch teaches

his clients — who must learn of his duties through word of mouth — how to properly not bust while on a date. When Albert (Kevin James, *The King of Queens*) comes to him for help, Hitch must do everything in his power not to allow Albert to ruin his reputation while getting that special girl. While teaching Albert the do's and don'ts of dating, Hitch falls for gossip journalist Sara (Eva Mendes, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*) and tries to win her heart. Unluckily for Hitch, the girl Albert is after is a

wealthy socialite and the target of many of Sara's articles. Hitch must keep Sara from learning about his profession so that he can protect Albert and himself from public ridicule. At the same time, Sara can't find out that he is the infamous date doctor or she may think Hitch is just another guy looking for a hook-up. Smith is suave and smart in his role as Hitch and plays at the top of his comedic game since *Men in Black* as he plays counter to James — who brings the magic he produces in *The*

King of Queens to the silver screen. Both actors play off the other well in choreographed scenes that rival Abbott and Costello. But with most movies that possess golden scenes that will be talked about long after the film leaves theaters, the best is wasted on the trailers. What is seen in the trailers for *Hitch* is some of the best scenes delivered, so for the avid coming soon lurkers, the film may come off as "not all that it is cracked up to be."

RAISING THE BAR

A drinkin' hole with lots of options

Saloon to cater to older, more sophisticated crowd

Ben McNeely
Staff Writer

Foster's Restaurant in Cameron Village is closed for renovation, but Foster's Saloon at Five Point is up and running. Residing right beside the Rialto Theater, Foster's Saloon is not readily visible, hidden behind frosted glass. But walk inside and it is anything but a saloon. Right now though, the saloon is not much of anything. The walls are bare, the ventilation is not great and there are bare lightbulbs in empty sockets in the ceiling. It currently lacks the saloon feel that it

most decidedly will have once it is fully renovated. That being said, however, Foster's Saloon may not live up to its potential as a saloon. The bar will close Feb. 28 for renovations, but the plans for the saloon leaves much to be desired. First of all, there are no beer taps, no drink specials and no rowdy college kids allowed. This limits the patronage, but then again, the saloon is — and will be — for young, urban professionals who have recently graduated and want a place to go after work. This is fine, but there are several things that will hurt Foster's Saloon. One, there is no beer on tap and no plans to make it so. Nor will there be food served

— not even finger food. Dance nights are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but it will be Hip-Hop and R&B. There is a dance floor and plans are to have a deck installed out back. The saloon will charge a membership fee — \$10 — which makes it pricey for students. There won't be any drink specials, either, which also hurts the college student budget. Overall though, the atmosphere at Foster's didn't scream saloon, or even bar for that matter. Whether it was the lack of decor or general vibe of the place, it didn't seem like a nice place to drink. One can only hope that once the renovations are completed, Foster's Saloon will attract a



Foster's Saloon will join the upper-crust bars on Glenwood Avenue.

diverse crowd — from those who want to dance the night away to those who just thirst for a couple of drinks after work.

A lot of potential, but not quite there yet. Jake Seaton contributed to this review



LAMPOON'S TO TEST FILM RELEASE STANDARDS

National Lampoon Inc. is challenging long-held film release practices by releasing *National Lampoon's Blackball* in theaters today and on DVD Tuesday. The company that made millions of dollars at box offices off raw humor and college pranks in movies from 1978's *Animal House* to 2002's *Van Wilder*, looks to break the bank with this four-day theatrical release — a record turnaround to date. DVD sales in 2004 reached upwards of \$15 billion, surpassing the 2004 U.S. box office receipts of \$9.4 billion. By rushing the film through theaters and onto retail shelves, Lampoon Inc. can save money bypassing the theatrical marketing that follows a film leaving theaters and rest upon consumer awareness that could stimulate immediate video rentals and DVD sales. *Blackball* — starring Vince Vaughn — is a comedy centered on lawn bowling.

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Friday @ 7 p.m.
- Saturday @ 9:15 p.m.**
- Sunday @ 7 p.m.**

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North Mississippi Allstars
Friday @ 9:30 p.m.
Thad Cockrell.
Saturday @ 9 p.m.

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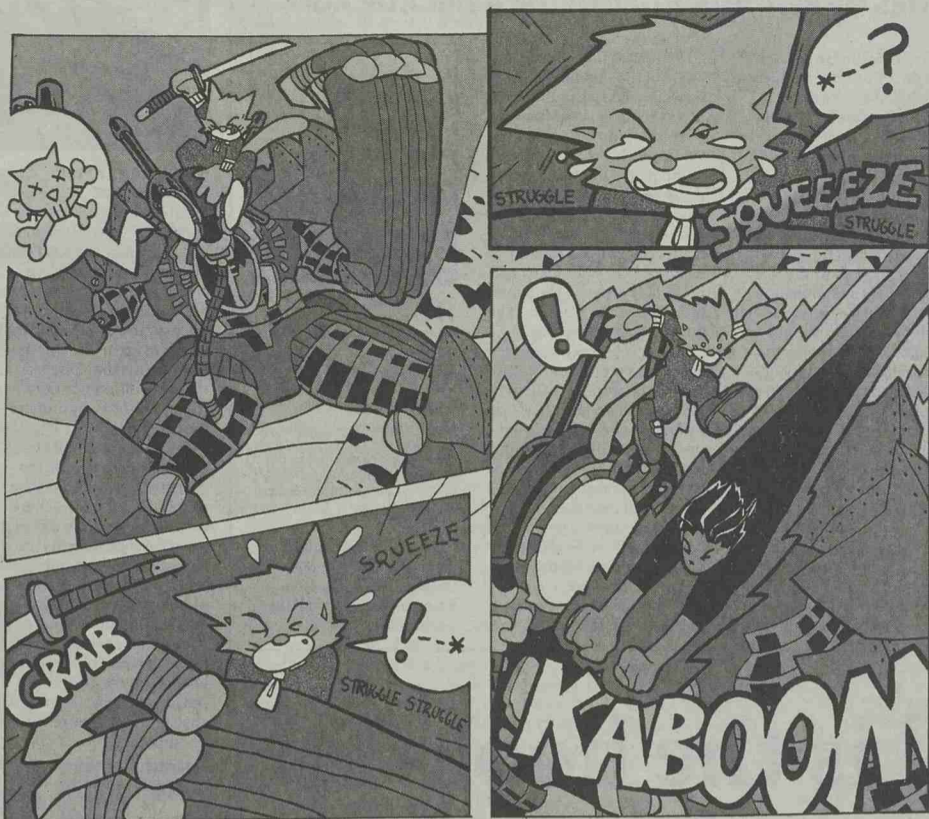
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Saturday @ 9 p.m.

-PATRICK CLARKE

Serious

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ects both were working on, Ben and John did not join forces until two years later.

The acoustic duo began playing live shows around Chapel Hill, when fate struck them and their unique name was born.

"Back in the fall of 2002 when John and I started playing together, I started to dig this one girl that came to watch us play, and John started talking to this other girl that was smoking. A couple weeks went by and we found out that both girls had boyfriends that weren't us," Cashatt said.

Ben and John's friends even began to comment, "You guys just steal people's girlfriends."

From that day to the present, Fishing for Your Girlfriend became the moniker for the once acoustic duo.

Drummer Zeke Tuten joined after playing with Ben and John during one of their shows in Chapel Hill. Zeke provided the rhythm and chemistry John and Ben had been searching for.

The trio recruited bassist Spencer Killebrew "after [the band] realized his commitment to rocking out hard and his common interest in what makes up our sound," Cashatt said.

FFYG's sound is almost impossible to describe. Depending on the song, the sound ranges from Pop to Blues to a hint of mild Hip-Hop. The members' influences span as wide a variety as their style with musicians including G. Love, Jason Mraz, Bruce Springsteen and Blind.

Taking the above artists and mixing their sounds

into one would only break the surface into their sound system Melon — besides, this amalgamation creates a brilliant sound that listeners can easily digest. But it's not the group's sound that sets it apart; FFYG's lyrics and vocals depart from those of the bands that have broke onto radio's airwaves as of late.

"With most Pop songs, you can almost guess what the next rhyming line will be, and I try to just be truthful about real situations and sing about them in a way that is fun and memorable," Cashatt said.

John Kurtz would describe the band's lyrical process a tad differently. "If you hear stupid lyrics, it's Ben writing them in an effort to be fun, catchy and stupid all at the same time. Ben writes lyrics like 'I'm just a burnt bowl of weed for you' and 'if your name was Moses I would follow you through the desert,'" Kurtz said.

The band recorded its first studio release *It's a Girl* throughout 2004 and released it during the fall. The disc earned its name from the recording process.

"The album took nine months to record, produce and master. The CD itself is pink. These songs collectively are about girls in general. And this album is indeed our child. So in conclusion, it's a girl," said Cashatt.

"[We hope to] sell enough of our own locally produced album *It's a Girl* to get us noticed and landed in an enviable spot with a major record label and an opening spot on John Mayer's fall tour," Kurtz jokingly remarked about the group's future plans and goal.

If Fishing for Your Girlfriend keeps at the pace it has set, a gig as John Mayer's opening act should not be too tough of a goal to complete.



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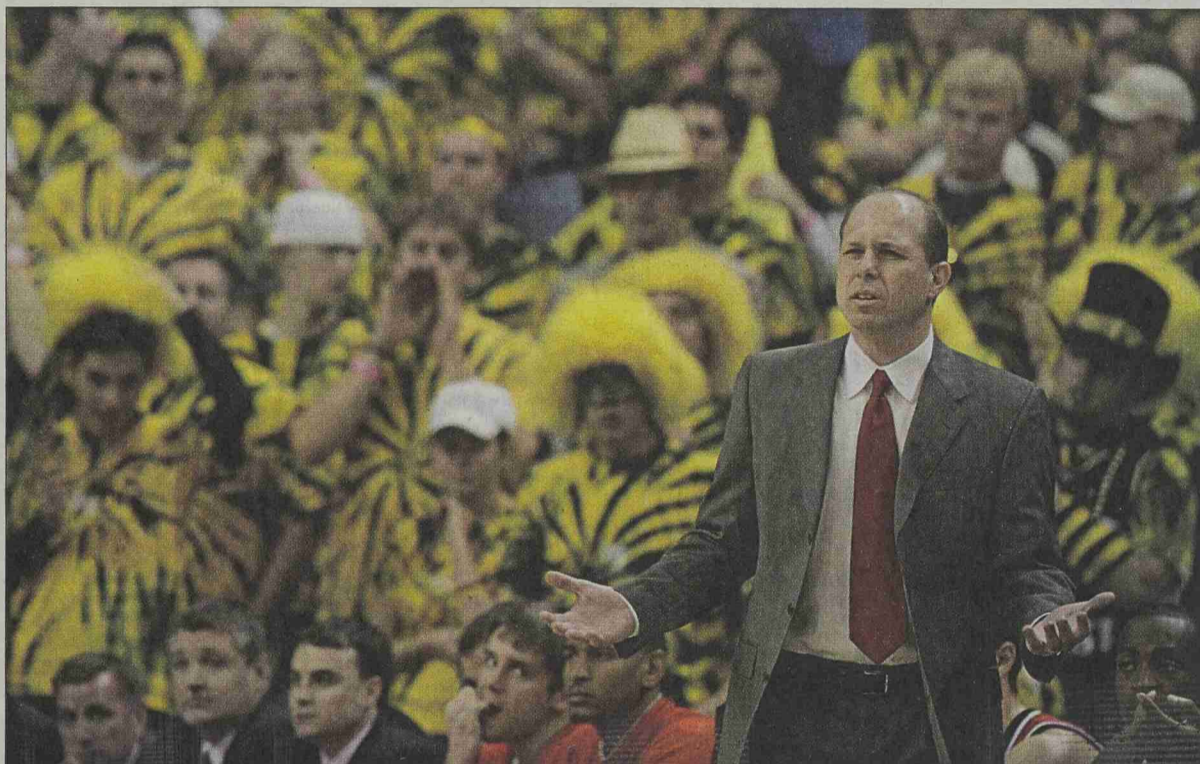
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

The struggle continues



Head coach Herb Sendek reacts on the sidelines during N.C. State lost to Wake Forest 86-75 in Winston-Salem. The Wolfpack is 3-7 in their last 11 games.

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Turnovers, missed chances doom State

The chance for an upset loomed large in Winston-Salem on last night, but mistakes down the stretch cost State.

Joe Overby
 Senior Staff Writer

WINSTON-SALEM — Julius Hodge had perhaps his best game of the season, making his first nine shots from the floor and leading the charge to erase a 16-point second half deficit. But it wasn't enough.

Whenever N.C. State had the opportunity to trim Wake Forest's lead to fewer than five or six points, the Pack couldn't convert. State missed shots down the stretch that could have made it a one-possession game, ultimately dooming themselves on last night at Laurence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

State missed three crucial 3-pointers in the final five minutes that would have trimmed Wake's lead into a one- or two-possession game.

"We just got to execute," Bethel said. "We fight back. We keep learning from our mistakes."

With 8:52 remaining, State had the ball and a chance to cut Wake's 66-60 lead into a one-possession game. Chris Paul's steal at the top of the key and his subsequent lay-up, however, extended the Deacons lead to eight.

But State still had chances and continued to fight back. After Iliian Evtimov's 3-pointer a minute later and two-straight defensive stands, the Pack had yet another chance to make it a one-possession game. But after Engin Atsur turned the ball over and Cameron Bennerman missed the front-end of a one-and-one on consecutive possessions, Wake capitalized. They scored the next six points and stretched their lead to nine.

"It's not just one simple thing. It's a combination of things," Evtimov said.

The junior forward also noted that had State been able to overcome the obstacle and take advantage of momentum, they could have easily evened the score.

"It seems like we couldn't come through," Evtimov said. "We couldn't get through that wall that was negative-six points for us. If we could have gotten over the hump, we probably would have come back in the game and evened it up. Six points is really a limit. If you get it under that, it's a one-possession game. It's mental."

Turnovers, once again, proved to be a factor in State's inability to overcome the deficit. State had 20 for the game, 10 in each half. The Pack was also out-rebounded, giving up 14 offense boards to the Deacons.

"Once we had it to six, we had some key turnovers. They [Wake] were able to make it a more comfortable margin," coach Herb Sendek said. "We didn't continue to make plays to cut into their lead."

Wake wins it from the line

A second-half comeback wasn't enough to prevent the Wolfpack from dropping its third-straight game and falling to 3-7 in the ACC

Austin Johnson
 Sports Editor

WINSTON-SALEM — N.C. State kept chipping away.

A 16-point halftime lead was down to five, and State had the chance to cut it to three. Cameron Bennerman stood at the line staring into a sea of black-and-gold tie-dyed shirts, ready to shoot a one-and-one.

But the junior hit the rim on his first attempt and Wake never looked back, going on a 6-0 run and finishing the game on the free-throw line taking a 86-75 win on Thursday night at Laurence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

"It's tough to lose when you come back and make it a six-point game," State coach Herb Sendek said. "We couldn't come over the hump at six points and its frustrating to lose again."

All told, Wake made 22 more free throws than State attempted. Hodge had eight of the team's 13 attempts, while the Deacons took 42 attempts and made 35 of them.

"They do a great job at the foul line," Sendek said. "I know at one time they had a string of like 50 straight. They don't let you off the hook when you do foul them."

Julius Hodge, who scored a team-leading 27 points, didn't enter the game until halfway through the first half. Hodge was at a loss as to why Sendek chose to bench him for the first 10 minutes.

"I can't really explain," Hodge said. "I communicated to the right people and I made that my first priority. I had academic obligations and somehow I didn't make the team shoot around. It was either that or not doing my assignment in school. I'm here to graduate."

Without Hodge, Wake Forest pulled out to an early 11-point to start the game. State struggled to keep possession early, committing seven turnovers in the first 10 minutes to help Wake jump out ahead.

"We certainly put ourselves behind the eight ball with some early turnovers," Sendek said. "As much as we talk about taking care of the basketball, that's exactly what unraveled for us early."

State cut the lead to six thanks to a string of points by Tony Bethel, but would get no closer in the half. Hodge came into the game at the 9:57 mark and scored a quick 10 points in just eight minutes, going 4-of-4 in the first half from the field on a series of rives and low-post moves.

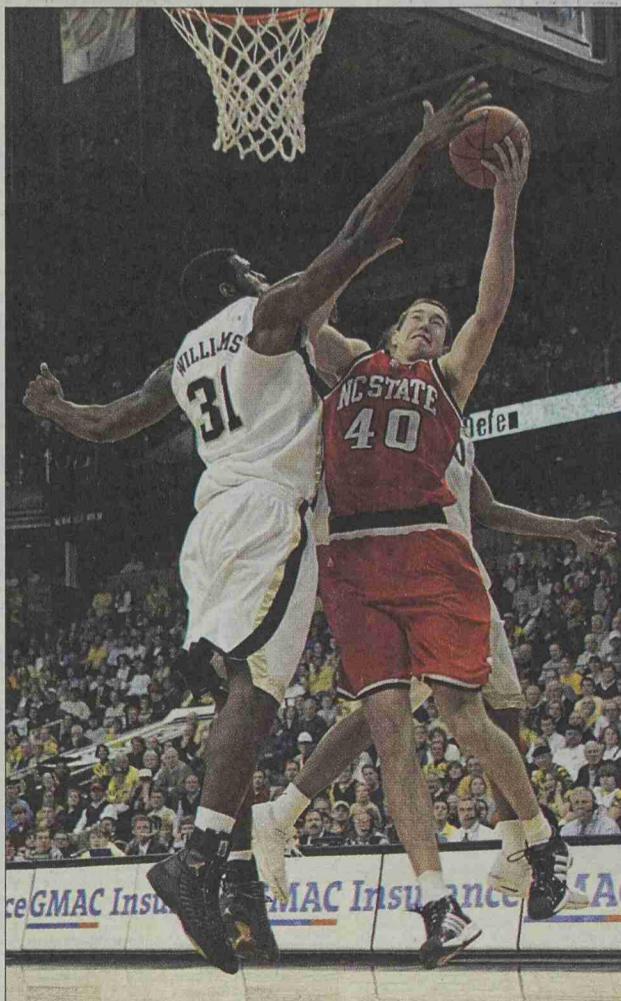
"There is really no secret about it, he's a great competitor," junior Iliian Evtimov said. "He got a bunch of breakaway dunks and got us back in the game."

His effort was not enough to pull the Pack any closer, though. While the Pack hit 59 percent of its shots and protected the ball better, they couldn't contain the Wake offense.

Point guard Chris Paul orchestrated the attack, dishing out the ball when State tried to bring help to defend him and tallying up six first-half assists. Wake also amassed an astounding 14 points from the line in the half, and Justin Gray led all scorers with 11 points in the first 20 minutes of play. The Deacons end with a 17-7 run and take a 16-point lead into the half.

"We know we have to play a whole 40 minutes," Bethel said. "We would have had a much better chance if we had played the first half like we did the second."

The Wolfpack came out with a run of its own out of the locker room. The team went on a 12-2 run early in the second half, highlighted by two Hodge breakaway dunks. On the second one, Hodge jumped the pass and poked it away, then sprinted down the court



Wake Forest's Eric Williams blocks freshman Andrew Brackman during the first half.

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