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Walking for a cancer cure

Groups from N.C. State set up tents on Centennial Campus to take part in the American Cancer Society's annual "Relay for Life"

Haley Huie
Deputy News Editor

Music played late into Saturday night to rouse students who walked in the 24-hour Relay for Life event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The relay took place at N.C. State's Centennial Campus, and hosted more than 200 participants.

The theme for the 2005 relay event was "A night at the movies," with tents located around the perimeter of the parking lot decorated with similar themes.

Paige Roe, a junior in biochemistry, and Chris Lunsford, a junior in business management, rounded the parking lot on behalf of the Park 2007 and friends group. The group was comprised of Park Scholars and guests, and had a boxing ring set up. The ring featured a cancer dummy and allowed other participants who paid a suggested donation to "beat" cancer.

"This event is important because everyone's life has been touched by cancer at some point," Lunsford said. "Even if you're not walking for someone you know personally, it may benefit someone you know in the future."

Luminaries were for sale at the site, to honor the life of a cancer victim, and were lit for a luminary procession after the sun set.

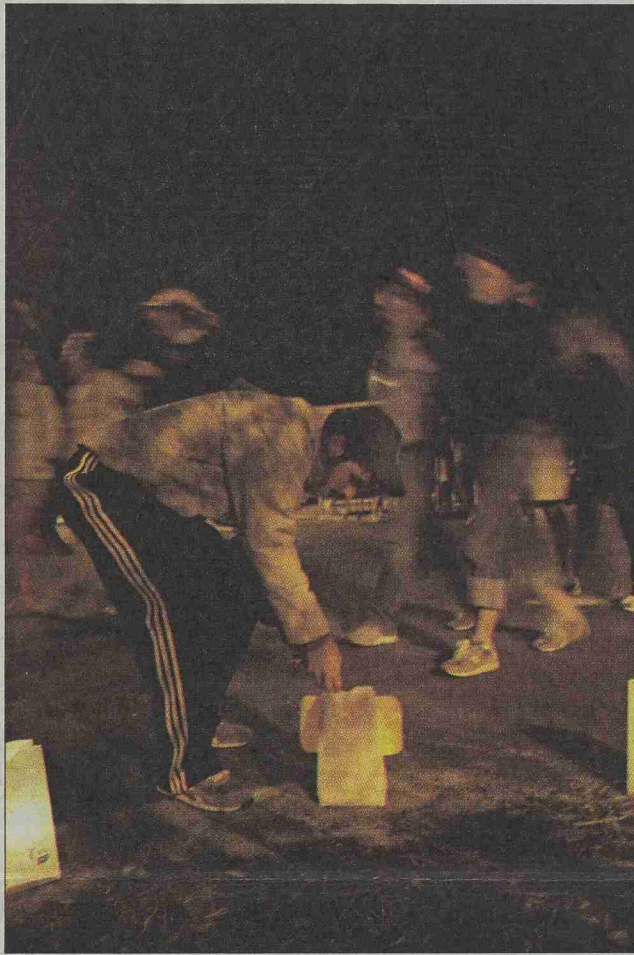
Roe said that this year's event is her second, and that the relays are a good chance to meet survivors and hear their stories.

"Relay offers you a chance to see who you benefit — you're not just giving money," Roe said.

The relay event lasted from 6 p.m. Saturday until 3 p.m. Sunday.

Becky Dayton, the state development director for North and South Carolina, was present for the relay festivities and said that she was "very impressed that NCSU students took that much time to come out and

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Sophomore Shawn Campbell lights luminaries during Relay for Life Saturday night on Centennial Campus. The lighting begins a ceremony to remember those who have battled with cancer during their lives.

ARIA BEHROUZI/TECHNICIAN

Corporate giving continues to rise

N.C. State has moved up in the ranks, becoming third in the nation for corporate funding

Kala Waddell
Staff Writer

Over the past year, N.C. State has collected private gifts from corporations totaling \$73.6 million, which has increased the University to third in the nation.

This puts NCSU ahead of UNC Chapel Hill, Stanford and even Harvard. NCSU ranked eighth on behalf of corporate gifts last year.

"This is an excellent opportunity for students here at State to take advantage of. We have access to better computers, more scholarships and better classrooms," Gabriela Rangel, a freshman in communication, said.

While this high rank for corporate gifts looks appealing for the University, Ed Hand, director of the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations, said he believes that these gifts are strictly for the enhancement of student education.

"The corporations have no interest in advancing the image of the University; however, they have a real, significant influence on the education of our students," he said.

Hand said that gifts are inclined to come in assorted amounts.

For example, the General Electric Foundation gave \$500,000 to the College of Engineering and the College of Education to fund research and to support math and science education in under-represented populations.

Other strong corporate giv-

ers to NCSU include: Progress Energy, General Electric, Philip Morris, Proctor and Gamble, Wachovia and IBM.

According to Hand, these corporations often show interest in providing for scholarships.

There are, however, many with interests in fellowships, faculty support or programmatic support.

"NCSU receives from hundreds of corporations annually, and many identify with us because of areas of academic strength, particularly engineering, life and science and textiles," Hand said of donors' inclinations to give to certain colleges or academic areas.

Chancellor Oblinger said he believes that NCSU is focused on being the best school available through its education, economic development and needs of quality of life for the state and society.

"Through gifts and contributions, individuals and corporations have shown their appreciation for our results-oriented approach," Oblinger said.

"N.C. State is a wonderful school, and I think that corporations have become aware of it, and want to help financially as much as they can," Jessica Weddington, a freshman in biology, said.

With competition increasing more every year, NCSU continues to be among the top schools in the nation for corporate giving.

"Competition for corporate giving is always intense. However, we feel that by choosing the organizations that best match our strengths and future goals, we can work together for the mutual benefit of both NCSU and the company," Hand said.

Three runoff elections begin today

Last week's high voter turnout resulted in three positions not receiving the majority vote needed to win; the candidates for these positions will face off today and tomorrow in another vote

Tyler Dukes
News Editor

Following the record high voter turnout of last week's elections, six candidates will remain on the ballots this week during runoffs for the positions of student body president,

Student Senate president and senior class president.

Presidential candidates Will Quick and The Pirate Captain, Senate presidential candidates Tommy Ozbolt and Forrest Hinton and senior class presidential candidates Hisham Salama and Carla Babb are facing off as the polls reopened this morning at 12:01 a.m.

All six candidates failed to receive the 51-percent vote required to win the positions outright.

According to the Elections Commission Chair Bonnie Pierson, this week's elections will likely see fewer numbers in the polls due to the decreased publicity.

"Traditionally we see significantly lower voter turnout for runoffs," Pierson said. "We may make record voter turnout for runoffs, but it will be nothing near last week's."

Although the Captain received more than twice the number of votes as Quick, Pierson said that it is difficult to predict the outcome of the continued race.

"Since I've been in office, we've never had a runoff election for a major position, so I don't know how it will turn out," Pierson said. "It does play into consideration that you have less choices. That may even be the result."

As for Salama and Babb, who nearly tied

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Remedies vary for hangovers

Tanner Kroeger
Senior Staff Writer

As evident with the various manners with which people respond to alcohol while drinking, different people with different tolerances experience hangovers. Symptoms can range from simple sluggishness to a minor headache; from hunger and thirst to hours of vomiting.

According to Sarah Hansen, a certified health education specialist, two of the bigger contributors to hangovers are that alcohol dehydrates a body and the presence of congeners, which are by-products of fermentation and distillation. Congeners, found in hard liquors and wine,

are toxic to humans.

Drew Claybrook, a sophomore in computer science, explained dehydration is easy to combat.

"I always try to drink a glass of water before bed," Claybrook said. "It re-hydrates your body. I still get [hangovers], but not very often."

Hansen recommended that people drink water before, during and after consuming alcoholic drinks, in order to keep the body hydrated throughout the night.

Hangover headaches result from the dehydration associated with drinking, and individuals often wake up and take pain relievers to reduce the pounding headache.

However, in October of 1998, the Food and Drug Administration mandated that all over-the-counter pain relievers carry a warning label to people who had consumed three or more alcoholic beverages. The FDA said drugs such as acetaminophen, aspirin, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen sodium combined with alcohol could cause liver damage or the stomach to bleed.

Chris Austin, a substance abuse prevention educator at N.C. State, reiterated the FDA's warning on over-the-counter drugs.

"A lot of times people will recommend you take something to relieve the pain," Austin said. "I

Alcohol and Substance Use at N.C. State:

- 79.3 percent consumed alcohol in the past year.
- 20.7 percent did not consume alcohol in the past year.
- 17.7 percent reported that they have never consumed alcohol.
- Binge drinking rate for the N.C. State campus: 44.6 percent — The average binge-drinking rate of universities in NCSU's reference group is 42 percent.

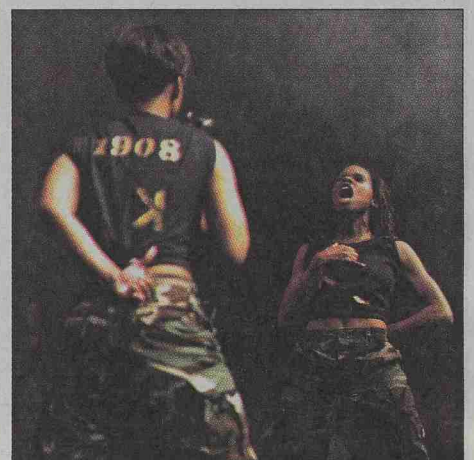
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still do not recommend taking Tylenol or anything with acetaminophen in it. [Alcohol and acetaminophen] together can create an adverse effect, and you may get acute liver damage."

Congeners in alcohol often cause the nausea and vomiting

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YOU GOT SERVED



NATHAN BULLEN/TECHNICIAN

Members of the sorority Kappa Omicron-Alpha Kappa Alpha call back to each other in the Pan-African step show Saturday night. The show theme of emergencies called the sorority to perform as a military team in training. The event brought step teams from across the state to compete in front of judges.

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Rollergirls race for fame. All-girl, flat-track roller derby. See page 8.

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the vote with a scant 18-vote difference, Pierson said that these results were not likely to repeat themselves since there is no write-in vote for this election.

"We saw such a quantity of write-ins that it took off votes and stopped either candidates from getting a majority," Pierson said.

John Melton, a freshman in political science, stands behind Quick and is confident that he will win on Monday and Tuesday.

"He's the best guy for the job," Melton said. "He's serious about getting things done and he gets a lot of respect from the student body from the position he has this year."

Melton said he believes that the Captain is not taking the position as seriously as it should be taken.

"A lot of people who normally don't vote will vote because they don't want a pirate running the school," Melton said. "It's not meant to be a joke. [Student body president] is a real job."

The biggest problem that will occur if the Captain is elected, Melton said, is that he will not receive the recog-

inition he needs to effectively serve the student body.

"Even if he stops being a pirate, he'll always be known as the guy that got elected as a pirate," Melton said. "He won't get any respect from the community."

Lindsay Fleischmann, a senior in biological engineering, voted for the Captain last week and plans to vote for him again in the runoffs. Her reasoning, she said, is simple.

"I think Student Government is a joke," Fleischmann said. "I don't really know what they do and I've been here for four years."

Fleischmann added that she's not alone.

"All the people I've talked to think that it's funny, that it's just a joke," Fleischmann said. "A lot of people have that mentality."

Although she admitted she doesn't know what the student body president does in his position, she said she does know that the position doesn't have much of a say in many of the issues that deal with students.

"Maybe he can help that out since so many more people voted," Fleischmann said. "Maybe he'll get more people involved in Student Government."

RUNOFF CANDIDATE INFO

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

The Pirate Captain *Junior, mechanical engineering*
Website/Contact: pirate.phora.net
What makes you superior to your other candidates?: "THE" Pirate Captain
Major platforms: Expand the cargo lines, create a crew of all five colleges in Raleigh, listen to ye qualms, foster our ways

Will Quick *Junior, biomedical engineering and political science*
Website/Contact: www.getncsu.com
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.
Major 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 and ensure that it's environmentally sound, improving understanding and acceptance of diversity on campus

STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

Forrest Hinton *Sophomore, mathematics education*
Website/Contact: www.renew2005.com
What makes you superior to your other candidates?: All of the Student Senate president candidates are talented, but I've been the most committed to raising student issues and have a hopeful vision to renew accountability.
Major 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 their service, renew College Councils by meeting with their presidents and actively involving senators as advocates in those councils

Tommy Ozbolt *Junior, political science and philosophy of law*
Website/Contact: www.bigticketncsu.com
What makes you superior to the other candidate?: No one brings more wide-ranging leadership experience from throughout the campus community and more creativity and open-mindedness to the position.
Major 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

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Hisham Salama *Senior, business management - finance*
Website/Contact: www.votethehish.com
What makes you superior to the other candidate?: Enthusiasm, passion and keen interest in serving the student body, which has been displayed by campaigning for over three months
Major platforms: Senior Days - Live music and free food in the Brickyard, Senior Games - Selecting a football and basketball game in which seniors would be guaranteed tickets

Carla Babb *Senior, communication and political science*
Website/Contact: cnbabb@ncsu.edu
What makes you superior to the other candidate?: My involvement in all aspects on campus, my determination to see things through after an idea is developed and my experience with establishing new traditions and working with Student Government and the Alumni Association as a Caldwell Scholar.
Major platforms: More activities through Athletics and ticket distributions such as giving unused in-state away game tickets from athletes to seniors at a discounted price, expanded traditions with the improvement of Senior week and the creation of a ring ceremony.

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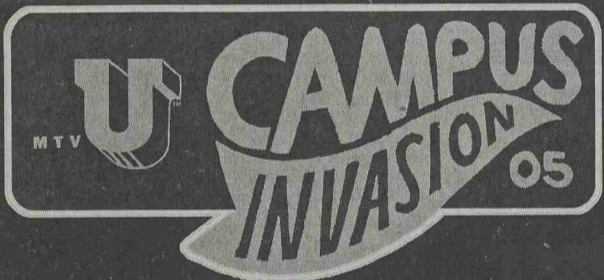
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1:11 A.M. | WELFARE CHECK

A non-student asked that officers check the Coliseum Deck to see if his wife's vehicle was parked there, due to her being overdue at her residence. His wife was supposed to be taking a crafts class at Thompson Theater, and he asked if police could verify. Contact was made with the Director of the Crafts Center, who came in to check the roster. The subject had not attended class. The husband was notified. State Capitol Police are also working on the situation.

12:56 A.M. | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

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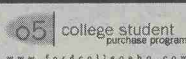
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raise money for such a worthy cause."

Dayton said that she was a stockbroker before two of her sisters became victims of cancer.

After their deaths, she said she felt cancer research was an issue she wanted to devote her life to helping.

"This event allows a community to take up a fight," Dayton said. "It involves people from all walks of life to volunteer and raise money for those affected by the disease."

Dayton said that the events involve survivors, from small children to elderly people, who have been affected by cancer.

Each group creates a tent or

display, concurrent with the relay's theme, and provides on-site fundraisers to benefit various types of cancer research and prevention.

One of the funds that this year's relay designed to help was the "Road to Recovery," which allows those who can't afford to travel for radiation therapy to have the treatment brought to them, she said.

Dayton, who attended the event at UNC-Chapel Hill the previous night, said that there were 213 relays in North and South Carolina, and that she was impressed with the creativity that NCSU students displayed in the design of their booths.

The 24-hour relay begins with a survivor's lap, with cancer survivor's taking a lap around the track, or in NCSU's

case, a parking lot, according to Dayton.

"The relays are a way to celebrate life, people's lives who have been affected by [cancer], or people who have fought [cancer]," Dayton said.

CERES women's agricultural fraternity, has participated in two previous relays at NCSU. The tent's theme was, "I Love Beach Music," to represent the movie, "Shag."

"Cancer is growing. It affects everyone, and we need to find a cure," Karrie Shew, a senior in middle school education and member of the CERES relay group, said.

Shew said that 26 of the 29 fraternity members signed up to participate.

The CERES group was able to raise more than \$3,000, according to Shew.

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associated with hangovers. The toxins cause an inflammation of the stomach wall, so many doctors suggest people eat while drinking alcohol. Food will not only absorb a large portion of the alcohol, but it will also protect the stomach lining.

However, people often wake up hungry, not nauseated, after a night of drinking. Food, rest and water are the best ways to let the body recover to its regular glucose levels.

"Chinese food gets rid of my hangovers, however surprising that sounds," Jessica Symm, a sophomore in business administration, said. "They generally just last until you get some food."

The different solutions students have for hangovers are as unique as the reactions people have to alcohol itself. Austin, who speaks to groups about substance abuse and awareness, suggested the best solution is the simplest one.

"My idea of a solution is having people drink in moderation and not getting to that point," he said.



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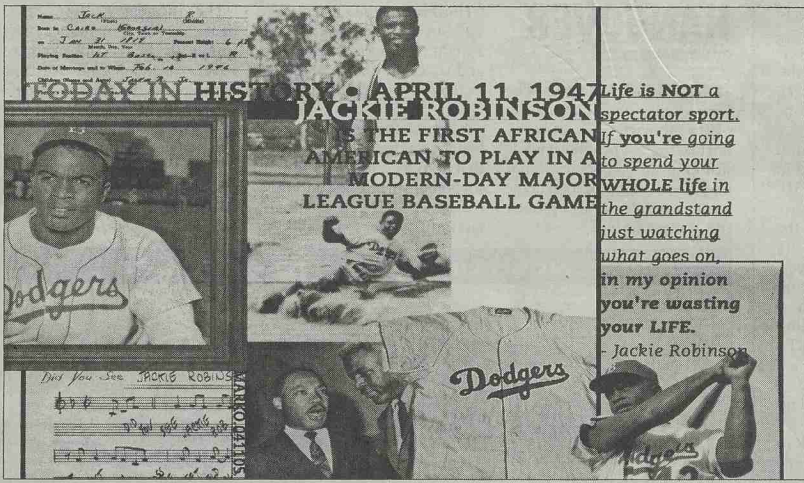
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Current SBP addresses the student body

Dear Wolfpack Students,

It has been brought to my attention that many of you would like to know more about the job description of the student body president as well as a list of activities in which I have been engaged while president. You all have thanked me enough by voting me into office for two terms. I did not feel the need to contact Technician or e-mail the campus each time I worked for the good of N.C. State. In not doing so I may have discredited Student Government and the good work that we have done!



Tony Caravano
Student Body President

MY ROLE
The day to day life of the SBP can be challenging, but is always rewarding. On a typical day I receive a minimum of thirty phone calls and a minimum of thirty e-mails from individuals that need information, an appointment, a favor or simply want to discuss a situation. During the week I attend anywhere from five to 10 meetings, each lasting at least one hour. In these meetings, the business of the University is carried out from issues dealing with the Student Centers to Campus Police and I am considered the expert on student matters at the table. Great changes can occur if I am prepared for these meetings and I take them very seriously.

The Student Body President is an automatic member of many boards and groups, such as:

- Board of Trustees — the highest decision making body in the institution, responsible for academic policy, student affairs, buildings, development and fundraising
- UNC Association of Student Governments — all UNC-System Student Governments gather once a month to discuss matters important to all 16 campuses
- Student Center Board of Directors — group that meets to discuss and decide upon items like enhancements and renovations to the

student centers

Over the last year, I've also had the privilege to serve as the student voice on a number of search committees, such as those for the chancellor, the vice chancellor for finance and business and the provost. In each case, I've taken time to solicit feedback from students about their expectations and concerns.

During the tailgating shootings on our campus I was quickly contacted to represent our students in the media. It took a great deal of poise to be a part of some interviews that accused our students of being something we were not. During this time, many of you contacted me about how we would get back some of our tailgating rights. With the help of alumni, our Student Senate president and I brought forth a proposal of many student recommendations to the Chancellor. In that meeting we hashed out a new idea and many more students were able to return to the lots.

Finally, I personally have volunteered whenever possible to judge contests, give speeches, help recruit new students, kiss pigs, attend meetings and anything else requested by fellow students; all while attempting to be a student in the classroom, play IM sports (we were the basketball champs this year), and hang out with the people that elected me.

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT

One reason that I may not have shared enough of our successes is the simple fact that I enjoy working within a team. When the work is done I would prefer one of our staff members get the credit for the work that we all have done. The following is SOME of the activity within Student Government:

- Student Government solicited the funding for buses to home football games.
- Members of SG worked to keep student fees low this year while opposing a tuition increase. We did get a freeze for our in-state students this year, thanks to a collaborative effort with the UNCASG.
- Student Government leaders joined with leaders across campus to raise more than \$40,000 for tsunami relief.

- This year, we gave out the first scholarship from a student-run scholarship endowment begun by Student Body President Harold Pettigrew.
- By the end of this year there will be plans in place from our Traditions Commission for a memorial service for students who have died while attending NCSU.
- We have had progressive dinners on Hillsborough Street at very low prices and student discounts during games.
- We helped revise bus routes and requested additional buses for areas like Wolf Village and Centennial Campus as a result of Chancellor's Liaisons and Presidents' Roundtable meetings.
- Freshmen in SG led a forum on the building of the Catalano Pavilion on the Court of North Carolina.
- We have ordered 10,000 red wristbands that we will sell to support student scholarships and to send a group of students to do tsunami-related community service.
- Our Hillsborough Street commission helped a fellow NCSU student set up a student lounge on the street.
- Student Government members as well as other students have started trips to the legislature and meetings with the mayor two times per year to advocate for student and University issues. Thanks to these meetings, new street lights are being added to Trailwood to increase safety.

I have great pride in this University and hope that I have been a model for others. The faith that others have placed in me is what makes me go, not seeing my name in the paper every day. This list is not by any means all inclusive because it does not include work of other branches in Student Government. It does however, show where all three branches have come together for the good of campus. All in all, I wanted to give you a clear picture of the responsibilities of the SBP to show you that it is in fact the most important position a student can hold on our campus.

With Wolfpack Pride,
Tony Caravano

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

NOT JUST ANOTHER POLITICIAN

OUR OPINION: THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM WILL BE SEARCHING FOR A NEW LEADER. THAT LEADER NEEDS TO HAVE CERTAIN QUALITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO TAKE N.C. STATE AND THE REST OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

There will be a new face serving as president of the University of North Carolina System sometime next year.

Not like anyone knows what the outgoing president looks like. We know the name, we are familiar with her decisions and we know what she stood for.

But no one can really describe her — unless they went to the Board of Governors meetings.

Molly Broad's replacement needs to be different.

Really, how many students know who their boss's boss's boss is? How many students know there are that many bosses?

We may know who the chancellor is, but rarely do we know who he reports to.

The new president needs to know what is happening in his or her system. Sure, the schools submit reports but a tour wouldn't hurt. For the president to see what is happening on the campuses accomplishes two things.

One, the president will see firsthand what it's like to be a student on that campus and show the students that he or she is working for them.

Two, the students get to see the person that has the trump card in their game called "College."

And for this, the president needs to have a background in higher education and already have relationships with as many universities as possible.

And with that background, there has to be one with the General Assembly too because the influence this person will have is tremendous.

The president should have the respect of the Assembly — or the opinions from him or her will not have as much impact.

The president is a servant who works for the students — plain and simple.


This is not just some position for a career move to gain some self-serving stardom. This position requires the utmost commitment and dedication from an individual who wants to improve the higher education system.

We, as students, need to see someone who has that commitment. Because if someone doesn't, that will only translate into another politician who doesn't care about us.

It will only mean we're paying more for our education when we don't need to be and we're not getting the quality we're capable of.

Whoever the next president is needs to understand this.

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Budget cuts reveal actual costs

The proposed state budget cuts for the UNC system are having their usual effect: hordes of ungrateful (perhaps even parasitic) students are whining and crying because they think they have a right to other people's money (tax dollars). I've got news for these folks: you voluntarily decided to go to a public university. Thus, your education is already overwhelmingly subsidized by the tax payer, and this subsidy is subject to change. Given what your education actually costs compared to the small amount you pay, I would HOPE — though, after seeing this pattern for years, not EXPECT — that students would be grateful that state tax payers have forked over so much of their money to the UNC system. Even the somewhat socialist higher education provision in the N.C. Constitution only requires that public universities provide a free education "as far as practicable." Well, it's not always practicable to spend more on the UNC system, or even maintain current spending levels. And you should take the scare tactics from the UNC Association of Student Governments with a grain of salt — you're not going to see hundreds of faculty and class sections disappear; you'll just pay higher tuition and thus pay more of the actual cost of your education. Well that's just terrible.

Darren O'Connor
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"Genocide" Display a Disgrace

As a young woman in the late 1960s, my mother faced an unwanted conception and pregnancy. Like many other women prior to the landmark Roe vs. Wade decision, she

could either be disgraced by her family if the baby came to term or undergo a secret abortion. My mother made the latter choice, and with no legal or safe clinics in the United States, nearly bled to death after a dark alleyway abortion in a foreign country.

Unfortunately, this is a story repeated by countless scared women before 1973. No woman, whether forced into sex or not, designed her pregnancy to end with abortion. Indeed, as former President Clinton argues, abortion should be "safe, rare, and legal," and with proper safe sex education, reduced dramatically. A recent joint study by Yale and Columbia University suggests that teenagers with an abstinence-only education are far more likely to engage in unsafe, premarital sexual activities. And the results, of course, are more women with unwanted pregnancies.

The sensationalism of recent Brickyard displays, which equate abortion with acts of "genocide," oversimplifies the problem. In fact, the images are shameful for their fallacious comparisons alone. The slaughter of men, women, and children in the Sudan is genocide. A woman's constitutional right to make decisions about her own body, however, is a very personal choice guaranteed to her by a free nation. It is one that she would not have to make if one in four women were not raped in the United States, and if we stopped preaching faith-based abstinence education to teenagers who may engage in intercourse anyway.

As a man, I plan to make sure that other men start respecting women and, equally as important, that white, rich men in Washington do not send our children back into dark alleyways.

Jared Millard
Junior
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What the SBP is all about

I did not receive this year's record voter turnout for the student government elections as an accomplishment, but rather as a glaring sign of ignorance and apathy. The divide between Student Government and the majority of the students at NCSU has grown in recent years. Causes aside, I do not think that we are handling it appropriately. The fact is, many students simply do not care about Student Government. They want to send a message to the administration, the public and the rest of the student body that they do not think the Student Body President serves a valuable role within Student Government.

The student body president is not a paper-pusher. There are certain tasks he is expected to perform, but for the most part, his impact on the campus community depends on how much time and energy he puts into it. In order to secure the legitimacy to even attempt to prevent measures like tuition increases, cuts in state funding to the University, or limitations of the painting zone in the free-expression tunnel, our delegates must be taken seriously.

A decision made out of ignorance or apathy is made for the wrong reasons. There is a lot more at stake in this election than making a stand for humor, originality, and that swashbuckling spirit — like, the reputation of our school.

Some students seem to think that voting for The Pirate Captain is worth a good laugh — a harmless outlet through which to express their discontent with Student Government. What these students do not realize is that when the News & Observer, N.C. Legislature, Board of Trustees, Board of Governors, faculty at large, and other various college campuses see an unqualified pirate elected as student body president, we can no longer expect our will to be taken seriously.

Even if the Pirate Captain were to actively advocate the issues that concerned us most, his reputation would preclude his success to a large extent.

I ask and encourage every student of North Carolina State University to think about this: do we really want to make a joke of our university? Give the Pirate Captain your laughter,

not your vote. The best way to strengthen the position of students in the eyes of policy and decision makers is to show that we are mature and that we care about the environment we live in. I urge everyone to think about what is really at stake here before casting your ballot.

Alex Carter and Michael Crouch
Juniors
College of Engineering

Here's to the Pirate Captain

I have no idea who the Pirate Captain is. I couldn't tell you his name or major, and the only reason I know he's a junior is because I read it on WRAL.com. But I think the fact that he slaughtered the "sensible" candidates for Student Government says a lot about the students' views of the organization. Like it's a joke and we're willing to try anything to evoke some sort of change.

I totally, 100 percent stand behind this guy. And I don't even know his name. He's HUGED! I don't even know that the student body to vote. That's HUGE! I don't even know that many Americans voted in the last presidential elections. He has grabbed students' attention and when he speaks, you can't help but listen to or read what he's said. And beneath the funny costume and pirate slang, he does have a platform for change. He wants to expand the bus lines to sporting events and bring back traditions. Yes, he still has those "Make our voices heard" and "Unite the campus" platforms, but this time it's different, because he's actually doing it.

You have to give him credit, too, because he has news coverage on the local channels. He's not just saying he's going to get our voices heard, but he's doing it, and if it takes some crazy costumes and a pirate so be it.

So the point here is, whether you agree or not, go vote in the run-offs. Oh, and if the Pirate Captain wins will he be the Student Body Captain?

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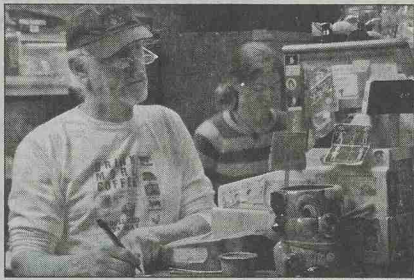
SPILLING THE BEANS

Coffee culture JAVA CAFÉS PROVIDE COOL ATTITUDE WITH HISTORICAL CONNOTATIONS.

Greg Behr
Staff Writer

My copies of *The New York Times* and *The Independent* are beginning to look more like the Olympic flag as I continue to use them as coasters. My double soy mocha with no whipped cream spilled a little as I walked from the counter to find the last empty table. It goes down easy because of the soy, which I drink because of the fallout lactose and I had back in '99. Even though I try to bury the hatchet, he just doesn't want to cooperate. I come here to kill time between classes and try to feel intellectual with my brown rimmed plastic glasses and steaming cup of neo-coffee burning the inside of my mouth.

I don't even really like the taste of coffee, but I figure, "I'm in college and in the liberal arts for that matter, and this is what I am supposed to enjoy." As I sit giving the appearance that I am enjoying *The Independent*, I look around the coffee shop. It has been my experience that almost all coffee houses are constructed the same way — i.e. dark with interesting stuff all over the walls and a cork-board littered with flyers advertising guitar lessons, used cars, rooms for rent, and political and social movements and protests. They shout things like, "Declaration of Independence from Dirty Energy" and "Stop Bush's plan to De-Regulate S & L's" in the language of our



The owner of Third Place, a coffee shop at Five Points welcomes diversity, jots down the order of a customer.

time — Photoshop lettering. Free expression seems to be welcomed and served by people looking to share their ideas like the coffee from the barristers.

Revolution in the making

The passing of ideas and free expression within the walls of a coffee house is nothing new to our generation and the discontent we feel toward current issues.

During the French Revolution, coffee shops were seen as places where common people could discuss their displeasure concerning the aristocracy. Keith Luria, professor of history at N.C. State, believes one of the main reasons coffee shops were used as meeting places to discuss discontent with the government was because, "the 18th century and the time of the French Revolution weren't as free as they are today. Coffee houses were prevalent places where free speech passed. Literature and cultural ideas were expressed by people

who placed a cultural value on conversation."

He went on to say coffee shops were important because, "there was an increasing availability for things to read, especially newspapers." Coffee shops were so conducive for free speech during the time because "alternatives weren't there. A coffee shop was more conducive than a tavern or inn, which could be very rowdy," Luria said.

A dignified revolution

The coffee shops surrounding NCSU, like so many others, are still seen as places where new ideas and free expression will not be trampled upon. Mike Ritchey, owner and manager of The Global Village, feels his coffee shop "is a place for community and where people can come and express themselves in a way that can communicate their views to the masses."

Ritchey allows students and other patrons the freedom to post flyers on the

board in his coffee shop because "it facilitates open discussion about ideas that may not get the coverage in the media."

"With the government the way it is today there are few opportunities for people to express themselves freely," Ritchey said.

Some students do not agree with the posting of flyers in coffee shops. "I don't find it necessary to post political flyers in a place of business. Some patrons may find it offensive and buy their coffee elsewhere," Meg Hotchkiss, a sophomore in English, said.

Although her opinion may not be a shared sentiment, it is welcomed in the spirit of coffee shops.

Parallels can be drawn between the settings of the French coffee houses and the ones we have today. Coffee houses attract people of all backgrounds seeking to read, relax, and discuss ideas amongst friends. One only has to walk into the Third Place at Five Points to see people of all backgrounds enjoying a common environment.

"It will take more than a cork-board to invoke a revolution, but it is a great place to get your ideas heard by open-minded people," Josh Beacham, a senior in political science, said.

"America won't see a revolution like the French did. I do go to coffee houses, though, to be with the type of people that have revolutionary ideas," Beacham said.

NOTES FROM ABROAD

The five days, five nights of Las Fallas

Manisha Dass
Staff Writer

never seen so much liveliness and I was enjoying every moment of it.

While the rest of Spain moves on, the city of Valencia is filled with the sounds of ground shaking fire crackers, drunken singing and dancing accompanying deafening music and all-hours partying. You're in for a wild night — make that five nights. "It's Las Fallas," or as they say in Valencia "estamos en Las Fallas."

Las Fallas de San Jose is an ancient tradition that celebrates the country's patron saint's day and the passing of winter. Las Fallas (pronounced fayas) literally means "the fires." There are paper sculptures, called ninots, of everything from Disney characters to politicians and they cover every street of the city. On "La crema," the final day of the fiesta, there is a bonfire of the ninots.

I was still on antibiotics so I couldn't party it up like the many other American students — which means getting trashed and puking all over the city — but I managed to have my churros and chocolate.

The first day I went out for Las Fallas I met up with some friends in the city center at 11 p.m., this was considered early. More than anything, I wanted to try the churros and hot chocolate which is exclusively sold on the streets during Las Fallas. Churros are like donuts but straight and the hot chocolate here is milk chocolate, literally melted. So, it's super thick and is best enjoyed with dipped churros.

The streets were closed and the people dressed in traditional clothing were everywhere. There was music and dancing, and people of all ages were out in the streets having a great time. The adults with rum, vodka and any type of alcohol you can imagine and the children had fireworks and hot chocolate to keep them up all night long. I have

Masclat and Castillo

Everyday at 2 p.m. there was a masclat, which means fireworks in Valencian. I was skeptical of how fireworks would be during the day, but the sound is what many people go for. If you are close enough then you can see the effects of the fireworks display. The first time I went to the city I was kind of far away. I met with some friends but couldn't manage to push through the rows of people there. Although we got there 30 minutes before, we quickly learned we were still too late. People were everywhere! When the masclat started, it was phenomenal. I stopped in mid-sentence while speaking, I couldn't even hear what I was thinking. The ground started shaking and the effects, even if they aren't seen, are felt.

We were so stoked about our first masclat we decided to go again, but much earlier. We managed to push our way through to the first line and saw the actual fireworks releasing colors, colored powder and confetti. But when trying to leave, word to the wise: it will take time and patience to get out of there and being in a rush will get you nowhere and probably trampled.

Every night there is a castillo, which is a night fireworks show less focused on having the sound effect and more on the visual. The officials turned off all the street lights and we watched from a bridge called Paseo de la Alameda. The first castillo we went to was absolutely breathtaking.

So... Las Fallas 2005 was by far the highlight of my study abroad. Las Fallas is an experience I can never forget. Writing this article has allowed me to relive it once again, but being there is when you can truly "disfruta Las Fallas!"

Till next time... adios amigos!

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Wolfpack Weekend

Baseball at Virginia

After falling to the Cavaliers 2-1 on Friday night, N.C. State shut Virginia out Saturday 6-0 and Sunday 1-0 to win the weekend's series. The wins bring State's record to 24-10 overall and 7-8 in the ACC, just one game shy of .500.

The consecutive shutouts were the first for State since it swept the Texas Longhorns May 15.

The Wolfpack will return to action Wednesday night at 7 against UNC-Wilmington.

Softball at Georgia Tech

State's seventh-inning rally fell short as the No. 21 Yellow Jackets escaped with a 2-1 victory Sunday in Atlanta, Ga. to complete a three-game sweep of the Pack. Tech jumped out

to a 2-0 lead before State scored a run at the top of the seventh to cut the Jackets' lead in half. State would leave a runner stranded on third base, however, to close out the inning. The loss drops State to 31-22 overall and 2-6 in ACC play.

State resumes play this Saturday in Blacksburg, Va. as it faces Virginia Tech.

Men's Golf at Courtyard by Marriott Intercollegiate

N.C. State finished fourth this weekend in its annual home-course invitational in Holly Springs. State finished ahead of 12 higher-ranked teams, including No. 10 Tennessee. Taylor Crosby lead the Pack, finishing nine strokes under par, good enough

for second place. State travels to New London, N.C. for the ACC Championships next weekend, at the Old North State Golf Club at Uwharrie Point.

Gymnastics at NCAA Regionals

State finished sixth out of six teams Saturday in the Southeast Regionals in Gainesville, Fla. The Pack had a total team score of 193.575 for the day. Senior Cori Goldstein lead the Pack on the floor, scoring a team-high 9.775.

Junior Kylah Bachman and freshman Heather Zolton tied for the team lead on vault, each scoring 9.7. On the bars, State was forced to count a fall and managed a score of only 47.875. Bachman's 9.75 lead the team. On the final event for State, the beam, the pack notched a 48, its highest score of the night.

Women's Tennis at Virginia Tech

N.C. State (9-11, 1-7) picked up its first ACC victory on the season with a 5-2 win over host Virginia Tech (0-10, 7-15). State won the doubles' points early in the match, then picked up four singles wins in the straight sets to down the Hokies.

Track and Field

The N.C. State track & field teams were spread out across three different competitions this weekend and qualified five athletes for NCAA Regionals. Senior Andy Smith qualified in the men's 1500-meter with a time of 3:47.58. Sophomore Julia Lucas and freshman Magin Kebert qualified in the 1500 on the women's side. Sophomore Kristina Roth won the steeplechase with a time of 10:34.26 and freshman Angelina Blackmon qualified for the regionals in the 800.

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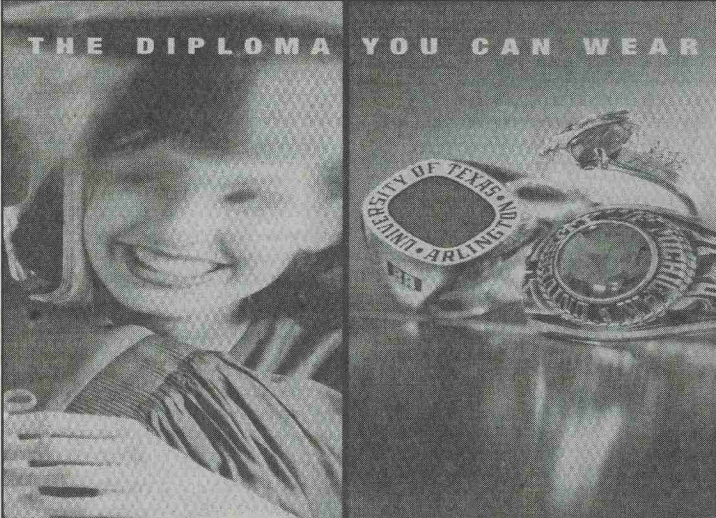
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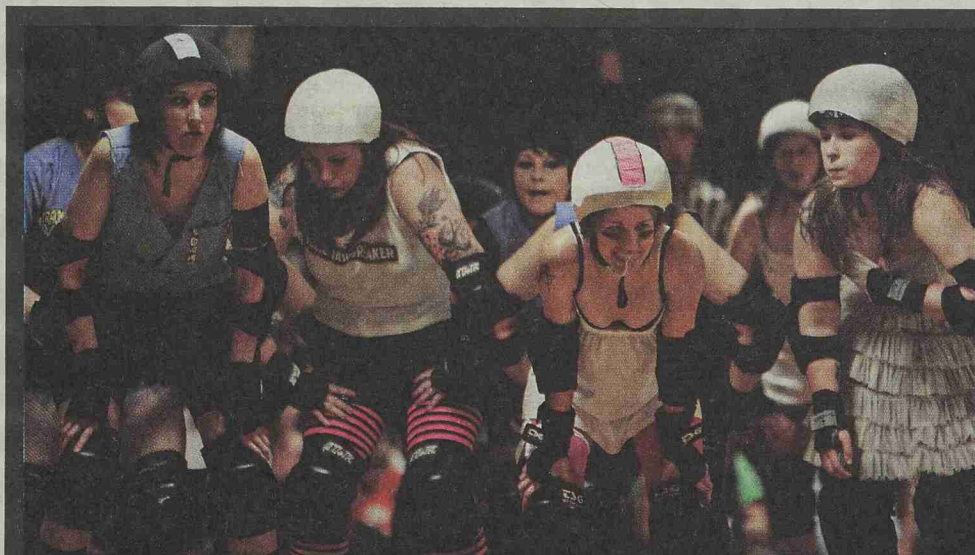
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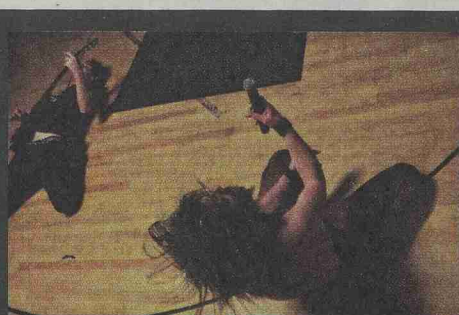
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NCSU alumna Anne Kochersberger (second from right) prepares for the start of the 'jam session' Sunday night at Skate Ranch of Raleigh.



Rollergirls skate for derby fame

INSPIRED BY A CROSS-COUNTRY ROAD TRIP, AN N.C. STATE GRADUATE IS HELPING TO CULTIVATE A NATION-WIDE RESURGENCE IN ROLLER DERBY

Ian Jester
Sports Editor

For Laura Weakland, days of work at the office bring a similar, monotonous feeling.

The N.C. State graduate of 1995 utilizes skills derived from a Bachelor's degree in graphic design to improve the state's education system, but the employment barely satisfies the craving Weakland possesses for something greater.

The source of liberation for Weakland resided neither at her former university in Raleigh nor at her former high school — Grimsley High in Greensboro — but halfway across the nation in Austin, Texas.

"Going on the cross-country trip, I'm not sure if I expected

to find anything," Weakland said. "But I found something worthwhile."

She discovered her passion in the Playland Skate Center, where the capacity crowds of 1,100 Texans serviced Weakland's hunger by presenting a once-forgotten national sport twisted with a new flavor.

The crowds gave nourishment to the sport in question.

The elders relived the action-ridden battles while the younger generation hoped to give rebirth to an entertainment that transfixed the country in the 1970s.

And Weakland found her salvation from simplicity.

This was roller derby.

Founding a league

A source of national entertain-

ment in the '70s, the number of roller derby leagues has increased rapidly in the past year, ranging across the country in sites such as Austin, Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle and San Francisco.

NCSU alumnus Tom Welsh, who is the reigning speed skating champion of his age division in North Carolina, said he feels skating sports like roller derby are finding a niche in today's society.

"There were maybe five roller derby groups in the country last winter," Welsh, a 1985 graduate in landscape architecture, said. "Now there are close to 30 cities playing host."

After returning from Austin, Weakland garnered all the resources she could find to help create a roller derby group in

Raleigh.

She started by contacting friend and fellow graphic designer Leigh Salmon, who said she enjoyed listening to Weakland about the new endeavor.

"I always wanted Laura to go skating with me," Salmon said. "I think roller derby is a huge wave for the millennium, and I feel that it's coming back stronger than before."

With a pair of motivated women at the helm, the new roller derby program reached a new level of potential when Weakland contacted Welsh, asking if he would coach skating to a potential team.

Welsh agreed, and the women set a plan for prosperity in motion. Weakland and Salmon made flyers and handouts to

distribute around the city. Weakland said her work inspired new chatter among her co-workers.

"This is a huge side of me that I don't get to show that often," Weakland said. "I used to skate back in middle and high school, but this is something vibrant that I really want to be successful."

The founding women approached Skate Ranch of Raleigh, the indoor skating rink located outside of the beltline about 15 minutes from campus, to become the home for the Carolina Rollergirls.

And after almost 16 months in the making, the indoor facility hosted the inaugural bout Sunday night for the Carolina Rollergirls, a group of women ranging from 21 to 43 years old and committed to a rigorous

practice schedule spanning more than 40 hours per week.

Rules of the hardwood

The Carolina Rollergirls is an organization that is composed of two teams. Weakland wore the white and pink dresses common of the Debutante Brawlers Sunday, and Salmon featured the light blue associated with the Trauma Queens.

But this night, Weakland is known on the hardwood as "Celia Fate," while Salmon goes by the call of "Eva Lye."

And as Salmon skated about the facility, Weakland was constrained to the sidelines, nursing a fractured fibia that left her restricted to the use of a

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W. TENNIS

Torres makes the most of her 'American experience'

After spending most of her life in Madrid, Spain, senior Carmen Torres finds new home across the Atlantic at N.C. State

Nicholas Jeffreys
Staff Writer

Change is something that N.C. State senior Carmen Torres has become accustomed to over the past few years.

After spending the first 17 years of her life in Madrid, Spain, Torres came to the United States to play collegiate baseball at Arkansas-Little Rock.

The decision to come to the United States was a tough one for Torres, but having the chance to go to college and play tennis at the same time was too good to pass up.

"I had a friend that worked for SMU in Dallas and she told me what tennis was like here," Torres said. "She told me I could play tennis and go to school in the United States. If I was to stay

in Spain, I couldn't have both because there isn't time to play tennis while in school."

After a short stint playing for the Trojans, Torres decided to transfer to State and play tennis for the Wolfpack.

Although she enjoyed her time at Arkansas-Little Rock, Torres said she liked State and believed it provided the best opportunity for her to get the American experience.

"Everybody here was really nice and the school here was so much bigger," Torres said. "The football and basketball programs are big, and I knew I couldn't pass up on the American experience."

After learning that she could play tennis and go to school at the same time in the United States, Torres said she has made the most of the experience. She said that even though there is time to do both, tennis takes up a lot of her time.

"During the season, we go to class and then practice tennis for three hours, lift weights for one

hour, and then run for about 45 minutes," Torres said. "We practice six times a week and matches can take up to five hours after warming up and going through all the matches."

Playing for a team is something that Torres was new to until coming to the United States. While Torres lived in Madrid, everything she participated in was oriented around her and had no team concept.

"When I was in Spain, I wasn't used to playing for a team," Torres said. "It was more about me over there, but when I got here I made the adjustment to being part of a team."

As Torres' senior year begins to wrap up, she has started to think about where she wants to be after she graduates. She said that she would like to spend a little more time in the United States.

"After I graduate, I would like to stay in the United States for a while," Torres said. "I don't want to live here for the rest of my life, maybe just a few more years." While Torres' home is in Ma-

Torres' performance Sunday at Virginia Tech

In doubles play with freshman Elin Stahl Johansson, Torres defeated Tech's Julia Facchina and Meredith Holmes 8-5. It was Torres' and Johansson's first time pairing as doubles. Torres previous doubles appearance was in an April 6 loss to North Carolina.

drid, she isn't quite ready to go back yet because she would like to continue to experience new things.

"I like to travel a lot," Torres said. "I don't mind moving around because I want to try different things, which is why I don't want to go back to Spain yet."

With only a few weeks left for the season, Torres hopes that she can win all of her remaining matches.

"I just want to win all the matches that I have left," Torres said. "I have tried my best every season, but this season has been so much fun because it is my last one."



Carmen Torres prepares to return a serve at a recent practice

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