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GREEK LIFE

Delta Sigma Phi appeal decision overturned by administration

The reversal was based on disparate appeals procedures

Ben McNeely

Staff Writer

In an decision made by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford Friday, March 4, Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. cannot have any recruitment privileges before the end of their suspension. This decision overturns an appeal granted by Associate Vice Chancellor Tim Luckadoo, who allowed Delta Sig to admit potential members who had deferred pledging bids from the fall, but were not allowed to join because of the fraternity's suspension. Delta Sig pled guilty to hazing in October and lost University recognition until Fall 2005.

Stafford said the main issue was conflicting actions by the Office of Student Conduct and Greek Life.

"The only one issue for me was, had the decision changed the sanctions and the intention that came from the Judicial Board? It had," Stafford said. "No one in Greek Life can do that. That was the only real complaint that had validity for me."

Luckadoo and Scott Wiley, the executive director for Delta Sigma Phi, were unavailable for comment.

Pryce Wilson, president of Delta Sig chapter, declined to comment. He and Wiley will be meeting with Mountz and Associate Director of Greek Life Shelly Brown Dobek today.

When Luckadoo's decision came out, student leaders in Greek Life and Student Government were concerned, citing that Luckadoo had gone around standing University procedure. There is an appeals process in Student Conduct, once the Judicial Board hands down a ruling. Any party has 10 business days

to file an appeal request for the Judicial Board to reevaluate their ruling.

In this case, Delta Sig did not file an appeal with Student Conduct. But, as Stafford said, it is not unusual for people or groups to appeal to an administrator on a given issue.

"If someone disagrees with a University decision, they have to right to contest it with the appropriate administrator. If they didn't agree with that, they have the right to go to the next person up," Stafford said.

Jeff Skalka, president of the Interfraternity Council, who met with Stafford March 4 to present IFC's concerns, said he was pleased with the results.

"I am pleased because it is fair," he said. "We presented the case, stated the facts and Dr. Stafford came to his own conclusions based on what we had to tell him."

John Mountz, director for Greek Life,

said this decision shows that Greek Life and Student Conduct need to work some kinks out.

"We want to do the best thing and talk about how we interface with Student Conduct," Mountz said. "There isn't much to do at all. We need to look at the Student Code of Conduct and Greek Life procedures, run some scenarios and make sure the process works like it's supposed to."

Student leaders praised the decision as the right thing to do.

"Students need to know there is a judicial system in place free from administrators changing decisions outside the proper appeals process," Anna Edens, student body chief justice said. "To allow something like this decision to stand would set a dangerous precedent for future students."

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Research funding to suffer in future

Proposed changes in the 2006 budget will have a high impact on local research and farming

Tanner Kroeger

Staff Writer

A re-allocation of funding proposed in President Bush's 2006 budget would have a great impact on agricultural research at N.C. State, as well as the private businesses of many state farmers. The \$2.57 trillion budget proposes the marginalization of formula-based research grants, in order to increase competitive research funding by \$70 million.

Sarah Hawkins, who works with media relations for the White House's Office of Management and Budget, suggested that while the new budget will take funding away from NCSU research programs, agricultural research overall, will be enhanced.

"A portion of funding currently allocated to formula grants, which includes N.C. State, would be allocated for competitive research," she said. "The competitive nature [of the research] is a much better use of federal taxpayers' dollars. You are going to be getting sound science from it, and you are going to get much better results from the research."

Hawkins went on to say the \$70 million increase in competitive research funding was the highest level ever allocated for such a program, demonstrating the current administration's commitment to research.

"N.C. State has very strong agricultural research study programs — it is a key component," she said. "[The] program could be affected if it currently receives [funding] for the low-priority programs, but we have full confidence that NCSU, or any other of the North Carolina schools, can compete on the same basis."

However, some NCSU students have a puzzled reaction to the proposed changes in the 2006 budget.

"I don't know that privatizing [research] would hurt it or help it," Bryant York, a sophomore

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Gallery hosts student's activist art

Beth Tacular's art exhibit titled "Fantasmadulicious" will be presented at the Litmus Gallery through April 11

Josh Harrell

Staff Writer

It was the kind of scene that can only be described by a welding of two words. Beth Tacular, a master's student in liberal studies, created the title to her art exhibit featured at the Litmus Gallery in downtown Raleigh by combining the words "fantasy" and "ridiculous."

Tacular said the words describe the essence of denial and self-realization that she portrays through her use of unicorns and skeletons.

Her show, fully titled "Fantasmadulicious: Seemingly Benign Paintings and other Odds and Ends," had its opening reception Saturday and will continue to be shown at the Litmus Gallery on West Cabarrus Street through April 11.

Tacular used acrylics, mixed-media collages and a model of a toy house to portray her various schemes in the exhibit.

Tacular said she can sometimes be hard on herself in keeping her activist ideals intact and to keep practicing them.

"At some point I started getting into activism and feminism and environmentalism, just trying to do all these things with my life," Tacular said. "I would tell people all these things that I found out about, and people would say 'OK, I don't really want to think about it.'"

This response struck Tacular later, as she realized how fixated the world culture has become on denial, not just in their own lives, but on a more global basis as well, such as the war in Iraq, she said.

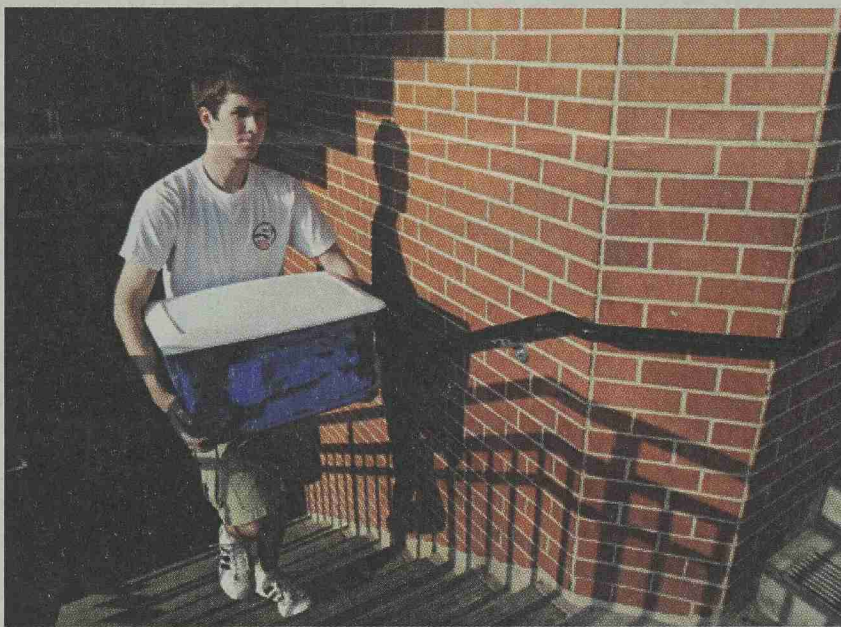
"Everyone's responses made me become really fascinated with denial, and how in this culture we have to live in denial because there are so many terrible things going on in the world," Tacular said. "That made me think about what I can do to contribute to helping the world."

This denial became the basis that Tacular used to portray through her art, primarily in the form of fantastical unicorns. The unicorns in Tacular's art represent the denial that people have in their belief that everything in the world is perfect.

"Unicorns to me represent a fantasy

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BACK FROM BREAK



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Sophomore Wes Overton carries a box of clothes to his dorm room as he moves back into Bragaw after the weeklong Spring Break. Dorms opened at noon yesterday for residents to return back to school.

Student lounge to open on Hillsborough Street

Despite plans for a walk-through during the next progressive dinner, the new student lounge on Hillsborough Street will not be completed until later in the semester

Haley Huie

Staff Writer

In yet another attempt to revitalize Hillsborough Street, the Student Government Hillsborough Street Commission plans to open a new student lounge on Hillsborough Street by the end of the semester.

The commission hoped to unveil the new lounge, opening sometime mid-April or early May, during the next

progressive dinner with a preview walk-through, but construction delays will postpone the presentation, according to the lounge's owner, Gaurav Patel.

The lounge will be located on the third floor above Sylvia's Pizza and That's Amore, with an entrance across from Wachovia on Pogue Street.

Patel, a 21-year-old entrepreneur and a senior in business management, said he has worked with the Hillsborough Street Commission and hopes to open the lounge before the end of the semester.

Carla Babb, a senior in communication, serves as chair of the commission and has worked to arrange at least one progressive dinner per semester and the fourth progressive dinner will be held on April 5.

Although it will not be completed in time for the progressive dinner, Babb said the lounge, once opened, will be open until 4 a.m. for students and will offer places to play video games, places to eat and a place to relax. She also said that the lounge would be able to rent out spaces for campus groups to conduct meetings.

According to Babb, the dinners, a new event in 2004, were successes and the commission plans to entertain between 135 and 155 students April 5. The dinner is separated into time slots, with each period allowing 50 participants.

Zach Adams, a junior in industrial engineering, serves on the commission and plans to attend the progres-

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Tourney finds new home

The ACC Tournament was held in Washington for the first time. The tournament was a first in many regards. See pages 4-5.

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in agricultural education, said. "Right now, we are doing fine and should be putting our money into the schools. The schools are the future of agriculture. Private researchers have been to the same universities and schools, so it's arguably at the same level."

The revised budget also includes a directive on private farmers to buy enough annual insurance to cover half of their losses, should a natural disaster destroy a harvest.

The administration argues that the country needs an adjustment in farming risks because of the growing number of federal bailouts for already federally assisted farmers.

"The administration really supports crop insurance as the farmer's primary risk-manage-

ment tool," Hawkins said. "Right now, those farmers are depending on disaster payments."

York suggested any mandate on private insurance should take into consideration the function and importance of the crop. Farmers that produce food should receive more assistance in desperate times because their function is so critical to the well-being of society, he said.

He added that despite their importance to the country, farmers are doing it for a living, and a risk is always going to be involved.

"The farmers are like any other business," he said. "They are in it to make money, too."

Another key agricultural component of the proposed budget is a \$250,000 cap on subsidies to private farmers, down from \$350,000 in 2005. The administration suggests they are closing loopholes that have allowed large-scale farmers to abuse

federal aid.

"Some farms are reaping over \$1,000,000 [in federal aid] annually, which is not the intention of the subsidies in the first place," Hawkins said. "If we are going to provide [federal aid] to farmers, then we should impose regional limits that reflect current market value."

York, who works on a 1,000-acre farm, explained the significance of the suggested cap.

"To put a \$250,000 cap into perspective — there are some pieces of equipment that cost more than \$250,000," he said.

York said he favored a cap with respect to the size of the farm, not making it a standard cap.

"There are some people out here farming 50-60 acres of land, and [\$250,000] would be a great deal of money," he said. "Some people who farm 3,000-4,000 acres of land and that would be pocket change."

In the Know

University Ambassadors recruiting

Interested students are encouraged to apply for next year's University Ambassadors program. The mission of the University Ambassadors is to enhance the recruiting efforts of the university by accurately representing the institution to prospective students and parents. Applications can be picked up at 112 Peele Hall or 208 Holladay Hall; the deadline is today.

Graduation speaker applications due in 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 available

Applications for LeaderShape 2005 are available online for the event held May 17-22. The deadline for applications is Tuesday. 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. Students can attend LeaderShape for free again this year. Visit the Web site www.ncsu.edu/csleps/leadershape.php for further information.

Police Blotter

03/09/05

12:35 a.m. - Damage to Property

A staff member reported that an unknown person had broken the side view mirror off of her vehicle while it was parked on Broughton Drive.

03/10/05

10:58 a.m. - Larceny

A staff member stated two reels of copper wiring were stolen from the back of a truck parked at the Centennial Sub Station.

11:37 a.m. - Fire Alarm

Police and Fire responded to a fire alarm at the Robertson Wing. Plumbers releasing steam caused the activa-

tion.

12:02 a.m. - Vandalism - Vehicle
A non-student reported his vehicle was damaged while parked at E.S. King Village in Hyde Hall Lot.

5:26 a.m. - Fire Alarm
Police and RFD responded to fire alarm at Thompson Theater. Cause of activation is unknown.

6:07 a.m. - Fire Alarm
The fire alarm went off at Thompson Theater. Police and Fire responded to the building, and could not determine the cause of activation.

6:22 a.m. - Fire Alarm
The fire alarm went off at Thompson Theater again. Police responded and checked the area. The cause of activation was unknown, and Electronics was notified.

8:03 a.m. - Traffic - Speeding
A non-student was issued a citation for speeding 46 mph in a 25 mph on Sullivan Drive.

8:44 a.m. - Larceny
A staff member reported the license tag was stolen from one of the Motor Pool vans.

1:28 p.m. - Safety Program
Sgt. Barnwell conducted a safety program at Brooks Hall.

2:35 p.m. - Suspicious Incident
A non-student reported someone had moved items on his desk in his office at Partners II.

2:38 p.m. - Suspicious Incident
A non-student reported that someone had moved items on his desk at Venture II.

3:27 p.m. - Safety Program
Officer Moore conducted a safety program at Environmental Health.

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sive dinner.

"The main purpose of the dinner is to help build a relationship between the students and businesses on Hillsborough Street," Adams said.

He said the dinner is a great opportunity because it offers students an affordable event where they can come together and enjoy some of the restaurants that they may not have tried before.

"We want to bring a community atmosphere to Hillsborough Street," Babb said.

She said the goal of the orga-

nization is to unite vendors on Hillsborough Street and N.C. State students.

Abby Freeman, a senior in environmental design, is also a member of the commission and worked closely with Patel on the development of the new student lounge.

"The events are just a great way to bring life back to Hillsborough Street," Freeman said. She pointed to the success of the past dinners and interest in the lounge as great accomplishments in uniting NCSU and the Raleigh community.

Registration for the dinner will be in the Brickyard a week before the dinner, and the cost of tickets is \$10 per person.

Calendar

Today

Islamic Awareness Week Introduction to Islam workshop with a guest speaker from the Islamic Center of Raleigh tonight at 7 p.m. in Harrelson 320.

Tomorrow

Patricia Bath, the first black woman to receive a patent for a medical invention, a laser device for removing cataract lenses, will speak at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in Witherspoon.

Islamic Awareness Week: A Muslim Convert will share the struggle through life that led him to his conversion to Islam, this even will be in Harrelson 210 from 6-10 p.m.

Wednesday

Founder's Day celebration in the Brickyard from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Islamic Awareness Week: PBS Documentary on Prophet Muhammad aired in the Library Media Room from 5-7 p.m.

Thursday

The Greek Councils will host 2 Points for 2 Orphans on the outdoor basketball courts at Carmichael at

Islamic Awareness Week: Multi-religious panel with Asian week sponsors and guest speaker Saad Qadry in Harrelson 320 from 6-10 p.m.

Friday

Islamic Awareness Week: Allah Made Me Funny in Nelson 3400 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each from any shura member and \$15 at the door. Tickets can also be purchased at the Islamic Center of Raleigh after Friday prayers up until the show. For more information go to allahmademefunny.com or www.ncsumsa.org/comedy

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 Scholars Program and Arts N.C. State.

Friday, April 1-Sunday, April 3
2005 North Carolina Federation of College Republicans Spring State Convention. The convention will be held at the Hilton North Raleigh. Detailed convention information can be found at www.ncfcr.org.

Saturday, April 2

Annual Pow Wow
NCSU will host the 15th Pow Wow titled "Honoring Old Traditions: Beginning New Ones." The Pow Wow will be on Harris Field at 1 p.m.; the event is free and open to the public. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. For more information, visit www.ncsu.edu/msa or contact Brett Locklear at 919-513-1351.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The College of Engineering will host an Engineering Open House. All engineering departments on Main Campus and Centennial Campus will participate with tours, displays and information sessions for middle school students, prospective N.C. State students, admitted N.C. State students, parents and guests. For more information call 919-515-9669 or go to the Web site at www.engr.ncsu.edu and click on "Engineering Open House 2005."

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Paul Cousins, director of the Office of Student Conduct, agreed with Stafford's ruling, but said his working relationship with Greek Life will not be changed.

"I think it is an appropriate response," Cousins said. "I had indicated early on this situation was not appealing, but this is not going to be a problem between us

and Greek Life."

"It won't hurt our working relationship or how we work within the division," Cousins said.

Stafford said the other issues concerning alumni working on behalf of the fraternity weren't relevant.

"We want alumni involved. I also believe that Tim [Luckadoo] and John [Mountz] were doing the best thing for the chapter," Stafford said.

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world where people go off and live in their own fantasy world," Tacular said. "They just seem like these innocent creatures that people seem to love, and a lot of the time it seems those are the people that are completely oblivious to everything that is happening in the world."

Tacular counters the unicorns with the use of skeletons, which represent the reality that not everything is perfect.

Her most poignant use of the oncoming reality is the model which her paintings surround where a seemingly happy and unicorn-filled house is about to be attacked by skeletons.

Tacular said she believes that

there should be a balance between the reality and denial, as both are necessary, but only to a certain level.

"This show is representative of how people can push themselves to do what they believe is right but still find a balance in which they can enjoy their lives," Tacular said.

She said she hopes that people walk away from the gallery with a different sort of outlook on the way they view the world.

"For activists, I hope that they can look at it and not be so hard on themselves and other people, and lighten up a little bit," Tacular said. "And I hope that people can realize the relationship that many have with denial and start to change that."

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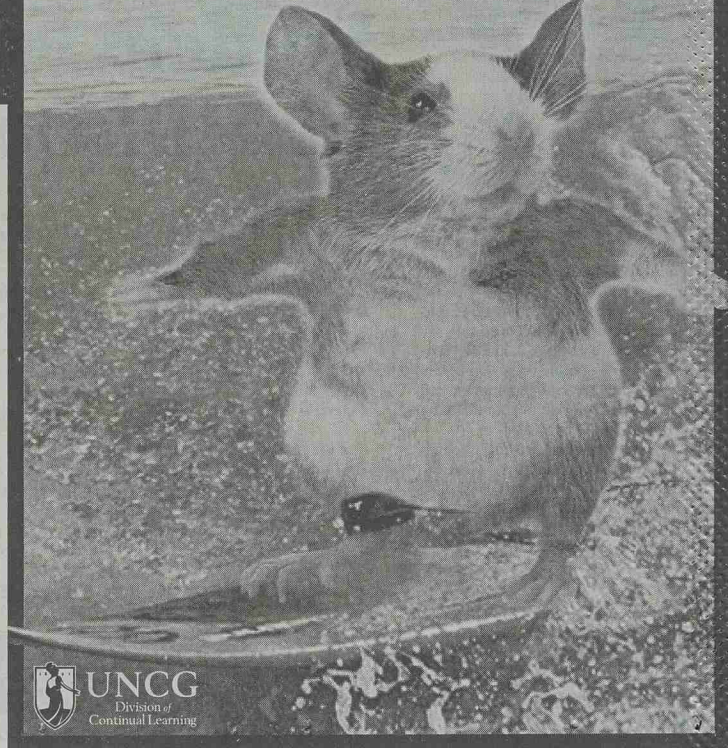
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STUDENT LIFE

Students take dining to the night

Notorious for having the late-night munchies, students resolve their cravings with Cook Out burgers, IHOP pancakes and other area favorites that are served into the early hours of the morning.

Tiffany Key
Staff Writer

Imagine an early Friday around 2 a.m. While your roommate is snoring under the covers of the top bunk, you're studiously hunched over your psychology book.

The New Year's resolution to be a good student this semester, however, is put on hold when you're hit with hunger pains.

What and where is there to eat at 2 a.m. in the morning when the C-stores and the Wolves Den closed their doors hours ago?

One establishment that many students frequently visit to satisfy late night munchies is Cook Out. Located on Western Boulevard, Cook Out opened last year making late-night meals a reachable option for students.

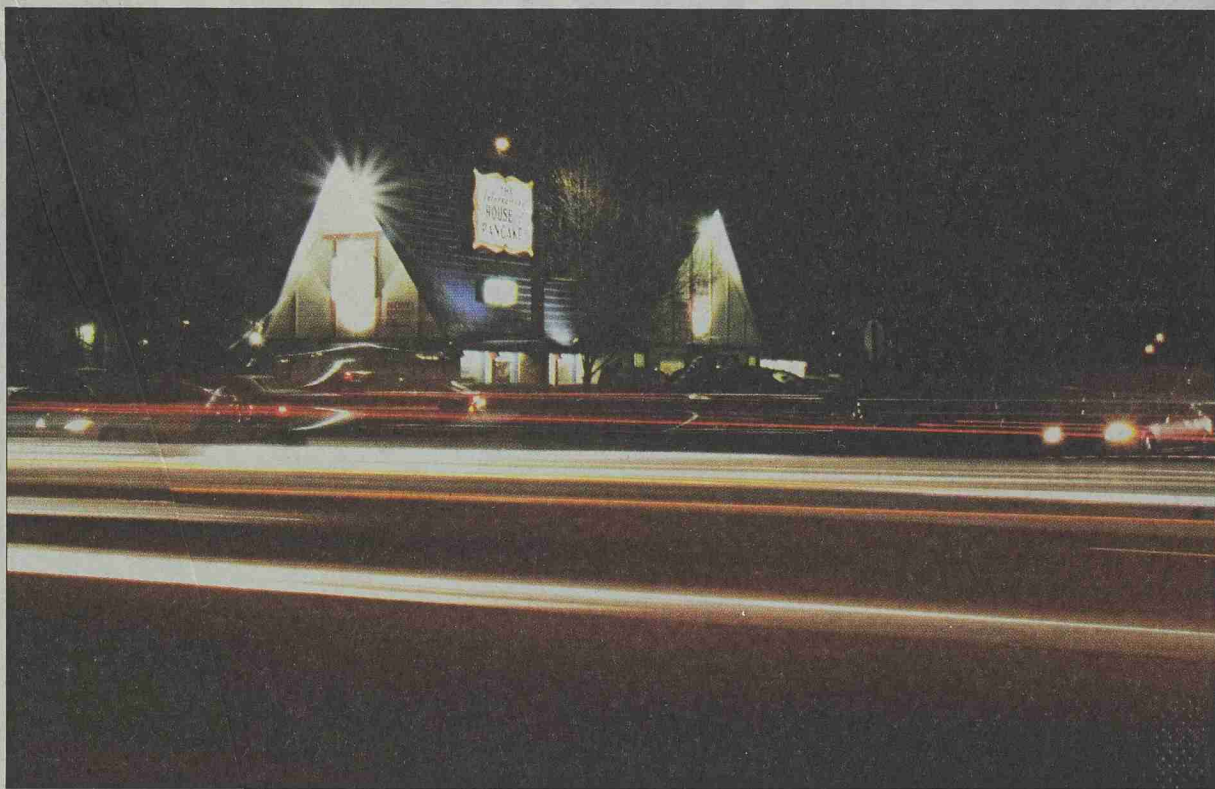
One can go through the drive-thru, chat with friends at the picnic tables or take a peek into the glass window while their food is being prepared until 3:30 a.m. Popular items on the menu include the hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and the Cook Out tray, which includes one of the three plus two sides and a drink.

Derrick Martin, a freshman in-business management goes to Cook Out all the time.

"Cook Out is great because it's open on those late drunken nights. Also, their food is quality and the prices are unbeatable," Martin said.

The most popular item that Cook Out has to offer is not what one would typically find at a backyard barbecue. The trademark Cook Out milkshake is the reason many patrons visit the fast food haven.

"Where else can you get milkshakes in 57 flavors with a Cook



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After local bars and restaurants have closed, come 3:30 a.m. on Sunday the International House of Pancakes on Hillsborough Street attracts a full house of late-night diners.

Out tray that late at night?" Martin asked.

Ashley Armstrong, a freshman in political science, wouldn't know what to do without Cook Out being so close by.

"Being from Ohio, I had never seen a Cook Out until I came to NCSU. And ever since that day I have been addicted. I'm going to miss it during the breaks," Armstrong said.

When one has had their fill of burgers and fries, they can head to the other side of campus, down Hillsborough Street to the International House of Pancakes, better known as IHOP.

IHOP, a 24 hour "sit-down" restaurant, offers a laid-back

atmosphere for students. At this popular dining establishment one can find a range of hungry college students, in addition to an eclectic collection of Raleigh regulars, who crave breakfast at all times of the day or night.

While there, one can have their choice of a decorated clown face chocolate-chip pancake, Belgian waffles and a delicious range of syrups which include butter pecan and blueberry. IHOP also offers lunch and dinner-time American cuisine like chicken fingers, club sandwiches and fajitas.

Alexandria DeBerry, a junior in communication, only likes IHOP's pancakes.

"They might not have good non-breakfast food but the pancakes and most other breakfast food are better than a ton of other places," DeBerry said.

Even though Cook Out and IHOP are the most frequented places to get late night grub, the community around NCSU offers numerous late-night eateries.

Gumby's Pizza is open until 3 a.m. most nights, and is only a phone call away. Almost every night they have specials that make it affordable for students to order out late at night.

For those that don't mind walking down Hillsborough Street or Avent Ferry Road at night, I Heart NY Pizza, the Farmhouse

and China Queen are open late, as well. Shea Harris, a senior in communication, says he loves to eat in Mission Valley because it's close to his dorm.

"I usually go to China Queen in Mission Valley, they have great Chinese food there," Harris said.

The real world doesn't follow

the schedule of a college student and unfortunately late night eaters are usually forced to fend for themselves when it comes to finding a place to eat.

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AN ARMY OF ONE

Tourney finds new

It certainly was a year of change in the ACC. Perhaps nowhere was that more evident than at the changing landscape of the conference's landmark event, the ACC Tournament.

Playing in a new city alongside two new teams, a new format debuted that added two games and stretched the tournament a full day longer. N.C. State, which hosted the tournament for its first 13 years in Reynolds Coliseum, bowed out in the semifinal round a day after upsetting second-seeded Wake Forest. But the games — as these stories illustrate — are just a single dynamic of the tournament that has developed a culture of its own, one that dramatically shifted this year.

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The MCI Center in Washington got a complete makeover for the ACC Tournament, as school banners and conference logos littered the arena floor and the

Many firsts during ACC's week in D.C.

WASHINGTON — It's Thursday afternoon, but the atmosphere in the opening round of the ACC Tournament is electric.

Maryland, with a bevy of hometown fans behind it in the MCI Center, has taken a quick 10-point lead against Clemson. While the first day of the tournament used to be reserved for the league's two worst teams, expansion has breathed a little life into the Thursday slate.

N.C. State women's basketball coach Kay Yow, who was in attendance for all of Thursday's games, said that the main difference so far was the packed house for the tournament's first appearance in the nation's capitol.

"There are certainly a lot more Maryland fans than usual," Yow said.

Two hours later the arena had grown eerily quiet, as Terrapin fans filed out quickly following an unexpected loss to the Tigers. So much for proximity help.

Fourteen of the last 15 ACC Tournaments have been held in the state of North Carolina. In the 52-year history of the tournament, Raleigh has hosted 13 times (the first 13 years of the tournament), Greensboro has played host 20 times and Charlotte has hosted 11 times. The only other cities to host were Landover, Md. and Atlanta.

Former North Carolina governor Jim Hunt, who was sporting a bright-red Wolfpack sweater on Friday afternoon, said the tournament belongs back in the Tar Heel state.

Future ACC Tournament host cities

CITY	VENUE	YEAR
Greensboro	Greensboro Coliseum	2006
Tampa	Ice Palace	2007
Charlotte	New NBA arena	2008
Atlanta	Georgia Dome	2009
Greensboro	Greensboro Coliseum	2010

ACC Tournament host cities

Greensboro	20
Raleigh	13
Charlotte	11
Atlanta	4
Landover, Md.	3
Washington	1

SOURCE: THE ACC

"D.C. is a great city — there are just so many things to do and see," Hunt said. "But this tournament is supposed to be in North Carolina."

The women's tournament was still played in Greensboro this season. Yow said that as a coach she liked the tournament closer to home.

"As a coach you'd like to have it as close to you as possible," Yow said. "I'm sure all the coaches here would want it closer to their schools."

Most of the State dignitaries on hand echoed Yow's sentiment for a variety of reasons. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford agreed that Greensboro was his choice.

"I prefer Greensboro — for obvious rea-



Chancellor Jim Oblinger (middle) and women's basketball coach Kay Yow (bottom left) were just some of the Pack fans in attendance.

sons," Stafford said.

The "obvious reasons" Stafford referenced include the closer proximity to all 11 (soon to be 12) ACC schools and the ease of travel for State fans particularly.

Peaches Gunter Blank, chair of NCSU's Board of Trustees, said Greensboro was just a more comfortable location for her. "Greensboro has always sort of been

home to us," Blank said. "With conference expansion, we can expect to play in larger venues, though."

Blank pointed out that a big city has some advantages to the Greensboro site. There are many monuments and tourist attractions, and travel can be easier because so many things are packed into such a tight area, she said.

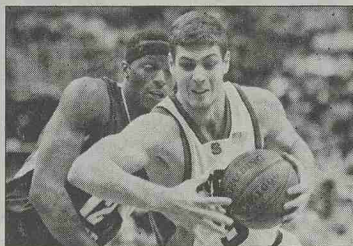
"I've only had to walk the three block from our hotel to the MCI Center," Blank said.

The MCI Center is the first new venue in an ACC Tournament schedule that will rotate the tourney around the East Coast. The tournament will return to Greensboro next year but then be held in Tampa in 2007.

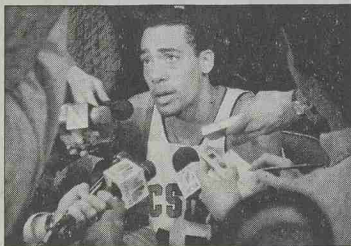
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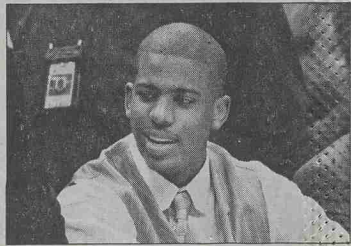
The men's basketball team waits in the hall before going out onto the court for warm-ups on the first day of the ACC Tournament. State was considered on the NCAA Tournament "bubble" going into the game, and the team needed to pull off at least one win during the four-day event to have a shot at an at-large bid.



State's Ilian Evtimov hit 5-of-8 from behind the 3-point arc in the first half of State's win over Florida State on Thursday. The Pack built a lead of as many as 24 points before the Seminoles used full-court pressure to climb back in. State sealed the game on the free-throw line and advanced to the quarterfinals.

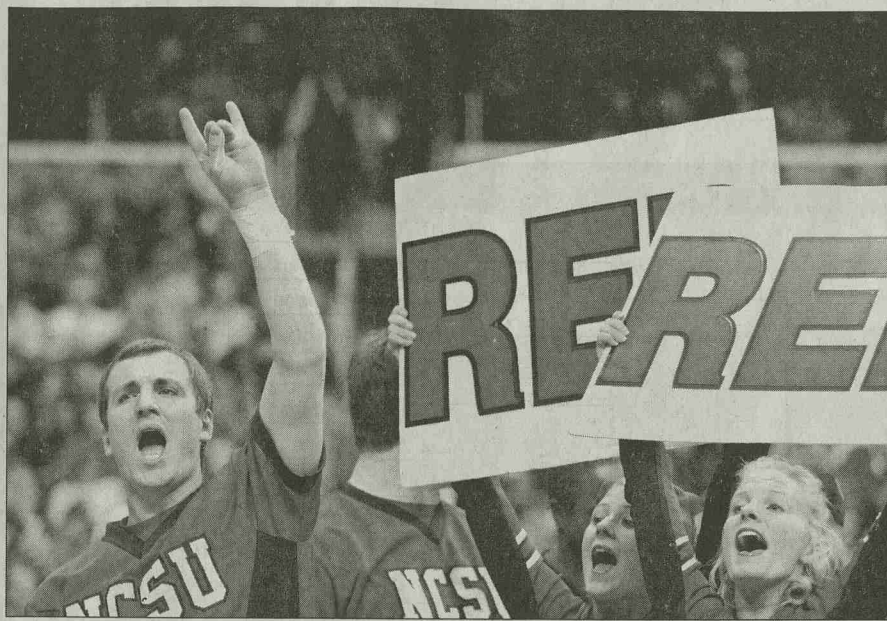


Junior Cameron Bennerman, who hadn't been seeing a lot of minutes heading into the ACC Tournament, addresses the media following his 12-point performance Florida State on Thursday. Bennerman said he wasn't sure why he didn't play more late in the season, but that he just wanted to keep playing well in the tournament.



Wake Forest guard Chris Paul watches from the sidelines in a dapper gold suit during Friday's State-Wake game. Wake Forest, in collaboration with the ACC, suspended Paul for his team's quarterfinal game for punching State's Julius Hodge in the groin area during the teams' final regular-season meeting.

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Cheerleaders Brooks Bunn (left) and Adrienne Earnhardt (right) woke up at 4:30 a.m. on Thursday to travel to the tournament.

No luxuries for spirit squads

WASHINGTON — It was an early morning and a long ride for the N.C. State cheerleaders and band.

With a 5:30 a.m. departure time for the ACC Tournament on Thursday morning, students were waking up in the dark to make it to the bus.

"We got up about 4:30 a.m. this morning," cheerleader Brooks Bunn, a senior in agricultural business management, said on Thursday. "We packed up our stuff and got on the bus at about 5:30 a.m."

The group piled in and began its trip to the nation's capitol for a game scheduled to start at 2:30 that afternoon.

After stopping for lunch at Union Station in downtown Washington, the bus dropped them off at the MCI Center. By then, the opening round game of Maryland against Clemson is well under way. Once inside the arena, the cheerleaders are given a room to change and get ready, while the band is herded into a roped off area with a television where they wait for the game to finish.

"We get like five minutes to prepare, maybe," junior band member Jeremy Black said. "They just kind of funnel us in there."

The restrictions expand once the band and cheerleaders take the court. The band

may only play during certain timeouts, while the cheerleaders must remain seated except during specified timeouts. Bunn said the teams just try to follow instructions from ACC officials.

"They are going to tell us which [timeouts] we can out for," Bunn said. "It's kind of screwy, we just go on what they tell us to do."

The cheerleading squad is also not allowed to perform some of its standard routines during the game. Adrienne Earnhardt, a junior in public and interpersonal communication, said the limitations keep the Pack from doing some of its best routines.

"All we can do is stuff with our partners," Earnhardt said. "No pyramids or anything, a lot of our really good stuff we don't get to show."

With only a small section of State fans present during the Pack's opening game against Florida State, the cheerleaders would often serve the role of the echo on the "Wolf... Pack" chant.

The game itself, which ended with a 70-54 State victory, could have determined the fate of the spirit squads, according to band member Jenny Roach, a senior in political science who is attending her fourth ACC Tournament.

"We don't know if we'll stay here to-

night," Roach said before the game Thursday. "If we lose we think we are going to stay, but they might try to send us home."

When the tournament was in Greensboro, things were much easier. The band would simply drive home after games and return the next day.

After games, the teams still leave the arena instead of staying for all the games during the day. Now that a less-than-two-hour drive has turned into a six-hour trip, hotel accommodations must be made for everyone.

The teams stayed at hotel outside of the city to save money, but it meant being bused in and out for games. With limited parking around the MCI Center, the bus literally dropped the team off and picked them up after games.

As for what to do between games, Earnhardt said the cheerleaders would try to see some of the capitol during their downtime.

Some of the band team members will be playing in a basketball tournament of their own.

"We are just going to hang out," band member Charles Leister, a junior in aerospace engineering, said. "There is a 'Battle of the Bands,' which is like a basketball tournament for the bands here."



The MCI Center usually hosts the Washington Wizards of the NBA.

Students make tourney weekend a family affair

WASHINGTON — Emily Wilson and Marie Morse were geared up for some N.C. State basketball.

Complete with Wolfpack logos painted on their cheeks, the duo sat in the upper deck of the MCI Center awaiting State's upcoming ACC Tournament game with Wake Forest on Friday evening.

While students may see Spring Break as a time to travel somewhere warm with never-ending booze, these two juniors decided to take a trip into colder weather for the sake of basketball. It's a decision they don't regret.

"I can't think of a better way to spend it [Spring Break] than watching four days of basketball," Wilson, a criminology major, said. "Especially when we got to watch Maryland lose in the first round."

Maryland, the closest ACC school to the nation's capitol in nearby College Park, lost its opening-round game on Thursday to Clemson. Wilson and Morse are both staying with Wilson's family in a nearby hotel for the remainder of the tournament.

Two other students who took the trip north are also with family. Stephen Edwards and John Moss, both freshmen, said the number of students that attended was fairly

sparse. Most of those at the game were staying with family or friends nearby, as opposed to going as a group of students.

"There is a pretty small group of students," Moss, who is enrolled in the First Year College, said. "We've seen a few here and there."

Chancellor James Oblinger, who is attending his second ACC Tournament and first as chancellor, said he expected student attendance to pick up for State's night tilt.

"We were kind of quiet as State fans go yesterday, until it looked like we were under a little pressure there," Oblinger said. "Tonight, for a variety of reasons, they'll be a lot of State fans."

The Pack fans were much louder during State's victory over the Deacons on Friday, but the number of student supporters remained rather low. Edwards said that if State bows out before the final game on Sunday, he might consider selling his tickets.

"That's still up in the air," Edwards said. "We'll see."

Morse said her group has no plans to leave, even if State gets knocked out. With no team left to cheer for, she will at least have one to root against.

"We are going to stay here and just boo Carolina if we lose," Morse said.

New challenges for radio crew

WASHINGTON — Tony Haynes pulled the headset off his ears, stood up and sighed. Finally, a break.

Haynes, the radio color commentator for the Wolfpack, has about an hour before he has to be back on the air. At this point, he's already broadcast five games in the last two days with two more remaining - Friday night's match-ups between Wake Forest and N.C. State, and the nightcap between Duke and Virginia.

"I feel like I've been repeating myself all day," Haynes said on Friday. "You've been using basketball terminology over and over."

The newly expanded tournament has presented an even greater challenge for radio teams that carry every game. Instead of one four-game marathon, both Thursday and Friday feature a run of games - seven in two days this year, and eight in two days once the conference expands to 12 teams next season.

The run is tough on Haynes, but even tougher on play-by-play man Gary Hahn. While Haynes has been able to broadcast every game, women's basketball play-by-play commentator Patrick Kinas picked up two of Thursday night's games to help out Hahn.

Haynes notes that little things like being constantly hydrated are key for the play-by-play guys.

"Otherwise, they'll throat will dry out," Haynes said.

Hahn, who broadcast all four games on Friday, compared the day to NASCAR's most prestigious event.

"It's like the Daytona 500," Hahn said. "You just want to finish. You don't want to end up with that DNF [did not finish]."

With so many games in a row, the commentators sometimes run out of things to say. During Georgia Tech's blowout of Virginia Tech on Friday afternoon, Haynes actually broke out into song during the broadcast.

"It's much more pronounced this year," Haynes said.

Haynes said his toughest challenge isn't the games themselves, but the half-hour pre-game shows he has to put together for



Tony Haynes (left), Gary Hahn (top right) and David Modlin broadcast seven games during the tournament's first two days.

each tilt. For those, he relies on the help of other radio crews who feed him sound bites.

"You pretty much ad lib around those sound bites you get from other teams," Haynes said.

The man with perhaps the toughest job, though, doesn't appear on the air at all. Producer David Modlin has to balance as many as three sound inputs while making sure the radio broadcast stays clear over the airwaves.

"I'm listening to three things at once," Modlin said. "The interviews in the back. I'm listening to the play-by-play so I can pick out highlights, I have to be listening for the next commercial so I can be sure that is cued up and ready."

That's not even the toughest part of his job. While the on-air talent can use commercial breaks to make a run to the restrooms, Modlin has to stay seated at all times.

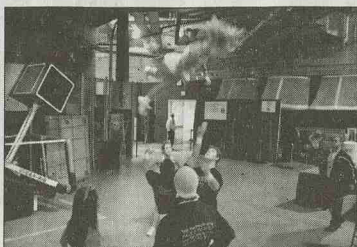
"We call him 'Iron Bladder,'" Hahn said.



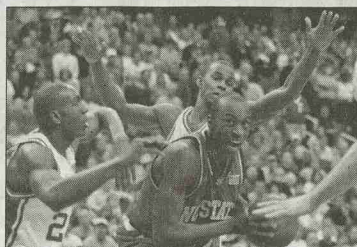
N.C. State forward Cameron Bennerman skies for a layup over Wake Forest's Vytas Danelius during State's 81-70 win over the Deacs. Bennerman scored 17 points and had one SportsCenter-quality follow dunk during the second half.



The N.C. State band awaits its perch on the MCI Center floor before the team's semifinal game on Saturday against Duke. Band member Jeremy Black said the band only got about five minutes to warm up before taking the floor. Along with the cheerleaders, the band stayed in lodging outside the city and was bused in for all three tournament games.



The cheerleading team practices some throws before taking the court. The team was not allowed to execute such maneuvers on the court, though, because of ACC regulations. "All we can do is stuff with our partners," Adrienne Earnhardt said. "A lot of our really good stuff we don't get to do."



Julius Hodge drives to the lane against Duke's DeMarcus Nelson during Saturday's 76-69 loss that bumped the Pack out of the tournament. Duke guard J.J. Redick torched the Pack for 35 points in the loss. The Blue Devils went on to win the tournament on Sunday, beating Georgia Tech to capture the team's sixth title in the last seven years.

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said. "They say that the No. 5 and No. 12 seed games are some of the most exciting games."

State watched its NCAA selection much more relaxed than at the same time a year ago, when it rebounded from a dreadful 0-5 start in ACC play to win 9-of-13 contests and earn a No. 10 seed. State lost to No. 7 Auburn 79-59 in the first round last year.

"It was exciting because last year we were on the bubble, not really knowing whether we would be in the tournament," junior Rachel Stockdale said. "It's a totally different feeling coming in here today, watching the brackets unfold."

Bell said she didn't know much about her first-round foe, but al-

ready knew she would bring her Cinderella-stomping intensity to any match-up.

"I just know they beat Carolina last year, but we're not going into these two games in Texas lightly," Bell said.

Various experts slated the Pack anywhere from a No. 3 spot to No. 6 in the previous weeks like a revolving door, with destination points ranging from Fresno, Calif. to Storrs, Conn.

"A lot of people were saying that we were going to go to Seattle or California, but the team thought that was a good thing because we're excited to go to Texas," junior Tiffany Stansbury said. "Right before we ate, Rachel Stockdale called that we're going to Texas."

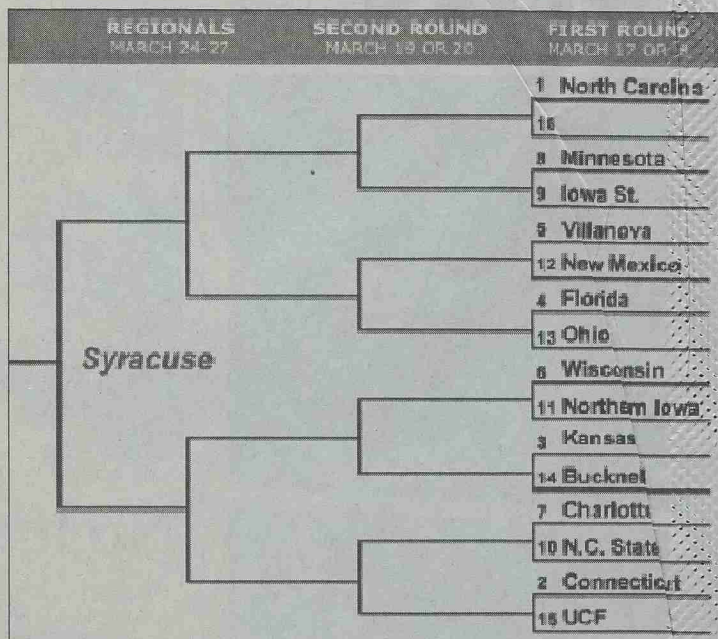
If the Pack manage to defeat the upset-minded Lady Raiders, it will ultimately face a Texas-

based school for the second round located again in Dallas. But Yow said the possible Texan-loving crowd could even be an advantage rather than an obstacle.

"It will be tough, but for the women that could be great," Yow said. "I think it would bring a large crowd if we were to play that game, and I think everyone gets fired up in front of a huge crowd."

Peering even further into the future, a Sweet 16 berth for the Pack also guarantees a home game for the Philadelphia native Stansbury, who said she would be delighted at the opportunity.

"It means a lot; I've never got the chance to be able to play in front of my whole family, or in Philadelphia on this stage," Stansbury said.



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another North Carolina school a little closer to home.

"We might just save some trouble and meet each other in Greensboro," Sendek said.

The bid extends an up-and-down season for State that saw it ranked in the top-10 at one point and completely out of NCAA Tournament consideration at others. After starting the season by going 10-1, then a loss to St. John's in Madison Square Garden sent the team on a spiral.

State was 13-10 following a loss at home to Virginia on Feb. 5, but turned things around with a 53-51 over Georgia Tech later that week.

"On the trip to Georgia Tech

we got together," junior Ilian Evtimov said. "We were like 'We have got to win some games' and that was the bottom line."

Senior Julius Hodge said the team, which has gone on a 6-3 run since its loss to the Cavaliers, is playing its best basketball going into the tournament this weekend.

"We are definitely playing our best basketball," Hodge said. "We're at our peak and this is when you want to peak, at the end of the season."

The 49ers go into the tournament with a 21-7 overall record, but lost three straight games to end the season. Sendek said he doesn't know much about the 49ers other than a few games he's caught on television, but Evtimov is a little more familiar with at least one member of the team - high school teammate

Mitchell Baldwin

"He's a real nice guy - we used to hang out all the time, Evtimov said. "We were best friends my junior year. I have nothing but good things to say about him."

Junior Tony Bethel and senior Jordan Collins, who both missed games in the ACC Tournament with injuries, are still questionable for Friday's game, Sendek added.

"Right now they are both uncertain," Sendek said. "Hopefully we'll get one - if not both - back in time."

Also in State's pod are No. 2 seed Connecticut (21-7), which beat the Wolfpack in the second round of the tournament three years ago, and No. 15 seed Central Florida (24-8). If State were to advance, a rematch with Huskies is likely.

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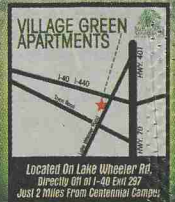


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Hillsborough Street needs more community attention

I was extremely impressed with the editorial article about the lack of a street view on campus in Hillsborough Street. It is just a shame that it took a very well established business like Brothers Pizza to force you to write it. The only way Hillsborough Street will be revived is if there is extensive student and University involvement. The city is surely not going to help. While I agree with most of your points in the article, I do hope that your editorial will not stop with just one article. Students do really have a voice. Thank you for sharing a piece of it. Do not stop!

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Gratitude for Underwood's column praising the Marines

As an active-duty Marine and full-time student here at N.C. State I want to convey my appreciation for Daniel Underwood's column. Few people realize the pressure that rests on the shoulders of our young servicemen and women who are required to make split-second life-and-death decisions in the chaotic environment of combat. Adding to this weight is the fact that some story-hungry reporter is waiting in the wings to catch one of us making a mistake the heat of battle, and doubtless the fear of making those mistakes prevents our troops from performing at peak efficiency. It's bad enough to be sent into

the trial of war by one's country, without having to worry about that same country punishing you for doing your job, simply because the PC media was on hand to see you slip up. But the troops press on and do what they must, because as the common saying goes, "it is better to be tried by 12 than to be carried by six."

I do, however, have a point of critique for your column. First and foremost, I would like a retraction for the statements that began with, "A few marines decorated the heads of Islamic militants with panties..." The poorly supervised individuals guilty of those gross violations of the Geneva Convention were Army Reservists, NOT U.S. Marines. They can take responsibility for their own poor leadership and training. For good or ill, please give credit where credit is due.

Overall, I and likely the rest of my comrades-in-arms, appreciate the sentiments echoed in your article. The liberal media, especially the embedded reporters, are more trouble than they're worth, and though honorable service is a must, it should be enough that our ALL-VOLUNTEER armed services went into harm's way when their country called.

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Underwood insulted peace protestors

I am very disappointed and very insulted at the fact that Underwood wrongly

stereotyped the group of people at NCSU who are against the war and protest at the Bell Tower. He bashed our constitutional right to free speech and blatantly called us drug users when he called protesters "a bunch of swarthy individuals who did a tad too much LSD during the 70's..." and then went on to say, "these guys simply do not understand how the world works." This is undoubtedly the most ridiculous statement I have ever read in Technician. I am surprised the editors let it slide!

I do not take drugs, in fact, I was not even alive during the 70's. Also, how does the world work? If it works by invading and killing civilians in a country we declared war on for reasons that have changed many times, then I must be mistaken and you are right. I am an advocate of peace, therefore, there is nothing I want more than for our troops to stop being killed, whether that means to bring them home or to end this war as quickly and efficiently as possible. The reason there are troops on trial for murder is because they did the wrong thing. And just because terrorists have beheaded and tortured U.S. troops does not give U.S. troops the right to do tortuous things to civilians. We are the United States and we will not stoop to their level. We should just correct things in the country and leave; but correcting things does not mean declaring war. So when I am at the Bell Tower practicing my First Amendment right to protest, please refrain from insulting me and our Constitution.

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Keg registration blatantly biased

People are already well aware that Big Brother is watching. If necessary, he powers-that-be can access a person's book-borrowing record



Michele DeCamp

Senior Staff Columnist

at the library, check into those suspicious purchases at Priscilla's and find out who he/she has been calling on the old cell phone 24/7. Now,

North Carolina State officials might be able to find out when someone is having a kegger as well. State Senator Malcolm Graham from the Charlotte area has just proposed a bill that would require all North Carolina alcohol providers to begin registering keg purchases. I cannot believe that this state is actually going to document every person who purchases a keg. Such a policy can only lead to the discrimination and targeting of legal-aged people who choose to provide kegs at their parties. The Brent Road party is already dead. What next?

This idea is certainly not new. Twenty-three states have already passed similar measures, and several communities across the United States have also tried to keep tabs on who is taking home these barrels of intoxication.

If this proposal passes, keg buyers will have to submit a valid I.D. along with a current address and phone number when making their purchases. This information will remain on record for six months to a year. Police, after busting up a party, can look at the keg number and find out who purchased

it just as they could submit a license number to find out who owns the car parked illegally on Hillsborough Street.

Legislators appear to be unanimously initiating this legislation to curb binge and underage drinking. They believe that many times a person of age will buy the keg but the majority of people drinking from it might not be 21 yet. Also, kegs, because of their volume, allow individuals to consume more alcohol than they might any other way. According to Jim Ward, a Chapel Hill Town Council member who supports keg registration, states that pass such legislation often find their college students doing less binge drinking.

However, those suspicious-minded individuals against keg registration fear that police might, on a slow night, get a few addresses of recent keg purchasers and pay a visit.

Obviously at N.C. State, this potential law strikes close to home because students already have legislation that prevents them from partying without the constant threat of police visitation — the Nuisance Party Ordinance (NPO). If the General Assembly passes keg registration, students might not even need a neighbor to complain before a cop stops by — they might just have to go the Kangaroo and buy a pony keg. Also, police could find out about various parties by looking up recent registrations, and then use the NPO (it's unbelievably vague) against the party holders if they find underage drinking is not an issue.

I know that every police officer in Raleigh is not out to end college students' revelry. Yet, I find these attempts to prevent underage

drinking a violation of my rights. I should be able to purchase alcohol, now that I'm over 21, without having to divulge anything more than my birth date. No one is going to want to be the person who gets the keg if legislators pass this bill. After all, if the police catch a 20-year-old drinking from the barrel, whoever purchased it is going to be held responsible along with the underage offender. But I guess that's the point.

I definitely believe that people should take accountability for their parties and make sure that no one is driving while intoxicated. If that means that half of my guests are camping out on my living room floor then so be it. However, I am not going to card all of my friends and acquaintances, and if we are enjoying ourselves in a manner that is not angering my neighbors and no one is leaving the premises without a sober designated driver, then I should not have the Raleigh Police Department knocking on my door.

No one is sure whether this bill will get the necessary votes, but Chapel Hill has already considered taking such measures, and the Raleigh City Council might get the registration bug too if the legislature isn't successful in passing it. Regardless, I believe we will continue hearing about this issue in the future as politicians search for some answer to underage drinking. Personally, I've got a much bigger issue with the perfectly legal adults who cannot seem to keep their fists and guns to themselves while tailgating.

But that's just me.

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WALKING SIDE BY SIDE

OUR OPINION: VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS TOM STAFFORD ANNULLED THE DECISION FOR DELTA SIGMA PHI TO HAVE PLEDGES THIS SEMESTER. HIS DECISION IS WARRANTED AND JUST. THIS DOES SHOW A LAPSE IN JUDGMENT ON GREEK LIFE'S PART, BUT THIS CAN BE RECTIFIED WITH A STRONGER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford took matters into his own hands on March 4. He overturned Associate Vice Chancellor Tim Luckadoo's decision to allow pledges for the "guilty-as-charged-for-hazing" fraternity of Delta Sigma Phi — which was his sole responsibility.

Luckadoo and John Mountz, the director of Greek Life, showed a lapse in judgment by allowing the pledges to come back this semester. The fact that there was no precedent to the situation is no excuse for allowing the pledging to resume. This situation did not set a good example to the rest of Greek Life community. It could be considered a starting point for a consistent appeals process. They had the fraternity's best interests at heart, but they did not have the fraternities of Greek Life at heart.

For Stafford, he made the best decision because he listened to the students, listened to their concerns and made a decision based on the facts presented to him. Alumni involvement played no part in the decision and keeping that element out shows that Stafford made an aware, decision.

Looking at the bigger picture reveals a few more points students need to be aware of.

First off, this shows the administrators care about what happens on this campus. This is NOT saying they did not care before these series of incidents, but it does illustrate their ability to keep their focus on the students and forward-

ing the University in a growing direction. There is a common misconception that administrators are selfish and are only doing their job to move them up in the corporate food chain because students do not always see them on campus and see the results of their decisions. This shows the stereotype to be blatantly false.

Second, the relationship between the Office of Student Conduct and Greek Life has to be strengthened. There are no grudges being held between the two entities but there is room for improvement. There is an obvious breakdown in communication if the two head honchos made different decisions. When a decision has to be overturned by a higher authority then the person making the first decision should be questioned. If a sense of unity existed between the departments then the decision would never have had to go to Stafford in the first place.

Third, the appeals process must be documented and consistent. One has never had a reason to exist up until now but only too often do people find themselves making decisions after the fact.

Thus, to create consistency, the appeals process should be one that can be upheld from this point on. Delta Sig and Greek Life have begun a precedent for future fraternities, and students, to appeal decisions that may be disagreed with.

Hopefully, it won't have to come to that again.

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Fan behavior only tarnishes games' good intentions

Sick, vile, vicious and depraved. And those are some of the nicer adjectives to describe Wolfpack fans.

At senior night against Wake Forest, Chris Paul pummels Julius Hodge in a cheap shot between the legs. Paul sat out of the game for a few minutes and was later suspended for one game by Wake Forest's athletic department, as he should have.

It couldn't be heard on television, but two or three fans were yelling, "I killed your grandfather," referring to Paul's grandfather, who was murdered his senior year of high school. Paul heard them, no doubt about it, but I doubt he retaliated against Hodge for the crowd's taunts.

Still, have we stooped so low to throw an opponent's personal anguish back in his face in a fake show of support for our team? It certainly looks like it to me.

Not everybody was yelling the venomous taunt, which shows that not everyone has the brain and tact of a three-toed sloth. But it damages the University just the same even if only one or two people are partaking. Athletics Director

Lee Fowler had to call and apologize for the select few's actions to Wake Forest and Chris Paul.

At the same time, though, our fans do live up to the moniker "wolfpack." In actuality, maybe it should be changed to just "pack of wolves."

The most obvious example of our embarrassing behavior is the STD chant directed at Rashad McCants during the State-Carolina game last year. It was heard on national television and a true disgrace to the University. The fan base tried to make it Rashad McCants vs. the RBC Center. Did it work?

No, it never does and it never will.

Rewind to Philip Rivers' senior day against Maryland, where fans threw full or nearly full soda bottles at the Maryland football team. Yes, there was fault on both sides during that one, but it takes a bigger fan not to retaliate to stupid, mindless shenanigans.

Then there was the big national anthem deal at the beginning of basketball season, where members of the administration asked fans not to yell "red" and "Wolfpack" during "The Star-Spangled Banner." While most complied, some screamed louder and louder at every game following. Students called it tradition, the administration called it disrespectful.

Speaking of tradition, the tamed version of campout came about because students rioted

over news there weren't enough tickets available. Wow, real responsibility and school spirit there.

Then, there are the "Herb haters."

State is a good basketball program in a conference full of great basketball programs, but much like we do anyway in academic life, State can take what we've got and make the most of it. But, still, no matter what Sendek and Co. does, it just doesn't seem to please our fans. If or when State loses in the NCAA Tournament, there will be fans that want Herb fired because he didn't go farther — all the way to the Final Four or the championship game. Fans are fickle anyway, but State fans are downright mean.

Every time the basketball team loses, it is like casting pearls before swine. Yeah, the basketball team lost easy games but matured late in the season and now have a bid in the tournament.

Still not good enough for some fans.

Herb Sendek will keep his job, but probably will go down in Wolfpack history as the most debated basketball coach. Everything he does is scrutinized and criticized. And by whom? Our fans, of course. God forbid anyone else do it for us. We're vitriolic enough for anyone.

Is it me, or do we go out of our way to disrespect our opponents at the expense of school spirit, and more importantly, common decency?

Right now, sports fan behavior is more out of

control than ever before. Look at the Detroit Pistons riot. Look at the Duke-Virginia Tech game. Look at one Pee-Wee Hockey game. National sports — at all levels — are falling into the Machiavellian abyss that politics occupies: no-holds-barred, cutthroat, playing-to-win attitude, where all is fair and everything is personal.

Check your emotional baggage at the door? No thanks, I'm taking it on the court. This is where the new competitors derive their strength, will and drive. Never mind they stomped their opponent's face in — they've got to win at all costs.

The same idea applies to the fans, who live vicariously through athletes' every move. Never mind who gets hurt when that full soda bottle goes flying through the air. Never mind that 10-year-olds are listening to every obscenity-laced barb, thinking it's cool to degrade and insult people they will never meet in this life.

I'll watch the tournament on television, much like the majority of the country. I'll watch some of the best basketball ever played.

And I'll do it away from the foaming-at-the-mouth crowds who are out for blood. Sadly, that is quickly becoming the only decent way to watch sports.

So it goes, I suppose.

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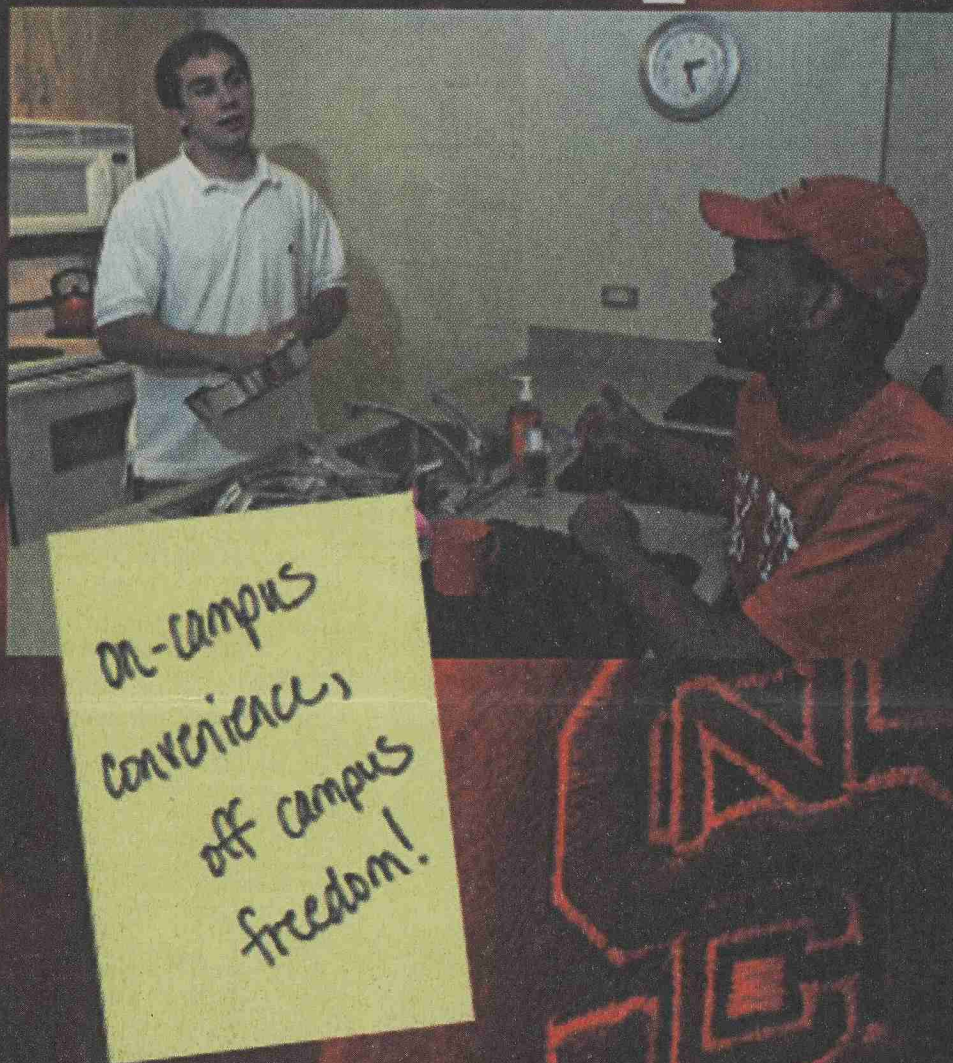
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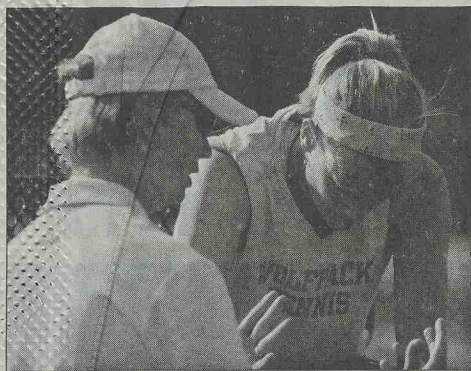
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Women's tennis shut down by Yellow Jackets



Coach Hans Olsen talks to junior Danielle Stadlerman after her match.

Michael Fox
Staff Writer

Coach Hans Olsen said he knew that he would see Georgia Tech's women's tennis squad come out swinging.

"I expected them to fight for every point and fight for every court, and they did that," he said about the No. 17 team in the nation.

The Yellow Jackets (10-2, 4-0 ACC) defeated N.C. State (8-4, 0-2) by a score of 7-0 on Sunday at the Isenhour Tennis Center. The loss was the fourth straight for the Pack and the second time it has been shut out this season.

In the doubles category,

Barbara Orlay and Elin Stahl-Johansson lost their match by a score of 9-7. The pair was down 7-3 early on but caught up to tie the set at 7-7 and force it into overtime.

"I just try to keep playing and not think so much about the score," Stahl-Johansson said about the match. "It's not that easy, but that's how you should do things."

"They did hang tough and fight hard," Olsen said about the match. "If they did that from start to finish I think they would have had that match under control."

The Yellow Jackets won their other two doubles matches.

The team was led by the pair of Kristi Miller and Alison Silverio, which is ranked 20th among the nation's best doubles pairings.

Miller also holds the Georgia Tech record for most singles wins in the history of its women's tennis program.

In the singles division, Carmen Torres felt that the Pack's chances were looking good.

"[The Jackets] beat Clemson and we didn't do very well against Clemson," she said, referring to the Jackets' March 3 victory. "But when I saw them play in doubles I didn't think they were doing that good."

However, the Jackets swept the Pack in all of the singles

matches.

Among the matches in the singles section included Danielle Stadelmann losing by scores of 6-3, 11-9, and Torres' loss by scores of 6-3, 6-4. All of the matches were decided in two sets.

As the Jackets took out the Pack, Olsen knew that his team met its match.

"I give them credit that they definitely earned this match today," he said shortly after congratulating Jackets coach Bryan Shelton.

The next meet for the Pack will be this Thursday at Wake Forest, and its next home meet will be on March 30 against the Duke Blue Devils.

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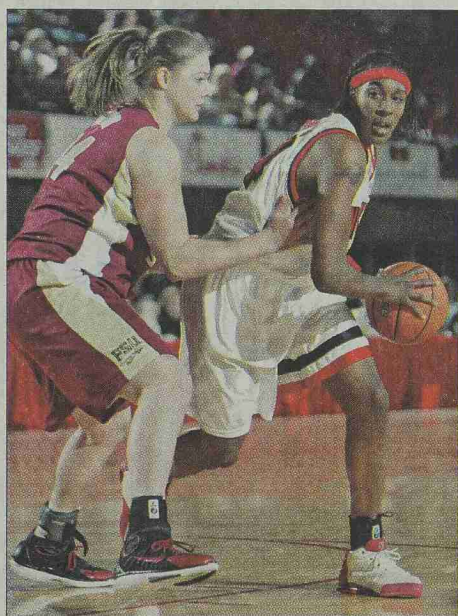
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Tiffany Stansbury and her teammates will travel to Dallas for an opening-round match-up with Middle Tennessee on Saturday.

Women bound for Lone Star State

Ian Jester

Senior Staff Writer

Vibrant chatter filled the dimly lit banquet room at Amedeo's Italian Restaurant, where on Sunday evening the Wolfpack Women feasted on a selection of pasta plates and salad bowls in a gathering prior to the cause everyone waited for.

Then at 5:09 p.m., chatter deflated to the tune of silence.

That silence directed the eyes of the players, coaches, staff and media in attendance toward one of two television sets in the room, both fixed on ESPN, which broadcasted the women's NCAA Selection Show and foretold the dancing stages for N.C. State and the other 63 invitees.

The Pack drew a No. 5 seed in the Philadelphia Regional, and will travel to Dallas on Saturday for a first-round match-up with No. 12 Middle Tennessee (23-8), tournament champions of the Sun Belt conference.

"It's exciting to see where we're going to end up and who we're going to play, but really we're just happy to be anywhere in the bracket," senior guard

Kendra Bell said.

The Lady Raiders are pacing a six-game win streak into the Big Dance, with the point production stemming from senior guard Patrice Holmes and junior forward Tia Stovall. The duo average 14.9 and 13.4 points per contest, respectively. Another dance in Dallas features partners No. 4 Texas Tech and No. 13 UT-Arlington, with the winner facing the victor of State and Middle Tennessee next Monday.

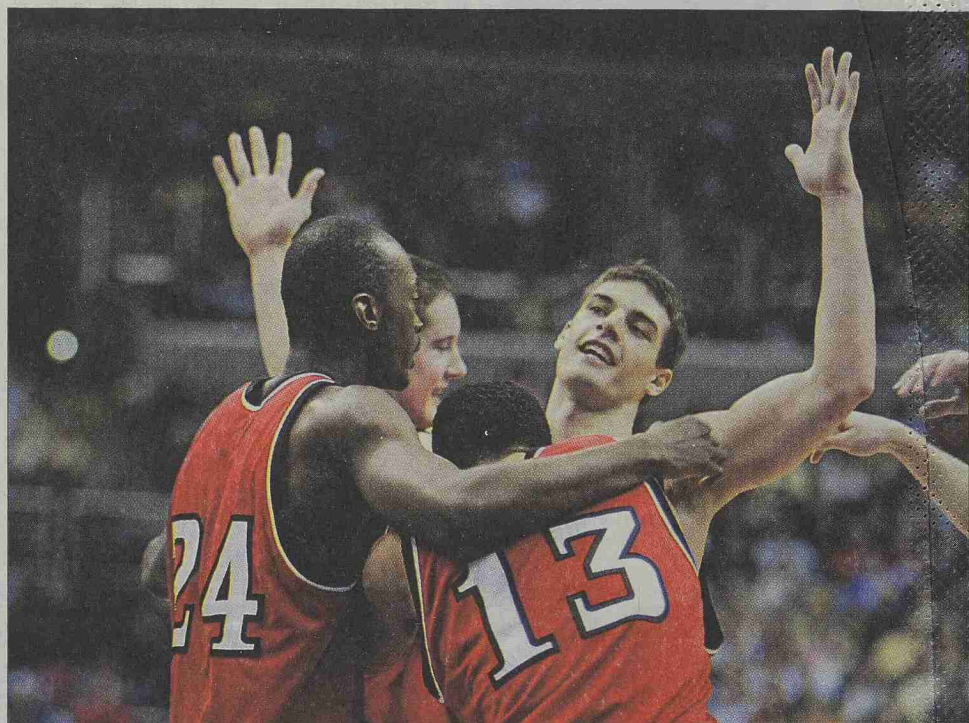
Top-tier squads Tennessee, North Carolina, Michigan State and LSU highlight the peaks of the respective regions Philadelphia, Tempe, Kansas City and Chattanooga.

As the No. 13 seed last year, Middle Tennessee defeated UNC to become the third such seed to advance, and the Lady Raiders return three starters from that team — with the other two helping on the bench as graduate assistants.

"I don't see any way to take Middle Tennessee lightly; they have some great athletes and they knocked North Carolina off last year," coach Kay Yow

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Men last ACC team to make the field



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Junior Ilian Evtimov celebrates during State's win over Wake Forest in the tournament on Friday. State drew a No. 10 seed for the NCAA.

STATE WILL PLAY IN-STATE OPPONENT CHARLOTTE AS A NO. 10 SEED IN OPENING-ROUND PLAY OF THE NCAA TOURNAMENT THIS FRIDAY

Austin Johnson

Sports Editor

About an hour after the women's basketball team learned its NCAA fate while scarfing down pizza and lasagna at Amedeo's on Sunday night, the men's team did exactly the same thing.

The team had to wait until the third bracket -- the Syracuse bracket -- was announced to learn it was to play in-state foe Charlotte in the opening round on Friday.

"The guys are really excited," coach Herb Sendek said. "There was a loud cheer when our name appeared."

The Wolfpack was picked by the selection committee as a No. 10 seed and will play in its fourth consecutive tournament against the No. 7-seeded 49ers. The two teams were placed in the Worcester, Mass. pod where eight teams will try to play their way into the Sweet 16. Sendek joked it might be easier to play

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NO. 2 CONNECTICUT

How they got in: Big East at-large

Best win: at Syracuse

Big Man on Campus: F Charlie Villanueva 14.9 ppg 9.0 rpg in Big East play

Did you know?: UConn has now been seeded in NCSU's half of the regional three of the last four years.

Outlook: The defending national champions, playing an hour from home, have incredible balance but -- seeding aside -- might just be the fourth-best team in their bracket behind UNC, Kansas and red-hot Florida.



NO. 15 CENTRAL FLORIDA

How they got in: Atlantic Sun automatic

Best win: vs. Utah State

Big Man on Campus: G/F Joshua Peppers 13.4 ppg

Did you know?: NCSU transfer guard Mike O'Donnell is sitting out a year at UCF, where he will suit up for the Golden Knights next year.

Outlook: Thanks for coming. But who wouldn't want to leave sunny Orlando for a couple of days to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Industrial Massachusetts?



NO. 7 CHARLOTTE

How they got in: Conference USA at-large

Best win: vs. Cincinnati

Big Man on Campus: Conference USA Player of the Year Eddie Basden

Did you know?: Charlotte was the first non-conference team to win in the RBC Center, a 95-78 smashing of the Wolfpack in November of 2000.

Outlook: Extremely intriguing match-up with Big Brother in-state foe NCSU. Still, 49ers have lost their last three, one of which was to a team — South Florida — that would struggle to win two games in the ACC.



NO. 10 N.C. STATE

How they got in: ACC at-large

Best win: vs. Wake Forest

Big Man on Campus: G/F Julius Hodge

Did you know?: This year marks State's fourth-straight NCAA Tournament trip, marking just the second time in school history such a feat has occurred.

Outlook: All things considered, a really favorable draw for the Pack. UConn is probably the weakest No. 2 seed, Charlotte is reeling and State owes the Huskies after they dispatched them from the tournament three years ago in controversial fashion.



Breaking down the pod

BASEBALL

Wolfpack slides past Terrapins for weekend series win

A two-out single in the 10th inning propels the Pack to a 6-5 victory, taking the series from the Terps

Michael Breedlove

Staff Writer

As Wolfpack reserve Aaron Cone watched from the Doak Field dugout Sunday afternoon, he slipped into a daydream. The daydream was a familiar scenario — a fantasy everyone who has ever swung a bat shares. Two outs, full count, game on the line.

"For some reason, I thought about it the whole game," Cone

said. "I got a feeling I was going to be the guy to win this game."

The dream would soon turn to reality. Stepping to the plate in the 10th inning, Cone slapped a two-out, full-count pitch into left field, securing a 6-5 victory for the Pack in the final match-up between the two clubs.

The Terps (9-6) used a sacrifice fly and a solo homer to build an early 2-0 lead. The Pack would tie the score in the bottom of the third when Chris Engle's grounder to third allowed Mike Jensen to cross home plate.

In the bottom of the fourth, State took advantage of a Maryland error on a double-play at-

tempt to take a 5-4 lead. Coach Elliot Avent, who spoke very highly of his Terrapin challengers, pointed to Maryland's defensive woes.

"That's the best Maryland team I've seen since I've been here," Avent said. "The only difference in the game today was our sound defense. They had five errors, and we had none."

Maryland would fight back to tie the score up at 5-5, yet would run into an offensive wall named Joey Devine heading into the seventh inning. Devine, the Pack's closer, earned his All-American label as he pitched three scoreless innings while al-

lowing only one hit. The game shifted into extra innings when both teams struggled offensively. The struggle came to an end in the bottom of the tenth when Cone put on the hero's cape and sent Travis High home with his game-winning single.

Avent said that while Cone was certainly the hero on the afternoon, that every member of the team had a part in the win.

"There is no better example of a team win than what we just had," Avent said. "That was total team right there."

With the win, N.C. State took the three game series with Maryland 2-1, improving to 15-5 and

3-3 in the league. Though the Terps took the first game of the series, the Pack used a no-hitter by Gib Hobson to take the round two match-up Saturday.

Hobson's no-hitter was the first by a State pitcher in 12 years. The sophomore, still visibly fatigued a day after throwing nearly 150 pitches, labeled his historic performance as an "amazing accomplishment."

"I don't think it's sunk in yet how special it was," Hobson said. "But I know that none of it would have been possible without such great defense playing behind me."

When asked how his drained

right arm was holding up, Hobson laughed and said, "I'm just glad it's still attached."

Coach Avent couldn't hide his pride in his pitcher, saying that Hobson's work ethic in practice led to his success on game day.

"It [the no-hitter] is a great story, and also was a great message to everybody," Avent said. "You work hard everyday, and good things are going to happen to you. And it couldn't have happened to a better person than Gib Hobson."

Avent plans to honor Hobson's feat by placing his game ball in a trophy case at the Doak Field complex.

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