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## Skywalker returns to Reynolds

DAVID THOMPSON TALKS ABOUT BASKETBALL, LIFE AND HIS FAITH

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Three-time ACC Player of the Year, two-time National Player of the Year, one National Championship and the No. 1 overall pick in the 1975 NBA draft.

That is the resume for David Thompson — arguably the greatest basketball player in ACC history — who returned to Reynolds Coliseum last night to tell the story of his rise, fall and faith-strengthened recovery.

Following the playing of the fight song and video highlights with commentary from basketball greats like Michael Jordan, Thompson talked about how alcohol and drug abuse prevented him from having a better pro career.

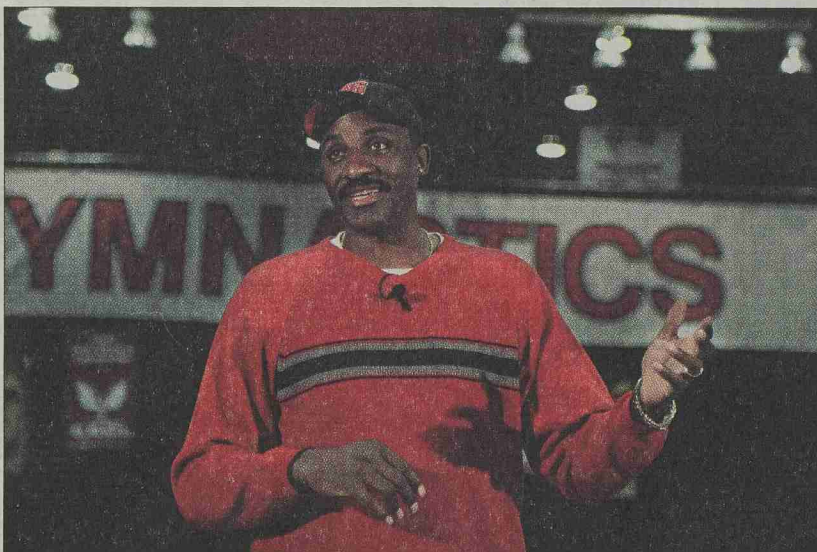
The audience, mainly composed of Campus Crusade for Christ members, walked away with a positive attitude.

"It was really just what I needed to finish off the week," A.C. Hill, a senior in computer engineering, said. "I'm a usual Campus Crusade member, but it's just great to have someone like David Thompson come out and tell everyone his testimony."

The night started with a crowd-pleasing version of the N.C. State fight song as Mr. Wuf did his typical howl and cheer to get the attendees ready for Thompson to step out onto his former playing surface.

A video played highlights of Thompson's career, as well as former basketball greats praising Thompson, such as Michael Jordan and Bill Walton.

The players made comments about Thompson, referencing how it used to be said that he could grab a quarter off the top of the backboard, and was



Former N.C. State great David Thompson addressed Campus Crusade members about his rebirth in Christianity.

thus nicknamed "Skywalker" because of his innate jumping ability.

Thompson talked about his career, how it was formed and some of the intricacies of it. He then got into his more personal information, the things that kept him from being one of the greatest professional players to ever play the game.

Soon after joining the professional ranks, Thompson became deeply involved with drugs and alcohol, and eventually got put in jail for drunk driving. It was in jail where he became a Christian and where he said he turned his life around.

After Thompson gave his testimony, former Wolfpack football great Lin

Dawson talked about how attendees could change their life through faith, just as Thompson had.

Although Thompson received rave reviews, he wasn't the only Wolfpack receiving compliments on his speaking; Dawson was an unexpected surprise to those who attended.

"Lin was a really great speaker, and really knew what he was talking about," Hill said. "He was just as effective a speaker as David was."

Students agreed that the night was a success and that the message was strong.

"I really enjoyed the whole program," Michael Shields, a sophomore in animal science, said. "The

balance between Thompson's and Lin Dawson's messages was great, as David told about how he himself was changed, and then Dawson told everyone how we could be changed like that."

The event not only drew N.C. State students, but students from other area schools as well, such as Meredith student Austin Pullian.

"I was invited by a Crusade member," Pullian said. "I enjoyed the speaker and everything he had to say, and I'm glad I came out here."

Thompson exhibited a swagger when talking about his playing days

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## NCAA tournament commences today for Wolfpack

The N.C. State community will come alive for this weekend's first-round match ups with UNC-Charlotte and Middle Tennessee State University

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With today's 12:15 p.m. basketball game vs. Charlotte and the women's game tomorrow vs. Middle Tennessee State at 6:45 p.m., March Madness has arrived in Raleigh. The NCAA tournament has become somewhat of an annual holiday throughout the state, and local business will look to cash in on this weekend's games.

Sammy Stephens, owner of Sammy's Tap and Grill on Avent Ferry Road, said he and his staff will be ready for tomorrow's rush.

"We are expecting to be packed," Stephens said. "We can hold up to 275 [people], and our staff will be tripled for the day."

Stephens went on to say his restaurant, equipped with 41 televisions, 12 big screens and 32 wireless speaker boxes, will allow patrons to hear the game of their choice at their tables and would be offering specials on LaBatt Blue, Dos Equis and the majority of the food on the menu.

Leigh Justice, a sophomore in communication and member of the dance team, said she planned to watch the game with a group of friends.

"I didn't really think about going to a restaurant, since the game's at 12," Justice said. "I guess it would be fun to go to the Carolina Ale House, but it might be packed."

Many local organizations started promoting bracket pools for their patrons months ago.

Sports Radio 850, the Buzz, sponsored its first tournament pool this year. "The Buzz Big Bracket" contest, which was free to anyone that submitted picks Thursday by 11 a.m., offers \$25,000 in cash to anyone that picks all 63 games correctly.

"We have it set up to give away \$50,000 in cash," Stephanie Wetzel, director of promotions at the station, said. "There will also be several other prizes provided by our local advertisers."

College basketball fans from all over the country started studying and preparing their brackets last Sunday night, within minutes of the tournament seeds' release.

Angela Miller, a junior in business management, said she started filling out her bracket Monday during class and finished Wednesday night.

"You've really got to think about these things, maybe even do a little research," Miller said. "It's too easy to pick the higher seeded team; there are always upsets."

Miller, participating in a pool at University Towers, said she thought NCSU would defeat UNC-Charlotte today but lose to the University of Connecticut, a potential opponent for round two.

As a resident advisor at Sullivan Hall, Drew Mabe is offering some of his residents a chance to participate in a NCAA pool.

"I would guess 20 to 30 people turned in brackets," Mabe said. "We've got a few prizes from the bookstore for the top three finishers."

Mabe, a sophomore in civil engineering, said he was going to buy more prizes after the tournament to make sure they are suitable for whoever wins.

Sgt. Jon Barnwell of Campus Police said he was not expecting anything out of the ordinary for tomorrow, but that plans are always in place if anything were to happen.

"As we move along in the tournament, and the wins become more important, we are going to step it up a notch," Barnwell said. "We hope we have to do it. We hope we move along in the tournament, and we will add the extra security. We are not trying to keep anyone from having a good time. We want people to celebrate when we have big wins, but we want them to do it safely as well."

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Candidates meet in first debates



Student Body President candidate Lock Whiteside speaks to the Agri-Life Council on Thursday, attempting to gain support for elections.

The Agri-Life Council hosted candidates to choose which ones to endorse in the upcoming elections

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Agri-life sponsored a debate late Thursday night, hosting candidates for Student Government offices.

The council composed of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences students hosted the forum to decide on candidates to endorse in the upcoming elections.

Candidates were grouped according to position for which they are campaigning, and were given time to address their platforms. After a brief speech, the floor was opened to questions from members of the council.

The three student tickets offered similar plans for the coming year, citing accountability as one of their primary concentrations.

Will Quick, the current Student Senate president, is running for the position of Student Body President, and received the council's nomination for last year's election.

Both Quick and his partner, John Small, a CALS Senator, cited tuition and fees as their largest issue, saying that they "plan to keep fighting and lowering" the cost for students. Small currently serves as the Tuition and Fees chair in the Student Senate.

One of the chief concerns raised in the question-and-answer portion of the meeting dealt with the scandal involving

AASAC conducted a debate where candidates received questions from moderators and audience members

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Candidates for the soon-approaching Spring elections met for their first debate in the Witherspoon Multipurpose Room Thursday night.

The debate, sponsored by the African American Student Advisory Council, featured candidates for elite offices for the 2005-2006 school year, including student body president, Student Senate president, student body chief justice and student body treasurer.

Diversity in student politics and Senate reform were central themes in all four debates.

A moderated question-and-answer session followed by audience questions kept candidates on stage for over an hour. Although candidates had another appearance to make at the Agri-Life Council debate, most stayed around to hear other debates for partners on their tickets.

First up was the debate for the position of student body president between Will Quick, Will Langley and Lock Whiteside.

When asked by an audience member to give one characteristic that makes him a good leader, the student body president candidates quickly responded.

Quick, current Student Senate president, said he had confidence; Langley, current Student Senator, said he was a

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strong listener; Whiteside, current Judicial Board member, cited his passion for politics.

Senate ethics and reform became the topic of discussion when Student Senate President candidates Forrest Hinton, Tommy Ozbolt and John Small took the podium.

Ozbolt, a Judicial Board member who is currently running on a ticket with Whiteside, suggested that ticket distribution needed to be done online — reducing the temptation for student leader misconduct.

He suggested that odds of getting tickets be related to the number of smaller events a student attends.

"I don't know how many of you have stood out in the rain waiting for vouchers," Ozbolt said. "How many of you have gone to the small games like 'Southeastern Central Louisiana Tech?'"

Hinton, a Student Senator running with Langley, stressed education needed to be the primary tool for reform.

John Small, a Student Senator running with Quick, cited both his experience and record over the past two years as a Senator as a good indicator of why he should move forward in Student Government.

The crowd slowly dwindled as the first two series of debates for Student Government positions were completed.

The candidates for student body treasurer appealed the waning audience and made their platforms clear and concise.

Current Student Senator Seneca Toms, running on the Langley-Hinton ticket, said

feedback and communication needed to be increased between appropriation committees and the programs that need funding.

Matthew Waligora, a student body treasurer candidate currently serving as senior assistant treasurer, said receipts needed to be checked to make sure funding has been spent appropriately.

The student body chief justice position, which has been absent from debates over previous years because the office was uncontested, took place between Thomas Royer and Jennifer Edwards. Both candidates were asked what he or she would do if a close friend was brought before the Judicial Board.

Edwards said she would remove herself from that particular case, while Royer said he would not hesitate in carrying out full punishment on any student.

Attendees of the debate listened to each candidates responses, formulating their own opinions on each candidate's platform.

Alex Carter, a junior in biomedical engineering, was one of approximately 100 in attendance.

"I think Whiteside was very well-spoken," Carter said. "Will Quick definitely did a better job. The reforms Whiteside was talking about were far too broad."

Sall Cunningham, a sophomore in biological sciences, favored Forrest Hinton due to his candid approach.

"Hinton was honest," Cunningham said. "I really liked the way he spoke."

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voucher distribution.

Connie Taylor, a senior in agricultural business management, voiced her apprehension over endorsing those who were involved in the scandal.

"This is a pressing issue that everybody wants to forget about, I don't," Taylor said.

Although Taylor said that she will be graduating in May, she said she wants the students that will come after her to be left with candidates that they can depend on.

"We didn't get answers about the ticket distribution," Taylor said. She said that she came into the debate looking for a candidate that she could put her trust into.

Lock Whiteside, a member of the Judicial Board, is running on an opposing ticket and came under fire at the debate for his voting record concerning R50, a bill which dealt with the use of animals in the classroom. The legislation was a key issue strongly advocated by the council, which Whiteside and his partner, Tommy Ozbolt, voted against.

The pair answered questions from a member of Agri-life, Katie Hendrix, a senior in poultry science. Hendrix inquired about the two candidates' motives behind opposing a bill that the council felt so strongly about.

Hendrix said that her biggest concern was to choose a candidate who will "represent the council."

Whiteside said at the time of the vote, he had other concerns.

"At that time, I was more con-

cerned with the University's accreditation," Whiteside said.

He went on to explain that the job of a candidate is to explore issues that are in the best interest of the University.

Student Senators Will Langley and Forrest Hinton will also be running on a shared ticket.

After Langley, a candidate for Student Body President, spoke about his dedication to holding the members of Student Government accountable to the student body, he advocated his plan to promote education at N.C. State.

Langley distinguished a great researcher from a great teacher, and said that he and Hinton plan to implement programs to ameliorate the current system in place.

Hinton said that he can see problems with the Student Senate, and has developed plans to include educating future senators to better prepare them for their roles.

Hinton also said that he and his running mate offer a moderate alternative to the opposing parties.

After the candidates finished their presentations the council was left to decide who to endorse for the April 4th and 5th elections.

"I was very impressed with Will Quick and John Small," Hendrix said.

She said that she feels confident in backing Small and thinks that he will fairly represent the council's issues.

Hendrix added that she also favored Quick because of his alliance with Small.

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that was obvious to the attendees throughout his description of part of NCSU basketball's glory days.

And as far as expectations go, the overall event exceeded that of most attendees, as the speakers and video clips made the night a successful one for Campus Crusade.

"It was better than I had expected it to be," Shields said. "I didn't think it was going to be as exciting as it was, but they really got the crowd involved, and David was really funny and interesting."

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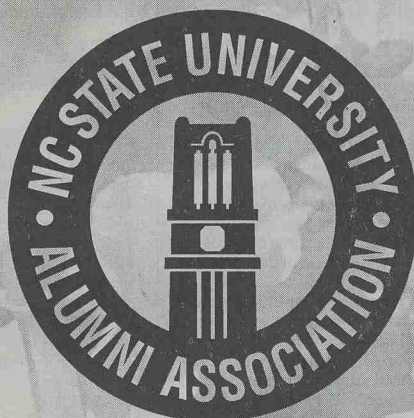
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# Smallpox vaccine's adverse effects studied

BARBARA SHERRY AND A COLLEAGUE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY THAT POXVIRUSES CAN INFECT CARDIAC CELLS.

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In fear of bio-terrorists, the U.S. government started vaccinating "first responders" against smallpox in winter 2003. The overall goal was to vaccinate 10 million U.S. civilians.

The original vaccinations ended in the 1970s after it was decided that the virus was eradicated from the world — excluding the virus stocks kept for research purposes by the U.S. and Russia.

"The vaccine is a crude extract from cows that have been inoculated with vaccinia virus, a relative of variola virus (the smallpox virus). Vaccinia virus does not cause serious disease in humans, but it is similar in its structure to the variola virus, and it therefore induces an immune response in vaccinated individuals that would protect against smallpox if the individual were later infected with variola virus," said Barbara Sherry, a professor in molecular biomedical sciences.

The vaccine is called Dryvax. This is what children received for

many decades in the U.S. and is what the military personnel still receive. There have been some reports from the 1960s suggesting that the vaccine may be associated with adverse cardiac effects. Sherry's research will focus on viral infections of the heart.

"My research has focused on identifying aspects of the virus and the host that might determine disease outcome," Sherry said. "When I read about the cardiac adverse effects in Dryvax vaccines, I called NIH and suggested I might be useful; they were excited but said I needed to work with Dryvax and related poxviruses, and I had no experience with those viruses — we virologists tend to be quite specialized in which viruses we work with."

After being told this by the National Institute of Health, Sherry contacted a colleague from Duke, David Pickup. Pickup has spent his career investigating just those viruses. Sherry and Pickup submitted a grant proposal to NIH and it was funded for two years for approximately \$500,000.

"David and I have been work-

ing together ever since. Our goals are very basic," Sherry said. "First, we have established that Dryvax and related poxviruses can indeed infect cardiac cells that was a clear first question. But just because the virus can infect the cells does not mean that is what's causing the damage."

An example Sherry used was that a person's immune response to a viral infection includes the generations of a large number of stimulatory factors that will aid in the circulation in your blood — cytokines. These cytokines are there to boost a person's immune response to help battle the infection, but can also be deleterious to some cells such as cardiac cells.

"Now our second question has been to identify which cytokines Dryvax induces, and to determine whether they affect the health of cardiac cells," Sherry said.

The two researchers have included a number of related poxviruses in their studies, including a prospective new vaccine called MVA. This will hopefully help find correlations between effects like cytokine induction with damage to cardiac cells.

"Our long-term goal is to identify a gene (or genes) that could be altered in the vaccine to avoid induction of cardiac adverse effects," Sherry said.

# Scientists aid Homeland Security efforts by studying garbage

Mort Barlaz and others study landfills to find safe disposal method for biological agents like anthrax.

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When authorities discovered anthrax in U.S. Senate offices, postal facilities and the offices of two media companies in 2002, a problem arose that could not have been predicted by the pre-9/11 world.

Contaminated furniture and equipment had to be disposed of, but the way to dispose such items still remained a problem.

The Environmental Protection Agency posed the question of how to dispose of these items to N.C. State scientists Mort Barlaz, Detlef Knappe, Francis de Los Reyes and Shannon Bartelt-Hunt. The agency also provided them with a \$3 million grant to devise an answer.

"We have been asked to develop information on how chemical warfare agents can be expected to behave in a landfill," Barlaz said.

According to Barlaz, landfills are complex systems of biological and chemical processes that can affect the materials put into them.

"There is biodegradation, evaporation, leaching and absorption all going on at the same time, and we are doing experiments to measure

these processes and their effects on landfills," he said.

Biological agents such as anthrax need specific conditions to germinate and become deadly, and NCSU's team will conduct experiments to ensure that these conditions will not occur in landfills that might receive contaminated material.

"Like all projects, the EPA wants our results yesterday, but we predict this to be about a three-year project," Barlaz said.

"We are working on computer simulations right now and hope to start experiments by fall."

Currently, the team is using an advanced computer program that predicts the conditions in a landfill to guide their research. They are constantly refining and adding to the program's processes, and creating better models and predictions.

"It is important to point out that we are not using real biological agents," Barlaz said.

"Instead, we use surrogates, or chemicals that approximate the agents' behaviors."

According to Barlaz, the project uses standard chemical and environmental science equipment.

Researchers conduct their studies in the basement of Riddick Laboratory.

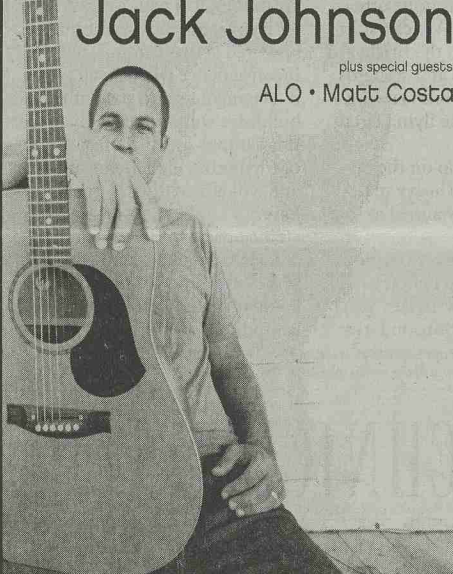
Barlaz has been a member of the NCSU faculty since 1989, and is one of 11 faculty members in the Water Resources and Environmental Engineering area of the civil engineering department.

He has an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan and his master's and Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Wisconsin. Barlaz came to NCSU because it was a nationally recognized university, and because he said it would be an exciting place to work.

"My general research interests have always been in the area of chemical and biological processes in landfills," he said.

"I knew I could do quite well, and really make a contribution to a question."

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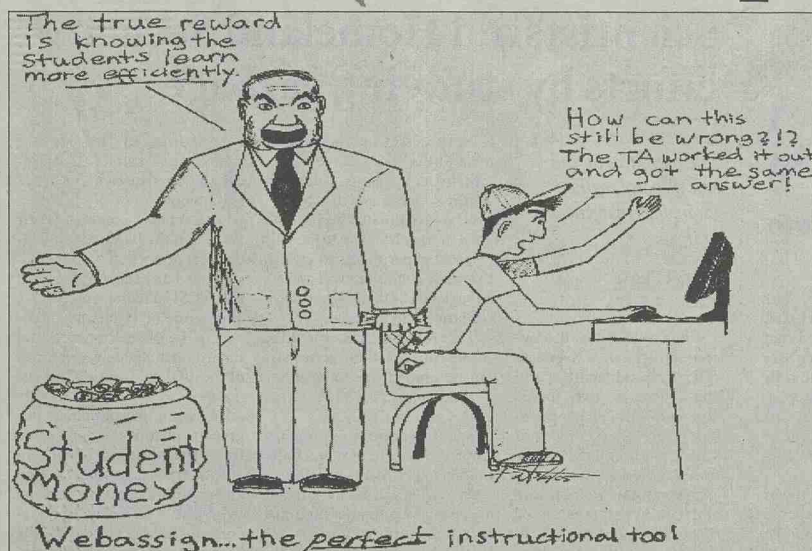
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## Historical drug war taints future possibilities

In 1971, President Nixon declared drugs were America's No. 1 enemy. This date is considered the start of the "War on Drugs." Since



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that time, the War on Drugs has grown to be a costly, ineffective, and damaging policy that has created a tremendous crime problem, sapped federal funds and imprisoned

millions of Americans — all while doing almost nothing to solve the problem of drug abuse.

It is imperative that America stops deluding itself into thinking the drug war is effective and begins to enact serious changes. At the bare minimum, medicinal marijuana should be legalized nationwide. Furthermore, minor drugs (e.g. marijuana) should be decriminalized or legalized completely.

The drug war has been an area of U.S. policy that has done far more harm than good. The total cost of the drug war in the year 2000 was estimated to be \$136 billion. Despite the ever-increasing amount of tax dollars we spend on stopping drug use, the percentage of the population who used illicit drugs increased from 31.3 percent to 41.7 percent in 2001. Much of the money spent on the war on drugs would be better spent if diverted to education and other areas of the budget starved for funding. In addition, the taxes gathered from regulation of drug sales would increase government revenue in a time when a balanced budget is a thing of the past.

Not only is the drug war costly and ineffective, but it has been a huge detriment to the civilian population. In 2003, 1.6 million people were arrested for drug abuse violations. Fifty-five percent of federal inmates were sentenced for drug violations. The cost of these incarcerations totals \$3 billion every year. However, the costs

to society are many times greater. Those incarcerated are no longer able to work, leading to broken families that must look to government welfare for support. Furthermore, those who come out of prison are not likely to be rehabilitated. Around one-fourth of those initially imprisoned for nonviolent crimes are sentenced for a second time for committing a violent offense. In other words, you go into prison a drug user, and you come out a violent criminal.

While many people erroneously believe drugs have caused a large amount of crime, it is actually the drug war that has caused a large portion of that crime. Gang wars, police shootings and many other aspects of criminal behavior associated with drugs occur because of the situation created by illegalization, much as Prohibition in the 1920s led to a boom in crime.

If you examine the number of homicides committed during the last century, similar spikes in the homicide rate coincided with both Prohibition and the drug war. Numerous studies have hypothesized that legalization of drugs would decrease violence associated with drugs.

Proposition 215 to legalize medicinal marijuana passed in 1996 by a 56 percent majority of California voters. This is more California votes than Governor Schwarzenegger received when elected. Nine other states have also voted to legalize medicinal marijuana. However, the federal government has done everything in its power to impede this democratically enacted policy.

Marijuana is a drug that has many medicinal benefits — such as being used as an effective treatment for conditions including asthma, glaucoma, tumors, epilepsy, arthritis and nausea. The fact that many prescription drugs remain legal while having many more adverse side effects than marijuana is just one example of the hypocrisy of U.S. drug policy.

Complete legalization of medicinal marijuana is the first step that should be taken in creating a

sound and sensible drug policy.

As I can almost hear my inbox filling with responses from the right-leaning portion of our readership, I'd like to point out decriminalization of marijuana actually fits within political conservative ideology. I am not talking about moral conservatism, but in the basic conservative tenet that government interference in the lives of citizens should be limited, and people should be responsible for their own choices. Legalization is a victory for small government and personal responsibility.

Many arguments will immediately be raised to my position, so I will try to address some of them here.

Most prevalent will be the claim that legalization of drugs sends the message to the populace (especially children) that it is OK to take drugs. Furthermore, legalization would increase access to drugs and therefore increase drug use. While some drug use may increase, especially in the short term, this theory is largely untrue. Moreover, legalization of soft drugs like marijuana would most likely decrease the use of harder drugs. This has been the case in the Netherlands where rates of cocaine use among cannabis users are much lower than in the United States.

Decriminalization of minor drugs has all the potential to benefit the United States and little chance of causing serious harm. The illegal drug trade and all the crime associated with it would be severely diminished. The prison system would no longer be overloaded and many homes would no longer be broken. The government would be able to track and regulate drug abuse in an economic market. Taxes raised from drug sales and diverted tax dollars from the drug war would be put to use funding other areas of the government. All of this would occur with relatively little increase in drug use and the potential to actually decrease abuse of hard drugs.

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## GROWING PAINS AND THE HEART OF CAMPUS

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Jackhammers, yelling, traffic jams, obscene awkward trucks turning onto Cates Avenue, mud and detours all have one thing in common: they exist on our campus.

And through the summer, the pace will pick up. The Free Expression Tunnel will get a makeover, Riddick Stadium will become a tundra of broken concrete, Harrelson will take the Stadium's place (thank goodness), and D.H. Hill Library will get real furniture in the East Wing.

All of which are warranted because these areas of campus need significant improvement. There isn't handicap accessibility where there needs to be, the gaudy disruptions of horizon will be removed and the library will start supporting the student body it serves.

But to kick off the ceremonies, the first thing to go is none other than Harrelson Hall. We can start by putting a crane in the Brickyard with a wrecking ball and students paying \$50 a pop to take a swing. Just watch out for the flying circular concrete slabs.

Who wouldn't jump on the opportunity to operate heavy machinery — especially aimed at that building?

Deconstruction, reconstruction or just straight construction is always a sign of growth. Last year, road crews dug out Stinson Drive

and gave it a touch of beauty when they were done. Now we can't complain about the potholes on the road. Maybe something will need to be dug out of Cates soon...

At least the construction is happening all at once. If it overlapped, we would never see the good things about our campus that make it unique. Harrelson makes our campus unique but not in a good way, thus firebombs are an appropriate way of removing that element. Of course, everyone will be out of the building first.

With all the construction occurring simultaneously and over the summer, the majority of students won't see it happening. That will be a warm surprise for returning students and the construction crews won't have to worry about heavy pedestrian or vehicle traffic.

These construction plans are worth the growing pains they will create. Yes, it is pain to have to deal with constant construction zones scattered across campus, but the inconvenience will be well worth it. Having new and state of the art buildings will undoubtedly make this campus much more capable of furthering higher education and will efficiently use the land we have.

Efficient use of land will include efficient use of WMDs — only if they are aimed at the arbitrary circular building in the heart of campus.



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## CAMPUS FORUM

### In response to Tuesday's article "Can Opposites Attract?"

I found this article disturbing from the title onward for several glaring reasons.

Incidentally, I didn't find this article to be about the polar nature of men and women as the title suggests. It is human nature, when given two objects to compare, to make them seem like opposites.

I don't mean to disrespect the author, for I have no qualms with the writing style, but rather the content contained and the apparent lack of training for media personnel in the scientific method troubles me.

First of all, how can any of the statements in this article be regarded as relevant unless the illusive "scientists" mentioned are cited?

I don't need a formal bibliography at the end, but the name of the primary author of any studies would at least help me to track down the paper these findings came from. I was able to find the transcript mentioned from healthology.com, however I am not sure if it should even be considered a reputable source, since the researcher quoted was not even a specialist in neuropsychology, but rather in cardiac cells.

An additional problem I have with reporting on scientific studies is that the relationship between variables and findings is often only a correlation. One cannot discount the possibility that brain activity is not determined by genetic sex, but instead the brain's form is a product of one's environment/society, which heavily biases females and males into choosing

stereotypical jobs. This was, in fact, the topic of recent articles published in the Technician about females in science. Some studies show that, in disabled individuals, portions of the brain can reassign themselves to other tasks, which suggests that we are not born with our brains, but rather we develop them over time.

I feel that the use of student testimonials to support the "scientists' findings was heavily biased. Anecdotal evidence is shaky, for I'm sure one could find multiple examples of relationships between CHASS males and COE females, not to mention relationships within the colleges.

If we want to look toward examples, take me: I'm a senior in physics who, prior to college, always scored higher on verbal standardized tests than math. However, my GRE score this year flip-flopped.

Now, I am not only an example of a female who excels in "mechanical" things, but also of a person who was taught how to be skilled in an area, instead of relying on my "genetic disposition" to lead me into a stereotypical field. You can find an exception to every rule, and this article seemed to insinuate that one, uncited study was proof enough to forever label men as engineers and women as communicators.

Science is much more complex, and much less personal than this, and I feel the media is woefully misinformed.

Amber McFarland  
Senior  
Physics

### Smith needs more mature vision of globalization and environment

Nobel Laureate Economist Vernon Smith visited campus Wed., March 2. Dr. Smith received the Nobel Prize for his work in experimental economics, seeking to test economic theory in controlled, laboratory settings.

His breakthroughs in areas such as game theory have helped to elevate the science of economics.

He should have stuck to what he knows. Globalization is not really Dr. Smith's field, and his musings on "Some Economics and Politics of Globalization" demonstrated a thinly veiled ideology of conservative, laissez-faire economics. Dr. Smith had some very interesting and powerful anecdotes and comments.

However, his thinly-veiled disdain for social programs and his outright contempt for the environmental movement showed his true right-wing leanings. When asked about globalization and the environment, he basically replied that markets would take care of the problem.

Because scarce resources like petroleum rise in price when supply falls, markets seek substitutes. Therefore, there is no need to worry about "running out" of petroleum. Fair enough.

But Dr. Smith failed to address environmental services that have no market. Water quality, in general, is not driven by market forces, neither is biodiversity nor greenhouse gas emissions. Some economists and environmentalists are

trying to devise pricing schemes to pay for these types of environmental services, and I believe these schemes could work if there were the "political capital" to implement them. However, Dr. Smith's explicit disdain for the environmental movement and implicit support of pure laissez-faire in environmental situations makes me wonder what he would have us do. Nothing, I suppose.

One must wonder how many species must go extinct or how many degrees the global temperature must rise or how many island nations must go under water before some will realize the value of conservation.

Smith should be more willing to consider market and non-market solutions to environmental degradation. Have you heard about the ozone hole lately? Probably not much.

That's because, ever so slightly, the problem is getting better. It was through treaties and laws, not the free market, that we banned ozone-destroying chemicals.

Gregory Frey  
Graduate Student  
Forestry

### Fan taunts out of line

I would just like to thank the Technician for its comments about N.C. State fans taunting, "I killed your grandfather" aimed at Chris Paul of Wake Forest during the Wake/N.C. State game. As a fan of WFU, I too get carried away at college basketball games.

Fans on both sides of a sporting event should show more reserve in showing support for their teams.

The death of Chris' grandfather was tragic as would be the death of anyone's family member. It seems that both schools are guilty of hitting below the belt.

Chuck Hauska  
Clemmons, NC

### Hazing in Greek organizations must end soon

Kelly Schwartz seems to have it right when she states that the well intentioned efforts of Dave Westol were in fact, a form of hazing. There is a blueprint for hazing: pledges join, expecting to "trust" their new brothers, they are hazed and become victims. Then they become bystanders and eventually hazers, themselves. Those who haze have been hazed and be lieve that it is their right and duty to continue the process.

Hazardous hazing must end. I believe that the change will come when the bystanders, realize their power, and collectively stop the hazers from going over the line and simultaneously protect the victims. Then the bystanders will be the heroes, as were the passengers in the plane that was headed for the Capitol on 9/11.

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## STYLE!

## Taking apparel, buying power to the runway

Joined by a love for fashion, students combine talents to present a fashion show for a local clothing boutique at The Office club and bar.

Ashley Hink  
Features Editor

When coming from Stuart, Va. to attend N.C. State, Andrew Blackwell had never worn makeup before, nor had he strutted down a lit runway to the beat of Electronica with 400 sets of eyes on him.

In dramatic and well-overdone green and black eye-shadow — expanding from his eyelids to his temples — antiqued Diesel jeans and a fitted black sweater, Blackwell found himself doing just that four months ago in a fashion show for Wardrobe — a Raleigh clothing boutique.

Coming from a town where people drive to Winston-Salem to go to the mall and “don’t know designers,” Blackwell, a self-described life-long student in economics, discovered he liked “good, quality denim” while living in Raleigh — a city that boasts more high-end clothing lines. A consistent customer of Wardrobe, Blackwell was approached by a friend and employee of the boutique to be a model in the show. “I’ll try anything once,” Blackwell said.

Blackwell enjoyed the new experience so much he’ll join 23 others, on the same runway for another show this Saturday.

Located in Cameron Village, a prime shopping location for students, Wardrobe has outfitted students and young professionals since its opening three years ago. While the racks of bright clothes bear-

ing the names of Trina Turk, Paper, Denim and Cloth, Ben Sherman, French Connection, and Diesel — to name a few — stand out within the neutral-colored store and have no problem selling themselves, the store wanted to find a way to promote itself in the community in a novel way.

Runway shows aren’t entirely novel in the fashion world, but in Raleigh, they are few and far between.

“Not many stores do it,” Amy Curran, an assistant buyer and senior in fashion merchandising and design at Meredith College, said. “It’s exciting, fun and a little different.”

Among the clothes featured in the show, which are from Spring collections, will be edgier, more funky pieces, or as Curran puts it, “runway worthy” items, than some of the store’s more conservative pieces.

Don’t be mistaken, however, by the exclusiveness of runway shows known best in New York and Paris. There won’t be a snappy PR girl with a clipboard guarding the velvet-roped entrance, nor will there be well-paid, well-known models walking the catwalk. The show is more or less a community promotional event for local businesses and makes use of local students’ talent, looks and purchasing power.

The Office, a downtime night club and bar, is hosting the runway show in its patio room — fully equipped with lit water fountains, video screens and a bar for patrons to get their drink fix.

Salon Blu is providing makeup and hair services, and the other sponsors include Grey Goose and Social Magazine.

The real contributors, howev-



Amber Slaven, a junior in business marketing, looks over dresses she will wear in the fashion show at The Office on Saturday.

er, are the people that put it all together. Joined by an interest in design and apparel, students who want to pursue fashion as careers and those that just enjoy getting made up for the runway do the bulk of the legwork for the event.

Curran, the director for the event, spent her summer in Paris studying fashion and plans to pursue a career in the industry. Chris Jordan, a senior in textile and apparel management, works at Wardrobe and assists with the fashion shows.

While working in retail before and always being inter-

ested in design, he didn’t become passionate about clothing design until studying textiles at NCSU. With a specialized degree that comprises fabric design and apparel design, Jordan enjoys “the uniqueness” of his degree and what it will enable him to do in the industry.

This summer, Jordan will intern in New York City with a clothing design company.

Besides catalyzing experiences for students who will work in fashion, Wardrobe’s fashion show recruits otherwise “normal” customers, mostly students, to model. Robert Wilce, a junior in communication and Wardrobe customer, is putting together the song list for the show, which is mostly Parisian house music.

“We pick people who want

to show off our clothes and are enthusiastic about them,” Curran said.

Blackwell admits the best part about modeling is being able to see friends in the crowd.

“The most fun I had in the whole thing was getting a response from the crowd,” Blackwell said. “I was the only one smiling on the runway, having the time of my life with my friends cheering me on.”

The typical crowd at the fashion shows, however, isn’t solely college students who have friends in the spotlight.

“I’ve seen people there from college-age to 60 years old,” Wes Smith, a manager at Wardrobe and 2002 graduate from NCSU, said.

Defining the crowd as eclectic, Jordan said, “The people

who go are simply interested in fashion, period. A neurosurgeon at Duke who shops at the store has been; people like him just like fashion.”

No matter what their reasons are for going, the crowd will be wooed by the clothing, entertained with model theatrics and will appreciate the Raleigh-novel runway scene.

For those who know a thing or two about runway shows, Smith hints at the possibility of the ultimate runway event that would surely make the show worth going to alone.

“There’s a rumored walk-off.”

The Wardrobe fashion show will be from 9:30 to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday at The Office. Admission is free.

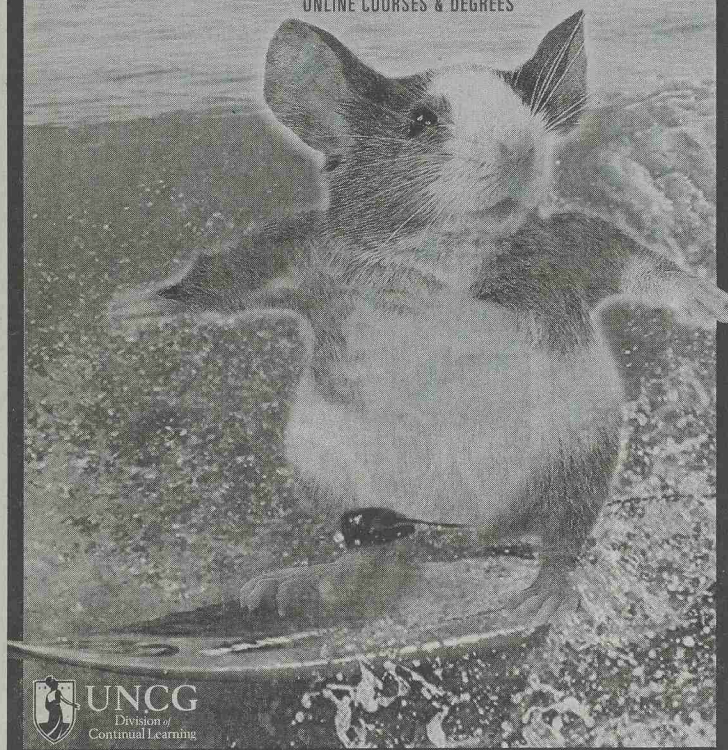
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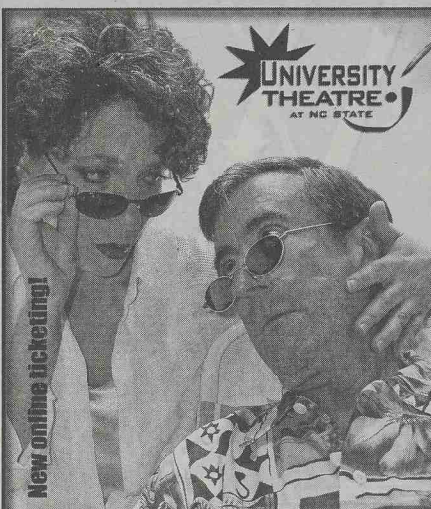
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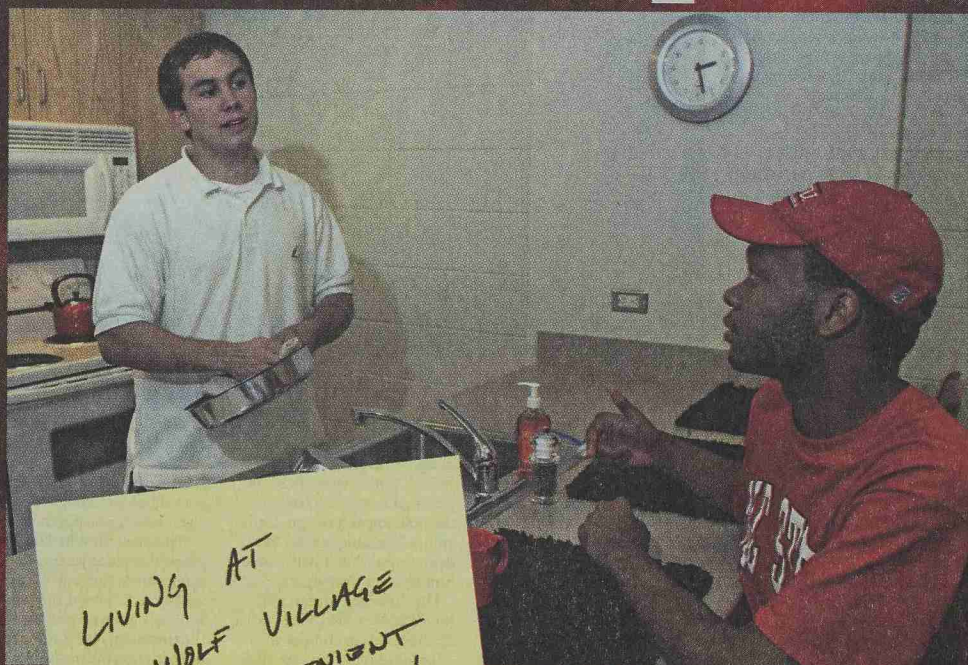
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more.

And like a natural team leader, Bell will tell her younger teammates to appreciate this hard-earned success. "Me and Rachel [Stockdale], because we're the ones who have been here the longest, we get to tell them what all we've been through and try to tell them not to take it for granted," Bell said.

Although Bell will hang up her sneakers, it won't be the last time she will be next to her best friends on the bench. When Bell graduates in May, she will go from being the general on the floor to take a position as graduate assistant to her legendary coach, Kay Yow.

"She's a great role model," Yow said. "That's why I'll be glad to have her as a grad assistant next year." Eventually, Bell said she wants to be a college basketball coach. Coaching is the best

way for her to stay close to the game.

"All of our coaching staff are just amazing," Bell said. "I just want to try to learn as much as I can from them." But before she starts her job on the Wolfpack bench, Bell has one last mission: to lead State deep in the NCAA's for the first time in seven years.

"That'd be awesome. I'm not going to go overseas, so this is it for me. I'm trying to be like Michael Jordan and go out on top."

## DALLAS

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"Hearing our fans cheering during practice—it almost seems like a game. It makes us want to work harder," she said.

In yesterday's workout, Yow stressed, among other things, finishing in transition in front of regular team personnel.

State, which has lost just three games on the road this season, is making its second straight trip

to the tournament after Auburn easily bounced the team a year ago. Middle Tennessee returns most of its top players from a team that upset North Carolina in last year's first round.

Players said as soon as the bracket was announced last Sunday that they're wary of what MTSU is capable of.

Now that they've had time to look at some tape, they saw an offensively-potent club.

"I saw on film that they're more of an offensive team than

we are—defense is what we do," freshman Khadijah Whittington said.

Should both the higher seeds advance, State would face a rematch of its 1998 second-round affair with the Red Raiders, a game won 85-78 by Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

At least from Whittington's perspective, State plans on holding up its end of the bargain.

"I don't plan on leaving until Monday," she said.

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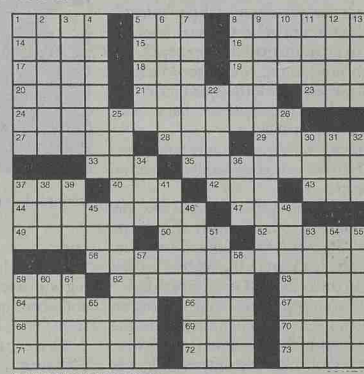
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28 Dine  
29 Rental agreement  
33 Carpet fiber  
35 Almost a desert  
37 Lofy poem  
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# Dancing with wolves

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005

## N.C. State (19-13) vs. UNC-Charlotte (21-7)

**Game time:** Today at 12:15 p.m.  
**Location:** DCU Center in Worcester, Mass.  
**Last meeting:** 2000 — Charlotte 95, N.C. State 78  
**Leading scorers**  
N.C. State — Julius Hodge, 17.1 ppg  
Charlotte — Curtis Withers, 18.1 ppg  
**Leading rebounders**  
N.C. State — Julius Hodge, 6.9 rpg  
Charlotte — Eddie Basden, 8.4 rpg  
**Assists leaders**  
N.C. State — Julius Hodge, 4.5 apg  
Charlotte — Mitchell Baldwin, 3.9 apg

**N.C. State will win if...**  
It takes advantage of a weak Charlotte defense that gives up almost 72 points per game. The Pack can do this by running its offense with patience, and positioning multi-threat Ilian Evtimov with the ball at the top of the 3-point circle. Engin Atsur and Julius Hodge also need to lead a stingy defensive effort against Brendan Plavich and Eddie Basden to slow down the fast-paced 49ers.

**Charlotte will win if...**  
It receives solid contributions from the big three — Eddie Basden, Brendan Plavich and Curtis Withers. There isn't much scoring outside of those threats, but when they're playing well it's tough to defeat Charlotte. The 49ers need to muster up a solid defensive effort against the Pack. Its defense has given up bunches of points to weak Conference-USA teams, and if the defense isn't shored up by today, it could be a long game.

— COMPILED BY RYAN REYNOLDS

## TECHNICIAN

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Pack wants to taste sweetness

STATE HEADS INTO ITS FOURTH STRAIGHT TOURNAMENT TRIP WITH HOPES TO AVOID ANOTHER QUICK ENDING.

Austin Johnson  
Sports Editor

WORCESTER, Mass. — Caron Butler, Richard Midgley, Matt Freije.

Names that make N.C. State fans cringe. Names that State's seniors, like Levi Watkins, remember to this day.

They are the names of players who have ended State's last three NCAA tournament runs — all in the first or second round of the tournament. The team practiced Thursday at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass. in preparation for its fourth tournament game Friday afternoon.

"This is my fourth tournament and the first three were pretty quick exits," Watkins said. "You can go back to all three of the games and it either came down to the last second or we had a late lead. I remember how the locker room felt. In order for our program to go to the next level, we need to do more than just get here."

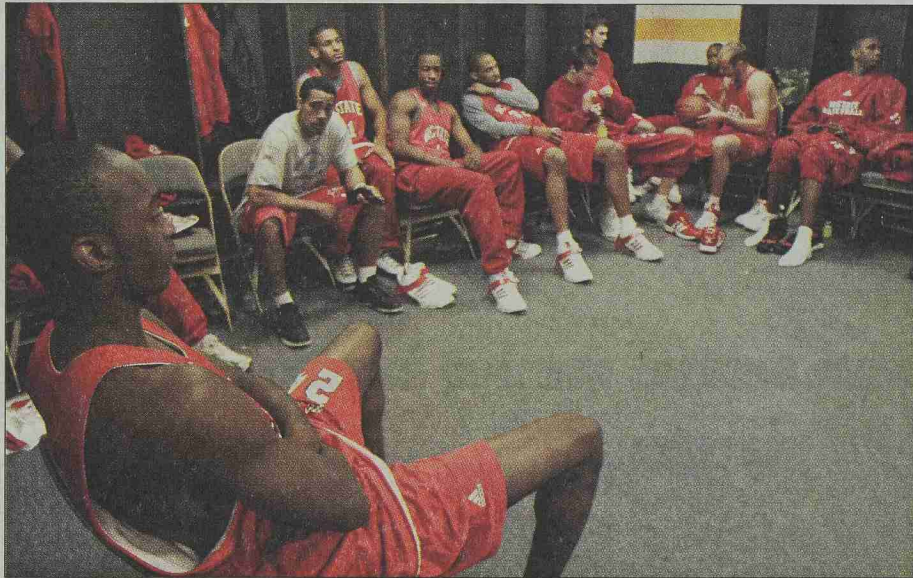
Even now, as the No. 10 seed facing a No. 7 seeded Charlotte squad on Friday afternoon at 12:15, State isn't happy with just making the field.

"The only way to gain respect and notoriety is to have success," junior Cameron Bennerman said.

Success means getting deeper into the tournament, starting with the 49ers. While Charlotte has the lower seed, State is the favored team — the highest seeded team in the field of 64 to be favored.

State comes into the tournament on a 6-3 run that propelled them into the field — a run that included a win over Wake Forest. Charlotte, meanwhile, has stumbled into the tournament on a three-game losing streak. Senior Julius Hodge said the team has been able to battle back because of pride.

"Guys on the team have too much pride than to settle for anything less," Hodge



Senior Julius Hodge and the rest of the Wolfpack squad hang out in the locker room before practice at the DCU Center on Thursday.

said.

Against Charlotte, the Pack will be dealing with a team that likes to push tempo and score quickly — a sharp departure from State's deliberate offensive sets.

"It's going to be a very different game for both teams," junior Ilian Evtimov said.

While Charlotte boasts the Conference-USA Player of the Year in Eddie Basden and low-post threat Curtis Withers, the play of sharpshooter Brendan Plavich could be the difference in today's game. Plavich, who leads the nation in 3-point

field goals made per game, has shot 100 more 3-pointers than anyone else on the 49ers team. State guard Engin Atsur said he expects to be matched up with Plavich in today's game.

"You just have to keep your hands up all the time," Atsur said. "He doesn't have range, he can shoot from anywhere. He's going to be tough to guard."

The court at the DCU Center looks so old that freshman Gavin Grant said it had to be at least 100 years old. The floor is bolted down and the rims have bare iron

spots where the paint has worn away. Senior Will Roach spent part of the practice trying to find dead spots on the floor.

"Mid-court has a bad one," Roach said. "There is a board that's broken."

Not that an old court will deter Hodge or the rest of the Pack. With every game possibly being Hodge's last, his only concern is winning.

"I'm going to play as hard as I've ever played in my life," Hodge said. "I don't want [today] to be my last game as a Wolfpacker."

Bethel out, Collins available on 'emergency basis'

WORCESTER, Mass. — Tony Bethel sat in his red warm-ups on the bench. While his teammates ran drills and worked on the offense Thursday afternoon at DCU Center in Worcester, Mass., Bethel gave the occasional word of instruction and flipped through the NCAA media guide.

His role will be much the same come gametime today, as the junior will sit out with a groin pull he suffered on the first play of the second half against Florida State in the opening round of the ACC Tournament.

"It's been tough on me," Bethel said. "But I just have to keep my teammates going."

Bethel's teammate, center Jordan Collins, was limited in practice. He participated in warm-ups and a little shooting before calling it a day. State's Coach Herb Sendek said Collins is only available in case of an emergency.

"Jordan is a little ahead of Tony," Sendek said. "[Jordan] may be available on an emergency basis."

— Austin Johnson

### Q & A ... with N.C. State freshman Gavin Grant

**Who does State have to stop?**  
"Plavich, you can't let him get hot. 3-pointers are the ultimate equalizer in college basketball."  
**Where is the team's biggest advantage?**  
"We are going to play a lot harder than they are. It's all about

playing hard."  
**What do you think of Worcester?**  
"I've been here before, it was odd seeing those big piles of snow on the side of the road. But I'm used to it because I'm from New York."  
**Any pregame rituals?**  
"As a team we have a prayer before we go out,

but I don't really do anything special."  
**How old do you think the court is?**  
"That court has to be at least 100 years old. There are some parts of the floor you can't dribble, there are bolts on the floor — I've never seen anything like that before."

### ... with Charlotte senior Mitchell Baldwin

**Who does Charlotte need to stop?**  
"Evtimov, him and Hodge the offense start with. If we can minimize what he does that would be for the best."  
**Where is your team's biggest advantage?**  
"Inside play. They should

have a problem guarding [Curtis] Withers."  
**You went to high school with Evtimov, what's your most memorable moment?**  
"When I first met him in open gym, we both just came to the school and we were playing pick-up ball. He was throwing the ball like

behind guys heads and behind their backs — making all these crazy passes nobody could catch."  
**You started playing guitar this year. What's the best song you can play?**  
"I can play a few chords off some of the Chili Peppers songs."

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Bell wants to 'Go out on top'

Kendra Bell leads the Lady Pack into the NCAA tournament before taking a job as a graduate assistant.

Joe Overby  
Senior Staff Writer

Within the next few weekends, N.C. State's lone senior starter, Kendra Bell, will lace up her Nike's and sport her red and white No. 30 jersey for the final time. It will be the last game where she will run out of the locker room following an oversized State flag with her 13 teammates.

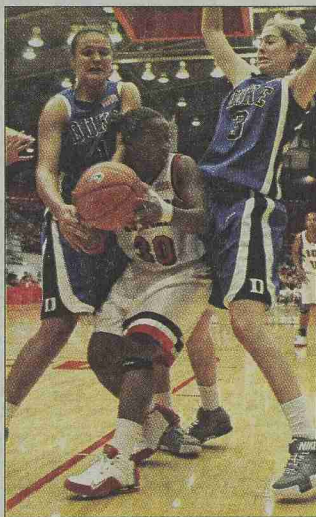
But it's not something Bell wants to think about just yet. For now, she wants to savor the taste — the taste of finally earning a high NCAA tournament seed.

"I try not to think about [leaving State], I'm just so excited that it happened," she said.

And for good reason.

When Bell arrived as a freshman in 2001, State was only three years removed from a Final Four run. The previous year's team had narrowly missed the NAAs after pushing Duke to the limit in the ACC title game. Expectations were high, but team chemistry was not as the Pack finished a combined 25-32 in Bell's first two seasons.

"It was hard just because of all the expectations of the program here and just knowing how they've done in the past and just knowing you're a part of those two losing seasons. It's disappointing but it makes you work even harder and make it worth it now."



Pack senior Kendra Bell gets swarmed by Duke defenders in a close N.C. State loss at Reynolds Coliseum earlier this season.

Going into the 2003-2004 season, Bell's junior year, expectations were once again high. State returned Kaayla Chones, an All-America candidate, and defensive wiz Nanna Rivers.

State barely made it to the NAAs as a

10th seed, but promptly exited in the first round at the hands of the Auburn Tigers.

Bell didn't get to play at her top speed, having come off mononucleosis. Now that State has another tournament bid, she wants to take advantage of that second chance.

"I'm excited. First of all, I hadn't really experienced [an NCAA Tournament]. Last year was my first year, this is my last so I'm very excited to see what happens."

Whatever happens, Bell said the bonds she has made with her teammates this season have made the journey worthwhile.

"To experience it with these girls — this is the team with the most chemistry I've been on, so for me, it's just awesome to be playing with these girls and try to take one last shot at it."

Bell said the team's uphill battle the past four years has made her more grateful for the chance at a tournament run. Toward the end of this season, she said she talked to Chones about that climb.

"Some of our seniors last year, they had it the complete opposite, they had it great their freshman and sophomore year, then kind of went downhill," Bell said. "I talked to Kayla Chones about it being reverse for me. She was like, 'I would have rather it been that way. I'm just grateful for it because you appreciate a whole lot

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# Carefree State arrives in Dallas

State prepared for Saturday's tournament with relaxed bonding, two-hour practice.

Matt Middleton  
Staff Writer

DALLAS — Kay Yow sat on the front right seat of her team's chartered plane Thursday, reading in the dim mid-morning light. Behind her, much of the rest of the plane slept, oblivious to the captain's constant updates of what geographical landmark the plane was passing en route to Dallas, destination of the team's first-round NCAA Tournament game.

From the prolonged, sleepy plane ride into the warm Southwest weather to the Texas steakhouse dinner Thursday night, it was a relaxing kind of day for the Wolfpack Women in Dallas — sans a two-hour afternoon practice.

After the workout, laughter from veteran and first-year players filled the team bus on the way back to the team's downtown hotel, where players

later said today's activities will make it feel more like March Madness.

"I'm really looking forward to [today]," All-ACC junior Billie McDowell said. "Just being at the real arena gets you ready to play."

Fifth-seeded State (21-7) opens postseason play against 12-seed Middle Tennessee State (23-8) tomorrow at 7 p.m. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

If the Pack wins, it would play the winner of Texas Tech/Texas-Arlington match-up Monday night for the right to advance to the Sweet 16 in Philadelphia. Texas Tech is the No. 4 seed and co-host of the Dallas sub-regional.

The Pack practiced for two hours at the University of Dallas, a commuter school on the outskirts of downtown. State holds its customary open practice and news conference today beginning at 3:30 at Reunion Arena. There, the Pack's 50-minute practice will be open to the public, and that's what has McDowell and others excited.

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