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## Cellular phones distract drivers

*Young drivers have slow reaction times when talking on cell phones*Tara Zechini  
Staff Writer

Motorists between 18 and 25 have reaction times similar to elderly drivers when they talk on cell phones, according to a new study from the University of Utah.

"If you put a 20-year-old driver behind the wheel with a cell phone, his reaction times are the same as a 70-year-old driver," David Strayer, a University of Utah psychology professor and principal author of the study, said. "It's like instant aging."

The study found that young drivers placed in a driving simulator and actively engaging in a conversation with a hands-free phone reacted to brake lights from a car in front of them as slowly as 65- to 74-year-olds who were not using a cell phone.

Kristy Durham, a senior in sociology, said she would not use a cell phone if she was driving "unless [she] had an earpiece or if it was an emergency." She said it does not matter if the phone is handheld or hands-free.

Any activity requiring a driver to actively engage in conversation will likely impair driving abilities, according to Strayer.

The study, which was published in the winter issue of Human Factors quarterly journal, casts doubt on the laws in New York and New Jersey that ban the use of handheld cell phones while driving.

Bryant Reams, a junior in business management, does not believe cell phone usage hinders drivers.

"I guess it is a distraction, but most people are careful enough to not get in an accident," Reams said.

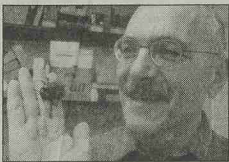
North Carolina is currently studying evidence and deliberating whether or not to limit or ban cell phone usage while driving, according to the Governor Highway Safety Association.

The American Automobile Association reported that distracted drivers account for about nine percent of serious crashes.

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## Inaugural Chef's Challenge concludes Culinary Week

N.C. STATE'S CULINARY STAFF PUTS ON ITS RENDITION OF THE 'IRON CHEF'

Josh Harrell  
Staff Writer

It wasn't a typical day for the chefs that make up University Dining at N.C. State — going from their day-to-day ritual of serving 8,000 students to a 60-minute competition where the best chicken dish gets bragging rights over the other dining halls.

The competition was hot, but the chefs from Fountain Dining Hall came out on top, and their winning dish of a crab and breaded chicken on a creamy version of mashed potatoes will be served all around campus later this during the semester.

Many of the students who attended the event saw what was going on when they came down to the Wolves' Den to eat dinner.

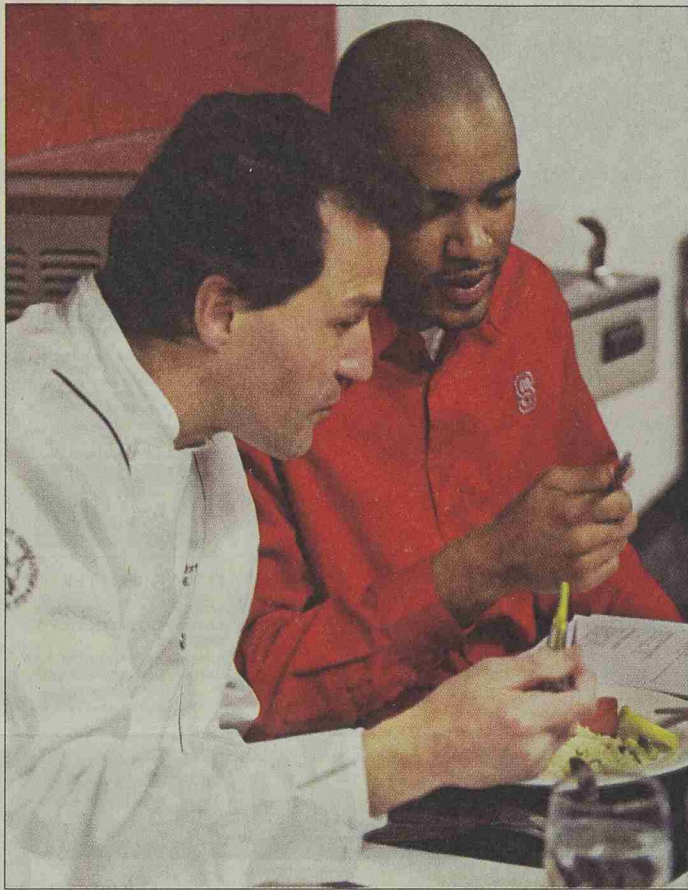
"I was just here eating and saw what was happening and it looked pretty interesting," Joy Johnson, a sophomore in computer and electrical engineering, said. "Plus, my boyfriend always says that I need to learn how to cook."

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford hosted the event and it was judged by a group of five judges, two of whom were culinary experts. Student Body President Tony Caravano and morning show co-host on 94.7 WQDR Heather Green joined the culinary experts on the judging panel.

The culinary judges were Fredi Morf, chef and culinary instructor from Wake Tech, Bob Passarelli, chef consultant at U.S. Food Services, and Daniel Scott Shurr, executive chef at The Second Empire Restaurant and Tavern in Raleigh.

"Dr. Stafford was as entertaining as usual and the competition was really intense and interesting," Johnson said.

The students who attended were able to see the makers of



Tony Caravano consults with one of the culinary judges at the Chef's Challenge last night before giving his opinion on a dish prepared by the Case Dining Hall team.

their daily meals in action for the first time.

Throughout the competition, attendees were also given the opportunity through energetic host Stafford to voice suggestions and ask questions of the chefs at the various dining halls on campus.

Students, judges and staff

agreed that the program was a success, and hope to see it continued in the future.

"I definitely thought it was a success," Student Body President Tony Caravano said. "It was great for students to get the opportunity to see what really goes on behind the scenes and see the kind of talent that our

chefs have."

Bill Brizzolara, the executive chef at NCSU who gave analysis of the chefs' progress throughout the competition, said he thought the program went well and that students got the opportunity to see

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## State Department makes student visas harder to obtain

*For many international students wishing to come to the United States, changes should make the process faster and easier*

Daniel Clark  
Staff Writer

The United States has always invited international students to study at its universities, but in the wake of 9/11, student visas have become shorter and more difficult to obtain.

"I applied for my visa online, but I had to go to the capital a month later and stand in a line of 500 people for about five hours to receive it," Ilyia Matviyiv, a freshman from Ukraine studying textile and apparel management, said.

According to the Institute of International Education, this difficulty has resulted in a 2.4 percent drop in the number of foreign exchange students enrolled in American universities during the 2003-2004 academic year. This was the first

drop since the 1970s.

In response to this drop, the State Department has decided to shorten the length of time it takes to obtain student visas and to lengthen the term of these visas so students can finish their plans of study without having to worry about renewal.

"My visa expires in May, so it's really annoying because I wanted to spend the summer here," Paul McCarthy, a junior in history and English who is only studying here for the semester, said.

The process to obtain student visas can be very different, depending on where the applications come from.

While Matviyiv said he had to wait for a month for his visa, McCarthy said the American Embassy in Belfast, Ireland predicted the process would take two weeks. Under particular circumstances, he was even able to obtain his own in a matter of hours.

"I don't understand why it takes so long if they can do it in a couple of hours when they need to," McCarthy said. He claimed that the process was fairly easy for him,

but also said that that is not the case for everyone.

"I remember while I was in the embassy, I could hear them grilling this one guy on the other side of a door," McCarthy said.

However, some students, such as Michelle Adkins, a freshman in First Year College, do approve of the State Department's actions.

"It is a good idea, because it is already hard enough to move to a different country," Adkins said.

NCSU, whose leaders pride themselves on a diverse student population, offers many different programs to help ease international students into American schools and culture. Alexander Global Village, for example, is a community that encourages understanding and offers answers to its residents who come from countries all over the globe.

In addition to making student visas harder to obtain, another aim of the State Department's changes is to encourage foreign students and scientists to continue working in their fields after graduation.

## Students juggle work and studies

*According to a recent study, a rising number of college freshmen said that they plan to seek employment during school*Haley Huie  
Staff Writer

Destiney Ross did not intend to work in college, but found herself working 24 hours a week to make ends meet.

Ross, a sophomore in math education, is one of a growing number of students who find themselves occupying their free time with jobs during the school year.

According to a study conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, a record-high number of freshmen plan to work while attending college.

The report showed that about 47.2 percent of the 300,000 students polled, believed there was a good chance that they would be working students. These results are the highest figures that the Institute has seen in its 39-year history.

According to the survey, approximately 53.3 percent of women questioned, plan to hold jobs during school, as opposed to their male counterparts where 39.6 percent planned on employment.

Ross, like the women who were polled, cited a variety of reasons for having a part-time job, including basic living expenses.

"I have a son, and bills to keep up with," Ross said.

She said that she did not work her freshman year in college, but finds it necessary to receive additional income in order to help support her son, who is approaching his second birthday.

Last semester, Ross worked two jobs, one on campus and one with the Children's Transition Program, helping to mentor high school students.

She is currently an employee at the NCSU Bookstore, and plans on continuing her employment into next semester.

"I didn't think that I would have time for a job," Ross said. "But there were a lot of unexpected expenses."

Next year, Ross said that she plans to move off campus and into an apartment. She understands that she will incur additional living expenses requiring her to sustain a part-time job.

Like Ross, Victoria Timm, a junior in zoology, obtained her first job this school year.

Timm works on Saturdays in order to balance her studies and work schedule.

"It's very difficult, students have to have a strong sense of time-management," Timm said.

She also said that it is important for students to prioritize and be able to keep up with homework and exams in addition to their jobs.

"I got a job to aid my parents in school expenses as well as earning extra spending money," Timm said.

"Lots of students have to take on a job in order to pay their bills," she said.

Faculty members at NCSU also

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tracted drivers in serious accidents were using or dialing a cell phone at the time of the crash.

"I usually drive with one hand on the radio or the cell phone, so either way I'm doing something

else while I'm driving," Natalie Alford, a senior in communication, said.

Drivers are far less distracted by cell phone usage in comparison to other activities, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Activities that are more distracting than talking on cell phones include reaching for

items in another seat or talking to other passengers.

Arya Laghaie, a senior in communication, said she does not think it is safe to drive while talking on a cell phone.

"I used to be real psycho about not doing it. I used to never do it, but now that I have an earpiece I do sometimes," Laghaie said.

Some students believe it is important to be a defensive driver at all times because of inattentive drivers on the road.

"One of my girl friends can't drive at all — with or without a cell phone," James Cooke, a senior in communication, said.

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see the effects of the employment trend in college students.

Juliette Storr, an assistant professor in communication, said she feels it is "difficult but not impossible" for students to balance both school and work.

Storr said that while it is unfortunate, some students find that it is necessary for them to be employed while maintaining a full course load.

She also said that she has seen a definite increase in the number of working students over the last few years, and attributes that to societal as well as economic pressures.

"Students need effective time-management skills and more focus," Storr said, but added that the discipline necessary to fulfill the students' obligations "makes better students; they are often

more concentrated."

Shawn Cochran, a senior in mechanical engineering, considers himself lucky.

Cochran's parents pay for his living expenses, as well as a supplemental allowance for spending money.

"If you don't have to work, don't. You have the rest of your life to have a job," Cochran said.

Upon entering as a freshman at NCSU, Cochran briefly worked at Abercrombie & Fitch at Crabtree Valley Mall but said that he decided to quit after a few months.

Although he currently does not have a job, Cochran advised students who are required to work to become more organized and to put schoolwork ahead of their jobs because of the adverse affect working had on his grades.

"I had so much homework, I barely had time to do anything else," Cochran said.

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what kind of work goes on to cater their needs.

"Hopefully the impact will be that they are more aware of the expertise we have in our culinary team and that students and staff can have this kind of interaction," Brizzolara said.

Caravano and others recognized how these kind of interactions can really help students' experiences of on-campus dining.

"I think the dining halls, since I have arrived in 2000, have improved every year," Caravano said.

The competition was tough and at the end, the judges did not have a unanimous vote on the winner. Clark Dining Hall gave their chicken an Asian flair, while Case Dining Hall used garlic and mushrooms to give character to their chicken. But the breaded and crumbed chicken of Fountain eventually won out, thanks a great deal to their mash potatoes, the judges agreed.

Everyone involved believed the program to be a success and hoped to keep the new-found tradition running.

"I think it was a great success," Brizzolara said. "We'd like to keep doing it and have it again next year."

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A deer was struck by an unknown vehicle on Centennial Parkway. The deer was injured and had to be euthanized.

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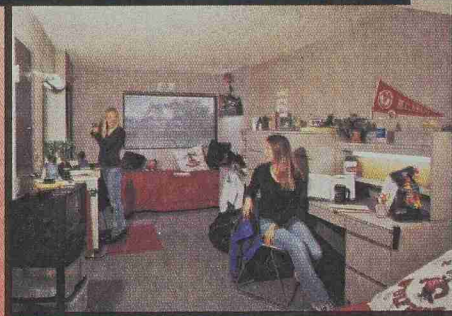
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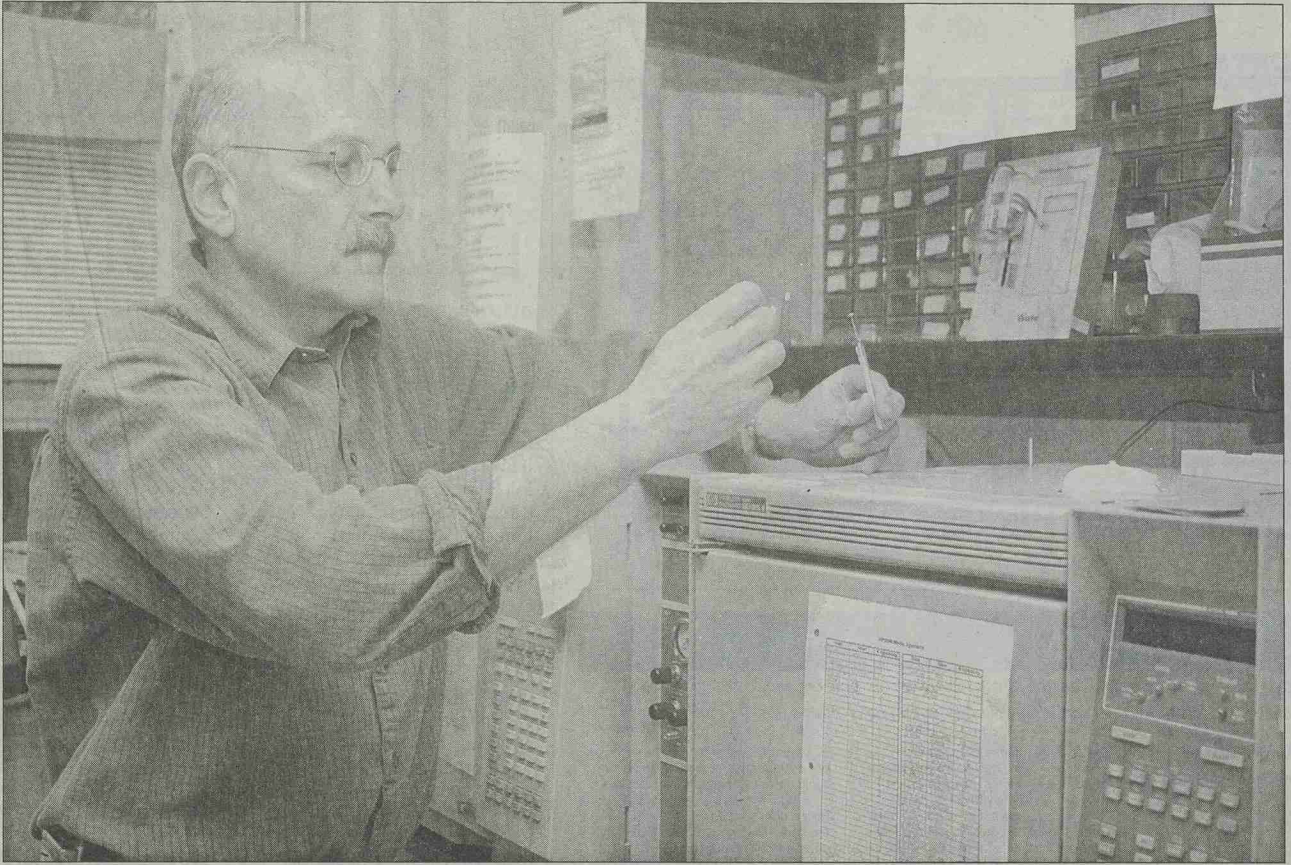
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Entomology professor Coby Schal works in a Gardner Hall laboratory. The professor and accompanying researchers help pinpoint a sex pheromone in female German cockroaches.

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## Female cockroach pick-up strategies discovered

N.C. STATE RESEARCHER RESPONSIBLE IN PART FOR DISCOVERY OF THE SEX PHEROMONE OF THE GERMAN COCKROACH

Rebecca Heslin  
Deputy News Editor

Coby Schal's third-floor office in Gardner Hall is infested with cockroaches.

So is his life.

But this N.C. State entomology professor does not mind. In fact, he's dedicated his entire life to studying cockroaches. More recently though, Schal's research efforts helped discover and reproduce a pheromone given off by female German cockroaches.

"I've been doing this type of research my entire life," Schal said. "But this specific project has been going on since 1993." According to Schal, the project started in his lab by observing how female cockroaches produce a male-luring sex pheromone.

"We did things to confirm that there is in fact a chemical released from females that attracts males," he said. "We trapped the chemicals over the females and then released it to the males, and they got very excited sexually."

Schal and his team of researchers cut up the cockroaches by segments and presented them

to the males to decipher which segment was emitting the pheromone.

They found the cells that produce the chemical in the last abdominal segment of the cockroaches.

"At that point in my research, I needed the help of my colleague at Cornell to purify the compound we discovered," Schal said. "Then a chemist needed to take the compound, which was only one millionth of a gram, and give it a chemical structure and synthesize the compound."

Schal compared the chemical purifying process to finding a needle in a haystack.

Because of the incredibly small amount of pheromone produced, researchers had to dissect 15,000 cockroaches and remove the pheromone-producing cells from them.

"From there, we were able to make a synthetic version of the pheromone," Schal said. "The question was, would males jump into a trap with the synthetic version as they would with the actual pheromone? And the answer was yes."

Schal said the question at hand was similar to when a person

shops for perfume.

"If you want perfume, you don't go to the florist and extract solvent from the roses and then dump them on yourself," he said. "You use a synthetic perfume that ends up smelling just like the real thing."

One major aspect of these discoveries is the fact that a new compound was discovered. This discovery, in turn, allows chemists to find other uses of it.

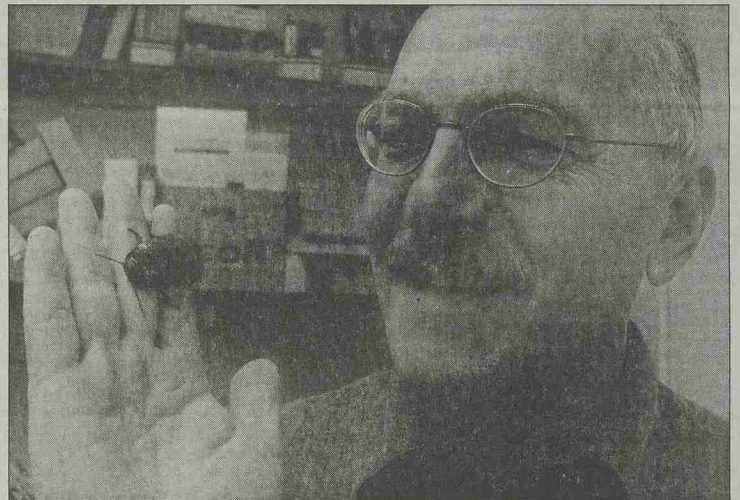
Apart from the chemistry side of the research, the discovery will be used in pest control.

"The German cockroach is the most important pest cockroach," Schal said. "It can carry enteric diseases and produces proteins that are allergens to humans."

Schal knows that the ultimate goal is to control and kill cockroaches because of their pestiferous nature. But he said you have to know where to locate them before you can do that.

"This pheromone will be very helpful in locating cockroach infestations," Schal said. "We're only attracting males so you're unable to reduce populations drastically."

Detecting males is a good strategy because you can then detect



MATT ROBBINS/TECHNICIAN

Professor Coby Schal holds one of his German cockroaches in his office in Gardner Hall.

and monitor entire populations, Schal said.

Clyde Sorenson, an entomology professor, said he recognizes what a huge discovery this is for entomologists and scientists alike.

"It's likely to find a very potent tool for managing one of our most significant pests," he said.

While great strides have been made thus far in the research, Schal said there are still unanswered questions.

"We want to come back to the biology part and question how the pheromone is made – when and how much is produced," Schal said. "Discovering this pheromone opens up the floodgates of biology for us."

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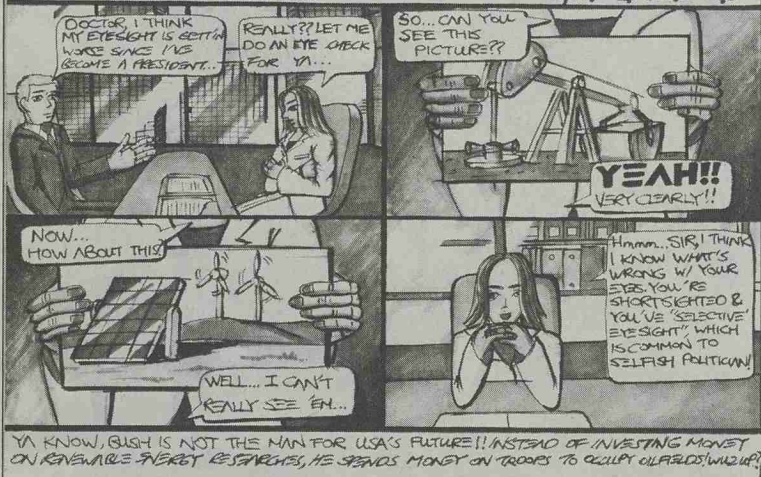
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### Sendek column ill-timed

Words cannot express how I feel toward Ryan Reynolds' column "Changes needed." You wrote the column at the wrong time. I cannot believe you would write such things, especially during the middle of the season.

One thing that State has had that three other Tobacco Road schools don't is the ability to keep trying.

We don't have the best program, but it's improved. Look at the incoming recruits. You can't expect a team to come out and play against top teams like Duke and Carolina right off the top. Those schools have had well-built programs for ages. We're still babies! Give Coach Herb some slack... and don't dis at him mid-season — like that helps anyone out! For some reason, if a team starts doing poorly, it's the coach's fault. "Fire him" is the saying of the weak. Coach Sendek is just a guardian for them — he can show them the light, but the players have to find it!

Brittany Runion  
Sophomore  
Political Science

### Time has run out for Sendek

I salute Ryan Reynolds' courage to stand up and speak plainly on the issue of Herb Sendek in his column. Back in 1983 to 1984 I was columnist, opinion editor and news editor for Technician, so I appreciate the guts it took to release this column. Whatever herb Reynolds takes from the sports administration, please understand this — there is great agreement throughout the Wolfpack nation for every word Reynolds said.

I've spent 19 years in the Air Force, and I can certainly appreciate what it takes to succeed in a difficult field of endeavor. It takes honest introspection, commitment to excellence and a dogged determination to settle for nothing less than the best in everything you do and associate yourself with.

Herb Sendek has been given more than enough time to get the job done. His failure this season is more than enough to indicate he is incapable of winning a championship while at N.C. State. For the reasons stated, he therefore must be terminated immediately should he fail to resign at the conclusion of this season.

Air Force Cpt. Ken Stallings  
NCSU class of 1985

### Tripp's column generates campus response

I literally laughed when I was reading

Isaac Tripp's column "Liberals have morals, too." I've never heard anyone say that liberals hate America. And I don't understand where you get off saying that Jesus was the ultimate liberal. What proof do you have to say that? You said yourself that you are a non-Christian liberal so before you say anything about Jesus maybe you should pick up a Bible and read it. You talk about homosexuality and how it won't affect our country. In First Corinthians 7:9-10 it lists sins — homosexuality being one of them. It also says that they will not inherit the kingdom of God. So before you say anything about Jesus, I suggest you become informed with the Bible (aka God's Word, the best book on informing you to live a moral life).

Ryan Hausfeld  
Sophomore  
Biological Sciences

I was astonished that Isaac Tripp actually believes liberals to be equally moral to conservatives. The use of the words "liberal" and "liberalism" by Fox News (one of few unbiased news sources), refers to extreme left-wingers who do hate America because of the conservative majority. What "liberals" don't seem to realize is that the majority of Americans who were concerned with morals DID vote for the candidate who stood for his Christian values. Any political party that dismisses adultery and lying to the nation by a president is not truly moral. These are the same "liberals" who recently ran a candidate who received some of the most honorable medals and ribbons from the military for mere scratches and then threw them away. The truth is that if "liberals" were equal to conservatives morally, recent events would prove so.

Scott Talber  
Freshman  
Political Science

I just wanted to let you know that Isaac Tripp's column in Wednesday's paper was a welcomed change from the righty-conservative-fashionable politics that are usually expressed in Technician and that seem to dominate NCSU. Finally, something worth reading; great job.

Beau McCollum  
Senior  
Microbiology and Genetics

I am writing in response to Isaac Tripp's column. I think he makes an important point, and as someone who classifies himself as a conservative Christian and a supporter of our president,

I agree with the majority of his

argument. I applaud the way he stated his point and, for the most part, managed to avoid unnecessary, overstated remarks.

I am not writing in defense of the "moral right" or the Christian faith, but I do feel compelled to point out a miserably unfounded statement that he made that I feel reflects a misconception about the teaching of the Bible and Jesus.

My problem is precisely this: Jesus, and the entire Bible for that matter, taught and continues to teach almost the exact opposite of "the belief in progress, the essential goodness of the human race, and the autonomy of the individual."

The fundamental teaching that true Christianity is founded on is that man is not essentially good.

The entire book of Romans, particularly chapters five through eight, are an exposition of how it is absolutely impossible for man to be good in God's eyes.

I offer a strong challenge from the bottom of my heart to the "moral right" and particularly to the Christians on our campus: Liberals, non-Christians, homosexuals, and anybody else you want to throw into that pot are not good... And neither are you... And neither am I.

There are two types of people in this world: those who have chosen to be forgiven, and those who haven't. When the "moral right" and (my own opinion here) Christians in general, are known more for what we are against and who we condemn, than what we believe and stand on, something is very wrong.

I would venture to guess that this is sitting in print next to another response to Mr. Tripp from a well-meaning Christian that basically says, "We're right, you're wrong, and you don't know what you're talking about because you sure don't know what the Bible itself says."

I can't wait for the day when that energy and time goes into serving someone instead.

Zack Riesland  
Senior  
Computer Science

### Women in science package should yield other story ideas

After your two-page spread on women in science fields, don't you think that it would be fair to now write an article about how men should be encouraged to study the humanities? I'd definitely read it if you did.

Stephen Young  
Junior  
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

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The program gives them the option of going back through their work so they can figure out how to answer the questions and then their grade will reflect that.

There is no doubt that it is extremely valuable for students.

Even high schools started incorporating it into their systems. At the same time, 450 universities around the globe use it — all because it originated at N.C. State.

WebAssign is now a free-standing company that charges fees for its service. Because WebAssign started at NCSU, WebAssign is relieving NCSU professors of the \$150-\$250 fee that would come with each one's decision to use WebAssign in their classes.

The students, on the other hand, are paying \$9.95 — which might as well be \$10 — per course.

But if a student has three or more

courses that use the program, then — and here is the Wolfpack discount — they pay \$25.

Students already pay a \$350 Education and Technology Fee for computer labs all over campus. Now they will have to pay for a homework assignment program that has been free before, while other programs like Maple, SAS statistical software and Macromedia Studio MX are available for free on all Unity computers.

So, the former research project turned corporate product is cutting NCSU a deal for being its home for so long. This is, after all, better than any deal that other universities are getting.

However, the deal, for students, is in the wrong place. Very rarely — especially now — will a student be taking more than three classes that require WebAssign.

The deal should not come after a certain amount of classes, rather, it should be a discount from the flat rate. Ideally, there would be no rate at all, and using the program would be free.

But WebAssign is a corporation with a focus of generating revenue and with the foundation it has in place now, it is doing what any corporation would do. And their business is educational information technology.

Thank goodness for corporate America.

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# Students should use correct diction in name-calling

This column must be publishable, so I cannot have quite as much fun with it as I would like to; but I shall try to do the best I can.

As youth, we are all familiar with a variety of derogatory terms. "Dash," "asterisk," "exclamation point," and a whole host of others even less printable than these, appear in our day-to-day speech almost as frequently as the word "the."

However, in insulting other people, as in all other forms of speech, it is important to use proper grammar. And it is too bad that the proper usage of such words is not taught in English classes: for I am sure that we use them far more than we use such literary terms as "protagonist," "theme," and "climax" (though perhaps we use this last one more frequently than the others). So, in the interest of public-speech quality, I would like to address certain derogatory terms, and outline the rules governing their proper usage.

First, there is the word "jerk." This word is not used so frequently as it was years ago, because it is not profane; it is far more fun, and more

insulting too, to substitute a different word. (Though I cannot recall this more common word, I once knew a guy named Aaron Hale.) However, the meanings of the two words are identical, and they may be used interchangeably.

A jerk is a deliberately inconsiderate and insulting person. A jerk does not care about you; indeed, a jerk will go out of his way to do you harm. He finds it amusing to watch other people suffer. Examples of being a jerk include tripping a person in the Brickyard as they walk by with a giant stack of books, and then pointing and laughing as they fall onto the hard ground; insulting a total stranger because he or she is diminutive or self-conscious; and, of course, not returning phone calls.

I myself am a bit of a jerk in that I am inclined to laugh at the misfortunes of others; but I do not cause the misfortunes myself, and so, though a jerk, am not a full-fledged one, except when I have been drinking.

As an interesting footnote, I have been told that women like jerks, but I am starting to believe that to a large extent this is rubbish.

Another term which has fallen out of use, but which was once immensely popular, is "nerd." It denotes someone who shows excessive interest in scholastic endeavors, particularly those relating

to computers. Now, unlike "jerk," "nerd" has not fallen out of fashion because there is some other, more profane (and therefore more amusing) term which has replaced it; it has fallen out of fashion, rather, because everyone is now a nerd. Ten years ago, saying the word "e-mail" was grounds for being teased; but now, most of us have multiple e-mail accounts, are familiar with the difference between Linux and Windows, and talk to our friends through computers as much as we do in person. The standards for being a nerd have risen considerably, so that true nerds are now quite rare.

Another popular term in our generation's vocabulary is "freak." This term is interchangeable with "Goth," but it is funnier, and printable, so I use it. A freak, as all the world knows, is an anti-social person who wears all black, dyes his or her hair and cuts it in a strange configuration, and goes out of his or her way not to fit in. For this last reason, freaks are universally despised, and I have not a word to say in their defense. (It is another interesting footnote that historically, the Goths were beer-swilling, trash-talking, broadsword-swinging barbarians, more like today's rednecks than today's freaks.) The term "freak" may also be applied to a person who is simply strange, does not understand the rules for proper

human conduct, and regularly commit social faux pas that any ordinary person would avoid.

The final term I should like to address is "tool." A tool is a person who is so immersed in popular culture that, to somebody outside it, he appears laughable and absurd. The word "tool" is applied to such a youth because he is a tool of big corporations: MTV, Tommy Hilfiger, and whatever the hell else kids are watching and wearing today.

A tool, by his subscription to various musical and garb trends, acts as a recruiter for other tools. American popular culture is, from one perspective, just a big tool membership-drive, in which tools wear the clothes, and listen to the music, that other tools wear and listen to; and then more people hear and see them, and become tools themselves.

I should take care, however, not to confuse the word "tool" with the band Tool. The band Tool is one of the finest musical groups of our age. *Opiate*, *Undertow* and *Aenima* are all superlative albums, though I was rather disappointed with *Lateralus*. A person who does not listen to the earlier Tool albums, but only *Lateralus*, is very likely a tool himself.

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## THE ARTS

# Craft Center celebrates 40 years at State

Anniversary celebration includes an open house beginning tomorrow morning

Meredith Richbourg  
Staff Writer

Impressed by those crafty kids who throw stoneware on a pottery wheel, develop their own prints in a darkroom or handcraft furniture from raw planks of wood? Join the ranks of pretty much every other student. But you might be surprised to know that mastering these skills is actually just as close as the Thompson building.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary tomorrow with a multitude of demonstrations, the Craft Center "has grown considerably [into] one of the largest craft programs — for purely crafts — at any university," said director Jim Pressley. "We strive to provide a place where students can learn [any craft] to whatever degree or level they want."

The center will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with demos in almost every area, from print development in the darkroom to creating glass beads.

The Craft Center offers classes on any craft imaginable: glass bead-making, silversmithing, stained glass, weaving, pottery, photography and even how to make a telescope.

The Center has occupied the University's old gymnasium in the Thompson Theatre building since 1964 and, despite the years, remnants of the building's athletic history remain.

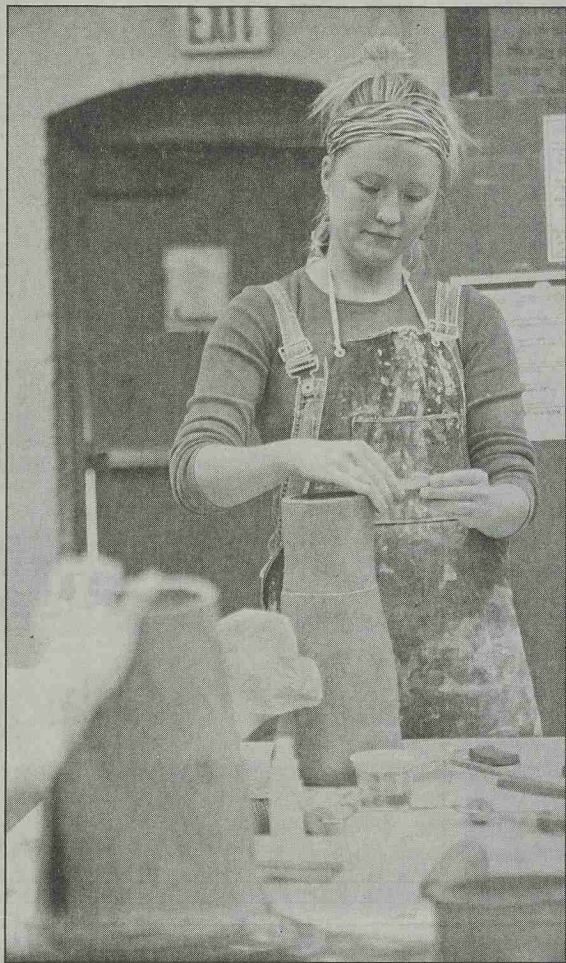
The woodshop, located over the old swimming pool, still has measurements of water depths tiled into the floor. This expansive woodworking studio contains quality equipment and tools, and the Center also sells wood on location. Forget about Boy Scout-style birdhouses, though; with skills obtained through the Craft Center, students have constructed functioning kayaks, guitars and even a one-seat airplane.

Nestled in outdated locker rooms, the Craft Center's two darkrooms function to develop both color and black and white prints.

With more than 10 enlargers in one darkroom, the facilities draw design students, fledgling photographers and even amateurs from the community.

In the pottery studio, beginners practice alongside seasoned — even professional potters. A large gas kiln, located on site, allows for a speedy firing process for artists working in the Craft Center.

Thousands of students over the years have discovered, and come to cherish, the accessibility and encouraging atmosphere of the Craft Center. Freshman Ashley Sherrow has



Evie Graning, a senior in English, works on a pitcher in the Craft Center.

yet to take a class at the Center due to schedule constraints, but says she uses the studio as a quiet space for her artistic endeavors.

"I paid a fee for studio time, and just kind of do my own thing," she said.

Other students choose a more active approach to learning their craft. Lauren Wellborn, a senior in environmental engineering, worked with a pottery wheel for several years before coming to the Craft Center. Regardless of her previous experience, she said she relishes the Center's environment.

"Sometimes it's really quiet and you can just throw, [and] sometimes there are a lot of people and you can pick up useful tips," Wellborn said. "It's great to see other artists at work, you can get some good ideas."

Heather Inman, a freshman in marketing, agreed.

"The artists that you get to meet are awesome," she said. "They're so nice, and if you ask how to do something, they'll teach you. They're willing to take the time [to do that]. Really, anything that you want to do, you can do here."

Craft Center leaders say their goal for tomorrow's open house is to get more students involved — to make them aware of the facility.

"We want to celebrate the fact that we're on campus and make students aware of it," Pressley said.

"We are a center for the students of N.C. State. The trick is just to get people in and [let them] see what's possible. We want students to see that it's not intimidating and beyond them to do. We offer a chance to try a whole variety of crafts at a high level with good equipment so you don't have to buy your own darkroom, kiln or pottery wheel."

## PAGE TURNERS

## Six powerful rounds

Greg Behr  
Staff Writer

"Boxing is an unnatural act," whispered the voice. "Understand me on this, kid. Everything in boxing is backwards to life. You want to move to the left, you don't step left, you push on the right toe, like this. To move right, you use the left toe, see?"

So starts the story *Million Dollar Baby* from F.X. Toole's collection of short stories, *Rope Burns*. Toole approaches writing the same way he did boxing. He draws his reader into the middle of the ring where they think they are safe and familiar. He throws punches that are easy to dismiss because you have seen them so many times before. He lets you think that you know how the fight will turn out, but then he drops his left hand only to distract you from the right hook.

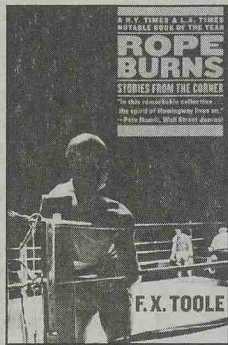
When reading each story it is impossible not to notice a mold Toole uses when creating his characters and setting. Toole, a former trainer and professional cut man in the world of professional boxing, was 70 when he wrote *Rope Burns*, and the protagonists throughout the story

are typically aging trainers and/or cut men. Each man has learned a lesson throughout his life and career, usually the hard way, and is typically alone in the world without boxing.

Although the stories bare some resemblance of each other, the differences make reading them all worthwhile. In each story, Toole incorporates social issues into boxing and shows that the world he was involved in for so many years is a true microcosm of society.

Toole's readers shouldn't expect a story like *Rocky*; instead they should be prepared to face mental retardation, gang violence, racial injustice, euthanasia and characters at the bottom trying desperately to claw their way up so they can feel one last hint of glory. Some do. Some don't — just like in the real world.

Hollywood producers could not overlook for the humanity represented in these short stories. *Million Dollar Baby*, based on characters and events from the story in "Rope Burns," was recently made into a full-length feature film by Academy Award-winning director and actor Clint Eastwood, who also stars in the



### Rope Burns

AUTHOR: F.X. Toole

overall quality: a great book that reveals the soul of a sport many know little about

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ease of reading: written mainly in dialect so it is very familiar to young people.

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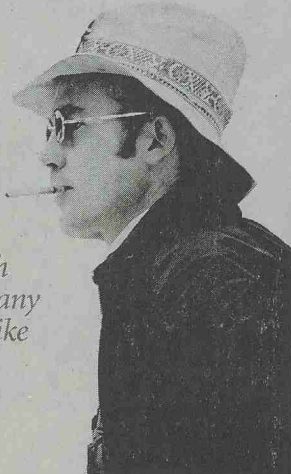
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film. The film also stars Oscar winner Hilary Swank as Maggie Fitzgerald and three-time Oscar nominee Morgan Freeman

## IN APPRECIATION

## Fear and loathing on campus

Sunday night...In search of Dr. Gonzo... "How many of you don't know..." Like a hound chasing a fox...Redemption in the library...The future



Ben McNeely  
Staff Writer

It had been almost two months since Hunter S. Thompson had posted a column on ESPN's Page 2. His latest — which turned into his last — was in true gonzo style: a phone conversation with Bill Murray at an ungodly hour of the morning about a new golf game he had invented with his buddy, the sheriff of Pitkin County, Col. The game involved shooting golf balls like skeet with a shotgun.

ESPN posted the column on Thursday. By Sunday, he was dead.

I received the news when they hit the wires early Monday morning.

"Good God!" I exclaimed, "What drove him to do that? He had to have been high." Speculation was rampant, as the only source of information was Juan Thompson, his son, who found his body in the kitchen of the Good Doctor's Woody Creek fortified compound.

Then, the realization took hold and I soon developed the Fear. Instant depression ran amok as I continued to read the wires. I woke up the next morning and watched the morning shows in vain to get more information.

Nothing. Not one story on any of the Big Three morning shows. A final slap in the face by the media establishment that Thompson worked so hard to combat. I'm sure he wouldn't have cared in the first place.

"So much for Objective Journalism," he wrote in his seminal work on presidential campaigns, *Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail '72*. "Don't bother to look for it here — not under any byline of mine; or anywhere else I can think of. With the possible exception of things like box scores, race results and stock market tabulations, there is no such thing as Objective Journalism. The phrase itself is a pompous contradiction in terms."

This coming from the man who infiltrated the 1972 Republican National Convention, posing as a Nixon Youth member, prancing around the convention floor and shouting obscenities at NBC's anchor, John Chancellor, who was in the broadcast booth above the floor.

But he was right. He always held that Objective Journalism had allowed politics to become and remain corrupt and, at the same time, journalism fell into disarray itself. But he carried on and continued to wail against the grain.

"To attempt to tone down Hunter Thompson was like trying to harness the power of a hurricane. It couldn't be done, and it shouldn't have been done," Matt Spence, a senior in political science said.

"Dr. Thompson did, by himself, what thousands of today's journalists fail to do. He provoked his readers and inspired original thoughts on the subject of politics."

The ignorance didn't stop with the networks. It reached like a black cloud to this campus as well.

Rod Cockshutt, the bow-tie-wearing journalism professor, stood up in front of his copyediting class Tuesday and posed a question.

"How many of you don't know who Hunter S. Thompson was?" he asked. There was an audible WHOOSH as just about every hand in the room went up.

Deep depression just sank into instant fear and loathing.

What has journalism come to, when the institution won't even acknowledge the man and — worse yet — teach students about him. I never read his work in journalism class. Like most people, I was introduced to the Gonzo world through Johnny Depp in Terry Gilliam's film, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, based off Thompson's

book of the same name.

I was instantly hooked.

From there, I realized his greater importance.

He pulled — no, ripped — down the curtain that held back the public from the inner-most workings of their government. He flew in the face of authority — which, to him, represented greed, moral depravity and irresponsibility. He hounded Richard Nixon like a hunting dog on a fox.

The peace movement came and went and Vietnam lasted far too long. The 60s and 70s were desperate times which called for desperate measures. Thompson instilled those measures, in his hazy, drug-induced and always dead-on commentary. Yet, in the end, the country had to swallow the bitter pill of Watergate. But Thompson still plugged on, taking on the degenerate swine in the 1980s, Clinton in the 1990s and even George W. Bush in 2004.

"We still love War," he writes in *Rolling Stone* right before the election. "George Bush certainly does. In four short years he has turned our country from a prosperous nation at peace into a desperately indebted nation at war. But so what? He is the President of the United States, and you're not. Love it or leave it."

Yeah, he was drugged up, but, then again, so was the country. And we still are.

We all are drugged up on the hallucinatory and paranoid effects of modern politics and journalism.

Nowadays, there are no mavericks, no more outlaw journalists who try to agitate the political parties. The parties corral and control journalists like cattle at their staged "town hall meetings" and media events. Hell, the government is even paying columnists to pander their money-wasting programs to the unsuspecting public.

With cable news channels devoting more and more time to windbag commentators, like Bill O'Reilly, Tucker Carlson, James Carville, Paul Begala and Sean Hannity, we've lost any sense of what is right and wrong, truth or exaggeration.

I had to find hope somewhere. Someone on this campus had to know about Hunter Thompson. Someone had to be mourning him. I checked the library Web site to see if they had any of his books.

Out of the 10 copies of his work the library has, five have been checked out.

Mahalo. I suppose there is hope after all.

So what now? What will the world be like without Dr. Thompson to spice things up? I can't imagine another presidential campaign without him. Who can?

It's too gut-wrenching to think about — all the sick, vile and depraved pandering and politicking to special interests, back-stabbing between fellow party members, flip-flopping on issues of national and international importance and — worse yet — misinforming the voting public about the "real issues."

Like Thompson, I've been sucked in. I'm a political junkie — and I loathe it.

"We need more 'fear and loathing' today, to co-opt the Good Doctor's iconic phrase. Otherwise, we're just along for the ride," Spence said.

I suppose all we can do is hope to have the drug-induced clarity he had in his reports — without the copious amounts of cocaine and mescaline. But all we can do is roll with the punches as we go along.

We live in bat country, we can't stay in one place for long.

Hey, like he said, "when the going gets weird, the weird turn pro."

So long, Doc. May you rest in madness.

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## WOLFPACK WEEKEND

### BASKETBALL VS VIRGINIA TECH, TOMORROW, 4

A Coleman Collins turn-around jumper did in the Wolfpack in its ill-fated visit to Tech earlier in the year. Now, with the season winding down and State in desperate need of wins, the Pack tries to exact a little revenge on the Hokies for that one-point loss. The Pack's lone hope for an at-large bid lies in sweeping its remaining three games against Tech, Virginia and Wake Forest.



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Julius Hodge and the Wolfpack need wins in their final three games.

### MEN'S SWIMMING AT ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The relay team of Kevin Velleca, Dan Velez, Kevin Devine and Gullen Jones got the ACC Championships started off right for the Pack, breaking the ACC record in the 200 medley on Wednesday. State will look to topple a few more records the rest of the weekend as it vies for the ACC crown in Atlanta.

### BASEBALL AT HOMEWOOD SUITES SHOOTOUT

In the midst of a five-game winning streak that included a sweep over San Diego State last weekend, the Wolfpack travels to Charleston, S.C., this weekend. The team will play The Citadel today, East Carolina tomorrow and West Virginia on Sunday. Phil Davidson, Jeff Stallings and Gib Hobson will be the starters for State.

### SOFTBALL AT UNCW TOURNAMENT

State starts a long streak of road trips this weekend with a drive down I-40 to Wilmington. The team will play Appalachian State, Charleston Southern, Delaware State and UNC-Greensboro during the first two days of the tournament. The Pack follows that with trips to Charlotte and Greenville next week before heading to Las Vegas.

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night in 24 minutes, well below her average of 11.7 per game.

"There's always some factor mentally when a player first comes back, whether they are thinking too much about re-injuring themselves or something," Glance said. "But she'll be fine."

Glance said that Yow, away at home in Raleigh, has been under some difficult times this season.

"She's coached for 30 years at N.C. State and 40 years overall, and she's never missed a game until this year," Glance said. "This has been really hard for her. She's very contagious and she obviously doesn't want to hurt anyone else on the team or staff by her sickness."

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to finish off Jenny Andrade 6-3, 7-6. Roach, the younger sister of basketball player Will Roach, said the second set didn't go exactly as planned.

"I got a little tentative in the second set and she started playing a little better," Roach said. "I kind of let that affect me but then I pulled it together."

Olsen said that Roach's drive has set her apart from the competition early on in the season.

"She loves to compete on game day," Olsen said. "You put her in that situation and you feel like she is going to get it done."

Augustina Arechavaleta won at No. 3 singles to clinch the match for State, taking down Paula Takahashi 3-6, 6-0, 6-3. The Pack had already taken the doubles points thanks to the teams of freshman Johannson and Roach and seniors Taylor

Parker and Carmen Torres, who won their matches by 8-4 and 8-6, respectively.

Stadleman, playing the No. 1 seed for the first time in her career, was unable to keep up with Winthrop's Ana Paula Novaes. Stadleman dropped the match in straight sets, as Novaes celebrated her final point with a hop and a cry of "Vamos!"

Torres also lost her match at No. 5 singles, falling to Rentata Caceres 6-1, 6-2. Taylor fell at the No. 6 spot, losing to Ana Simanes by a 7-5, 7-5 score.

Both Winthrop wins came after the match had been decided.

Based on the circumstances, Olsen called the win one of his best at State.

"This is one of the best wins that I've coached with this team," Olsen said. "I give all the credit to these girls. A good part of our team, and the girls really didn't focus on that at all. They were down in the score at times, and they just found a way to win."

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# Sports

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2005

## Schedule

M. Basketball vs. Virginia Tech, 2/26, 4  
W. Basketball vs. Clemson, 2/28, 7  
Baseball at Charleston Tourney, 2/25-27  
Softball at Seahawk Classic, 2/25-27  
M. S&D in ACC Championships, 2/23-26  
Wrestling at ACC Championships, 3/5

## Scores

W. Tennis 4, Winthrop 3  
W. Basketball 64, Wake Forest 61



## TECHNICIAN

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



## 20th win doesn't come easy



PHOTOS BY TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN  
Sophomore's Ashley Key (top) and Marquetta Dickens combined for 16 points in State's 64-61 win at Wake Forest on Thursday night. Associate head coach Stephanie Glance filled in for an ailing Kay Yow.

### WHILE KAY YOW SAT AT HOME WITH A CASE OF THE FLU, HER TEAM HIT LATE FREE THROWS TO PUT AWAY THE DEMON DEACONS THURSDAY

Ian Jester

Senior Staff Writer

WINSTON-SALEM — Energized by singing and dancing together in a lively pregame routine underneath the Joel Coliseum, No. 19 N.C. State prevailed 64-61 on Thursday night over slumping Wake Forest, who has lost six of its past seven games.

Junior center Tiffany Stansbury scored 21 points on 10-of-16 shooting from the field for State (20-6, 9-4 ACC) in the absence of coach Kay Yow, who contracted a case of the flu and chose to distance herself from the team in its health interest.

The Demon Deacons (14-12, 3-10) nearly carded an upset victory on their senior night due to 24 points from junior Liz Strunk, who dropped a team-record 40 points against Clemson on Monday.

"The interesting thing is that we had two of our best defenders on her in the second half and we were still not very effective guarding her," State associate head coach Stephanie Glance said.

Stansbury addressed Wake's lack of size on the court by snatching four offensive boards, which were followed directly

with lay-ups when State needed to answer the fire-shooting Strunk on the other end.

"My challenge to Tiffany at halftime was to post-up and to be effective on the glass, and I thought she did that well in the second half," Glance said.

But Stansbury already knew the game plan coming into Winston-Salem.

"Coach Glance told us today at the shoot-a-round that if we were going to win this game, our post players needed to take advantage," Stansbury said. "The whole game the coaches were telling me to post up, and I was just looking to get good position the entire game."

State never trailed in the first half despite an offensive surge from Wake senior Erin Ferrell, who scored 10 points and grabbed four offensive rebounds before halftime.

With the Wake offense powered by the lightning automotive speed of guard Porsche Jones, the Deacons pushed the ball forward quickly with each of their 26 defensive rebounds.

Leading the Pack in scoring off the bench was junior transfer Tiffany McCollins, who scored nine points while helping on the defensive end to slow down the always accelerat-

ing Jones.

"In practice, Coach Yow said I needed to get out on her early and stop the transition game," McCollins, who played 21 minutes off the bench, said. "When she slows down, the offense slows down."

McCollins also the Wolfpack in the rebounding department, grabbing 12 rebounds despite her 5-7 height.

"I think I just have a knack for crashing the boards, but it helped that they didn't box me out the entire game," McCollins said.

The away victory marked a 20-plus win season for State and guaranteed the team at least a No. 3 seed in the upcoming ACC tournament that starts March 4.

"[Twenty wins] means a lot because that was one of our goals at the beginning of the season," Stansbury said. "We've been through a lot this season, and to get 20 wins this year, that says a lot."

Pack leading scorer Billie McDowell rebounded from suffering a knee injury in the second half against No. 8 North Carolina on Sunday, but struggled for six points on Thursday

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### WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Decimated Wolfpack squeaks out win No. 5

Missing several of its best players, State's tested its depth in a 4-3 win over Winthrop on Thursday

Austin Johnson

Sports Editor

Barbara Orlay, who normally plays at No. 1, wasn't even in the building. Neither was Virginia Romero, who plays at No. 3.

Kristin Lam, the usual No. 2 player, sat on the sidelines in street clothes.

The women's tennis team (5-1) may have been without its top three players on Thursday afternoon, but it still managed to gut out a 4-3 win over Winthrop at the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Complex.

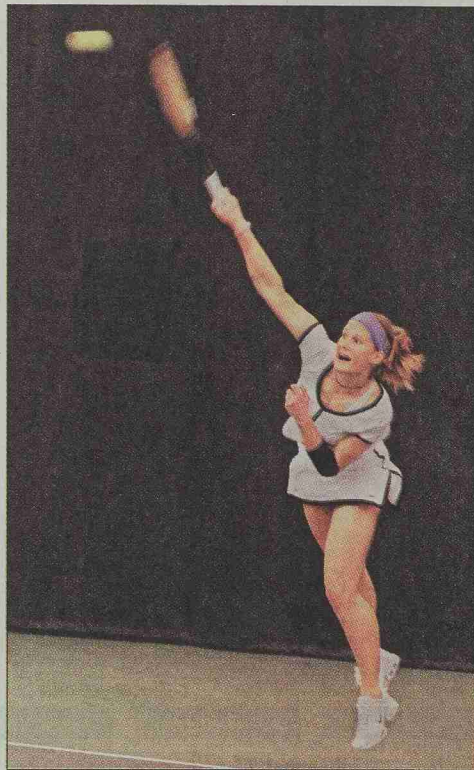
"We need the other players obviously," freshman Elin Stahl Johansson said. "We would have beat this team easier if we had those other players. But I think everyone played on a higher level today."

Romero has a case of mono-nucleosis and is out for the near future. Coach Hans Olsen said that Orlay, who rooms with Romero, is also experiencing "mono-like" symptoms but that nothing has been firmly diagnosed at this point.

Kristin Lam, a fifth-year senior, injured her knee in practice and is waiting for the results of an MRI. Her self-prognosis is that the injury "wasn't good." Lam has already had two major knee surgeries in her time at State.

"That's our top three players right there," Olsen said. "Hopefully, they'll be back soon, but we just need to keep finding a way to get it done."

Getting it done against Winthrop were a pair of freshman.



JONATHAN RICE/TECHNICIAN

Senior Danielle Stadleman competed at No. 1 on Thursday afternoon.

Johansson, a native of Sweden, frustrated her opponent with an array of top-spin shots and long volleys in taking a 6-4, 6-2 straight-set win over Danielle Moita at No. 2. Johansson, who has now won three straight singles matches, said the clay courts that are more common in Sweden helped her develop her style.

"When I play at home I play on clay all the time," Johansson said. "So I play a little top spin and with long rallies. But today, I just missed less balls than she did."

The other freshman, Julia Roach, also won in straight sets at No. 4 but needed a tiebreaker

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### GYMNASTICS

## State gets double dose of Heels

The gymnastics team will compete in meets against the Tar Heels tonight and Sunday afternoon.

Stephen Federowicz

Staff Writer

The bug that plagued the gymnastics team in its meet last Saturday has finally hit the road, and the team prepares itself for a critical weekend to start off the second leg of the season. Tonight it will host arch-rival North Carolina in Reynolds Coliseum and then will travel to Chapel Hill on Sunday to face the Tar Heels for a quick rematch.

More so than the bragging rights that come with beating Carolina, sophomore Rachel Katz said that a pair of wins this weekend would be critical to success come later in the season and at nationals.

"It is definitely a good challenge for us along the way to getting to nationals and winning regionals," Katz said.

The last time the two teams met in competition was in the Governor's Cup Feb. 5. In that meet, the Wolfpack finished second behind the Tar Heels by a slim two-tenths of a point.

For junior Kyla Bachman, overcoming that hump and beating Carolina is going to come from polishing the routines.

"We had some falls that



ANDY DELISLE/TECHNICIAN

Senior Cori Goldstein and the Pack meet UNC twice this weekend.

were counted and a few small mistakes, so it comes down to eliminating those small things," Bachman said.

According to Rachel Katz, this slim margin of victory further ignites the rivalry and does nothing but prove to State that they can compete effectively with the Tar Heels.

"They have just hit a lot more routines this year," Katz said. "I don't think their gymnastics level is any greater than ours."

Coach Mark Stevenson also agrees that the two teams are very even talent-wise and it's simply going to come down to whatever team performs.

"Our job is just to go in and do our routines to the best of our ability," Stevenson said. "As

evenly matched as our two teams are, the team that does the best job of hitting their routines is going to walk out the winner."

In the meet up North last Saturday against New Hampshire, State managed to post a solid score despite having several team members who were under the weather.

"We had four kids with sinus infections and one totally out," Stevenson said. "The kids who went ahead and were able to compete even not feeling well, did a great job I thought."

The first of the two meets will be held tonight in Reynolds Coliseum at 7. The second meet will take place on Sunday afternoon in Chapel Hill's Carmichael Gym at 2.

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