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## Firm presents locations for Pavilion

Cannon Architects present seven campus areas for the proposed Catalano Pavilion

Patrick Clarke  
Staff Writer

Eduardo Catalano, world-famous architect and former N.C. State professor of architecture, continues to wait for construction to begin on the pavilion designed after his house as different locations are evaluated.

University Architect Michael Harwood and representatives from Cannon Architects presented seven suggested locations for the future home of the Catalano Pavilion during two sessions yesterday to faculty, students and staff during an open forum meeting.

Harwood and the firm presented the locations to Chancellor Oblinger last week, who suggested that the information be presented campus, Catalano and the Board of Trustees.

"The location of the pavilion is important to University," Harwood said. "We usually don't go to these lengths for a project like this, but the emotion surrounding it has made it necessary."

Proposed in January, the pavilion came under opposition because of its location, despite its approval by the campus design review panel, and plans for construction were halted.

Raleigh-based Cannon Architects, headed by former Col-

lege of Design faculty members Roger and Susan Cannon, was contracted to survey new locations on or near campus.

"We formulated three general criteria for site locations and used those to come up with our recommendations," Roger Cannon said.

The criteria the Cannons used mandates that the pavilion's site be environmentally sound — areas that would not require land grading and tree removal, proximity to known pedestrian-active areas and scale — and having a space large enough to accommodate the pavilion.

"We took the whole office out to each site and had five or six people discuss them," Cannon said. "The Vet School was one place surveyed because it fit some of the criteria, but we turned that away very quickly. It didn't seem like an appropriate location."

Of the seven sites suggested by the Cannon's firm, four were located on North Campus — including two proposals for the Court of North Carolina, one on South Campus and two on Centennial Campus. After presenting all seven sites and discussing the positives and negatives of each, the Cannons recommended the Brickyard and a new location on the Court of North Carolina as the best options.

"We liked the connection of the designer (Catalano) and the College of Design in Leazer Hall," Susan Cannon said. "And



Michael Harwood, university architect, discusses locations and concerns about the Catalano Pavilion in the Walnut Room at Talley Student Center on Tuesday April 26th, 2005.

as for the Brickyard, it is a very high-use area."

Following the presentation, Harwood was questioned about the proposed factions of the pavilion.

"A lot of it depends on how it is going to be used," Harwood said. "Ultimately, the uses will evolve over time because of each of the proposed sites offers something different."

Marvin Malecha, dean of the

College of Design, has been part of all the pavilion debates and continues to question objections over its placement on the Court of North Carolina's perceived 'sacred' space.

"This campus has been a lot of things over time. This space is not a virgin green space, this is not Walden Pond," Malecha said. "This could open the College [of Design] to the court."

The Board of Trustees origi-

nally charged Malecha with the planning for the pavilion and has been the University's primary contact with Catalano. He reiterated statements made during the Student Government forum in February, saying the gift technically states the pavilion is to be built on the court, and that it is unknown if Catalano would support moving it to a different

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## Online ticket system looms

Student committee to propose plan Wednesday

Josh Harrell  
Senior Staff Writer

According to Student Government ticket committee member Lee Hyde, the campus knew all along online tickets are a probable thing — the uncertainty was when the plan would be put into practice.

A trial run seems certain for next year as three students, including Hyde, former student body president Tony Caravano and former student senate president Will Quick will present their plan to campus administrators Wednesday.

A company called Ticket Return, which already has systems running at the University of Maryland, UNC-Charlotte, University of Virginia and others, presented the online plan to the University.

"We have really been working on putting this in place for several years now since Maryland did theirs," Quick said. "This year we have a good

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## The man behind the patch

Chris Reynolds  
Staff Writer

The Pirate Captain has shared headlines with the Pope in *USA Today*, and splashed the screen on Fox News.

His Web site has maxed out its bandwidth a few times since the election.

While Piavis can't talk about The Pirate Captain without smiling.

The Pirate Captain seems to be a great time for Piavis, a character created around the mantra that everything should be fun.

While The Pirate Captain hails from the sea, Whil Piavis was born in Raleigh.

Raised in Cary, Piavis was a mischievous kid in high school.

From melting pennies into benches to planning elaborate schemes to set gerbils free in the courtyard, Piavis and his crew have always been a little wild.

## Mae mother bae a seagull!

"We teach them to think outside of the box here," John Modest, Piavis' high school principal, said.

Piavis said the idea for running as The Pirate Captain came to him randomly one night.

"I was sitting in my room in December and I was bored out of my mind — there was nothing going on — and I was thinking, 'student elections are coming up soon,'" Piavis said. "People really don't care, so I thought, 'I should vote for a pirate...'"

"Wait a minute, I can run as a pirate; The Pirate Captain."

Piavis found that Student Government statutes allow anyone who is a student and in good standing with the University to run, regardless of what name they choose to put on the

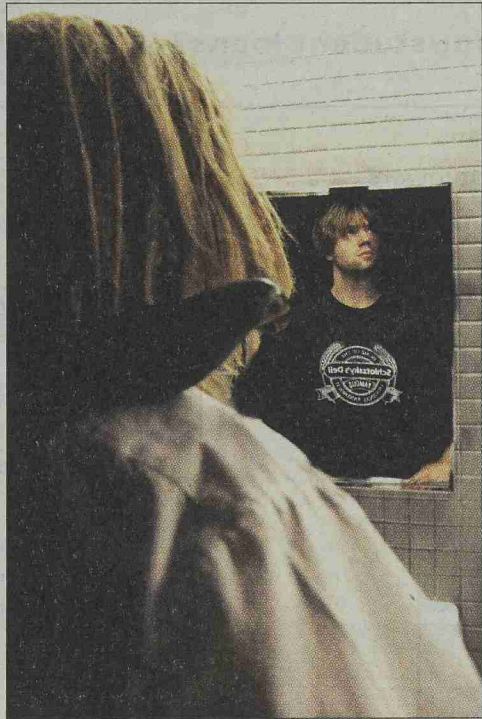


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ballot.

Piavis then approached his friends about filming a campaign video at Kure Beach the next Saturday. Some of them backed out, but after a few days, The Pirate Captain campaign video was born.

"He asked me to go down to the beach with him to film the video," Philip Busby, a junior in computer science and member of The Captain's scurvy crew, recalled. "I didn't have anything

else to do and I thought it would be fun."

The video shows The Captain presiding over a group of pirates digging for treasure on the beach.

As the video comes to a close the viewer gets a disclaimer from The Captain saying, "I am The Pirate Captain, and I approved this message."

"We're the kind of people who aren't afraid to make fools of ourselves," Busby said. "Initially

we weren't sure what was going to happen, and then it exploded into something more than we expected."

Piavis laughs thinking about how he didn't really think he would win at first.

Thinking The Pirate Captain would get some laughs and a little entertaining press, Piavis was a little surprised when he became a serious contender in the race.

"When we found out that some of the other candidates were honestly angry and worried, we began thinking we might win," Piavis said. "My original goal was 10 votes and maybe some Technician coverage [but] when the first votes came in and it was over 3,000, that was 300 times more than what I expected."

## It's a pirate's life!

Dancing pirates, accordions, a lot of confusing pirate-speak and a Student Government campaign that has gained more attention than any to date soon ensued.

"If you're not having fun, you need to either make it fun or just not do it, because it isn't worth it," Piavis said.

Piavis estimates the total amount of money The Pirate Captain campaign cost at \$156.

His campaign signs were scraps from the garbage bin donated by Ace Hardware, all hand painted with The Captain's hallmark skull and crossbones.

The majority of the money was spent on the campaign buttons, 1,000 at \$76 — with the rest going to paint and various pirate regalia.

Piavis and crew outfitted themselves at a local thrift store. What they couldn't find,

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Contemplating their gelato choices, Will Langley and Kristy D'Andrea make their final stop on the progressive dinner at Sylvia's.

## Dinner progresses down Hillsborough

A three-course meal drew a diverse crowd for the monthly dinner

Clark Leonard  
Staff Writer

From pirates and Student Government officials to regular old lads, more than 100 N.C. State students took to Hillsborough Street Tuesday night for the fourth Progressive Dinner sponsored by the Hillsborough Street Commission.

Three student groups started an hour apart starting at 6 p.m. from Applebee's with appetizers. The next stop was East Vil-

lage for the main course before dessert at Sylvia's Gelato Cafe.

Cody Williams, a junior in agricultural business who was participating in his third Progressive Dinner, said the times with friends and the low price of \$10 for a three-course meal made it an enjoyable event.

"It's fun times," Williams said. "It's a pretty good meal for cheap."

Carla Babb, chair of the Commission and the person in charge of past Progressive Dinners, said that the idea of the event has been to create a new tradition at NCSU.

"It's starting a new tradi-

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they made.

On April 6, Piavis gathered with supporters on Harris field for what he described as his favorite moment of the campaign. Hundreds of people had gathered to support him, many of them he didn't know.

Gathered under a pirate flag the size of a bed sheet, the buccaneer's supporters stood out from the others by their dress: eye patches, pirate hats, baggy pants and tied leather vests.

As the announcement of the voting results were made, the pirate flag waved to shouts of "Yarrrrg" from the crowd.

Landward ho!

"I talked to some people when I was campaigning who didn't even know we had a senate,"

Piavis said of the challenges facing him. "Hopefully The Pirate Captain can change that."

Controversy centered on having a man dressed as a pirate representing the school to important state leaders.

Piavis said he does not plan on attending important university meetings and functions as The Pirate Captain.

"When there's something where I'll be representing [N.C.] State to important people, like the Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors or legislators — if it would hurt the school to dress up like a pirate — I'm not dumb enough to dress up like a pirate," Piavis said.

He even shaved the long beard he had grown throughout the campaign for the Board of Trustees.

We have not seen the end of The Pirate Captain, however. Piavis still plans on attending

Student Government meetings in full pirate gear, minus the sword — the blade is more than four inches long.

"For the senate I'm still going to be The Pirate Captain," Piavis said. "Some of those guys just have to lighten up, it's all about having a good time — getting the students involved."

Piavis has already met with the student senate, the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees.

He said he thought they might not want to work with him, and was nervous having meetings with important people, but was surprised by how well it turned out.

"Some people said the Board of Governors would stone-wall me," Piavis said. "I was nervous because of who they were — but they were real people and I really enjoyed it."

Student Body President Tony

Caravano is showing Piavis the ropes for now, despite whatever differences they had throughout the election.

"Tony might have been mad, but anything I need he's been there for me," Piavis said. "I don't have a big brother but I assume that's what they're like."

**Walk the plank!**

Piavis outlined his first orders of business as student body president, many of which included keeping candidates he beat in the election in official positions.

Piavis plans to have Will Langley serve as his chief of staff and Will Quick representing Greek life. Piavis holds no animosity from the rivalries of the election.

"If they want to come out and they want to help and are willing to have fun with it," Piavis said, "I'd love to have them."

Piavis said he is already working on his agenda for the year.

Piavis wants to name student council presidents to represent the different college organizations to the senate to connect Student Government with campus organizations.

"I want to meet with them," Piavis said. "They should be able to come to the senate and tell us what they want — they should be able to hold us accountable."

As Piavis' campaign "plank" stated, he plans on expanding the Red Terror Express, the bus system that transports students from campus to off-campus sporting events.

Throughout the campaign, Piavis also focused on plans for Hillsborough Street.

Piavis wants to get businesses like Budweiser and other vendors to sponsor a Hillsborough Street Bash. Piavis said such an event would pull people from all over

the Triangle and breathe life into Hillsborough Street. Past that, Piavis said he wants the students to tell him what they want.

"We want to find out what the students really want and what they need," Piavis said. "I'm not doing this for me, I just got in this to have a good time — next year we're going to push for what the students want."

Piavis said finding out what the students want could be one of the bigger challenges he will face.

He encourages students to talk to their senators and get involved with Student Government.

"My main goal is to get students involved with State — not just student government — there are so many things going on here," Piavis said.

"When I first got here I felt that my high school had more spirit, and it was missing here, people didn't seem to care — I want to change that."

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tion for N.C. State," Babb said. "We've been trying to bring that back because that's something we should cherish."

She added that the timing during dead week provided a good break from studies.

"And especially during dead week, it's a great time to just sit down and relax, have cheaper food, come to Hillsborough Street, and support our street, which supports our school," Babb said.

Student Body President Tony Caravano, who has attended all of the progressive dinners, agreed that dead week was a good time and said that the dinner provided a chance for students to meet new people.

"People come in here, and we've seen a bunch of people who didn't know each other before. Tables kind of join up and combine as you move on,"

Caravano said.

"It just gives people a good break. Everyone's really stressed out right now with their schoolwork," Caravano said. "People are just taking a break."

Babb handed over the job of coordinating this semester's event to biochemistry freshman Danielle Polumbo, who will take over next year as chair of the Commission.

Babb said that the number of people involved, which was about 110 compared to 160 last semester, helped Polumbo make a smooth and successful transition.

"I think it's going really well. I think it was a very good time for her to start," Babb said. "We had more of a relaxed pace."

Polumbo said that she was ready to take over, and that Babb had done well preparing her.

Ken Mather, a freshman in computer science, said that he came for one main reason.

"The Pirate Captain — he was hassling me about it, and I pretty

much just borrowed some money and came here," Mather said.

Student Body President-elect Whil Piavis, participated in his first progressive dinner.

After enjoying some chips and queso for his appetizer, Piavis elicited laughter for his description of the food, "We done had some mae queso su queso. Apparently they bae telling mae that that's Spanish for cheese."

Near the end of the event, as he finished his desert of gelato, Piavis said that the meal suited his fancy.

"I bae more fuller and happier than a clam," Piavis said.

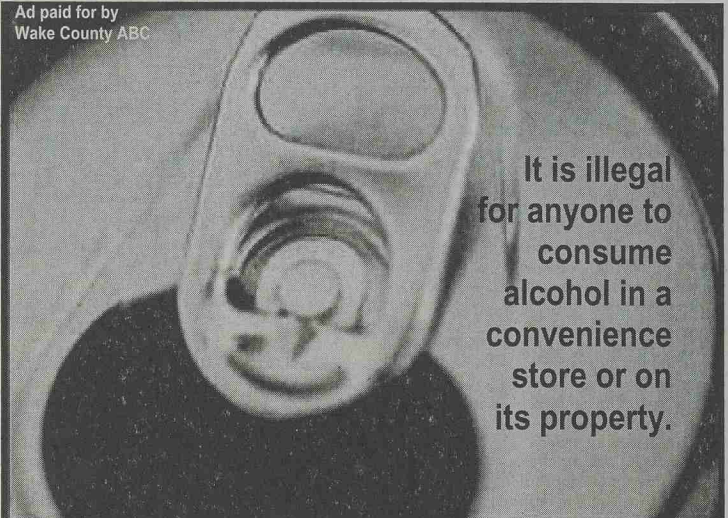
He added that while it was his first time, it certainly would not be his last at a progressive dinner.

"I'll definitely bae coming back," Piavis said.

Polumbo agreed that the night was a success.

"The night's going great," Polumbo said. "We have a lot of happy N.C. State students here."

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▲ Rapper Big Pooh — one half of the lyrical duo of Little Brother — performs at Cats Cradle in Carrboro. Little Brother performed track from its album *The Listening* as well as new songs from its upcoming album *The Minstrel Show*.

▶ Phonte energizes the crowd during Little Brother's performance Saturday night. During the performance Phonte spoke to the crowd about how good it felt to be home, and said after the performance, "I just don't think ya'll understand how good it felt to perform for a damn near sold-out crowd in our home state."

▼ L.E.G.A.C.Y., whose name is an acronym for Life Ends Gradually And Changes You, is a member of the Durham-based Rap outfit Justus League, which includes Little Brother.



▲ Phonte sings a duet with back-up singer YahZarah. YahZarah has gone from a music scholarship student at North Carolina Central University to releasing an album on Three Keys Music called *Hear Me*.

▶ 9th Wonder spins before the concert as the room filled with Justus League fans. XXL says Little Brother's sophomore album, due this year, is one of the most anticipated underground Hip-Hop albums due in 2005. 9th Wonder produced Little Brother's album as well as projects by Jay-Z, Destiny's Child, and Jean Grae. 9th is hyped as one of the hot new producers in Hip-Hop from the south.



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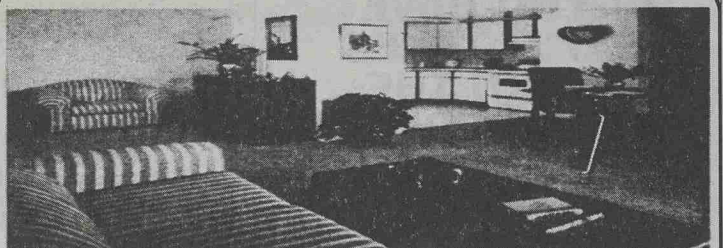
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The system will operate by starting a student out on a log-in screen much like any other privately accessed, university-affiliated site. The student will enter his or her I.D. number and, like the current voucher system, the system will give the student a number.

For group seating, a single person will start a group and other students who log in can choose to join that group by entering their own I.D. number as part of that group.

Winning numbers and groups will be chosen randomly 48 hours after the tickets first become available, with all or none of the group members winning.

Students who win tickets but

do not want to use them have the option of giving their tickets to other students.

If a student wins a ticket but does not attend the game, they will receive the penalty of a decrease in chances of getting his or her next ticket.

"This is really the greatest benefit of the new system because people who really want to go the games have a greater chance now," Quick said. "A day before the game if someone decides he or she can't make it, they can put it back online and someone else can grab it."

After a student wins a ticket, he or she prints it out and brings that to the game.

Another difference of the system is that seating will be general admission per section. The printed tickets will have a certain seating section on it, but seating within that section will operate on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We are confident, after long discussion, that there are many more gains to implementing a general admission by section system than there are losses — most notably the ability to get students

out of tailgating areas earlier and into the stadium by game time," Hyde said.

"It also allows friends to sit together if both receive tickets in a section, most obviously helping group seating arrangements," he added.

Although it may seem complicated at first, Caravano and his partners believe the system will make things easier and that students will catch on quick.

"We're really excited about this because it's really overdue for State," Caravano said. "It will result in a decrease in the hours of work at ticket windows as well as make the whole process more efficient."

The group will propose that next year be a trial run of the system, as they know there are still plenty of kinks that need to be worked out and then students will be able to try out the system and respond accordingly.

"There will probably be no penalty the first year as we're trying to get people used to the system," Quick said. "The system is easy to modify and we're looking for a lot of student input and ideas."

Although the online ticket system is part of the old administration's work, Student Body President-elect Will Piavis believes the system is a good one and plans to do whatever he can to help the committee.

"It should work well as it's a more convenient way of getting tickets so they don't have to stand out in the rain and do whatever they can," Piavis said. "As part of my administration, we're going to try to get people more involved in athletics and show everyone how great of a time they are."

According to Quick, the committee believes the school's administration will accept the proposal and the trial run will begin next year.

"They've been really receptive to everything we've done with the tickets and will most likely support the work we've put into this," Quick said. "Next year will really be a trial run and we hope to have plenty of student backing and feedback on the system."

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location.

Heather Shay, a graduate student in sociology, spends a lot of time looking at the court from the 1911 Building and thinks it is the wrong place.

"The Brickyard would be the best spot, partially because it doesn't take away from the Court of North Carolina," Shay said after sitting through the Cannon's presentation. "The pavilion didn't look to fit any of the other locations either."

Senior Class President Carla Babb agrees with Shay that the Brickyard is a better location for the pavilion.

"The courtyard is sacred," Babb said.

"It would be a distraction looking from the outdoor classroom. It would be competing for attention."

Harwood will compile feedback from the forum and present the information to Professor Catalano before going to the Board of Trustees for approval to begin construction.

## Corrections

In the April 26 article, "Pitcher aspires to stardom," Technician erroneously reported that Brenden Knapp, the redshirt-junior pitcher did not play in 2004 due to a labium injury. Instead, Knapp was unable to play due to a labrum injury.

In the April 26 article, "Got Milk?" Technician quoted Jared Milrad, not Jeremy Milrad as the article claimed. The reference to "Chrom's Disease" should have read "Crohn's Disease" and "Paratuberculosis" should have read "Paratuberculosis."

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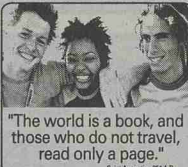
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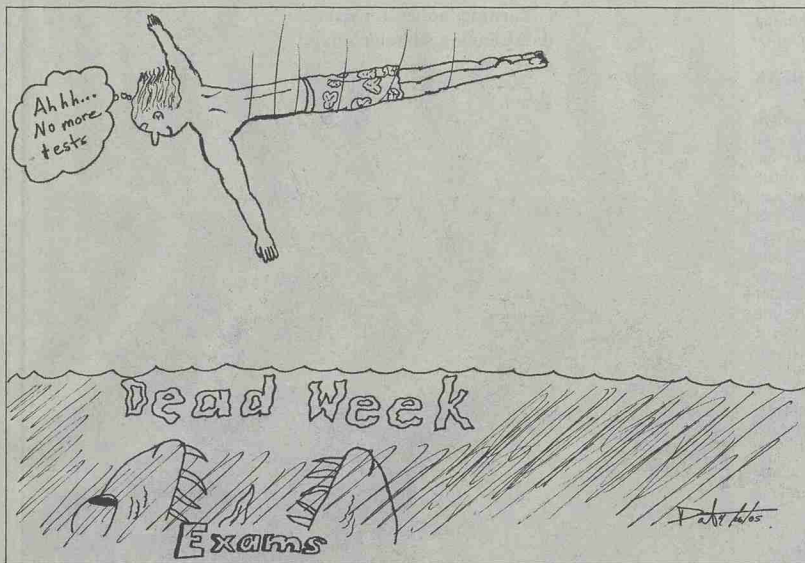


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## Technician editorial misleading and on point at same time

Technician viewpoint on April 24, "Change Begins with Awareness" is misleading that there were no awareness and/or education activities that have taken place during Sexual Assault and Awareness Month. As the Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator, I take these issues very seriously and am committed to addressing sexual assault and rape on campus.

The Health Promotion Department in Student Health Service has sponsored several programs throughout the month of April to raise the awareness and consciousness of students about sexual assault and rape.

On April 2, the 5th Annual Run for Respect took place on Centennial Campus, which drew 250 to 300 students/faculty and community members in support of ending sexual violence against women. Proceeds from this event will be donated to INTERACT, a community organization that provides safety and support for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and will support on-going outreach programming on campus to address sexual assault and rape.

On April 6th, at Witherspoon Theater, another program was sponsored by Health Promotion "Redefining American Manhood" that addressed a crowd of 140 students/faculty and community members that touched on men's role and responsibility to end sexual violence against women.

The staff writer assigned to cover the event submitted his article but was not printed by Technician. Although, I was disappointed with Technician for not printing the article, which would have helped in bringing attention to the problem of sexual assault and rape on campus, I was pleased to see in the April 12-18 issues of Nubian Message, a column written by staff writer Cedric Pickett about "Redefining American Manhood."

Student apathy and unwillingness, to some extent, to get involved is a huge problem. It should not take someone we care about to become a victim, before we feel impelled to stand up and speak out against sexual assault and rape. Sexual violence is very under reported, which sends a false message that there is not a problem.

This mind set must change if we want to nurture a safe environment that is supportive of women to come forward and report their victimization to campus police. Although, the majority of sexual assault and rape victims are women, men are also victims of sexual violence and must be supported as well. Like many college

campuses across the country, sexual assault and rape is the dirty little secret no one wants to talk about but sexual assault and rape is everyone's problem regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender or religion.

I agree with Technician that organizations and clubs can do more to get involved and with a student body of 30,000 students, one or two groups are not enough to reach everyone on campus. I am very open to collaborating with Technician or any other organization or club on campus in assisting me in getting the message out. If anyone is interested, please feel free to contact me at Larry\_Gourdine@ncsu.edu.

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## In response to Matt Campbell's column "The ideal graduation speech"

I felt compelled to write this after reading your graduation speech in Monday's Technician.

I found myself sitting in the Atrium enjoying a nice turkey club and soda reading your article and all of a sudden I just laughed out loud because it was so funny.

I couldn't even help it and people starting looking at me weird. I especially liked the part about the Wizard of Oz and the sound track from Angus.

Mike Ingram  
Freshman  
Civil Engineering

## Response to Senator Hoy's forum about Pirate Captain

In response to Mr. Ken Hoy, Graduate Student Senator, I have a few insights about the recent elections of my own and hold great concern in the rumored "graduate government secession". The Pirate Captain may not be the most knowledgeable about Student Government, but he is fresh and has not been tainted by years of past Student Government involvement.

It seems like a very good thing that there would be a new face in Student Government to bring the institution back to the middle! With certain scandals such as the "ticket taking" and the ambiguity of the entire system, a great many students in many different classifications have

lost their faith in the ability of student government to do anything for them!

Mr. Hoy you have been in Student Government for a very long time and are clearly accustomed to the old ways in which the system has been run in the past. God forbid we actually progress into a new era in Student Government and make real and visible changes!

As far as credibility of the Pirate Captain as a representative of our university, a large number of students, faculty, and staff, myself included, are comfortable with this new turn in the system and welcome a new face to the table in hopes of cultivating new ideas and reflecting changes in the university.

A member of the Board of Trustees has previously written to Technician applauding the Pirate Captain in his efforts and his ability to bring out a record number of voters in the Spring elections. Granted he may need to dress more "dapper" as he has already promised he would do on important and serious occasions.

In response to the "Graduate Secession" from Student Government in its current form, the graduate senators are being totally absurd!

Suppose they actually try and cooperate with the undergraduate governmental officials, who by the way are a vast majority on this campus, they might actually get some real changes made!

Let's not forget where the real power lies; in a democracy the power always sits with the majority and the graduate population is in no part the majority at N.C. State!

Here is an idea, just an idea mind you, how about giving these newcomers their turn at bat and let's all see what they can do!

Good Luck 85th Session and here's to the hope that it will be the best session yet!

Casey Shadix  
Junior  
Communication/Political Science

## In response to Andrew Payne's column "New senate, same habits"

Bravo! I feel his article hit the nail on the head.

I read the article out loud with some friends who had attended the last senate meeting. We all agreed with the humor of the situation and truth in the article. I understand that as a result of the last meeting, several supporters plan to be at the next meeting for his swearing-in.

Sheri Pugh  
Senior  
Meteorology

## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## STOP DEBATING AND PLACE IT

**OUR OPINION:** AN OPEN FORUM WAS HELD YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE LOCATIONS TO BUILD THE CATALANO PAVILION. MOST LOCATIONS CAN BE RULED OUT AS POSSIBILITIES IMMEDIATELY, AND ONLY ONE EMERGENCE AS THE HIGHEST POSSIBILITY AND WITH THE MOST REASON.

Yesterday, University Architect Mike Harwood conducted an open forum regarding the placement of the Catalano Pavilion.

There are three focuses necessary for the development of the pavilion: excavation, site location and the volume of pedestrian traffic, which needs to be high.

Seven locations were considered and discussed: the Court of North Carolina, the Brickyard by the listening shells, the field next to Nelson, between Alexander and Turlington, behind Doak Field, Centennial Campus next to the new Engineering I and II buildings at the top of "The Oval" as well as by the Atrium on Centennial Campus.

The sketches of what the structure would look like in each of these locations clearly reveal the pavilion does not belong on Main Campus. It is hideous. Main Campus is loaded with bricks and traditional buildings with very little grass left and all of it needs to be preserved.

Often the rebuttal is that Main Campus will become ignored and looked down upon once the College of Engineering moves to Centennial indefinitely, but this is simply not true. Main Campus is traditional, and it should remain that way.

Its beauty needs to be preserved and putting the pavilion on it would simply be an awkward addition to something that is not

necessary — and only half-wanted.

The pavilion belongs on Centennial Campus, at the top of the Oval near the almost-finished engineering buildings for several reasons:

This site will eventually become a densely populated traffic area once the College of Engineering is there. N.C. State's enrollment numbers are heavy with engineers and since the College of Textiles is already over there, the site is a logical possibility.

Nothing currently exists in the proposed location. Right now, the land is designed to be open with a large grassy area facing the joint of the two buildings. The pavilion looks best in this location because there is still plenty of space around it plus it blends with the architecture of the other buildings as well.

Three, Centennial is our signature. It houses the newest designs and most updated technology — so it is only logical for the pavilion to be placed there. The pavilion, in all its fresh design, fits with the theme of Centennial of being ahead of the game and on the leading edge of technology.

The debate is still surrounding this issue and if a decision is going to be made it needs to happen soon. Since plans for the engineering buildings state that it will be done in the fall, beginning construction on this now would make it easy to integrate the pavilion into the landscape.

Let's get the ball rollin'.

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## The things a reader should know before giving feedback

When I was trying to decide what to write about for my last column of the year, I thought about the impression I would like to leave with my readers. For the past few months I have written about many subjects near and dear to my heart that I hoped would get some reactions. What I found was the stories that got the most feedback were the ones that created the most controversy.

A columnist's job is to generate conversation and express an opinion with which people can relate to or legitimately disagree. Whether or not you like what you read, the writer has done his or her job by getting you to think about a particular subject. If everyone agreed with every opinion expressed in the paper, the world would be a boring and completely colorless place.

We live in America — the land of freedoms. One of the most frequently expressed freedoms is that of speech. We are so lucky to live in a place that allows us to voice our opinions about whatever we want, and we should be supportive

of those who choose to take advantage of that right. At N.C. State, we are given the right to our own student newspaper. We are all given an equal opportunity to write for the paper, but not many of us choose to exercise it. I have chosen

to take advantage of what is available, and for me, it is the chance to do something I love and have it published.

Over the semester I have received many responses to my articles through e-mails. Most of the responses have been from people who were offended or angered by my opinions. It is fine to disagree with something you read, and you have that right; however, constructive criticism has a far greater impact and is much more helpful to the columnist.

In other words, make sure you have read and re-read the entire article and that what you are saying is logical. So many people get angered by the first half of the article they don't read the rest of it before they send in a response. I get many

e-mails from people saying they wished I had included a certain piece of information which I had included at the end of the column which leads me to believe they did not read the whole article.

**"Whether you agree with an opinion doesn't really matter. What matters is why you agree or disagree with it..."**

One of the most important things for a columnist to do is establish credibility in order to be taken seriously. What most people don't know, however, is that readers need to establish credibility as well when responding to an article.

The word *opinion* is defined as a conclusion or a view. I have opinions because I have researched the alternatives and have come to my own conclusions.

Whether you agree with an opinion doesn't really matter. What matters is why you agree or disagree with it and how you choose to back it up. I am much more willing to open my mind to others' thoughts and feelings when they provide concrete, worthwhile arguments.

Some of the best responses I have received were not from people who agreed with me, but from people who established a real reason for why they disagreed with me that they then backed up with good examples. When you attack someone's writing and call them an idiot, all you do is cause him or her to become defensive and brush you off as close-minded and immature. For those of you who want to be taken seriously and want your words to have meaning, think about why you disagree with what you read and sit down and put time into your response. Good opinions, even ones that are not printed, are backed up with facts.

I love the ability to express my feelings to others so I can hear what they have to say. If you are going to take the time to write a response to something you have read, think about what you are doing before you do it. Write something that will make the columnist think, and then you will have accomplished something. Do not ever underestimate the power your words can have, even on someone you assume to be a close-minded columnist.

Give Meghan the feedback you want to at [viewpoint@technicianonline.com](mailto:viewpoint@technicianonline.com)



**Meghan Woodall**  
Staff Columnist



# Sports

## JOE

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### 3) Tarheel Swim Association (TSA) swim meets

If a Tuesday night neighborhood-pool swim meet doesn't sound exciting, you obviously haven't witnessed a grudge-match between Cary developments come down to the final relay. Entire neighborhood swim clubs sound like Cameron Indoor Stadium and middle-aged moms turn into Scottish soccer hooligans. There's little more fascinating than bright lights reflecting off water, hordes of screaming coaches and fans teetering on the edge of the pool,

and the piercing sound of a horn to start a race. Not to mention, TSA meets have the "Gatorade shower" beat tenfold; they push their coaches fully-clothed into the water after a victory.

### 4) Chavis League basketball

Every summer at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, former and current ACC and local college players play in a season-style league, known as the Chavis League. Squads generally feature players from State, Duke, Wake Forest, and North Carolina, assuming the league gets proper permits from the NCAA. Former NBA and State forward Chucky Brown plays in the league nearly every year. Admission is free and the games are an excellent way

to get a sneak-peak at incoming freshman at local schools.

### 5) State Games of North Carolina

The annual Olympic-style event will be in Cary this year from June 4 through June 26. The events feature some of the top amateur and high school athletes and teams from all over North Carolina. There is a broad spectrum of events including basketball, wrestling, soccer, shooting, in-line hockey, and disc golf. Its a worthwhile event in which to watch or, if you are so athletically-inclined, participate.

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## POPE

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speed and so forth are playing college football instead of throwing shot puts. He's got a talent for what he's doing."

In high school, brute strength, not technique, wins events. During his redshirt year, Pope learned the complicated spinning and footwork of the shot put.

"It's real hard," Pope said of the procedure. "I've been doing it now for three years and I'm still trying to get it right. So many things can go wrong with it — arm position, feet position,

In high school I did the glide, where you just step back and throw it. That was real easy, but in order to make it go farther, I needed a new technique when I got to college. So I learned how to spin in college."

Pope's best throw this year was 59-1 1/2 at the Raleigh Relays in March. His career best, 61-4, came in 2004. Before practice, Pope spray paints lines that mark his goals, one of them being the school record of 65-4 1/2.

"My average throwing has went up a lot. Last year I averaged about 56 [feet], this year I'm averaging about 59 [feet] so I'm looking forward to a 'big throw.' I usually get one a year, so I'm

hoping to get closer to the school record," Pope said. "For practice, I always try to go out there and get my form perfect because it seems like if I have a good week of practice, I have a good throw at a meet. So it depends on how it goes, if I'm having a bad day at practice, I'll stay there three hours until I get it right."

Pope competes in other throwing events for the Wolfpack, including the discus, hammer, and javelin.

"I enjoy competing and I'm real competitive, I like to beat someone who's trying to beat me at something," Pope said. "That's what pushes me a lot."

## Campus Recreation

### Triathlon Club

The Triathlon Club had a busy weekend as it competed in the Riverwood Golf and Athletic Club triathlon in Clayton last week.

Charles Suslowicz won third place in the men's 16-19 year-old age group with a time of 1:11:50. Two other men, Phillip Woodward and Christian Deutsch, raced in the 20-24 year-old

age group. Woodward finished sixth with a time of 1:13:50 and Deutsch finished 13th with a time of 1:20:25 in his first time racing.

Kate Martin finished in first place overall for the women with a time of 1:08:22.

Christine Schmidlin was first in the 20-24 year-old age group with a time of 1:15:25.

Also racing in the women's 20-24 year-old group were three women new to the sport of triathlon: Amika Olchovik, Christine Burchett and

Heather Duxbury. Olchovik finished in third place with a time of 1:23:33. Burchett finished ninth in the age group with a time of 1:35:02. Finishing next in the age group was Heather Duxbury at 1:36:03.

Josh Davis, president of the club, traveled to Lake Havasu, Ariz. to compete in the Collegiate Nationals race. Though he didn't place, he set a personal record of 2:48:35 for an Olympic distance race.

Where will you spend your summer vacation?

- a. Back home
- b. With my family
- c. Earning money for next fall
- d. Attending summer school
- e. All of the above



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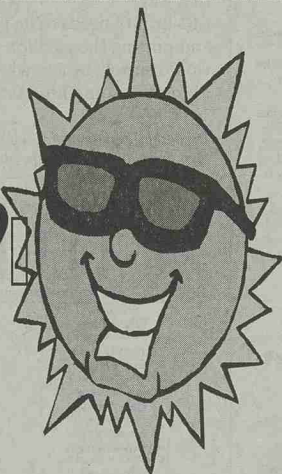
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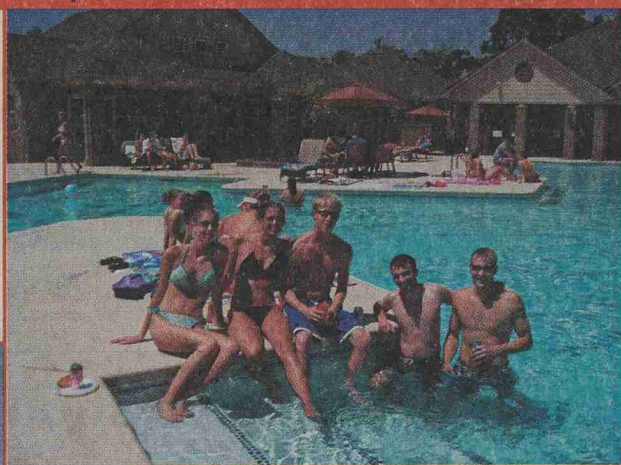
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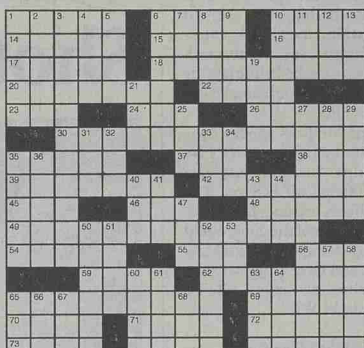
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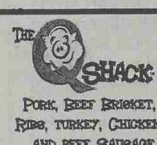
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No games scheduled.



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## COMMENTARY

### Cure for summer blues

D.H. Hill is packed with study groups cramming and frantic students hyperventilate over final projects.



**Joe Overby**  
Deputy Sports Editor

This can only mean one thing — the end of the semester here. But after the hustle of "Dead Week" and

exams, students will leave campus and things will be quiet once more as summer starts.

The absence of classes, warm weather, and beautiful ladies sunbathing at the pool all make me happy.

But summer is also a sad season to this college sports fan. Most spring sports at N.C. State end their regular seasons in May. Baseball has the chance to extend its season into June provided the Pack makes it to the NCAA's.

But for the most part, the world of college sports will be quiet for the next three months.

In case you are sitting in your sweltering hot dorm or apartment and desperately missing college athletics in the weeks following exams, here are a few sporting events, in no particular order, to be found in the Triangle that can tie you over.

#### 1) Minor League Baseball

If you have the money to splurge on rising gas prices, a road trip to one of Major League Baseball's three franchises within a six-hour drive (Atlanta Braves, Baltimore Orioles, Washington Nationals) is always a great experience. By why spend all that money when there is high-quality baseball just around the corner?

The Durham Bulls and the Carolina Mudcats are both within 30-minute drives of Raleigh. The Bulls are arguably the minor leagues' most recognizable and historic franchise because of the movie "Bull Durham". It plays in the International League, just one step down from the big boys. Not to mention, it's always entertaining to see a mammoth Bull in right field glare its red eyes and puff smoke out of its nose.

The Mudcats play in Zebulon's quaint but cozy Five County Stadium, just east of Raleigh off U.S. 64. The Mudcats are the Double-A farm team of the 2003 World Series champion Florida Marlins and have groomed such Marlins' players as pitcher Dontrelle Willis.

#### 2) Knight's Play Golf

In case it was too rainy for you to make it to Augusta for the Masters, Knight's Play in Apex could be the next best thing for a PGA wanna-be. As the name might indicate, it is one of only golf clubs in the Triangle open at night. If you're looking for something to do on a random week night, it's a great place to swing the old wrenches.

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## SOFTBALL

# Isley brings arsenal to N.C. State

*Freshman Brooke Isley's experience and talent adds depth to a strong State pitching staff*

**Josh Harrell**

Staff Writer

Though officially listed as growing up in the city of Burlington, freshman Brooke Isley would say she's from the country.

Burlington is a community reminiscent of Andy Griffith's Mayberry or the bar from Cheers — where Isley said she knew everyone and everyone knew her.

"I live out in the country with a small-town atmosphere," Isley said with her Southern drawl. "It's not so big, with no real traffic and you know everyone in the community."

But it's in this cozy setting where Isley was raised into the pitcher she is now, under the instruction of her father.

After Isley became involved in the sport as an 11-year-old, her father soon took over as coach, teaching his daughter various pitches and making sure she never deviated from the basics.

"I was pretty much her catcher during practice time, and because she was never really taught anything, it was just me and her," Barry Isley said. "We kept playing, all the time, even into the winter."

Isley said she was able to test what her father taught her against out-of-state teams, as she played travel ball against some of the best softball players in the nation.

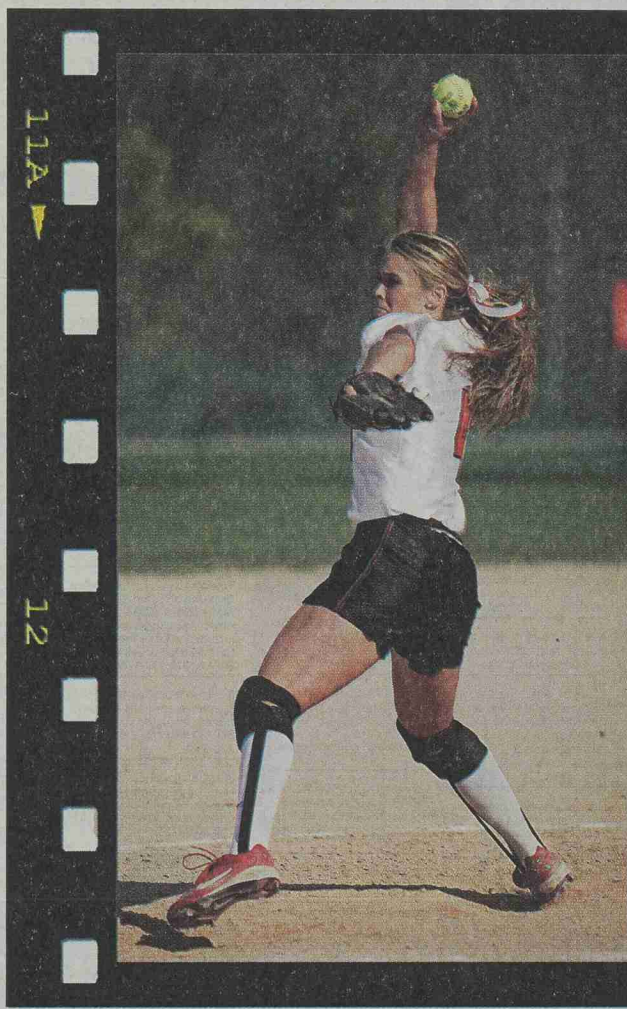
"Those girls were really good and were tough competition," Isley said. "They made me realize I needed to be on their level if I wanted to be my best."

But to do this, Isley said she knew how hard she had to work. She had to become more fundamentally sound and develop her pitching arsenal.

Her favorite pitch in the arsenal is her drop ball, she said.

"It just goes straight down and out of the hitter's reach, a lot of the times hitting the plate," Isley said. "I always like to try to learn new pitches because that's the part where you can always get better at."

Isley admits that the transition from high school softball to the



Freshman pitcher Brooke Isley works on her delivery during practice. Isley is 5-2 on the season, with a 2.91 ERA.

ACC was not easy.

"When I first got here, I had some changes and adjustments to make," Isley said. "But now I'm starting to feel more comfortable, and I'm becoming a more put-together pitcher."

These changes came from hard work, which Isley said became the focal point of her life during high school. She was able to balance softball with school, becoming valedictorian of her senior class.

"I've always tried to do my best academically and my parents en-

couraged me to do well in both softball and school," she said.

But her parents said they believe the same work ethic Isley had in softball transferred over to her school work and produced results.

"We've always tried to give her good advice over the years, without forcing stuff on her," Barry Isley said. "But softball really taught her a lot of discipline and she is able to focus on multiple things and is really determined to do well in everything she can."

But the self-described quiet and calm freshman isn't always about work. Like the rest of her team, she loves to get out and have fun.

"I love to go out and shop and hang out with my friends," Isley said. "I also like to read — I'm a big fan of murder mysteries and TV shows like 'CSI.'"

It is these same girls with whom Isley said she hopes to accomplish great things for State softball as they pioneer the new program.

"I'm having a blast here, and

eventually, our goal is to win a championship," Isley said. "But it won't be worth it if we don't have fun along the way."

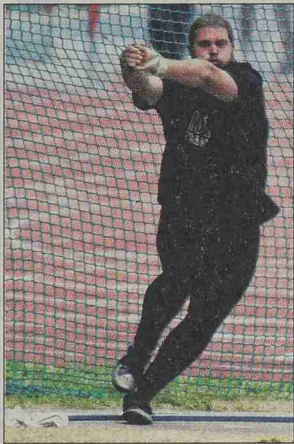
Isley said she knows there is always room for improvement, but when she walks off the field for the last time she hopes to feel she gave the game everything she had.

"I want myself and the team to be the best we can be," Isley said. "But I want to leave the field after my last game knowing that I made the most out of the time I had to play this game."

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## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

# Shot putter takes aim at nationals



Mitchell Pope throws hammer during the Raleigh Relays earlier this month.

*N.C. State shot putter Mitchell Pope has clinched a spot at the NCAA regionals, now will attempt to qualify for nationals*

**J. Mike Blake**

Staff Writer

One second is all Mitchell Pope prepares for. Within this second, he completely contorts his body — he twists his waist, his right leg sweeps outward, and with a final pivot, he heaves the 12-pound shot put.

His full 360-degree spin happens so quickly compared to all the long practices he has endured.

But this year, the results indicate it has been time well spent.

Already, the N.C. State shot putter has qualified for NCAA regional competition. In fact, Pope has surpassed the regional mark in five of the six meets.

He has placed first in shot put for two events, second in three events, and had a

sixth-place finish at the ACC Championships.

"I knew I was going to do it," Pope said. "For some reason, the regional qualifying shot doesn't seem that far. I mean 54 feet is the regional qualifying mark and I get that on a bad throw. So I knew I was going to get it, but I'm trying to go to nationals. It's going to be really tough because shot put for some reason has gotten to be one of the toughest events this year."

Pope, a redshirt-sophomore, attended South Caldwell High in Hudson where he was state champion in shot put for both indoor and outdoor track and field in 2002.

"My sophomore year in high school, I came out to be a high jumper because I was about 100 pounds lighter at the time, but I started breaking high jump bars because I would land on them," Pope said. "So my coach was like, 'Why don't you try throwing?' I tried it out and it worked pretty good on my first meet — I broke the school record. Then I got serious after that."

Looking at his massive frame now, it's nearly unimaginable that Pope was almost a high jumper. Several years and pounds of muscle later, he has developed into a conference standout in his trade.

"I was hard-core basketball going into high school and then I just kind of got tired of it because I got really good at track. It's so much easier, less running, I hate to run. That's about the main reason why I quit basketball," Pope said. "It's [track and field is] a lot more fun to me than when I was playing basketball, it's so much more individualized and it gives you a lot of attention."

Assistant Coach Tom Wood is now in his 16th year at State and manages the Pack's throwers. He has worked with Pope for the last three years.

"We work from about September to June," Wood said. "I would say he's progressing, and he has a bright future. I think he has a gift, most gentlemen of his size, character, demeanor, quickness,

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