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END OF AN ERA

After being behind on rent for three months, Brothers Pizza served its last meal Saturday night

Kyle Blakely
Staff Writer

Hillsborough Street bid farewell to a long-standing tradition of family service and custom-made pizzas this weekend. Brothers Pizza, which operated on Hillsborough Street for more than 40 years, served its last meal Saturday night.

"We wanted to go out with class instead of just putting a sign on the front door," owner Linda Swann said.

Swann has owned Brothers since Nov. 2000, but despite her efforts to keep the business alive, the restaurant closed down as a result of financial problems.

"We were current on our rent up until November of 2004, but things just kept getting worse," Swann said.

Brothers' landlord contacted Swann on Tuesday to inform her that they had until Sunday to catch up on their rent.

"They wanted \$3,000 just to continue negotiations. There was nothing we could do, things weren't going to get better," Swann said. "The bank was trying to play hardball with us and that was blowing things way out of proportion. Brothers has actually been on the market since last April, but it is really hard to sell a business. There were many potential buyers, but the landlord wouldn't sell."

According to Swann, Tuesday's ultimatum was the last straw. News of the closing hit home with longtime customers, she added.

"People were coming and apologizing for not eating here more often," Swann said. "Business starting getting worse when the economy went bad and people started getting laid off from their jobs."

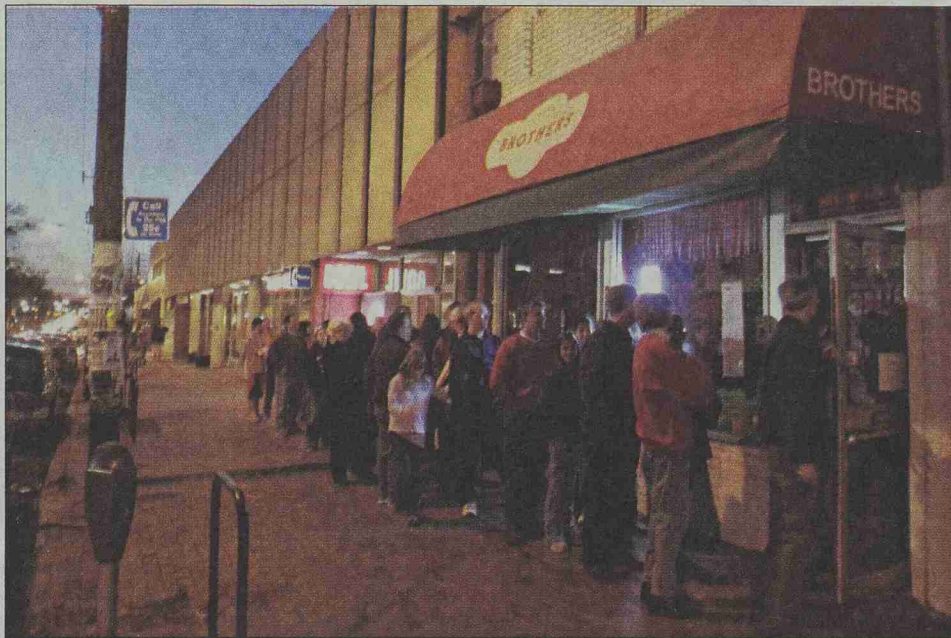
According to Swann, Brothers made a lot of their revenue from catering for companies.

"But when they are laying people off, they can't have catered meals. It is a PR thing," Swann said.

Jessica Parasole, a 2003 NCSU graduate in political science and criminology and a part-time waitress for five years at Brothers, explained that the majority of Brothers clientele was not students.

"Eighty to 85 percent of our customers are families and it is a long drive to come all the way

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Students, alumni and Raleigh citizens form a line at Brothers Pizza for a final meal before the business closed down Saturday night.

CHRIS REYNOLDS/TECHNICIAN

Shock, sadness on the sidewalk



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Linda Swann, owner of Brothers Pizza, closed the restaurant on Saturday. Swann said that she had been losing \$5,000 a month keeping the restaurant open.

Regulars, neighbors mourn Brothers Pizza, the latest casualty in the decline of Hillsborough Street

Ben McNeely
Staff Writer

Another Wolfpack tradition has come to an end.

For four decades, Brothers Pizza fed cash-strapped, hungry college students, held meetings between colleagues on the faculty and was the center of the N.C. State basketball universe when then-coach Jim Valvano and the men's basketball team held court after games at Reynolds Coliseum.

Now the door is locked and the red dinner lamps dark. No more hand-tossing pizza dough or doling out house salads. No more late-night, after-game slices.

Brothers Pizza is closed.

For Jonathan Grice, a senior in electrical and computer engineering, this is the end of a chapter in his personal history.

"I've been coming here before I was born," Grice said. Grice and his mother, Enola, brother, Chris,

and grandparents, Mildred and P.C. Keener, stood in line around lunchtime Saturday for one last meal.

"This was my first restaurant experience as a baby," Grice, who started coming to Brothers Pizza when she was in graduate school, said.

"I got my master's degree in 1980," she said. "This is where my husband would go. It was a lot of food for cheap."

Chris Grice said he had always been brought along. So was Jonathan's girlfriend, Tara Anderson, a junior in education at UNC-Chapel Hill.

"I had heard about this place long before I came," Anderson said. "In fact, this was the place where I first had dinner with your family."

Grice's mom started pointing out their booths: the usual one right next the window looking out onto Hillsborough Street.

"One of us [parents] would eat and then other would walk the baby up and down the street," she said. "Then we would trade off."

"I even went in the beer cooler," Jonathan said, "to watch it snow."

They would watch the pizza chefs hand-toss the dough through the

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GREEK LIFE

Sigma Chi hosts Derby Days for charity

Last week's events raised over \$6,000 for the Frankie Lemon School and for helping a faculty member adopt two Kazakstan children

Julia Dice
Staff Writer

With no seating left and barely any standing room in the Nelson auditorium Friday night, Sigma Chi hosted the finale to its week-long fund-raiser for the Frankie Lemon School.

Derby Days, an annual philanthropic event, raised money for a non-profit organization for handicap children this year. The money raised will go to buying school supplies and aiding in the salaries of the teachers.

"It's a great way to get the Greeks together for such a good cause," Whitney Barnes, a sophomore and a sister in Pi Beta Phi, said.

Sigma Chi has been sponsoring Derby Days for more than 20 years at NCSU. It has become an event which brothers look forward to and sororities competing against each other throughout the week.

According to Sigma Chi brother and organizer Sean McGrath, Sigma Chi has been able to raise anywhere between \$5,000 and \$15,000 each year by putting on the week of events.

"We're hoping it will be a bigger number this year," McGrath, a sophomore in psychology, said.

According to Zach Whitehouse, president of Sigma Chi, Derby Days raised more than \$6,000 this year, with more money still coming in from sponsors.

"That amount is constantly going up," Whitehouse said.

The fraternity tentatively plans to give approximately \$5,000 to the Frankie Lemon School and \$1,500 to Pete Kenny, a communication faculty member who has been raising money to adopt two boys from Kazakh-

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Bubble still intact

Engin Atsur scores 18 points during the Pack's 74-54 win over Virginia Tech. See page 8.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Books to close tonight

News Staff Report

The books for Student Government elections close today at 5 p.m.

The current candidate list has not been finalized by the Elections Commission, according to Chair Bonnie Pierson.

As of press time, Lock Whiteside III, Will Langley and Will Quick are running for student body president.

Current president Tony Caravano has served two consecutive terms and will not run again.

Forrest Hinton, Tommy Ozbolt and John Small are running for student senate president, a post currently

held by Quick.

The two students running for student body treasurer are Seneca Toms and Matthew Waligora.

Jennifer Edwards and Thomas Royer are running for the student body chief justice position, which current chief Anna Edens ran unopposed for last year. Olu Orelaja and Hisham Salama will vie for senior class president.

Ronald Johnson and Patrick Cleary are the only two students signed up for positions on the Student Media Authority, which is composed of seven students. Johnson is one of seven students that are current members of SMA.

SHINING SPIRIT



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Dance team member Jaclyn DeVita, a senior in biological sciences, performs during a break in the action while the cheerleading squad towers at midcourt during N.C. State's 74-54 blowout on Saturday.

<p>Sammy's 742 & Grill 755-3880</p>	<p>Texas Hold'em Every Sun & Mon</p>	<p>Pint Night Most Pints \$2 Mon - Wed</p>	<p>Win a trip to Las Vegas Airfare & Hotel</p>	<p>Sammy's 742 & Grill 755-3880</p>
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TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Brothers manager Linda Martin makes a run to Sam's Club for additional food supplies on Saturday.

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window in the kitchen.

"It was a once-a-week event for us," Enola said. "I can't believe it's not going to be here."

The family, off to the men's basketball game against Virginia Tech, said their plan was to come back for dinner.

"It'll all depend on when the basketball game gets over," Jonathan said.

Since 11 a.m. Saturday, Brothers was packed — and overflowing. A line stretched down the sidewalk in front of Western Lanes next door. Inside, the wait staff had difficulty keeping up with the orders.

One woman, Wendy Busby, and her husband came at 11 a.m., ate their meal and then pitched in, bussing tables and refilling drinks.

"I've been coming here since I was in high school in 1973," Busby said. "We saw in the paper they were closing and my husband said, 'We are going at 11.'"

Wendy's husband used to be in food-service, so after their meal, they volunteered.

"We saw they were slammed, so we asked if we could help. I'm sure the owners were very grateful," she said.

One more night

The line extended past the bowling alley down the brick-laden sidewalk at 6:30 p.m. Saturday as Brothers began its final night shift.

Parking along the street and in front of Patterson Hall was packed as cars coming from the concluded basketball game clogged the main artery heading downtown.

The Bell Tower, lit up red in the distance against a darkening sky, signaled to those waiting in line that NCSU beat Virginia Tech.

After a 45-minute wait, people sat down in a subdued air. Wait-staff hurried back and forth, trying to fetch food and keep glasses full.

"I can take parties of two, three or four," Linda Swann, the owner, said to a throng of people waiting to sit down. She handed a group their menus and pointed

them to a red vinyl-cushioned booth.

The glow of the red dinner lights accented the busy, but quiet atmosphere.

"We've seen a lot of old time regulars, old staff members," Swann said. "Earlier in the day, I got a lot of apologies from some regulars, saying they were sorry for not coming as often."

She shrugged it off. "People get busy with their lives," she said.

Word of the closing happened fast. Swann informed the staff of the closing on Tuesday.

"We told the employees on Tuesday. From there it filtered out," Swann said.

On Friday, news vans from WRAL and NBC-17 camped out in front of Patterson Hall and behind the library. Once word got out, people came out in droves.

"We've already had to go to the store three times," Swann said. "Two Guys has been great neighbors. People think we have a competition thing going on, but we've helped each other out. They have been giving us dough so we can make pies."

"We've been crying wolf for years," Swann said. "We've gone to the City Council and asked for more parking concessions. But they will only give us 30 minutes. There are good merchants here, they are the heart and soul of the street."

Swann explained she didn't own the building and the landlords don't do anything to maintain the upkeep. She said the staff would even have to clean the sidewalk in front of their storefront.

"We've done everything we can possibly do," Swann said.

Swann went outside around 8 p.m. and stood at the end of the line to signal they were not taking anymore customers for the night.

'It's sad'

Up and down Hillsborough Street, the reaction among merchants is the same.

Elaina Candes, a server at Two Guys Pizza, summed it all up.

"It's sad, but there is not much else to say," she said, before she was reminded by a manager they were not giving comment.

On the other side, at the West-

ern Lanes Restaurant, Theresa Fenner works the counter by herself, as she usually does on a Saturday night. She has been there for 22 years and remembers the former owners of Brothers.

"It's sad. It's an institution around here," Fenner said. "I knew the people that owned it before. Miss Nellie, she's been there all her life."

Katherine Richards, also known as Miss Kathv, has been working the lunch counter at Western Lanes for 40 years. She knew Jimmy Russo and his wife, Vina, who ran Brothers for years.

"It was the best pizza in town," Richards said. "Jimmy used to carry pizzas across the street to the kids."

She said she would get pizza and salad from there. "I miss seeing Jimmy and Miss Vina."

Richards saw the line stretch down the sidewalk from her home on the television.

"It's nice to see everybody come out to say farewell, but they should have been going a long time ago," Richards said. She sees it as losing a family member.

"We're all family — Brothers, Two Guys and the students. Everybody has to appreciate the kids — they are our family. And the faculty, too — they are our friends and family as well," Richards said.

Deborah Martin worked at Brothers Pizza for 23 1/2 years.

"I've spent half my life here," she said, ringing up customers. "I'm still praying for a miracle. It's just sad."

Brothers was not only known for its pizza, but for the Wolfpack memorabilia that graced its walls.

Pictures from the 1983 national championship, pictures of campus from back in the day, fraternity shirts with Greek letters on them: all of it goes with the building to be auctioned off by the bank.

"The lender has a lean against everything in the building," Swann said. "It happened so fast they don't even know about it."

The ghost of Jim Valvano still emanates through the pictures on the wall.

By 10 p.m., the doors were closed and the building dark.

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downtown," Swann said.

Parasole added that although NCSU hasn't deliberately made an effort to take business away from Hillsborough Street, some of the University's policies and projects to better the campus have had a negative effect on the Hillsborough Street area.

"Freshmen on campus are required to get a meal plan, so that takes away from business," Parasole said.

Swann said she agreed, adding that the lack of parking on Hillsborough Street along with the migration of students going to live on the other side of cam-

pus were both reasons for the decline in business.

"The University took away about 189 parking spots across the street where they built a bus lane instead. The engineering school is moving to Centennial, and they are building dorms over there too," Swann said.

"The drinking age no longer being 18 doesn't help either," Parasole said.

Swann also said that small businesses have to pay more for their food and the prices at Brothers were based on history.

"If you want the small, mom and pop's places that have character and are different from the typical corporate places, then you have to support them,"

Swann said.

The family atmosphere of Brothers contributes greatly to the closeness of the staff, employees said.

"These people are my family," Parasole said.

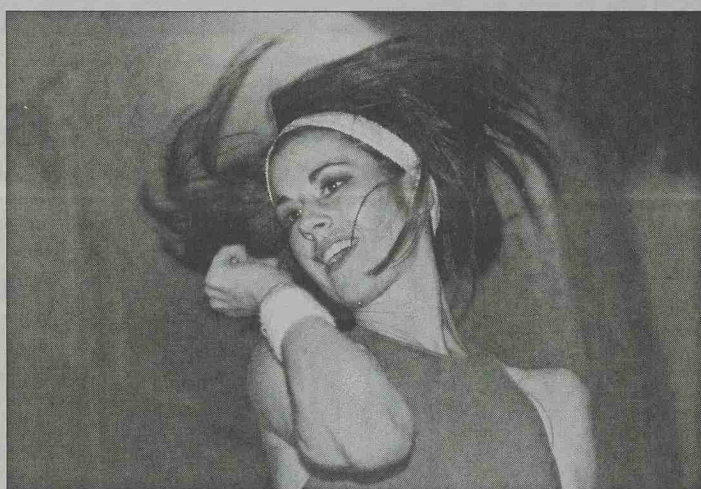
"We are all in this together," Swann said. "All of my employees knew the situation and offered nothing but support for my decision."

In tears, Nellie Baker, an employee at Brothers for the past 38 years said, "We love our customers, they love us. This has taken a toll on all of us — we cried all last week, we cry when we are going to sleep, we cry when we are at work. There was just nothing we could do."



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Brothers Pizza has been a part of Hillsborough Street and N.C. State tradition for four decades.



JASON SMITH/TECHNICIAN

Sigma Kappa sister Ashley Bree Sommerkamp, a junior in political science and economics, dances at Sigma Chi's Derby Days event Friday night. ZTA won the week's competition between sororities.

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stan, Whitehouse said.

Seven sororities competed in the week full of events that included an ice cream eating contest, four-legged races, karaoke, a banner competition, a brother auction, volunteering at the Frankie Lemon School and Friday's dance contest.

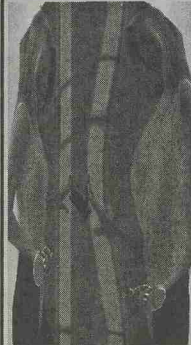
Zeta Tau Alpha won the event by earning the most points throughout the week.

"It's great to see all these people out here supporting such a good cause and having fun doing it," Will Langley, a sophomore in political science and a student senator, said. "I came to show that Student Government supports Greek life and their charitable events."

Sigma Chi raised money

throughout the week by selling T-shirts, auctioning off brothers and charging admission into the dance competition.

"We take pride in this event. It gets our name out to the public, the sororities have fun competing and we have fun hosting it, but it all comes down to the Frankie Lemon School," McGrath said. "It's a whole week of fun for such a great cause."



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SEX-CAPADES

Breaking-up is a hard thing to do

When relationships come to an unexpected end, the months that follow are filled with emptied ice cream cartons, shredded relationship memorabilia and angry drunk-dialing.



Christin Liverance
Staff Columnist

Throughout the centuries, love has ended for many unfortunate couples. Time and time again people break off their affairs, and the myriad of emotions that follow these breakups inspire a plethora of books, poetry and music.

Without failed relationships and love gone awry, the country music genre would be virtually nonexistent (much to the delight of some) and "Sex and the City" would have bombed halfway through its first season.

The grieving process following a break-up is much like the period of mourning following the death of a loved one. A person who was once a huge part of your life may not be dead in the physical sense, but the relationship figuratively croaked; all ties with an ex-love met an untimely, tragic end.

Bereavement over the loss of a lover has several stages. Each individual handles their emotions in a different way but similar characteristics exist for women across the world.

Here's the breakdown of a breakup:

Stage 1

Every person has witnessed a gross exaggeration of this period

in a typical Hollywood romantic comedy. The scene opens on a freshly broken-up female only in her bathrobe and bunny slippers. She lies in bed, mascara-tinted tears running down her face, watching a sappy Lifetime movie and eating Ben and Jerry's "Chunky Monkey" straight out of the carton with a large spoon.

It is true that the rate of ice cream and chocolate consumption increases slightly during this stage and yes, we do cry. A lot.

But we do not hit the pause button on our lives and become morbidly obese hermits, shrouded in the artificial darkness of our bedrooms with only the glow and hum of the television to keep us company.

Several symptoms of Stage 1 are both highly frustrating and completely unavoidable. First there is the inevitable "Word Association Syndrome." Everything word from *burlap* to *waffle* will remind you of your ex in some way.

During this time, most of us also feel a sense dread over having to start afresh in the relationship department. It doesn't matter whether you dated someone for two months or three years. People still have to face the prospect of building a new romance from

scratch. Goodbye to quiet, comfortable evenings on the couch with a box of takeout and hello again to awkward first dates and forced small talk about majors, classes and summer plans.

Stage 2

This is the stage of intense and inexplicable rage directed at the entire male population. Women begin this stage by being angry at their ex, even if there is nothing to merit this wrath. Often, the mere thought of their laugh, their style of dress, or the way they hold their fork is enough to elicit hatred and fury. All this contempt is a defense, obviously. If you hate someone, you don't have to love them anymore, and not loving them is the entire point.

Most girls, however, eventually come to loathe absolutely all heterosexual males. My roommate freshman year, "Allison Jones," had a horrible break-up the first week of October.

She decided to go home for a weekend of some home-cooked food and parental consolation. During her stay, her poor dad decided to grill some steaks for dinner unaware that Allison's boyfriend had grilled steaks on the night of their split. Something

inside her snapped when she caught her first whiff of some New York strip.

She chucked a rather large piece of beef at her dad's head, knocking his glasses askew and bruising his nose. The remainder of the evening at the Jones' residence was rather quiet. The family ordered pizza and sat in front of the television without much conversation. Allison's dad shot periodical glares at her from underneath the ice pack on his nose as the family dogs devoured the abandoned steaks.

During Stage 2, women also feel an overwhelming urge to destroy everything given to them by their ex in some dramatic manner. Simply throwing things away will not suffice. Letters must be ripped into tiny pieces and flushed down the toilet, pictures must be burned to ash and plush animals must be mutilated and their stuffing removed. Clogged pipes and scorched carpets often result, but they are a small price to pay for the catharsis this process brings.

Stage 3

This is the period during which we try to convince everyone, including ourselves, we are over our ex. As a general rule, if you have

to tell people you're over someone, it means you aren't.

This is a time that is fraught with embarrassment and alcohol-soaked confessions via cell phone. Girls tell everyone they know what a sorry jerk their ex is, they love to proclaim how much better off they are without them. But somehow, after your first drunken outing since the estrangement, that sorry jerk has 17 messages flooding his inbox... all from you.

Stage 4

Hopefully you have made it to this stage without gaining five pounds, burning down your house, or permanently alienating any male family members. By now you should have stopped checking your ex-boyfriend's away messages and ceased walking past his dorm on the way to class. Wood Hall is *not* on the way to Boston.

Sometimes exes come back, but often times they do not. With any luck you will have an interest in someone else and a new affair can unfold. Just be sure to tell them not to grill you any steaks for awhile.

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NOTES FROM ABROAD

Home is not so easy to find in Valencia

Finding "home" in Valencia proves to be a cascade of hard-learned lessons and lucky solutions

Manisha Dass
Staff Writer

When it rains, it really pours. In the past two weeks, I feel like I have aged a great deal with everything that I have had to experience — in Spanish.

My first mistake: living with two American girls. As tempting as it is to live with people that speak the same language, it doesn't help in the long run.

In the past weeks, I lived with them in a small suburb right outside Valencia, which I found out later to be one of the biggest tourist spots of the area. In hindsight, I guess it makes sense; one of the few McDonald's I have seen in Spain was literally right across the street from the apartment I was living at. Lucky for me, I could switch apartments. But trust me when I say it was not easy.

Mistake number two: I signed a contract for our apartment and being the only one between the three of us that could speak Spanish, the contract was only in my name. Typically, I would have just packed up and left but the landlady had a 500 Euro deposit, my full name and passport number. I needed help, and fast.

I met with a woman at my university in Valencia who was recommended by N.C. State's study abroad office and informed her of my unfortunate situation. She informed me I needed to see the "student lawyer." I was expecting some careless law student, but I was desperate to move out of my apartment, so I made an appointment with him that afternoon.

I walked into his office later that day expecting to be disappointed. But it looked like someone was on my side. Not only was this "student lawyer" a real lawyer but he also graduated from Columbia Law School, my dream law school, hold on, this lawyer speaks English. I was stoked.

He called my landlady and informed her of the situation. He also told me the contract giving me so much trouble wasn't even a real contract. It wasn't notarized and there was no witness. I couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

The landlady said she would let me out of the contract and return my full deposit if and only if I found someone else to live there. The deal seemed fair and relatively easy. Oh, and, the person who takes my place, has to be able to speak Spanish since the other girls spoke enough Spanish to simply introduce themselves and say goodbye.

My friends, Vanessa and Rolando, helped me make fliers advertising the apartment. We trekked practically all of the university area putting them up on lamp posts, which is how people advertise apartments in Valencia. On these same lamp posts one will find missing cats, dogs, and even missing people fliers. It was definitely an experience — posting fliers on lamp posts.

We also told all the Americans in our college that if they knew anyone looking for an apartment to point them in my direction. Not having a place to live in Valencia can be very overwhelming.

Lucky for me, Rolando introduced me to Trevor, who got to the university two weeks after classes started. Trevor was desperate for a place to stay and I immediately took him to see the apartment I was desperate to ditch. Before we even got to the apartment, Trevor said yes. Stoked is an understatement for my emotional state of being at that point. I barely knew Trevor but I wanted to give him the biggest hug; I resisted the temptation.

After walking into the apartment, Trevor, who is now ecstatic, turns and looks to me and says "Manisha, I know I just met you but I want to give you the biggest hug. I love this place! When can I move in?"

We had one last hurdle to cross — the landlady. In all the excitement, I didn't know anything about Trevor's Spanish speaking skills. Luck really was on my side. Trevor spoke next to fluent Spanish and totally wooed the landlady and got the contract switched to his name.

This calls for a celebration. I had another apartment lined up with two Spanish guys who are spitting images of the fabulous Will from "Will & Grace." I moved into my new place and Trevor into his, and now I can write to my family and friends back home and be truly honest when I say I am settling down.

Next on the agenda: make more Spanish friends and do something very Spanish.

BALLROOM DANCING

Competitors dance the day away

Dancing With Wolves holds Latin/Ballroom Dance competition in Carmichael Gym Saturday night

Daniel Clark
Staff Writer

Heels clicked and dresses flared Saturday as more than two hundred dance competitors took to the floor of Carmichael Gym for the 2005 Triangle Open dance competition.

"This is the seventh annual Triangle Open competition, and it is the largest ever," Competition coordinator Joe Boyer, a doctoral student in statistics, said.

Participants represented ten different universities, as well as the local community. All ages and skill levels could be seen on the dance floor, where they twirled their partners and smiled nervously as judges walked the perimeter of the court.

Dancers were judged by their proficiency with steps listed on syllabi compiled by various dance competition organizations' Web sites, such as the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association. The number of dance couples decreased as the competition moved from quarterfinal to final rounds.

The competition ran from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. as dancers competed in more than a dozen different styles.

"Most dances are divided into two categories: smooth and rhythm. Smooth is like the classic styles, such as the waltz and tango. Rhythm includes the up-beat types like the rumba and samba," Juliette DuMont, a junior in theater at Wake Forest University, said.

Along with her partner, Alex Cloud, a senior in history at Wake Forest, DuMont competed in the silver level swing and mamba, among other events.

Skill levels at the competition were newcomer, bronze, silver and gold, with gold being the most advanced.

"The newcomer team is for complete beginners, and I do mean complete," Boyer said. "I had no dance experience when I joined two years ago, and now I am competing at silver level."

Competitors cited different reasons for entering into DanceSport, as it is called by Dancing With Wolves, the N.C. State organization that hosted the competition.

"I've always been intrigued by ballroom dancing, it seemed a natural choice for me to start getting into it," DuMont said.

Her dance partner, Cloud, said that his friends "forced



DAN TERNES/TECHNICIAN

Angelo Cristobal, a senior in aerospace engineering, and Kayla Ewing, a senior in biomedical engineering, sweep across the dance floor in the 2005 Triangle Open dance competition. The pair placed first in the gold standard category.

him into it, and he enjoyed it enough to continue.

"I had danced when I was younger, so one day I decided to join in at the beginner level, and I just fell in love with it," Mackenzie Short, a senior in chemical engineering and multidisciplinary studies, said.

Short, who dances about 10 hours a week, danced in both the bronze and silver levels, in styles like the waltz, tango, foxtrot and quickstep.

Dancing With Wolves welcomes all to join, regardless of skill level. The club promotes social ballroom dancing by

teaching classes, hosting dances and attending ballroom dances in the area.

"We offer free lessons and a competitive team," club president Angelo Cristobal, a senior in aerospace engineering, said. "We've got about 150 competitive members, and we go as far as Columbus, Ohio and New York City to attend competitions."

Anyone interested in learning to ballroom dance can attend Dancing With Wolves' free classes in the dance studio in Carmichael Gym on at 8:30 on Wednesday nights.

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THE EARLY EDITION

Point your browser to technicianonline.com for continuous updates from both the Men's and Women's ACC Tournaments starting this weekend. From Greensboro to Washington, D.C., Technician will be there to bring you reports from both Wolfpack teams aiming for lofty postseason laurels.

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line is that we walked up there and went seven-for-seven – it's as good as we've been on beam all year."

Two State gymnasts, Kelsey Lee and Heather Zolton, tied for first place on the uneven bars with scores of 9.825. That got the group from Raleigh started on the right foot for the afternoon, giving State a lead after that first rotation, one it would never relinquish.

Following the uneven bars,

Leigha Hancock and Rachel Katz turned in solid performances on the vault, tying for second place in the event with scores of 9.800 apiece.

Junior Kylah Bachman headlined the Pack's aforementioned performance on the balance beam, registering a score of 9.875, good enough for first place in the event.

Bachman also placed first in the beam against UNC in Friday night's meet at Reynolds, in which the two teams finished the meet tied at 194.975, an extreme rarity in the sport of team gymnastics. It was the first tie in State

gymnastics history.

Given Friday night's result, Bachman and others said they were even more motivated to come out and do well in the rematch.

"We were really good today; since we tied [Friday] it was so frustrating, it's almost worse than losing," Bachman said. "We just wanted to come back and get another shot at them; it also really got the fans into it. They wanted to see who would come out on top. I'm proud of us, we just all came together as a team today."

Stevenson also noted the mon-

etary benefits of meeting UNC twice in the same weekend.

"Financially it's an awesome thing, it only costs us \$500 to bring the team here; by comparison, it costs us \$1,200 to hire the judges alone back in Raleigh. These are just two very good competitive teams. Both teams are class acts; it just makes for good gymnastics. Anytime you put State and Carolina under the same roof, people are going to be interested."

"This was obviously the best meet of our season so far. It really was a great win for us and for this program."

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by 13 and we lost, so this time we wanted to come out and show them what was really supposed to happen," Collins said.

The Hokies left Collins relatively unguarded at the top of the key, and the big man shot a 3-pointer as time expired in the first half, giving State a 13-point lead.

He nailed two more early in the second half from the same spot to give the Pack an 18-point lead four minutes into the second half.

"I was comfortable out there shooting," Collins said. "They left me open a little bit, so I was able to knock them down."

The lead proved insurmountable for Virginia Tech.

Pack senior Julius Hodge made sure it wouldn't happen again, too.

The versatile swingman prompted a 17-0 first half run, using precision passing to pull away from Virginia Tech. Hodge finished with eight points, eight rebounds and five assists.

The 17-point scoring burst came after a 4-0 Virginia Tech run to start the game, including a dunk by Hokies forward Deron Washington, in which he proceeded to slap the backboard with both hands after the dunk. Hodge was called for a technical foul when he did the same thing twice last season, but the celebration went unnoticed – or ignored – by officials this time.

"He doesn't have to score to play good, and that's what he did again tonight," sophomore Engin Atsur said. "He found his open teammates and he played really unselfish. And in the second half he also scored and made great passes again."

By the second half, Hodge's unselfishness spread amongst the Pack.

Early in the second half, State forward Ilian Evtimov came up with a loose ball in the paint and passed it to a streaking Tony Bethel. The junior could have taken the ball up for a wide-open dunk, but saw Hodge trailing and passed it to him for the two-handed jam.

"If there's any one play that underscores that point, it was the hustle play on the defensive end," State Coach Herb Sendek said. "It was great hustle on the defensive end only to be complimented by unselfish play on the offensive end."

With the game in hand, Sendek didn't hesitate in subbing in victory cigar, Will Roach, during the final minute of regulation.

Roach contributed immediately, finding senior Levi Watkins on a backdoor cut for an easy lay-up. The senior also had a 3-point attempt rim out seconds before the final buzzer.

A couple weeks ago State junior Ilian Evtimov proclaimed

that State had a legitimate shot at contending for an NCAA Tournament birth.

There was doubt among everyone else then but with two games left, it doesn't seem so distant after all.

With two games left at Virginia and against Wake Forest, State still has an opportunity to be 8-8 in the league and as high as fourth place in the conference.

Evtimov said the light is getting closer, but he also said he knows State needs to win out and do well in the tournament to earn a NCAA bid.

"A couple weeks ago I said that there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we see it," Evtimov said. "And as we approach the end of the season, it gets bigger and bigger, we just have to get there. We just got to finish the season right, and make a run in the ACC tournament too."

Staff Writer Josh Harrell contributed to this story

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 Men's Tennis vs Duke, 3/2, 2:30
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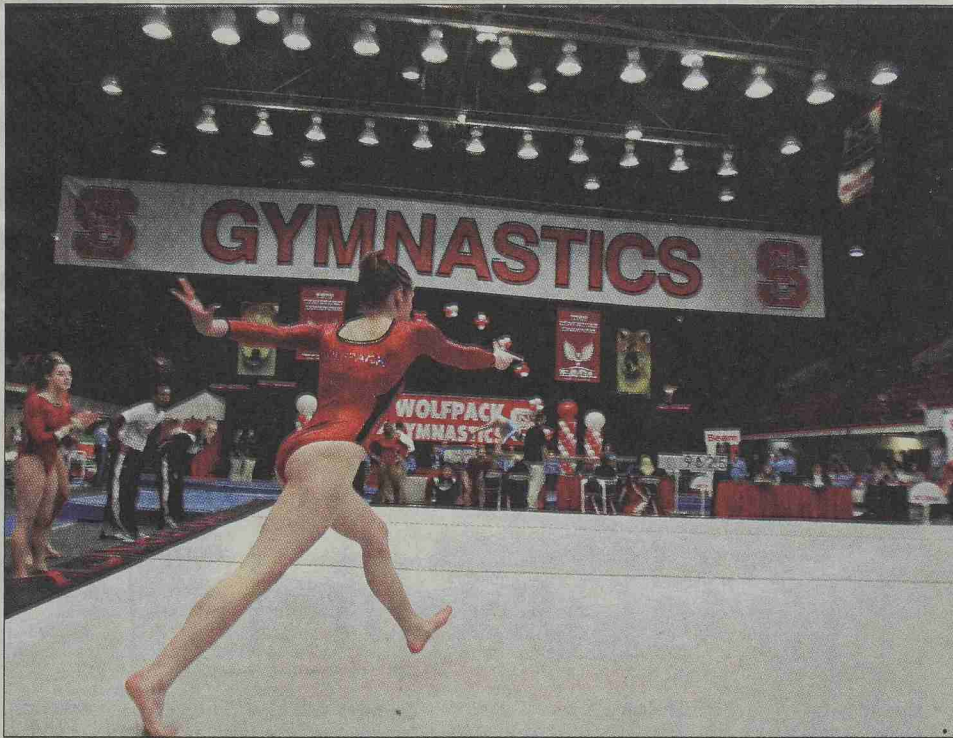
Scores

Basketball 74, Virginia Tech 54
 Gymnastics 195.500, Chapel Hill 195.025
 Women's Tennis 6, Gardner Webb 1
 Softball 2, Appalachian State 0



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GYMNASTICS



Junior Kylah Bochman competes on the floor during State's tie with the Tar Heels on Friday night at Reynolds, the first tie in school history.

Balancing act key in Wolfpack's close win

GYMNASTS SCORE BIG IN FINAL EVENT TO DOWN NORTH CAROLINA

Spero Katsanos
 Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL - N.C. State's win on Sunday came under a particularly difficult set of circumstances, as the Pack headed west down I-40 to Chapel Hill to face the Tar Heels in the last home meet of the year for its archrival. In front of a loud and very partisan crowd, the entire meet came down to a critical team performance in the final rotation.

State led after three events, but faced the perilous balance beam in the fourth and final rotation. Meanwhile, the Heels were to finish on their best apparatus and biggest strength, the floor exercise.

If the Pack was to win, it would have to turn in a solid performance on the beam. That's exactly what it did.

The Wolfpack's score of 48.975 bested the Heels' score on the beam by 0.275, and was just enough to hold off a furious



Amanda Jones springs forward on the vault during Sunday's win against the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill.

charge from Carolina's skilled floor performers, including 2004 national champion Courtney Bumpers. The lofty beam score thus became the

final key in propelling the Pack to a 195.500-195.025 defeat of North Carolina.

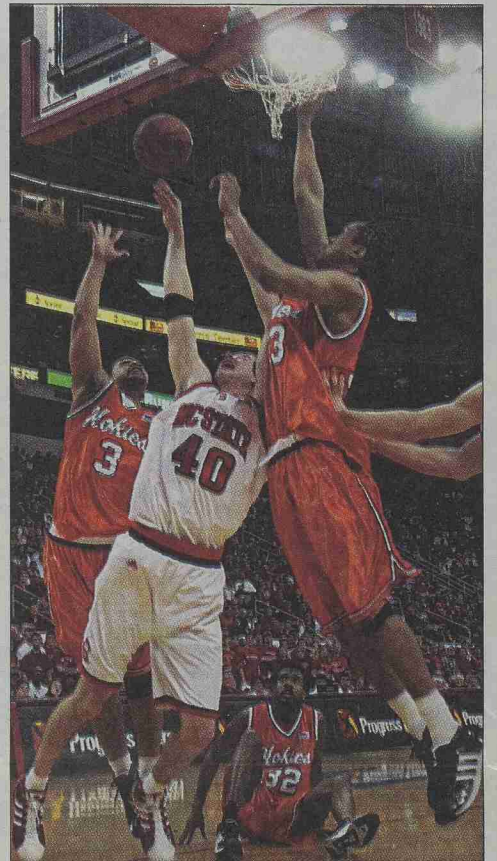
"We were under the gun; we had to go to balance beam and

if we would've had one miss, we would've lost," State coach Mark Stevenson said. "The bottom

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bubble still intact



Freshman Andrew Brackman goes up for a lay-in against two Virginia Tech defenders during Saturday's 20-point win over the Hokies.

THE PACK USED 3-POINT SHOOTING BY JORDAN COLLINS AND PRECISION PASSING FROM JULIUS HODGE TO DOMINATE VIRGINIA TECH AT THE RBC CENTER SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Ryan Reynolds
 Deputy Sports Editor

As if N.C. State forward Jordan Collins needed any extra motivation.

The Wolfpack is fighting for its NCAA Tournament life and has little room for error. Chances are it has to win its next two games to have a decent shot at a bid.

But the game had a bit more meaning for Collins. During the first meeting against the Hokies at Blacksburg, Virginia Tech forward Coleman Collins hit

the game-winner over Collins, which started a Pack downward spiral that lasted for the first half of the conference schedule.

Collins made sure it wouldn't happen again.

The senior scored 14 points in a decisive 74-54 win over the Hokies (14-11, 7-7) that inched the Pack (16-11, 6-8) closer to its fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament bid.

"It was great motivation because in Blacksburg we were up

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women grab two wins in doubleheader

State posts identical 6-1 wins over Gardner Webb and Coastal Carolina

Andrew Tanker
 Staff Writer

In the warmth of the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Center, the N.C. State women's tennis team routed Gardner Webb yesterday 6-1. Earlier in the day, the Wolfpack pounded Coastal Carolina by the same 6-1 score. Five State players played in two singles matches on the day, and all but one of the

players won twice.

"I'd rather not play two matches in one day, but today it was OK," freshman Elin Stahl Johansson said. "When they're short matches like this, it's not that bad, but when it's longer matches, it's tiring. It was much better in here because I don't like playing out in the cold."

The Wolfpack swept the doubles points in both matches, allowing it to start with an early lead. According to coach Hans Olsen the early lead was a big factor in the win and allowed the players to play aggressively and

take control of their opponents.

"I think it's been really important to win the doubles points," Olsen said. "We've been gaining momentum in doubles matches and been able to get up early and pour it out during the singles matches."

Johansson was the first of the Pack to dispatch her opponent when she finished off the match 6-0, 6-0. Johansson had a little trouble earlier in the day as she was the only player to be defeated against Coastal Carolina.

"She missed a lot; I just kept the ball on the court. That was

all I needed to do really," Johansson said.

Just minutes after Johansson's short match, sophomore Agustina Archavaleta, playing in the number four spot, also won 6-0, 6-0.

"In the beginning, I started a little bit slow, but then I came back and played really aggressive and I won it 6-0, 6-0," Archavaleta said. "I just kept focused all the time and played aggressive. I think we're all playing great. I'm tired, but we practice every day so it's not that bad." senior Danielle Stadlemann

moved from the third spot early in the day to the number one position in the later match, and won decisively, 6-2, 6-1. It was Stadlemann's second start at the No. 1 spot this season.

"Starting off, I knew she's a good player, so I just wanted to keep the ball in play and be as aggressive as I could," Stadlemann said. "She started going for a lot of shots early, so I just kept the ball in play and eventually she lost confidence and stopped going for her shots. I kept going for mine, and was pretty on today, so I made most of them."

Freshman Julia Roach and Carmen Torres defeated their opponents 6-1, 6-2 and 8-3, respectively. Roach and Torres won both of their matches on the day.

The lone loss of the afternoon was suffered by senior Taylor Parker, who was defeated in a grueling match, 9-7.

"For the last two weeks we've been playing without our regular lineup, but everybody's been stepping up and producing wins," Stadlemann said. "We're supporting each other, and we just take it one point at a time."

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