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Catholics on campus remember the pope

PONTIFF PASSING SAD, BUT PARISHIONERS HAVE HOPEBen McNeely
Senior Staff Writer

Pope John Paul II's death brought new meaning to Catholics who attended mass Sunday morning.

At the Catholic Campus Ministry's mass, held in Witherspoon Cinema, the message was persistence.

"He was persistent in his faith, really all the way to the end," Rev. Greg Spencer, campus minister of the Catholic Campus Ministry said. "The Catholic community is a big family. It's like a loss of a family member."

The mood in the theater was sad, but grateful that the pope is not suffering anymore.

"It's a mixture of sadness and relief. They are happy that he is in a better place now, where he is not suffering," Rob Lamarche, a senior in public relations, said.

Selecting a pope

The College of Cardinals—the group of high church officials that elect the pope—will meet in what is called a conclave 15 to 20 days after the pope's death. Those cardinals under the age of 80 will meet in the Sistine Chapel and cast four ballots a day until a decision is made. The entire proceeding is conducted in secret. The only signal to the world about the cardinals' progress is through smoke signals—black for no decision, white for a decision. It takes a two-thirds majority to elect a pope, but if after 13 days a pope has not been selected, a simple majority can elect him. Once the pope has been elected, he will come out on the balcony of the Vatican Basilica, and give a blessing.

SOURCE: CNN, NEW YORK TIMES

During his message today, Spencer spoke of Thomas, the

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Rain moves Pow Wow indoors

*The 15th annual Pow Wow Saturday celebrated Native American traditions*Josh Harrell
Senior Staff Writer

A rainy and generally nasty Saturday afternoon couldn't stop the students and community members from celebrating their culture.

The N.C. State students that comprise the Native American Student Association were determined to have the 15th annual Pow Wow despite weather conditions.

Although organizers moved the 15th annual Pow Wow inside, the event was moved to Witherspoon, as the dancing, food, fundraisers and other items for sale were all under the same roof. The dancing area was easily the most crowded section as groups of dancers and interested onlookers alike packed the room.

"The whole event went very well, and we had a lot of people

and dancers come out," NASA President Lynn Harris said. "I heard a lot of good compliments throughout the event."

Members of NASA said they believed the Pow Wow gave the student body a sense of the unity of their organization, as well as the chance to show off their culture and its uniqueness.

"We think it shows that we've remained organized and have the ability to keep putting on these major events, as it's the 15th annual Pow Wow at State," Blankenship said. "We wanted to let the campus community know what we're all about."

Harris agreed that the Pow Wow was a chance to exhibit traditions and the overall strength of the organization.

"It really showcased Native American traditions," Harris said. "We hope to show everyone that Native American's don't fit a 'Pocohontas' stereotype, and that there are many active Native Americans on campus."

Danielle Chavis, a junior in

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Julie Kathrotia, a senior in Business Management, dances with Tamasha at Ektaa's Indian Night at Stewart Theater. Tamasha also performed at last year's Homecoming concert.

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India Night: a demonstration of cultural diversity, unity

Katie Akin
Staff Writer

On Saturday night Stewart Theater was brought to life with a rainbow array of colorful saris, dhotis and other traditional South Asian clothes, dances and songs, encouraged with constant laughter and cheers from an animated crowd. It was N.C. State's annual "India Night," the largest student-organized event on campus, put on by EKTA, NCSU's South Asian student association.

Sponsored by the UAB, the IAC and Student Government with support from TCG, Kinkos and other local businesses, this year's celebration was different from those held over the past 30 years. This year EKTA, which means



Jhankar - The Beats performs at India night. Jhankar has performed at more than 12 events in North Carolina since its inception in 2002.

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"unity" in Hindi/Urdu, chose to unofficially rename the event to "EKTA Night" to demonstrate that the show is not simply about India, but about all South Asian cultures. The theme of this year's

show was "Bridging the Gap." "Our goal this year is to become an awareness organization — to spread awareness about the different South Asian cultures," Deepti Vanguri, co-president

of EKTA, said. "Judging by the participant and audience diversity we have gotten with this show, I would say that it has been awesome."

As a demonstration of the cultural convergence that was EKTA's goal for the night, the program opened with a moment of silence for the victims of the tsunami followed with a presentation of the flags of India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Bhutan, Afghanistan and Nepal with the American flag in the center.

The gap between South Asian countries was not the only one discussed. EKTA members also put on skits and presentations that presented the problems of the generation gap between parents and children and language

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Service survives weather woes



Seniors Jill Fornshell and Justin Rogers dig holes for new trees for Service Raleigh on Saturday. Hundreds of N.C. State students got up early and braved the rain to help beautify Raleigh.

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Approximately 2,100 students participated in the eighth annual Service Raleigh event on Saturday

Erin Welch
Deputy News Editor

It thundered, rained and ended up with a dreary drizzle — but they still showed up. Sleepy eyes and sweat-soaked, students flocked to the Brickyard early Saturday morning to participate in the eighth annual Service Raleigh.

"It was definitely the first year it rained. It's sprinkled before but never enough to force people under Harrelson," Emily Gifford, a junior in biological sciences and the other Park scholar co-chair of the event, said. "Basically we really just came up with our plan that day," she said, referring to organizers' decision to move the registration and opening events under Harrelson.

Although organizers improvised quickly, Caitlin Kelleher, co-chair of the event and a junior in environmental sciences and economic policy, said organizers were not prepared for the rain which alternated between heavy rain and light drizzle phases.

"We never wanted to accept the possibility that it might rain. We had these plans [for rain] in our heads but we didn't want to use them, so we didn't develop them," Gifford said. "If we had had a plan, it wouldn't have rained."

Overall, Gifford said organizers thought the improvised rain plan "worked out really well."

Despite the rain, however, approximately 2,100 volunteers turned out Saturday to participate in the day of service.

"It was kind of discouraging but I still came out," Destiny Ross, a sophomore in math education, said of the rain. Ross said Saturday was her first time participating in Service Raleigh.

"I know so many other people in other groups that were doing it so I was like, 'I'll do Service Raleigh too,'" Ross said.

Created in 1998 through a joint connection of Park Scholars and Student Government, Service Raleigh only had 600 participants servicing 20 sites the first year.

Organizers made a goal last fall to have 2,000 volunteers and according to Kelleher and Gifford, the 2,100 participants volunteered their time

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to 48 organizations Saturday, amounting to over 10,500 hours of community service.

"N.C. State is a great university — and it's a great university because of its people," Chancellor Oblinger said to participants of the high numbers of volunteers early Saturday morning. "This is a generation that is willing and able to give back and that's what Service Raleigh is about."

Volunteers headed out to sites across Raleigh, including the Summit House of Raleigh, multiple Raleigh parks and the Race for Respect on Centennial Campus.

Students also service organizations such as Keep America Beautiful by cleaning up Yonkers Road and Trees Across Raleigh by planting 800 trees in the area.

Gifford said the 750 volunteers for Keep America Beautiful picked up 7,000 pounds of trash and Trees Across Raleigh volunteers planted 800 trees.

In addition to student volunteers, Service Raleigh also brought volunteers from two high school National Honor Societies and other local orga-

nizations. Gifford said planners targeted churches, schools and businesses, especially ones in the Research Triangle Park.

Kathy Fraley, campus chair and a sophomore in chemical and biomolecular engineering, said she and others utilized several campus tactics to recruit volunteers such as having a jousting event in the Brickyard.

"Registration-wise, this year we had more," Fraley said of the number of participants involved in Service Raleigh; last year there were only 1,700 registered participants compared to this year's 2,100.

Fraley attributed the high number partially to the expansion of the Service Raleigh campus event in the Brickyard this year.

"Last year we did pizza," Fraley said referring to the Service Raleigh campus event the previous year. "But this year, we wanted something that was a little more visible."

Fraley also served as a site liaison for a group that had planned to help Habitat for Humanity. Due to the rain, her group joined another group and visited the Interfaith Food Shuttle.

"It was face-to-face service, which I don't do very often," Fraley said of her work on Sat-

urday. She said she not only packaged bags of vegetables for people in the area, but knocked on their doors and personally gave them the food.

"It was kind of cool to actually meet the people you're doing service for," she said.

The organizing committee for Service Raleigh consisted of nine chairs: three project chairs, two of which were Park scholars and one Student Government member; two campus chairs responsible for recruiting volunteers; two partner chairs who maintained relationships with partner organizations; a resources chair; a public relations chair; and a treasurer.

Although most of the chairs were Park scholars, Gifford said the positions are not limited to recipients of the scholarship.

Funding for the event comes mostly from the Park Scholarship program. The program donates \$9,000 each year to the event along with \$1,500 from Student Government and \$250 from Trees Across Raleigh.

"The biggest glitch was the rain and trying to get people organized and registered," Gifford said. "It wouldn't have been such a big problem if we'd had the whole Brickyard to spread out."

management, said, adding that almost all of the t-shirts were sold by 3 p.m.

The real draw of the event was the dancing involved, as there was always some type of dancing going on accompanied by the drums and chants led by Tony Creek.

"The drummers and singers have been practicing for a long time, as most of them learn from their parents when they are very young," Cory Blankenship, a sophomore in political science, said. "Most of the bands have been together since they were teenagers."

The Hoop dance, which drew

the attention of many participants, was performed by a single person, as he danced in and out of hula hoop type rings rhythmically, forming different shapes with the rings.

Other popular dances included the Round dance where everyone got onto the dance floor and danced around in two large circles, and the Switch dance, where male and female dancers switched their elaborate regalia with a member of the opposite sex.

"My personal favorite dance was the Round dance, since it was open for everyone," Harris said.

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barriers, as well as religious differences. These are issues that are common to all South Asian cultures.

"Before tonight I didn't know that South Asian culture was so invested in performance art," Shannon Feller, a sophomore in language and communication disorders, said, "I also had no idea that there were so many languages in South Asia, or that so many State students were involved."

EKTAA has been planning the event since August, and many students put a lot of hours into creating the skits, recruiting and organizing performers. Although it was a lot of work, on Saturday the group said it was well rewarded with another sold out show and irreplaceable experience.

"I have had a great time

getting to know my peers," Alka Kumar, a sophomore in business, said. "Practicing and performing have been bonding experiences."

For many EKTAA seniors, who have participated in "India Night" and other EKTAA events and service projects, this was a sentimental night. A portion of the show was dedicated to reflection and appreciation of their time at NCSU.

"We're obviously sad that this is our last India Night as students, but we couldn't be more proud of the way it went," Mital Patel, a senior in computer science, said. "The seniors went out with a bang and had a blast doing it."

The general community, outside of NCSU, was also proud and impressed by EKTAA's performance. Some were drawn to the show because their college-aged children were participating; others, like Neeti Rampal, came because their younger children

were dancing in the show.

"My daughter did dance, but we always try to come to these events," Rampal said. "As Indians who are from India it is a very interesting and nice thing to see young people who have grown up in America trying to understand the songs and dances and express them in their own way."

Many of the participants feel that EKTAA's activities and influence will expand and prove to be a hugely effective tool for bridging gaps. The proceeds from "EKTAA Night" this year went to the foundation's scholarship fund that hopes to send students to countries in South Asia for cultural studies.

"I feel like EKTAA has so much going for it — the cultural, social, performance and service aspects," Sachin Vachhani, co-president and senior in electrical engineering, said. "Adding this scholarship will be great for the future of the program and the students."

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"doubting" disciple, and related that a persistent search of faith was an aspect of John Paul's legacy.

Bill Hunt, assistant professor of biological and agricultural engineering, saw the pontiff twice — once in Columbia, S.C. in 1987 and again in Rome in 2000.

"I really liked him," Hunt said.

Hunt also said he believed the pope did four things that made him "the most important figure of the 20th century."

"First, he crossed the bridge with other faiths. Second, he was a part of the fall of communism. Third, the church grew crazily in Africa, and fourth, he looked after people that needed looking after them — the unborn, those on death

row and just the poor," Hunt said.

"If he had just done one of those four, he would be considered great, but he did them all."

Kelly Higgins, a freshman in polymer color chemistry and chemistry, said she was "very sad to see him pass away."

She added that she was planning on studying abroad in Italy and she wanted to see him.

"It's getting as close to Jesus on Earth," Higgins said.

As for the next pope, the Catholic Church has a strict procedure the College of Cardinals — the group that elects the pope — must follow.

Katherine Powers, a senior in business and accounting, said the next pope "has his work cut out for him."

Speaking about the scandal that has plagued the American Catholic Church, she said she hopes that the next pope "pays special attention and puts in

place new checks and balances."

"Also, I hope he reaches out to non-practicing Catholics and explains the Church's stance," Powers said.

"Everyone knows the Church is against abortion and euthanasia, but they don't know why. It's important to get that across."

As for the candidates to be the next pope, speculation is running rampant about the first African or first Latin American pope.

"Personally, that would be wonderful for the globe for the pope to come from Africa or Latin America," Hunt said.

"It would be very inspirational for people in those regions and I would be 100 percent supportive of him, provided he is qualified."

There will be a special mass for the pope held tomorrow at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at noon today.

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biochemistry, said despite the weather, the event turned out well.

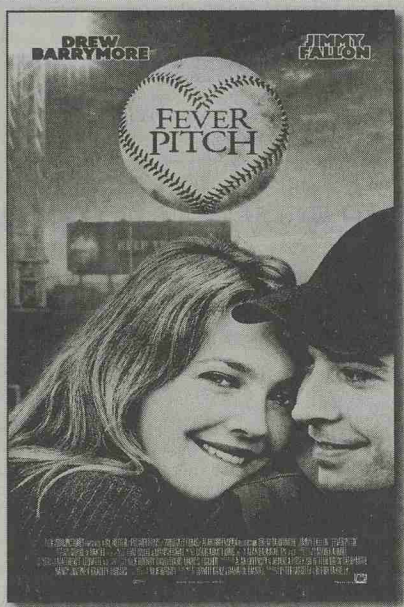
"Considering the weather it was a great success, and everyone seemed to have a good time," she said.

Lining the halls inside were rows of tables selling jewelry, pottery, baskets, and other kinds of souvenirs.

"The food and our shirts have really been selling well," Macey Graham, a junior in business

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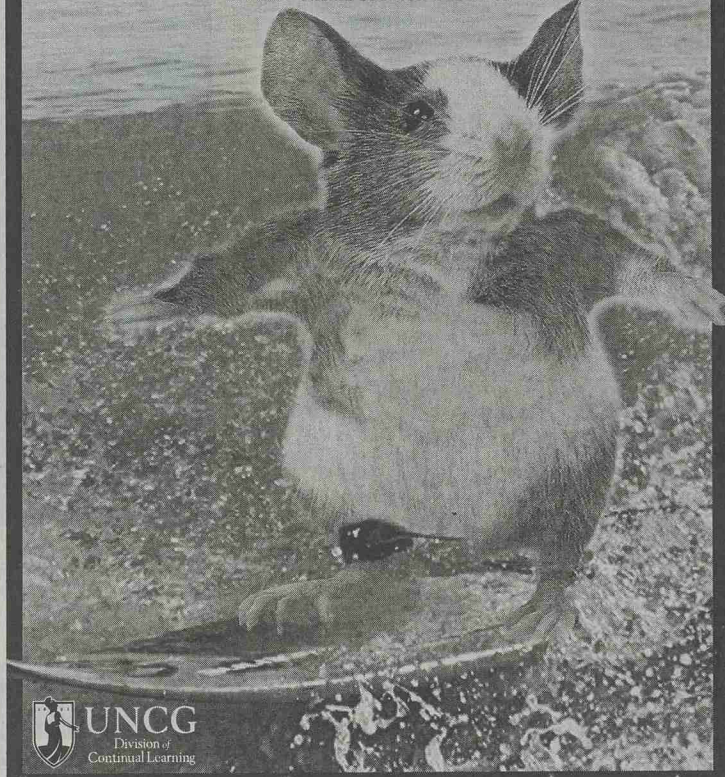
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Working in the fashion world

Following the example of alumni, students are finding out how textile internships help them break into the competitive world of fashion

Meredith Carter
Staff Writer

It sounds like the premise of a new hit sitcom: student graduates from college, finds a job with fashion giant Polo Ralph Lauren and moves to the Big Apple. For Erica Brown it is reality. Brown graduated in May 2003 with a Textile and Apparel Management degree. Brown paved her way to her position as a retail analyst for the Ralph Lauren childrenswear division through an internship.

As a retail analyst for the childrenswear division, Brown works closely with sales managers and buyers to plan and project future prospects for the company. She also examines the history of the business and develops recaps in order to come up with strategies for future business.

Polo Ralph Lauren is one of the unmatched fashion companies of its time, dictating looks and trends for over 40 years. Since its debut in the 1960s, the company has consistently been on the rise, reaching a point of infiltration that has made the company a global household name. According to Polo Ralph Lauren's official website, www.Polo.com, the company has offered strong leadership for over 30 years, boasting of its status as "a leader in the design, marketing, and distribution of premium lifestyle products in four categories: apparel, home, accessories, and fragrances."

As for Brown's work on a daily basis, she has her hands full with six major accounts including Saks 5th Avenue, Neiman Marcus, Lord & Taylor, Filene's, Hechts and Boscos. Her position entails meeting the numerous demands coming from inside the company as well as the tedious work that is involved in responding to the needs of her accounts.

"The retail business is very fast-paced. Therefore, in order to have the most accurate data, you must be willing to work hard to build a strong relationship with each account to allow the communication that is necessary."

An upcoming graduate in the textiles field will no doubt wonder what the key was to Brown's success in landing her first position with a company so highly regarded by the textiles and fashion community. Due to the competition for employment in the textiles field, Brown heavily emphasized that an internship proved to be her key to breaking into the field.

"I actually interned with our company, which led to not only learning directly from them, but it allowed me to get to know several employees very well, which was key when I was getting ready to graduate."

Brown continues to stress the importance of an internship even if it is not in the same field of textiles in which one may end up working. She conveys the value of an internship when she points out that, "[an internship] makes you feel comfortable when transitioning into a professional atmosphere."

She tacks on her own outlook on the matter when she adds, "I would be hesitant to hire someone without an internship on their resume."

Lindsay Parina, a sophomore in Textile and Apparel Management, has gained a great deal of advice on how to break into the textiles field from Brown through the time she spent with Brown in New York.

"Seeing what Erica has done with our degree in combination with a great internship gives me a reassuring feeling that I too have the possibility of the same success," Parina said.

For future graduates in the textiles field, Brown possesses other important insights into her field that are vital for upcoming graduates to weigh. One factor that a student in the College of Textiles should research is the best geographic locations for his or her concentration field within the broad field of textiles. Brown found that in order to excel with

her degree in textiles and apparel management and be involved in the fashion industry with such an esteemed company, relocating to New York for at least a few years was absolutely necessary.

"I feel that North Carolina would limit growth opportunities for my career concentrating in fashion, whereas it might be more beneficial to someone pursuing more of a production or manufacturing position," she points out.

Other students in the College of Textiles preparing for a career in this field like Brittany Blair, a sophomore in textiles and apparel management with a concentration in apparel, have also arrived at the conclusion that moving elsewhere is essential.

"In North Carolina there are plenty of mills and factories that deal with aspects of textiles like production of fibers," Blair said. "But if you want to work more in the design or management end of the spectrum it is necessary to live somewhere like New York."

In this particular field of textiles dealing with apparel and management, Brown is witnessing many changes.

"This field is becoming more and more competitive. As technology improves, less personnel is needed, which seems to impact the design and manufacturing sectors the most," Brown said.

As for her final piece of advice due to the rise of competition in the field, Brown urges students in the Textile and Apparel Management field to do

everything possible with their degree, resources and internships to become the most competitive candidate possible. Setting yourself apart from the competition, she maintains, is critical when trying to break in.

TAKING ON THE JOB MARKET

Textile advice from the boardroom

Allen Gant, Junior, president of Glen Raven, Inc. shares his insights into careers in textiles

Meredith Carter
Staff Writer

As students face career decisions it is important to have the best information available, preferably from those who are already in the field they are going to enter. While virtually every job field is changing with the times, technology and the globalizing economy, this is especially true in textiles. To address the state of textiles today, there are few individuals as qualified as Allen Gant, Junior president and chief executive officer of Glen Raven, Inc.

Gant's grandfather, John Q. Gant, founded Glen Raven 125 years ago. The

company began with the production of colored woven goods in 1880, and has continually grown and expanded over the years to include production of a large spectrum of fabrics used in such diverse areas as apparel, automobiles, awnings and home furnishings.

To better understand the influence of the company, consider, for example, that Glen Raven is responsible for supplying the fabric for 90 percent of the flags that fly in the United States, nearly all of the convertible tops on cars and most of the mailbags used by the U.S. Postal Service.

Gant has extensive expertise in his field to share with others who wish to join him in the textiles world. He offers a great deal of insight into what it is important for a textiles student to know as they look into the field.

When speaking of the most promis-

ing areas of the textiles field, Gant has several recommendations about the direction to take.

"Currently, the most favorable areas are those that have any kind of technology involved such as automotive fabrics," Gant said. "Technical products have a much better chance in the future."

In addition, Gant feels that companies that consistently strive to keep up with the globalization of the market will fare the best. "In general, commodities must have a low cost position to survive and also must do well on a global level," he pointed out.

He believes that because of the constant evolution that is occurring within the textiles field, products must be able to adapt on a global scale in order to keep up and surpass competition.

In a message posted recently by Gant on the company's website, he spoke of

guiding his own company with a global vision: "Our economy is truly global in scope today, and at Glen Raven we work hard to capitalize on this financial reality. Whether the end products are awnings, automobiles, patio chairs, advertising graphics or sails on luxury yachts, we guide marketing, product development, state-of-the-art manufacturing and sales on a global basis every day," said Gant.

As for the status of the job market, Gant said "the textiles field has gone through a hiatus and those who have remained are stronger." He confirms that the companies that have pulled through are always looking for good people.

Gant also expresses his complete confidence in the College of Textiles, proclaiming it "the best in the world" and pointing to the high regard in which

the school is held. Although Gant feels that the College of Textiles produces students well prepared to enter the job market, he offers extra input on what skills students should focus on that may go unnoticed.

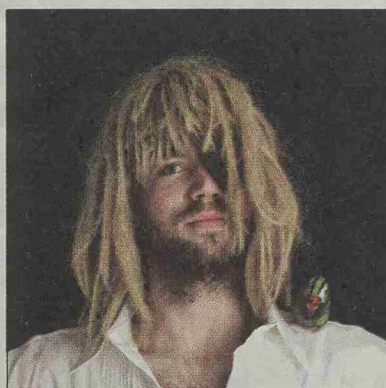
"The area of communication is very important," he says. "People should be able to skillfully write and communicate for a successful transmission that the exchange of technology involves." He also stressed that communication is a vital part in the teamwork that is so often involved.

When asked for a final bit of advice for those preparing to enter the textiles field in the future, Gant summarized his thoughts in three important points: Be able to communicate well, be a change agent and remember that innovation is key.

Voters' Guide

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Student Body President



The Pirate Captain

BIRTHDAY:

Me mother was a seagull, my father... a boat.

YEAR:

Junior

MAJOR:

Engineering (mak'n boats me lad)

WEBSITE:

pirate.phora.net

FAVORITE FILM:

Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Danc'n Pete's accordion... God bless his soul

FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:

Golden Dragon (the eggrolls make me giggle)

FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:

GC 420 - Visual Thinking

FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:

Remember the time we all went out on me boat and threw rocks at UNC landlubbers... Yar, good times

MAJOR INFLUENCES:

Wind and rudder

WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?

"THE" Pirate Captain

ENDORSEMENTS:

no formal endorsements

MAJOR PLATFORMS:

- Expand the cargo lines
- Create a crew of all five colleges in Raleigh
- Listen ta ye qualms
- Foster our ways



Lock Whiteside III

BIRTHDAY:

Sept. 29, 1984

YEAR:

Junior

MAJOR:

Political Science and Social Studies Teacher Education

WEBSITE:

www.bigticketncsu.com

FAVORITE FILM:

Road Trip

FAVORITE MUSIC:

R&B and Jazz

FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:

Farmhouse & I "Heart" NY Pizza

FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:

ENG 248 with Dr. Smith-McKoy

FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:

Homecoming 2004

MAJOR INFLUENCES:

My faith, family and former Student Body President Mike Anthony have been the driving forces of inspiration for me throughout this campaign and my life.

WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?

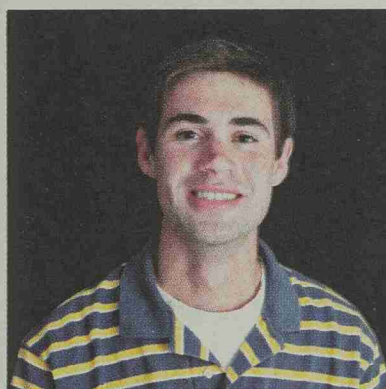
I am the only candidate for Student Body President that has served in all three branches of Student Government.

ENDORSEMENT:

African-American Student Advisory Council

PLATFORMS:

- Expanding bus system to home ACC basketball games
- Helping Others in Public Education (H.O.P.E) program initiative
- Increasing Student Block for home football games
- Conducting Town Hall Meetings



Will Langley

BIRTHDAY:

Dec. 29, 1984

YEAR:

Junior

MAJOR:

Political Science and Tourism

WEBSITE:

www.renew2005.com

FAVORITE FILM:

Captain Ron

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Rock, Hip-Hop and anything you can nod your head to

FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:

I "Heart" New York Pizza

FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:

PS 498 - Special Topics in Political Science

FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:

Being in Reynolds Coliseum with my dad, watching N.C. State take Florida State in the final game back in 1999.

MAJOR INFLUENCES:

God, my Dad, Mom, Grandma, JFK and Martin Luther King, Jr.—both men died standing up for what they believed in.

WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?

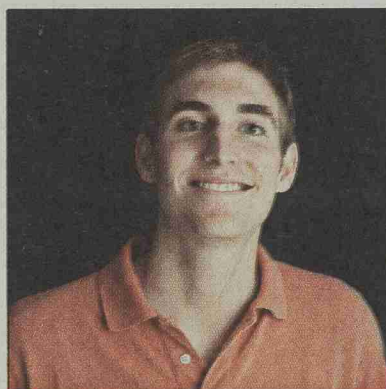
Unbiased leadership, open-minded listener, the true meaning of a representative and an unwavering voice with the commitment, dedication and ability to get things done.

ENDORSEMENTS:

No formal endorsements

PLATFORMS:

- Save Hillsborough Street by leveraging my relationships with City of Raleigh
- Push for traditions, even when it's not convenient
- Always go out of my way to listen to student voices, not just during election time
- Improve the quality of teaching by teaching resources, rewards and recruiting



Steven Wilson (Will) Quick

BIRTHDAY:

March 24, 1984

YEAR:

Junior

MAJOR:

Biomedical Engineering and Political Science

WEBSITE:

www.getncsu.com

FAVORITE FILM:

Shawshank Redemption

FAVORITE MUSIC:

All kinds of music but my favorite artist is Jimmy Buffet.

FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:

El Rodeo for cheap and Porters for a fancy dinner

FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:

PS 310 - Public Policy because of Professor Greene

FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:

Standing on the basketball court during the N.C. State/Virginia game at halftime and presenting a check to the American Red Cross for tsunami relief.

MAJOR INFLUENCES:

My father, Tony Caravano, John F. Kennedy

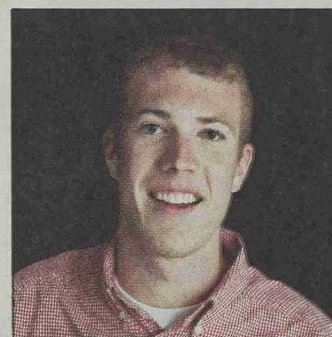
WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?

I have had a year to serve as Senate president with a great student body president. This gives me the confidence, skills and connections to step into my role as student body president and work directly for the students.

PLATFORMS:

- Affordability for students by instituting "Graduate in Four" Guarantee
- Forming Raleigh Coalition to work on issues facing students in Raleigh community
- Instituting sustainability plan for university to save money ensure that it's environmentally sound
- Improving understanding and acceptance of diversity on campus

Student Senate President



Forrest Hinton

BIRTHDAY:

Sept. 21, 1985

YEAR:

Sophomore

MAJOR:

Mathematics Education

FAVORITE FILM:

Forrest Gump

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Country and Jazz

FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:

Two Guys and Q Shack

FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:

Educational Psychology (EDP 304)

FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:

Rushing the court of the RBC Center with my friends last spring after the Wolfpack's surprise victory over the Duke Blue Devils

MAJOR INFLUENCES:

My energetic mom who inspires children everyday to dream, overcome obstacles and learn all they can, coupled with my faith in God

WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?

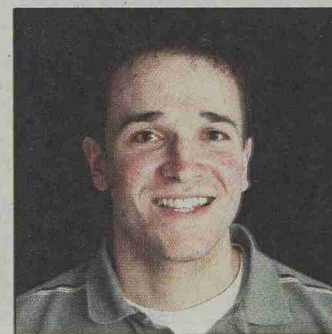
All of the SSP candidates are talented, but I've been the most committed to raising student issues and have a hopeful vision to renew accountability.

ENDORSEMENTS:

No official endorsements

PLATFORMS:

- Articulate goals at the beginning of the Senate session for chairs to collectively accomplish and then fully implement student-centered bills after they are passed
- Redefine the expectations of service as a Senator to reflect the service needed by their constituencies
- Provide training resources to new Senators, so they can maximize service
- Renew College Councils by meeting with their presidents and actively involving Senators as advocates in those councils



Tommy Ozbolt

BIRTHDAY:

Jan. 2, 1984

YEAR:

Junior

MAJOR:

Political Science and Philosophy of Law

FAVORITE FILM:

A Few Good Men, Unbreakable

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Counting Crows, Jimmy Eat World

FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:

I Love NY Pizza

FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:

PS 205 - Law and Justice

FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:

Watching Philip Rivers and Julius Hodge

play ball**MAJOR INFLUENCES:**

God, my dad and mom

WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?

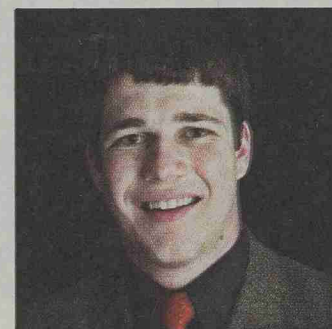
No one brings more wide-ranging leadership experience from throughout the campus community and more creativity and open-mindedness to the position.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Interfraternity Council

PLATFORMS:

- Online ticket distribution
- Senate reform
- Changing the name of Student Senate to the N.C. State Student Congress
- Serving the student body instead of Student Government



John Small

BIRTHDAY:

March 19, 1984

YEAR:

Senior

MAJOR:

Poultry Science

FAVORITE FILM:

John Q

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Country or Jazz

FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:

Porter's

FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:

PO 410 Production and Management of Gamebirds in Confinement

FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:

Celebrating the 2002 nationally televised Thursday night pounding of Clemson, to achieve a 9-0 record, by running from Sullivan to the Bell Tower barefooted.

MAJOR INFLUENCES:

The Lord, both my grandfathers, my father, Jim Graham, Dr. Carmen Parkhurst, Dr. Sam Pardue

WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?

I have consistently demonstrated the ability to address issues logically and rationally while displaying calm and collected leadership from my current position within the Senate

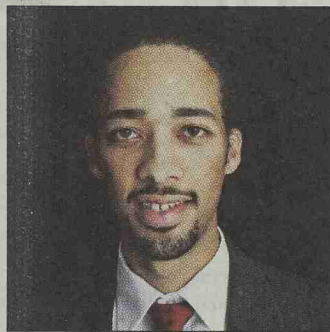
ENDORSEMENTS:

Agri-Life Council, Alpha Zeta, Sigma Chi, Alpha Sigma Epsilon, Delta Gamma Phi, Tony Caravano

PLATFORMS:

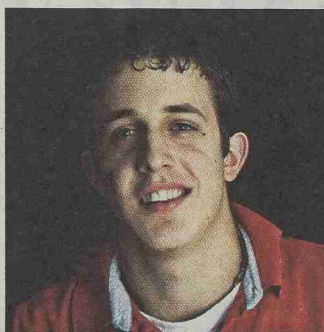
- Streamline the Senate process
- Focus on student issues in Senate
- Hold Senate accountable to constituents
- Get students involved in camp

Student Body Treasurer



Seneca Toms

BIRTHDAY:
July 7, 1980
YEAR:
Senior
MAJOR:
Horticultural Science, Science Concentration
FAVORITE FILM:
O Brother, Where Art Thou?
FAVORITE MUSIC:
No favorite. I enjoy all types.
FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:
Two Guys
FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:
PHI 375 Ethics
FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:
Beating Duke at the RBC Center in 2004
MAJOR INFLUENCES:
God, my family, and the NC 4-H Youth Development Program
WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?:
My leadership skills and strong relationships developed through service to Student Government and student organizations, that are required to be an effective student body treasurer
ENDORSEMENTS:
no formal endorsements
PLATFORMS:
- Improve financial transparency by making sure Student - Gov
ernment is accountable and students know where money is
going
- Work with organizations to maximize Student Government ap
propriated funds



Matthew Waligora

BIRTHDAY:
July 27, 1984
YEAR:
Junior
MAJOR:
Business Management and Civil Engineering
FAVORITE FILM:
Bad Boys II
FAVORITE MUSIC:
Sister Hazel, Kanye West, Alan Jackson
FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET EATERY:
I Love NY Pizza
FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:
*none listed
FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:
Beating UNC-CH then UCONN to reach the Sweet Sixteen for the
first time in 16 years.
MAJOR INFLUENCES:
Family, Friends, Tony Caravano and Mital Patel
**WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO YOUR OTHER
CANDIDATE?:**
My experience. The past year I have been serving as Senior As-
sistant Treasurer and feel that the knowledge and experience I
have gained will make me the best candidate for Treasurer.
ENDORSEMENTS:
Interfraternity Council, Agri-Life Council, Sigma Chi, Tony
Caravano, Mital Patel
PLATFORMS:
- Expand on the Treasurer's Roundtable with fundraising and
planning workshops
- Strongly advocate for more funds to be allocated for appro-
priations

UAB President

Jennifer
Crutchfield

BIRTHDAY:
Dec. 26, 1983
YEAR:
Junior
MAJOR:
Biochemistry, Pre-med
WEBSITE/CONTACT:
jacrutch@ncsu.edu
FAVORITE FILM:
Currently, Moulin Rouge, but it con-
stantly changes
FAVORITE MUSIC:
I know it's cliché, but I really do like
all types!
**FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH
STREET EATERY:**
Farmhouse and Gelato
FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:
PSY 400 - Perception
FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:
Homecoming Parade '04 on
Hillsborough Street

MAJOR INFLUENCES:
My loving, dedicated family, Christian
faith and wonderful support group
of friends, have prepared me to offer
love and support to our campus and
the Raleigh community.
**WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO
YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?**
A global understanding of this uni-
versity, good leadership skills, and
networking ability are necessary for
a successful president. From many
experiences, I know hard work from
everyone is needed to achieve a uni-
fying event.
ENDORSEMENTS:
Tony Caravano
PLATFORMS:
- Uniting the campus and organiza-
tions through activities
- Increasing visibility and communica-
tion.

Chief Justice

Jennifer (Jen)
Edwards

BIRTHDAY:
Jan. 28, 1984
YEAR:
Junior
MAJOR:
Business Management - Marketing,
with minors in PRT and English
FAVORITE FILM:
Legally Blonde
FAVORITE MUSIC:
Everything! Country, Rap, Punk, Pop...I
listen to it all.
**FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH STREET
EATERY:**
I Love NY Pizza...good food, big serv-
ings, cheap prices! Doesn't get much
better than that.
FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:
Introduction to Editing (ENG 214) with
Rod Cockshutt
FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:
Attending every home football game

for the past three years.
MAJOR INFLUENCES:
My parents - they constantly encourage
me in everything I do.
**WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO
YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?**
This year I was Executive Assistant to
the SCJ, getting a first-hand look at the
job. I've also held many other leader-
ship positions on campus that have
prepared me for office.
ENDORSEMENTS:
Agri-Life Council
PLATFORMS:
Making sure every student knows
about Code of Conduct
Providing events for students to make
them aware of what the judicial board
can offer

Kyle
Fox

BIRTHDAY:
Jan. 7, 1982
YEAR:
Senior
MAJOR:
Parks, recreation, tourism manage-
ment; program management
WEBSITE/CONTACT:
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FAVORITE FILM:
Fight Club
FAVORITE MUSIC:
Anything from Marley to AC/DC
**FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH
STREET EATERY:**
I Love NY Pizza
FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:
PRT 358 (Program Planning + Annette
Moore)
FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:
The snow and ice storms two years
ago and playing on campus when
class was canceled. I got stuck in traf-
fic for about four hours — just like
this year — but when I made it to

campus during the ice storm it was
just in time for the holiday dinner
in Fountain. The food plus all of the
snow made for a good night, regard-
less of the traffic jams.
MAJOR INFLUENCES:
God, my fiancé Valerie Strange, my
parents, close friends
**WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO
YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?:**
My passion to lead the Union for the
students using my two years of expe-
rience with both the UAB and BOD to
enhance student's lives
ENDORSEMENTS:
Agri-Life Council, African American
Student Advisory Council, Middle
Eastern and North African Student As-
sociation, Campus Arts Center
PLATFORMS:
- Increase qualities of programs and
events offered by UAB
- Improve the presence of UAB
through communication with other
organizations

Thomas
Royer

BIRTHDAY:
Dec. 14, 1983
YEAR:
Junior
MAJOR:
Political Science; Criminology
FAVORITE FILM:
Top Gun
FAVORITE MUSIC:
Brooks Wood Band
**FAVORITE HILLSBOROUGH
STREET EATERY:**
Global Village and Mitch's
FAVORITE NCSU CLASS:
PS 411 with Steve Greene
FAVORITE NCSU MEMORY:
Beating FSU, 17-7, during the 2002
football season
MAJOR INFLUENCES:
My parents and grandparents. Really,
I see myself as a collection of all the
people I know and all of my experi-

ences in life. Without one experience
or one friendship, I wouldn't be who I
am today.
**WHAT MAKES YOU SUPERIOR TO
YOUR OTHER CANDIDATES?**
I believe my ideas help bring students
an understanding of Judicial Board, the
Code of Student Conduct, and how it
applies to them, whereas my opponent
doesn't place enough emphasis on
working for and with students outside
of a typical board setting.
ENDORSEMENTS:
CHASS council, Interfraternity Coun-
cil, Phi Sigma Pi and Tony Caravano
PLATFORMS:
- Increase student awareness of Code
of Conduct and how it applies to
them
- Increase presence of judicial branch
on campus

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Union Activities Board President:

Jennifer Crutchfield

The purpose of the UAB is to bring students together and Jennifer Crutchfield has the background to do just that. She has been involved with the UAB through their Board of Directors and is certain that creativity and change will come.

One of the unique aspects of the UAB is that it is comprised of the major student influences on campus.

One of Jennifer's strengths is that she has been involved in many facets of campus. She has served on the Union Board of Directors (the body that works with the UAB now) and has fresh ideas for the UAB to follow. She is all about creating unity on the campus and giving students worthwhile events that they will enjoy.

She will work with the deep UAB budget that currently exists and find new ways to use it effectively so that students will see the results of their fees; and more importantly, keep students from having to pay more — she will effectively use what is already in place.

That's what leaders do and that's what the position requires.

Chief Justice:

Thomas Royer

Chances are, students have no idea what the Judicial Board is until they get into trouble.

Thomas Royer will change that through a simple distinction — instead of the

Judicial Board reacting to problems that occur, he will focus on preventing those acts from happening in the first place.

He will educate the student body with a clear, concise plan so that students know what the board is about and why it exists. His ideas for introducing the student body to the board is something that each student could really use.

He is prepared to, and at some level already has, establish the connections necessary to do this.

He wants to be visible. The Judicial Board are leaders around campus because they live by the code that each student should live by. Royer will be the one to lead them in taking a proactive role

Student Body Treasurer:

Matt Waligora

Matt Waligora has a standard, do what will positively affect the most students. He is willing to cut programs and cut money from programs and organizations that are not using it effectively.

However, this does not come with just blatant judgment or bias. He plans to continue the Treasurer's Roundtable, thus helping organizations learn how to fund raise on their own and exchange and introduce ideas — which will take pressure off of appropriation distribution since organizations could then be self-supporting.

Also, he will hold organizations accountable for their budgets, cleaning up the mess appropriations turned into this

past year.

Waligora will ensure that organizations are spending their money tactfully and their demand for it is warranted. Current Student Body Treasurer Mital Patel got this started and Waligora, who worked directly under him, will undoubtedly keep it going.

Student Senate President:

John Small

The one thing ALL students can relate to — that number that appears on the bill for the next semester of class — is on the forefront of John Small's mind. Sometimes, the impact can be traumatizing, other times it settles around a mild heart attack.

But Small plans to stand in the way of that number going up. He has not only served as head of the Tuition & Fees Committee in the Student Senate, but he also strives for that issue to be a consistent motivating focus for the Senate. He wants to give the Senate what it needs, a new, fresh direction — not radical, just fresh.

His plan does not come from reaction, but rather what will serve the students effectively. He wants to strengthen the college councils and create a Tuition Task Force that will be desperately needed through the course of the next year.

He will be confident and command the Senate in leading it in a new direction that doesn't include pettiness and superficiality.

The Senate has the potential to be a powerful voice, and Small will clear its throat.

Student Body President:

Will Quick

Unlike other candidates, Will Quick is a man of action. Sure, each candidate has a plan of action, but he is the only one who has already put some of his projects into motion. He is in a good position to make big changes by the end of the semester continue this action through small steps during the summer. This is pure commitment from a leader.

Things don't happen overnight, but they happen; and the first thing that must change, as he said, is attitude. He is undoubtedly committed to that. His role as Student Senate president has helped him tremendously in learning how to handle unexpected situations while sticking to a plan set at the beginning of his term. He has learned about his weaknesses over the course of this year and sought to improve them — and succeeded.

He never did what people wanted him to do, he did what was in the best interest of the larger picture — a tough decision for some people, and will continue to do so, even if it means saying 'no.'

He is someone any student would want speaking for them. Quick has the experience, the credentials and would bring the most positive change for students in the next year



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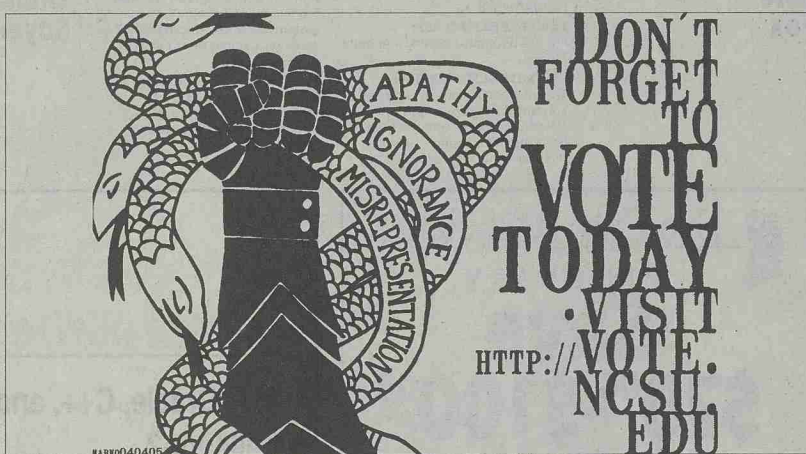
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The real deal with television starts with reality television

April Fools Day is always a fun time of year. Whether you choose to use trick gum and candy or super glue on a chair, the day is full of pranks and joy. A friend of mine killed my guinea pig.



Matt Campbell
Staff Columnist

Not cool, dude. In a quest to seek revenge on him, I had to think of the perfect prank. I needed something that would catch my friend off-guard using elaborate schemes and trucker hats. I needed Ashton Kutcher.

However, before I could put a call in to my boy, A-Kutchy, I ended up getting deterred at a bar. It was there that I

saw a girl I knew. OK, I've only met her once and that one time is when I saw her on campus and I stared at her for a little while. Regardless, I thought I'd buy her a drink. When she viciously rejected me, I took the positive stance — "Ooh, two drinks for me!"

I saw a few more girls I knew that night. Yada, yada, yada, I drank twice as much as I was planning to that night.

As I laid in bed that night I turned on the TV. Now it may have been the results of my continuous failures with the ladies — and that one guy

(sorry dude) — but I couldn't help but think, "What's the deal with TV?"

If you come back one night and aim to get really scared and confused, turn on late night television — or continue reading my columns. Now

I know I've gone down the crazy animals path before, but on TV you can find the story of *Hogzilla* and also see what happens when a busty cast member from a popular Fox TV show makes her way to a shark-infested beach in hopes of a top-rated CBS made for TV movie! It's scary.

I hear so much about celebrity divorces and Britney Spears pregnancy rumors that scary things start happening — like me starting to care. All I know is I've got five bucks on the baby being born with one of those trendy pencil-thin beards, just like his (or her) 'backup dancer-turned-pop star's husband' father.

The Roman Catholic Church is in a sticky situation these days. As a non-practicing Catholic, I

have the right to make those claims.

First off, may Pope John Paul II rest in peace. But in a time of world conflict, the Church has to choose whether to avoid or jump right into the thick of things.

"But in a time of world conflict, the Church has to choose whether to avoid or jump right into the thick of things"

Due to politics and scandal, the Catholic Church has come under criticism. To gain popularity, rumors have circulated about making the current pope selection process into a reality TV show. Again I ask, what is the deal with TV? But don't blame me; blame the people who run television. They may still be upset about "The Passion of the Christ."

The death of Pope John Paul II is actually the first meaningful thing to show up on TV news in quite sometime.

Recently, we have been exposed to nationally-watched criminal trials, celebrity gossip, and presidential elections. The emphasis on these stories take away time from important things, like *Hogzilla*.

Yet people continue to watch.

So the question is whether people simply watch the TV they are given or whether networks are putting out programming because that's what people watch. Is the Scott Peterson trial or *Newlyweds* a product of network tackiness or public stupidity?

The sad thing is a reality TV show about the selection of a new Pope would probably become the highest-rated show on television, but not for the social implications of the process. People would gather in houses and apartments across the country and eagerly watch because Candidate #1 always hogs the wine and we really, really want Candidate #2 to get the rose at the end of the show.

I never got in touch with Mr. Kutcher and I never followed through on pay back for my guinea pig's death. I simply dug a hole in the field outside my apartment and laid my cherished pet to rest.

Afterwards, I came inside and turned on the TV to find that my guinea pig's tale is the new hot topic and my friend's murder trial will be the news story of the year.

Ah, sweet, sweet revenge.

E-mail Matt what your TV-infested thoughts
viewpoint@technicianonline.com

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Thanks for the memories

Rebecca Heslin
Editor in Chief

If the walls of Technician's penthouse suite in Witherspoon could talk, they sure would have a lot to say.

The excitement, the pressure, the tears, the frustration and most of all, the laughter — these walls have seen it all.

The eagerness and enthusiasm embedded within this office seems to be overflowing right now, as the new editorial staff is taking over the reigns of production for the very first time. But with that excitement comes the inevitable bittersweet feeling involved in saying goodbye to several already-missed staff members.

Their absence is impossible to ignore as we crank out our first paper without their help.

As I pound away at the keyboard, encountering the harsh realization of not knowing how I can possibly put my appreciation into words, it finally hits me. And it feels strikingly similar to the first time my parents left me home alone.

When I finish writing this, my post-writing ritual will experience extreme culture shock. I won't run to the office next door to tell Matt Middleton that it's completed and wait, patiently in my eyes, annoyingly in his, while he edits it and hope that I made him proud.

To say that I have big shoes to fill does

not even come close to encompassing the challenge I have in front of me. I can safely say that Matt taught me everything I know, and now love, about journalism and for that, I am forever indebted.

Ben McNeely, managing editor and resident know-it-all, is another missed face. Well, that's not completely true, he simply cannot tear himself away from this job and has already been up here once today. Not only did he bring the staff together and keep everyone up-to-date on just about everything, Ben's passion will be missed around the office, as it was often a driving force behind others' excitement toward journalism.

The sports department has lost not one, but two of their finest during this staff turnover. The next generation of sports at Technician is ready to step up to the plate, but Austin Johnson and Ryan Reynolds will never be forgotten.

Even more than her fabulous command of words in features pieces, Ashley Hink's presence in the newsroom and during heated debates will be genuinely missed and we all owe her thanks for her irreplaceable work as features editor.

Without Claire Saunders, advertising manager extraordinaire, this paper wouldn't even exist. We are all extremely thankful for her command of the business department and ability to sell ads.

As the night progresses and we all assume our new roles, one thing remains the same. The focus on making Technician the student newspaper it was originally intended to be — by the students, for the students — is on the forefront of all of our minds.

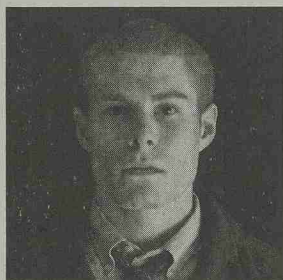
I will lead this incredible staff in taking Technician to the next level — a goal past editors have succeeded in doing each year. We hope to improve communication between the staff and campus. We encourage students to get involved with Technician or simply let us know how we're doing.

The staff may be changing, but the office remains the same — 323 Witherspoon Student Center — and the memories are continuing to be made.

On behalf of the entire staff, I know that Matt's ridiculously over-embellished facial expressions and deep passion border-lining on obsession with Clay Aiken, Ben's laughter that often made the building shake, Ashley's stories about Matt's rich social life, Austin's dapper style, Ryan's constant comic relief, oftentimes at his expense and Claire's long-haired chihuahua will truly be missed more than they will ever know.

And if these walls could talk, they would say thanks for the memories.

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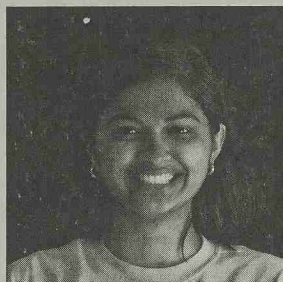
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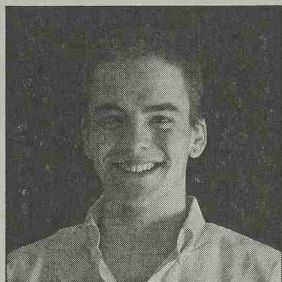
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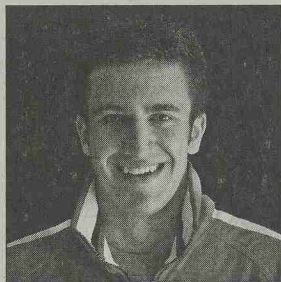
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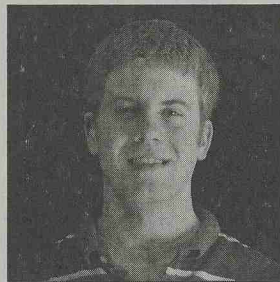
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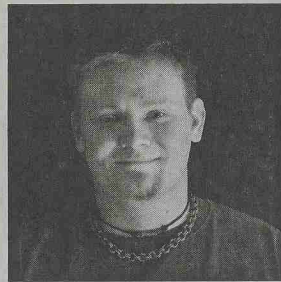
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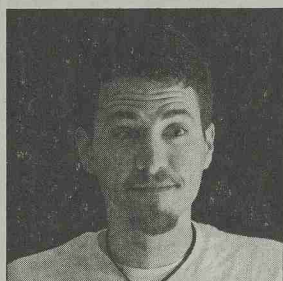
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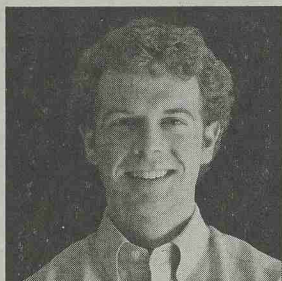
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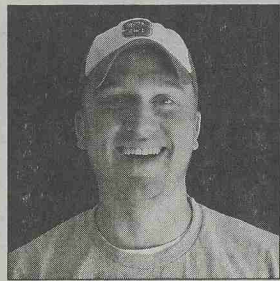
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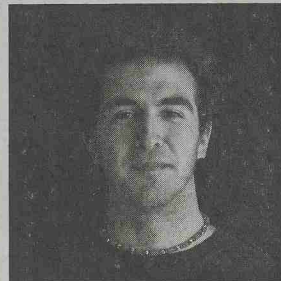
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was kind of nerve-wracking. I wasn't getting my first serves in, and [Archavaleta] really helped us hold together and stay aggressive," Stadelmann said.

But the Paladins would take the doubles point, winning 7-5 in the tie-breaker.

In singles, Stahl-Johansson was once again a victor, as she defeated Shannon Moore 1-6, 6-1, 6-3. Roach and Orlay were also singles winners, both in straight sets.

Orlay's win did not come easy, as she turned her ankle and had to have it re-taped during the second set. Also, Stadelmann fell to Lauren Osborne, 1-6, 5-7 in her match.

Archavaleta, a native of Montevideo, Uruguay, would later find herself in another pressure situation in this time for the match.

The attention of everyone was focused on court four, where the winner would decide the victor of the match.

Archavaleta won the first set over Marti Morris 6-4. Then she dropped the second, 2-6, setting up an intense third set, which resulted in the score reaching deuce on several occasions. With the score at 4-5, a charging Morris put it away with a shot well out of reach.

With her face in her hands,

Archavaleta was met by the entire team and consoled. With the loss, the Pack dropped to 8-10, throwing away its chance for a winning record.

Although Senior Day finished with a narrow defeat, the attitude of the Pack remained positive, as the players reflected on what their careers have meant.

"It was definitely a very special day. These past four years have been wonderful. I love my teammates more than anything; just being here on Senior Day is just awesome," said senior Taylor Parker.

One senior, Kristin Lam, was forced to watch the competition from the sidelines with a knee injury suffered earlier in the year.

"They mean a whole lot to me, the team and coaches," Lam said. "This is my fifth year here, and they have pretty much changed my attitude about tennis and life. I do whatever I can if I'm not on the court, to support my teammates and try to be more verbal in cheering on teammates."

Coach Hans Olsen said the match meant a great deal to her as well.

"These seniors have been the heart and soul of what we've been building here and it's been an emotional weekend for some of the players, in a good way," Olsen said. "I think they were tearfully happy and sad that they are in their last season, but I was proud of the way they fought today."

Wolfpack Weekend

Softball at Maryland

The weekend series for N.C. State and Maryland was canceled due to bad weather.

State returns home from College Park, Md. without facing a single pitch. No makeup date has been set for the Wolfpack (31-17, 2-3 ACC), who face Elon at Walnut Creek Wednesday.

Track and field at Charlotte Invitational

Sophomore Mitchell Pope won the shotput event Saturday with a NCAA Regional Championship qualifying mark of 57-9. Pope also placed 10th in the hammer throw.

Sophomore Lalia Thomas and freshman Mattie Bethea competed in

five events each for the women's side, as preparation for future pentathlons. Bethea cleared 5-3 in the high jump to tie for second place.

Women's Golf at Browns Summit, N.C.

The women's golf team finished in 10th place Sunday out of 17 teams, a grouping that featured nine top-25 squads at the Bryan National Collegiate. Junior Lorraine Ballerano finished 15 over-par and in 28th place

to lead the Wolfpack. Fellow junior Molly Birmingham led State in the final round, shooting seven-over.

Men's Golf at Augusta, Ga.

The men's golf team finished 18th in a field of 25 teams at the Forest Hills Golf Club. Jerry Richardson shot 18 over par to lead the Wolfpack at the Augusta St. Invitational.

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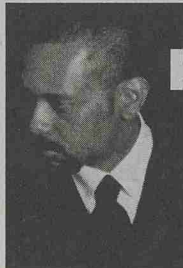
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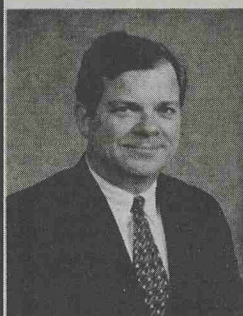
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said.

Smith said she can't wait for the feeling of stepping out on the floor at nationals and seeing the crowd.

"It's the best feeling in the world. That's why we do it," Smith said. "When you step out on the floor and you see all those people, and you know you've prepared to the best of your ability, there's nothing like it."

Coach Harold Trammel compared this year's squad to the 2001 national championship team.

"We have a very talented team. We're stacked, we're just about

where we were in 2001," Trammel said. "We have very high expectations for this team."

While the rest of the team is in Florida, Mr. Wuf will be in the finals of msn.com's "Mascot Mania" challenge. His competition, ironically, will be the Badger, the mascot of the basketball team that eliminated State from the Sweet 16.

Hard work's reward

After months of a somewhat rocky season of practicing, performance, and drills, dance team co-captain Alyse Dason said she could not be more excited about the teams trip to Florida.

"We've gone through a really hard time this year. Lots of things have changed, we got a new coach, which that was great

for the program, but we've just had a real hard time the past two months pulling everything together," Dason said. "But its come together very nicely and we're just going out there and we're going to have fun. That's our main goal."

Part of the challenge has been the grueling preparation in itself.

The dance team has been preparing itself for the national competition since early August, kicking the year off with a "Hell Week" then practicing four times a week for three to hours. Practices involve a 2-mile run, techniques, and rehearsing routines. During football and basketball season, in addition to learning a routine for nationals, the team performs at every home

game, arriving three hours early. Football games, Dason said, are "all day events." Coach April Frazier said the trip is a reward for the hard work and sacrifice.

"They can walk off the floor and say 'we did our best, we did all we could,'" coach April Frazier said. "We're looking to getting down there, doing our thing, and being able to play. But it's going to be hard work and they definitely deserve it."

A big part of the team's preparation has been choreographing its own routine, something that distinguishes this team from years past.

"We kind of took over the choreography and stuff so all of us feel really comfortable going out there because it's our dance instead of someone doing it for

us," junior and co-captain Shondra Washington said. "We fixed things to our own strengths. We feel like its ours."

Coach Natalie Hageman called the team's routine it's biggest accomplishment of the year.

"One of the biggest accomplishments this year is that it came from the girls," Hageman said. "Ultimately, these girls have put the product on the floor."

Washington said that although the team must perfect uniformity in its routine, she feels confident in the squad.

"The goal of the whole thing is to look like one person. There might have been a couple of uniformity issues that we have to work on but other than that, everything is fine," Washington said. "We really are very good

technical dancers. This year we're really strong in technique and performance."

Dason said once she is out on the floor at the competition, the routine will be second-nature.

"It's an outer-body experience. You don't realize it until it's over," Dason said. "You don't remember the movements you just made with your body, they just become so comfortable."

Dason also stressed the importance of unity and confidence.

"We have given the team the whole aspect like 'this is our routine, we've got to go out there and sell it'. Our coaches can't do anything for us, our choreographers can't do anything for us out there on the floor. If we come together as a team, we can do whatever we want to do."

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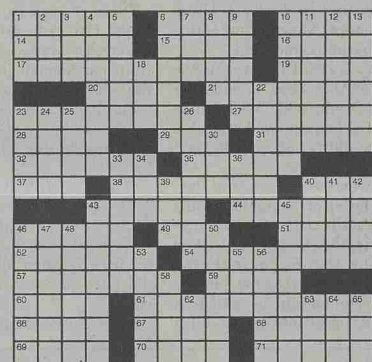
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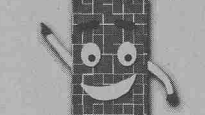
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MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005

Schedule

W. Tennis vs. North Carolina, 4/6, 2:30
Softball vs. Elon, 4/6, 4
Baseball vs. East Carolina, 4/6, 7
M. Tennis at Miami, 4/8, 6
M. Golf at Devils Ridge Golf Club, 4/8
Gymnastics at NCAA Regionals, 4/9, 6

Scores

Virginia Tech 5, Baseball 4
Furman 4, W. Tennis 3
W. Golf, 10th, Bryan National GC
M. Golf, 18th, Augusta St. Invitational



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BASEBALL

Hokies outlast Devine, salvage final game

Despite winning the series 2-1, the Pack could not even its conference record Sunday on the strength of four shutout innings by closer Joey Devine

Tanner Kroeger
Staff Writer

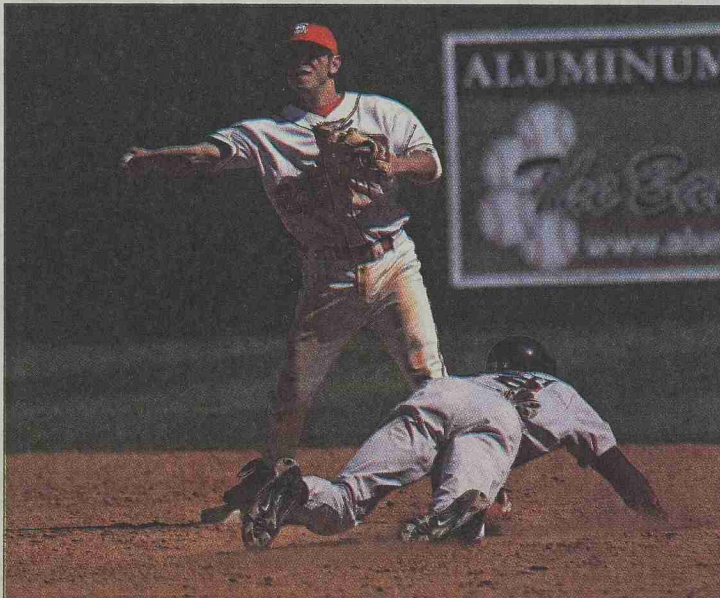
With the right-field flags at Doak Field positioned at half-staff in honor of Pope John Paul II, N.C. State (21-9, 5-7 ACC) lost its final game against Virginia Tech (9-11, 2-9) after a 12-inning 5-4 affair Sunday. The game was the Pack's only loss in its last seven contests.

Tech jumped ahead early, leading the Pack 2-0 after the top of the third inning, but State responded in the bottom of the fourth behind freshman first baseman Ryan Pond.

With sophomore Aaron Bates, junior Brian Aragon and senior Jake Muyco on base, Pond drove in the first two runners with a shot to center field that hovered over the outstretched shortstop's reach, leaving Muyco on second base. Sophomore Ramon Corona would give the Pack a 3-2 lead, by sending Muyco home with a double into center field.

"It was a hard fought game. We had some chances," junior closer Joey Devine said. "We left nine guys on base, but we battled. We just couldn't cash in at the right time."

Devine entered the game during the top of the eighth, leading the Pack back to a tie score at 4-4, after the Hokies went back in front with two runs in the top of the sixth. Devine pitched four shutout innings until Tech scored on a controversial call at



Shortstop Jonathan Diaz fires to first base Sunday afternoon at Doak Field in the 5-4 loss to the Hokies.

the plate, giving Tech its first and only game of the series.

The run awarded to the Hokies in the 12th came after Muyco, the catcher, appeared to tag the runner and remain in control of the ball at home plate.

Coach Elliot Avent met the umpire at home plate in disagreement within seconds after the call.

"The play at the plate, yea," Avent said. "We thought we had it, but he saw it differently. It was a good baseball game. Both pitchers did their jobs, but we did hurt ourselves with three errors."

Avent added that the team has

a few things to work on before its game against East Carolina Wednesday night.

"We are trying to get energy into ourselves," he said. "There have been a lot base running mistakes – way too many base running mistakes. It showed we were a little tired."

Although State failed to even its conference record Sunday, it took the three-game series against Tech 2-1. Saturday's game provided the Pack with another opportunity to demonstrate how it handles adversity. Down 7-2 heading into the eighth inning, State responded with eight runs on the inning,

defeating the Hokies 10-7.

"This team handles adversity very, very well," Avent said. "They played very well [Saturday], and they know it, but this is a tough loss."

The game against East Carolina Wednesday night could likely be seen as a good litmus test for the rest of the Pack's season.

Having been ranked as high as fourth nationally in 2005, the Pirates beat State 13-1 in late February.

"This is going to be a big week for us," Avent said. "I'm sure there will be a lot of emotions from fans on both sides."

Brackman takes return to mound

Patrick Clarke
Staff Writer

It was a week since Andrew Brackman last entered a game for N.C. State. With the season-ending Sweet 16 loss behind him in basketball, Brackman was able to make his baseball debut Saturday night against Virginia Tech.

Brackman relieved starter Brandon Knapp, who lasted three innings and allowed four runs on four hits. The Pack defense committed four errors during the first three innings, although all four runs scored were earned.

"I'd been waiting for this a long, long time," Brackman said, following his four-inning performance during the Pack's 10-7 win. "It took a lot off my shoulders to get in there."

The anticipation for his debut was at full potential, thanks in a large part to his success on the basketball team. Wednesday's game against Elon was the highest attended game of the season to date with 834 people in attendance – hoping in part to see him pitch.

"Everyone kept asking me [when I would pitch]. I really didn't know when, but I had a feeling it would be this weekend and in the third inning they told me to get ready," Brackman said.

Coach Elliot Avent said he was more than thrilled to get

Brackman game action.

"We didn't think we'd be able to get him going this soon," Avent said. "It shows the hard work he put in during the basketball season. For Coach Sendek and his staff to allow him the opportunity to stay with baseball – we appreciate that."

While he was happy to finally take the mound, Brackman said that he knows he has more work to do.

"My arm isn't as strong as it normally is by the middle of the season," Brackman said. "Sometimes it is hard to get ready. It's a little sore. I hate pitching in the cold. That's why I came here to pitch."

Catcher Jake Muyco got his first chance to work with Brackman in a game situation Saturday night.

"I caught him in the fall but this was pretty much my first time," Muyco said.

"He was adequate. He's got good stuff but his curveball wasn't really what it should be and he didn't locate his fastball as well as he wanted. But he pitched well – he got outs when he needed to get outs. Over time, with more repetition, he'll get better."

At one point during the fifth inning, Brackman had trouble reading pitching signs from Muyco.

"He crossed me up – I called for a fastball and he threw me a curve," Muyco said. "He's lucky I caught it and the guy swung and missed at it."

WOMEN'S TENNIS



Carmen Torres, Kristin Lam, Danielle Stadelmann and Taylor Parker pose at the J.W. Isenhour Center.

Seniors awarded in narrow loss

Six hours of tennis Sunday ultimately resulted in the Pack's ninth loss in 10 matches

J. Mike Blake
Staff Writer

Their last home match may be later this week, but Senior Day came early for the women's tennis team in Sunday's 4-3 loss to Furman. The ceremony was moved to Sunday afternoon to better accommodate the families of the players and was held indoors due to high winds.

In the pre-game ceremony,

each senior was presented with flowers and a plaque with a photo. Seniors also wore self-made shirts that featured "wolf" on the front and "senior" plus their respective name or nickname on the back.

"I was proud I didn't cry. But we still have five or six matches left so it's not like our season is over," senior Danielle Stadelmann said.

But after six-plus hours of play, fans witnessed tears of a different kind from the Pack, as it dropped the ninth game out of its last 10 matches.

After senior Carmen Torres and freshman Elin Stahl-Johans-

son won their doubles match 8-3 and the duo of Barbara Orlay and Julia Roach lost 2-8, it was up to Danielle Stadelmann and Agustina Arechavaleta to salvage the last doubles match for the point.

The pairing at No. 2 doubles fell behind early in the match, starting out the set 0-3. But by the end, the two forced a grueling tie-breaker with their Furman counterparts, and tied the score at 8-8.

"I guess when were serving for the doubles match it

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CHEERLEADING

A Sunshine State reward

N.C. State's cheerleading and dance teams head to Florida for the Collegiate National Championships Tuesday

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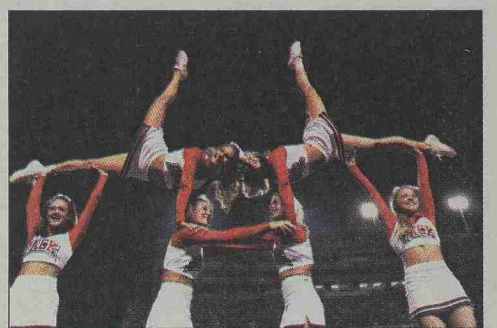
On Tuesday night, dozens of N.C. State students will leave their books behind in Raleigh and trek down to Daytona Beach, Fla., a Sunshine State haven for spring breakers and NASCAR fans alike.

But unlike the folks depicted on the CBS movie "Spring Break Shark Attack," these students won't be there for beer bongs and sunbathing. The purpose of their trip – to showcase what months of sacrifice, hard work, and endless hours in the gym has created.

The Wolfpack cheerleading and dance team squads will make the 700-plus mile journey to the east coast of Florida to compete in the 2005 Collegiate National Championships. Both squads displayed their routines to hundreds of fans Sunday afternoon at the RBC Center as part of a dress rehearsal for the competition.

Bringing home another title

The trophy case is getting overcrowded at N.C. State Athletics Department office, thanks to the Wolfpack cheerleading squad. The team has won more



The cheer team builds towering displays at a Wolfpack football game.

national championships – four – than any other varsity sport at N.C. State. After a second-place finish at nationals in 2004, this team said it wants to bring home its fifth national title trophy.

"The pressure is on. Everyone expects a lot out of us," sophomore Matt Goto said. "We have a really good program here. We're out there to win, we're confident we can do it and this year we're going to prove it to everyone."

Junior Kelly Smith said she feels this team has the right combination of skills to bring home a trophy.

"We're excited because this is the first year we've had a team that was talented in all the different areas," Smith said. "In years past, we've had really great stunts or really good tumbling, but this year we have the total package."

Part of the team's training has been sacrifice. In addition to

non-stop training throughout the year, cheerleaders are not allowed to drink alcohol for two months prior to the competition and are encouraged to give up an unhealthy habit.

"We have to give up something that's not good for your body. A lot of us give up soda or sweet tea, so right after we get off the floor we're going to run in and get soda or sweet tea or whatever we gave up," Smith said. "Kind of like Cheer Lent."

Junior Lauren Allen said she realized a reward of that sacrifice and work Sunday when she looked into the stands at the RBC and saw hundreds of students, friends, and family members showing their support.

"We have such a large crowd come out and support us and that's really awesome," Allen

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