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Football players Marcus Stone and Brian Clark joust in the Brickyard Tuesday. Service Raleigh set up the jousting platform to promote their service project which takes place on April 2. Service Raleigh is an organization supported by Parks Scholars and Student Government.

Jousting for Service Raleigh awareness

Katie Akin
Staff Writer

Students were surprised to find the Brickyard transformed into a gladiator battling area yesterday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students fought each other with jousting batons and learned ways that they could enhance our community during the two-hour event, sponsored by Service Raleigh.

Service Raleigh is an NCSU service organization supported by the Parks Scholars and Student Government that holds a massive group service project one day out of the year to lend numerous service groups in the Triangle area student volunteers. Local companies such as Kinkos, Krispy Kreme, Panera Bread and Food Lion also donate goods and money to the cause. This year

the service partners include: Trees across America, Habitat for Humanity, as well as food banks, soup kitchens and elementary schools. Students who participate in the service day will be assigned to work for one of these groups.

"I got to beat up my friend Drew with a big foam jousting stick, which was awesome," Dylan Cunningham, a sophomore in business management, said. "He signed up to do service, so I would say the event was successful."

Over the past week, Service Raleigh has been marketing its day of service, taking place April 2. Group participants have chalked information on the bricks around campus, painted the Free Expression Tunnel, and contacted student and faculty groups that might be

interested in registering together. The gladiator games were a novel idea for student motivation.

"Last year we gave out pizza," Kathy Fraley, a sophomore in chemical engineering and Service Raleigh volunteer, said. "This year we wanted to do something that students could see and participate in, that would make the Brickyard fun."

The Service Raleigh representatives handed out many T-shirts, cards and magnets to prospective Wolfpack volunteers.

"It's been a good day, we've drawn quite a crowd," Caitlin Kelleher, a junior in environmental science and co-chair of Service Raleigh, said. "Although not everyone who has jousting has registered, we have raised awareness. Hopefully people will go home and get groups of friends together to register online."

Groups who register together are guaranteed to be placed in the same service group April 2, and in the past, the student response has been positive.

"I have done Service Raleigh every year since I was a freshman," Carrie Goodson, a junior in microbiology, said. "It is pretty laid back. This will be my second year as a site liaison; it is a lot of fun. Groups always have a good time."

So far this year, registration has been relatively low. Representatives say that they think that there are still roughly just under 1,000 people registered. Last year there were 1,700 participants, and this year's goal is 2,200.

"We are hoping that people are just waiting until the last minute to sign up," Kelleher said. "It's an awesome opportunity."

Homecoming committee begins work

First meeting discusses Pack Howl entertainment choices

Josh Harrell
Staff Writer

Homecoming chair Amanda Lilley and the rest of the subcommittee chairs said they were hoping for a good turn out Tuesday night.

They got it. About 50 people, both old and new members, turned out at the Alumni Building to let their voices be heard for next year's Homecoming, scheduled for the week of Oct. 23-29, capped off by the football game against the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi.

Among this year's challenges will be a majority-pleasing artist for Pack Howl, the expansion of the parade, and, just as important as the rest, a catchy title for the week while playing a team from Mississippi.

Lilley, a senior in chemistry, said her main goal this year will be to get more student groups involved and to have even more interest for the various events being held.

"We're going to try to blanket campus and get more student groups and more populations on campus who perhaps weren't involved last year, but perhaps would like to be this year," Lilley said. "Our hope is to have an accurate representation of our campus, not just the big groups, but the smaller groups as well."

The group will also be looking for an accurate representation of musical opinion from the student body, so that they can avoid last year's controversial choice of Ludacris and come closer to pleasing the campus as a whole.

The focus of the music this year will be a pop/rock style to balance the hip-hop style of last year and the country music the year before. Possible candidates range from the Allman Brothers to Jessica Simpson to Good Charlotte to the Foo Fighters, with many other possibilities.

"We tried to get a diverse group of genres and we're trying to get views from all the committee members, and to find out what kind of bands they are interested in as well as the student body," Cody Williams, Pack Howl committee chair and a junior in agricultural business management, said. "But a problem may always arise where we could be dead set on one band, but not be able to get them because of various problems that band may have later on."

The Pack Howl subcommittee was the largest of the night, and Williams believes the size will result in a greater array of opinions.

"I think a lot of the people interested in this event are in it for the band, it is arguably the biggest event of the week," Williams said. "But there are so many other things that we have to take care of, such as the pep rally, getting prizes donated for the raffle and other kinds of performances that go on during the week."

The committee also feels that a balance must be struck between pleasing students and alumni alike.

"We're really trying to concentrate on more mainstream music, especially for our alumni population," Lilley said. "Although Homecoming is for students on campus, it's also for the alums, and that will be one of our main topics this year."

The Homecoming committee said another focus will be getting the week started with more of a bang, in the form of Kickoff.

"We're really trying to set the stage for the rest of the week, and make this a huge event with a good turnout," kickoff chair Hunter Plemmons said. "We're going to try to get a bonfire, get a radio station out, maybe an outdoor movie; something along those lines."

Last year's Homecoming Parade went down Hillsborough for the first time in years, and the committee is going to try to build on last year's success.

"Our plan for the parade is to start promoting the event now during the spring and to get as many businesses and organizations as we can involved and get more participation," Stephanie Canady, parade chair and a junior in communication, said. "We're going to try to target Greek Life more and try to stir a rivalry among them, and to try to find ways to get more involved with the community and include everyone."

The group said the overall meeting was a success. They said the large turnout will help represent the entire campus more effectively, and will be a sign of good things to come.

"I think the turnout and overall response is great, especially comparing this meeting to the first meeting last year," Canady said. "We saw a lot of the same faces, which is great because they know how everything works; we also saw a lot of new faces which will help bring fresh ideas, and new insight, and will make this Homecoming a great one."

Chancellor turned 'Calendar Girl'

Twelve of the country's leading women in science were featured for 2005 calendar.

Haley Huie
Staff Writer

Former N.C. State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, appeared as Ms. October in a calendar sponsored by Biotech Primer, a firm dedicated to educating non-science professionals about basic elements of biotechnology.

Cathleen Davies, the President of Biotech Primer, thought of the idea while she was a professor at the University of San Diego.

Davies said that she didn't have the resources at the time, but wanted "a way to promote science for women."

Davies has since designed and published 5,000 copies of the 2005 edition of the calendar, many of which have gone to companies that supported the venture.

"I really wanted to figure out a way to show everyone what a great career being a scientist is," Davies said.

She added that the additional copies of the calendar have been distributed with that purpose; local middle and high schools were given extra copies to give young women something to strive for.

Davies said that Fox was one of her first considerations for the calendar because she was a woman who had achieved a great deal throughout her career.

"We were looking for women who had crossed over into other industries, such as business or academia," Davies said. "Dr. Fox is an excellent example of this."

The goal of the calendar was to be distributed across the nation, which Davies said has been successful. She said that she believes this is the first "women in science" calendar that has been done. She also added that a 2006 calendar is already in the works.

The proceeds from the calendar are put into a scholarship fund. This year the company worked with the Association of Women in Science's scholarship fund, which Davies said was a fitting place to donate the

money.

Jenny Bramble, a senior in computer science, was given a copy of the calendar and said she felt that it was a great idea. Bramble said that although there is information available to young girls that tells them that they are equal to boys, "something like this shows that even though these are the top scientists in their fields, that they are still female."

Bramble said that she was initially amused when she heard that Fox was a "calendar girl," but after seeing the finished product was a big fan of the project. She said she called to mind the images of the recent movie with the same title, but after seeing her photo said that it was obvious that Fox thought it was a great idea and looked like she had fun making it.

According to Bramble, one thing that stood out to her about the calendar's layout was the differences between the months of the year.

"There's Chancellor Fox in a lab coat, a woman surfing, a pair of snorkelers, a girl with her dog and a woman in a kitchen,"

Bramble said. "It really shows a lot of different facets of life, and I love that."

Abbe Bonnevieve, a junior in biological sciences, said she feels the project was a great success.

"Anything to help fund an important cause, such as encouraging females to enter a male dominated field, is great," Bonnevieve said.

She said she respects the women who developed and posed for the calendar because of their ability to show support for other women who are trying to "break down the barriers, and enter male-dominated fields."

Bonnevieve said she appreciates Fox's efforts to lessen the uneven work force in the field of science and technology.

"I think it's admirable that women, like Fox, are able to take initiative and say, 'Look what I did! You can do it too,'" Bonnevieve said.

She pointed to her mother's influence and unwavering support as the driving force behind her ambition, saying that "without such strong women I would probably have the same mentality."

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Nine lives

NCSU veterinarians perform surgery on a cat missing two of its legs, allowing the feline to have a prosthetic limb attached to its leg bone. See page 3.

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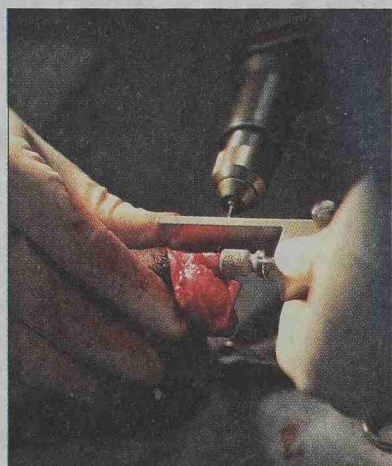
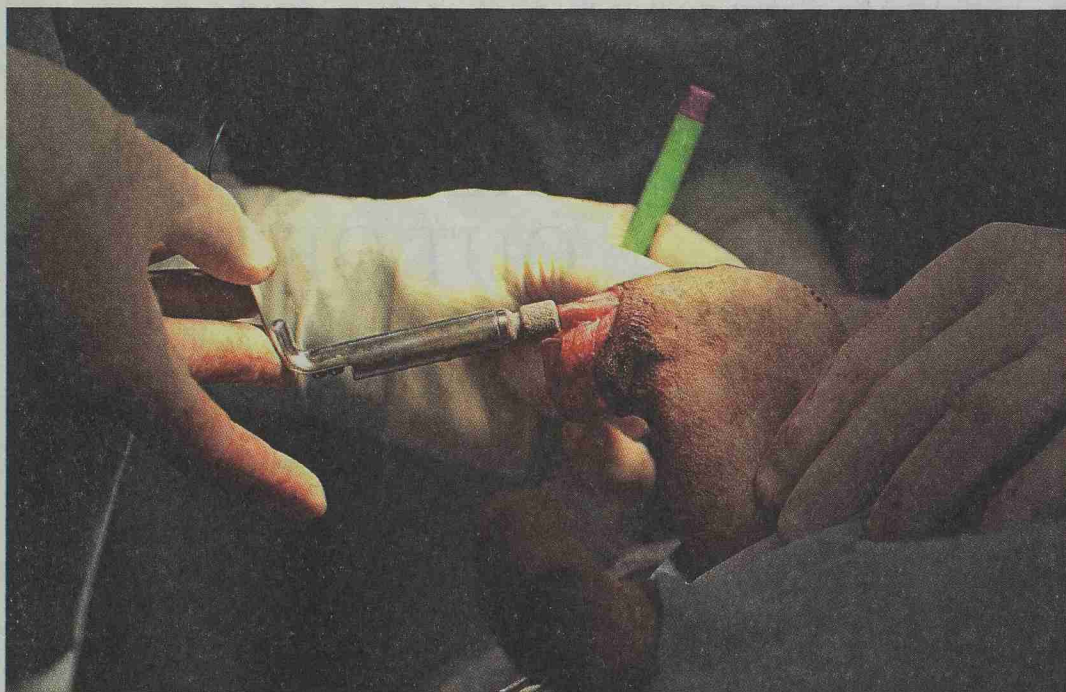
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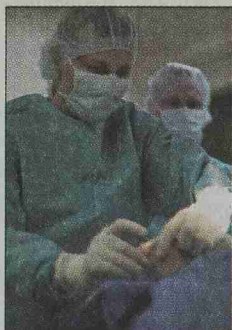


Above - One of the most meticulous parts of the surgery includes drilling pin holes in the bone. Screws would be inserted to help hold the prosthetic in place until the bone heals.

Left - George Bailey gets his new foot as Dr. Marcellin fits the prosthetic inside the bone. Industrial Engineers from N.C. State help create the prosthetic for George Bailey.

NINE LIVES A GROUNDBREAKING SURGERY INCORPORATING VETERINARIAN AND ENGINEERING EXPERTISE GIVES A CAT THE OPPORTUNITY TO WALK AGAIN

STORY BY ERIN WELCH | PHOTOS BY JEFF REEVES



Dr. Marcellin-Little begins the operation by inspecting the leg before any cuts are made.

At only one and a half years old, George Bailey is already a star.

Undergoing groundbreaking surgery Tuesday, the young feline became the first pet to receive a prosthetic limb attached to his bone, a process called osseointegration.

"The surgery today is to put a prosthetic part into his leg," Denis Marcellin-Little, an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at the Veterinary School and the operating doctor on the animal, said. "We developed a prosthetic, basically a leg that replicates the lower part of the leg."

George Bailey, a street cat, was born without the bottom portion of both of his hind legs. Marcellin-Little said that its owners had looked up information on the Internet and found out that he did prosthetic surgeries with osseointegration.

George Bailey's prosthetic legs are unlike most prosthetics used in humans. While humans typically receive external prosthetics which attach onto the end of the damaged limb, Marcellin-Little inserted George Bailey's prosthetic limb into the actual bone of his right hind leg. This process

would ensure that the cat's bone would grow around the prosthetic and attach to it.

Only a small portion of humans have received osseointegration, mainly in Scandinavia, Marcellin-Little said.

The prosthetic legs and feet designed for George Bailey were created by NCSU's department of industrial engineering and an outside firm.

"This surgery is a good demonstration of what we can accomplish working with engineers," Marcellin-Little said.

Ola Harrysson, an assistant professor in industrial engineering, said the project to create the leg started out as a student project in one of his bio-modeling industrial engineering courses.

"In its design and manufacturing, this surgery is a first," Marcellin-Little said. "Overall, it's a very light, sophisticated surgery."

Marcellin-Little said the screws, which would be inserted into the cat's bone to attach the prosthetic, would be the most critical aspect of the surgery. For the surgery to be a success, the screws must lock into place and the bone must grow into the

prosthetic.

Marcellin-Little worked with George Bailey for approximately one year prior to the surgery to assure that the prosthetic limb operation would run smoothly. Before Tuesday's big show, George Bailey had to undergo CAT scans which helped develop virtual models of the prosthetic leg he would need. The virtual model was then converted into a real-life apparatus which builds the 3-D image layer by layer through a process called stereolithography.

Harrysson said N.C. State's stereolithography machine is one of only four machines in the United States, with others in St. Louis, Detroit and Ohio. NCSU was the first to have the machine.

Harrysson also said the whole idea behind creating these 3-D models is the new concept of custom designs for different kinds of implants, which can be used for a variety of purposes in humans.

Prior to the surgery, Marcellin-Little already had practiced how he would drill a hole into the bone and insert the prosthetic limb. He said he was much less worried about the surgery run-

ning smoothly because of the practice surgeries, one of which was in front of George Bailey's owners. While Harrysson said Marcellin-Little's practice surgeries only took 15-20 minutes, he anticipated Tuesday's operation taking longer.

"He's going to take it pretty slow just to make sure," Harrysson said of Marcellin-Little.

Harrysson said the prosthetic limb should be readily accepted by the bone because bone actually likes to grow into tantalum.

"The body is always try to heal itself," Harrysson said. Although he said the bone tissue is constantly growing, he said it would need some stimulation. If anything is touching the bone when its growth is stimulated, it will attach onto the touching material. To instigate this stimulation, Marcellin-Little cut the tip off of George Bailey's existing hind-leg bone and then inserted the prosthetic leg into a hole which he drilled in the bone.

"It's not removable, and that's the point," Harrysson said. Through inserting the limb into the existing bone, George Bailey

would transfer loads of weight through the bone like healthy, undamaged bone does. Regular prosthetics transfer loads through soft material, sometimes causing the bone gradually to disappear. Harrysson said this is a condition astronauts often experience after being in space for extended amounts of time because they are not putting pressure on their bones during that time.

Marcellin-Little anticipated that in about a month, George Bailey's bone will have grown into the prosthetic and he will be ready for the foot addition.

Harrysson said doctors always try to minimize the time out for their patients after surgeries. George Bailey's recovery should take four to six weeks. Once his prosthetic leg is healed, doctor's will attach a spring steel foot to the leg.

Although the prosthetic implant surgery provides possibilities for future implications in humans, he continued, more research is still necessary before the process will be utilized in human prosthetics.

"Seems like it has a future," Harrysson said.

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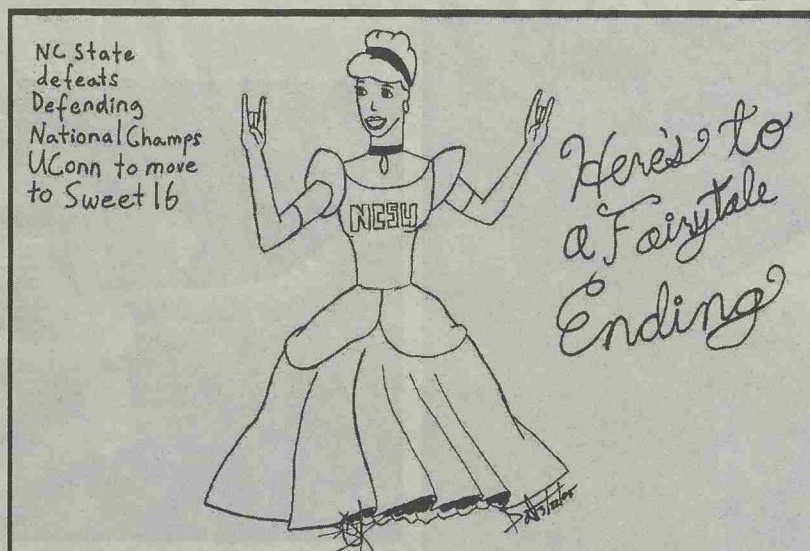
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Hold on to your bag — and your sense of humor

They say there's a silver lining in every cloud.

Mine had a name. Paul.

Our eyes connected just as I crossed the threshold into a dimly lit lobby in the London Metropolitan Police Department. As a chorus of police sirens wailed in the background, he pushed one carefully placed



Carrie Windham
Guest Columnist

curl off his forehead and spoke our famous first words, "Can I help you, love?"

With a forced look of distress, I said, "I've been robbed."

"Right then," he said. "Well, you'll have to come with me back here. Leave your friends here, if you don't mind."

I didn't. For the next hour and a half of Spring Break Tuesday, I sat with Paul, a British deadringer for Colin Farrell, telling my story and occasionally flipping my hair.

"So you were in a pub then?" he asked.

"Yes, the bag was underneath our table."

"And there were... seven of you?"

"Right, seven."

"Well, that's an odd number now isn't it?"

Was it ever.

"So, let's go over what was lost."

Then, as soon as my mood had lifted, it sunk again as I began to tick off the contents of my stolen bag.

"Passport, driver's license, student ID, five American dollars, two British pounds, two credit cards, a bank debit card, plane tickets, a tube pass."

He cleared his throat. "Well, then, you are in a mess."

I wasn't done.

"Eyeglasses, chic lit, digital camera, cell phone... a bag of souvenirs from Westminster Abbey. And, my car keys."

As I walked out of the police sta-

tion later that night, police report in hand, I couldn't shake the feeling that, of the seven college students sitting at our table that night, this was not supposed to happen to me.

I'm a seasoned traveler. In Third World countries, I'm the type of girl that copies passports. Locks carry-ons. Slips passports under pillow covers while I sleep. I'm not the girl that gets her entire life stolen from under her chair in the middle of a toast of Pale Ale and doesn't notice a thing.

Like the throngs of N.C. State students that will depart this summer and this fall for study abroad, I thought sheer luck and the occasional glimmer of traveler's wisdom would keep me safe.

I was wrong.

I arrived home four days late with a new list of traveler's advice — and, on an unrelated note, a new position on the State Department's "watch" list. A distinction, I've been told, not to be taken lightly.

With the help of the State Department's Web site and my own traveling woes, therefore, I present the Carrie Windham guide to keeping it safe. (A more complete guide can be found on the State Department's Web site at: travel.state.gov. Just don't tell them I sent you.)

1) Copy important documents. Friends called me a "Travel Nazi." Others shook their heads. But making copies of plane tickets and my passport was the best move I made this Spring Break. Keep copies of all identification and important documents separate from your belongings. I also kept a copy at home so it could be faxed abroad if needed. Without those copies, I would have never gained entry to the embassy or new copies of my paper plane tickets.

2) Separate your stuff. My biggest mistake was tossing all my identification, money and belongings into one bag on the night in question. Keep the bare minimum on your person at all times and the rest of it tucked away in a room or a locker. Especially di-

vide any prescription medication.

3) Leave the bling-bling behind. Don't take anything abroad that can't be replaced or that calls attention to yourself. It's the travel equivalent of wearing a bulls-eye.

4) Bring a back-up plan.

If you wear glasses, bring a back-up pair. If you have a digital camera, bring a disposable. If you use credit cards, bring an emergency second. And keep them separate.

5) Be aware.

I like to cringe when I look back on the photographs taken of our group the night my bag was stolen.

In each, we're toasting our good time, laughing at jokes and looking blissful, unaware of the crowd cheering on a football match behind us. Always be aware of your surroundings. Carry bags in front of you in case the strap is cut. Loop your bags around table legs or place them underneath a jacket in plain view. Keep one hand on your belongings any time you take public transportation.

6) Keep an emergency contact list.

Make a list before you depart of important numbers to call if your things are stolen. Include: directions and a phone number to the embassy; phone numbers and account numbers for all major credit cards; your airline office and flight itinerary; and the phone number to your local bank.

7) Make copies of your keys.

If you insist on taking keys from home abroad, make sure there are copies of all the important ones and that they are in the hands of someone responsible and available to deliver them on command.

Perhaps the most important lesson I learned, however, was that theft can happen to anyone. In my particular borough in London, for instance, 178 thefts were reported last month, according to the Metropolitan Police Web site.

So be aware, be vigilant and be crossing your fingers that if disaster does strike, Paul will be on duty.

Contact Carrie at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

CANDIDATES ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME

OUR OPINION: CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICES OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT WERE SET IN STONE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. THE FIRST DEBATE WAS ONLY HELD LAST THURSDAY NIGHT. THEY ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO GET TO THE REAL ISSUES SURROUNDING THIS CAMPUS, INCLUDING BOOSTING VOTER TURNOUT.

Student Government campaigns are supposed to be ongoing. However, no one would know it based on what is seen, or not seen, around campus.

Where's the campaigning? Where are the faces behind the candidates' names?

Students will vote on both April 4 and 5 — just one and a half weeks from today. Candidates lost a week of campaigning to Spring Break and are losing two days due to spring holiday. Books closed on the candidates back at the end of February.

And yet, hardly a peep from the active candidates.

More than a month of campaigning could have been accomplished by now and yet, not a peep. That is enough time to find out what the real issues are — and the only ones that are going to know those are the ones that the issues concern — the students.

However, candidates have done selective campaigning. They've been talking to special-interest groups. They have been speaking at forums for Greek Life, Agri-Life and ASAAC — groups where most of the members are pretty much guaranteed voters. It's awesome that they are likely voters, but with a terrible voter turnout of 3,500 last year, the more important issue

would probably be targeting those people — and there are plenty — that don't vote.

And perhaps more importantly, what's being done to find out who those people are and why they have no interest in voting?

With a voter turnout last year of a little more than 10 percent of the student body, it seems obvious there is a real issue here. But it seems to be something that is being blatantly ignored, intentional or not.

The candidates have one last week of time to campaign. Is it really possible to get to the root of the issue plaguing student involvement in that small period of time? Absolutely not.

The person that will be elected will be advocating student opinions during their tenure in office. The student body president will sit on the Board of Trustees and make decisions that will affect the University for years to come. If candidates don't start finding out what the opinions and real issues are now, why would they do it when they were in office?

The commitment here seems to be getting the "right" people on certain sides to get the vote, not to serve the student body.

The good news is that it isn't too late. Let's see some action.

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Our two breaks are entirely too close together

As we head into another holiday, it seems as if we only just left one not much more than a week ago.

And surprisingly enough that's exactly what it is.



Trevor Behar
Staff Columnist

Spring Break was only two weeks ago, two Mondays ago we were all either home, at the beach, or somewhere. And now here we are again getting ready to head either back out to the beaches, to visit friends at another college or to just go home for a few more days.

Now personally, I don't have a problem with holidays and missing class. However, with a little over a month left of an uphill battle of work, tests and projects, I would kind of hope that somewhere in the middle of the semester's chaotic end, there might be maybe even just a day to break up the routine. Just to give us all some time to either relax or scramble to get back up off the ground to go for the home stretch.

Unfortunately, however the fates or perhaps

just N.C. State has decided to give us ANOTHER break directly after Spring Break. On top of that, I would be willing to bet that those who went all out on Spring Break are looking to their wallets at the moment, wondering how they are going to afford this holiday's expenses, with a few pennies and some lint. Granted, no one really HAS to spend money over this break, or any break for that matter, but what's the fun in doing that? We all need some balance in our lives, and three weeks with two big breaks swings the scales just a little too far to one side.

I agree that Easter is a good holiday to have a break. However, I still question NCSU's reasoning behind such close breaks. The closeness of the breaks seems nice, but could the dates not have been moved so that Spring Break was a later date, how many people enjoyed going to the beach at the beginning of March, when the weather was still in the 50s and 60s? It's not

that it's impossible to have a blast, it's just kind of awkward to be on Spring Break the second week in March, regardless of the fact that it's the same time every year.

Also, there's the matter that the past eight days haven't really seemed like much of an accomplishment — granted tests and projects were due, but that was a given due to the fact we had nine days of no class. But now, there aren't too many deadlines coming back from Spring Holiday, the last tests are still weeks away, and final projects won't be due until the end of April. So again, I ask: what's the point of having spring holiday now?

In a matter of speaking, I guess it's better that I'm here at NCSU getting two days of break instead of the one day that Chapel Hill has off. Appalachian State, however, waits until the Monday when we get back to begin their spring holiday for two days. This at least allows two full

weeks between spring break and a second break. The only solution that could maybe make our, or perhaps just my, situation better would be having just a one-day holiday now, on Monday for Easter Break. Then include another one-day break on either a Friday or Monday toward the midst of mid-April's tests and projects.

Yes, it's true, all breaks are great and much needed, but this one doesn't come at a time when a break is needed most. I guess the fact that all my money went to spring break is the reason I want this break to be a little later in the semester. But at the same time, it just seems as if a break placed a week or two before exams would help to lessen the stress of finals.

Maybe there's nothing that can be done, but then again, a break is a break and I hope everyone will be safe and enjoy it.

As for me, I'll have to find a way to get by with the \$26.40 in my checking account, and the \$10 bill in my pocket, which with gas prices now is maybe about a tank, just enough to head home and maybe run a few errands while I'm there.

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MOVIE TICKET

'Robots' geared for children

Robots

CAST: Ewan McGregor, Robin Williams
DIRECTOR: Chris Wedge and Carlos Saldanha

★★★★☆☆

Patrick Clarke

Staff Writer

Robots, a peppy animated feature from the *Ice Age* team, is about a small town 'bot who takes his dreams to the big city.

Rodney Copperbottom (Ewan McGregor) is a robot who leaves his town to become an inventor in a nearby metropolis, in search of his childhood idol Bigweld (Mel Brooks) — owner of Bigweld Industries who preached, "You can shine, no matter what you're made of!" Just as Rodney arrives at the gates of Bigweld Industries, lockstep upgrades are passing over ingenuity.

The new boss, Ratchet (Greg Kinnear), wants to run the company with one idea in mind: when things get old, toss 'em. Then buy new.

Assisted by motormouth train whistle Fender (Robin Williams) and a titanium-sleek corporate insider Cappy (Halle Berry), Rodney looks to stop the changes brought on by Ratchet's regime and bring Bigweld back to the forefront of the company.

Robin Williams delivers another brilliant performance as the voice of Fender. Equaling the genius of his role in *Aladdin* as Genie, Williams brings

energy and flair that gives his metallic character life. Fender's goofy and outsider-type nature is put brilliantly on display. Greg Kinnear does a comparable job as the voice Ratchet — a slithering robot (scumbag) that is nothing more than a big old momma's boy.

Ewan McGregor and Halle Berry, however, did not animate their characters beyond their casings. Rodney appears to be an energetic young boy early on, but McGregor brings nothing more than a mundane charisma with his delivery.

He turns Rodney into the dull hero you cannot cheer for. Berry's voice gets lost within the entire production. Cappy stays in the background until the latter-end of the movie, but does not do enough to warrant any attention.

Luckily, the combination of scattered pop-culture references — including a Britney Spears dance number — and impressive animation mask most of the character flaws. From Rodney's 50s-style hometown to the pinball machine feel of the big metropolis, everything is made of colorful nuts, bolts and gears.

Robots is a kid's movie but the older audience will be split in its approval. It should be noted that it deserves extra credit for the "Scrat's Adventure" trailer for *Ice Age 2* before the opening titles.

SHOW STOPPERS

Harmony fills the air

Nicole Griffin

Staff Writer

Six mics plus one pitch pipe and no instruments equal seven groups of Wolfpack voices filling Stewart Theatre Friday night at the Unity! Concert hosted by Accapology 101.

The concert opened with Accapology 101 running onto the stage to perform "Get the Party Started" and "Sweet Dreams."

"The Unity! Concert gave the N.C. State community the chance to get just a taste of all the talent N.C. State has to offer outside the classroom," Andrew Cherry, a freshman in industrial design and member of Accapology 101, said.

All seven of NCSU's cappella groups performed Friday night. This includes Ladies in Red — an all-female group with voices ranging from second alto to first soprano. The Ladies sang Seal's "Kiss From a Rose" and Aretha Franklin's "Natural Woman."

Soloist Brittany Berry, a sophomore in English, said, "I got hooted at, and it made me feel like I really did a good job."

Wolfgang sang a variety of styles of music. The diverse group was very active while singing behind the soloist, jumping and striking poses, during a performance of Simple Plan's "Perfect." The group's crescendos were impressive and the audience agreed as it followed the last note with an energized applause.

Next up on the program:



DAN TERNES/TECHNICIAN
 Kali Navé poses before her performance with the Packabelles.

The Grains of Time. This lively bunch sings anything ranging from barbershop tunes to recent favorites, but no matter what it is, it is sure to please the crowd.

James Wallace, a junior in history and Spanish, serves as the human drum set for this group and was right on the beat for their first song, "House of the Rising Sun." After Mike Adelman stole every girl's heart with his "My Girl" solo, the group finished with the audience clapping along to "I Can See Clearly Now." Before the song's finish, the audience cleared its seats for a standing ovation.

Accapology 101 finished the first half of the performance with a poke at Ashlee Simpson's lip-synching incident then a slow rendition of The Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby."

At some points, the group had

trouble reaching the high notes, but once the song picked up Pack It Up recovered.

Packabelles, an all-girl group, stole the audience's attention with "Always Something There to Remind Me."

"The girls seemed very passionate about what they do and had an attitude about them that made them more enjoyable," Joanne Cannell, a freshman in communication, said.

Sarah Starr, a sophomore in communication and member of Packabelles, made up her own rap for the song "Black or White," which had the audience going crazy. "I rewrote the rap to 'Black or White' because the original lyrics did not represent our group," Starr said. "I tried to make it light-hearted and fun so when the audience started to laugh, I knew it wasn't just because I was a white girl trying to rap."

The last group of the night was Anno Domini. The group amazed the audience with its hand beat instead of the usual human beat during the song "Starry Host." "The group is more than just singing a cappella, it's about spreading the good news of Christ," Ben Salmon, a sophomore in communications and member of Anno Domini, said.

Accapology 101 closed the Unity! Concert with a bang. The audience rose to its feet after the songs "Demons" and "Son of a Preacher Man."

Allison Goff, a freshman in communication disorders, said she "was very impressed with the amount of talent and enthusiasm all of the groups had. It was obvious they were all having fun and that made it a great show."

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PERSON OF THE WEEK

Who better to be Technician's Person of the Week than Robert Ulrich? Ulrich passed away in April 2002 after a long battle with cancer. Most remember Ulrich for his roles in *The Lazarus Man*, *The Love Boat: The Next Wave*, *Vega\$* and *Soap* — yes, Mr. Ulrich was quite the staple on television. However, here at Technician, we pride ourselves in remembering him for his role as Jason in *The Ice Pirates* as he battled the forces of dangerous rulers and space herpes. So Robert Ulrich, not only do you drive fast cars and have copious amounts of bedroom time, but you will forever live with us with a saber in one hand and the princess on your arm as you protect our galaxy's precious water.

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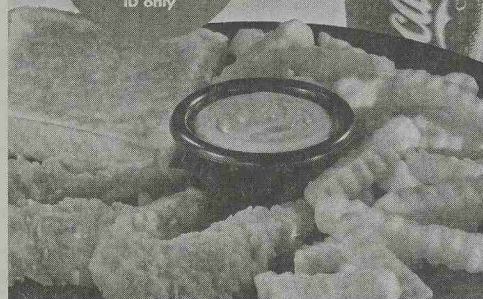
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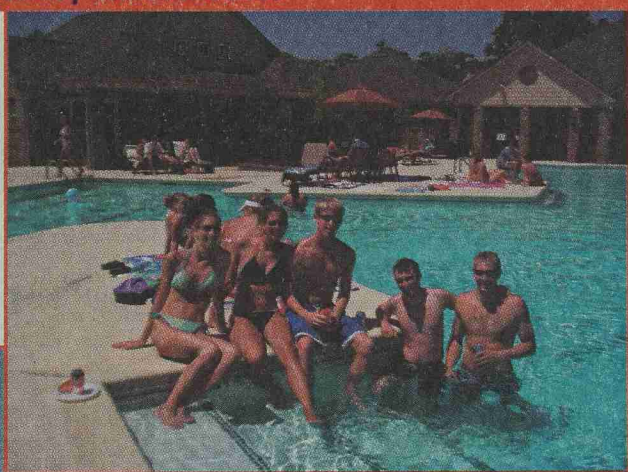
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you don't think you can, you can't."

Teammates have also been there to help.

"We help each other through everything every day, from good days to bad days," Andrea Petrocelli said.

Petrocelli and Jones have been working together on the beam this season.

"She's a very consistent competitor, and we can always count on her for a good score and a solid routine," Petrocelli said.

As of Monday, the Pack is ranked 21st in the nation on the beam. During the season, Jones has been continuing to rebound from injuries, most recently a high ankle sprain in December. But team Stevenson says that she is still working at her best effort.

"It's still painful in some ways because we really haven't been able to take any time off it," Stevenson said, "But she's doing a great job."

Jones' ankle is still taped up. Overall she said she is feeling more secure about her practices. As teammate Leigha Hancock said, Jones has improved on safety and is less worried about hurting herself.

"She is very confident, and if she needs a spotter she'll ask," Hancock said.

Jones sees her accomplishments as just a part of what the team has done over the season. "We lost a lot of our team last year, and we've done more things than what people expected of us," Jones said.

Jones said she is optimistic, like the rest of the team, about advancing after the championship. The Pack is currently third in the Southeast region behind Florida and Georgia and is

expected to compete in the NCAA Regionals this year on April 9. The top two teams in the meet will advance to the Nationals in Birmingham.

"If you look at our list of goals," Stevenson said, "We are exactly where we want to be."

One of the team's goals, as posted in the training room at Carmichael Gymnasium, is to be in the top three in the region.

As her gymnastics career progresses, Jones hopes to pass on the same level of interest and enthusiasm for the sport to not only her current teammates but also future team members, starting with the upcoming class.

"We're getting some really good girls," Jones said, "But we still have a lot of great girls to back them up, so next year's going to be just as good."

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a team that mirrors the Wolfpack in terms of gritty play and heady basketball.

"They're such a smart team," Sendek said. "When you make a mistake against them, you can pay dearly, so we're going to have a small margin for error."

Wisconsin will employ its own version of the slow-down offense. Contrary to what many believe, an offense can be more methodical than the Pack's, and Wisconsin hopes to prove that.

Pat Forde of ESPN.com wrote the game could be "a chore to watch." The winner of the game could quite possibly be the first one to reach 50 points.

Wisconsin will run its offense primarily through crafty Mike Wilkinson (14.7 ppg) and high-octane forward Alando Tucker (14.9 ppg). The Badgers stout

defense, 3-point marksmanship and senior leadership all create an image that is eerily similar.

Some of the senior leadership returned in full when center Jordan Collins hit the practice floor this morning. Sendek said that Collins, who had been nursing a dislocated right shoulder, was finally "over the hump."

The news doesn't sound as promising however for Pack point guard Tony Bethel. The groin injury suffered by Bethel in the opening round of the ACC tournament has yet to heal to a playable level.

"Tony's making progress, but we're just battling Father Time right now," Sendek said. "He's made some real strides the last few days, but we're going to prepare with assumption that we will not have him."

Sendek will have Hodge, however, and Hodge will have the game in his backyard of Syracuse, N.Y. Though one would

think Hodge would be delighted to have a chance to play in front of his family, his will to win will surprisingly force some of his family to stay at home.

"I'm going to try and keep my mom at home, because when she's home, we do really good," Hodge said through a toothed grin. "I'm very superstitious that way, so she's going to have to sit her butt at home."

Hodge would close by saying he's not surprised at the team success. In fact, it was something he expected all along.

"We don't feel like we're a Cinderella; we're not slipping on the Nike shoe like in the commercial," Hodge said through a face of stone. "We don't look at the TV camera or newspaper to tell us how good we are. We know that every day in practice we're kicking each other's butts and pushing each other to be great. That's where our chemistry comes from."

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- Shower square
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- French friend
- Bluepoint, e.g.
- Cots and cradles
- Attach
- Domestic type

Sports

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005

Schedule

Basketball vs. Wisconsin, 3/25, 7:27
Baseball vs. Lehigh, 3/25, 3
M. Tennis vs UNC, 3/23, 2:30
W. Tennis at Florida State, 3/25, 2
Track & Field host Raleigh Relays, 3/25-6

Scores

No games scheduled



TECHNICIAN

COMMENTARY

Back to the 'Cuse

Syracuse is where Julius Hodge first flashed his greatness, calmly putting up 12 points as a freshman against a chorus of boos from fans who wished he had come to northern New York instead of Raleigh.

It was that game in the Carrier Dome, when the Wolfpack

upset the No. 9 Orangemen 82-68, that really started State's rise back to national respectability. The Pack would earn its first at-large bid in over a decade that March, starting a string of four consecutive appearances.

This weekend, Syracuse is where Hodge will try to put an exclamation mark on his career by leading State out of the Northeast and on to St. Louis — on to the Final Four. It's a destination they haven't reached since the memorable 1983 team's run.

Hodge solidified his legacy at State by willing his team past Charlotte in round one of the NCAA Tournament and then sinking the winning basket against the defending national champs in the second round. But if you think Hodge was satisfied with the Sweet 16, then you don't know Hodge. Monday morning, he was back in the gym.

"I got in the weight room probably about 9:30 a.m., before my class," Hodge said during a press conference Tuesday afternoon. "I was in there shooting probably about 1:30 p.m., after my second class."

State is preparing for Friday's matchup with Wisconsin, the No. 6 seed in the Syracuse region. The Badgers run a style similar to the Pack's that should make for a low-scoring defensive battle.

"In terms of being patient with the ball offensively, there are similarities in our offenses," Hodge said. "They get it done man-to-man [on defense], they really help out, just like we do."

While Wisconsin doesn't run a Princeton-styled offense like State, they do try to slow the tempo and win games with defense. When asked to make predictions about the outcome Friday, Hodge gracefully declined.

"I have no predictions, growing up a Knicks fan I've seen Patrick Ewing do that too many times, and I've seen our Knicks fall so many times," Hodge said. "I predict that against Wisconsin, it will be a great game... defensively."

If State wins on Friday, archival Carolina could be waiting in the wings. All that would be at stake — a trip to the Final Four.

Hodge has come a long way since his last visit to Syracuse, from a gaily freshman with heart to an unquestioned senior leader. But he still has one last chapter to write before he takes off the Red and White — and he doesn't want it to end in the Carrier Dome.

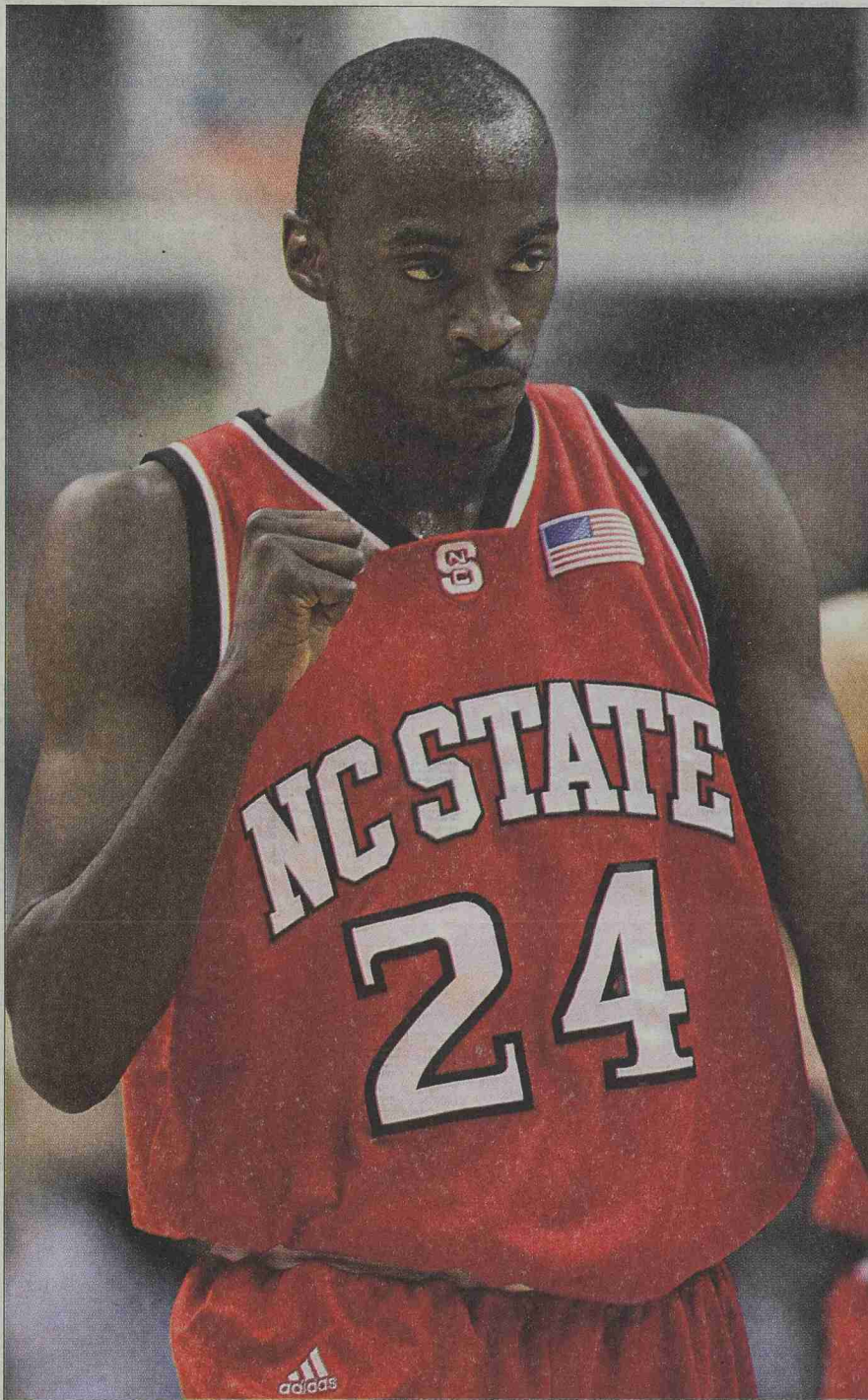
"I didn't give myself any time to be satisfied," Hodge said. "This isn't enough for us."

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Sports Editor

Hodge, Pack 'not satisfied'



Senior Julius Hodge said the team isn't satisfied with a Sweet 16 appearance and is focused on Friday's game with Wisconsin.

With two wins this weekend, State would find itself in the Final Four in St. Louis

Michael Breedlove
Staff Writer

No college basketball player is shining brighter than Julius Hodge these days. His face lights up the cover of USA Today. His wit has hit the airwaves of ESPN Radio. And his last-second heroics have lit up a Wolfpack fanbase longing for a light.

Though Hodge's gaudy stats already had many considering him a star, a game-winning layup dropped on the defending national champions now has many considering him a legend.

"Everybody really dreams of that," Hodge said of the shot. "But I don't feel that I'm a much better player than before I hit that layup. I just feel like everything is basically paying off now."

Compiling a resume that features one ACC Player of the Year award, four NCAA appearances and, most recently, 2,000 career points, Hodge has certainly made his mark on N.C. State athletics. Coach Herb Sendek would later agree, though he said that one shot shouldn't be the benchmark of Hodge's collegiate career.

"Hopefully, it didn't take that shot to change his legacy," Sendek said. "Hopefully, it added to his great legacy, but wasn't necessary to define it."

With Sunday's historic win, a taste of triumph has returned to N.C. State basketball.

"There's a lot of joy in the air," Hodge said. "Seems like everything is going right for us, and now the bandwagon is crazy. Everybody's on the bandwagon."

While the excitement of playing in his first Sweet 16 certainly vitalizes Hodge, he says the team is a long way from reaching complacency.

"We don't feel satisfied at all; we're still hungry," Hodge said. "Guys are still humble and grateful, and we still want to win more."

When asked about his team's mentality and work ethic, Hodge described the team as the "lunch-baggers of the ACC" who simply go to work every day.

The Pack's hard work will certainly be needed Friday. Its opponent, Wisconsin, is

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Wisconsin (24-8) vs. N.C. State (21-13)

NCAA Regional Semifinals
Syracuse, N.Y.
SWEET SIXTEEN
Gametime: 7:30 p.m., WRAL

WISCONSIN SCOUTING REPORT

Points per game: 67.0
FG pct: .437
3-point pct: .388
Points allowed: 59.5
Opponent FG pct: .422
Opponent 3-point pct: .294
Team leaders
Scoring: Alando Tucker - 14.7
Rebounding: Mike Wilkinson - 7.4
Assists: Chambliss Sharif - 2.8
Steals: Mike Wilkinson - 1.2

GYMNASTICS

'Good days to bad days'

Michael Fox
Staff Writer

Last year, Amanda Jones looked forward to competing in the East Atlantic Gymnastics League's championship series.

However, her freshman season came to a sudden end during a practice. She hurt her back after falling while practicing on the uneven bars. She missed the championship, but was able to return to compete on the balance beam in last year's NCAA Regionals. This year she is hoping to make a significant impact in the conference championship, especially because of the location.

"I'm real excited that this is going to be my first one I'm competing [in], and we get to host it," she said about this Friday's meet.

The meet will be hosted by State and will take place at Reynolds Coliseum.

This season, Jones has been optimistic of her performances. She is working primarily on the bars and balance beam, but she has competed in all events on three occasions this year. Currently Jones' average score on the bars is slightly above 9.7.

"We have a new bars coach this year," Jones said, referring to Todd Henry, the team's new assistant coach. "He changed our workouts up a bit and made them a little more challenging."

Jones has also made a significant impact on the beam, getting scores of 9.75 or higher five times this year.

"We made a lot of mistakes early on, but we got it all together to figure out what we've been doing wrong," Coach Mark Stevenson said. "Anytime you're walking on something that skinny and that high and let alone flipping on it, if



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Amanda Jones performs on vault during State's win at North Carolina earlier this year.

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