

TUESDAY MARCH

2005

Raleigh, North Carolina

WebAssign forum hashes out issues



During the WebAssign meeting Monday night, students asked questions to WebAssign officials on the topic of the new fee. Emotions were shown at one particular point when one student left the meeting because the officials would not directly answer his question about why WebAssign would not let NCSU use the service for free by example of SAS.

SENATE COMMITTEE HOSTS EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CHARGE FOR WEBASSIGN

Cynthia Marvin

The Tuition and Fee committee held a WebAssign fee review panel Monday in the Senate Chambers, addressing the newly proposed WebAssign fee.
The panel consisted of Sam Averitt, vice

provost for information and technology,

Bill Padgett in computing services, and Anne Squire, the WebAssign account

WebAssign CEO and physics professor, John Risley, was unable to attend the event — it would be a "conflict of interest," ac-

With approximately 20 students in attendance, the meeting began with each panel

member expressing their opinion on the

controversial topic.
"A big part of the confusion is that the original developers of WebAssign are no longer here — we can think of this like a learning curve," said Averitt.

This discussion followed with John Small,

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wright preaches arts

Award-winning playwright Edward Albee sounds off on the state of arts education in America

Caroline Monday

The Harrelson Lecture Committee, in association with the University Scholars Program and Arts N.C. State, presented Edward Albee as their 2005 Harrelson Lecturer Monday

Albee's two-day visit consisted of last evening's lecture and will continue today with classroom visits and workshops for theater students. University Theater's final performance of Albee's "Seascape" will be tonight.

During yesterday's lecture entitled "Arts and Education In America," Albee discussed "the relationship of people to the arts and the arts to people."

The playwright began his explanation of his views on education by summarizing his own education. He attended a

series of private schools where he learned that "the function of a formal education is to teach you how to educate yourself after formal education."

At the age of 20, Albee left his adopted parents for New York's Greenwich Village. In his lecture Albee called Greensish Village for 1500 Med 200 Med wich Village of the 40s and 50s an "exciting" place filled with creative people and creative activity where he received the education his "formal educa-

tion" had prepared him for. In 1959 he arranged to have his short play, "The Zoo Story," commercially produced in West Berlin. While Albee had experimented in other sorts of writing such as poerry, novels and short stories, he said he became convinced he was a playwright as he watched the

faces of his first audience. Since then Albee has written 27 plays, including his most famous piece "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf." Albee re-ceived three Pulitzer Prizes for drama and two Tony Awards.

One of the aspects of drama

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BOG passes tuition and fee increases, two new trustees

The BOG increased outof-state tuition by \$300 next academic year and appointed two new trustees for N.C. State

Ben McNeely

Out-of-state and in-state graduate tuition will go up by \$300 next academic year.

The UNC Board of Governors approved the tuition hike at their regular meeting on Friday. This comes after the BOG denied any in-state campus-initiated tuition

increase in February.

According to Larry Nielsen, interim provost, N.C. State could potentially get \$1.6 million from this increase

'It is estimated because we don't exactly know how many out-of-state students we will have next year," Nielsen said. "I don't think this will have con-siderable impact on out-of-state students. We will still be near or at the bottom of our peer institu-

tion group."

Nielsen said other peer institutions were raising tuition next year — Virginia Tech by 8 percent and Georgia Tech by 8

"We will be considerably lower," Nielsen said. "As for out-of-state undergraduates, it's a little more mixed up. We hope they will come because of our majors and hope that it doesn't

But Student Body President Tony Caravano, who is himself an out-of-state student, says even a \$20 increase affects outof-state students.

These students have to buy tickets home, phone cards and long distance plans," Caravano said. "Any increase for out-of-state students is felt. This is just another roadblock in increasing our out-of-state diversity."

NCSU has an 18 percent out-of-state undergraduate student cap. Right now, 8 percent of the undergraduate population are out-of-state students, according to Provost Nielsen.

The BOG also approved a \$25.45 student fee increase, as part of the total fee package sent from the Board of Trustees. Among the fees approved were a \$15.45 increase for student activities and a \$5 application fee, to go directly to the Office of Admissions. of Admissions.

The Thompson Theater self-liquidating, debt-service fee was not up for approval, as the General Assembly must approve all such increases before they can

an such increases before they can be implemented. "It's our plan to implement that in the spring of 2006," Tom Staf-ford, vice chancellor for student affairs, said. "When that comes around again, [the BOG] will vote on it. They typically ap-prove debt-service fees right

before they are implemented."

The Thompson Theater renovation will use both public and

vation will use both public and private funds, the latter raised from a capital campaign.

In other action, the BOG approved two new trustees to NC-SU's Board of Trustees. Burley B. Mitchell, former chief justice of the NC. Supreme Court, and S. the N.C. Supreme Court, and S. Lawrence Davenport, president of J.D. Davenport and Son, Inc., will begin their terms on June

Mitchell is the current president of the N.C. State Alumni Association and will continue in his capacity as such during his term on the Board of Trustees.
"It is a tremendous honor and

I'm looking forward to serving,' Mitchell said.

His main concern will be to forward the University as one of the top research institutions in the state. He is also concerned about tuition increases and budget woes

"We think we're better off if we don't try to segment the University — faculty, students, staff, alumni. Instead, we should try and enhance the community overall," Mitchell said. "I don't claim to personally add any academic luster to N.C. State, but I will work with the chancellor

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Homecoming 2005 planning already underway

With close to seven months before Homecoming week in the fall, the committee will have their first campus-wide meeting tonight

Jenell Jackson

A headliner concert, a parade on Hillsborough Street and new service and kickoff events made Homecoming 2004 one which brought in more student and community participation than ever

Scheduled for the week of Oct. 23-29, planning for Homecoming 2005 is already in the workings.

The Homecoming committee for 2005 will have their first campus-wide meeting today at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Association building.

Although it was overall a highly-attended week of events, Homecoming

response to having recording artist Ludacris perform at the Pack Howl.

Shaundra Wise, a sophomore in biology, felt that the harsh opposition to Ludacris' concert on campus by some students was unfair.
"The year before Ludacris came, there

was a country band that was here for Homecoming," Wise said. "It's only fair that the musical genres get switched up each year to accommodate everyone."

Acknowledging these arguments, amanda Lilley, a senior in chemistry Amanda Lilley, and chair of the Homecoming com-mittee, encourages students to attend Homecoming meetings to voice their

Students have the opportunity to join sub-committees, which allows them to input their ideas for the week-long Homecoming celebration," Lilley said Cody Williams is a junior in agricul-

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Sachin Vachhani, Mital Patel, Sarah King, and Lock Whiteside discuss ideas on how to get students to show their school spirit for homecoming this year. Ideas including having a spirit week where people wear certain articles of clothing every day and rewarding those who participate with prizes from the "Spirit Police."

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Inside the tournament

Technician is given total, behind-the scene access to the Women's NCAA Wolfpack basketball team. See page 8.

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Injuries rise in young athletes

Experts say that due to the high intensity level of sports, young athletes are suffering from more injuries.

Tanner Kroeger

Torn ACLs, MCLs, sprains and fractures are not uncommon ail-

ments among young athletes.
With the intensity of sports increasing at earlier ages, many students suffer athletic injuries

during their younger years.
Some believe the increase is due to overuse and the levels of fitness athletes push themselves

Flo Moses, founder and owner of Sports and More Physical Therapy, said he thought that students did receive more inju-

ries because of overuse.

Moses, who has a background in athletic training, said these injuries are on the rise because children are starting to play sports at such younger ages.

"Look at soccer," she said. "They start playing at four years old, and if they go on to play further, they are practicing three times a week as well as go-ing to tournaments all over the

Moses added that part of the problem rests in the fact that children only get exercise when they are practicing for a team. She recommends that schools implement more physical educaspend at computers or behind a

A specialist in rehabilitating athletic injuries, Moses said she sees many young swimmers at

her clinic.
"There has always been the question of swimming," she

said.
"The shoulder injuries in swimming are just from the yardage they are asking these kids to do at a very young age, without doing any strength training."

Moses suggested that if teams

each practice to condition and stretch before and after play, injuries would decrease

To prevent injuries on sports players at NCSU, the University's medicine staff spends hours taping and stretching athletes. Led by Charlie Rozanski, the medicine staff also monitors the athletes during practices and games.

Rozanski explained that injuries often seem more intense or dramatic to a crowd than they truly are, but he asserts that his staff would never allow an athregarding the player's health.

"It is very hard to see [the degree of an injury] from the side-

lines or the stands because you on't understand the context," Rozanski said.

Working clinically with the men's basketball team, Rozanski said that typical acute injuries at the college level range from sprained ankles and twisted knees to patella tendonitis or

Joy Van Riper, a sophomore in parks, recreation and tourism management, tore her anterior cruciate ligament at basketball practice when she was 15 years

"I went for a loose ball that was rolling," Van Riper said. "When I reached down to get it, I twisted and something snapped." According to Moses, the ACL

injuries are far more common in females due to the positioning

and pressure of a woman's hips. Van Riper's injury required seven months of rehabilitation,

seven months of renabilitation, and she did not play competitive basketball again.

Despite the frequent occurrences of injuries in young athletes, Rozanski said NCSU trainers know their athletes well and are equipmed with knowledge to are equipped with knowledge to handle injuries. "Our athletic trainers know

our athletes. They know how they respond. They see them in practice everyday," he said.

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to improve our academic

Mitchell understands the price of a college education is rising and that makes it difficult for students that

want to get an education.
"This is really crucial for N.C. State — which really is the People's University — to keep costs down. Every generation of North Carolinians that have the God-given intellect and ability — we've got to ensure they are able to get that education," Mitchell

Davenport, a member of the Golden LEAF Foundation board, is also head of an agripoard, is also head of an agri-business company that deals in crop and seed production. His "number one priority" is advancing biotechnology research as that industry is moving into the state. "I was chairman of the

"I was chairman of the Golden LEAF Foundation when we made that \$60 million pledge — \$30 million going to N.C. State," Davenport said. "That [biotechnology]

is the future."

The biggest challenge facing NCSU, Davenport said, is financial.

"Where is the money going to come from — will it be public or private — and meshing that together," Davenport said. "I'm one of those that thinks that our time has come at N.C. State and we are maximizing our efforts to make the University the best that it can be."

He has no specific plans to pur-sue as a trustee, but Davenport wants to continue advancing the

University.
"We've got a great chancel-We've got a great chancel-lor and a great staff and I look forward to working with them," Davenport said. "We definitely have an opportunity to move up the ladder. We're high on the lad-der right now, but I see us at the top two or three when it comes to technical schools." to technical schools."

Current Trustee Chair Peaches

Gunter Blank and Richard Robb will step down as they are not eligible for reappointment. Trustees Suzanne Gordan, chief information officer for SAS, and Derick Close were reappointed for a second, four-year term.

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tural business management and head of the Pack Howl committee. He explained that it is a difficult task to make everyone happy each year with the artist that is selected for the Homecoming concert and pep rally.

"It is almost impossible to

please a campus of 28,000 people," Williams said. "We try to switch up the genres [for the

concert] each year.

This year will be the third year that NCSU has held a major live concert during the Homecoming week. In 2003, Lonestar, a country band, headlined the Pack Howl concert. Each artist that NCSU com-

missions to play at the concerts can put a dent in the allotted budget for the Homecoming

"An artist can cost anywhere between \$50,000 to \$600,000," Williams said.

The Alumni Association is the main sponsor for Homecoming, however the Union Activities Board and the Inter-Residency Council also provide funding

for the events.

The Homecoming committee has decided to use professional talent connections this year to obtain a partial for the Bede obtain an artist for the Pack Howl. In the past, local search talent has been used.

"We are working with Talent Inc. this year," Lilley said. "They

executives to determine who will be available during the specific time frame.

Talent Inc. have compiled a list f 70-75 artists and groups that will be in the surrounding area during Homecoming for attendees at the meeting today to mull over. The student committees will then narrow the list down to about five artists or groups

which they prefer.
Lilley, who works as a liaison between all the sub-committees, will head the meeting today and

give a description of all seven Homecoming sub-committees. "Students can even choose

more than one committee to be a part of, even though usually most only choose one," Lilley

Cameron Guice, a sophomore in construction engineering and publicity chair of Homecoming, said he believed that it is important to get the entire community involved in the Homecoming celebrations.
Guice said last year, he noticed

that the crowd at the Homecoming parade was split 50/50.
"Half were students and half

were people from the commu-nity," Guice said.
Guise and the publicity com-mittee have some less-than-tra-

mittee have some less-than-tra-ditional publicity stunts planned for the upcoming events. "For the kick-off this year, we are going to go through all the dorms screaming and yelling to get people to come out," he said.

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senior in poultry science and CALS senior senator, opening the floor to audience for questions

Averitt said he considers the situ-

ation very simple.
"We have an advisory from the state contract and it simply states that we can't use appropriated money to procure WebAssign — unless this statement was overturned by someone like the attorney general,"

Averitt said.
All money NCSU gets comes from the state comes with a label, Averitt said. These funds are known as Educational and Technology Fees, considered appropriated funds

If these funds are not spent within a year, they are taken back.

According to Averitt, the advisory has stated that NCSU cannot continue to operate WebAssign in its current capacity, forcing them to switch models.

"The advisory committee has given us until the end of the semester to switch—this is when we will implement the standard WebAssign model," Averitt said.

But Averitt cited other complica-tions as well.

tions as well.

"Another problem we have is that it would be virtually impossible to pull the plug on it [WebAssign] because it is structured into so much of our curriculum," Averitt said. "In addition to that, so much research is showing it advances learning outcomes — it is just such a unique tool."

The panel stressed the difference

The panel stressed the difference between a product and a service. "WebAssign is a service to us. People pay per use if it is a service,"

Averitt said. "If it is a product then we pay one price and the more I use it, the lower the price of the unit

Squire explained that students have the responsibility to express inadequate use of this service.

This is your tool, and you are paying for it — if you feel that you are not getting your money's worth then let your professor know,' Squire said.

Padgett said he feels strongly bout keeping WebAssign at

"We work very hard to keep costs at a minimum for students, it is definitely something we want to keep around, Padgett said.

He also advised against the word choice of the proposed charge.
"I also strongly recommend we

think before we use the word 'fee,' Averitt said.

"If it is a fee, then we automati-cally can't use state appropriated money to pay for it."

WebAssign has never been a free

product, the panel said, and stu-dents have been paying approxi-mately \$10 a year for it through

student fees.

During the 2004-2005 school year, students paid a total of \$1,077 in fees, the largest of which, \$350, went towards ETF funds.

"This is definitely an issue that got our attention and we of course are trying to keep costs at a minimum - we are researching other options and looking at competi-Averitt said.

Sophomore in mathematics edu-cation and PAMS Senator Forrest Hinton, however, pointed out that WebAssign is not perfect.

"WebAssign is a great tool, and it gives us instant feedback — but

at the same time it gives us poor feedback. In my education classes we learn that the quality of the feedback is more important,' "I would rather give it to a grad student to grade and get comments on my work — I can also earn partial credit this way."

Hinton also raised the question of whether students would be charged double for the service, in both the \$10 WebAssign fee and the ETF fee, included in the current tuition bill.

I personally think the best way to do it would be to lower the ETF fee if WebAssign is going to charge us a user fee," Small said. Averitt has stated that he will sup-

port the reduction of student fees dependent on the bookstore model

— charging \$10 per course.

Padgett expressed that he thinks students should consider keeping this \$10 ETF fee

This way students will have this extra money to put towards other

Senator and freshman in political science Jon Chichwak, who was present at the discussion, pointed out that students should keep in mind that WebAssign does have

message boards available for additional help.
WebAssign is also trying to create more open ended problems and ways to create better feedback for

ways to create better technick for students, according to Squire. "I hope two things — I hope that you think about this and not close doors, it is important to keep good learning tools and technology around," Padgett said. "Also, I hope that we look at fees — how do we get them, and how is

it possible to get a good balance and keep everyone happy.

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that appeals to Albee is how it "holds a mirror up to people" and asks "if you don't like what you see,

why don't you change?" he said.
Albee claimed truly serious art
can be provocative and dangerous
in ways "decorative," "escapist"
art cannot. Albee said there was a "retreat from high adventure in the arts" in the 70s, a time when he said

art became big business and taught people more about themselves than perhaps they wanted to know.

People from different parts of the state came to N.C. State to attend the lecture. Elizabeth Brice traveled from Wilson, N.C. to hear Albee speak.

"It was everything I thought it would be," Brice said. She said she agreed with many of the points Albee made during the lecture, calling his criticisms "dead-on."

Kassandra Connolly-Brown, a

junior in English, said she wasn't sure what to expect before attending yesterday's lecture. Connolly-Brown described Albee as "a very colorful character" and said she also tended to agree with his views

also tended to agree with his views on art and education.

"[Albee's] plays are about the dark side of life," Connolly-Brown said. Albee concluded the lecture on a dark note, "In a democracy like the United States, we can have anything an area." we want ... we will probably end up with exactly what we deserve."

CALENDAR

TUESDAY
Join the Women's Center at 7 p.m. for
their new play, "Campus Confessions,"
in Stewart Theatre. Advanced tickets are
\$5 for students and \$7 for faculty/staff or
\$7 at the door for everyone. Tickets are
now on sale at Ticket Central, \$15-1100
Stewart Theater.

Animal advocacy film festival from 8 - 9: 30 p.m. in the Campus Cinema. The film is sponsored by Students Protecting Animals Responsibly & Compassionately and will be "Remembering Bob," written, directed and produced by Maria Brenner, the 2004 Genesis Award winner for best student film.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1-SATUDAY, APRIL 2

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 Grains of Time, N.C. State's premiere men's a capella group, will have their spring concert at 7 p.m. in Stewart The-

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Annual Pow Wow
NCSU will host the 15th Pow Wow titled
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EKTAA, the South Asian student associa-tion's, is holding their largest show of the year, India Night, at 6:30 p.m. in Stewart Theater. Tickets are \$7 for students. Students should e-mail exec@ektaa.org for tickets. The Web site, which will be fully completed soon, for the event is http //www.ektaa.org/indianight/

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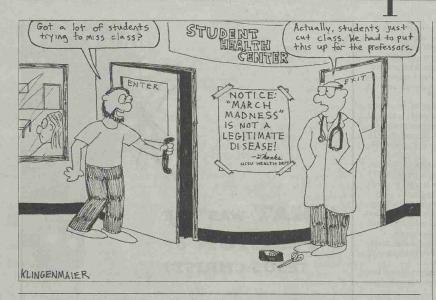
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Changing Hillsborough is also the responsibility of the students

I chose to come to N.C. State University for many different rea-sons. My grandfather, father and sister attended NCSU, has a great



location and is less than two hours from my home in Win-ston-Salem. It has a wonderful reputation and a great deal of these reasons influenced my decision, but

nothing persuaded me more than listening to my dad talk about how much fun he had while he was here. My dad attended NCSU for

undergraduate as well as gradu-ate school in the 70s. He was here to witness David Thompson lead NCSU to a national championship and talks about how chaotic Hillsborough Street became after every athletic victory. Every time I hear him talk about

his days as a college student, I envy the way this school used to be, and wish it was still that way today. Right after the game on Sunday be-tween NCSU and Connecticut, my mom, who attended Meredith Col-lege, asked me if I was going to go to Hillsborough Street to celebrate. When I said that people don't re-ally do that anymore, she said that my generation didn't have as much fun as her generation did. Lould fun as her generation did. I could not agree with her more.

In thinking about why this change has occurred, I draw a blank. I really have no idea why the students here don't go nuts when something wonder-ful happens, like NCSU beating the defending champions in the NCAA Tournament. We have Hillsborough Street at our disposal, but we do not take advantage

I have always wanted to live in a town with a safe main street that everyone gathers on at night. I understand that this is hard to do in

a huge city because of the violence associated with having that many people in one area, but Raleigh is not a huge city, just a large one. Hillsborough Street needs to become more like Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. Franklin Street has its share of dangers but the overall appearance and popularity is much better than Hillsborough Street's. Every Halloween, NCSU students get dressed up, pack their things and drive to Chapel Hill for a night on Franklin Street. Chapel Hill has fewer students and less space, so why have we accepted it as the place to be on Halloween night? We need to start our own tradition, take pride in our school and make others realize that NCSU has a lot

One of the worst things to hap-pen to Hillsborough Street hap-pened recently when Brother's Pizza shut down. Brother's was rants for students to gather when my dad went to school here. Every time he came to visit my sister and me, he would take us to Brother's He used to talk about how packed Brother's would be after every basketball game and how wonderful it was to have a restaurant so close to campus because it seemed to bring

students together.
As Hillsborough Street became less popular, so did the restaurants and common hangouts located there. Without student support, businesses do not stand a chance, which forces them to close and

Hillsborough Street to suffer.

Back in the 70s, most of the common hangouts were bars that almost all the students could frequent due to the lower legal drinking age of 18. When the drinking age was changed, most of the bars closed because of the lack of business. When the students stopped going to Hillsborough Street for the bars, they stopped going to the restaurants as well. Without the intense competition between businesses to gain the mass of students on Hillsborough Street, businesses

seemingly stopped trying. I think Hillsborough Street needs to be completely torn down and rebuilt, but that is not possible due to the extremely high cost that would entail. One improvement that desperately needs to be carried out is repaving. Almost every time I go home I have to get my car's alignment fixed from the horrible condition of Hillsborrough Street. condition of r-Hisborough Street.
The area from Sub Conscious
to University Towers is basically
nothing but potholes, and I feel
like I am on an amusement park
ride every time I drive down it.
Since Hillsborough Street is becoming like a carnival ride, the city
of Palairk should base come harmy of Raleigh should have some happy clowns standing at both ends selling tickets, and maybe after a few years they would have enough money to fix it.

I know that it is hard for a large, public school like NCSU to have

complete unity. With around 30,000 undergraduate students, there is no way we could all go to one restaurant to watch the big game, but we could all celebrate on the same street afterward. The brickyard is the only popular meeting area we have and that needs to change.

There is no simple way to make Hillsborough Street better. The only thing we can do easily is make Hillsborough Street more profitable for businesses to be a part of. If we began filling the restaurants and bowling alley, more businesses would want to be a part of the

These businesses would make improvements to the appearance of the buildings in order to lure consumers, and one by one the buildings on Hillsborough Street would improve. With all of the new traffic on Hillsborough Street, we could reinstate the tradition of unity and pride that is long over-

How do you think Hillsborough can get changed? Let Meghan know at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

LET'S SEE THE

MUCH MONEY AS HOPED — BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS WILL SUFFER. THE TUITION AND FEES INCREASES AND FREEZES ARE WARRANTED AND WE STILL MUST KEEP OUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT.

Money. There never seems to be enough of it. The University struggles to get more income through any legitimate source possible — and sometimes struggles to get it from the reliable sources: students. No organization or project ever seems to be happy with the amount of money allocated to them, with exceptions, of course, but even those exceptions surely would not deny extra income coming to them.

There never seems to be enough of it.

N.C. State wanted approximately \$7 million for next semester — it is expected to receive closer to \$1.6 million.

There never seems to be enough

On top of that, the General Assembly might increase tuition across the board for all 16 campuses. That money would go towards balancing the state budget, not enriching and enhancing higher education in North Carolina.

There never seems to be enough

But, with the increase in outof-state tuition and an extra fee increase, NCSU will be seeing at least some contribution towards improving the campus. Chunks of the tuition will be distributed between financial aid and enhancing academic excellence, meaning paying the faculty more, improving class section availability, etc

The fees are also warranted and are going towards student activities. Campus recreation could cer-

Jason Eder

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tainly use more financial support for its programs to be strengthened. Club teams need more sup-

This also falls under social events the campus will see, which falls into the hands of the Union Activities Board. And once the UAB secures its new structure, the board needs to take a hard look into the budget and what is necessary and what can go, if anything. Because it, like the rest of the University, is in a position where priorities are a

Students have to see their money going to use and coming back to them. Yes, Thompson Theater is getting its much-needed makeover, and that is a huge transformation that will be taking place and an excellent result for paying more

But there wasn't enough money for it when the decision for making the renovations was made. But they came up with it and only need about \$2 million more, which is remarkable considering the \$10-11 million that was needed at the beginning. All this happened because it was a priority.

Raising out-of-state tuition and adding the fees were still good choices because it will give the University more money to work with for next year. It may not seem like enough money, but it will contrib-

Because there never will be enough money except when our priorities are straight. Which they are and will continue to be.

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Revenge is near because the animals will get us soon

My favorite place ever, The Farmhouse, opened up its usually-locked doors Sunday for the Wolf-pack's second round game in the NCAA men's basketball tournament. For those of you who



Matt Campbell

don't know, or feel I didn't drive the point home well enough last week, The Farm-house is the greatest place ever. You should go there.

As me and 50 of my closest

friends packed into the resin a back and forth game against the UConn Huskies which led to an N.C. State berth in the Sweet 16. The place rocked as every single

person jumped, hugged, and slapped hands
— and butts. My yelling and jumped caused me to fall victim to a cheering-induced coma and I fell to the floor.

As I came to, something hit me. After I realized it was my roommate kicking me in the face, something else hit me, mentally. It may have been the plates full of ravaged chicken wings and pepperoni grease or the skittish Chihuahua running around that made me think, "What the deal

I felt that same type of inner questioning that I get when I'm at the mall and I really have to use the restroom.

That is until I realize that the men's room is

about a half mile down a sterile hallway that is tucked behind some of the stores. I usually only make it halfway. Speaking of the mall, why is the guy at the cell phone stand always on his phone? As though he goes to a party, proclaims that he sells cell phones and women are throwing themselves at him. I need that iob.

But I digress. Perhaps it started with a news story on animal rights and I don't mean crazy vegetarian-type claims. Something along the lines of prairie dogs and their ownership of land got me really confused. In my quest to find more, I ran into many other animal stories. All of them were weird, but definitely piqued my

Third-grader Saje Beard rides Ruth to school everyday. Now many people have clever names for their cars. I resort to calling my Hyundai, "the Elantra" or "the Korean". There is some thing special about Ruth though. She stalls out from time to time, she has that distinct sputter, and she eats the weeds on the side of the road. Ruth is a mule

Beard hops on Ruth for the half-hour commute to her one-room schoolhouse in Bismarck, North Dakota. Beard's four other classmates help with the mule upon arrival to school and it has become like a class mascot. Let's just hope that Ruth doesn't get in any accidents, she might

Because that's what happened to Pacho the donkey after a motorcycle crashed into him in Bogota, Columbia. The motorcyclist sustained serious injuries and apparently the donkey is fine. That reminds me of the one time I caught a motorcycle to the ribs. Was I hurt? Naaaaaaaay. Darn, that's a horse noise.

However, the Arauca city police department has a policy with road accidents and serious injuries: the vehicles must be impounded. As a result, police had to take Pacho into custody for an indefinite amount of time. The donkey's owner had to trek the impound yard to feed the donkey and keep it away from hitting on that Yugo in the back corner.

I once ate a really big cheeseburger topped with

pulled pork and maybe even a lovable puppy. It

However, these stories of animal treatment make me sick. This is exactly why the animals Look no further than Bates Township, Michi-

gan where a man was cooking in his kitchen with a loaded gun on the counter next to him They say curiosity killed the cat however that is

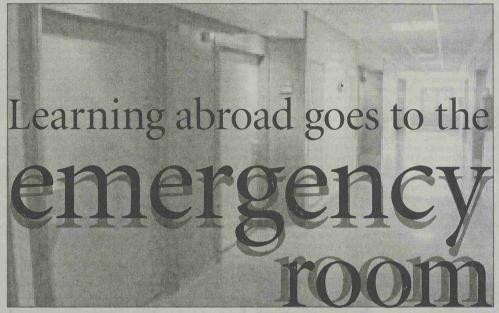
The man's cat jumped up on the counter and managed to discharge the weapon, sending a bullet into the man's groin

Some call it an accident, but I see it as revenge.
Continue riding mules to school and impounding donkeys and you will only make the animal kingdom more upset. After awakening from the results of my enthusiastic cheering, I gave those chicken bones a proper burial — under a greasy plate in the garbage. Sweet chicken, you led a good and delicious life. How good would life be if you actually sweat out buffalo sauce. Please leave my loins alone. Amen.

Tell Matt your suggestions for avoiding such tragedy at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

Features

NOTES FROM ABROAD



AFTER **TWO STRESSFUL MONTHS IN SPAIN, MANISHA FINDS ONE OF HER MOST VALUABLE LEARN**-ING EXPERIENCES TO DATE IN AN UNLIKELY AND HARDLY DESIRABLE PLACE — THE HOSPITAL

Manisha Dass

Mission accomplished. I did something Spanish. But wait — read on — it definitely was not the ideal Spanish thing to do.

ly was not the ideal Spanish thing to do. When I set out on doing something Spanish, I really didn't want it to have anything to do with Spanish health care. Fate definitely had something else in store for me. First some background information on me: I am relatively healthy, have never been in a hospital overnight and never been operated on (knock on wood). Now, some background information on my Valencian adventure. I was searching for the lencian adventure. I was searching for the Hindu temple for quite some time before my arrival to Valencia. I am Hindu and my arrivat to Valencia. I am Hindu and quite religious, and I thought it would be a great way to meet people. About a month or so into my stay I finally found the temple, and managed to definitely meet the temple, and managed to definitely mee a handful of people that were so kind and helpful that they offered their number to me and said to call them if I ever needed anything. Indians, they are so kind no matter where you go in the world.

OK, so now you're wondering what's up with all the background information? Read on and you'll see. One fine Sunday evening, after returning from the Hindu temple services, I was just doodling around.

temple services, I was just doodling around my flat (that's European for apartment by the way) and I started to feel a very severe pain in my lower right abdomen. I then

proceeded to vomit. These were both signs of appendicitis.

A good friend in Valencia, Souhail, had appendicitis just a few months ago and from the pain that he described, although I've learned one really can't describe pain with words, it seemed like almost the same

with words, it seemed like almost the same thing. But I am not a doctor nor am I qualifying to become one.

Nevertheless, I called Mahesh, a newfound friend, who rushed me to the hospital emergency room in the zonæ (Spanish for zone) I live in, called Clinico. It seemed like everyone and their mother was sick in the hospital that fine Sunday evening.

Maybe the Sunday wasn't so fine after all.

After what seemed of an eternity of waiting, which in reality was only an hour, I got called in to see a doctor. Bear in mind, speaking Spanish isn't my strongest point, having been here less than two months. On top of that, I'm in such dire pain that I could barely even speak English, my first language. I try and act out using the little bit of charades I can remember at this point to communicate all that's wrong and how my stomach feels like it's going to literally explode into a million different

Next thing I know there is a needle (oh by the way, one of my biggest fears), stuck into my arm before I can say my own name and I am injected with a relatively strong pain killer. I fell asleep and when awoken by the doctor, I was told that from the blood they had drawn and the X-ray that they took (which I don't even remember them taking) they've come to the conclusion that it was not appendicitis, but a bladder infection.

Whoa momma is right! Apparently, you can get a bladder infection from not drinking enough water (I'm guilty of that), stress

ing enough water (I'm guilty of that), stress (from my previous articles you can tell I am guilty of that too), and not going to the bathroom when you have to (if it's not clean, I won't go!). Well they gave me antibiotics and off to my flat I went.

The next day I was feeling really sore and tender in my abdomen area again and ignored it for most of the day by taking siestas. By the early part of the evening, I was right back to the same intense pain as before. This time Mahesh was on the phone with me when I started getting the same with me when I started getting the same pain. He suggested we go to another hospi tal, one that would see me sooner, and has a great reputation in Valencia. If the place

9 de Octubre. Aside from being the date October 9th, it carries a great deal of im-portance for the Valencian community.

So much that they named one of the best hospitals after that date.

After what felt like an eternity of pain-ful waiting, my name was finally flashed across the board and I was seen by the



9 de Octubre, a private hospital in Valencia, Spain, was home to Manisha for a week

doctor. She wasn't convinced that a urine infection would cause that much pain and suffering, oh, and vomiting, and decided she wanted to keep me there overnight for observation. I didn't want to be in the benefits, but the decide of the control of the contr hospital, but the doctor's orders had to be obeyed.

I spent a week there and had I not had an IV stuck into my left arm and had loads of blood tests done on my right arm daily, I think I might have enjoyed my time in 9 de Octubre. I got to practice more Spanish in that week than I have since I had been in Valencia. I was forced to talk to the doctors with the help of Mahesh and other friends .

whom I met briefly at the temple. In times of crisis, strangers really do become family. Every time a different specialist came to see me, they diagnosed me with something else, each time coming back to appendicitis. By the third day they figured they were just going to operate but did a CAT scan

nest and determined that there was no need to remove my appendix just yet.

Ultimately, my diagnosis was really nothing serious. All test results came back negative and I still have my appendix! Not drinking enough water and being under a certain amount of stress caused various. a certain amount of stress caused various organs in my body to inflame and others to be infected. Now I'm on a course of antibiotics, my health is improving and I am try-ing to enjoy what you all will have the plea-sure of reading about soon... Las Fallas!

STUDENT LIFE

Behind the calls of intramural sports

While taking heat from fans and players alike, the referees for intramural sports make the games, the fun, possible

Ashley Smith

Basketball fans across the country are packing into arenas this week as March Madness goes into full swing. While the best college teams in the nation are competing for the right to say they are number one, the best basket-ball teams here at N.C. State have already been decided.

Over 300 spectators showed up for the Intramural Basthe intrinuital basketball championships last
Tuesday. For the teams lucky
enough to be playing in the
finals the grueling competition of the past seven weeks
has come down to this.
Behind the scorers table intransural sports coordinator.

Jason Spivey, five-year bas-ketball referee and graduate student in meteorology Rick Palmieri, and intramural sports student supervisor and graduate student in business, Lee Aiken watch the players and officials as they run up and down the court. A whis-tle echoes and play comes to a halt. "Nice call," Palmieri

Before over 150 teams even signed up to play intramural basketball, the officials were

already in training.
"The training process consists of two nights of three-hour clinics followed by one or two nights of scrimmages to allow the officials to practice in live game situations, Spivey said.
So what do these officials

have in common with the referees of the NCAA tour-nament? It isn't the salary. Officials only make \$6.50 an hour. It isn't the high profile. hour. It isn't the high profile.
People bend over backwards to make officials happy at the college, professional and even junior Olympic level. What these two different groups of people share is the way they are treated. are treated.

Spectators and players alike either love them or hate them depending on how the game is going, and are not shy about expressing their nega-tive opinions. Walk along the courts on any given night of

play and complaints are only an ear shot away. Mike Gray has officiated in-tramural sports for 25 years.

"Intramural officiating is a learning experience just like anything else here at State. We take interested men and women and teach them to become basketball officials. Some of them have turned

Some of them have turned out to be top flight officials and have gone on to ref at high school and eventually college levels," Gray said. What people sometimes seem to forget is that most of the officials are brand new to

their side of the game.

David Woods, a senior in psychology said, "They aren't pros. We can't expect perfection."

"We expect them to give their best effort, but as humans we all make mistakes," said Spivey.

So what possesses the of-ficials to return next season

hcials to return next season after regularly being haggled by players and spectators?

Steven Melcher, a senior in computer science and four-year official said, "It's a labor of love. We don't get paid a lot and we get called a lot of things. You have to really love the game to do this."

The intramural sports

The intramural sports program gives students and faculty the opportunity to take part in organized recre-ational games. The officials haven't forgotten that, despite cut-throat competition in some leagues, the idea is for everyone to have fun. Some of there even have teams of their

them even have teams of their own that they play on. "When I officiate nothing else matters and I don't take any of my day to the court, I

any of my day to the court. I think the players use it as an escape from reality as well," Palmieri said. Katie Lyn Parker, a three-year official and junior in biological sciences said, "For those people who complain about officials, the job just' as about officials, the job isn't as easy as it looks and I'd like to personally invite people who sideline officiate to come to recruitment and officiate for the intramural sports depart-ment. We would love to have

For a student-run department, the intramural sports program is one of the most popular on campus and its success rests solely on the

shoulders of the officials.
"Without them we wouldn't have games," Spivey said.

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dinner and the birthday serenade of junior Tiffany McCollins by a black-haired waitress worthy of an endorsement from Simon Cowell. "T-Mac," as the team as the team

calls her, was turning 21.

As the Vermont men put the finishing touches on Syracuse in a quintessential March con-test, the Pack files outside to the bustling street. Down the road, members of the Texas Tech team wander around the street-carnival-like atmosphere. Separated by one block, the teams begin the postseason tomorrow under one roof and, seemingly, on a colli-sion course to battle for a Sweet 16 berth.

Day 3 — Saturday

While the men's tournament opens on a Thursday that seems to coincide with National Play-ing Hooky Day, opening-day for the women is early Saturday. ESPN is broadcasting the entire tournament, playing the equivalent role of men's tournament monopolizer CBS. Accordingly, the network has its own separate

credentials and a private media dining room.

The all-sports network is in its second year broadcasting every game of the tournament in regional telecasts. This commit-ment to the entire tournament

ment to the entire fournament is indicative of the growing state of the sport, Finch says.

"Having all the games televised is critically important," said Finch, who chaired the inaugural NCAA Division I selection committee from 1981–88. "American people seem to think that if something is on television, it must be important. Television drives interest. Interest drives ticket sales?

With its complete television package, the women's tourna-ment is taking a large step toward its widely popular male counterpart.

Yow draws another parallel to

tow draws another parallel to the men's tournament in a mid-day film study. "As you saw with the men's teams, you don't want to underestimate your opponent," Yow says before noting that MTSU defeated UNC-CH last year.

"It's all about surviving and advancing," Yow continues.

"We need to bring that same

intensity we had in the Duke and UNC games," referring to the team's three losses to two top-10 teams by a combined eight points.

Palmateer stands closest to the television, which has highlights renevision, which has highlights from two Raider games from the Sun Belt Conference Tournament prepared by video coordinator Kerby Court, She drops the team hints like "change speeds to get by her once she drops that back leg" and "careful she likes" back leg" and "careful, she likes that little runner."

Everyone seems attentive. Fittingly, captain Kendra Bell, herself a future coach that will take over the graduate assistant duties from Jason Gipe next year, studies the scouting report handout with considerable attentiveness

The video commences, and Yow addresses the team before they exit. As she speaks, her cell phone rings, playing the "Looney Tunes" theme. Everyone shares a laugh, and it's to the buses for a mid-day shoot-around at First Baptist Academy. The downtown Christian school has a block S in its lobby, and the team notices in hopes of a good omen. State will play the second-to-

last game of the day and primarily works on opponent preparation during the afternoon. Players and managers comprise the MTSU scout team, running through the team's inbounds plays and sets.

Yow lauds the team's focus and communication during the drills and becomes the most active she's been all week while demonstrating post defense to Whittington.

It's five hours until game time when the team exits the gym in preparation for a 2:30 team meal. The arena is between sessions when the Pack arrives more than an hour before its 6 p.m. tip-off. State players warm up on one goal, when a surprise guest is spotted. Athletics Director Lee Fowler flew in from the men's tournament in Worcester, Mass. with University donor Wendell Murphy. Fowler is the former AD at Middle Tennessee.

The duo positions itself with about 40 other State fans in sec-

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tion 114. The Pack contingent is already significantly outnum-bered by Texas Tech supporters waiting for the session's second

Smith brings her team to the floor with an unrecognizable fight song. A tall, relatively young blond with accentuating superficial characteristics, Smith greets Yow and the two exchange

handshakes and hug two times before tip-off. From the outset, it's clear the MTSU wants a physical game. Rachel Stockdale drives the lane early in the half and gets smacked hard on both wrists. A foul is called, but the message is sent.

"Every game we play is really physical, so we should be used to it by now," junior Tiffany Stansbury later says.

Maybe they are, but soon they have bigger things to worry about, With 11:57 left in the half, leading score Billia McDourell.

leading scorer Billie McDowell buckles her knee while trying to take a jump shot from the left corner. Almost immediately, her usual radiant smile is replaced with signs of excruciating pain. Her wails are the only sound in the less-than-full arena, where on the floor she lies for almost 10 minutes before being carried off

the court. She doesn't return. From there, particularly in the second half, State is outplayed on

the perimeter.

"She has been the key person on the perimeter for us all year," Yow said about McDowell. "Seeing how the perimeter played after she went out, I would have to

say that was a big blow."

Too big to overcome, as State falls by two points on a last-second jumper.

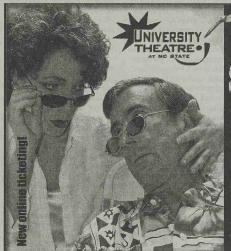
ond jumper.

After a cooling off period that lasted nearly 30 minutes, the doors finally open to the Wolfpack's locker room. The room is spacious with huge, wood lockers, where some players lay buried in momentary hibernation with red eyes and lockers.

lost gazes.

McDowell lays at the front of

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the room with ice on her knee. and others watch an irrelevant men's game on a flat-screen TV.

"It's tough because you want to be in there, but I guess that's just the way the cookie crumbles," Bell says. "We had a great season end on a disappointing loss, but the future's bright for these

Day 4 — Sunday

Well before the sun rises, members of the band are awake and packing their belongings for the early trip home. It's one some senior members chose to attend

over the seemingly more glamorous men's tournament.

Band members are awarded one point for every men's and women's game they play at dur-ing the season and two points for one scheduled while school is out. The point system sets up a priority list within instrumental blocks and sets the lineup for the rewarding postseason trips.

Senior in computer engineer-ing Jeremy Black has missed just one game this season - and that's because the teams played on the same night. Like the postseason, he chose the women that night for a simple reason.

"The women's team appreciates us more," he says.

cheerleaders arrives at DFW just as the sun rises. Garcia checks in with Pate before coming back to the bus with a message.
"I just talked to Coach Yow and

Thus talked to Coach row and she said 'I'm so sorry we lost,'' Garcia says. "I told her she has no need to apologize and that I'm proud of her team. You guys

The plane on the trip home feels smaller. McDowell lays across three seats with her leg propped up, clutching an or-ange basketball stuffed animal that seems to have never left her

side the entire trip.

Later, back in Raleigh, Yow delivers one final speech to her team. As she speaks, her con-The bus carrying the band and stant hand motions help stress

her scholarly message. "The degree has to be first," she

says, before urging everyone to finish the semester strong. Outside, Finch loads her SUV

Outside, Finch loads her SUV for the trip home. In an interview one day later, she'll remember an old AIAW women's champion-ship game that was shown on ABC's "Wide World of Sports" alongside vanity sports like sky-diving and pagasailing." Now diving and parasailing." Now, her and the rest of the team have the ability to watch every single game - much like the men's tournament it strives to emulate.

"I can assure you it's evolved into a happening much more like the men's championship compared to 15 or 25 years ago," Finch concludes.

TENNIS

ers understand that it doesn't matter what the other team has done, good, bad, or otherwise, we're going to approach it the same way," Choboy said. Choboy believes that the en-ergy and the competitive spirit

the team exhibited were the keys to the Pack's success, not

igust in yesterday's match, but for the season so far as well. "As usual everybody com-peted really well, and we've been doing that all year," Choboy said. "I think we just made basic shots, we didn't play phenomenal tennis, but when

we were challenged we rose to the challenge.

Those challenges came to No. 1 seed Conor Taylor and No. 6 seed William Noblitt. Taylor lost his first set 2-6, but responded by winning the second set 6-4 and the tie breaker 10-4. Noblitt won his first set but lost his second, but was able to finish off his opponent in the tie breaker 10-4.

The win moves the Pack to 2-2 in ACC competition, and to 15-4

"It's great to get an ACC win, no matter who you play," Cavaday said. "It's good to get this confidence this late in the season, especially as we're about to go up against Chapel Hill on Wednesday."

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COMMENTARY

Pack humble in victory

A chant began shortly after N.C. State players departed their charter bus around 10:15 p.m. at Weisiger-Brown Athletic Facilians



Ryan Reynolds

The syn-chronized Deputy Sports Editor cheering was a simple phrase — "Herb Sendek."

It started in appreciation of the first coach to lead N.C. State this deep into the tournament since legendary Jim Valvano.

But it didn't last long once most fans realized that Sendek didn't exit the bus with the rest

didn't exit the bus with the rest of the team.
Where did Sendek go at this time of history in the making?
Where did Sendek go when he could have gotten off the bus, laughed at his detractors face-to-face, me included, who questioned his coaching ability

earlier in the season?

He opted to celebrate with his family, leaving with them from the airport instead of basking in the glory of the on-campus

party.

This reaction to victory is indicative of the demeanor Sendek has displayed all season, win or

lose.
When injuries and sickness plagued the Pack midway through the season, Sendek didn't make excuses. When he discovered that starters Jor-dan Collins and Tony Bethel wouldn't be completely healthy for the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament, Sendek didn't make excuses.

And after he brought N.C. State to its highest peak for the first time in more than a decade, the coach who's received more scrutiny than — well, no one in recent history has received more than Sendek — decided to

humbly go home. Julius Hodge had a message to share, but he remained reserved

The message was simple.

Hodge just wants everyone to know that he's still one of the premier players in the country. He showed it on Sunday by exorcising his NCAA Tournament demons and dispatching UConn with a margaphly the point. with a memorable three-point

play.
Nonetheless, Hodge tried to stay low-key after the celebration by sneaking out the side door of Weisiger-Brown, but curious fans surrounded his Nissan Maxima, forcing Hodge to savor in the sweet taste of victory for in the sweet taste of victory for just a couple more minutes.

The fans had an agenda — to let the Pack know that they appreciated the unpredictable run State is making in the NCAA Tournament.

The Pack has a different agenda — to keep advancing and earn a bid to the Final Four in St.

Hodge and Sendek know they've only ascended halfway up the ladder, and that's why

Such an attitude is mandatory

And the Wolfpack appears to have that killer instinct.

Ryan can be reached at 515-2411

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Inside the Iournament

STORY BY MATT MIDDLETON

One year in particular, Nora Lynn Finch remembers the postseason travel hassle the women's basketball team endured.

The traveling group - which in-The traveling group — which in-cluded the team, coaches, pep band, cheerleaders and administrators —flew commercially in three different parcels to a couple of different airports in a couple of different states. "We had a real nightmare that year just getting everyone to the same city."

just getting everyone to the same city," Finch, a senior associate athletics director, said.

That was last year.
This season — a renaissance of some sort that included 21 wins, the rallying behind a sickened sideline stalwart and the rebirth of a postseason streak

— yielded a much smoother excursion for the party of 80. Technician was granted full access for the entire trip, and this is the story of the adventure.

Day 1 — Thursday

The first thing one must understand about the women's basketball team is that everyone has a nickname. No one is just Marquetta, Darline, Kendra or Tiffany. These titles are instead displaced by more succinct terms: Q, D, KB and T-Mac.

This familial vocabulary is evident 10 minutes into the team's trip to Dallas for the 2005 NCAA Tournament

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even in the midst of numbing early morning weather the team's bus navigates through en route to RDU Airport. Once there, the bus meets up with the spirit squads and other personnel to complete the full traveling party.

I'd really like to welcome the band and the cheerleaders — we're so glad you could come," Coach Kay Yow says once everything is on the chartered

Midway through the flight, the captain notes that the aircraft is set to cross the

Mississippi River. No one notices. On the ground in Dallas, it's nearly 70 degrees. Two buses are set to pick the

party up. Only one is operable.

Director of Women's Basketball Opera Director of Women's Basketball Operations Robin Pate, in the first of about 100 informative soliloquies, tells the plane that the team will take the first bus since they have a scheduled practice in a couple of hours. Nonplussed, band Director Paul Garcia complies and flashes the Wolfpack hand signal to the departing vehicle. State later arrives at its practice facility at the quaint University of Dallas. Outside, the university's baseball team warms up in two horizontal lines on a stretching green field. The sky is Texas cloudless

ing green field. The sky is Texas cloudless and a water-filled swimming pool sits an

aquatic blue juxtaposed to the gym.
After the two-hour workout, freshman Khadija Whittington proudly wears her sunglasses, which the weather certainly

TECHNICIAN GOES BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE WOLFPACK WOMEN FOR THEIR NCAA TOURNAMENT

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mands.

You know I have to

look fly," she jokes.
As the team gets acclimated to its rooms for a first night's stay, Pate waits in the lobby to help Yow collect her supply of organic food. The team's eating itinerary will sample some fine local cuisine, but Yow sticks to her 100 percent organic diet, primarily composed of raw fruits and vegetables.

Day 2 — Friday
Well before the Wolfpack men's team opens its own postseason, trombone player and junior in nuclear engineering, Wes Broome sits at a small wood-finished table in the Sheraton Inn Suites armed with a graphics calculator and a thick blue notebook marked NE 400.

Broome got up early to knock out his homework before most of the band and cheerleaders congregate in a local restaurant to watch the men open their

fourth consecutive tournament. Upon walking into the restaurant, Charlotte guard Brendan Platvich is in the process of do-ing his best J.J. Redick / impersonation. Minutes later with the score 23-9 in favor of Charlotte, a band member yells the first and only "Fire Herb" remark of the day. The ship is soon righted, however, when State grabs its first lead since the ing minute and applause fills the back room. With the game in hand with 30 seconds left, most of the group rises to

its feet to celebrate. An hour later in an aqua-blue Reunion Arena, Yow barks instructions to her team that is going through its first on-site workout in the erstwhile home of the

Dallas Mavericks. 'We have to stay at it just like the second time," Yow says following a couple of five-person transition drills during which the team must advance up the court without the ball touching the floor.

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As the practice progresses, Yow floats between two segregated groups - posts and guards - with arms crossed and her gaze stoic. Associate Head Coach Stephanie Glance and first-year assistant Trena Trice-Hill work the four inside players, while former Wolfpack guard and assistant Jenny Palmateer supervises the guards at the proposite basket. guards at the opposite basket.

Down the hall, first-round opponent

Middle Tennessee State is going through its standard media Q&A. Lady Raider coach Stephany Smith sits down, sips water out of her NCAA-branded blue cup and opens with what should be a kiss of death. "We're just excited to be here," she

says.
After its 50-minute workout, State gets bused back to its downtown hotel, where the setting sun cast long, lazy shadows across the stretching buildings. While much of the commuting population waits for transportation out of the area in the poignant almost-twilight, State heads for a team dinner at the West End. Two noticeable parties were missing, though. Yow and Glance wouldn't be joining the team, Pate announces; the duo forwent the meal to watch perspective recruits in nearby Duncanville. What they missed was a filling Italian

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The Wolfpack Women lost to Middle Tennesse State on Saturday night in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, an early exit for a team that enjoyed a 21-win season. Senior captain Kendra Bell said a bright future is still in store for the team next season.

MEN'S TENNIS

Pack rolls over Terrapins in ACC match

State earns second ACC win of the season with a shutout of Maryland

Josh Harrell

Monday, the No. 40 N.C. State men's tennis team left the cozy confines of the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Center and moved its act outside. It was a perfect day to begin the tennis season, matched by a just as impres sive performance by the Pack as its season moves into the stretch run.

The Pack started off a week, in which it will host three ACC teams, with an opening win over the visiting Maryland Terrapins last night in

The Terrapins, a perennial cellar dweller in the ranks of ACC tennis because of the absence of scholarships to their tennis players, were outclassed by a more talented State team, who is in the midst of its best season

The Pack was able to start things off on a positive note with a sweep in doubles to earn the initial point in the match, a point that has gone the other way most of the season

Getting that doubles point is really good for us," freshman Nick Cavaday said. "We've lost it a few times recently and to get it is a nice improvement and gives us a lot of confidence for our singles matches."

Cavaday and partner Will

Shaw won their doubles match



Conor Taylor had one of the tougher matches for the State during its 7-0 victory over Maryland, losing the first set but rallying for the win.

said he believes that being with 8-1. Junior Val Banada and soph-

omore Andre Iriarte reunited as partners after a short separation Andre has been a success.

"That's the way it should be,"
Banada said. "Me and him conto take their match 8-3. Banada

thing, and we help each other out with that."

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Even with two of the best teams in the ACC coming to Raleigh later this week, in UNC and Virginia, the Pack did not look ahead, knowing that the Terrapins would come to play.
"We took this match like any

other match, coach [Jon Choboy] tells us that we have to come out the same every game," Banada said. "Those guys had nothing to lose, so we knew we were gonna e to be on top of our game

Choboy said he agreed, trying to get across to the team that an ACC team is an ACC team, and the competition will be tough.

Two years ago they beat us, and we try to make our play-

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