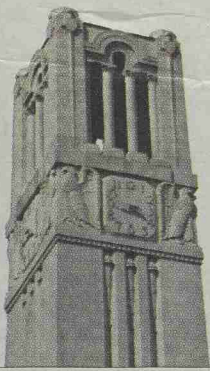


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ELECTION 2005

Collaboration the key on election tickets

A growing number of candidates declare their intent to run on a ticket in Student Body Elections.

Haley Huie
Staff Writer

The books for Student Government spring elections closed Monday night, ending the period in which a candidate can file to run for office.

After the 5 p.m. deadline, many candidates were able to speak publicly about their intent to run on a ticket, which allows them to pool resources and collaborate through the duration of their campaigns.

The student body will see three ticket campaigns this year with several candidates. Will Langley, Forrest Hinton and Seneca Toms; Will Quick and John Small; and Lock Whiteside and Tommy Ozbolt will all be running ticket campaigns.

Will Langley, a sophomore in political science, is running for Student Body President and will be sharing a ticket with Student Senate President candidate Forrest Hinton and Student Body Treasurer candidate Seneca Toms.

Langley pointed to shared goals as a reason that many candidates opt to share a platform, but noted that campaign

finances also plays a role.

"We all have common visions, and are all very involved in the Student Senate," Langley said, explaining that many of the candidates form alliances because of their ability to collaborate.

He also said that while sharing funds makes it easier for candidates to publicize their names, the platform is ultimately the deciding factor in the elections.

"Students will vote for the best candidates," Langley said.

Hinton, a sophomore in math education and political science, will be sharing a ticket with Langley and Toms, a senior in science horticulture.

Hinton is running for Student Senate President, and explained that the allocation of funds is an incentive for shared campaigns, but that primary motivation is the candidate's system of beliefs.

"We share a common ideology," Hinton said. "That's our number one reason for running together on a ticket."

Hinton said he is unsure that running on a ticket is more effective than running independently, but the ability to combine resources is often helpful for campaigns.

Lock Whiteside III, a junior

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Ag week kicks off

A windy Tuesday afternoon couldn't stop workers from setting up for Ag Week

Josh Harrell
Staff Writer

Gusty winds and occasional sub-40 degree temperatures couldn't stop workers Tuesday morning and afternoon from setting up Ag Awareness Week for the various animal and agricultural clubs at N.C. State.

Workers set up tents and loaded in animals to give the Brickyard the feel of a farm.

Most of the programs will happen today with the various clubs involved in the Brickyard, showing off the research they have done and educating the college public about what kind

of work they do.

"The purpose of our fraternity is to educate people about agriculture, and this is our biggest event of the year," Connie Taylor, president of the Agribusiness/NAMA Club, said. "The purpose of it is really to expose people from different areas of the college to what we do and why it is so important."

More than 20 clubs such as Animal Science, Collegiate 4-H, Poultry, Zoology and others will be in the Brickyard today and tomorrow, playing games and talking to students and the community.

"I look forward to educating people about the animal science club, and hopefully by people getting more information about it, it will make them want to join," Michael Shields, a sopho-

more in animal science, said.

Most of the people who worked on setting up the event Tuesday had been involved with the program in the past and were looking forward to it again this year.

"I just love having people come out here and asking questions and getting to talk about the importance of agriculture in North Carolina," Allison McCabe, a grad student in agricultural education, said. "It's just fun being able to show people what the College of Agriculture is all about."

The group in charge of planning and holding the event has been working on the event for a long time and believe that the amount of work put in will pay off in the end.

"We've planned for almost an

entire year for this event," Taylor said. "Hopefully a lot of people will come out and see what kind of research is being done that many people here may not know about."

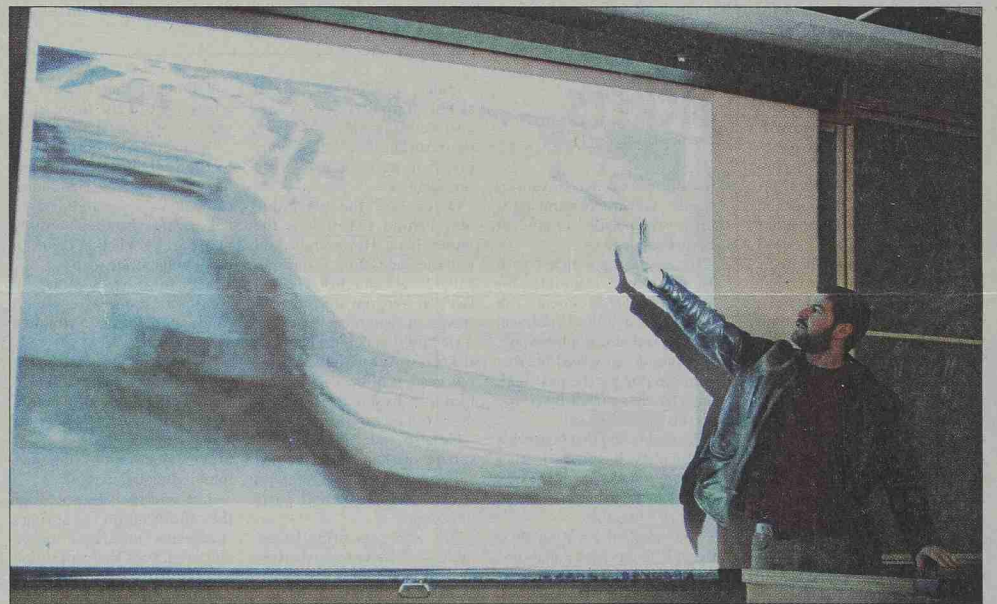
Organizers hope the event will help others realize the significance of agriculture in the state and at the University.

"NCSU was founded as a land grant institution for agriculture. The purpose of 'State College' was to educate farmers and send them back knowing how to farm," Taylor said. "So even though the school has different colleges its original purpose is still there, and hopefully they will realize that we would be nowhere without agriculture."

Educating students is one of

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N.C. State Alumnus and Pulitzer Prize Finalist Chris Hondros spoke in Williams Hall on Tuesday night. Hondros works for Getty Images as a photographer covering events from around the world. Hondros has visited a dozen countries, including the war-torn lands of Kosovo, Liberia and Sierra Leone. He just returned from Iraq six days ago.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Lobbyists take on state legislators to push student issues

Student lobbyists hope to continue visiting with legislators downtown every two weeks to discuss issues that impact the University.

Erin Welch
News Editor

The Student Government committee on government relations met with state legislators Monday to lobby for students issues, a practice they hope will last throughout the semester and into future years.

Matt Latrick, a junior in political science, Nathan Eagle, a freshman in computer engineering, and Cameron Guice, a sophomore in construction engineering, visited state legislators Monday to lobby for issues which are pertinent to NCSU students.

"We got an idea of what they do and what their priorities are for legislation that is up in the House right now," Guice said. "They also got an idea of how we feel about those issues."

Latrick said ideally, Student Government would like to have student lobbyists talk to legislators every two weeks.

"What the goal is to have one school go every week to lobby with legislators," Eagle said.

"We were trying to do it last year, but we were unable to get any kind of core group organized and going," Latrick said. "This year we finally got around to it and got a core group of students that were willing to go."

Latrick said that there are about two or three other individuals interested in lobbying

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'CSI' show inspires forensic science courses

The University looks forward to offering forensic science courses in the future

Lia Kotsopoulos
Staff Writer

The new TV series "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" has been a paradigm for the popular new forensic science class, Science Behind CSI, at Meredith college.

Francie Cuffney, a biology professor at Meredith who created the course along with her colleague Walda Powell, said the idea for the course came during one of her biology classes when she experienced an incredible amount of feedback during one of her presentations dealing with forensic science.

"Students are very interested in forensic science because of the TV show CSI," Cuffney said. "It is popular in culture now, so students want to learn more about it."

The course is a single course for honors students and is interdisciplinary colloquia that consist of both biology and chemistry.

According to Cuffney, it is looking at the science behind forensic investigation.

"This course is so popular that it closed the day of registration," Cuffney said.

Throughout the semester students in the class will learn about topics such as blood spatter analysis, trace evidence, hair evidence, drug analysis and lifting finger prints.

"In one investigation we did, students tried to lift a finger print and they found it's very different from TV — TV makes it look so easy when it's actually very difficult," Cuffney said.

"If N.C. State offered a course in forensic science, I would definitely take it as a free elective because I think it would be interesting to learn about criminal investigation and how it works," Seantel Nielsen, a senior in communication, said.

According to Ann Ross, assistant director of sociology and anthropology, there is in fact a course offered in forensic science, titled "Introduction to Forensic Anthropology," which she teaches.

In addition to the introductory course, Ross is creating an advanced course, "Advanced Methods to Forensic Anthropology," and is hoping to establish a minor in forensic science soon.

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Blogging sites help students keep in touch

When it comes to keeping up with friends and news, some college students turn to online journals.

Kate Peters Bowra
Staff Writer

Hiding diaries or sneaking a peek at one is now a thing of the past as students are choosing to make their personal writings open to the public eye of the Internet in the form of a weblog.

Popularly known as "blogs," some prefer to use them to share surface information, while others delve into deeper discussions revealing their innermost thoughts.

One popular blogging site used by university students is LiveJournal.com. The site allows users to register and post their messages free of charge and also offers premium services for users wishing to add more pizzazz through additional photos and layout options to their journal for a small monthly fee.

Melanie Wong, a senior in electrical

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to legislatures in the future and that a member from the government relations committee would always be present during lobbying.

He said the frequency of visits relied heavily on the legislators.

"It all kind of depends on the schedules of legislators and making sure we can have access to the people we need to," Latrick said.

The three Student Government members met with Rep. Deborah Ross, Rep. Jennifer Weiss and Rep. Grier Martin. The lobbyists chose these representatives because they are all Wake County representatives and because they felt they would be receptive to their ideas.

"We figured we'd want to hit them first just because we knew they'd be strong supporters of State, especially with their constituency being mostly State students," Guice said.

Latrick said the lobbyists targeted legislators to meet by the committees they served on and the counties they represent. He also said they will choose legislators to meet with who have a connection to NCSU whether through attending the University in the past, currently having a child at NCSU or through some other interest in NCSU.

"Being our first time, we tried to go talk to people who were more supportive of N.C. State and receptive of the ideas we were going to present to them," Eagle said.

The four main issues which Eagle, Latrick and Guice spoke to legislators about Monday were the general enrollment growth and continuation budget, a faculty salary increase of 7.5 percent, an elementary education major and funding to move the engineering department over to Centennial Campus.

"Right now, those are the main issues we wanted to talk to them about. As the session continues, more legislation is going to come up so we're wanting to address that as it comes," Guice said.

Eagle said one reason the lobbyists thought faculty salaries were important to discuss was due to competition with other schools.

"It's important that we offer competitive salaries so our teachers don't just pack up and go to other schools," Eagle said.

"N.C. State is one of the only schools that doesn't have that major [elementary education]," Eagle said, pointing out that with NCSU being a larger state school and North Carolina having a shortage of teachers, it would be beneficial to have such a major.

Latrick said that when the three met with Martin, they were the first student group to ever sit down and talk with him since his time in the General Assembly.

"[To] have people actually tell him 'these are the things that are really important to us,' and to have face-to-face contact — it was a lot more impactful as opposed to him just reading through a piece of paper he got in the mail," Latrick said.

Guice also said that the legislators had never spoken with a group of students about issues which concerned them specifically.

"The three legislators we talked to said they had never had students from any school come to them about anything," Guice said.

"It definitely left a good impression with them."

Overall, Latrick said he felt the meetings were successful and the legislators were helpful and welcoming.

"Every legislator we met with was very perceptive and they gave us some good advice as to how to talk to other legislators and how to help them advocate for us better."



STUDENT MEDIA

SMA names new media heads

Three media positions to be determined at meeting on March 28

Tyler Dukes
Deputy News Editor

The Student Media Authority met last night to appoint the newest leaders of the six outlets of University media for staff turnovers later this year.

The board appointed Michelle McLean and Tahniah Davis as co-editors in chief of the Nubian Message, Josh Bassett as editor in chief of the Agromeck and Rebecca Heslin as editor in chief of the Technician.

Discussion of the three other positions of Americana editor, Windhover editor and WKNC general manager were postponed until the board's next meeting on March 28. Staff turnover takes place on April 1 for all outlets except Windhover and Agromeck, which turn over a month later due to production schedules.

The two postponements were a result of notified absences from Emmanuel Lipscomb

and David Nourse, candidates for editor of Americana and WKNC general manager, respectively. The appointment of the Windhover editor was also postponed, as no applications were received.

Although McLean and Davis, who ran as an unopposed tandem, did not meet the qualifications required for their positions, the board chose after meeting in executive session to waive the restrictions. SMA rules state that a candidate must have been a member of the staff for at least two semesters, be a fulltime student, have at least two semesters left in school and carry at least a 2.25 GPA.

McLean and Davis stated that they wished to work together to see the Nubian Message grow even further from the progress the paper has made in past semesters.

McLean specifically stressed her goal to increase the "amplification of the African American voice."

"I want to be different. I want to be unique," McLean said. "That is what the Nubian Message is and what it should continue to be."

Agromeck editor in chief candidate Austin Dowd also did not meet the board's requirements, but the qualification restrictions for his case were also waived.

The board, however, chose Bassett, the Agromeck's current editor in chief, over Dowd.

Bassett said that although serving a second year at the position could be perceived as a stagnant disadvantage, he said this would not be an option if the yearbook continued on its current, improving path.

"There is the possibility of becoming subpar if you keep going on the same level, but I don't think that will happen," Bassett said.

After an extensive round of questioning of both candidates for leader of Technician, the board chose Heslin over Jason Eder.

She said that her experience in multiple sections of the paper, coupled with her commitment to the publication, made her an excellent candidate for the position.

"You have to be prepared to give up of any semblance of a life [for the paper]," Heslin said.

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the chief goals of participants of this event who believe they will receive a positive response.

"I think the response will be positive because people are becoming more and more aware that if it wasn't for agriculture then we wouldn't have clothes on our body and food on our table," McCabe said. "We just need to be ready to answer the negative people that don't believe in the importance of what we're doing."

The weather on Tuesday was a bit of a problem for workers,

but Taylor said she believes the weather will get better and students will come out and see what is going on today.

"Every year it seems to rain, so right now we're good from that standpoint," Taylor said. "But it's supposed to be really pretty...so we're hoping for the best."

Wednesday lunch and dinner will be served by the Poultry Club and Agronomy club respectively.

The Clogging Team will perform at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and clubs will be out in the Brickyard to show off their animals and talk to students all day Wednesday and Thursday.

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Ross is currently engineering a joint web-based program between NCSU and the Office of State Archeology Research Center that will focus on forensic science.

"The program is for law enforcement agency. It will provide contact, technical information and services to law enforcement agents and medical examiners through-out the state on issues relating to medical, legal and death investigation," Ross said.

In May, Ross will hold a workshop called "Bugs, Bones, & Botany" for law enforcement agents and medical

examiners.

The proceeds from the workshop will be used to fund the program along with an Extension and Engagement grant.

Because of increasing interest in the study, many colleges are now offering courses in forensic science.

Campbell University recently announced a forensic science course that will start in the fall.

"I would definitely take a course in forensic science because it might actually be more beneficial to me than chemistry," Katie Sawyer, a junior in communication, said.

"It sounds like more fun than learning about the periodic table."

TICKETS

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in political science and social studies, will also be campaigning for the position of Student Body President.

He is sharing a ticket with Tommy Ozbolt, a candidate for Student Senate President, who is currently a junior in political science and philosophy of law.

Whiteside has served as a student senator for the past year, and Ozbolt is currently serving on the Judicial Board.

Whiteside said that he and his partner have known each other since freshman year and he feels confident that they are able to work well together.

"The goal of running on a ticket is to ensure a collaborative effort between the Executive Branch and the Senate in order to accomplish goals," Whiteside said.

He also said that he feels students base their voting on platforms, and that when students see the policies he and Ozbolt share, they will make informed decisions based upon the issues.

Quick and John Small, a senior in poultry science, are also running on a ticket for the positions of student body president and student senate president.

Quick said the prevailing idea behind ticketing is the money issue. However, he said that the events Tony Caravano, Mital Patel and himself hosted last year were not any more extravagant than others' events.

He said that being a part of a ticket last year with two previous Leaders of the Pack helped him as a freshman to get his name out on campus.

He also added that the diversity of their ticket helped the candidates last year to connect with different parts of campus.

"It's what you bring to the table — different constituencies, different ideas, new ideas — that's the important thing," Quick said.

Patel, a senior in computer science, ran on the ticket in the 2004 elections with Quick.

Patel said he felt a joint platform was an effective campaign strategy because candidates campaigning collectively ensure cooperation between officers.

"I thought that I could do a better job if the three of us worked together," Patel said.

"It ultimately boils down to the individual candidate," he said, but added that a joint campaign allows candidates to tell students that their running mates are people that they can easily collaborate with.

Meghan Hart, a junior in communication, agrees with candidates' opting to run on a shared ticket.

"People that run on a ticket are often more recognizable to the student body on Election Day," Hart said.

She said she finds it easier to remember groups of names than individual names.

Hart said that she voted for the candidates on last spring's "Caravano, Quick, Patel" ticket, and often pays more attention to candidates who pool their resources in order to gain attention.

She said that the connections that the candidates are able to make were obviously effective in last spring's elections.

"Being able to cooperate during a campaign shows effective teamwork," Hart said.

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engineering, said she has been blogging her life events on LiveJournal.com for a little over a year.

"I definitely like how blogging is easier than a traditional handwritten journal, but it's not as much of a keepsake as a traditional handwritten journal," she said. "Of course, I might not want to remember this year's angst too much anyway."

Wong has had a paper journal for most of her life, but said she feels that the electronic version is more convenient as she uses her journal to keep in touch with friends as she plans for graduation.

"Many of my friends are moving off to different graduate schools and it's a good way to [keep in touch]," Wong said.

"We can know what's going on in each other's lives without the bulky emails."

Many online blog sites give users the options to post pictures, note their current mood and even list the current music they listen to as they write their entries.

Wong said she believes the features set by the blogging sites enhance communication. She said she specifically liked the "mood icons" on LiveJournal.com.

"A lot of the times, it's hard to tell what emotions the person is feeling as they are typing," Wong said. "The mood icons help the reader paint a certain tone into each entry."

While the blogs of personal acquaintances are commonly read, notable writers and some celebrities also choose to make their blogs accessible to the public.

Comic writer Dave Barry, for example, frequently posts

his web journal with tidbits of information and humorous quotes for readers to enjoy at weblog.herald.com/column/davebarry/. Barry is a well-known columnist for The Miami Herald.

"I tend to read industry journalists and political reporters' blogs," Jordan O'Mara, a junior in computer and political science, said.

O'Mara said he does not have an online journal of his own, but enjoys perusing the journals of others to keep up with friends and world news.

"Honestly, news tends to break faster over blogs than it does in normal media outlets, although there's very little editing and fact checking done," O'Mara said. "Sometimes, reading the thoughts of an interesting person with an important position in the industry you [want to work for] is interesting also."

Keeping up with the pace

of technology and news is a difficult task, O'Mara said. However, the information has now become more accessible through blogs on company Web sites.

"There is a company blog at Apple that often has news updates about upcoming Apple products and software that breaks several days before you would hear it anywhere else," O'Mara said. "Google has similar people."

Although blogs have the potential to turn regular people into celebrities, O'Mara also pointed out that they can take down a career in a matter of minutes.

"Recently, an employee got a bit too ambitious with his blogging and was fired as a result because he revealed some secrets he wasn't supposed to," O'Mara said.

POLICE BLOTTER

02/27/05

10:26 P.M.

LARCENY

A student reported their wallet was stolen from Paul Derr Track on Saturday. The wallet was left unsecured and unattended in the victims shoe while they played soccer.

10:37 P.M.

LARCENY

A staff member reported the dry erase board was stolen from the Bragaw Hall 1st floor activity room sometime today between 4:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

3:29 P.M.

B&E VEHICLE LARCENY

A student reported that someone has entered their unlocked Honda Accord and stole their stereo. The vehicle was parked in the Pi Kappa Alpha lot and the incident happened between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday.

3:34 P.M.

FIRE ALARM

Officers and Raleigh Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Phytotron. Upon officers arrival there was a smoky haze in the building. It was determined a air handler motor had overheated. Facilities was notified.

6:22 P.M.

FIRE ALARM

Police responded to Wolf Village Building C reference a smoke head activation. No signs of fire detected. Cause of activation was cooking. Raleigh Fire Department did not respond due to the residents of the suite calling and advising all was O.K. System reset.

8:25 P.M.

LARCENY

A student reported that their wallet was stolen from Fountain Dining Hall at approximately 7:30 p.m. They then later called back and advised a friend had taken the wallet so it would not be stolen. No larceny occurred.

9:22 P.M.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT -> \$1,000


Officer Menzie reported he was investigating a traffic accident involving vehicles driven by two students on Cate's Avenue just south of Price Music Center.

9:22 P.M.

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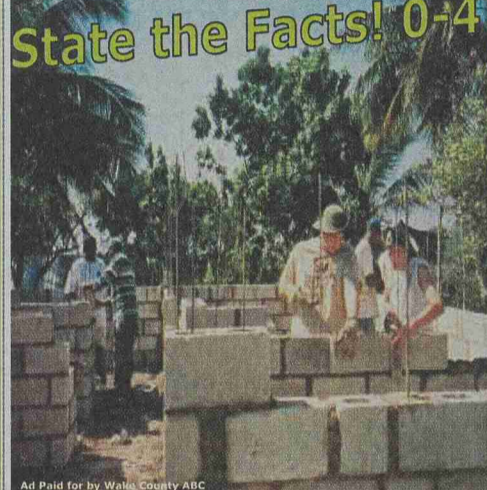
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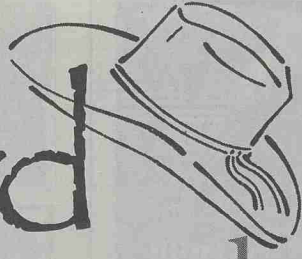
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LIFE BEYOND

Westward bound



Sutyajeet Soneja, a recent graduate from N.C. State with a degree in biomedical engineering, will soon begin a job as an associate scientist in Kansas, a payoff for his years of volunteer and intern experience.

Nicole Black
Staff Writer

Usually between the times of noon and 2 p.m. on weekdays, the peak viewing hours for elderly populations, the average viewer will most likely hear the phrase, "Order your Jazzy Powerchair today!"

While most college students could care less about senior mobility, Sutyajeet Soneja, a 2004 biomedical engineering graduate, dedicated his senior project to this cause.

Along with partners Nikki Dinola and Scott Jarnagin, Soneja created a wheelchair that helped a man with cerebral palsy wheel through the mulch in his garden.

"He wanted to work in the garden, but could not get through because of the rocks and mulch — he can push himself now," Soneja says.

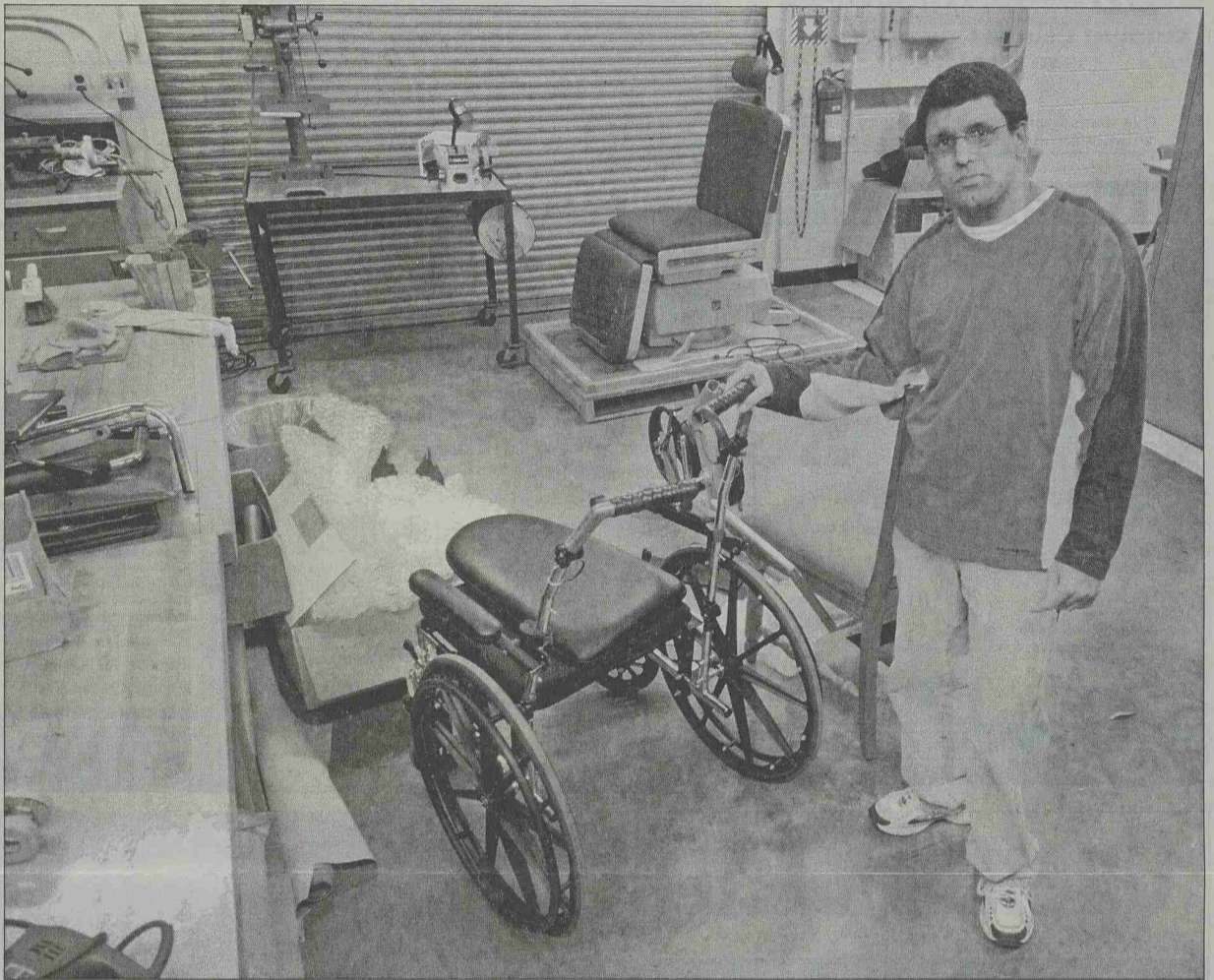
As a biomedical engineer, this project was just one of the numerous ways Soneja will be able to improve lives.

After looking for a job since his graduation last May, he now has a job offer at Hills-Pet in Kansas, a company owned by Colgate, as an Associate Scientist.

At Hills-Pet, Soneja will focus on pet nutrition and regulating animal diets. One of the main goals of his research will be to reverse osteoporosis in dogs. Hills-Pet is also working toward developing identification chips that can be implanted in cats.

Excited about his new career, Soneja hopes one day he will be doing research on his own, perhaps after attaining a Ph.D.

His freshman year, Soneja entered NCSU's engineering program, but knew he wanted to do something in the medical field. When Soneja first made up his mind that he wanted to be a biomedical engineer, he knew it was a fairly new field.



For his senior project, Sutyajeet Soneja designed a chair to help mobilize a cerebral palsy patient. The chair his group designed was built in the pictured lab in Weaver Hall. It was designed to provide the patient with the ability to roll over mulch when gardening.

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"I was concerned it would be hard to find a job," he says.

Discovering all that he could accomplish as a biomedical engineer, Soneja decided to stick with the program, despite his fears. "When you want to do something, you do it," he says.

Soneja graduated Cum Laude with a 3.39 GPA. He was given an award for the best senior design project by the faculty and his peers. This project included creating devices to guard and

monitor the nests of sea turtles. His dedication to the field, however, goes beyond the obligations of school and work.

He is a member of the National Biomedical Engineering Society, and attended a BME conference in Nashville, Tenn. He has also accumulated 600 hours of volunteer service at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

In 2003, Soneja interned at Quantiles Transactional, Inc.

in Hawthorne, N.Y. where most of his work included technical writing. He also worked as a lab and community assistant for NCSU before graduating.

Soneja says biomedical engineering students are exposed to many different areas while in college.

"We have a joke that we can't do anything specific, but a lot of little things. We have very versatile courses," he says.

Most of these classes include

engineering, biology and social sciences.

When asked about his future salary, Soneja estimates that he will be making about \$50,000. Undecided about graduate school, he says if he enjoys his job he will most likely find no need to go.

Soneja advises that students get the most work experience they can while in school.

"It's sort of a catch-22," he says.

Society expects students fresh from graduation to have work experience before they start their first job.

Hills-Pet requires employees to have two or more years of work experience related to bio-engineering.

With today's highly competitive job market, Soneja proved he was steps ahead in his work, resulting in a job offer that many of his fellow graduates envy.

TAKING ON THE JOB MARKET

Outlook good for biomedical engineering employment

Nicole Black
Staff Writer

It is a question that has been asked since our first days of kindergarten, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

As children, we scanned our little brains for the few answers we knew, replying we wanted to be a doctor or a teacher. While both of these careers are honorable, there are now new and blossoming professions that are gaining more interest among today's students.

Perhaps when our children are learning about future careers, they will hear more about biomedical engineering.

N.C. State is well known for its College of Engineering, ranking the fifth largest in the nation. The biomedical engineering concentration was established here in the early 1990s.

Due to increased student interest, a separate degree program was developed in 2001, which is

conjoined with the program at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Biomedical engineers combine knowledge in disciplines such as biology and medicine with engineering to develop medical devices and equipment. At NCSU, students have the chance to participate in different laboratories and get hands-on experience. Some of these laboratories include breast-imaging, cell mechanics and cardiac electrophysiology.

The breast-imaging lab conducts research for women who have breast cancer, as well as other breast problems.

In the cell mechanics lab, students learn to understand the causes and effects of cell function and differentiation. Students look at electric stimulation in the tissue of the heart in cardiac electrophysiology.

NCSU biomedical engineering students are required to do a senior project and make a Web site about it. Some of the most recent

projects dealt with ultrasound technology, artificial organs and biomaterials. The created Web sites give the history, applications and ethical issues of each of the projects.

While the thought of saving and improving numerous lives might give students reason enough to be a biomedical engineer, the salary isn't too shabby either.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the median annual earnings of biomedical engineers were \$60,410 in 2002, with the middle 50 percent earning between \$58,320 and \$88,830. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$48,450, but the highest 10 percent earned more than \$107,520.

In 2003, the U.S. Department of Labor also found that graduates with a bachelor's degree received starting offers averaging at \$39,126, while graduates with a master's were offered \$61,000. Biomedical engineers held

about 7,600 jobs in 2002. About 38 percent of these jobs were for manufacturing companies, primarily pharmaceutical and medical instrument production. Many others were employed by hospitals and government agencies.

But just how easy is it for biomedical engineering graduates to find a job?

According to Carol Schroeder of NCSU's Career Center, many graduates have to start out with internships after graduation.

"Sometimes what seems to be the credit in the news isn't always what happens," Schroeder says.

Yousif Alkadhri, a 2004 graduate in biomedical engineering, started out with an internship at Quantiles, a pharmaceutical company.

According to Alkadhri, finding a job is not as easy as it sounds, stating that he knows fellow graduates that are now working in restaurants and "selling lingerie at Victoria's Secret." Alkadhri

plans to go to medical school.

As many as 50 percent of students in some biomedical engineering programs go to medical school, according to the Biomedical Engineering Society. Some students prefer to go straight into the biomedical engineering job market after graduation.

Neel Naik, in an interview with The Daily Northwestern of Northwestern University, would rather be making money than spending it in medical school.

"While you're in medical school spending \$50,000 to work extremely hard, all your friends are going to be making \$50,000 and having the times of their lives," Naik says.

Most reports, such as the ones on university Web sites and from employment surveys, suggest that the job outlook for biomedical engineers is excellent. The Whitaker Foundation supports research and education in biomedical engineering and has

many jobs posted on its Web site concerning the field.

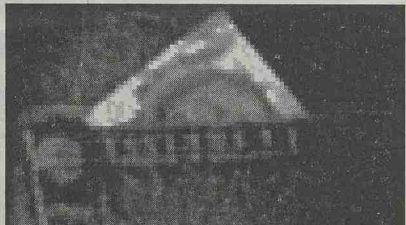
Some of these job opportunities include professor positions, research assistants, directors of project developments and MRI scientists. North Carolina does have job opportunities listed on this page.

The Biomedical Engineering Society said the future demand for biomedical engineers will increase by 31.4 percent through the year 2010, which is double the rate of all other jobs combined.

The U.S. Department of Labor attributes the rise to an increase in the elderly population of the United States, which in turn increases the demand for new medical instruments.

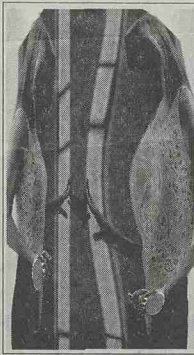
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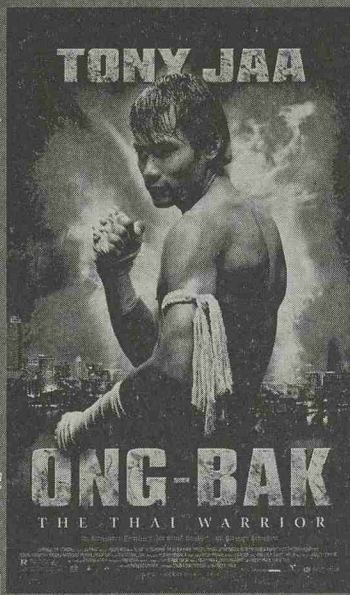
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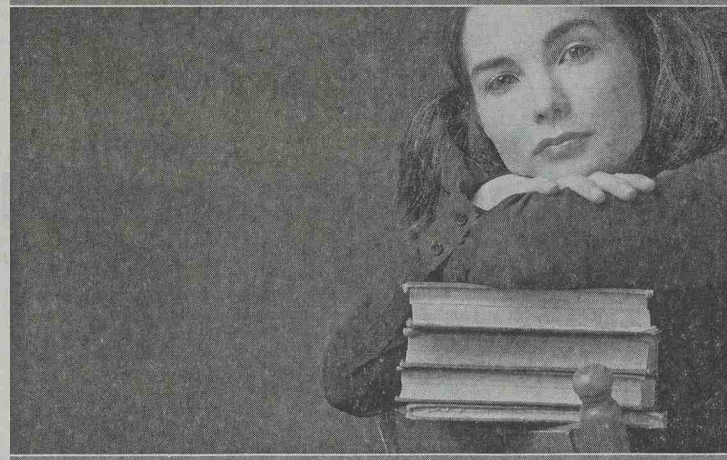
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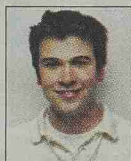
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Walking in Herb's shoes

I know what it's like. The criticism. The stress. The nights without sleeping. Losing my remaining hair after

every close loss. What I'm trying to say is, I know what it's like to be Herb Sendek.



Ryan Reynolds
 Deputy Sports Editor

My coaching experience didn't happen at a big-time program, though. It happened on the hardwood at the Central YMCA where I coached the Mavericks, a high school boys basketball team.

The makeup of the Mavericks was ironically similar to the N.C. State basketball squad. Quentin was the playmaker, cutting through defenders like Julius Hodge to make a difficult layup. Ward was the shooter, often draining 3-pointers from well beyond the arc like Engin Atsur, which forced the defense to come out and guard.

Drew, George, Patrick and Reeves were my inside guys. All four were undersized but hustled and ripped rebounds away from bigger players.

Bradford, the finesse player, took more hook shots in one game than Ilian Evtimov has this season. Most went astray, but all those misses were worth it to see one go in the basket.

Jack, Paula and Michael were my wreckless guards off the bench.

John, a late addition, brought charisma to the Mavericks. Maybe it was the pink knee-high socks and purple shorts that struck fear in opposing teams' hearts. Maybe it was the wind breaker he wore that was surely stolen from a closet at a nursing home. Either way, he brought swagger that no one else could emulate.

The only player missing was Temple coach John Chaney's "goon." What I'm trying to say is, we had some talent.

But just like Herb, the Mavs got off to a sluggish start. We started the season 0-2, including a 25-point loss to the blue team. I'm pretty sure they were better than St. Johns, though.

Nonetheless I took some heat, mainly from myself after enduring such crushing losses. I also felt a little snubbed by my assistant coach because he opted out of one game to attend the Super Bowl.

Amid controversy, the Mavericks persevered. Like the Pack, we picked up the defensive intensity to defeat the green team. The implications were huge. It guaranteed we wouldn't be the last seed in the playoffs.

But we couldn't capitalize. After a back-and-forth struggle against the No. 3 seed purple team in the first round of the playoffs, our lack of height proved too costly and ended our upset bid.

Then my real season began. I had to assure myself of a coaching spot next year. Forget the little people, I needed to impress the parents. Surely their support would buy me another season.

It worked. Michael's dad shook my hand after the playoff loss, surely feeling the pain from the tightness of my handshake. After taking a team photo, Reeves' mom gave me a big hug before

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BASEBALL

Pack humbles Spartans' spirit

N.C. STATE SCORES SIX RUNS IN THE THIRD INNING TO PULL AWAY FROM UNCG

Clark Leonard
 Staff Writer

One inning is all it took. N.C. State scored six runs in the third inning — forcing UNC-Greensboro pitcher Patrick Currin from the game — to up its record to 10-2 with an 11-1 victory.

State sophomore Gib Hobson pitched five innings, scattering five hits and one run, to earn his third win in four starts this season.

Hobson (3-0) said that coach Elliott Avent expressed to the team the need to bounce back from Saturday's 13-1 defeat against East Carolina.

"Coach preaches try not to lose more than one in a row," Hobson said. "It was important for us to bounce back and have a good game."

Coming off of the stinging loss to the in-state rival Pirates, State was able to recapture its swing against another in-state opponent.

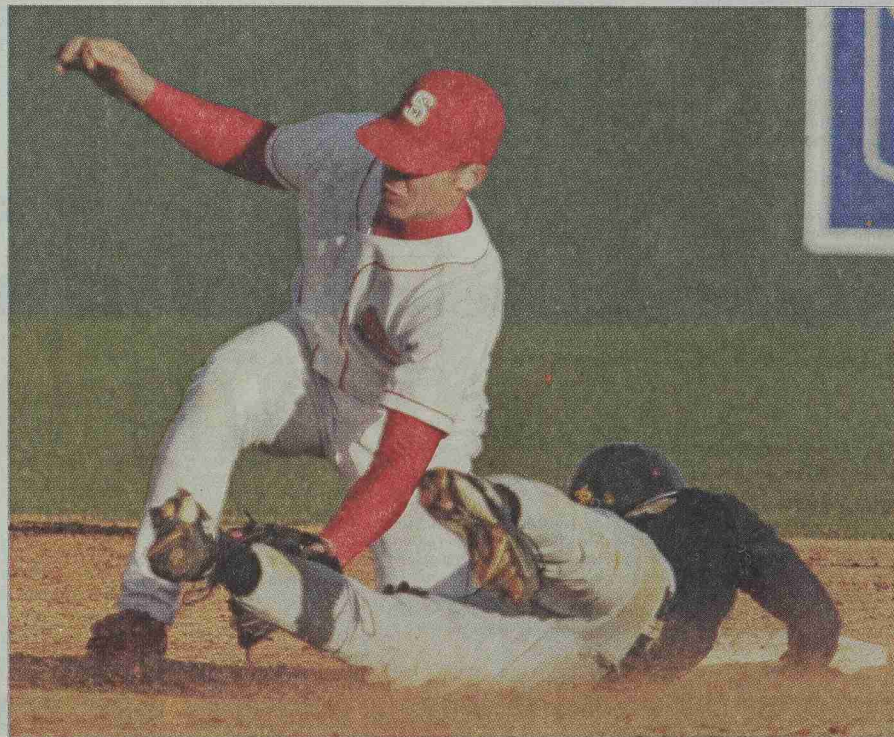
It was the second time in three home games that the Pack used a six-run inning to rally for a victory.

Coach Avent said that scoring is often an emphasis for his team and that it puts pressure on opponents that can lead to such big innings.

"We talk about trying to score in four or more innings. If you score in four or more innings, one of them's liable to culminate in a big inning," Avent said. "We've had a few of those, and it's nice to get that six-spot."

Avent added that the six runs were important in squelching the confidence of the Spartans, who fell to 5-3 on the season.

"The longer UNCG keeps the lead, they're gonna start to play a little harder. They're gonna start to play a little better,"



CHRIS REYNOLDS/TECHNICIAN

Second baseman Ramon Corona tags out a UNCG base runner attempting to steal second during Tuesday's game at Doak Field.

Avent said. State leadoff hitter Matt Camp did not start after his ejection from Saturday's loss to ECU, but he came in as a pinch hitter in the sixth inning.

Right fielder Chris Engle provided plenty of help in his place. Engle was 3-for-5 with three singles, one RBI and two runs scored. He said that it was matter of working

hard and waiting his turn to step into the lineup. "You work hard in practice every day

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MEN'S TENNIS

Taking the college route to the pros

Nick Cavaday, a freshman from England, has helped guide State to a 10-0 record

Josh Harrell
 Staff Writer

Everything is bigger in America.

From the fast-food restaurants lining Western Boulevard and Hillsborough Street, to the overflowing stands of Carter-Finley Stadium on fall Saturdays and the sardined atmosphere of the student section at the RBC Center.

These are things that freshman Nick Cavaday noticed on his first trip to the United States, where "bigger is better." But they are all things that enhanced his overall experience here, just as he helped to enhance the Wolfpack tennis team to a 10-0 record going into ACC competition.

Cavaday made his first trip to the United States last December to compete in a tournament in Florida. The N.C. State coaching staff went to see him there after already seeing him once in Europe.

"There was something that separated Nick from everyone else at the competition," assistant coach Matt Halfpenny said. "I remember calling coach [Jon Choboy] and telling him 'I've found our guy.'"

According to Halfpenny, that one thing was maturity. At an age where much of the competition will throw their rackets and yell, Cavaday always kept his cool and took care of business. After seeing him play both



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N.C. State freshman Nick Cavaday is one of two players from England playing for coach Jon Choboy. Cavaday attended State because "I want to be as good as I can, and that's why I chose the college route."

in England and in Florida, the coaching staff decided to ask Cavaday to come up for a recruiting visit that eventually sold him on the Wolfpack.

"When I came out here, my recruiting trip was really well done, the two days just went by so quickly, because everything they did was done so professionally," Cavaday said. "Me and Jon [Choboy] really had the same kind of vision of what I wanted to do."

This vision is to ultimately become a pro tennis player, a goal that Cavaday has dreamed of since a child playing mini-tennis with a sponge ball on badminton courts with his friends in London.

"I do believe, without any question, that he is going to be one of the best players in the ACC over the course of his career and can play at an even higher level after college," Choboy said.

Many promising young tennis players choose to skip the college route and head straight for the professional ranks. But Cavaday chose to go to college for various reasons, the main one being that vision he and Choboy share.

"I want to be as good as I can, and that's why I chose the college route, because I felt as though I would improve my game more being at college than if I was at home," Cavaday said. But that's not to say that while

he is in college he doesn't have high hopes for State tennis. On the contrary, Cavaday said he believes this talented of a team is bound to do great things and put the Pack back on the tennis map.

"When I got here, I realized how good we actually are, and what we can achieve," Cavaday said. "I just want to help the team achieve that."

Cavaday knew some of his teammates before he arrived in Raleigh last semester.

Junior Will Shaw and his family, who, like Cavaday, hail from England, were influential in both Cavaday's interest in State, and the coaching staff interest in Cavaday. He has come

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to respect the elder leaders of the team, such as Shaw and senior captain/fellow foreigner Conor Taylor.

Cavaday's style is reminiscent of Mighty Mouse, as the small firecracker of an Englishman leaps into the air and explodes on the ball with each forehand stroke.

"My forehand shot has changed quite a bit since I have been here," Cavaday said. "But I think it has progressed for the better."

From the passion that Cavaday brings to his game comes a commitment that is obvious to him and others: One such test of this commitment came in a tournament in India where Cavaday had come down with food poisoning. He was forced to play through stomach pains and dizziness to help his partner win a doubles championship.

"A lot of teams want to tell you everything that is wrong with them, but this team doesn't talk about that," Choboy said. "Everyone is tired, but these guys don't care, and Nick just fits right in with the rest of that group."

Coaches and players agree will lead to great things for both him and the school.

"When Nick goes on the court he, in a very non-arrogant way, believes he is going to beat you," Choboy said. "He pays you respect, but he knows what he is capable of. That's what separates Nick."

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