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'Unifying Beat' displays cultures

Bringing together five campus dance groups, The Unifying Beat featured various cultural performances Saturday night

Ingmar Goldson
Staff Writer

As Fusion took the stage, the crowd went wild on Saturday night at the first-ever Student Government sponsored dance show titled The Unifying Beat.

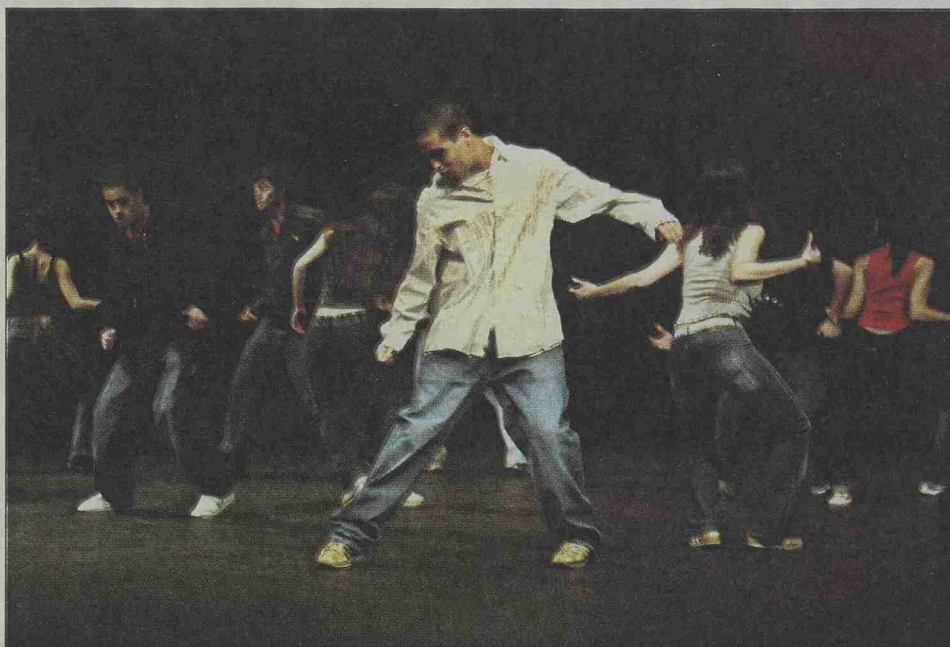
Four other cultural dance groups entertained the crowd of about 150 people that mirrored the dancers' diversity — resembling a cultural fusion within the audience members.

Nachle Soniyé, Dance Visions, Fusion, 1st in Flight and La Raza De Mil Colores all joined Fusion on stage to perform various cultural dances in Stewart Theater.

"I thought it would be a good idea to bring everybody together," Annie Yee, a senior in biological sciences, said.

Yee is the vice chair of the Student Government's Diversity Commission and came up with the idea of "The Unifying Beat." She is the president of Fusion and also danced in the show.

"There were many elements



Eric Valentin, a freshman in biomedical engineering, dances with the rest of La Raza de Mil Colores during Saturday's Unifying Beat, sponsored by Student Government.

and style of dances exemplified by each of the groups," Yee said. "It felt really powerful to unite all the groups together to show our love of dance and

to celebrate and appreciate cultural differences among the students."

Yee said The Unifying Beat was the first of this type of

show and she said she hopes it isn't the last. She said she wants to make The Unifying Beat a new tradition for dance teams at N.C. State.

Andrea Hernandez, a senior in mathematics and chair of the Diversity Commission, said she

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Casting call brings out small attendance

The Real World MTV casting call Saturday put students through a series of interviews and surveys to get a look into their potential as future cast members

Jeffrey Vizcaino
Staff Writer

When getting ready for her day of auditions, Lena Godfrey, a sophomore in public relations, wasn't exactly sure what her day at The Office in downtown Raleigh might entail.

"Realistically, I don't expect anything special to happen," Godfrey said. "The odds are against me. They only pick seven out of thousands."

For Godfrey, other N.C. State students and young adults, Saturday was a shot at national fame as MTV held casting calls for the 17th season of "The Real World."

Godfrey said she knew that she had a "different" personality than other people but never thought that it would come in handy one day.

"I've always been told that I'm a strikingly odd person and that it would either be my downfall or my rise to fame," she said.

Although the specific details of what went on during the auditions are undisclosed due to a confidentiality agreement participants sign, participants were allowed to talk about their experience.

"When I first got to the club we had to fill out an application that was given out by the casting directors," Drexel Heard, a sophomore in political science, said. "The application had more personal questions, trying to figure out if you had an exciting life or a boring life."

Doors at The Office opened at 10 a.m., but for those auditioning, the line began to form around 9 a.m.

Jenny Cormac, 21, from North Dakota said that she was visiting a friend in Morrisville but when she had learned of the casting calls in Raleigh, she drove two and a half hours for the opportunity to try out for the show.

"I'm an avid fan of the show and I never miss an episode. So when I heard that MTV was here,

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Mario Fernandez, Rita Saxena, Evamaria Colon and Reem Shadid, joke around while trying to warm themselves beside a torch during MENASA's Arabian Night Saturday.

First Arabian Night shares dances, foods, traditions

Middle Eastern culture shined through Saturday evening on Harris Field as participants partook in festivities and foods celebrating Arabian culture

Kate Peters Bowra
Staff Writer

Harris Field was aglow this weekend, as the first Arabian Night kicked off without a hitch Saturday night on Harris Field with everything from belly dancing performances to cultural foods.

Nura Shadid, a junior in business management and president of the Middle East and North African Student Association, said she was overwhelmed by the turnout for the event.

"I am absolutely shocked

and blown away by how many people came out to [Arabian Night]. This is the first time we have had this event, so we didn't know what to expect," Shadid said. "There was such a diverse group of people — we had a group of students from East Carolina, families of the performers, students, student's families and people from the community."

MENASA coordinated with the International Activities Board and the Union Activities Board to create Arabian Night.

"The UAB has made such a difference for this event. Without it, this night would not have been possible," Shadid said.

In addition to the support through NCSU, MENASA spent time throughout the semester fund raising through bake sales, candy bar sales and also asked for donations through local Middle

Eastern groups, all of which was done so that Arabian Night could take place.

The program included the new N.C. State Belly Dancing group, Lebanese Youth Dabkeh group, Naji Hilal and his band Jaafar, the North Carolina Belly Dancing Ensemble and Egyptian traditional dances.

All performers were volunteers from the local Triangle area.

"I have students participating tonight and I came out to support them and their efforts to raise cultural awareness here on campus," Chris Ousley, a NCSU physical education professor, said.

Ousley said he was very impressed with the conditioning and training of the various dance groups.

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Creamery's new flavor debuts Chancellor's choice of ice cream

The Chancellor's Choice ice cream flavor is the newest addition to NCSU's ice cream line; Chancellor Oblinger has chosen a flavor of vanilla with raspberry swirls

Stacy von Drehle
Staff Writer

Schaub Hall is home to one of N.C. State's greatest-kept secrets.

In a freezer with temperatures set below zero, ice cream can be found in almost any flavor.

"Since State is known for engineering, it is nice to have a softer and sweeter side," Stephanie Canady, a junior in communication, said.

And the ice cream made at the on-campus Creamery located in Schaub Hall is just that — soft and sweet.

"We have been using the same formula for decades to make the ice cream. We use 11-percent butterfat," Gary Cartwright, pilot plant coordinator, said.

Ice cream flavors at the NCSU Creamery range from Butter Almond and Cherry Vanilla to Chocolate Chip and Orange Sherbert.

Last year, the University decided to create a premium ice cream with limited availability and flavors.

The Creamery then created the "Chancellor's Choice" line of ice cream as part of the premium line.

"The concept of the new ice cream is that every Chancellor's Choice flavor is approved by the chancellor,"

Cartwright said.

The Chancellor's Choice ice cream is created with 14-percent butterfat compared to the 11 percent used to create the standard ice cream.

"With 14-percent butterfat the ice cream will have a heavier body and more flavor," Cartwright said.

Oblinger can choose any ice cream flavor and any name he chooses to represent his Chancellor's Choice flavor.

"He could name the flavor after a coach at State, or if we win an award. He can do anything he wants to do," Cartwright said.

Oblinger's first Chancellor's Choice flavor does not have an official name yet but is considered the flagship flavor.

The flagship flavor will be vanilla with raspberry swirls. The milk used to make the ice cream is also a part of the University's dairy system.

"The milk comes from the N.C. State Dairy Education Unit. We have roughly 160 lactating cows that are milked twice a day," Connie Taylor, a senior in agriculture businesses and animal science, said.

The milk is transferred via pipes into two bulk tanks that are taken to the Food Science Department where they are processed into milk, ice cream and other dairy products.

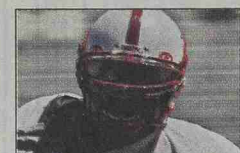
Cartwright said that a lot of science goes into developing the ice cream and new flavors.

"One flavor could take up to six months to create. We have to produce it and then see how well it stores," Cartwright said.

Students have their own

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Red-White gives fans early peek of the Pack.

Manny Lawson and the rest of the Pack showcased their talents in the annual scrimmage. See page 10.

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"I have to admit I came here for the dancing," he said laughing.

Marrakesh Cafe, which just recently opened on Hillsborough Street, supplied Hookah pipes for \$5 to those wishing to try the Middle Eastern tradition or smoking the flavored tobacco.

Local vendors were also on hand selling clothing and accessories throughout the evening.

MENASA had expected approximately 175 attendees as it had supplied 185 chairs and food for only 200 people.

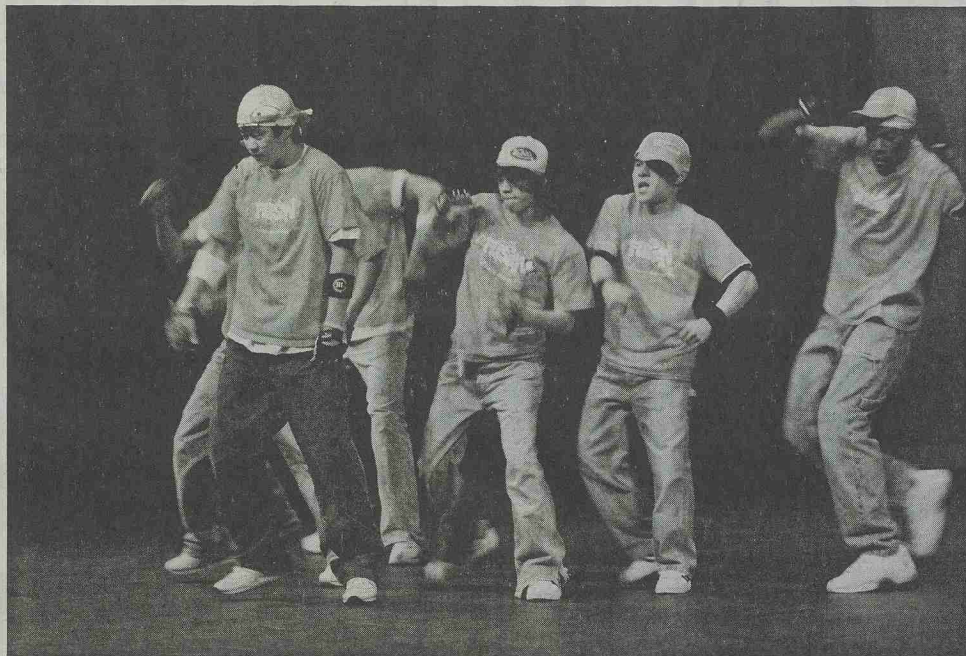
Nearly an hour and a half into the event, all of the seats were packed, and event-goers were still heading back to the food tables to try at getting a few extra bites before the night was over.

Eman Alawar, a freshman in biological sciences and a member of MENASA, helped throughout the night by serving food.

"I am so surprised at how open people were to tasting everything. Usually people don't want to try different foods," Alawar said.

In addition to the evening's performances, Arabian Night featured various foods from Middle Eastern countries.

Delicacies, including hummus,



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Members of the group Fusion show the crowd a mix of cultural and hip-hop dances during The Unifying Beat dance concert on Saturday.

pita bread, cheese pie, tabouleh salad and baklava, were all free to anyone who attended the event.

"I love the desserts!" Darline

Jasmin, a senior in sociology, said. "This was the first time I have ever tried Middle Eastern food."

Although Jasmin said she was not familiar with the type of food, she said she would be up for trying it again in the future.

"It's certainly very different from what I'm used to, but now I'd definitely go out to an Arabic restaurant anytime," she said.

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opinions about the ice cream.

"Vanilla is my favorite flavor because it is a classic," Canady said.

Canady said she participates in the SATELLITE camp, hosted by NCSU students, which brings high school sophomores to campus to learn about the University.

"We give the students who come to the camp the homemade ice cream that is made at State. It is always a big hit with the campers and the counselors," Canady said.

Taylor said she believes NCSU has the best ice cream.

"There is something so sweet and creamy about it," Taylor said.

Students can get the ice cream at Tally Student Center on campus.

Kristen Vogler, a junior in communication, said she enjoys eating the ice cream because it has more of a homemade feel.

"I wish that you could buy the University's ice cream in the grocery store. I would keep a pint in my freezer," Vogler said.

The University has debated over whether or not an ice cream shop will be opened on campus due to regulations from the Umstead Act. Cartwright said this act prevents state industries from competing with private industries.

"We have to get exempt from the Umstead Act before we can open a shop," Cartwright said.

Plans, as of now, are for the shop to be attached to the Food Science building.



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I told my friend Rachel that we had to go to the auditions," Cormac said. "Even if I don't get it, at least I can say that I did it."

Heard said the whole process itself was very social and as relaxed as possible.

"The atmosphere was pretty chill, it wasn't really a formal interview," Heard said. "We were just sitting around on couches."

For the first two hours of the casting call, young adults could be seen lined up for more than five blocks.

Lines soon died out and the entrance of the nightclub was empty for the remainder of the day.

When asked about the attendance for the auditions, employees of the nightclub declined to answer due to their own confidentiality contracts.

However, one crew member said that the turnout was not as large as the nightclub and

the production agency had planned.

The employee also said that several of the people trying out that day passed to a second level of the auditioning stage.

For the participants who moved on to the following level, each was given a questionnaire consisting of 72 questions pertaining to personality, personal history and anger-coping abilities.

Despite the small numbers who showed up, Bunim/Murray Productions is not done with

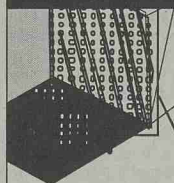
casting calls.

According to the production Web site, Raleigh was the first of nine national locations holding auditions. The Web site also said Bunim/Murray receives thousands of video auditions each year from hopeful young adults.

Godfrey said she isn't sure what the future holds for her and "The Real World," but she isn't going to hold her breath.

"I would be disappointed if I didn't make it," Godfrey said. "But I'm trying to be real."

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was satisfied with the event and also hopes to make it an annual event.

"The acts were great, the people got into it, and I thought attendance was pretty good for a Saturday night with conflicting events," Hernandez said, refer-

ring to Arabian Night, which occurred at the same time Saturday night.

The Unifying Beat served to bring together dance groups of different cultures that usually dance for people of their own cultures. Groups from Indian night, Asian night, Somos Estrellas and Pan-Afrikan events all were featured in The Unifying Beat.

"Annie [Yee] saw us dancing at Indian Night and asked us to dance for this event," Reeba Monachan, a junior in political sciences and part of the group Nachle Somve, said.

Monachan said she liked the idea of dancing in front of a different crowd.

"I wish more people had come," Monachan said. She suggested that if the event happens

next year, it should be on a week day and there should be more advertisement through other organizations.

"Our goal was to try to bring students together, regardless of culture or background," Hernandez said. "We want to focus more on similarities, rather than diversity."

Hernandez and Yee have been working to bring light to the

similarities among students of different backgrounds at NCSU.

Celeste Harris, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, attended the event and said she enjoyed the show.

"I noticed similarities in dance between different cultures. I feel like I can relate to different cultures though dance," Harris said. She said she believes most

students would benefit from attending "The Unifying Beat."

"It's time for NCSU students to realize how diverse our school is. They should show support for each other's cultures, and enrich themselves by coming to events like this one," Lydenise Berdecia, a junior in marketing, said. "NCSU is diverse, and this is a showcase of differences instead of focusing on a clique."

Police Blotter

04/11/05

1:55 A.M. | CHECK PERSON

An officer observed a vehicle parked on Partners Way. Officer spoke to a student, who was just talking to his girlfriend. Everything was OK.

7:22 A.M. | INFORMATION - POLICE

A staff member reported to university police that RPD was investigating some fraudulent charges being made to one of their accounts.

8:44 A.M. | FIRE ALARM

Police and Fire responded to Gardner Hall in reference to a fire alarm. The alarm was set off by a broken steam pipe. Facilities was on scene fixing it.

1:32 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A student reported that someone had written "Laos People Suck" on a dry erase board. She had erased it last week, but it was there again today.

12:35 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A non-student reported he was taking photos at College of Engineering and a subject walking his dog kept getting into photos after being asked not to. Officers looked for the subject, but he had left prior to their arrival.

2:15 P.M. | VIOLATION OF NCSU POLICY

A non-student reported that there were two rooms in Aventura Ferry Complex that had covered smoke heads. Officers were notified, and the residents will be referred to the University when they are contacted.

3:51 P.M. | POLICY VIOLATION

A staff member reported that a subject was selling newspapers without a permit in the Bragaw Carriageway. The subject left the area before police arrived.

4:39 P.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A staff member reported finding damage to the brick wall outside the main entrance to Syme Hall.

4:59 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

A student reported several suspicious males at the outdoor basketball courts at ES King Village. Subjects left prior to officers' arrival.

7:32 P.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM

Officer Carlton conducted a safety program at Owen Hall. Eleven people attended.

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1:44 A.M. | BUILDING LIAISON

An officer met with residents of the suite and discussed safety issues in reference to the suite being unlocked.

10:02 A.M. | B/E LARCENY

A student reported that a flatscreen monitor was removed from a room in Biltmore Hall between 11:00 pm last evening and 7:45 am this morning.

12:27 A.M. | LARCENY

A student reported the theft of his bookbag from a suite in Bragaw Hall.

7:43 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP - SPEEDING

A student was issued a citation for speeding 44 in a 25 mph zone on Sullivan Drive.

9:22 A.M. | SAFETY PROGRAM

Sgt. Barnwell presented a workplace violence briefing at Human Resources.

1:21 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A staff member reported that she had just fired an employee, and that the employee had made a verbal threat towards her. The employee was gone

before Police arrived, but a search of the area was conducted, including bus stops. The employee was not found. She will be trespassed from all University property.

11:48 P.M. | DRUG VIOLATION

A student reported a subject possibly smoking marijuana on the breezeway at Wood Hall. Officer spoke to a non-student, who was just smoking a cigar. Everything was OK.

12:34 P.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY - ACCIDENTAL

A staff member reported that the window in the main door to a suite in Bowen Hall was broken. The damage was accidental. No criminal intent.

4:17 P.M. | FIRE ALARM

There was a fire alarm activation at the Pulp and Paper Lab. Police and Fire responded. The system indicated a water flow problem, but there was no problem found. System reset.

6:13 P.M. | CHECK PERSON

Report of a possible person in Ricks Hall. Officer spoke to a non-student, who works with elevator personnel. Everything was OK.

8:11 P.M. | HARASSMENT

A student reported that a subject had sent her several e-mail messages. No threats were made. The student wanted us to be aware, and to get options on what she could do. Officer advised. The student will tell author of e-mail to stop, and advise us of further incidents.

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10:11 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A staff member reported that someone had placed a package of hot dogs and roast beef in an inappropriate

wrapper and stored them in the produce cooler at Fountain Dining Hall. Dining hall staff felt someone might have been trying to steal the items. However, there was no clear evidence indicating an attempted larceny.

10:51 A.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - PROPERTY DAMAGE

A student reported that his vehicle was struck by a vehicle driven by another student on the third level of the Coliseum Deck.

7:16 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A staff member reported seeing a subject who appeared to be out of place on the fifth floor of Cox Hall. She stated the male appeared upset. Officers checked Cox Hall, as well as the surrounding area, but were unable to locate anyone matching description given.

8:47 A.M. | HAZMAT INCIDENT

A staff member reported that approximately 30 gallons of diesel fuel had leaked from a tank at the Vet School Research Building. Campus Police, Fire Protection, and Raleigh Fire Department responded to the scene. Spill was cleaned up by HazMat Response Unit.

8:58 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP

A student was issued a citation for failing to stop for a stop sign on Main Campus Drive.

1:30 P.M. | POLICY VIOLATION

A staff member reported that a non-student had been asked to leave on Tuesday by McKimmon Center staff for sleeping in an office. The non-student returned today, and was seen lighting a cigarette, which is against policy. The subject was asked to leave, and was issued a trespass

warning.

3:03 P.M. | ASSIST OTHER AGENCY - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - DWI

Wake County Deputies requested officers respond to a traffic accident on Main Campus Drive and Trailwood. A non-student was arrested for DWI by WSO and transported to the Wake County Public Safety Center for processing.

5:35 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT > \$1000

A non-student was backing out of a parking space in Armory Lot and struck a parked vehicle, which started a chain reaction that eventually involved four other vehicles. No report of injuries.

6:38 P.M. | LARCENY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

A student reported the theft of the passenger mirror to his vehicle while it was parked in Lee Lot.

9:49 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A staff member reported four suspicious females standing in front of Atrium area of McKimmon Center. Officers spoke to the subjects, who were waitresses from a catering service working an event at McKimmon Center. Everything was OK.

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1:47 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A student stated she heard two male voices talking on the front porch of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Officer checked the area but was unable to locate anyone.

10:11 A.M. | TRAFFIC STOP

A non-student was issued a citation for running the stop sign at Main Campus Drive and Campus Shore Drive.

10:38 A.M. | FIRE ALARM

Officers responded to a fire alarm at Ricks Hall. It was determined to have been caused by painting in the second floor kitchen area.

9:02 A.M. | LARCENY

A non-student reported that a laser pointer had been stolen from a work desk at the Wildlife Building construction site.

1:02 P.M. | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A student reported last week about some writing on a board in Dabney Hall. There was writing again on the board today, and she believes it is directed toward her due to what was written and her nationality.

2:28 P.M. | FIRE ALARM

An officer responded to a fire alarm at Building Q of ES King Village. It was determined that the activation was due to some damaged equipment and Electronics was notified for repairs.

3:36 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

An officer drove up on a minor accident on Hillsborough Street. One subject had run into the back end of another subject's vehicle. There was little damage and no injuries.

4:18 P.M. | DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A staff member parked his vehicle in Central Campus pay lot. When he returned to the vehicle, the window had a small mark on it where it looked like an object had smashed into the windshield.

8:27 P.M. | HARASSING E-MAIL

A student was referred to the University for sending harassing/threatening e-mails to another student.

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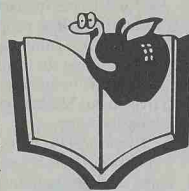
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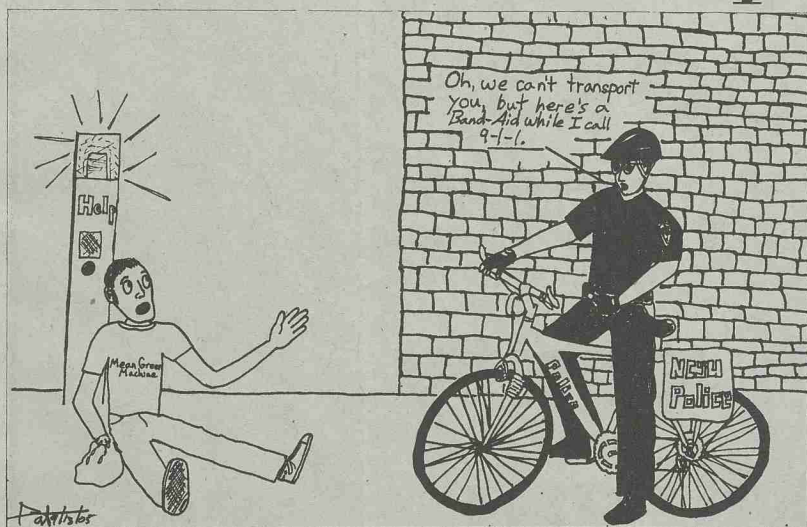
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Daniel Underwood
Staff Columnist

Just look at the voter turnout. Last election only 18.5 percent of students voted. This year, on account of TPC, a whopping 26.9 percent voted. This increase in voter turnout is not the we have ever had, but it definitely reflects an increased awareness and interest in student government.

If the voter turnout data alone is not sufficiently convincing, then take a minute and speak to your fellow students. Ask them if they paid attention to Student Government before TPC came crashing into the scene.

A couple of days ago I asked my coworker, "What did you think of Student Government before TPC?" He said, without a moment's hesitation, "I didn't." Wow! That about sums it up.

Most people really had no idea what was happening. And moreover, most people could have cared less. Why? Because the Student Government was so detached and isolated from the students it practically ceased to be "Student" Government.

Whether the student body elects a president, prime minister or secretary of defense, the idea is that the students would at least have the slightest influence through these officials.

If a student body president is elected and then remains wholly out of sight and interest of the student body, then that SBP has ceased to be representative in any real way of the students themselves.

He would be entitled to a certain amount of power, and as a student, one might consider him a "student" representative; but by no means would he be operating "on

behalf" of the student body.

The agenda of most student government officials has been — if at all feasible — nothing to Instant Message your friends about. Every candidate in this election had a reasonable and decent platform. What really differentiated them was their vision for Student Government and for the campus in general.

The hordes of disgruntled landlubbers who resent TPC have grumped and complained that TPC has no platform. But such a conclusion can only be reached while wearing a patch over both eyes. TPC will push for online ticket distribution, buses to carrying students to and from the RBC center, and several different organizational changes to the Student Government which will ensure a closer contact between senators and their constituents. If he can make progress on any of these, then his time as SBP will be well-served.

When I called TPC to interview him for this column, I was pleased to find that he had no intention of dropping his infamous pirate speak. At first I thought it was just a joke he would soon shrug off, but I was wrong.

I was impressed that he was able to blend the meaningfully humorous comments with a serious discussion of the issues and responsibilities facing a SBP. When asked about his primary goal as SBP, he said, "I want to get students more involved in school government." He also emphasized that he is dead serious and determined to achieve this goal.

Of course, whenever somebody has vision, determination and resolve, there will always be a bunch of people bereft of such admirable traits who try to bring this person down. The more I listen to the pitiful grumbling of students who oppose TPC, I am strengthened in my belief that TPC, well, rocks!

One of the absolute worst complaints I hear is: "The Pirate Captain is ruining the honorable tradition of Student Government!" And by "honorable tradition" I assume they mean being caught pants down in a ticket scandal and successfully evading the notice of the student body from the very mo-

ment of a candidate's election. In spite of the awe-inspiring history of our fellow students' noble service in Student Government, how exactly is TPC ruining anything? He has a better vision for Student Government.

He is determined and resolved. He possesses a sense of humor which sets him apart from just about every other candidate. We can be almost 100 percent certain that he will not cave-in to political pressure.

Some have said: "Other schools think we're a joke! The Pirate Captain makes us look stupid!" First of all, not everybody thinks we are a joke.

Secondly, who cares what they think? Most mature human beings are not concerned with everyone else's opinion. We do what is right for ourselves. TPC is a kick-in-the-pants of a stagnant Student Government. If people dislike what is necessary to bring about change, then blame the previous installments of Student Government, not TPC — he is here to clean-up the detritus they left behind.

I get along with people of all shapes and sizes extremely well. But there is one type of person I cannot stand: "the politician." I hate it when people whom you have never met greet you in the Brickyard and — as if you mean the world to them — say something like, "I would really appreciate your vote, buddy. I'm counting on you!"

These patronizing politicians are just drones in search of power. Oftentimes these people run for Student Government simply to pad their resumes for future political endeavors. In other words, they step on our heads to get a good look at the top.

However, TPC is anything but a "politician." He is a genuinely nice and intelligent pirate; and he has never made a man walk the plank that did not deserve it.

His enemies are a demure group of conformists who wish they had what it takes to be the change we all want to see in Student Government.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

JOIN THE FESTIVITIES

OUR OPINION: STUDENTS AND FACULTY NEED TO BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION AS THE UNIVERSITY INSTALLS THE NEXT CHANCELLOR.

James L. Oblinger will be installed as North Carolina State University's 13th Chancellor Wednesday April 20. For nearly 20 years, Oblinger has served the University in various administrative capacities. He also brings with him a long history of profound achievements in both teaching and research.

All faculty, staff, students and friends of the University are invited to attend this memorable service and participate in many of the festivities surrounding the installment ceremony.

The ceremony officially commences at 10:30 a.m. in Reynolds Coliseum and will begin with a concert by the N.C. State Wind Ensemble, followed by the academic procession and the remarks of several well-known university educators and political leaders.

An event of this magnitude is rare. The Board of Trustees paid great attention to the orchestration and planning of this event in light of feelings that, as one of the Trustees said, "We don't brag about ourselves enough."

But there is one small encumbrance. In a recent e-mail, teachers were told that classes on Wednesday, the day of the installation ceremonies, would not be officially cancelled. All faculty members must decide for themselves whether or not to hold class.

Many students and faculty feel this event is of such distinction and community value that classes ought to be cancelled, at least for

the hours during the ceremony. Others understand, however, that classes so close to Dead Week should not be cancelled inasmuch as they are some of the last lectures before final exams.

Considering these two valid concerns, students should be given the option of choosing whether they wish to attend the ceremony or remain in class for lecture. The ceremony is an excellent opportunity for students to be introduced to the new chancellor and to hear many of this nation's greatest leaders and innovators.

Moreover faculty members who wish to show their support for Oblinger — of which there are many — should strongly encourage students to attend the ceremony.

The Board of Trustees planned this event on a Wednesday because there are generally more students on campus on Wednesdays versus on other days of the week. And since all students are officially invited, all students should be given the option of attending.

Due to impending exams, classes cannot be cancelled.

However, all students should be encouraged by faculty and given the option of attending the installment ceremony — a rare event in which the University celebrates the accomplishments of not only the chancellor, but all the students, faculty, staff and nationwide contributors who help shape this University into a beacon of educational excellence.

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Responsibilities, seriousness before mundane pleasures

I thought many things in my life would change when I came to college.

I couldn't wait to get out of high school and be around mature college students. When I finally got here I saw there was more immaturity than I ever had to deal with in grade school.

I know this is the time when we are supposed to have fun and let loose, but we still have responsibilities — responsibilities to ourselves, our families and our fellow students.

If I was going for an interview with new student body president I put my hand out and say, "Hello, it is nice to meet you" and his response is "aargh." That would be immature, and I would be annoyed. This just in: this example is no longer far fetched. Scary, huh?

Is it just me, or are we in college? Honestly, if you had told me we were in first grade, when I heard this latest political news, I

wouldn't have argued with you.

I was taken back to elementary school when we elected whomever had the better toys except now, we elected whoever had the better gimmick.

For Will Quick, it was well thought out plans and intelligent goals. For the Pirate Captain, it was a parrot riding on his shoulder.

This brings me back to the idea of responsibility.

We have a responsibility to our families. Our families want to be proud of us and what we accomplish in our lives once we leave home.

I like to think that my parents are proud of me for attending N.C. State and doing all I can to be successful here.

I have always been proud of my school and have defended its student body's credibility until now. In a recent section of USA Today called "Across the USA," NCSU was the focus for North Carolina's biggest news.

According to the article, The Pirate Captain, Whil Piavis, adopted the pirate motif to persuade classmates to vote for him and plans to

keep the act up throughout his tenure.

When my mom called me to read this blurb, I was utterly embarrassed.

We also have a responsibility to our fellow students. Only about 25 percent of the 35,000 students at NCSU bothered to vote in this campus election.

Campaign signs flooded the campus during the past month so the students had no legitimate excuse for not voting.

Many of those who voted for The Pirate Captain did so because they thought he was funny or clever. A year of a less-qualified candidate is not worth a weekend of laughter. To those of you who voted out of pure amusement, way to go and gee thanks!

You have humiliated your fellow students and made your school a running joke.

Finally, we have a responsibility to ourselves. As young adults, we constantly have to prove ourselves as intelligent and dependable. I am thinking we have killed almost any chance of being thought of as intelligent, and I doubt many would consider us dependable judges of charac-

ter.

As appealing as a creative gimmick like The Pirate Captain is, at some point Piavis will need to lose the eye patch and phony accent to head our Student Government.

Ideally, those of you who voted for The Pirate Captain voted after carefully weighing the alternative and knew more about this candidate than was released to the public.

Eventually, the novelty of a pirate costume will wear off and a real job will need to be done.

I would like for our school to re-establish its credibility, but it is up to our newly-elected Student Government to make it happen.

I sincerely hope that I will write another column while The Pirate Captain's at the helm in which I praise his work and discuss why our school is better because of him.

However, if he does fail, we can all ban together and force him to walk the plank while we sing, "Yo ho, yo ho, the pirate needs to go."

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Meghan Woodall
Staff Columnist

SEX-CAPADES

Be wary of the ex

There are hundreds of things we try throughout our lives that we immediately realize are not to our liking. Oftentimes, just to be sure, we try them again, innocently believing that for some reason we weren't in a secure state of mind the first time.

Christin Liverance
Staff Columnist

The truth is, we aren't bad people because we hate brussels sprouts and skydiving. We get to know ourselves a little better and move on to find things we do love and enjoy, like sushi and horseback riding.

The same basic principle applies to dating. Throughout time, people have dated and broken up because they found they weren't compatible. Frequently these same couples attempt to date again only to find the same problems and issues are still present in their relationship.

Instead of using our valuable time here on earth to find someone new, many of us return to an ex-boyfriend seeking comfort and closure where there are only old wounds to be reopened and bruised egos to be battered once again.

There are two reasons why people get back together with an ex. First, the two halves of a couple steadfastly believe in the idea that you never get over your first love.

Girls believe that their ex is the right man for them; they just dated at the wrong time. After a few years at college or a semester abroad, guys return to their exes awaiting them patiently.

Sometimes people actually have valid reasons to believe things will work on the second try. More often, people are just too single for their own good. After a series of failed relationships and dating droughts that last for months they are so lonely, hopeless and exhausted with dating in general that an ex begins to look especially appealing.

Sometimes these reunions

work out; lucky couples reunite against all odds and live happily ever after. However, as most of us are well-aware, most of these warm, fuzzy and well-intended little get-togethers don't end in white lace, butter cream and a showering of rice. Some of us try for years to recapture an old relationship, failing again and again because feelings of love and attachment are present but compatibility is not.

My friend Justin described his reunion with an ex as "A wretched idea destined for folly." I think most would agree with his sentiments. The second reason we go back to an ex is because one half of the couple pursues the other relentlessly. The hunted finally gives in because they realize they are just as desperate for affection as the hunter.

This happened to me with "Gus," a guy I dated on and off for a year. The first time we broke up I was heartbroken. In reality, Gus was scared senseless by the serious turn we had taken after five months. He'd apparently never been in love before, and the fall nearly killed him.

Like an idiot, I pined over him for about a month. Just as I was convincing myself to move on, he came sniffing around like a guilty puppy that just peed on your oriental carpet.

Gus knew very well he'd made a mistake. Sadly, he only had to ask me once to get back together with him. I invited him back into my heart faster than a freshman girl gets invited to her first fraternity party.

The situation did not improve, however. Once he'd won me back he felt as though he didn't have to try anymore. We rarely went out; his idea of fun was renting a movie and sipping a beer on the couch. Gus gave me flowers *once* over the twelve month period of our courtship and conveniently forgot to buy me a birthday gift when I turned 20.

In late March we broke up again and I vowed never to return to the fruitless and afflicted relationship.

A few weeks later, Gus caught me in a state of drunken weakness. He was a good little salesman and talked me into trying

things once more with the witty rhetoric associated with a man in a plaid suit who's accustomed to patrolling used car lots looking for unsuspecting victims. I was lonely and he was familiar, so I gave into his charms although the idea of dating him was about as appealing as a sidewalk covered in soggy earthworms after a summer storm.

The third time around the courtship lasted little more than a month. The problems and issues that were present the first and second times were further intensified. I was dismayed to find that I'd wasted even more of my time on a guy that wasn't serious about me at all. Gus was a man that didn't appreciate what he had until he felt it slipping away.

There is an old saying that the best thing to do when you fall off a horse is to get right back on.

Warning: This does not apply to relationships. Relationships are the viscous, bucking stallions of the equine kingdom.

Their gnashing teeth and thrashing hooves are aimed directly at your chest and one would have to be utterly insane to remount after they have been thrown painfully and repeatedly to the ground.

Justin, wise as he is, also offered this gem of truth about second tries. Upon reentry to a relationship, you remember all of the good and none of the bad. After several weeks, this situation reverses, you quickly forget the good times of the past as you are reminded of the reasons why the relationship failed the first time around.

Sometimes relationships do work the second time around. Couples need to distance themselves from each other for a while to find new insight and realize why they want to be together.

For those people, I am truly happy. They have found someone they cannot be separated from despite any amount of time or distance.

For the rest of us, I offer the following cliché: "There are plenty of other fish in the sea." So don't waste your time gnawing on the flounder when you could be dining on swordfish.

GET MOVING!

Exercise options take shape

Meredith Carter
Staff Writer

Yesterday, it was the Western route. Today, it is the Hillsborough loop. Tomorrow, it might be a straight shot to the Bell Tower.

Whatever the choice, Meghan Locklear, junior in communication, can be spotted somewhere around campus, i-Pod in hand, pushing herself to get the most from her daily run.

Maybe working out religiously year-round like Locklear is not going to happen. But the fact is spring has sprung, and it's time to shape up. Just about everyone can conjure up some degree of willpower to become more physically fit, but the question is where?

For some students, Carmichael is the perfect place to pump iron in the weight room or get sweaty in a fitness class.

Allie Metzler, sophomore in biological sciences, finds there are several benefits attached to a Carmichael workout.

"There are up-to-date classes like Yogalates and a friendly staff, all for one great price-free," Metzler said.

Carmichael is also extremely convenient for on-campus residents, as it is within walking distance; it also allows students the chance to squeeze in a quick workout between classes. However, limited parking makes going to the gym inconvenient for students who live off campus.

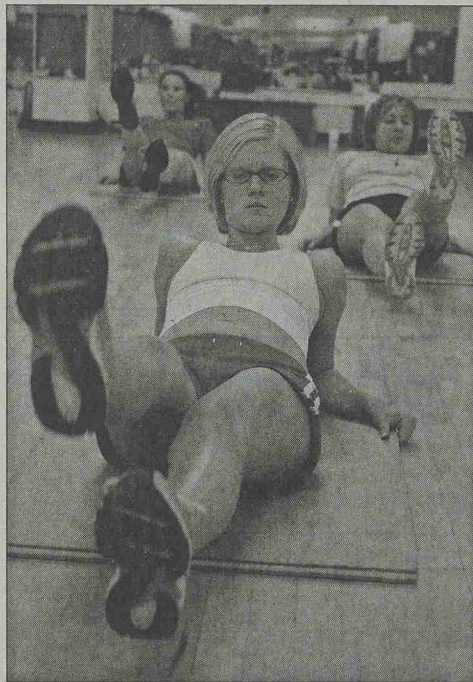
"You can't park there before five o'clock," Dean Davis, junior in business, said. "P.E. classes prevent you from working out in many areas of the gym during the day."

Many times gym patrons are forced to work out in the evenings, leading to over crowding. When Carmichael is filled to capacity, it becomes every person for themselves, fighting for turns to use the workout equipment.

"There are three treadmills for 30,000 people," Davis said. "You do the math."

Tyler Helikson, sophomore in communication, prefers exercising at Lake Johnson and only goes to Carmichael for weight-training.

"With the recent rise in temperature, it's always nice to exer-



Hope Nowell, graduate student in textile technology, takes advantage of the 15-minute ABSolutions class at Carmichael Gym.

cise outside," Helikson said.

Lake Johnson is gaining popularity among students as a workout location.

"Lake Johnson is a challenging run that provides a great view," Helikson pointed out. "If I was to cover the same distance at Carmichael that I do at the lake, I would have to run more than 20 laps, indoors, in which every lap is the exact same."

Genna Suggs, sophomore in communication, runs at the lake about three times a week.

"Lake Johnson is one of the few, really nice natural environments in Raleigh," Suggs said.

She also said she feels that the lake gives her a much-needed break from hectic surroundings and daily activities.

"I always feel safe there when I'm running by myself because of all the families and people around," Suggs said.

While a vigorous power walk or intense run around Lake Johnson is an excellent workout, some students find they need to hit the gym for some extra cardio or exercise classes.

The Central YMCA, located on Hillsborough Street, offers very diverse classes that suit the needs of nearly every workout regimen. Classes include Pilates,

fitness Yoga, Tai Chi, cycling and toning.

Gardner Annas, junior in communication, finds that the YMCA has a one-of-a-kind staff that makes the facility to operate smoothly.

"I also really enjoy going to the Y because of its friendly and helpful staff," Annas said.

Capital Fitness, located off of Glenwood on North Street, is an all-encompassing fitness center that provides many perks for its members. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, which is a major advantage for students who juggle classes, jobs and extracurricular activities.

Rebecca Barger, sophomore in communication, said she enjoys the gym because it is a very new and clean facility with an attentive staff. "When you join, a trainer will walk around with you and help you create a workout program that suits your personal needs," Barger said.

Capital Fitness has proven to be a pleasurable experience for many as a result of their cardio machines with televisions that make any workout more entertaining.

"I can watch Oprah while the man beside me can watch CNN," Barger joked.



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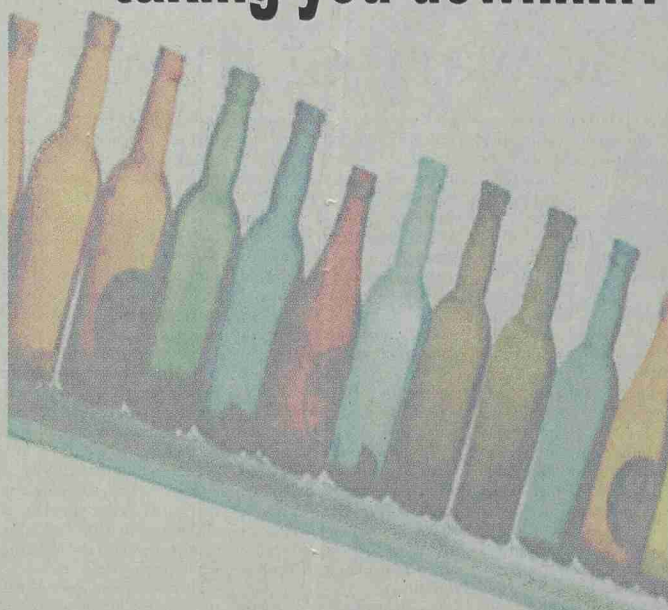
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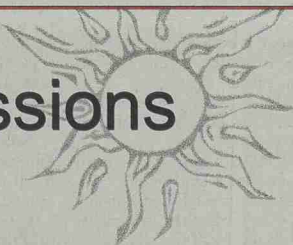
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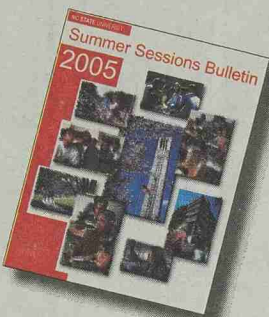
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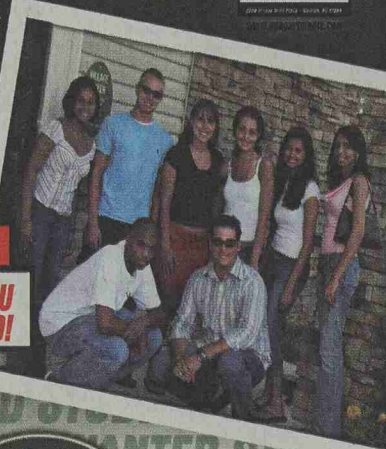
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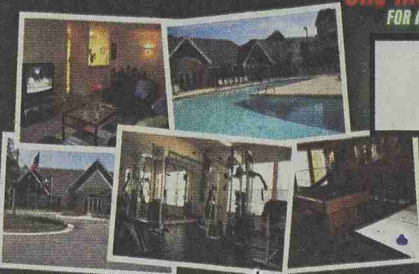
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dominate out there."

Defensive coordinator Steve Dunlap emphasized the importance of the defense working as a cohesive unit.

"We mixed and matched guys a lot of times," Dunlap said.

"It takes 11 to win this game. The front four obviously can be the dominant part of this defense, there's no question. But those other seven guys have to pick up the slack and get it done."

Wolfpack Weekend

• **Baseball at Wake Forest**
N.C. State (27-11, 9-9 ACC) evened its conference record with an 8-7 victory over the Demon Deacons (16-21, 9-12) Sunday, earning a 1 series win.
• **Softball at Virginia Tech**
Pitcher Abbie Smith won all three

games for the Pack (34-22, 5-6 ACC) in the series sweep at Blacksburg, Va., where the Hokies (33-16, 2-10) slid even deeper into the ACC cellar.

• **Men's Tennis at Georgia Tech, at Clemson**
The No. 44 Wolfpack (15-11, 2-8 ACC) fell twice in conference this weekend,

losing to No. 35 Georgia Tech 4-3 Friday and losing to No. 27 Clemson 5-2 Sunday.

• **Women's Tennis at Maryland, at Virginia**
The women's tennis team (9-13, 1-9 ACC) lost twice this weekend. The first loss came Saturday to Maryland 6-1 and the second came at the hands of Virginia 6-1 Sunday.

• **Golf at ACC Championships**
Both men's and women's teams placed at least third in their respective ACC tournaments. By placing ahead of rivals No. 14 Wake Forest and No. 37 North Carolina, the men are now awaiting an at-large bid to NCAA Regionals after placing all five golfers in the top-25. Ashlee Dean finished ninth overall to aid the women's playoff hopes.

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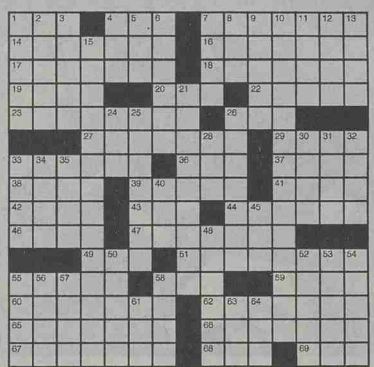
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Men's Tennis at ACC Tournament, 4/21-23
Women's Tennis at ACC Tournament, 4/21-23
Track & Field at ACC Championships, 4/21-23

Scores

Baseball 8, Wake Forest 7
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TECHNICIAN

Wolfpack 'Blitz' Wake County

ATHLETES INSPIRE LOCAL ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING WOLFPACK BLITZ



Junior Tiffany McCollins signs autographs at Dillard Drive Middle.

Michael Breedlove
Staff Writer

Fourth-graders at Combs Elementary widened their eyes when offensive tackle Derek Morris lumbered into their classroom Friday morning.

"Oh man, it's Shaq!" exclaimed one of the stunned students. Though Morris at 6-foot-6 stands seven inches under "The Diesel," the kids didn't seem to realize the difference. What they did know is he was big, and that they were going to listen to every word this big man had to say.

Morris was one of the many athletes who participated in the annual Wolfpack Blitz last week. The week-long event featured athletes in various varsity sports visiting local schools to promote constructive concepts such as teamwork, goal-setting and balancing school with sport.

"It feels great helping these kids; it's great being able to give back," Morris said. "I was just trying to give them advice and maybe stop them from making some of the dumb mistakes I made when I was that age."

Morris's teammates, offensive lineman Jed Paulsen, was also literally a big hit with the children. Paulsen, who hopes to be a teacher when he graduates, said guiding children in the right direction is something that is very important to him.

"It's crazy seeing all these little kids running around and thinking, 'Man, I used to be one of those guys, and used to dream about being where I'm at today,'" Paulsen said. "I'm just thankful to be where I am right now, and that I'm in a role where I can help these kids."

Though the football players easily won the popularity contest, members from the other varsity sports were involved. Down the road from Combs Elementary, another group gave a similar speech to a wired group of eighth-graders at Dillard Drive Middle School.

The group, which featured point guard Tiffany McCollins and senior class president-elect Carla Babb, spoke for 30 minutes to a gym packed with close to 400 students, then agreed to sign autographs following the talk.

What started out as a low-key signing session quickly turned to mass hysteria, as the student-athletes seemed to temporarily morph into The Beatles.

"That was crazy in there, but it feels real good too," McCollins said, after being swamped with young fans. "It feels good to know there's someone out there that you can have a positive influence over."

While the athletes' speeches were certainly entertaining, the most amusing comments came from the kids themselves. In a question and answer segment a Dillard Drive, one curious student asked distance swimmer Seth Hoffman if he had ever drowned.

After Hoffman politely answered "no," a student sitting nearby shouted out a question that everyone secretly speculates about swimmers.

"So, do you have to shave your whole body?"

All jokes aside, the athletes said they felt the Wolfpack Blitz event was a great way to motivate kids to stay active in both school and sports. Distance runner Georgia Davis, whose sheer vocal presence initiated comparisons to motivational speakers, posed a question to the children that best summed up the purpose of the Blitz event.

"How many of you guys like playing sports?" Davis said.

Every hand in the room quickly rose. "How many of you guys like doing homework?" he said.

Every hand quickly shot down.

"You guys should still be raising your hands high in the air, because school and sports go together — you can't succeed in one without succeeding in the other," he said.

By visiting over 15 schools in the Wake County area and teaching the students the value of hard work and discipline, the athletes said they felt tremendous satisfaction. At the conclusion of her group's speech, Davis said the excitement the kids showed is what makes the Wolfpack Blitz exciting in itself.

"Nobody gets real excited about cross-country and track. Well, it's a very small group that does," Davis said through a grin. "But to see the looks on the kids' faces when we walk in there and talk to them, it means a lot. This school and the community have given us so much, so it's nice to come out here and give back."

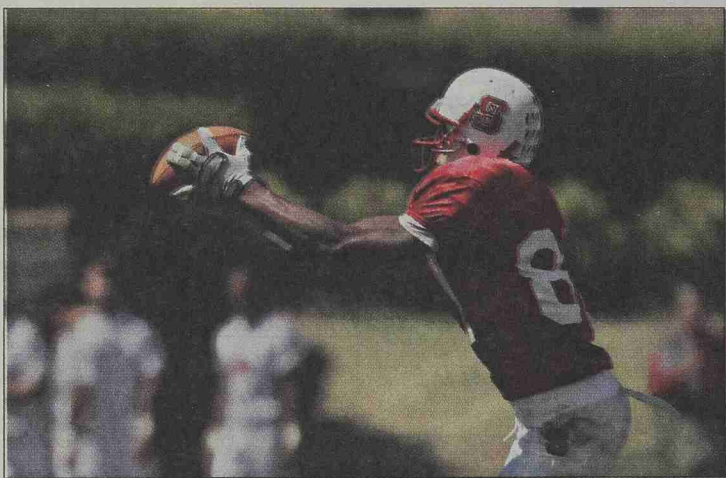
"This school and the community have given us so much, so it's nice to come out here and give back?"

—Georgia Davis

FOOTBALL



Quarterback Jay Davis tries to scramble away from towering defensive ends Manny Lawson and Mario Williams (left). Brian Clark, one of the few bright spots on offense, hauls in one of his seven catches on Saturday.



JEFF REEVES/TECHNICIAN

Red-White gives fans early peek at the Pack

Joe Overby
Deputy Sports Editor

An unseasonably cool breeze and a throng of red-cloaked tailgaters, grilling out in the parking lots of Carter-Finley Stadium Saturday, made it seem like it was a September afternoon in Raleigh rather than mid-April.

The Red-White scrimmage featured a clash of N.C. State's first-team offense against the first-team defense, and the same, respectively, for the second teams.

Senior Jay Davis got the nod at starting quarterback for the first team. He completed 7-of-15 passes, throwing for 112 yards.

Junior Marcus Stone spelled relief for Davis, throwing for 10-of-18 and 148 yards. Amato said Davis will remain the Pack's starting quarterback.

"At times, they both did some

really good things — they really did," Amato said. "I think both of their decision-making has gotten better."

Davis said he hopes he can continue to improve through spring practice on his game-management and decision-making skills.

"I think one major thing I have to improve is manage the game better — really being in control of every situation in a game," Davis said.

The favorite target of the quarterback tandem was senior wide-out Brian Clark, who grabbed seven catches for 131 yards.

After struggling last season to fill Jericho Cotchery's shoes single-handedly, Clark said he has re-evaluated his leadership role on the team.

"I wanted to be the next Jericho. I wanted to be the next guy to come through here and really make a play and let the team

depend on me, and I was wrong for that," Clark said. "Coach Trestman taught me that it's not right and it's kind of selfish to put all the pressure on you as an individual. As a team player, you have to venture out — everybody has their own responsibility."

Clark noted the team's hunger this spring, after the disappointment of the Pack staying home for the holidays after four consecutive bowl appearances.

Compacency, he said, was detrimental to the team last season. Not getting to a bowl game the team extra inspiration and made players work twice as hard this winter.

"It was more disappointing, not only for individuals but for the team. We're used to going to bowl games, we came out 5-6. It was really upsetting," Clark said.

"But it was good that it happened. It's always good to see

the other side — and make people more hungry. I think we got a little bit complacent. It was a good wake-up call for all of us."

Blue-chip phenoms Tony Baker and Andre Brown have yet to arrive on campus and Darrell Blackmon was sidelined with an ankle injury.

But the game also featured a preview of what could be one of the ACC's youngest and most exciting backfields in Reggie Davis and Bobby Washington.

Amato said he was impressed with the explosiveness and agility he saw in Washington, Saturday's starting tailback.

The sophomore leads all Pack rushers with 129 yards on 17 carries, including a touchdown.

"He's an impressive young man, there's no doubt about that," Amato said. "He gets a little bit of room and he's got juice. He can make people miss and he's got great speed on top

of that."

Davis also saw significant action, gaining 72 yards and a touchdown carry on 12 rushes.

"When Reggie wants to lower his shoulder, he can run some people over," Amato said.

Amato said the team must continue to work on avoiding penalties, but said the offense made progress in the second half of the scrimmage.

"Penalties — focusing on the little things, and that comes with age. I thought the offense picked it up in the second part of the scrimmage and moved the ball a lot better," Amato said.

Amato also stressed the importance of improving the play of the offensive line, something that was a weakness for the Pack last season.

"We've got to show up on the offensive line," Amato said. "We've been hurt a little bit, we've had some guys banged up.

That's why we signed so many offensive linemen this past year."

Towards the end of Saturday's scrimmage, State ran a goal-line play with defensive end Mario Williams lined up as a receiver. The 6-foot-7 lineman made the most of his opportunity — catching a touchdown pass as he fell out of bounds.

"It was a pretty good catch — but I hope it was out of bounds, so we don't have to run for it," defensive back A.J. Davis said.

Last year's No. 1 nationally-ranked defense returned to form Saturday, picking up 12 sacks and tallying one interception.

Defensive end Manny Lawson lead State's front four with 2.5 sacks.

"If you look at our front four, it's scary," senior linebacker Oliver Hoyte said. "They're coming at you over and over. They just

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