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PDA2K makes its way into the growing cell phone market

Naheed Azimi

Staff Writer

The latest device to hit the communication market is offering more than just flashy gadgets and musical ringtones.

The new I-Mate PDA2K and PDA2 cell phones are set to change how people connect with one another all over the globe.

The \$850 phones come equipped with Voice over Internet Protocol, a new software that shifts phone services from the highly regulated and taxed traditional local phone networks onto the unregulated Internet.

Based on a Microsoft operating system, VoIP comes from Skype, a popular Europe-based internet phone provider.

When a user is in a Wi-Fi "hot spot," commonly found in cafes, transportation hubs, hotels and retail outlets, the Internet phone allows its user to dial other Skype users for free, or pay two cents a minute to dial traditional phones.

The PDA2K also comes fully equipped with a built-in Bluetooth chip, which replaces cables

by transmitting information wirelessly.

But the PDA2K is not the first cell phone to utilize Bluetooth technology.

Amanda Black, a sophomore in communication, recently bought a new cell phone with the Bluetooth chip, but said she was surprised by the progression of cell phone technology.

"When I bought my Bluetooth cell phone, I honestly thought that cell phone technology would stop right there, but obviously I was wrong," Black said.

Michelle Hughes, a junior in business management, said she thinks this new wave of technology is "mind blowing."

"All I have is my little Sprint cell phone which I use to receive and dial numbers, but this new PDA2K, which is installed with things I have never heard of before, sounds pretty nifty," Hughes said.

The PDA2K does have its fair share of gadgets.

The PDA2K's face lifts up to reveal a full 39-key keyboard, a

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Thieves target stereos in recent car break-ins



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Four cars, like this Ford Explorer, were broken into at the Centennial Park and Ride Lot last week. Police are urging students to use caution.

Latest string of break-ins bring campus total to 30 since Jan. 1

Staff Report

Campus Police are urging students to exercise caution with their on-campus vehicles following a recent string of break-ins.

According to Sgt. Jon Barnwell, nine cars were broken into last Thursday between 8 and 10 a.m. on Central Campus, all of which had after-market stereo equipment stolen. Four of these occurred in the Dan Allen Deck and five occurred in the Wood Lot.

Christine Klein, an information and communication specialist with transportation, pointed out that the thefts were

not "smash and grab" jobs, since all but one of the windows were pried to open the car door.

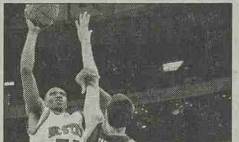
Jeep Cherokees, Hondas and Ford Explorers made up 61 percent of the occurrences, according to Barnwell.

Both transportation and campus police officials are urging drivers to make their vehicles less susceptible to theft by taking valuables with them and locking everything that must be left behind in the trunk.

Barnwell also advises drivers that if their stereo equipment has a detachable face plate, to take it with them when leaving the vehicle.

Campus Police is asking anyone that has any information about the thefts to come forward and to report any further suspicious activity to Campus Police at 515-3000 immediately.

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Mr. Nice Guy

Freshman Cedric Simmons doesn't like to taunt his opponents. See page 6.

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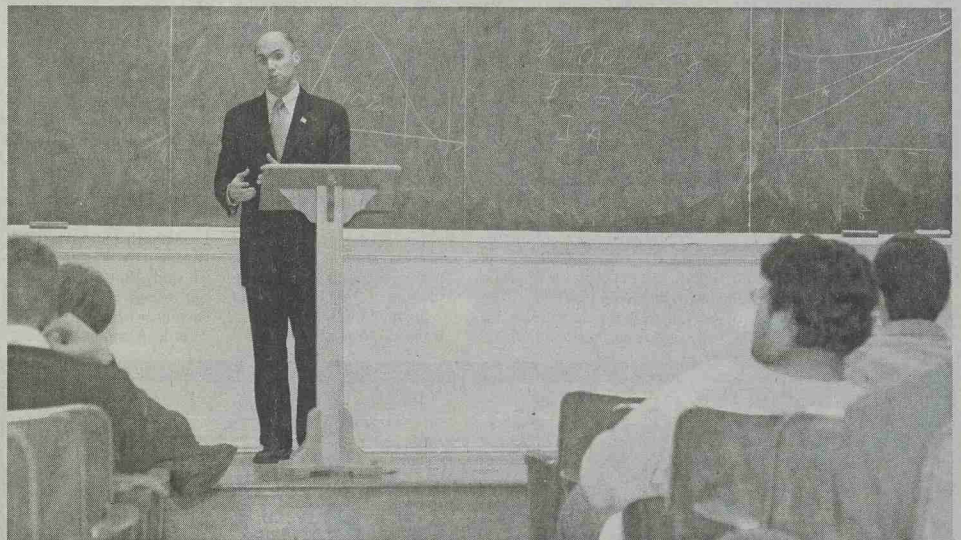
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Analyst Joseph Coletti of the John Locke Foundation relates to students the dynamics of socio-economics in America.

Forum produces information, debate

THE COLLEGE DEMOCRATS PUT ON A PROGRAM TO INFORM STUDENTS ABOUT THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH IT

Rebecca Heslin

Deputy News Editor

Republicans and Democrats alike attended a forum sponsored by the College Democrats last night in an effort to raise awareness about the current state of Social Security.

"This is an important topic being debated today and we wanted to hold an informational session getting the facts and figures about the current state of the Social Security system out there to students," Jessie Mendez, a sophomore

in political science and the vice president of College Democrats responsible for organizing the program, said.

Everyone was invited and the event was intended to be more of an informational program than a debate. The first half of the program was planned to be based on purely factual background information.

Robert Clark, professor of economics and business management, spoke first and gave an overview of the economic fundamentals and formulas involved in current debate.

Clark encouraged all to become active participants in the debates and learn more

about what's going on.

"You can't think about what proposals you support if you don't understand what's going on," Clark said. "The debate surrounding this topic has encouraged us to engage in a national debate on an important issue we'd been ignoring for years."

Michael Cobb, a professor of political science, was next up to the plate during the informational portion of the program. From the very beginning, Cobb let the audience know exactly how he felt about the current

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Union members propose changes to constitution and student roles

After proposing changes to the Union constitution on Monday, board members will put the matter to a vote next week.

Carie Windham

Staff Writer

For more than forty minutes on Monday, members of the Union Board of Directors toiled over the issue of awarding \$1,000 to a group of students in parks, recreation and tourism and whether or not plasma televisions were an appropriate investment for Talley Student Center.

But if board members get their way, it may be one of the last times that matters such as plasma TVs and student programming proposals occupy their time. For the remainder of the meeting, board members took the current Union Constitution line by line to introduce changes to the body that would include a clearer division between the Union Board of Directors and the Union Activities Board.

"With these changes, we won't be focused on plasma televisions, but accountability," Union President Aseel Elborno said.

Board members discussed, reviewed and altered the current constitution for nearly three hours, focusing debate on the issue of funding, student involvement and the board's power.

"I'm tired and exhausted," Elborno said after the meeting

adjourned after 9 p.m. "But I really feel like we're all on the same page now. I feel like we all have the same intentions."

Those intentions, she said, are to improve the quality and accountability of both the Union Board of Directors and the UAB.

According to the current Union and UAB constitution, the elected position of Union President serves a dual role as president of the Union Board of Directors and the Union Activities Board.

The BOD, comprised of members of the UAB, at-large student representatives, faculty and student representatives from campus organizations, is currently charged with certifying candidates for Union president, approving the UAB budget, approving the chairs of UAB committees and administering monies from a "contingency fund." The fund includes all dollars not used by the UAB at the end of the fiscal year. Each year, about \$10,000 roll over into the fund, according to Elborno.

The UAB is comprised of the UAB president, UAB committee chairs and members of Student Activities and coordinates the programming aspect of the Student Union, including events such as the Red and White Ball, the Pan African Festival and the Ultimate Allnight Bash.

The changes being proposed by the BOD would include separating the role of BOD president and UAB president into two positions. Board members also suggested stopping the

rollover of funds from the UAB to the BOD and instead allowing the BOD to utilize a line item for repairs and renovations in the student centers budget.

One of the more controversial changes to the constitution includes the addition and subtraction of board members.

Under the proposed constitution, more student groups, such as the Native American Students Association and BGLA, would be able to appoint a student representative. But the current four students at-large would be reduced to two.

"One thing about cutting out students is that you are actively taking their voice from them," said board member Tracy Hutcherson. He said students should be the board's top priority.

But other board members argued that student positions were actually being added by adding more representatives from student organizations. They raised concerns that the board's size—more than 24-strong with the four at-large members—would make it impossible to get quorum, which is the majority required to vote on issues.

Kristan Berry also pointed out that of the four at-large members, only two regularly attended meetings.

Board members decided to postpone settlement of the

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UAB certifies candidates

Carie Windham

Staff Writer

With one week left before books officially close for spring student body elections, the Union Board of Directors certified two candidates to run for the office of Union President.

Kyle Fox, a senior in parks, recreation and tourism, and Jennifer Crutchfield, a junior in biochemistry, will both vie for the position, which currently entails a dual role as president of the Union Board of Directors and president of the Union Activities Board.

"I definitely have a strong vision for the UAB with students waiting to get in so we have to find volunteer positions for them," Fox, current chair of the UAB leisure and entertainment chair, said.

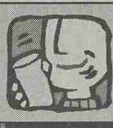
Fox said he hopes to take UAB programming—which he thinks has improved this year—to an even higher level by stressing communication, unity and motivation. In his application, he also mentioned fighting for more funding for the UAB.

Crutchfield, a current member of the Board of Directors, said she hopes to bridge the gaps between organizations on campus

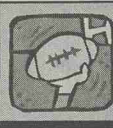
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situation.

"I am a critic better than a problem solver, so I'm here to critique what's currently going on," Cobb said.

He went on to explain how this is actually a debate about values. He addressed what he said was information based on the rhetoric being used. He said that the more people are told about what is going on, the less they actually like it.

"There is no one saying the system is going bankrupt," Cobb said. "If you want a savings program or account, start one on your own."

Cobb, who specializes in race and political representation, also addressed how the Bush administration's targeting of the African-American popula-

tion was misleading.

"They pitch these ideas to African-Americans by saying they get a raw deal [with the proposed Social Security reforms] because they die younger," Cobb said. "But in actuality, blacks are getting more than they're paying in than whites are."

After Cobb presented his ideas, the program shifted to shine light on each side of the political spectrum's main arguments.

Joe Coletti, a representative from the John Locke Foundation, began by saying he was not speaking on a partisan level, but that of a nonpartisan approach. However, he was invited by the College Republicans to speak at the event.

"With personal accounts the money is yours," Coletti said. "You can do whatever you want with that money."

Coletti had to leave early due to a prior engagement and was

unable to defend his views after the audience heard a counterpart argument.

Democratic Rep. Brad Miller was the final speaker of the evening. He focused on the historical aspects of the Social Security system since its beginnings in 1935.

"We're trying to replace this beautifully simple program with something so complex," Miller said. "We should wait a little while and see what happens...it would be perfectly responsible to wait and see if it gets better on its own."

Miller agreed with Cobb in that this is a debate about values, not the solvency of the system as a whole.

"This debates needs to be separated into two," Clark said. "Private accounts need to be separated from the debate of solving the funding problem."

Rachel Collins, a junior in po-

litical science and president of College Republicans, said she thought Clark did an excellent job of explaining the issue and not bringing politics into it.

"Brad Miller definitely represented one side of the issue," Collins said. "We felt that since this was a bipartisan event, we could stand outside and offer literature supporting the other side."

Collins added that she respected the College Democrats for inviting the College Republicans to be there and attempting to keep it informative.

"The program went from one ear to the other," Tim Dodenhoff, a junior in business management and Spanish said. "But I'm glad they put this on because I don't keep up with this topic, but it's still an important one."

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3.5 inch, 64K color touch screen and a digital camera.

The device also supports playback of WMA, AMR, ACC and MP3 files.

The VoIP system also contains radios capable of using both cell and Wi-Fi networks, which distribute internet access over short distances.

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to improve cross-campus relationships and programming.

When a board member raised questions about her role in the BOD but not with UAB programming, she said she will

According to estimates, revenues from Wi-Fi equipped phones will grow to \$4 billion by 2009.

Brandon Graham, a junior in biology, said he thinks there will never be an end to cell phone technology.

"I've actually heard a few people talking about the PDA2K," Brandon said. "It's crazy how one little device can do so many things."

draw on her leadership experience in other organizations across campus.

"I would welcome anybody that would like to return and work with me," she said.

Both candidates must still be certified by the Elections Commission before elections, which are set to take place on April 4 and 5.

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at-large student issue until they could gather more student input on the subject.

To further reduce the board's size, changes were made to select the vice president, secretary and treasurer from among the board's members. Currently, the three positions are elected.

Board members also debated how the BOD would be funded if the UAB rollover funds were removed.

Hutcherson argued that a certain percent of the rollover should still roll back to the BOD.

Elborno argued the money should stay with the UAB so that, over time, the UAB could afford to hold bigger events such as concerts and comedians.

Other board members objected to UAB programming money being used for other purposes by the BOD.

"I think we're disenfranchising students if we're not putting that money to programming," said Student Senate President Will Quick.

The current UAB budget is funded by a student fee with specific instructions to be used for programming.

To resolve the issue, board members agreed to examine a repairs and renovations line item in the student centers budget for possible use.

One change which received

little debate was the division of the Union President position into two roles.

In an interview before the meeting, Elborno said the change is really about experience and conflict of interest.

To be eligible for Union president, a student must have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year. Often, these students come from UAB committees. The experience, Elborno said, grooms them well for a year programming for the UAB but not necessary for the bureaucratic role of Union president.

Furthermore, Elborno said, the UAB president and at least four UAB officers currently sit on the BOD which approves the UAB budget and committee appointments. That's a clear conflict of interest, she said.

"It's kind of difficult for us to make recommendations for ourselves," she said.

By separating the two and creating executive members completely independent of the BOD, Elborno told the board that more leadership opportunities will be opened up.

"I can attest to the fact that this will be beneficial to the UAB and the entire student body," she said.

The board will reconvene on Monday to review the changes and vote.

If approved, the changes will go to the student body for a referendum at the spring elections on April 4-5.

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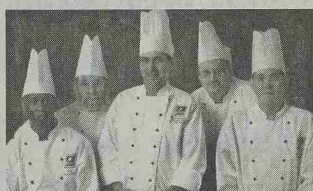
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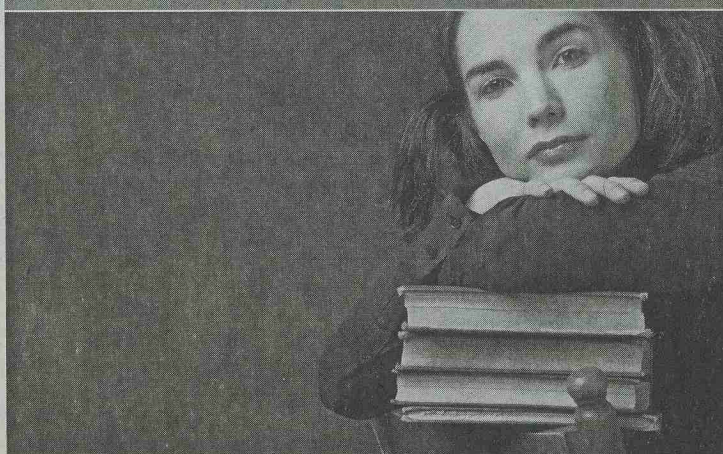
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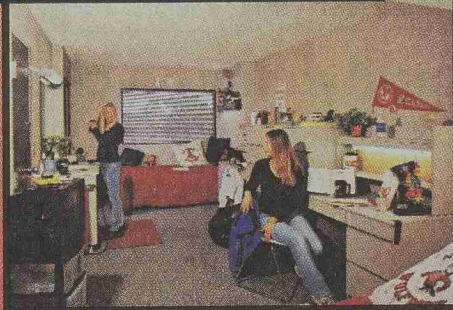
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The moving process isn't always easy

On Friday, I spent my last night in our nasty apartment on Avent Ferry. There was a hole in our ceiling, a pathetic excuse for a heating system that couldn't get the apartment warmer than 60 degrees, and dark stains (that we didn't create) on the carpet in almost every corner of every room.

Michele DeCamp
Senior Staff Columnist

We lived in a pit of despair. The appearance was bad, but the lack of amenities made it worse. Every week we had to go to the grocery store, get a roll of quarters and come home and prepare for a three-hour cycle of laundry. If we waited an extra minute to go switch our clothes at the complex's laundromat, then some kind neighbor would take our wet things and put them on the floor or, if they were extra nice, a large counter where bugs went to die.

I know there are nicer living options out there but it's not easy to afford said apartments when you are on a limited budget. So we roughed it for three-and-a-half years. And despite getting one of our cars towed twice from our own parking lot for a total cost of \$200, we had some good times in our two-bedroom garbage can.

On Saturday, we moved into a little piece of heaven. We have our very own washer and dryer, bathrooms without cracks in the tile and no more parking passes to trip us up.

The process of getting from Point A to Point B was almost not worth the joys of cooking food in a kitchen with actual counter space.

Many students have been through the moving process before, but it's so easy when people first come to college. Usually their parents are the ones in charge of moving their stuff and they have the advantage of not owning many

things to move. If they're moving into a dorm, they probably have to move their clothes, knickknacks and a television set. At the most, they might have to take refrigerators.

But even those appliances are miniature! A few years pass and students here often upgrade to an apartment. Now they might have to consider kitchen tables and sofas, but again, either their families will likely donate them or they'll buy them from a place like Rooms to Go, which delivers.

Only when students graduate and leave the college safe zone do they often experience the hazards of moving up and out.

I just spent last weekend making the first major move of my life, and I can see, despite my best efforts, that I'll still be reeling from this experience financially and emotionally a month from now.

First of all, I hate how much it costs to move. Forget the mortgage or higher rent one most likely will be paying after the move. I'm talking about the \$50 it cost to get the City of Raleigh to process my sign-up. The \$45 the phone company charged me to give me a new phone number that I now have to memorize.

And most of all, the \$325 it cost for the moving company to take our furniture to our new town home. Notice that I said furniture. My husband and I borrowed a van and made six trips to our old apartment to get our kitchen supplies, clothes, 250 books and every little other thing we own.

I cannot imagine what it would have cost if we had them take everything.

Also, it's impossible to transport your system of organizing your stuff from one place to another. In my old apartment, we had a closet. It wasn't even a closet; it was almost a tiny room. We put every random item we didn't have a place for into that space.

Christmas stuff? It was in that closet. Old linens that we'll never

use again? Closet. Fishing poles and wrapping paper? Guess.

That little corner of our former hell hole was the best thing about that apartment.

Unfortunately, 2.5 bathrooms and a laundry room mean that we don't have so much as a linen closet now. So all of a sudden we have to actually decide if we really need to keep our original Nintendo, Sega Genesis, Super Nintendo, and Nintendo 64. They used to be in that closet too.

I will be the first to admit there is no shame in accepting as much help as humanly possible from anyone who wants to give it.

I'm not talking about just an extra pair of hands to move stuff. I'm talking about getting people who actually know what they're doing to help you.

When I moved in my first dorm room, I couldn't wait for my parents to get lost. I was ready to become independent. Now they can hang out as long as they want. My mom is pretty good at decorating. She stood in our new living room on Saturday and told the movers where to put stuff. The result, a functional room where even a feng shui expert would pat me on the back. My mother's boyfriend is very adept at appliance installation. I happily put books on bookcases while he and my husband lugged a washer and dryer up to our second floor and attached the appropriate hoses. It's impossible to do all this stuff without assistance unless you want to spend hundreds of dollars getting other people to pack your stuff, install various appliances, and then unpack all your boxes.

My bed still isn't put together, our DVD player is sitting on our living room floor and I have picture frames lying against almost every wall of every room. But I just washed a set of towels and didn't have to walk out in the cold to get them. Life is good.

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Students should demand change from their government

Four years on this campus have shown me a lot of things: destroyed traditions, rising tuition and fees, ineffective professors and a corrupt student government system. Somehow, I still hold a love for N.C. State I will cherish forever. I don't think it is rash of me to believe many people feel the same way.

Yet amidst all of the whining and complaining about these issues, there has been little done to change them. One can only wonder why this is the case. We can start by looking at Student Government. Our representation is currently led by a strong

advocate for his peers, the students of NCSU. In general, the student body president is powerful in the sense of his or her seat on the Board of Trustees.

Aside from that, Student Government serves as political playtime for a select few. Some may say the Student Senate is a way for the students to have a large, unified voice. Unfortunately, that voice is a loud whining over late-hour debates on internal policy. Sure they dole out thousands of dollars in appropriations every year, but in gen-

eral, they do nothing.

Some may say the Senate handles ticket distribution. I say they do a horrible job of it. An important aspect of student life is handled by a subcommittee of a group elected by a small percentage of students. Athletic tickets should be something moved to the power of the student body president, where he or she can then delegate that task to an appointed committee. That leaves the Senate with very little, which is still more than they have given us.

Student Senate gives wannabe future politicians a place to call their own. It is empowering to the mindless souls that venture into "the chambers."

This is no secret to the student body at large, which is why students don't vote in campus elections, are disillusioned by the purpose of Student Government and let out a little snicker as news of resignations and impeachment comes from the student voucher scandal.

Students drift further out of touch with the system during tuition hike discussions, city council elections and, in general, a community that doesn't show much love to the student body. This separation is understandable as the University is stuck between the needs of 30,000 students and the needs of millions of dollars in

top-notch research. Many professors sway their vote toward the research while the decision is not as easy for the administration.

Through the mess of robbed and dismantled traditions, it is hard for students to see the passion that Chancellor James Olinger and other administrators such as Tom Stafford have for the student body.

Olinger speaks highly of the accomplishments of professors and the research that comes out of this institution, but speaks higher of the student accomplishments. Stafford won't stop gloating about his continued support of campout, even through rough times that have changed it into what it is today.

Students have to just sit and watch as the city of Raleigh stomp all over them. Threats of a housing ordinance and the action of the Nuisance Party Ordinance have students wondering why they are the target.

Yet 30,000 students cannot raise enough of a voice to incite change.

After all this is said, it may just boil down to student apathy. Sure, you can attribute that to the feeling of helplessness but any shouts for change have turned into lazy moans of concession. No traditions can be started here in part because of the foolish acts of some but also to the

lack of action from everyone else. Tailgate was restricted and virtually ruined. Why do we feel it's ruined? Because how can one person finish a keg in three hours?

Dance Marathon at NCSU has raised tens of thousands of dollars for the N.C. Children's Hospital. However, similar events at UNC-Chapel Hill and Penn State raise hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars every year. This statement is no insult to the organizers of the event here; it is an insult to the students who don't choose to attend. This lack of participation is probably because you can't drink at these events. See the trend?

As students, let's overhaul Student Government, namely the Senate. Let's demand more respect from professors and the community on the whole. Also, let's get behind some of the exciting events going on in and around campus, hoping that they can turn into the newest traditions at NCSU. Complaining about what we put up with on campus is one thing; let's take that next step as a unified group of students. It is hard to ignore 30,000 of anything, especially students who want a change.

Don't be apathetic — E-mail Matt at viewpoint@technicianonline.com



Matt Campbell
Staff Columnist

SIMMONS

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pects of his game than passing. "Being guarded like that was key in the mental part of his game," McGougan said. "It forced him to become a patient player, and he learned how to power his way to the basket."

The West Brunswick defense, on the other hand, became dominant in the paint because of Simmons' presence. His 7-4 arm span alone made Simmons one of the best, if not the best, prep shot blocker in the Southeast.

He tallied 15 blocks in a triple-double performance against New Hanover High last season.

Nearly a decade ago, McGougan coached former Clemson and Hoke County guard Terrell McIntyre for four years, and he said it gave him some insight on how to go about molding Simmons into a great basketball player.

"In the beginning it was basically his size that was impressive, so we worked on post moves, but Cedric is a very coachable player

and we took it from there," McGougan said. "He always had the potential to be a very good player. His work ethic enabled him to be very good."

Finally on the court

The drive from Supply to Raleigh takes about two-and-a-half hours. For Simmons, the journey from his dominating days at West Brunswick to the wooden floor of the RBC Center seemed like an eternity.

After one of the Pack's exhibition games in November, State forward Julius Hodge dubbed Simmons "Baby Okafor" after former Connecticut National Player of the Year Emeka Okafor, whose shot-blocking ability helped lead the Huskies to a national title last season.

But once the season started, Baby Okafor found himself at the end of the bench, sometimes playing garbage minutes at the end of a blowout. Sometimes not at all. Freshmen Andrew Brackman and Gavin Grant got more playing time than Simmons.

"It was real frustrating to see him on the bench," Mae Sim-

mons said. "He was the No. 1 high school player in North Carolina, and there he was not playing at all."

On the outside Simmons didn't display panic about not seeing minutes. He told his mom that everything would be all right.

But on the inside, there was doubt.

"I had regrets, not like regrets of coming here but, maybe I should have worked harder," Simmons said. "I felt like maybe I was doing something wrong."

Simmons kept working hard in practice, though. He became the pupil of Pack forwards Jordan Collins and Ilian Evtimov, learning the intricacies of playing the post in State's Princeton-style offense. His inside play steadily began to improve.

"[We worked on] little aspects and little ideas about angles," Evtimov said. "He's just so talented and so gifted. His reach is so long, he can really jump. He's gotta use the angles and that will give him a whole different dimension to his game. A guy like him, if he uses that, he's unstoppable."

Simmons' transition into the player Evtimov described started three weeks ago against Virginia. He scored a team-high 16 points in a losing effort, which included several dunks. Since then his minutes have increased, and if he's not starting, he's the first player off the bench.

His defense started to come around, too.

Simmons has averaged a little more than two blocks per game over the last six contests, including four against Wake Forest.

"One of the reasons we have been winning lately is because we have been going inside," Evtimov said. "Cedric Simmons has been playing big for us, when he catches it down there. If you get him to play one-on-one he is going to score."

Despite his improvement and increasing role in the State offense, don't expect Simmons to start talking trash in the near future — not even after unleashing a dunk.

"If something doesn't work I usually leave it alone and just stick to the basics," Simmons said.

GELBARD

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young program. Navas signed some of the best athletes Miami Palmetto had to offer, complimenting Gelbard's skill with that of fellow Palmetto alumni junior Caroline Blount and freshman Lisa Nentwig.

"Caroline was a year ahead of me and already signed to play at Lehigh," Gelbard said. "But when she mentioned that it wasn't working out there at the time I signed with State, Navas and I convinced her to transfer. Now that we've brought Lisa here, it's great because I know exactly where she's going to be playing shortstop beside me."

Witnessing the connection between these friends and teammates was Gelbard's mother, Susan, who challenged her daughter growing up in a Miami community that offered a horde of opportunities for young athletes to prosper.

No. 9 Heather Gelbard

Vital stats (through 19 games)

Hits - 19
Batting average - .311
HRs - 1
RBIs - 11
Walks - 6
Errors - 1

SOURCE: NCSU MEDIA RELATIONS

"Lisa, Caroline and my daughter, they have such great continuity," Susan Gelbard said.

Now the Miami connection has become the heart of the team, illustrated by the cheers of teammates teasing Gelbard early this season against Mississippi Valley State, where the sophomore went 5-for-5 with five RBIs, including the eventual game-winning grand slam in the third inning.

But Gelbard only said "she was just having a good day," remembering her morals that she credits to her parents, and providing the diamond-like sparkle.

"Softball's always been her first love," Susan Gelbard said. "I just wanted her to give her best and never quit, and she's done just that and more."

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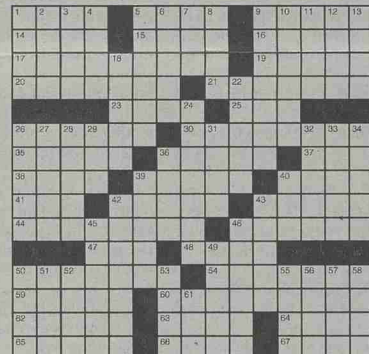
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TECHNICIAN

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mr. Nice Guy

Ryan Reynolds
Deputy Sports Editor

The Holiday Inn Express that sits by itself on a stretch of N.C. Highway 17 tells the story of Brunswick County. There aren't too many signs of life in the area — the most southern coastal county in North Carolina — besides tourist-heavy Ocean Isle Beach.

Even more desolate is the town of Supply, located a couple of miles off the highway and just a short drive from old-fashioned Holden Beach. The small city with a population fewer than 1,000 nestled among tall pine trees and family-run businesses suggests a laid-back atmosphere.

One of the biggest people — literally — to come out of Supply embodies that same casual attitude. That person is 6-9 N.C. State forward Cedric Simmons, whose thunderous dunks and esteem-crushing blocks are a drastic change from his typical personality.

"I have never seen him outraged. If he gets mad about something, he keeps it to himself," Cedric's mom, Mae Simmons, said. "He's always been calm, even around the house he's not really an outspoken person."

The freshman acts the same way on the basketball court. He doesn't say much to his teammates, much less trash-talking the opposition. The extent of Simmons' celebration for a dunk or blocked shot is a two-second grin.

His minutes have increased significantly since a 26-minute game at Clemson a month ago, and he's become an important cog in the offense and defense. And with every powerful dunk or blocked shot out of bounds, that neutral face remains constant.

Simmons hasn't always been

so passive on the court. He played a different type of game in eighth and ninth grade.

"I tried to talk trash when I was younger, but it never worked," Simmons said. "I'd talk junk like shoot a shot and say — 'In your face!' but I'd always miss. So I just never talk junk now."

Big fish

Basketball became Simmons' life after the first time he started shooting in his backyard at age 6. He would watch NBA games on TV and tried to emulate the moves of professionals.

"Cedric even slept with a basketball," Mae Simmons said. Simmons' parents kept a close eye on him, because Mae said they wanted him to stay focused on his life and basketball and not make any poor decisions.

"We didn't allow them [Simmons and his four siblings] to ramble around the streets by themselves," Mae Simmons said. "If he wanted to hang out with friends, they came over to this house, and his dad or I picked him up from practice every day."

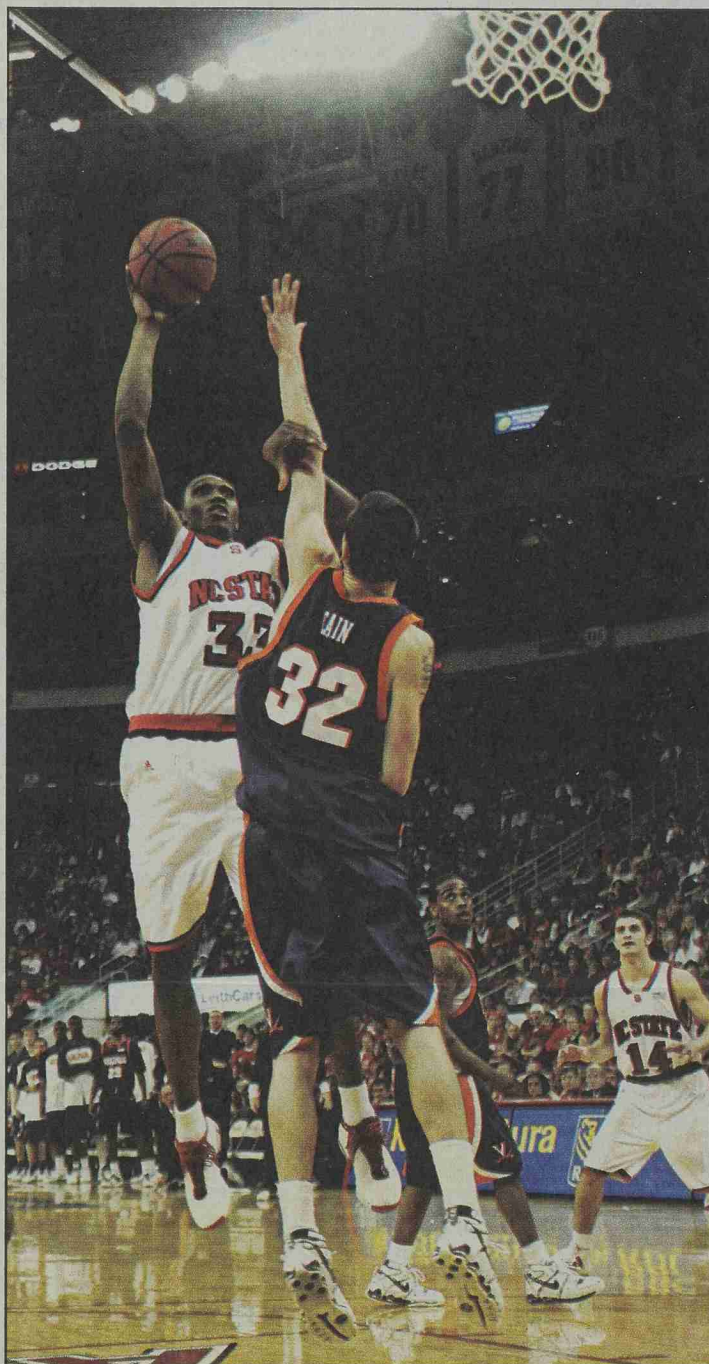
One activity Simmons enjoyed doing when he didn't have a basketball in his hand was fishing. He went three or four times a year at Holden Beach, he remembers. His catch of choice was flounder, but the biggest fish Simmons ever caught was a freshwater bass.

"It was a couple of pounds," Simmons said. "I've caught a lot of fish in the ocean, they just weren't the big kind."

On the court at West Brunswick High, defenders swarmed Simmons like hungry sharks, sometimes using three or four players to guard him at one time.

"Teams would use a 2-3 zone against us, and half of the zone would be on my side," Simmons said.

N.C. STATE FRESHMAN CEDRIC SIMMONS MAY BLOCK AN OPPONENT'S SHOT, BUT HE WON'T LET THEM HEAR ABOUT IT



N.C. State freshman Cedric Simmons scored a career-high 16 points against Virginia earlier this month.

Opposing defenses put so much pressure on Simmons that he wasn't even the leading scorer for West Brunswick. His teammate, 6-4 forward Chris Bland, had that honor.

"It was frustrating for every-

body on the team because it was hard to give Cedric the ball in the post," West Brunswick coach Dan McGougan said.

But the defensive emphasis on Simmons allowed him to become a well-rounded player.

Simmons attributes his precise passing ability to being heavily guarded in the post in high school, but McGougan said it improved more important as-

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COMMENTARY

The final stretch

Surrounded by reporters in a cramped conference room Monday afternoon, Ilian Evtimov put N.C. State's situation



Austin Johnson
Sports Editor

in perfect perspective. "We don't have any room for error right now," he said.

State has four games left. It needs to win most of

them. Going 3-1 to finish the season would put them at .500 in the conference. But because of losses out of conference to team's like St. John's and West Virginia, the Pack may still have to win some ACC Tournament games to get an a bid.

However, earning that bid at the last moment is something Sendek is starting to master. In two of the last three seasons, State needed to make statement wins in the ACC Tournament to secure a spot in the field of 65. Both years, the Wolfpack achieved those wins (over Maryland and Wake Forest, respectively).

Sendek's method for getting his teams to the tournament has raised the ire of many State fans. For what seems like the ninth-straight year of Sendek's nine-year tenure, the reigning ACC Coach of the Year is taking heat from some of the fan base.

If the team falters down the stretch this year, the heat will only rise for Sendek. He can't point to injuries as the Wolfpack team as a whole did early in the ACC season. Without Tony Bethel and Cameron Bennerman for long spurts, and with seemingly a new case of the flu going around the team every week, it was easy to point to health as a reason for the Pack's problems.

Now, though, the team is healthy. According to Evtimov, that has resulted in some of the best practices of the entire year.

"We have everybody healthy except Levi [Watkins]," Evtimov said. "We've had much better practices the last two or three weeks than we've had all year."

Making it three wins in a row tonight against the Tar Heels means first and foremost stopping the Carolina transition game. State did a less than stellar job in the team's first meeting, and consequently got run out of the building by Carolina. Thanks to a weekend with no game, Sendek has had a few extra days to prepare the team for the attacking Heels.

"It's very difficult to simulate in practice," Sendek said. "We do all kinds of crazy things in trying to put a lot of pressure on our defense."

The team realizes that it's the defense, not offense that has sent them on a two-game winning streak. It was the defense that allowed Georgia Tech to score just 51 points and then held Maryland to only 63 points. Evtimov realizes that Carolina presents a whole new challenge, though.

"They are very talented, very good but not invincible," Evtimov said.

It would appear, then, that tonight's game is just like the remainder of State's season — there is no room for error.

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SOFTBALL

Sunshine state's best reunite with Pack

Ian Jester
Senior Staff Writer

Taking in the sights of the Walnut Creek Softball Complex, fans certainly notice the diamond arrangement of the three bases and home plate position at N.C. State home games.

But hidden to the eyes of these spectators is another diamond, a diamond masked by the crowded sense of the similarly shaped infield, hidden until the spotlight of interrogation reveals a vivid sparkle that her teammates know all too well.

But Heather Gelbard would never be the first to admit her sparkle.

The sophomore third baseman from Miami owns two state championship rings from high school softball at Miami Palmetto — earning the second ring her senior year as captain — but amidst this accomplishment and a multitude of others she remains modest, keeping the best interest of the team at hand.

"During my freshman year, winning the state championship was such a blur; there were so many good teams in our area," Gelbard said. "But when we won it again in 2003, my senior year, I was expected to be a leader, an opportunity I wanted to make the best of."

She relished that role her se-

nior year by cultivating the rigorous task of becoming Florida softball's best with a 3-2 victory over defending champion Riverside at the Ed Radice Sports Complex in Tampa.

Finishing her high school career with a .363 batting average on more than 120 hits, she secured the team's MVP award following a 30-3 senior campaign as well as Player of the Year honors from The Miami Herald.

But above the mass of titles and awards something else impresses Gelbard.

"I can't be more impressed than by the heart we show on this team," she said. "My freshman year it might have been all

we could count on as a first-year program. Now it's something you can see with every play."

She brought along her amazing plate production to the ACC last year, leading the team in hits, doubles and batting average while playing near flawless defense at both second and third base.

Coach Lisa Navas used her familiarity of the Miami area to recruit Gelbard while coaching softball at nearby Barry University in the 1990s.

"A lot of the kids I brought in the first year needed to be solid academically," Navas said, who coached Barry to 335 wins in a span of nine years. "And I knew Heather was a great hitter — it

might be that 90 percent of the contact she makes she gets on base. Her first six at-bats last year, they were all doubles."

Navas followed her prospect around the Florida high school tournaments having already coached Becker Downie, Gelbard's high school coach, while at Barry.

"I first met Heather when she came to my softball camp when she was 9-years-old," Navas said. "As great as a hitter she is, she's never acted conceited about it. She's a very shy and quiet kid until you get to know her."

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McCantz book receives rave reviews

Critics: UNC junior's first work a 'real page-turner'

EDUARDO GETH
STAFF SUCKER

This, it's clear, is a whole new pantheon for Rashad McCantz.

The UNC junior has traded in his ball handling for ball points. High-tops for highlighters. And free throws for prose.

The junior forward is in the midst of a whirlwind media tour for his new, hot-selling book *Behind bars: Life as a UNC Balla*. The tour rolls into Chapel Hell today at the Bulz Head Bookstore, where McCantz will follow a brief reading with a book signing at 1 p.m.

"I don't toss around the label 'The Next Hemingway' too often — but I

can't hold back this time, he's a star," noted literary critic Jacobin Mugatu said.

Sales of the book have skyrocketed over the last week, catapulting it to the top of The New York Times best sellers list. All of this has resulted in an incredibly hectic schedule for McCantz, who has been forced to take a leave of absence from the North Carolina basketball team.

"It's like my uncle says, I'm in jail right now. I have to get up, shower, get dressed, eat, go to book signings, make a speech, sign autographs, eat, go home and do it all again," McCantz said in a recent phone interview. "I'm just serving my time."

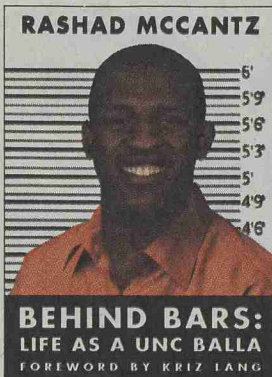
McCantz said he wrote the book over the course of two years, each night coming home and writing in a cornflower blue notebook between punching holes in the wall and watching reruns of *Supermarket Sweep*.

It chronicles everything from his bouts with former coach Matt Duherty to his tribulations with the national media, which he says "misunderstand me much like they do [former UNC forward] Hakhtar Ndi-aye."

Critics have lauded the work for its captivating story-telling and syntax, which some say transcends generations.

McCantz writes in the second chapter about why everyone seems to be jealous of his gifts — "Is it because my car is nice, my clothes are nice, because I listen to Jay-Z, cuz I'm kinda cute?...I think it's cuz I was 'BORN 2 BE HATED.'"

"I would compare that passage in particular to any of [F. Scott] Fitzgerald's descriptive scene-settings or the third act of *The Tempest* — it's incredible stuff, really," literary historian Miquel H.P. Fox said.



DTHell / BRIAN BEERSTICKER

Rashad McCantz will sign copies of his new book today in Chapel Hell.

Wicked Burrito will be 'Wicked Desires'

Former tasty Mexican eatery now a shop for naughty pleasures

DR. JOE BILLY BOB
TOWN AFFAIRS DESK

Franklin Street will soon have a new shop to spice up the decrepid and tired college street. Wicked Desires, a "shop of naughty dreams and fantasies," along the lines of the Pricilla's chains, will open up in the old Wicked Burrito building.

The new proprietor, Lucretia "Big Mama" McGillicutty, says the shop will sell "Tarhell- and goat-themed toys, sexy lingerie and other various sundries and titillating things."

"I believe college students are more sexually open these days, so why not have a shop that caters to that?" McGillicutty said, with a seductive wink and a sly smile.

The shop, to draw customers, will offer a mechanical bull outside the building. Patrons can get a free ride with the purchase of three or more items from the shop.

The Texa\$ Star restaurant chain, which owned the building, had slated it to be another restaurant, but according to their public affairs office, "Big Mama" gave them an "offer they couldn't refuse — wink, wink."

"I'm excited about meeting all the students, especially the more kinky ones," Big Mama said, with a shake of her massive and voluptuous bosoms.

But not everyone is excited about the newest tenant on Franklin Street.

Jane B.A. Knickerbocker, chair of the Chapel Hell Downtown Planning Commission, Hair Care and Tire Center, said Wicked Desires will morally degrade the pure minds and souls of the "sweet, innocent college students that are studying wholesome subjects at the University of the People's Republic of Chapel Hell."

"This store will be an abomination on Franklin Street. Pretty soon, we'll have brothels and porn theaters moving in everywhere," Knickerbocker said, breathing heavy.

But Chapel Hell mayor and dictator for life Fevin Koy said he thinks the store will help "sprout an industry that is lacking on Franklin Street."

"When I went to college in the 1960s, it was all about sex, drugs and rock'n roll. I sorta miss that," Koy said, staring longingly at his secretary. "I think it will be an economic boom for this town."

Lord High Chancellor Jim "Phantom of the Opera" Mozer urged students to resist the lure of the neon lights of the shop through a song he played on his electric organ in the Pit Monday.

Doing his best Will Ferrell impression, Mozer sang his song, set to the tune of OutKast's latest hit, "Hey Ya!"

"Don't go to the sex shop/because you'll get caught/ with your pants down, clap, clap, clap/If you do, you catch the STDs/like AIDS, herpes and chlamydia/ clap, clap, clap/Hey Ya, hey ya!" Mozer sang.

But students are already excited about it.

"I can't wait to go try the mechanical bull!" Veronica T. McGee, a junior in physical therapy said, jumping up and down.

Men's basketball Warden Roy "the Boy" Williams has already banned his team from visiting the shop.

"They need their pent-up frustration to thrust them through the games. That and McCantz already has STDs," Williams said.

The grand opening celebration will be on Friday, Feb. 25.

'TASTEFUL' ADS WILL MAKE WAY TO CAMPUS LANDMARKS

TRUSTEES INK LUCRATIVE CONTRACT WITH TRIO OF COMPANIES MONDAY

KELLY 8. PHILMORE HERD-CLINE
STAFF LIBERAL. REAL LIBERAL.

Trustees formally approved deals with three corporations yesterday to place "tasteful" advertisements on timeless University landmarks. The moves will take place immediately, with erectile dysfunction drug Cialis owning the advertising rights to the Old Well, while a large Beefmaster Franks ad will hang atop the Bell tower.

Additionally, Franklin Street will now be known as Chick-fil-A Franklin Street and, in accordance with company policy, will be entirely shut down every Sunday. Terms of the deals, which were inked to compensate for a gaping budget shortfall, were not disclosed.

"We couldn't pass up that kind of money — businesses and the campus community will just have to adjust," board Chairman Twig Williams said.

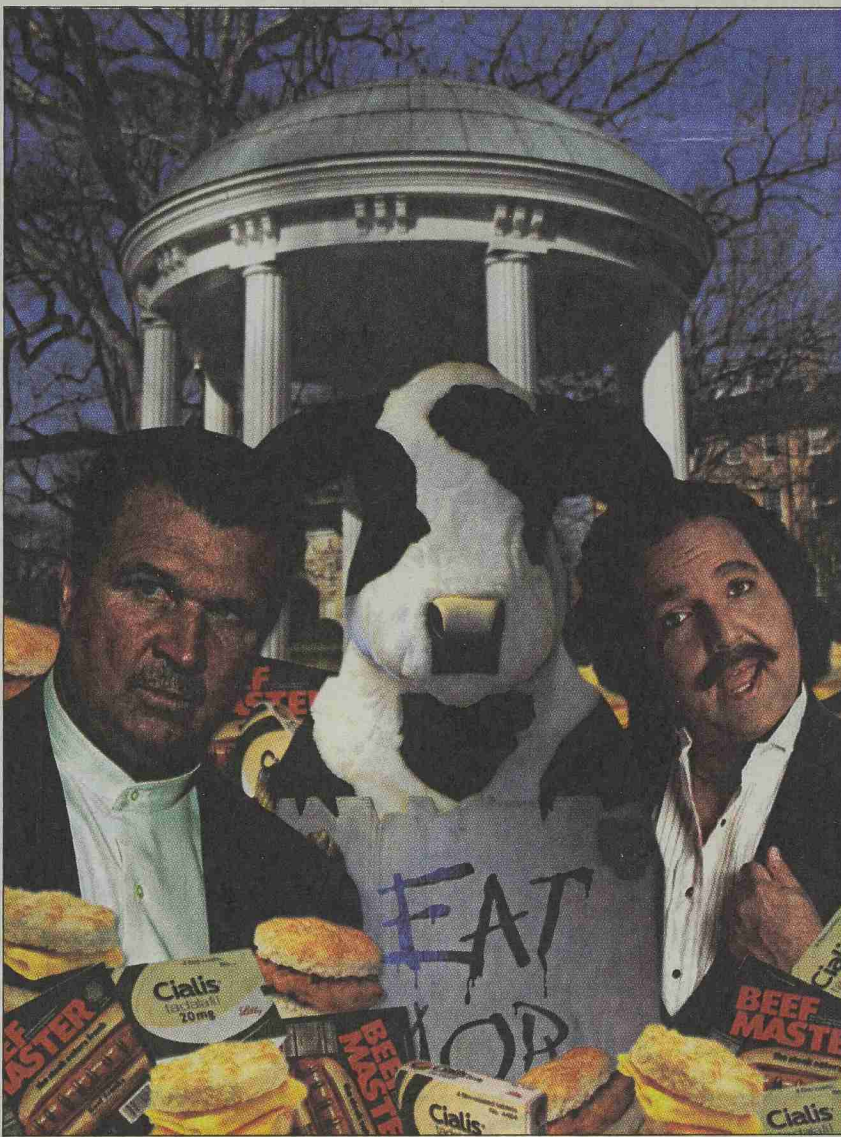
Williams added that police in cow costumes will patrol the streets on Sunday to make sure both vehicular and pedestrian traffic stays off the University's main artery. The deals involving the other two landmarks are believed to be not as lucrative, according to sources speaking on a condition of anonymity.

Geoffrey Chrisman, a spokesman for Cialis, said the company will probably use one of its regular ads with Hall of Fame football coach Mike Ditka, but added Cialis might use the space to launch its new marketing line, one that features adult film star Ron Jeremy.

"The key was being tasteful in the ads," Williams said. "Before we approved anything, we wanted to make sure it didn't cross the line."

The decision comes on the heels of the trustees' move this past summer to allow similar signs in Kenan Stadium and the Dean E. Smith Center. Signs there compensated for a fiscal nightmare in the athletics budget, which allowed the school to keep such crowd-drawing, money-generating sports like fencing and women's rowing.

There were no stipulations to these moves, as was the case in Kenan and Smith Center. Companies that intended to advertise food were not allowed to bid for the Kenan Stadium rights, as officials worried that might distract the bottomless pit that is football coach John Punting's stomach during games.



DTHell / LAURA SNORTIN

Cialis, Beefmaster Franks and Chick-fil-A are the three companies that inked advertising deals with the University.

Similarly, trustees deterred any companies that used leprechauns, lions or lambs from advertising in the Smith Center.

"Everyone knows Coach [Roy] Wil-

iams never does anything right in March; we didn't want to risk anything — any product associated with that month was not allowed to come to the table," noted Chancellor Jim

Mozer. "With John, we knew that if we allowed Hardee's to get involved, his mind might be more focused on burgers and pork chops rather than zone blitzes and chop blocks."

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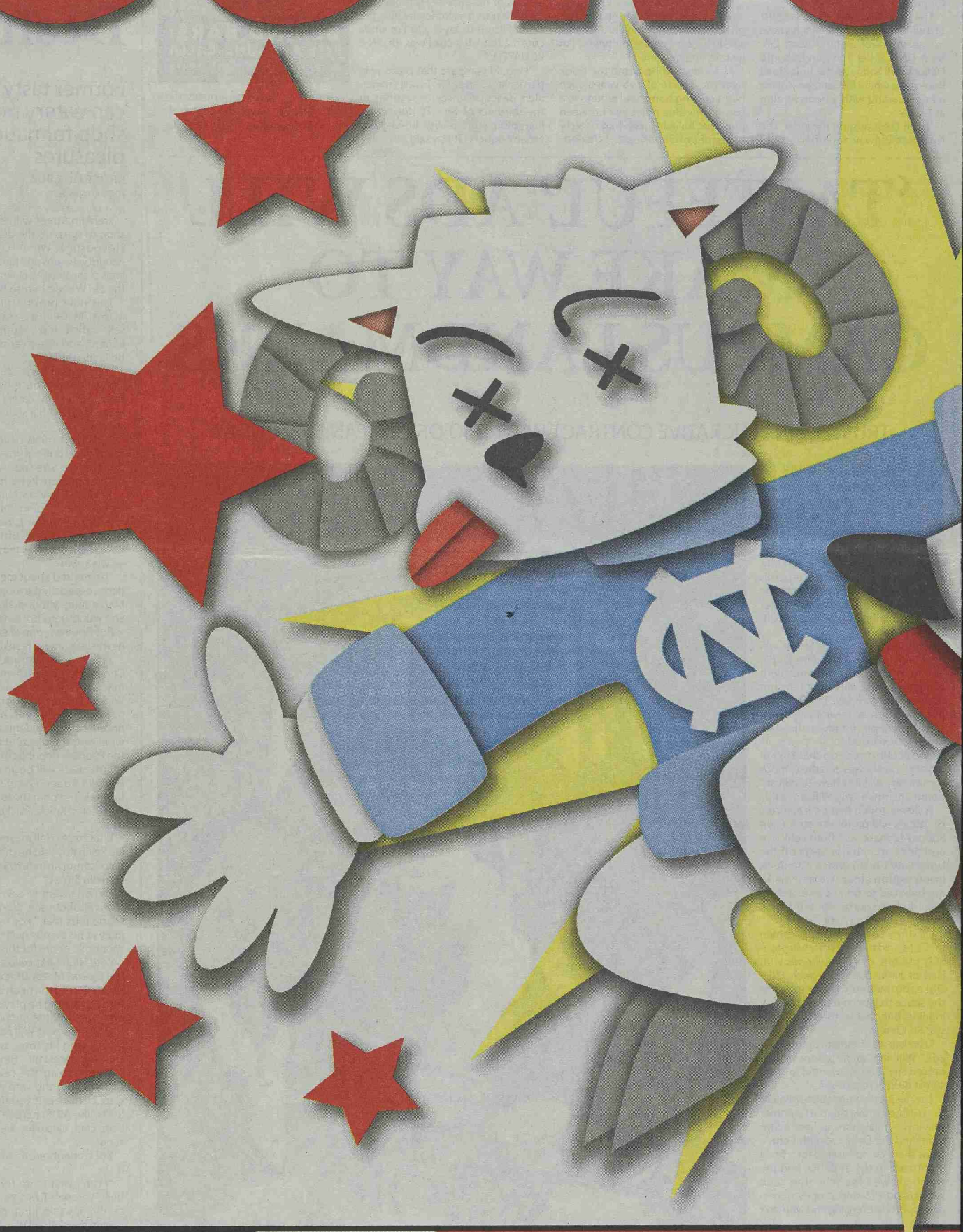
SPORTS

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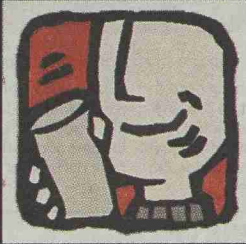
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TODAY: Consult the Book of Answers
TOMORROW: Turn the page, wash your hands.
NEXT WEEK: Greg Fishel is goin' in the fountain.

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BOARD EDITORIALS

ENOUGH OF THEM IN-STATE KIDS

The University of the People's Republic of Chapel Hell is a fine institution with a rich history of filling the young minds of the youth of North Carolina with "progressively" liberal clap-trap propaganda.

For more than 200 years, the University has been a beacon and haven for every hippie, misfit and freak on the East Coast who wants to come and babble on about the "evils of Corporate America," saving the whales, hugging trees and other such silly ideas.

But too many hippies have strained the University's resources to the brink. Right now, due to the budget shortfall, the University has to operate well below its high standards. Thanks to whiny hippies and poor in-state students, the University cannot fulfill its destiny: to be the best damn university, period!

With that in mind, we urge the Lord High Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to close the University off to North Carolina residents and only recruit students from out of state. By admitting

only out-of-state students, we can increase our academic standards, and more importantly, our tax bracket by at least 50 percent.

Schools like Duke or Wake Forest don't have to fill a quota of in-state students. They can be choosy about who they want to attend their fine institutions. Well, why can't we? We deserve to be great, too!

It is proven that out-of-state students help boost the academic performance and alumni giving after graduation. This is an untapped resource we need to exploit. And, at the same time, we can finally get over our institutional "endowment envy" of Duke and Wake Forest.

After all, the average parental income of a Duke student is \$150,000. The only thing that would top this off is changing the name to "The University of the People's Republic of New Jersey, Chapel Hell branch."

Or we could sell the naming rights of the University to the highest bidder.

Think of the possibilities.

SPORTS FEE HIKE NOT ENOUGH

Egads! Fencing isn't pulling in its fair share of revenue for the athletics department. Neither is field hockey or track and field. This is a serious drain on our athletics budget.

Never mind the lucrative and insane contract that we have with the Nike corporation. Never mind the \$107 million endowment the Ram's Club raised. That is not enough to cover for these sports' inequities.

We need a raise and we need it now. How can we expect to run a world-class athletics program when our non-revenue sports aren't bringing home the bacon? This is intolerable!

The current athletics fee of \$98 is not nearly enough to support our fighting Tarhells as they battle for the pride and wallets of our fine and storied institution. We have to get the fee well above \$100 to pay for our 28 sports, and have enough left over to add some others.

We think it would be nice to have curling, cricket and cribbage; all fine and respectable sports that could use some Carolina pride to boost their popularity. Also, the long-standing tradition of

underwater basketweaving would add a touch of culture to our athletes. Of course we would only use strands of gold leaf.

And who can forget the popular, emerging sport of beer pong. This cross between ping-pong and raging alcoholism is just the sport we need to thrust our athletics program into the 21st Century. Only the best equipment — Dixie Cups, Miller High Life and E-Z-Pump, the first name in on-the-site stomach pumping — will be used for our upstanding beerpongers.

Many would question the legitimacy of beer-pong, but we would only recruit the best and the brightest from high schools and from our sister institutions, namely East Carolina University.

Just because there is a tuition freeze instated for next year does not mean we can let the quality of our athletic programs slip. The Ram's Club is doing its part — administrators are planning a new \$9 million headquarters.

You, the students, enjoy athletics. Now it's time to pay the price.

So how 'bout it, huh? Pay up!

WILLIAMS NO. 1 IN OUR BOOK

The true mark of a coach is not how he has his team playing in March. Anyone can step up their game when it matters, when scouts are waiting in the wings, and when the eyes of a nation are focused on a month of madness. A great coach has his team peaked at Valentine's Day. That's why Roy Williams will always be the best.

True, Williams does not have the career winning percentage of active coaches by chance. His ability to coach players he personally despises and have them beat Vermont in the cold, dreary days of December is what makes him special.

Beating rivals is overrated. That's why his record versus Coach K (1-693) should be overlooked. Don't be fooled by the fact he looks like Huckleberry Hound, Coach Williams is the greatest

motivator in college basketball.

Sure, some people say winning national titles is what makes a good coach great, but these same people actually watch March Madness. Williams' philosophy is simple — it's gaudy winning percentages in every month other than March he's after.

True to his word, Williams is the only coach to win a game in every NCAA Tournament in the past 15 years. He has also lost once every tournament in that span. May he continue his good work for the Tar Hells for years to come, for underachieving in March has long been the hallmark of our university.

At least now we truly know he gives a s*** about North Carolina. We think.

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READERS' FORUM

TO THE EDITOR:

Yo. Put a deep fryer in the cafeteria already. The recent addition of Hostess cupcakes and candy bars to the cafeteria was a step in the right direction, but how am I to stay in prime shape if they aren't deep-fried?

While we are updating our foods, why can't we get a deal with Hardee's to get Western Bacon Thickburgers for lunch every day? I also think we should use more pork in our menus here at UNC. If you dress it up with a different type of cheese every night, or just a stick of butter, pork can be used more than once a week. Also, since when did sausage become a breakfast-only food? Let's have some of that at every meal... with gravy. Lots of chunky gravy. Speaking of breakfast, since when do eggs only have white parts? Can we bring back the yellow? My bacon-sausage-

three-cheese omelets do not taste the same with egg whites. Peace.

Shawn Mae Junior (I think)
Early Ronald McDonald Studies

(Editor's note: This letter was found under our door written in blue crayon and refers to no particular article we have ever published)

TO THE EDITOR:

After watching the recent victory of my Lady Tarhells over the Wolfpack Women on Sunday, I felt the need to express my gratitude to Tar Hell point guard Ivory Lattah for being my role model in spite of the disease we share.

Lattah and I both suffer from facius crybabyus, when our rotting and aged facial skin becomes so weak from crying after every foul that we

begin to pout contagiously when anything touches our face.

I cried with her when she fell spiraling to the court multiple times, holding her face in tearful pain after that harmful gnat bit her forehead. At least I think it was a gnat, it could have also been a gust of air.

Ivory, please know that I will always be with you in support and love, and let me know when you are coming over to my dorm again to eat crickets.

Hugh G. Rection
Fourth-year freshman
Undeclared

TO THE EDITOR:

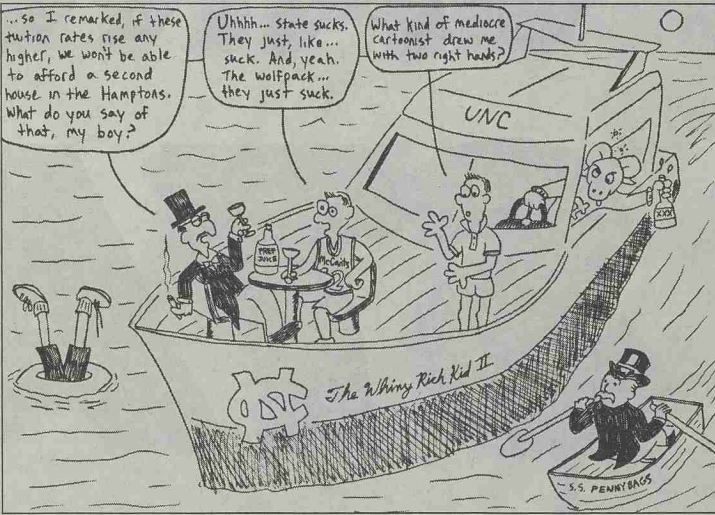
There's a fog that looms over Chapel Hell every night. It's a smoke cloud that forms when the bar-goers light up their cigarettes before and after a late-night snack at the Pita Pit.

ON THE DAY'S NEWS

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-RASHEED WALLACE, PHILOSOPHER

EDITORIAL CARTOON



COMMENTARY

More impartiality by us!

On Tuesday, members of our celebrated Summer Reading Program's prestigious Book Selection Committee announced that *Four Trials* by John Edwards ('77) will join Tim Tyson's *Blood Done Sign My Name* as the choice tomes for incoming undergraduates.

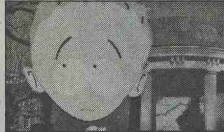
The primary objective of our Reading Program is raising awareness of social/economic victimization in America. *Four Trials* achieves this intent. Edwards rose from the rags of the N.C. textile industry to the riches of its senatorship, which he later selflessly abandoned after half a term to pursue various other avenues of helping the little people — such as the vice presidency.

His book explores how the author, a selfless trial lawyer, crusaded against the national tragedy of wealthy physicians hatefully victimizing their patients.

"We at the University, we understand the malevolence of free enterprise," says Dr. Thorden Hump, committee chair. "We understand, in a way that the ignorant masses never will, that all misfortune is spawned and propagated by the political economy of capitalism and its various institutions, such as achievement-oriented schools and private business."

Hump adjusts his tie and cufflinks. It is easy to be fooled into thinking that this tenured professor is being hypocritical. That perhaps his sharp, tailored attire, designer horn-rims and tub of organic Whole Foods, Inc. soy yogurt betray an allegiance to the fruits of the very system he condemns.

This is, of course, a misguided and delusional conclusion, much like those made by ill-bred rural voters. For if you look closer, and downward, you will see: Hump has intelli-



TIMMY!!!
THERE SHOULD BE A CROSSWORD HERE

gently deconstructed capitalism by undercutting his faux-bourgeois garb with a pair of dingy Chuck Taylor sneakers.

In this light, his outfit is properly understood as a non-violent disapproval of the tyrannies of convention. But then: the clever sneakers on his feet. They symbolize the ugly persistence of poverty and deviance, created by the smothering weight of unchecked trade! Hump is a walking allegory.

"Underneath this sweater-collar-woolen trousers thing I've got going on," he says, "is an old holy T-shirt and a pair of track-marked briefs. Thus my undergarments represent the extent to which corporate-government America simultaneously masks/aggravates social ills. The longer I wear these things, the worse the stains become."

These, he points out, include the highly paid doctors and surgeons that Edwards sues into oblivion in *Four Trials*, as well as the privatized health insurers whose rates ballooned with each gargantuan settlement, putting vast numbers of potentially negligent doctors out of business as a result.

Cheers! Once again, our Book Selection Committee has made a laudable choice.

And an informed one. In accordance with University guidelines, the nine-member BSC must be a precise microcosmic reflection of victimization in our country. Given the committee's small size — and that such large portions of our prestigious university hail from southeast Charlotte and

suburban Raleigh — it might seem that generating such diversity would be difficult.

Not so, says Hump. "When forming a committee, we look for individuals who have been or expect to be personally victimized on numerous occasions," he says. "And what most people don't realize is that, in any event, there's always going to be a victim. The capitalists disseminate myths of misfortune and personal blame to the masses. Once you can get past that, you realize that the failings of all are determined by the greed of others."

Hump explains that, when searching for victims, it's important to consider: Has this individual been prevented by another individual/group from accomplishing things he/she would have liked to accomplish? For example: Did the Physics Department discriminate against this individual for his/her SAT II scores? Were the SAT II scores perhaps inhibited by a malpracticing doctor's failure to prescribe appropriate medication? For many individuals the answer to these questions is yes.

Edwards, whose battle against victimization is ongoing, is a kindred spirit. His heroic forfeiture of his senatorial duties in pursuit of the presidency and the fact that nearly 45 percent of his multimillion dollar settlements went to his little clients, are testaments to that.

And we can only hope that our selection of his book, plus his new two-year position as director of the University's Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, will be sufficient to catapult our man into a 2008 nomination. But if not, it's all right. We'll find someone to blame.

Comments to this column can be directed to the soothing toupe wall behind you

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