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

Kyle Blakely

Hillsborough Street bid farewell to a long-standing tradi-tion of family service and cus-tom-made pizzas this weekend. Brothers Pizzas, 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

"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 land-lord wouldn't sell."

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

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"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

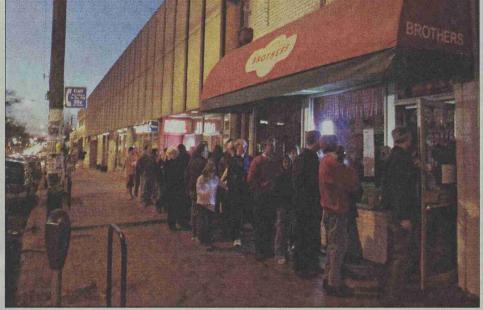
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"But when they are laying people off, they can't have ca-tered meals. It is a PR thing," Swann said.

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.

# hock, sadness on the sidewalk



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

Another Wolfpack tradition has come to an end.

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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 Val-vano 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 lunch-time 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

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

Chris Grice said he had always been brought along. So was Jonathan's girl-friend, 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

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.

for handicap children this year. The money raised will go to buy-ing 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

ing 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 broth-er and organizer Sean McGrath, Sigma Chi has been able to raise anywhere between \$5,000 and \$15,000 each year by putting on

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

According to Zach White-house, 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

The current candidate list has not been finalized by the Elec tions 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 Forrest Hinton, Tommy Ozbolt and John Small are running for student senate

president, a post currently

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

Edwards Jennifer 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 posi-tions 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**



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.



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

# SIDEWALK

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

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

"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

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. Waitstaff 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 e 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.

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"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 Kathy, has been
varyling the lumb, counter at

working the lunch counter at Western Lanes for 40 years. She knew Jimmy Russo and his wife, Vina, who ran Brothers

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

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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 everyhody."

"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

'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 Resthers Birms for 33 1/2 years.

Brothers Pizza for 23 1/2 years.
"Twe 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

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

"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.

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 campus 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 his-

"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,"

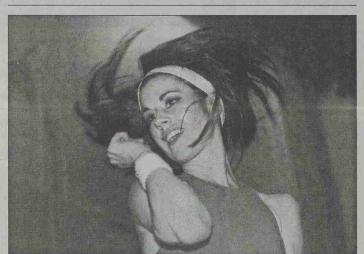
Parasole said.
"We are all in this together,"
Swann said, "All of my employees knew the situation and offered nothing but support for

onered norming our 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. us - we cried all last week 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."



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



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.

# DERBY DAYS

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.

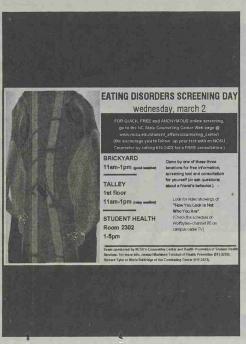
'I's great to see all these people out here supporting such a good cause and having fun doing it," Will Langley, a sophomore in political sciecne and a student senator, said. "I came to show that Student Government supports Greek life and their charitable events."

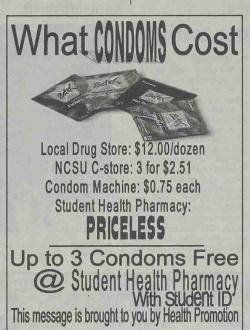
Sigma Chi raised money

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 compet-ing and we have fun hosting it, but it all comes down to the Frankie Lemon School," Mc-Grath said. "It's a whole week of fun for such a great cause.





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DIVERSITY POSITION
FORUMS END TODAY
The Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs is sponsoring a series of open forums for the campus community to meet candidates for the assistant vice provost for Diversity Programs position. The forums are open to all students, faculty and staff. A complete listing of the dates, locations and times of the forums follows.

Today Ann Harris AACC, room 126 3:30-4:30 p.m.

BOOKS CLOSE TODAY FOR SG ELECTIONS Today is the last day to sign up for Stu-dent Government elections. Open posi-tions include Student Body President, Student Senate President and Student Body Treasurer.

# GRADUATION SPEAKER APPLICATIONS DUE MID-MARCH

APPLICATIONS DUE MID-MARCH Students interested in being the student speaker in May's graduation should turn in the requested form by March 17. The form is available online at www.ncsu.edu/registrar/graduation/application.pdf. The speech's maximum length is five minutes, and tryouts to choose the speaker will take place on March 22 at 7 p.m before the Commencement Advisory Council.

LEADERSHAPE APPLICATIONS
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Applications for LeaderShape 2005 are available online for the event held
May 17-22.
The deadline for applications is Tuesday Size its increasing in 2005 bits.

day. Since its inception in 1986, the flagship program, the LeaderShape Institute, has developed a national reputation as one of the premier leadership development programs for

young adults.
Thanks to program sponsors, students can attend LeaderShape for free again this year. Visit the Web site www.ncsu.edu/csleps/leadershape.php for further information.

# UNC IN WASHINGTON ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS
UNC in Washington, a program that allows studnets to study in the nation's capitol, is accepting applications for the summer and fall semesters.
Students live in an apartment on Capitol Hill and register and pay regular student tuition and fees.
Students enrolled in the program will receive aid in finding an internship. The deadline for applications is Tuesday.

# COUNSELORS SOUGHT FOR

COUNSELORS SOUGHT FOR WOLFCAMP 2005 WolfCamp is a new program designed to help incoming students become comfortable with their new environment in all of its varied aspects. WolfCamp counselors are upper-class students who volunteer their time to help new students become comfortable with NLC. State in a three-day camp experience. Counselors will get together for training sessions across the spring semester and summer, based around everyone's schedule, to explore team building, campus resources, university history and university values. Counselors must be available for the camp, Aug. 4-6. For more information visit the WolfCamp Web site at www.ncsu.edu.wolfcamp. The dead www.ncsu.edu/wolfcamp. The dead-line for submitting an application is Monday.

## CALENDAR

## TODAY-TUESDAY

Foreign Correspondent Film Festival sponsored by the N.C. State University Committee on International

**Today** Australian Peter Weir's 1983 "The Year of Living Dangerously" Caldwell G-111

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Chris Hondros, international photojournalist, Pulitzer Prize finalist and former
Technician staff member, will speak
about his work.
Williams 2215.
7 p.m.

Roger Spottiswoode's 1983 film Under Fire Williams 2215 8 p.m., Williams 2215

Tomorrow PRIORITY FALL DEADLINE FOR FINANCIAL AID FILING Students might qualify for need-based scholarships and grants, low-interest loans or work-study. Stop by 2016 Harris Hall or call 515.2421 for more information.

# Wednesday

Vernon Smith, recipient of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, will present the first annual J.W. Pope Lecture ain 2722 Bostian Hall at 7 p.m. He will speak on the topic: "Some Eco-nomics and Politics of Globalization." The lecture is open to the public at no charge.

Thursday
The Friends of the Library of North
Carolina State University will host a
reading with Bob Cairns, author of "V
& Me: Everybody's Favorite Jim Valvano
Story," at 7:00 p.m. The event will take
place in the Faculty Senate Chambers,
located on the second floor of the West
Wing of D. H. Hill Library at N.C. State
University.

## Saturday, March 12

The Litmus Gallery is exhibiting the work of Raleigh artist and N.C. State

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graduate student Beth Tacular in a show entitled, "Fantasmadiculous: Seemingly Benign Paintings and other Odds and Ends.1 The art show includes acrylic and mixed media paintings and three-dimensional work. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 8 p.m. - midnight and the regular gallery hours are Saturdays 10 a.m. ñ 1 p.m. or by appointment.

Monday, March 21
Edward Albee, one of America's preeminent playwrights, will deliver the 2005
Harrelson Lecture. Albee received three
Pulitzer Prize awards for A Delicate Balance (1966). Seascape (1974), and Three
Tall Women (1991). His most recent play,
The Goat, or Who is Sylvia? received the
Tony Award for Best Play in 2002.
The 2005 Harrelson Lecture is free and
open to the public, and will take place
at 3 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. A reception
will follow in the Grand Ballroom. The
event is cosponsored by the University
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## POLICE BLOTTER

# 02/23/05

INFORMATION-POLICE

A staffmember reported that someone was harassing her. The harassment is occurring off campus, and she was advised to contact the agency with

## MEDICAL ASSIST

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Officers, EMS, and Fire Protection responded to Wolf Village Apartments.
A student had flu symptoms and was
transported by EMS to Rex Hospital
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## **DRUG VIOLATION**

A Bragaw Hall resident called to report a possible drug violation coming from a vehicle parked in Bragaw Hall North Lot. The vehicle left prior to officer's

# LICENSE/ REGISTRATION

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Officers conducted a checkpoint
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# LARCENY

A student reported his wallet was sto-len at Lower Miller Field.

# SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A student reported a suspicious male subject in Jordan Hall, Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate any-one matching the description given.

TRAFFIC STOP- SPEEDING A student was issued a citation on Sullivan Drive for speeding 41 in a 25.

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4:01 A.M.
UTILITY PROBLEM
ECC received several blue light phone
calls from Doak Field with no one on the
line. Officers could find no problems.
Radionics was notified.

**7:20 A.M. SAFETY PROGRAM**Officer Moore conducted a safety program at the Motor Pool Complex.

9:01 A.M. FRAUD A staff member reported that a student had forged his parking permit. He was referred to the University.

9:24 A.M.
SUSPICIOUS PERSON
A staff member reported seeing a sub-ject looking into cars in the Dan Allen Deck. Officers arrived and searched the area, but were unable to locate anyone.

1:22 P.M. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT A student was backing out of a parking space in Carmichael Lot and struck a parked vehicle.

1:53 P.M.
SUSPICIOUS PERSON
A staff member reported seeing a subject checking car doors in the Partners II
Lot. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate anyone.

4:43 P.M.
B/E VEHICLE
A student reported that two subjects broke into his vehicle and attempted another in Phi Kappa Tau Lot. The subjects were not located due to it being reported two hours after the incident occurred.

5:21 P.M.
B/E VEHICLES
Three staff members reported that
their cars were broken into while
parked in Dan Allen Deck. Two of the
vehicles were Hondas, and one was a
Ford Explorer.

5:59 P.M.
B/E VEHICLES
Four non-students reported that their cars were broken into while parked in the Varsity Drive construction lot. Three of the vehicles were Hondas, and one was a Pontiac Grand Am.

8:01 P.M.
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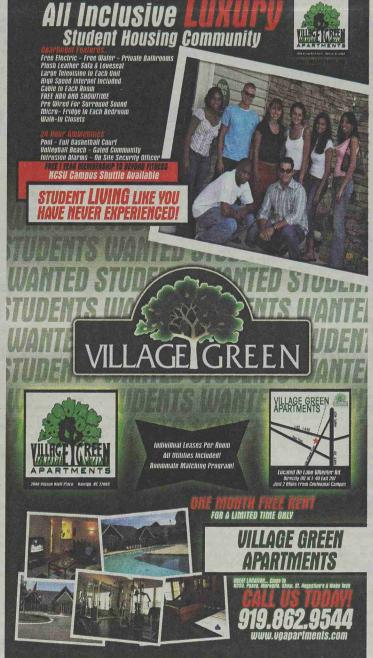
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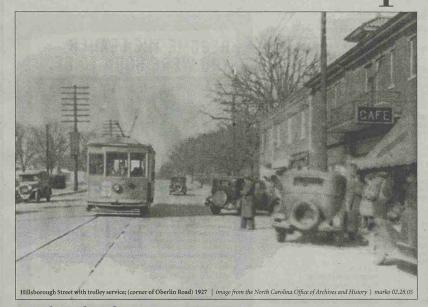








# Viewpoint



# Alcohol consumption points to a much larger problem for students

One of my friends from UNC-Chapel Hill recently remarked that she had "partied somewhere on Western Boulevard before." I asked, "By



**Daniel Underwood** 

'partying,' you mean you 'drank' there, right?" She was shocked by my question and said, "What else would I mean? Of course I

she meant;

saff Columnist she means; contrary to popular suspicion, I do have a social life. But I was trying to convey the point that "party" has come to mean "drink alcohol" in the often morally sequestered context of col-

lege life.
The vernacular of society's youth always intrigues me; our popular phrases are often just tawdry eu-phemisms to conceal an otherwise conspicuous lack of substance in our lives. Have you ever noticed how nothing quite brings college students together like free beer or

an open keg?
Now, I am not suggesting alcohol is "bad"; on the contrary, there are few things more delectable, in my opinion, than a glass of fine red wine. But if "partying" has become synonymous with "drinking al-cohol," we may have some serious problems on our hands.

Different students have different drinking habits. Some students never drink, some only drink occasionally, and some drink as frequently as possible without any semblance of restraint. Should we look at alcohol as a godsend, a means of deliverance from the poverty of our empty lives? Or should we see alcohol as a demon and something to singularly abhor?

Both of these views, I think, are wrong and probably more popular than we realize. If the high points of our lives are marked by carous ing and drunken revelries we will likely be too worried about seeking after the next cheap thrill to ing after the next cheap tiril to ever build any lasting memories or respectable loyalties. Or, if we stig-matize alcohol as being "evil," we may run the risk of being drawn into an equally false outlook on life, one that says asceticism and

has a self-denial are the keys to happiness and fulfillment.
G.K. Chesterton, said, "The dipsomaniac and the abstainer are not only both mistaken, but they both make the same mistake. They both regard wine as a drug and not as a

drink."
I believe this is precisely the problem with many college stu-dents today. On the one hand, there are many — often holding to misguided religious precepts who see alcohol as intrinsically evil. In their nervous preoccupa-tion to keep their own hands clean, they might just miss out on some of the most memorable moments in life. And also, these people fail to see the real problem: alcohol

does not destroy lives, a lack of dis-cipline with it does. And then, on the other hand, there are those pitiable creatures whose lives have been wound so tightly around the bottle that they cannot enjoy themselves without a few stiff drinks. The source of joy in their life is no longer family, friendship and presented them. friendship and personal achieve-ment, but alcohol. Rendered powerless by their dependence, they literally drown themselves in a sea of social irrelevance and personal

For three years, during high school, I worked at Char-Grill, a restaurant near my house. There was a man who also worked there by the name of Al. He was one of the nicest men you would ever meet — always willing to carry another person's load when necessary. And he really loved his essary. And he really loved his grandkids, who he had to support since their father ran out on them. But Al had some serious problems. When he was about 19 or 20, he started drinking a lot with his friends. And then at 50, his liver

was dying, and he was forced to drink a bottle or two of hard liquor every day just to ease the pain of his dying internal organs. Seeing Al struggle to make it through each day, living and working to feed his grandchildren, was one of the saddest sights I had ever witnessed.

Most people never travel as far

down the road of alcoholism as Al did. But if we use alcohol to numb the pain of life's hardships, we gamble with our lives and families'

gambie with our lives and ramines well-being.

I asked a friend what he thought the problem was with alcohol and college students. He said, "There tends to be a confusion of ends and means." We will never find meaning or fulfillment if we let alcohol be the ends not the means in our be the ends, not the means, in our

A brilliant journalist, Malcolm Muggeridge has written these powerful words that I think speak mountains of truth to our genera-tion: "I have no belief in abstinence for abstinence's own sake, no wish under any circumstances to check any fulfillment of your life and being. But I have to say to you this: that whatever life is or is not about, it is not to be expressed in terms of drug stupefaction and casual sexual relations. However else we may venture into the unknown it is not I assure you on the plastic wings of Playboy magazine or psychedelic

Beer and wine, in moderation, are wonderful things. Having a great glass of beer at a killer party can be a defining moment; but when our parties are defined by the beer, it is because there is a vacuum within our culture and perhaps within our very own lives. Mean-ing in life is found in relationships, not in the false hopes and simu-lated self-strength that alcohol brings. The primrose path of alco-hol over-indulgence is only paved with fleeting pleasures and lasting

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**TECHNICIAN'S VIEW** 

# THREE DEATHS,

OUR OPINION: HILLSBOROUGH STREET IS DYING - THE THIRD BUSINESS IN A YEAR HAS FALLEN. IT'S TIME TO MAKE HILLSBOROUGH STREET RENOVA-TIONS A TOP CITY PRIORITY BECAUSE RENT IS RISING, THE STREET LOOKS WORSE THAN IT DID 40 YEARS AGO AND IF THINGS STAY THE SAME, NO ONE WILL EVEN WANT TO GO TO THE STREET.

There used to be a Cream & Bean across the street from the Bell Tower. The owner couldn't afford to keep the doors open and the ice cream cold at the same time. Starbucks fell in line last summer when it left the corner of Hillsborough and Horne Street.

The third Hillsborough Street tenant in a year closed down this past weekend — Brothers Pizza.

Based on results, the Hillsborough Street incentive, improvement, vision — whatever it's been called - has been backtracking. For more than a year, students have been listening to the songs of hope, dreams and renovations for the face of N.C. State.

Those songs have obviously been put back on the shelf because the point was to improve Hillsborough Street — not deteriorate it.

At this point, it is out of control. It is obvious where N.C. State and the City of Raleigh put their priorities - developing Centennial Campus and the Raleigh Convention Center, respectively. At least the two are good at following through with their priorities

But the trouble is, Hillsborough Street was supposed to be one. Really, what do students and faculty see when they look at

Hillsborough Street?

Struggling businesses, rough sidewalks, poorly maintained buildings, trash in the street, potholes, minimal parking and not the cleanest of landscape.

Faculty and students won't even take visitors from other universities to the street because of how it looks. This is a university that attracts some of the most prominent minds in the region - both students, faculty and lecturers. And no one inside the community even wants to take outsiders to the street. It's a terrible impression to show them.

This is the largest university in the state and it has no face. With a 30,000-person clientele base there is no reason why the street shouldn't flourish.

It once did.

The Homeowners association for the neighborhoods behind the street has raised concerns about students parking in the streets and, as a byproduct, late-night noise. Well, they just need to go ahead and get over that because they live next to a 35,000-person city and some things just come with the territory. The no parking rule after 11 p.m. on those streets should be

Top-level university administrators and Student Government need to lobby until their voices are hoarse to get the state to pull the trigger on renovations.
Because Hillsborough Street

part of Highway 54 - is under the Highway Trust fund, the state of North Carolina should also be held accountable. It needs to aid in the improvement of its largest university. It's time to use the power this university has to make a difference.

Because if this does not become a top priority, which business will

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# Kansas and North Carolina have more in common than we think

Though published a little before the 2004 election, Thomas Frank's stellar book, "What's the Matter with Kansas?" serves as an apt guide to better understanding the historic results and implications of the last election. Frank examines



**Andrew** Dugan

the state of Kansas, a poor primarily agrarian state, noting how it once led the na-tion in populist rhetoric and legislation, only now to being one of the strong pillars of the conservative Republican movement that can be considered nothing less than the antithesis to the populists of early last century

Frank states that Kansas is home to the poorest county

in America. Moreover, Kansas's average income is ranked 34th in the nation, not a proud statistic. Meanwhile unemployment is the 30th highest in the nation. (All these statistics are for the last two calendar years.) North Carolina fares only slightly better. Unemployment is low, but average income is only better than half the states in the country. But both states are solid assets to the Republican Party. Kansas has only voted for lina last elected Jimmy Carter as a Democrat

How then, Frank wonders, does such a poor and struggling state like Kansas turn to the Re-publican Party for solace? There was a time in this country that a poor man voting Republican seemed like an oxymoron and, on any account, it was rarely done. Workers affected by the stress of the Great Depression turned to FDR, not any of his Republican opponents. However Kansas, like many of the mid-west-

ern and southern states, has been breeding a new kind of Republicanism, and it is the source of this great "backlash," as Frank calls it. This highly conservative philosophy merges together the idea strong Christian convictions with that of modern conservative economic thinking lower taxes, deregulation, union busting, and

The result for Kansas has been almost disastrous, at least on the economic end. In the sastrous, at least on the economic end. In the last few decades since the movement began in earnest, "the four largest players process 81 percent of the beef, 59 percent of the pork, and 50 percent of the chicken!" This is a contrast to the generally held belief by agriculture economists that "if four companies controlled over 40 percent of the market share in a given field, it was believes expensitive." Of some this seams no longer competitive." Of course, this seems to threaten the free economy that so many of us

value, but the government has seen little need to remedy the situation. Meanwhile, Kansas independent farmers (as well as those across the nations suffer).

Voters in Kansas are scared of being forced to let gays marry by some unspecified but often damned liberal elite. Abortion is a very hot is sue here, so much that anti-abortion candidates quickly make it through the ranks of their party, and fill the state legislature. However these lawmakers have failed to produce any result on any real social issue; it serves better as a rallying call than a real political agenda. What these elected leaders can produce is tax

breaks, large and small. And incentives for business, too. One story Frank shares is Wichita's struggle to retain a Boeing factory that produces jetliners in the city by offering the company huge tax breaks, loans, and very little conditions. The entire package was worth \$500 million of taxpayers' money and, after all that, Boeing decided to produce only certain parts in Wichita, other parts elsewhere. Very few jobs were cre-

This story is similar to North Carolina's desperate effort to obtain a Dell Computers factory within the state. At a time when the state was almost bankrupt, North Carolina offered outra geous incentives that weakened its finical health.

"In the end, Dell received a stunning \$240 million package full of tax breaks to bring \$240 million package full of tax breaks to bring just 1,500 jobs to North Carolina. Taxpayers will pay the computer giant \$15 per PC next year, and over \$6 per box for the subsequent decade. Dell can lay off up to 40 per cent of these workers and still receive the government handouts," writes the Register.

The story Frank tells, at the aggregate level, is one exciting for those enamored by this new brand of conserativism, and one that should frighten Democrats and eve cans. As Kansas works to abolish evolution from school criteria and pass through another round of tax cuts, no sober thought is presented. Education and science should be traded for religious doctrine; economic interests of the many should be discarded for that of the few. Kansas bank-rupted itself via tax cuts, threatening the state's ability to provide social services and its various, and needed functions. This is the not the essence of capitalism, it is the triumph of materialism

Reversing this trend will not be easy; the "backlash" is as infectious as any other persuasive movement in the past.

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# Features

# 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

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

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:

Every person has witnessed a gross exaggeration of this period

in a typical Hollywood romantic omedy. The scene opens on a freshly broken-up female only in her bathrobe and bunny slip pers. She lies in bed, mascarapers. 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

tion 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, com-fortable 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

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 some one, you don't have to love them anymore, and not loving them is

he entire point.

Most girls, however, eventually come to loathe absolutely all het-erosexual 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, knock-ing his glasses askew and bruising his nose. The remainder of the evening at the Jones' residence was rather quiet. The family or-dered 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

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, in-cluding 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 alcoholsoaked confessions via cell phone. Girls tell everyone they know what a sorry jerk their ex is, they love to proclaim how much bet-ter 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

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 mes-sages and ceased walking past his dorm on the way to class. Wood Hall is not on the way to Bostian.

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

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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 hardlearned lessons and lucky solutions

Manisha Dass

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

In the past weeks, I lived with them in a small suburb right outside Va-lencia, 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 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 after-

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

He called my landlady and in-formed 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 put-ting them up on lamp posts, which is Now 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

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 wan got to the 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** 

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 includes the up-beat types. like the rumba and samba," Juliette DuMont, a junior in theater at Wake Forest Uni-

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. other events.
Skill levels at the competi-

tion 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"



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,

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

The time the waits, tango, foxtrot and quickstep.
Dancing With Wolves welcomes all to join, regardless of skill level. The club promotes social ballroom dancing by

teaching classes, dances and attending ball-room 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

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.



# GYM

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 re-

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

Junior Kylah Bachman head-lined 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

come out and do "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 with an another shot at them; it 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 its 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."

Evtimov said the light is get-ting 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

BASKET

by 13 and we lost, so this time by 15 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 rela-

tively 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 13point 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

"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

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, includ-ing 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 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 sec-ond half he also scored and made

great passes again."
By the second half, Hodge's unselfishness spread amongst

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

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 complidefensive end only to be compli-mented 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 3point 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.

the ACC tournament too.

Staff Writer Josh Harrell contributed to this story

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# **Sports**

# **Wolfpack Weekend**

## **Men's Swimming**

Results: Sixth at ACC Championships

Junior Cullen Jones grabbed a second-place finish in the 100-yard free on Saturday, while Steven Cowling and Kevin Velleca placed first and second, respectively, in the 100-yard backstroke to give State a sixth-place finish in the ACC Championships in Atlanta. Jones also won the 50-yard free earlier in the Championship, his second straight ACC title in the event.

Results: NCSU 10, The Citadel 3 East Carolina 13, NCSU 1

Baseball vs. West Virginia rained out

The Wolfpack split the first two games of the Homewood Suites Shootout this weekend before packing up a little early as heavy rains hit the Charleston, S.C. area. First baseman Aaron Bates and right fielder Chris Engle led the way for State on Friday, combining for six hits and three RBIs. On Saturday, though, the Pack only managed six hits as a team while East Carolina used a six-run third inning to trounce State.

## Softball

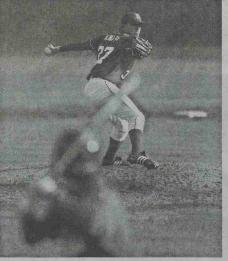
Results: NCSU 2, Appalachian State 0 NCSU 6, Charleston Southern 0 NCSU11, Delaware State 0 (5) UNCG 2, NCSU 0

Abbie Sims pitched shutouts on Friday and Saturday, striking out 15 batters, as State took three of the first four games of the Seahawk classic in Wilmington. The team was riding a six-game winning streak until UNG Greensboro shut out the Pack on Saturda afternoon. State currently has five players batting better than .300 for the season.

## **Track and field at Carolina Last Chance Meet**

Sophomore Mitchell Pope won the shot put even on Saturday at the Carolina Last Chance Meet in Chapel Hill. Pope registered a career-best throw of 58-5, good enough to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Championships next weekend. State will have another last chance to qualify competitors next weekend at Virginia Tech.

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Brandon Knapp and the Pack split two games this weekend.

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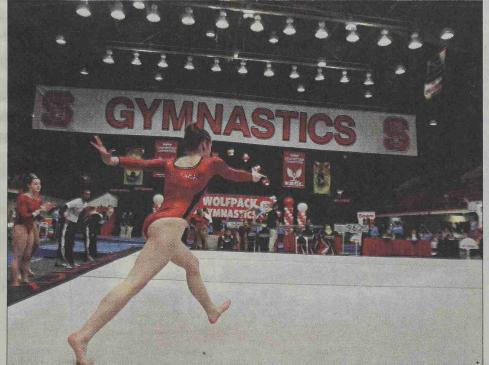
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nior Kylah Bochman competes on the floor during State's tie with the Tar Heels on Friday night at Reynolds, the first tie in school history.

# Balancing act key in Wolfpack's close win

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CHAPEL HILL - N.C. State's win on Sunday came under a particularly difficult set of cir cumstances, 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.

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 evervies.

If the Pack was to win, 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 to a 195.500-195.025 defeat of 2004 national champion North Carolina. floor performers, including 2004 national champion Courtney Bumpers. The lofty beam score thus became the

"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 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** 

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

The Wolfpack is fighting for its NCA'A Tournament life and has little room for error. Chances are it has to win its next two games

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 be-cause in Blacksburg we were up

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

# omen grab two wins in doubleheader

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

Andrew Tanker

In the warmth of the I.W. Isenhour Tennis Center, the N.C. State women's tennis team rout-Earlier in the day, the Wolfpack pounded Coastal Carolina by the same 6-1 score. Five State players 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 had but when it's longer. 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 impor-

tant to win the doubles points," Olsen said. "We've been gaining momentum in doubles matches pour it on 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," Johans-

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

'Starting off, I knew she's a good player, so I just wanted to keep the ball in play and be as ag-gressive 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 hershots. 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 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 regu-lar 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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