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## Horse on the force

### Pro-tem cleared

*Voucher theft charges dropped against Senate Pro Tem Patrick Cleary*

**Tyler Dukes**  
*Deputy News Editor*

In a surprising move late Sunday night, the Government Operations committee of the Student Senate voted to suspend a bill of impeachment for Senate President Pro Tempore Patrick Cleary indefinitely, effectively ending the process of impeachment.

The charges against Cleary, officially filed on Feb. 28, dealt with the theft of student vouchers during the 2004 football season.

The meeting took place to consider the bill, which was initially read March 2 in a full meeting of the Senate, and to vote on whether to send it back to the full Senate session for final approval.

After a roll call vote, the bill failed to be reported favorably by a vote of 3-4. Cleary, who is on the Government Operations Committee, then made a motion to postpone the bill indefinitely, which was passed 4-3.

The original vote on the bill, made Feb. 23, passed by a majority vote of four. The only change of heart since then has been from Senator and committee member Drexel Heard, who said that he is now against an impeachment process.

"A lot of things [on the bill] were either reasonable doubt or hearsay," Heard said. "The bill wasn't strong enough to support the impeachment."

According to Heard, the resolution contained only three specifications, a fact that directly contrasted the five or six present on other senators' impeachment bills.

"I did not vote for a bill that was inconsistent with the ones written for the other impeachments and censures," Heard said. "I think the committee failed to do a thorough job with Patrick [Cleary]."

Heard said that his biggest problem with the bill was that the facts presented at the initial Government Operations meeting were not translated well enough onto the actual bill, which was drafted several days later.

"Sometimes you vote one way and you leave it up to someone else to write the bill. You are



Campus Police introduced Action Jackson with riding Officer Lillian Moore on Monday to help visibility on campus. A horse patrol was part of Campus Police during the late 1980s and early 1990s and helped police monitor offroad areas. Said Officer Moore, "He's such a ham. Every time someone pays him attention he starts showing off."

### NEW POLICE OFFICER MARKS THE REINSTATEMENT OF MOUNTED PATROL ON CAMPUS

STORY BY TYLER DUKES | PHOTO BY MELIH ONVURAL

Campus Police welcomed its newest officer during a "meet and greet" with the campus community in the Brickyard Monday.

But there is something atypical about the most recent edition to this highly trained police force.

For starters, he has four legs and weighs about 1,000 pounds.

His name is Officer Jackson, and he is a roan-colored quarter horse.

Originally trained by the Rocky Mount Police Department, Jackson's new career at N.C. State was considered after the transfer of rider and owner Officer Lillian Moore from Rocky Mount.

According to Sgt. Jon Barnwell, Campus Police Chief Tom Younce made the decision to add Jackson after drafting a contract with Moore. Under the contract, Campus Police are responsible for start-up costs, such as Jackson's new trailer, as well as food, veterinary care and other maintenance costs. But since Moore owns the horse, she charges no additional funding for Jackson's care and housing.

"We talked to her because it allowed us to be very cost effective," Barnwell said. "It's not much more expensive than another vehicle."

Although Campus Police is "still experimenting," with Jackson's work schedule, Barnwell said Jackson will currently work four 10-hour shifts throughout the week.

#### MEET OFFICER JACKSON

*Officer Action Jackson began his career as a member of the NCSU campus police Monday morning with his brickyard introduction.*

**Height:**  
15.5 hands

**Weight:**  
1000 pounds

**Sex:**  
Gelding

**Year foled:**  
1995

**Residence:**  
Pepper Ridge Farms

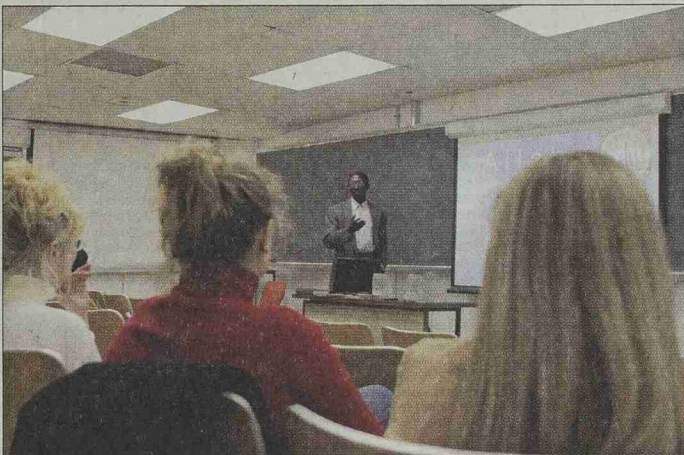
**Owner:**  
Officer Lillian Moore

**Favorite foods:**  
Apples, carrots, peppermints

SOURCE: CAMPUS POLICE

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### ISLAMIC AWARENESS WEEK



Cherno Jaye speaks to students on Monday night about the teachings of Islam and its influences in the Raleigh community. Sally Parker, Beth Bixby and Peggy Holmes listen to Jaye speak about Allah. The event was attended by three students.

### 'Pack Tracks' replaces 'TRACS Link' system

**Kyle Blakely**  
*Staff Writer*

Last Thursday, the N.C. State Registration and Records Department debuted a new Web site that has been in the works for six months.

Dubbed "Pack Tracks," the revamped site has now taken the place of the original TRACS Link.

According to Nicole Harrell, an NCSU graduate and the information and communication specialist for the University, the new Web site was implemented during spring break to work out any "bugs or glitches."

Similarly, the drop/add features of the Web site were changed in

mid February to make sure they can accommodate the onslaught of hundreds, if not thousands of students trying to register at the same time later this semester.

"Pack Tracks is new from top to bottom, including changes in accessibility for handicapped students as well as a plethora of new features."

"The Web site is now [American Disability Act] compliant and can also be accessed from a PDA or cell phone," Harrell said. "Students can now see the title of a course while searching and can change a course back from credit to letter-grade status without filling out any forms."

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#### Record-setting relay

The Wolfpack men's relay team has already set an ACC record - now the four guys set their sights on the NCAA Championships. See page 8.

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## Committee votes to halt Pavilion construction

Rebecca Heslin  
Deputy News Editor

In the latest development in the saga surrounding the construction of the Catalano Pavilion in the Court of North Carolina, the Physical Environment Committee unanimously voted against the proposed construction just before campus dispersed for Spring Break.

"The reason [the proposal] made the stance that it did [at the PEC meeting] was the concern of the students," Seneca Toms, a senior in horticulture science and the CALS seniors senator, said. "Faculty, staff and alumni just did not like the idea of it."

Eduardo Catalano, a world-famous architect and former professor of architecture at N.C. State, made the contribution to build this open-air pavilion at NCSU. The Physical Environment Committee is designed to be a voice for faculty, staff and student opinions focusing on the development and regulations of the physical environment of campus including buildings, landscaping and transportation.

"[The PEC] didn't vote against the Pavilion entirely, just putting it on the Court of the Carolinas until we can look at other spots on campus," Elena Everette, a senior in film studies and political science and CHASS senator, said.

The construction of this highly controversial pavilion was originally planned to be located in the grassy area in Court of North Carolina closest to Holladay Hall and the Belltower.

"I had students who came up to me last fall and this semester,

and even a professor, and they said it was something they did not want to happen," Toms said. "They said the Pavilion was a great idea but [the Court of the Carolinas was] not a great location."

This was the same predicament Catalano faced at the first location he offered this gift: the North Carolina Museum of Art.

"A negotiation could not be reached because Catalano wanted the Pavilion in a very prominent location in front of the museum's entrance," Everette said.

Those in favor of the Pavilion argue that the addition of the Pavilion on campus could be used for student events. Although, according to Toms, University policy prohibits having more than 50 people in the Court of the Carolinas unless the University approves the event.

The proposal will be brought up in the next Senate meeting, Toms said. It will also be brought up in the April meeting of the Board of Trustees, the body that will make the ultimate decision.

"[The Senate] will bring [the bill] up probably around the same time the Board of Trustees are deciding," Toms said. "However, it's currently still in committee because we wanted to coordinate more with the executive branch [of Student Government]."

According to Everette, Catalano and the University need to look at alternative settings.

"It would be an honor to have [the pavilion] here, but a dishonor to put it in the Court of North Carolina," Toms said.

## Can opposites attract?

Research shows definitive difference between male and female brains

Tara Zechini  
Staff Writer

She likes to talk on the phone, and he wishes it had never been invented. She likes to make plans in advance, and he likes to go with the flow. She likes directions that include landmarks, and he only needs road names.

Jackie Smith, a sophomore in communication, and Adam Jenkins, a junior in mechanical engineering, make their relationship work by understanding each other's differences.

The differences they have discovered in their 16 months as a couple are part of a much older argument: male and female brains operate differently.

Now, science can prove what society has speculated for ages and what Smith and Jenkins have learned from experience.

To delve more deeply into this issue, scientists have studied activity within the

two hemispheres of the brain using MRI scans of males and females.

The scans have shown that most women have a larger corpus callosum area, which handles communication between the brain's two hemispheres.

This larger area indicates that the two sides of a woman's brain can "talk" easily, which explains why many studies have found that women are better at multi-tasking.

Scans of men's brains show easier movement within one hemisphere or the other.

Scientists also say males have more activity in mechanical centers of the brain, whereas females show more activity in verbal and emotional centers. "I think we go about everything differently," Jenkins said. "I'm more logical, and she goes by what looks or sounds good."

Smith does admit that she is more emotional.

"I'll get upset over little things more than he would," Smith said.

Even Smith and Jenkins' majors illustrate the differences in their brain activity.

Smith is a communication major and is also studying elementary education at Meredith. She fits the stereotypical care-taker role, which requires ability to communicate verbally and emotionally respond to other people.

Jenkins major in mechanical engineering is a logical major for a male, according to scientists who have seen that the mechanical centers of brains in males are often more active.

Dr. Marianne Legato, a professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University and the founder and director of the Partnership for Women's Health, agrees that there are significant and important differences between the brains of men and women.

In a healthology.com Web site telecast entitled "Medicine and Gender: How Men and Women are Different," Legato said if a man and a woman had an identical task to solve different parts of a man's brain would light up with activity compared with a woman's.

"We might both solve it, but use different parts of our brain to do that," Legato said.

Smith has experienced firsthand how a male uses different parts of the brain than a female.

"When Adam is talking about what he does in his engineering classes, he'll relate to shopping so I'll understand," Smith said.

Legato also explains evolution's role in the development of differences between males and females.

"A man's limbic system is more ready to achieve instant activity—a physical response to a stimulus. The woman's base basal resting state is much more attuned to differences in expression and communication," Legato said.

Evolutionarily speaking, these differences in reaction time and resting states might help a man to respond to a physical threat, while the woman is much more attuned to a person's distress or pleasure.

"That's a very simplistic notion, but there might have been some selection of these differences over the millions of years of evolution," Legato said.

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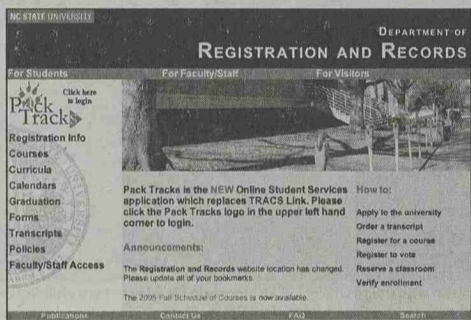
According to Derek Jones, a junior in agricultural business management, the system will see its real strains later in the semester.

"The real test of the new system is to see how it deals with placing students in queue when registering," Jones said.

Harrell explained that the queue has been "upped" to accommodate more students at one time.

"The size of the queue is monitored and increased during heavy registration periods by Administrative Computing Services," Harrell said. "Improvements were made to the queue over the last academic year and will continue to improve as computing resources grow on campus."

According to many students, the new Registration and Records homepage also comes with an appearance that is organized and updated compared



to the previous site.

"The aesthetics of the system is a definite improvement," Jones said.

"We tried to model it after the NCSU homepage by organizing information using the same headings: students, faculty/staff, and visitors," Harrell said.

Jeff Spanner, a senior in tourism and business management, said he liked the Web site's new look and said that it was similar to the plan of work layout added several semesters ago.

"The new Web site is just like

when companies release newer versions of software and change the layout," Spanner said. "It is confusing at first, but eventually you get used to it."

Harrell said she was confident students would get used to the site's changes fairly quickly.

"I will admit, it will take a few clicks to find everything, because some things are in different places," Harrell said. "We have also included a new 'How To' section which answers not only questions about how to register and other site func-

tions, but how future students interested in going to NCSU can apply."

The new homepage has also added an improved welcome page with announcements and helpful links.

According to Harrell, the changes to the original registration and records Web site have been made to "get ahead of the crowd." She also said it is now required for universities' registration Web sites to be ADA compliant.

"TRACS Link didn't allow us to grow and improve, but with Pack Tracks, we will be able to make updates and add new features as needed," Harrell said.

Along with the new homepage, there is a new URL for Pack Tracks at <http://www.ncsu.edu/registrar/>.

Harrell said she welcomes and encourages comments and suggestions for Pack Tracks from students and staff and they can be sent to [rr\\_comments@ncsu.edu](mailto:rr_comments@ncsu.edu).

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

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 event 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 Muhammed airing in the Library Media Room from 5-7 p.m.

### THURSDAY

The Greek Life Service and Philanthropy Committee will host a male, three-on-three streetball tournament benefiting Pete Kenny's orphan rescue foundation. The tournament will be held on the outdoor basketball courts at Carmichael and will be from 5-8 p.m. The registration fee is \$30 per team and the top three winners will receive cash prizes.

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," a comedy show will be held 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](http://allahmademefunny.com) or [www.ncsumsa.org/comedy](http://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), *Sea-scape* (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.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29 - THURSDAY, MARCH 31**  
CHASS 2005 International Connections Week: "The Global Within: Exploring North Carolina's Changing Identity." The focus will be on examin-

ing the impact of cultural, economic and political globalization on North Carolina by looking at how immigration is changing the society, culture, economy and religious practices within North Carolina and how these same elements are shaping the immigrant communities themselves.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1-SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Parents & Families Spring Fling 2005 North Carolina Federation of College Republicans Spring State Convention. The convention will be held in Raleigh, NC, at the Hilton North Raleigh on April 1-3, 2005. Complete and detailed convention information can be found at [www.ncfcr.org](http://www.ncfcr.org).

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Service Raleigh

### 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](http://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](http://www.engr.ncsu.edu) and click on "Engineering Open House 2005."

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

The Campus Environmental Sustainability Team (CEST) will present its 2nd Annual Earthwise Awards on Earth Day. These awards will recognize and reward outstanding contributions to environmental sustainability on the NCSU campus. Each recipient will be presented with a plaque as well as a \$250 prize. There are three separate categories: faculty, student and staff. Any number of people in any category may be nominated. Awards will be presented at NCSU's Earth Day celebration on the Brickyard.

Send the name, NCSU position and description of sustainability-related achievements of the person you are nominating to Leslie Hester at [lahester@ncsu.edu](mailto:lahester@ncsu.edu) by March 15.

Send all calendar and brief listings to [news@technicianonline.com](mailto:news@technicianonline.com)

## IN THE KNOW

### GOLDEN CHAIN SOCIETY APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 29

The Golden Chain Society unique to N.C. State. Each year, a maximum of 12 rising seniors who have displayed outstanding scholarship, leadership, character and service are added to the chain by a tapping ceremony. Induction to the Golden Chain Society is considered to be one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a rising senior. Applications are available in the Alumni Association Building and are due March 29.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### 03/11/05

#### 8:10 A.M.

#### B&E VEHICLE/LARCENY

A staff member reported that someone entered an unsecured NCSU van parked at the Avent Ferry Convention Center and stole a hand truck sometime between 4:15 p.m. on Thursday and 8:10 a.m. on Friday.

#### 8:55 A.M.

#### B&E BUILDING/SAFECRACKING/LARCENY

A staff member reported that someone entered a room in Williams Hall and stole \$70 in cash from a safe. The incident took place between Feb. 1 at 12 p.m. and Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

#### 9:47 A.M.

#### LARCENY

A student reported that two laptops had been stolen from suites in Venture I.

#### 1:21 P.M.

#### HIT AND RUN

A student was on Morrill Drive near Fayette when the vehicle in front of him backed up, hitting his vehicle. The subject then took off, driving down Avent Ferry Road.

a report.

#### 12:00 P.M.

#### SKATEBOARDERS

Nine subjects were located outside Williams Hall doing tricks. All subjects were advised of University policy, and they left the area.

#### 12:05 P.M.

#### TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A non-student was backing up a work truck in Riddick Lot and struck a ladder. The ladder then fell on a parked vehicle. The owner of the truck the non-student was driving agreed to pay all damages.

#### 12:18 P.M.

#### FIRE

Police and Fire Protection officers responded to a dumpster fire at the Vet School. The fire was put out by bystanders. There was no structure damage reported.

#### 2:56 P.M.

#### SKATEBOARDERS

Ten subjects were located in the plaza area of Partners II. All were advised of policy and left the area.

#### 3:51 P.M.

#### LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE

A staff member reported that a Bron-

co belonging to Forestry Services had been stolen from Varsity Park and Ride. The vehicle was noticed missing Tuesday, but was reported today.

#### 9:35 P.M.

#### CHECK PERSON

Two students were found at the end of Main Campus Drive sitting in a red Dodge Ram truck. Both subjects advised they were just driving around, and agreed to leave the area.

### 03/12/05

#### 10:05 P.M.

#### SPECIAL EVENT

Police provided security and crowd control for the N.C. State High School Basketball Championship.

#### 10:06 P.M.

#### SIMPLE ASSAULT

A non-student assaulted an Event One employee by pushing his All Access Pass into his face at the basketball game. The employee did not wish to pursue criminal charges for assault.

#### 10:58 P.M.

#### TRAFFIC STOP DWLR ARREST

A non-student was arrested for driving with a revoked license due to failing to appear in court on several occasions.

### 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](http://www.ncsu.edu/csleps/leadershape.php).

### 7:19 P.M.

#### SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

A non-student was seen driving around the east side of the College of Engineering. The subject advised he was lost and was looking for Western Boulevard. All files were checked with negative results. The subject was given directions and left the area.

### 03/13/05

#### 11:11 A.M.

#### LICENSE/REGISTRATION CHECKPOINT

Officers conducted a license/registration checkpoint on Dan Allen Drive at Central Campus Lot. Three verbal warnings, one written warning, and one state citation were issued.

#### 8:00 P.M.

#### SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A student reported a suspicious white male subject who was going around Sullivan Hall asking for a place to stay. The student advised that the subject stated he was a University of Florida student and was stranded. Officers conducted a floor to floor search, but were unable to locate the subject.



# Cursive rendered useless in classes

Increase in technology leads to changes in cursive use

Kirsten Anne Simmons  
Staff Writer

As the use of computers and related technology rises, the use of cursive by students and professors on campus is in a decline.

"I haven't used cursive since fifth grade," Madison Roberts, a junior in horticulture and English rhetoric, said. "Even I can't read [my cursive]."

Professors who require students to type assignments echo that view.

Lori Heald, a sociology professor, said that she requires typed assignments because it is easier than trying to decipher handwriting. Heald also said that she uses print when writing on the board so that it will be easier for students to read.

Many professors use PowerPoint presentations as opposed to writing on the board during class.

Elizabeth Harris, an animal science professor, said that she has always used PowerPoint to teach.

"I was told when I started that the department was using that particular method," Harris said. "I enjoy being able to insert

diagrams and pictures into the presentations."

Harris said that she had heard that the switch to PowerPoint came because students complained about being able to read professor's handwriting, and about classes taking too long because of the time spent writing on the board.

Students seem to like the change.

Joshua Sizemore, a senior in middle school math education, said that he has had difficulty reading professor's handwriting in the past but that "most teachers use powerpoint now."

"Science classes tend to use PowerPoint; in English they write on the chalkboard," Liz Meyer, a senior in botany and English literature, said. She said that she uses cursive herself but that "most people don't, they say it takes them longer."

Adria Bhatnagar, a freshman in animal science, said she has not used cursive since her teachers required her to in eighth grade.

"Teachers don't use it — most teachers don't write on the board, they use PowerPoint. My econ teacher writes on the board but I don't know if it's cursive or print because I can't read it," Bhatnagar said.

Most students were taught

cursive in second or third grade, but many stopped using it once it stopped being required.

Matt Staples, who graduated in 2002 with a degree in computer science, said he used a combination of the two, with the amount of cursive varying by how much writing is required.

Many other students use this tactic, slipping into a hybrid form of cursive when they are required to write quickly.

"I don't use cursive," Pamela Saha, a sophomore in computer engineering, said. "Your notes end up looking like a line and some circles."

A major complaint is that cursive seems to differ with each person, making it more difficult to read. Time saved by writing in cursive is lost when trying to decipher it later.

"Everyone's [cursive] is different," Roberts said. "It may be faster but it's illegible."

While many elementary and middle school teachers required students to use cursive, one seemed to have an accurate and amusing view of the future.

"My seventh grade teacher said she wasn't going to make us use cursive because computers were going to take over the world and everything was going to be in print," Bhatnagar said.

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kind of in the zone when you look at it," Heard said. "That's my fault for not looking at the whole picture."

"There is a line between the impeachment concept and the bill," Heard added. "I voted for the concept, not the bill."

Heard also pointed out that the major factor for any inconsistencies in Cleary's case was a time crunch. Since the current Senate term is quickly coming to an end, effectively rendering any continued impeachment trial useless, the committee was under pressure to make a decision in time to not only pass the bill, but to conclude the trial.

Although Heard said he does support some type of action toward Cleary, specifically censure, he said that the time it would take to strengthen the impeachment case would not lend a result by the end of the session.

"I do not support an impeachment at this point in the game,"

Heard said. "I did, but I don't think it's appropriate now. An impeachment would be an ineffective way to deal with this."

Government Operations Committee Chair Tracy Hutcherson said that he was surprised by the committee's decision.

"This situation is highly disgusting and very disturbing," Hutcherson said.

He pointed out that he even made the attempt to adjourn the meeting before a decision on Cleary's motion could be made.

"It was apparent to me that something inappropriate was taking place," Hutcherson said. "I'm not Einstein, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to tell that something is askew, and I don't know what happened."

Cleary said that he was happy with the committee's decision.

"I think we're going to see closer to this sordid incident," Cleary said. "What we need to work on is getting the senate to focus on student issues."

Although Cleary did admit that his participation and vote

in the meeting was a conflict of interest, he stated that it was necessary to provide closure to the incident.

"It's one of the situations where there is nothing that says I can't vote," Cleary said. "If I hadn't been involved it would have just sat in limbo."

According to Hutcherson however, the rest of the Senate may not be satisfied with the actions of the committee.

"Over half of the Senators wanted to hold another election [for Cleary's decision], and that was before they even had all of the evidence," Hutcherson said. "[The Senate is] going to be extremely frustrated and they are going to question why the committee chose to do what it did."

As for Heard's decision to shift his support for the impeachment, he stated that it ultimately led to the committee making the right decision on Cleary's case.

"It's not necessarily switching views, it's more about looking at what's really important [with the case]," Heard said. "That's just being responsible."

## HORSE

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This allows Moore two hours to prepare, clean and transport the horse to and from campus.

"The most important thing with that is to make sure he gets enough rest," Barnwell said.

Barnwell said one of the main reasons for acquiring Jackson is to increase the visibility of the department on campus.

"Our officers can walk right

through the Brickyard and students won't remember having seen us," Barnwell said. "[The mounted patrol] allows us to interact with students we don't normally get the chance to interact with, those that do not commit crimes or call in reports."

Barnwell also stated that it is a great way to maneuver areas on campus, such as some of the trails around Centennial, that cannot be accessed by cars.

Although Monday was

Jackson's first day on the job, it wasn't the first time the NCSU community has seen a mounted police force on campus.

According to Barnwell, the start of Jackson's new career was merely the reinstatement of an old program that began in the late 1980s.

Although the mounted patrol was disbanded in 1992, Barnwell said that Campus Police had three horses on the force when the patrol was at its largest.

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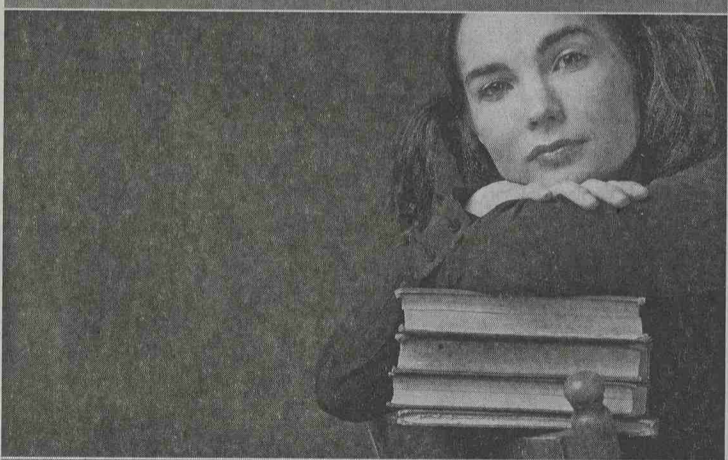
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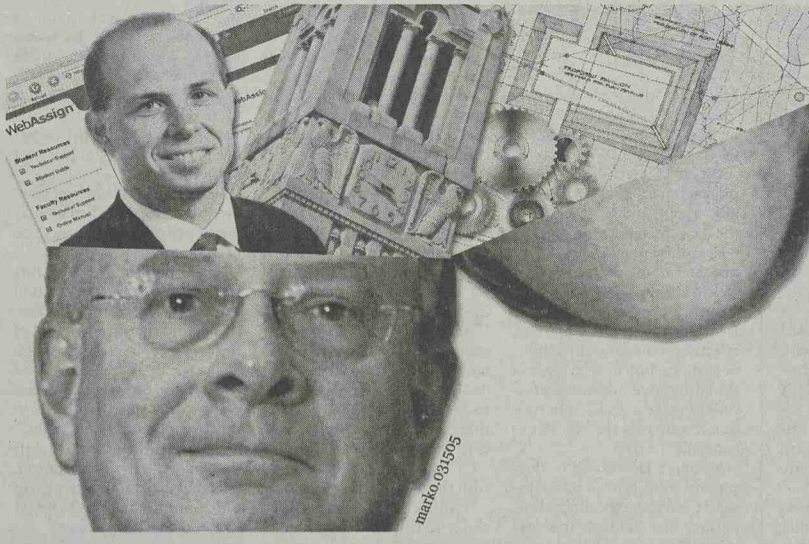
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## What will our new chancellor do?

James Oblinger began his reign as N.C. State University's 13th chancellor on New Year's Day. After three months of introductory meetings with various campus groups and making a series of visits across the state to meet with citizens and community leaders - the chancellor is about to face his first set of challenging decisions.

Tough decisions lay on the horizon - What will our new Chancellor do? Oblinger must: determine the fate of men's basketball head coach Herb Sendek, decide if WebAssign can begin stealing money from student's pockets, recommend the placement of the Catalano Pavilion and choose a new provost. Each decision is heavily monitored by University stakeholders, be it alumni, students or faculty. For the first time in his tenure, the spotlight will begin to shine on Oblinger.

Chancellor Oblinger would make a lot of Wolfpack alumni and fans extremely happy if he were to fire men's basketball coach Herb Sendek. I am not going to argue the pros and cons of retaining Coach Sendek; I'll leave that to my colleagues in the Sports Section. However, as with most campus decisions, the Sendek question is fueled more by politics than of substance.

Dr. Oblinger does not want to lose favor with Wolfpack supporters, especially the "big whales." On his recent statewide "listening tour" - the chancellor was bombarded with harsh criticism of Sendek from University supporters. Oblinger wanted to talk about economic development and research transfer, but the alumni had a different agenda.

Former Chancellor Marye Anne Fox let everyone know that she was in charge of the athletics program when she personally fired football head coach Mike O'Cain. Ulti-

mately that decision led to the firing of Chuck Amato and the infusion of millions into NCSU's athletic facilities. Those usually most vocal against the firing of athletic coaches are the faculty. Don't be fooled, they care little about the welfare of the players or the coach but are more jealous of the attention the athletics program gets.

If Oblinger fires Sendek, he does have other ammunition besides a mediocre season performance. Recent news reports indicate that NCSU's athletic program is failing to meet certain academic goals and graduation levels. Oblinger could use this to answer any charges that firing Sendek was motivated solely by the motive to "win."

Prediction? Because the chancellor does not want to ruffle too many feathers at this point in his tenure and his priorities lay in other areas - Oblinger retains Sendek for another season.

NCSU can no longer pay the costs of WebAssign out of student fees because members of the faculty are officers and principles of the company that markets the on-line homework tool. So WebAssign wants to charge students \$9.95 per course to use their software. Students are demanding that WebAssign be offered to NCSU students free of charge because the program was developed at NCSU with state appropriations including tuition dollars.

There are a number of options for the chancellor. Oblinger could pay the WebAssign costs from private gifts (endowed funds). But there is a better solution. Oblinger should demand that WebAssign provide its services to NCSU students for free - period. If not the chancellor could revoke NCSU's agreement with Advanced Instructional Systems which allows the company to use the WebAssign name. That would put a damper on the company's marketing ability, wouldn't you say?

The chancellor must take action on this matter or he risks losing the support and confidence of the student body. As Fox unfortunately found out - once that support is gone, it's hard to earn back.

Probably the biggest decision on the Oblinger's mind is who will be provost, and rightfully so. As "second in command," the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affair is integral in the chancellor's ability to carry forth his plans for the University.

The chancellor's provost selection will send a strong message to faculty of the University's direction. While the provost selection is most important to the academic shop of the University the position plays a key role in most decisions that effect students. Look for Oblinger to choose an internal candidate from the arts and humanities.

What will the chancellor do about the Catalano Pavilion? Students and faculty are up in arms about the possibility of losing green space in the Court of the North Carolina to what some have called a "glorified picnic shelter." The location of the pavilion, to be constructed from a gift from former professor and famed architect Eduardo Catalano, was unanimously rejected by the University's Physical Environment Committee. The PEC advises the chancellor and Board of Trustees on the University's physical master plan and is a representative group of faculty, staff and students.

The original location for the pavilion, the roadway between Leazer and Peele Halls, was rejected because it would take away parking. No wonder our campus looks like it does - people care more about parking than anything else. Perhaps that one-sided mentality has spread to other areas of the University not just campus planning.

Will the chancellor follow the recommendations of the PEC? Or will he tell the trustees he agrees with current construction plans? This is where Oblinger could show bold leadership. Save the green space and tear up the roadway! If not, the first year of our new chancellor's rule will be remembered for his pity on those who like to park next to their office.

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### TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

# OF COURSE, A HORSE IS STILL A HORSE

**OUR OPINION:** ADDING A HORSE PATROL ON CAMPUS IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO INCREASE CAMPUS POLICE'S PRESENCE AND VISIBILITY AND TAPS A NOVELTY FACTOR TO CRIMEFIGHTING THAT WOULD ONLY ADD TO THE UNIQUENESS OF CAMPUS.

Welcome Officer Jackson.

A disputable name at the least - but nonetheless, the newest member of N.C. State's Police Department is a half-ton horse.

He is more than qualified for the position. He has four legs, the same as two human officers combined (nice salary break there), and he can run twice as fast as their combined land speeds.

He can maneuver in and out of the less accessible areas of campus with swift ease. Such areas include the woods between Wood Hall and Derr Track, the out and inskirts of Centennial Campus and the areas of the Brickyard and North Campus that patrol cars can't easily access.

This ability to maneuver is a primary reason for Jackson's hire. Campus Police cannot always get into the heavily traveled pedestrian areas that exist in the corners and alleys of campus with the tank of a patrol car that they all currently drive. Some officers patrol campus on foot, working with Student Patrol to ensure the safety of late-night library-goers.

Now, with Officer Jackson on the force, patrolling campus can include more area in a shorter amount of time.

So, Officer Jackson's relatives should join the force soon (with the exception of Michael, of course). Having a family of horses would strengthen the force's abil-

ity to watch campus and would cut down on the amount of work individual officers put in. Not only that, a family of horses would be more efficient at attacking the issues that brought Officer Jackson in the first place.

Officer Jackson brings a visibility to Campus Police. Sometimes a police presence isn't always needed but is still appreciated because officers bring a sense of security to their environment. An officer riding a horse will always be more noticeable on a college campus than a uniformed officer.

Officer Jackson will also be more effective at crowd control - a good segue into Campus Police strengthening its relationship with the Raleigh Police Department. Crowd control at parades and watching campus events will be easier on the department.

The new member of the force will be great for maintaining behavior at football games - especially if he has his family with him. Patrolling the tailgating areas and moving through the stadium will be easier and more noticeable with half-ton animals patrolling the scene.

The only concern is, of course, what they had for dinner. Nobody wants to step in fresh horse dung on their way to class.

Campus Police just needs to make sure it invests heavily in those heavy-duty horse diapers for Officer Jackson.

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## Hillsborough Street is still a home we should visit

Being a college student can be tough. For many, college is the first dose of independence. Some see college as a new experience in a new place. Others challenge themselves with difficult courses and a full slate of extracurricular activities. The balance between work and play is sometimes a battle that leads to workaholics and alcoholics.

Being a college student in a city like Raleigh is even tougher. The relief and relaxation of a weekend is stifled by the City Council and the police that work for them. The freedom of independent living is threatened by a housing ordinance. Dirty looks are shot toward students as a bad name resonates across the city.

I have seen this all take place over my four years at N.C. State and finally, there is a place to call home. Consider it the Cheers for this area, a place where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came. Just as easily as one could take a walk to look at the latest

Hillsborough Street closings, you can take a stroll to The Farmhouse.

The red and white building fits the mold of an NCSU eatery. Walk through the door and find walls covered in fluorescent paint and various memorabilia. A friendly hello from the owner, Marc, adds to the welcoming atmosphere. The menu is also welcoming with a wide selection of food for any mood. And whether you choose pizza, wings, sandwiches or the mouthwatering, chili-covered plates, you will easily get your money's worth.

The Farmhouse opened its doors in the fall of 2004 and immediately involved itself in the campus community. Gift certificates were given out as prizes at last year's Homecoming events showing students that this is a place for them to enjoy. Ads all over

campus and in the paper made students aware of what they now had. As Monday Night Football plays on the television screens, people feast on \$1 slices of pizza and bottles of beer.

**"But as long time favorites and corporate giants are forced to close their doors on Hillsborough Street, other places will feel the heat."**

The Farmhouse is a mystery for some; while others call it their second home. Some go to The Farmhouse to get together while others go to get away. Next to a student studying in a booth could be a raucous group of friends, wasting the night away over hot food and cold beer. Newbies and regulars alike find the same hospitality any time they make their way to this under-appreciated haven.

But as long time favorites and corporate giants are forced to close their doors on Hillsborough Street, other places will feel the heat.

Some may look at The Farmhouse as just another pizza or burger place, but others truly see it as a place that college students can call home.

In a city filled with cover charges and long waits, The Farmhouse provides not only good food but also a value and atmosphere fit for college students.

If you go to a sports bar, you might be paying top dollar for some bottom of the barrel beer. Your Old Navy shirts might not fly in other bars in the area. Going to a club? You need to have a taste for some top-shelf drinks and snobby clientele. Don't forget that your favorite college meeting place could quickly become a 40-something's hotspot depending on the day of the week.

But every day is a day for the students at The Farmhouse. Whether for food or drink, you won't be disappointed. Here in Raleigh, we have become disillusioned to the idea of a "college spot" and have settled for sub-par substitutes. Let's break out of that trend and make The Farmhouse a fixture to the Wolfpack community. Are you coming to The Farmhouse Friday at 11:15 for lunch or maybe Monday at 9p.m.? See you then.

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**Matt Campbell**  
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## SEX-CAPADES

## Words we say and games we play

Modern dating has become a language many of us misconstrue. All of the sudden there are so many different labels and categories for something that used to be so simple: two people that have feelings for one another. Our parent's generation didn't have to deal with this, you liked someone, you asked them to go steady, and you gave them your ring. That was that, right? So why is it so hard for us to say what we mean and mean what we say? Why do we feel like we have to go through so many formalities instead of just cutting to the chase?

It's almost as if we're not allowed to feel a certain way too soon, there's a dating protocol we must follow. Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I was under the impression that there weren't supposed to be any rules for falling in love. Maybe it's because our generation is taught to question everything. As disturbing as it sounds, it seems as if the inexplicable magic of love is no longer allowed to exist in our world of scientific interpretation, mathematical logic and modern technology without certain guidelines.

We've all become little scientists, constantly discussing, dissecting and analyzing when it comes to relationships with the opposite sex. It's no small wonder that so many of us are exhausted at the prospect of dating, it's a full-time job. For those of you that are a little less than fluent when it comes to the 21st Century language of love, here's a brief guide to help you along the romance's rocky paths.

There are several stages when it comes to relationships, and the first of these is the "just friends" stage. At this point, you have become moderately acquainted with an attractive, intelligent human specimen and are just beginning to develop feelings of attraction. However, you can barely admit to yourself that you have these feelings, much less tell the object of your infatuation. So you hang out with them occasionally, and you walk past them everyday in the brickyard, waving as casually as possible, and trying your very best to act as if absolutely nothing out of the ordinary is going on.

In fact, you go out of your way to hide the stars in your eyes and the butterflies in your belly. For some reason those things we call "feelings" are so passe in this new age of independence and freedom. You just so don't even care.

A friend of mine once had a near-death experience trying to hide her interest from a boy she once liked. During a late lunch at the atrium one day, she choked on a tender Chik-fil-A nugget. As she sputtered and grew panic-stricken she looked around for help, spying her love interest sitting in a corner, the only other person eating at such a peculiar hour. She couldn't ask him for the Heimlich! He'd think she was desper-

ate. I felt a little out of place when standing in line to see "Diary of a Mad Black Woman." The film's title alone tells you who is this film's target audience. Despite the fact my date and I were the only white people in sight, I think we appreciated the film as people of any color would.

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## BITE CLUB

## Veggies go curry at local South Indian restaurant

FOR STUDENTS LOOKING FOR AUTHENTIC AND AFFORDABLE INDIAN FOOD, CARY'S UDIPI CAFE IS THE PLACE TO BE

Jasmine Modoor

Staff Writer

Come lunch, the otherwise quiet Udipi Cafe is hopping with conversation, laughter and delectable South Indian food. Udipi Cafe, a restaurant specializing in South Indian cuisine in Cary, has spread like wildfire from its humble beginnings in New Jersey in 1999 and for good reason, too. This restaurant stands out as a gem in the crowded North Indian restaurant scene of the triangle.

With a wide range of South Indian curries like sambar, avial and rasam and even some North Indian curries like chana masala, Udipi Cafe is a delightful surprise. The small restaurant is decorated with modern and traditional Indian art, while the buzz of conversation gives the place a friendly atmosphere. The knowledgeable and friendly servers make this place an experi-

ence to be treasured.

Never had South Indian food before? Worried about what you might be getting yourself into? Don't fear. South Indian cuisine isn't greasy, and most food items are steamed or boiled. Rice is a staple of the South Indian diet and this can be seen in the three types of rice offered on the lunch buffet from plain rice to tomato rice and lemon rice. Being near the coast and the warm climate means coconut is used extensively in various curries.

### What to try when you go

The lunch buffet at Udipi Cafe features the famous South Indian sambar, a vegetable and dhal curry bursting with flavor. Other mouth watering curries include avial, this is also a mixture of vegetables in coconut sauce. Also be sure to try the vada, they best described as small deep-fried doughnuts. If you're not in the mood for rice, explore other dishes that are variations on rice. Idli and dosa, made of rice, are eaten for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Idli is commonly translated into the American vernacular as steamed rice cakes and dosa can be described as Indian pancakes. They don't have a strong taste and thus go great with different curries. Traditionally idli and dosa are eaten with sambar and coconut chutney.

Besides its great tasting South Indian curries, Udipi Cafe is known for masala dosas. If dosas are like pancakes then masala dosas are as big as four pancakes put together. Masala dosas are thin like crepe paper and feature a mix of potatoes and vegetables inside them. Usually masala dosas come with sambar and coconut chutney. Masala dosas aren't on the lunch buffet but on the dinner menu. If you're nice and

### Udipi Cafe

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ask the server they will be sure to bring out a few masala dosas, smaller than usual though. To conclude the lunch, dar payasam is the best addition to the meal. Payasams are sweet, liquid desserts with a combination of rice, cashew nuts, dhal and raisins.

### When to go

Udipi Cafe gives you the feeling of a small restaurant with all the taste and knowledgeable staff of a big restaurant. If going, be sure to go to Udipi Cafe during the lunch hours between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You get to taste a wide variety of curries and choose your favorites from the rotating buffet. Dinner is served from a menu so lunch will give greater opportunities of exploring the cuisine of South India, and the price is under \$10.

## MOVIE TICKET

## Dramatized characters teach lessons of life

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Staff Writer

I felt a little out of place when standing in line to see "Diary of a Mad Black Woman." The film's title alone tells you who is this film's target audience. Despite the fact my date and I were the only white people in sight, I think we appreciated the film as people of any color would.

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Steadfast Helen (Kimberly Elise), the mad black woman of the title, is married to no-good, cheatin' Charles (Steve Harris). Charles kicks her out of their mansion to make room for his mistress, and Helen is forced to turn to her family for help. Her eccentric grandmother Madea (Tyler Perry) takes Helen in, and, along with the rest of the family, helps Helen get a job, get a new man and take a chainsaw to Charles' couch.

When a crooked client shoots and paralyzes Charles, Helen is faced with a decision. Will she take advantage of Charles'

### Diary of a Mad Black Woman

CAST: Kimberly Elise, Steve Harris,

Tyler Perry

DIRECTOR: Darren Grant

PLAYING AT: Mission Valley, Crossroads 20

★★★★☆

compromised state and seek her revenge? Or will she learn to forgive him and move on with her life?

Helen is black and she is mad, but being black is not the reason



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Madea, the uplifting and eccentric grandmother played by Tyler Perry dances at a house party in "Diary of a Mad Black Woman."



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for Helen's anger. Her plight is one anyone who has ever been hurt or had their heart broken can relate to. This film tells of universal themes such as romantic love, forgiveness, family values and self-respect.

However, one can appreciate these themes only after sifting through a collection of extreme character types. Charles is clearly the bad guy; he mistreats Helen nearly to the point of villainy. Have no fear, her knight in shining armor, the perfect Orlando (Shemar Moore), will come to her rescue, though only after Madea, the crazy black grandmother, helps Helen destroy most of Charles' furniture.

Then there is Helen herself. Although she reaches a satisfying independence by the end of the film, throughout most of it she is submissive to the point of distraction. Her exaggerated acquiescent nature may have worked in the stage version of this story, but it lacks



LIONS GATE ENTERTAINMENT  
**Steadfast Helen (Kimberly Elise) writes in her diary.**

the subtleties and complexity necessary for a successful on-screen character.

The characters notwithstanding, this story really is touching. When the shock of their severity wears off, the characters can be lovable—the same way one-dimensional characters in fairy tales are. And the film has its moments. The church scene where the paralyzed man walks and the newly reformed drug addict reunites with her family is a tearjerker.

What make this film disappointing is not its bad qualities, but its untapped potential to be great.

## WORDS

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ate! Instead she dashed over to Lil Dino's and asked the lone cashier for help. The woman rolled her eyes as if that sort of thing happened every day and helped the poor girl dislodge the stray nugget.

People play more games during the "just friends" stage than they do at the Craps table in Vegas. By college most would think that we mature adults are past the point of playing hard-to-get, acting like we don't care to look cool, and creating cute little guessing games for our love interest to play at, but they'd be wrong. It's a wonder anyone moves beyond the "just friends" period at all, what with each party trying so hard act so detached and uninterested.

Be sure not to confuse people who are "just friends" with those that are "friends with benefits." In this type of relationship the two participants are not actually "talking to" one another (we'll get to that later), and they're certainly not dating, but they're not just friends either. These so-called "friends with benefits" hook up on a regular basis with the understanding that these rendezvous will never be more than an easy way to satisfy their sexual libido.

The problem occurs, however when one half of the couple becomes attached and the other does not. Often times the one person starts dating or talking to someone else that they have a more substantial interest in and the so-called "beneficial friend" gets tossed out like last week's stale Pokey sticks.

Next, we have what has become known as "talking to" someone. We've all done this or seen it being done, but what

I still don't understand is, what is it exactly that we're talking about. The weather? Essentially, "talking" is what people do when they know they both like each other but neither wants to bring up the prospect of dating too soon for fear of seeming overly eager or more emotionally invested.

From what I've seen, there are two types of talking. There is exclusive, which most people do and obviously needs no explanation, and there's non-exclusive. Non-exclusive talking usually occurs because there is an ex-boyfriend or girlfriend still in the picture. You may never get anyone to admit it, but a lot of recently single people get stuck at the "talking" stage with someone new because they're afraid to start dating this fresh prospect and burn a bridge with their ex.

Also beware of the "talking" stage since individuals can become very comfortable doing this and may end up "talking" for years before they actually begin dating. If you're ever in upstate New York, you may want to stop by Shady Hills Rest Home and sneak a peek at the couple that "talking" originated with. It had no formal title back when Blanche and Wally started doing it, but the basic concept was the same.

This couple actually got married, had children, and their children got married and had their grandchildren, and they still couldn't admit that they were doing anything more than "just talking to each other."

The next step is of course, "dating". Careful though, this stage does not yet include the titles of boyfriend and girlfriend, when referring to the other person one must say "this guy/girl I'm dating." One slip of the tongue in which these formal labels are used can result in a drastic regression to

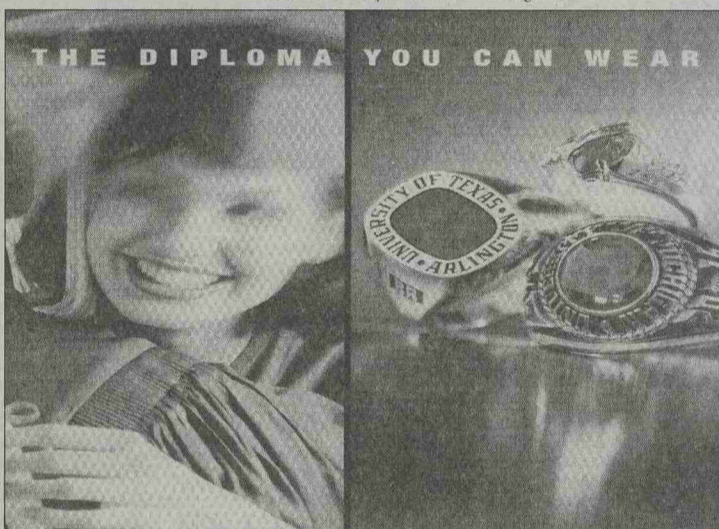
the "just friends" stage.

Dating simply means that two people actually have legitimate dates with one another instead of attending large social gatherings where groups of friends and a never-ending supply of alcohol protects them against awkward silences and small talk. These dates also shift to the later evening hours, replacing the more neutral and ambiguous afternoon meetings at casual cafes for lunch and coffee.

Finally, after a couple has been dating awhile, barring a breakup, there's nothing left to do but move on to the boyfriend/girlfriend stage. After spending a great deal of time with this person you have realized that thankfully, they are neither morally opposed to bathing nor a convicted felon. Not to mention that they have fulfilled most of your expectations and are funny, sweet, and the life of every party you attend.

Sometimes people have "the talk" before they become boyfriend and girlfriend, but more often than not there is no formal milestone marking the transition into this stage. One person finally just gets up enough courage to introduce the other as "my boyfriend" or call them "my girlfriend" during a conversation.

Congratulations to anyone who has made it this far. It won't all be pony rides and bluebirds singing, but at least you have found someone that still likes you despite the fact that you often forget to brush your teeth after your morning latte or constantly leave the toilet seat up. Hopefully that special someone will also come to your aide, should you ever find yourself choking on a chicken nugget at the atrium on a quiet Thursday afternoon.



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## RYAN

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brought down by the ACC. Despite the past altercation, I consider Hodge a classy guy. Was his situation really that different from the one Paul received a one-game suspension for? Not really. But some classless people posting on The WolfWeb think it's the worst action since the production of *The Notebook*. So they decided to post his AOL Instant Messenger screen name

on the chat boards and encourage others to IM him incriminating messages. Some of the messages sent to Paul were far too explicit to include in any sort of print media, but they included remarks about his race, sexuality and deceased grandfather. The people that IM'd Paul should be embarrassed because they're acting like they were the one's that got hit below the belt. Every guy has had the painful feeling at least once in his life, but it's not a life and death situation. Sometimes people have dif-

ficulty separating a game from real life. Would Paul have gone up to Hodge on the street and unleashed a punch to Hodge's groin? I seriously doubt it. But during the heat of a game — a bitter rivalry, nonetheless — emotions can get out of check and unnecessary actions can take place. It happened, and it's over. Hodge and the Wolfpack got revenge by defeating Wake Forest in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament and securing an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

After the game, Hodge went up to Paul and patted him on the back, indicating there would be no permanent hostility between the two.

After all, the feud was between those two and not anyone else, especially someone hiding behind their computer and chatting on IM. It's over. Let's keep it that way.

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people around me, by showing them that there is still a way to go about doing what you want to do."

Because of his experiences as an inner-city teen and through his dad, Banada has acquired a discipline that he hopes will lead to a professional career.

"I want to make my dad proud since he's been such a big inspiration for me and all the people that have given me so much support," Banada said. "I feel like I

would be letting them down if I didn't give going pro a shot. I couldn't forgive myself if I didn't try."

No matter if he goes pro or not, the Pack is happy to have Banada.

Not just for his talent, but also for the life and personality that he adds to the team that stems from his original spirit.

"People tend to get their own idea when they first see me, but I'm just unique," Banada said. "I don't like being something that's already out there. I don't like copying people. I always want to be different or original."

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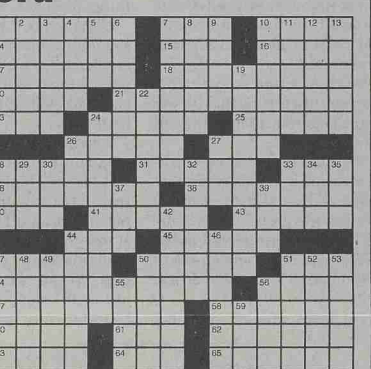
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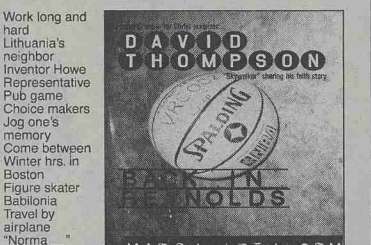
## Crossword

- ACROSS**  
1 Social event  
7 Perform  
10 X-ray shielding  
14 Legally responsible  
15 To and  
16 Pond scum and seaweed  
17 Bay windows  
18 More spirited  
20 Boringly studious person  
21 Not pertinent  
23 Asner and Sullivan  
24 Perfect  
25 Itemizations  
26 Foe  
27 Oolong or hyson  
28 Post Robert  
31 Violinist Stern  
33 West of Hollywood  
38 Portable lamp  
38 Discards trash carelessly  
40 Still  
41 Aaron Copland ballet  
43 Light weight  
44 St. crosser  
45 Visual aid  
47 Gaze fixated  
50 Painful cries  
51 Part of an apron  
54 Businesslike and practical  
56 Biblical weed  
57 Subtle implication  
58 Rodent catcher  
60 Soup ingredient  
61 Purpose  
62 Six-out segment  
63 Scottish Gaelic  
64 Settle a debt  
65 Ends



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- DOWN**  
1 Going solo  
2 Canned  
3 Exhibitions  
4 Still in the sack  
5 Not well  
6 Dwell  
7 Noisy quarrels  
8 Angler's basket



- 9 Work long and hard  
10 Lithuania's neighbor  
11 Inventor Howe  
12 Representative practical  
13 Choice makers  
22 Jog one's memory  
24 Come between  
26 Winter hrs. in Boston  
27 Figure skater Babblonia  
28 Travel by airplane  
29 "Norma"  
30 Canadian prov  
32 Waikiki welcomes  
33 Cuius  
34 Circle segment  
35 Wind dir.  
37 Fish eggs  
39 Steve Martin song, "King"  
42 Frugality  
44 Awaken

- 46 Lacking vitality  
47 Shorebird  
48 Skin cream  
49 Karenina and Christie suddenly  
50 TV, radio, newspapers, etc.  
51 Foundation  
52 Actress Dume  
53 Masses of ice  
54 Break  
55 Break  
56 Albacore  
59 Small bill

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# Sports

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

## Schedule

Basketball vs Charlotte, 3/18, 12:15  
 W. Basketball vs Middle Tenn., 3/19, 7  
 Baseball vs Davidson, 3/16, 7  
 Softball vs Ohio, 3/18, 3  
 M. Tennis vs Wake Forest, 3/16, 2  
 W. Tennis at Wake Forest, 3/17, 4  
 Gymnastics vs West Virginia, 3/18, 7

## Scores

No games scheduled.



## TECHNICIAN

### SWIMMING

# Relay breaks through in record time

**THE 200 MEDLEY RELAY TEAM SET A CONFERENCE RECORD IN THE ACCS AFTER FINISHING SECOND IN THE EVENT THE LAST TWO SEASONS. NEXT UP IS THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS LATER THIS MONTH.**

**Stephen Federowicz**  
 Staff Writer

At the back of Carmichael gymnasium, in the indoor pool where it's always summer and the water is always just right, Dan Velez and Kevin Devine sit poolside, clad in black Speedos and goggles around their foreheads, talking to N.C. State assistant coach Chad Onken.

In the pool to the left, junior Cullen Jones finishes up swimming laps, eager to start celebrating his 21st birthday. Also in the pool, junior Kevin Velleca completes the four-man squad that is the 200-meter relay team.

Back on Feb. 24, during the first round of the ACC championships, this team set an ACC, school, tournament and pool record for the 200 medley relay and grabbed the championship for the event.

The time was also good enough to qualify the four swimmers for the NCAA Championship later this month.

For senior and relay veteran Devine, just getting the win was more important than setting any kind of record.

"The last two years we've gotten second by a total of six one-hundredths, and just the fact that we won was great," Devine said. "The conference record didn't really phase me as much as just winning. All I wanted to do was win."

For Jones, another swimmer

who has been in the program for three years, the win also shook a huge monkey off his back. He split the final leg of the relay, the freestyle, in 18.69, one of the fastest splits in NCAA history.

"Thank God we did it," Jones said. "Finally. The past two years I've been here we've gotten second and it was just great to have some extra talent around us (talking about Velleca and Velez) and pull out the win."

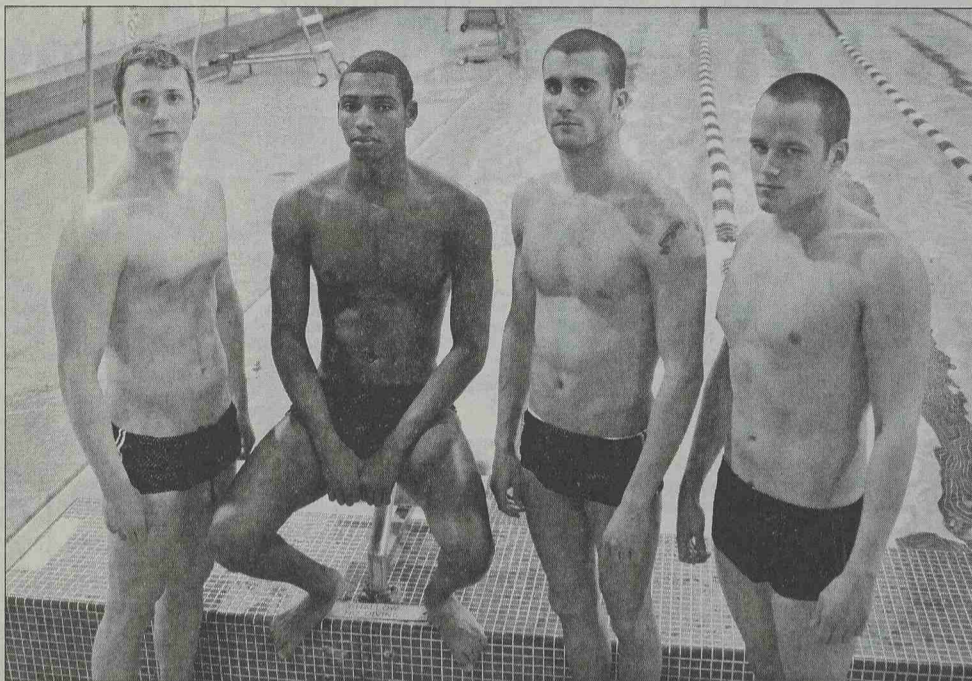
Velez and Velleca both joined the Wolfpack this year after transferring from schools up further north—Velez from Penn State and Velleca from Iowa.

According to Velez, with the win coming early in the first round, it served as a sort of motivation for the rest of the team.

"It definitely set the tone for the later rounds," Velez said. "Everyone was getting up for that relay race and expected big things from it."

With this being his first season swimming for the Pack, Velleca said he still appreciates the feeling when a sport finally pays you back and you reap the rewards of hard work.

"I just think it's very gratifying especially for this sport," Velleca said. "I don't think a lot of people realize the amount of work we put into this sport, bizarre hours at that. We're waking up at 5:30 in the morning—every morning to go lift and swim—and all for just a 20-second race. A lot of hours for a little gratification,



Kevin Velleca, Cullen Jones, Dan Velez and Kevin Devine won the 200-meter medley at the ACC Championships in late February.

it really goes a long way."

Onken can summarize the talent of the four swimmers in one word (or three).

"Just talent, talent, talent," Onken said. "It's fun having all

those guys in one group battling each other during workouts."

Now, the four swimmers hope to bring their talents together once more as they get set to travel to Minnesota to compete for an

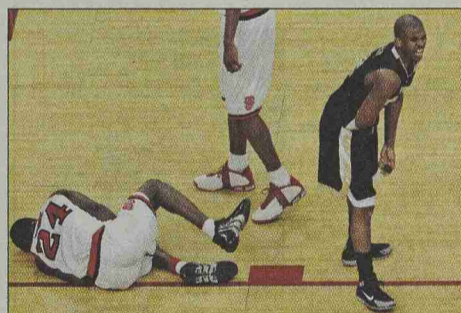
NCAA championship.

Coach Onken certainly has faith in the athletes and their ability to knife through the water on a national stage.

"It's going to be exciting," On-

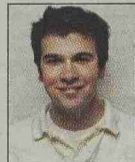
ken said. "We'll be going in there as an 11 seed, and we're setting our sights on a top-eight finish. There's just no room for error if you want to be a top-eight relay team and the guys know that."

### COMMENTARY



Hodge on the floor after being punched in the groin by Chris Paul.

## Below the belt comments



**Ryan Reynolds**  
 Deputy Sports Editor

The truth is finally out. Wake Forest guard Chris Paul is officially one of the dirtiest players in the ACC.

His crotch punch on Julius Hodge solidified that. But anyone who watched a Wake Forest game this season had to see it coming.

Paul has found numerous ways to get in cheap shots on opposing players during scuffles for the ball. Most of those situations got ignored by the refs and the ACC.

All of this doesn't make him a bad person, though. N.C. State senior Julius Hodge made the same mistake against Maryland three years ago. Just a freshman then, Hodge had to endure a game full of trash-talking and physical play from Maryland guard Steve Blake when the Pack played the Terps up in College Park.

As the game slipped away from State, temperament slipped away from Hodge and he delivered an elbow to the back of Blake's head.

Hodge received a one-game suspension

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### MEN'S TENNIS

## Miami Val brings different personality

**Josh Harrell**  
 Staff Writer

It's easy to tell from the seemingly meticulously spiked hair, the diamond-studded earrings, the brand new Air Jordans, the Nissan 240 and a Miamian machismo that Val Banada isn't like the rest of his N.C. State teammates.

Banada seems to typify stereotypical Miami with his accent and attitude to most that know him.

"Everyone calls me 'the guy from Miami,' Miami this, Miami that; they know where I'm from," Banada said. "They make fun of how I talk and call me ghetto and stuff like that, but I don't mind."

But inside his Jordans and cool, laid-back shell is a person with a work ethic and commitment to his sport that stems from his father.

"My dad was a big inspiration in me getting involved with tennis," Banada said. "When I was like 3- or 4-years-old he would bring me out there in a stroller while he played, and at 6 he actually gave me a racket and started teaching me some things, and I just picked it up."

Val's father, Salvador helped make Val into the tennis player he is today, by pushing him in the right direction and coaching him through much of his life.

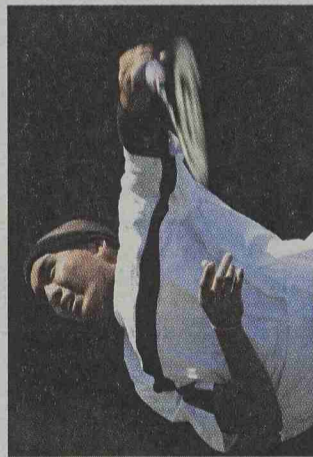
"I coached and trained him and his sister every day after school at some tennis courts by where his school was until it got dark," Salvador Banada said. "I tried to show him that good things could happen to him if he worked hard enough."

It is evident to State's tennis coaches that Val's father had a positive impact.

"His dad was a disciplinarian, but not in a negative way," State Coach Jon Choboy said. "It made it easier for Val's transition into college as it guided him into a leadership role that he assumed well."

But this help did not come without a natural talent for the game that Banada possessed.

A talent that was evident by his success as a teenager in tournaments around the



Val Banada's Miami roots are displayed through his unique personality and style. The junior has emerged as one of the Pack's best tennis players.

country.

This experience helped to prepare him for competition at the college level.

"Val already had a lot of high-level experience when he got to State," Choboy said. "He had been playing in big tournaments since he was 12 and won a national tournament as a 16-year-old."

Banada's dad was pleased by this success, but he would not let it get to the head of his son.

"He was winning tournaments all over the place, and he knew he was good," Salvador Banada said. "At one point Nike actually wanted him, but we said that there were other important things first, and we tried not to get involved."

Usually with success comes a passion for the game—this was very true of Val, who spent most of his time playing tennis and enjoyed it, especially the competition.

"I just love the competition, I've been

around it for so long," Banada said. "But here in college I just love being around the guys. It's more of a team effort now. Since I was five years old I've been myself; now I'm playing with people that I hang around with and depend on."

One of the people that Banada has come to depend on is his doubles partner, sophomore Andre Iriarte, with whom Banada has shared a great deal of success.

"I think me and Andre connect really well, even though he might be a little goofy sometimes, when we're on the court we connect pretty well," Banada said. "We know where each ball is going; we know how to cover each other; we know how to communicate."

Through the friendships Banada has formed, along with the seniority that comes with being one of only three upperclassmen, a leadership role has been placed upon him.

"If anybody needs help they come to me, and I'm just trying to make sure that everything is right," Banada said. "They need to know what Choboy wants and what the team wants on our way to a championship."

That championship has been something that Banada and the rest of his upperclassmen counterparts have been longing for—now seems closer than ever with the influx of talent that Choboy has brought in to complement Banada and the others.

"Before I leave I would want to win a national championship, but for now I'm just aiming for winning the ACC tournament and just doing whatever I can to help the team," Banada said.

Banada said he believes that tennis was an escape for him from the trials of the inner city.

His family lived in a tough part of Miami and Banada was surrounded by things that could get him in trouble and away from his goals and dreams.

"Tennis really kept me away from the bad stuff that would go on around me and kept me going on the right track and staying away from getting in trouble," Banada said. "I felt like a role model to some of the

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