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NC to UNC: Cut \$125 million

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The North Carolina legislature has issued a directive requiring a \$125 million budget reduction from the UNC System.

**Jimmy Ryals and
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Staff Reporters

North Carolina's General Assembly has requested that the UNC System offer recommendations for system budget reductions in the amount of \$125 million, in an effort to alleviate the effects of a statewide budget shortfall. UNC System officials have already trimmed \$32 million from the system's budget.

UNC System President Molly Broad asked each university to submit proposals for its 7 percent cut in state-appropriated funding. The proposals, which are due to the President's office on Monday at noon, will outline how the universities prioritize needs, and what would be first to be eliminated. The proposals will be presented to the Legislature.

"There's no question about a cut, only how much it's going to be," said N.C. State Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford.

"The chancellors have been asked to work closely with chief financial officers to develop a plan of action that would be required if the University were forced to implement a \$125 million university-wide budget reduction, resulting in a 7 percent reduction per campus," said Joni Worthington, UNC System associate vice president for communications.

NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox met Wednesday with the deans of NCSU's 16 colleges and with the university's eight executive officers to discuss NCSU's role in the reduction recommendations.

"The Chancellor got us together [Wednesday]," said Stafford. "We have to have our list of budget cuts into the budget office by noon on Saturday in priority order. Everybody's working on their list." Stafford said the cuts will come only from "state-appropriated dollars," not federal money or money coming from rent, fees or dining costs.

"N.C. State has a lot of special programs funded by the General Assembly," he said.

He said the recent painstaking efforts of Student Senate to recommend to Chancellor Fox appropriations for \$2.2 million of next year's tuition increase may not pay off.

"We won't be able to spend money on anything recommended by Student Senate," said Stafford. "We don't really know what's going to happen, but it doesn't look good."

He said the cuts will be effective from next year on.

"What we are supposed to propose is permanent," said Stafford. "It will be gone forever," or at least until additional support can re-install it. Attempts to reach Fox Thursday for comment were unsuccessful.

Broad iterated the General Assembly's request in an April 18 letter to the UNC Board of Governors. In the letter, Broad writes that she has "reiterated our effort to work with [the six co-chairs of the legislature's Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education] to develop a fair reduction appropriate to the fiscal circumstances. Our offer was not accepted." The co-chairs of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education are Sen. Walter Dalton (D-District 37), Sen. Linda Garrout (D-



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Elias Sorokin demos a pressurized G-suit for Aero Russ at the Sanford Airport. Aero Russ imports and assembles used Russian L-29 military jet trainers to sell here in the U.S.

District 20), Sen. Jeanne Lucas (D-District 13), Rep. Flossie Boyd-McIntyre (D-District 28), Rep. Eugene Rogers (D-District 6) and Rep. Douglas Yongue (D-District 16). In an undated letter to Broad, the co-chairs delivered the legislature's directive. The letter states that the subcommittee is charged with "finding revenues and cuts totaling an additional \$144 million above those cuts taken by the governor [Mike Easley]." The letter requested that the system submit recommendations to the legis-

lature by April 16. Broad responded to the chairs' letter with one of her own, dated April 12, in which she states that the \$125 million Estimates on the total amount of the state's budget shortfall have ranged from \$500 to \$700 million.

Messages left with the offices of Dalton, Boyd-McIntyre, Rogers, Yongue and House Appropriations Committee Chair Ruth Easterling (D-District 58) had not been returned at press time.

Hall to leave NCSU, take job in Utah

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2001

N.C. State Provost Kermit Hall accepted the position of President of Utah State University yesterday.

Jimmy Ryals and Spaine Stephens
News Editors

Utah State University declared yesterday that it has chosen N.C. State Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Kermit Hall as its new president.

Hall was at USU yesterday when the school made its decision public, while NCSU administrators received confirmation of Hall's departure, which is slated for January.

Kermit Hall addressed members of the USU community yesterday in two press conferences, one open to the general public and the other open only to the media.

In his address, Hall emphasized the importance of teamwork in higher education. Hall's first priority, he said, is to get to know his colleagues; he will "start from the inside and work," familiarizing himself with the USU faculty and administration.

Inspiring respect in those colleagues will be key. "Nobody will follow you up the mountain if they don't have enough respect for you," Hall said.

Hall also referred to the importance of USU's position as a land-grant university and the school's relationship with the University of Utah, an in-state USU rival. Continuing the theme of teamwork in higher education, Hall said that he hopes to foster a productive relationship with Utah President J. Bernard Machen. Familiarizing himself with USU's budget process and forming partnerships in technology, education and the community are also priorities for Hall at USU.

The selection process for a replacement for current USU President George H. Emert started in September. The 21-member search committee did not release the names of any candidates during the course of the search.

Hall did not apply for the USU position. Utah Commissioner of Higher Education Cecelia H. Foxley, who oversaw the search process, said Hall was actually nominated by numerous parties around the country. The confidentiality with which the committee ran the search was an important consideration for Hall, who said that he likely would not have gone through the process had his candidacy been announced.

"I'm really surprised about this," said Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs. "It's unusual for a senior administrator to leave this quickly. [Hall] has done an awful lot in the short time that he has been here."

USU's decision to hire Hall, who came to NCSU in July 1999 from Ohio State University, evoked similar reactions from other administrators who worked with the provost throughout the past year.

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox was not surprised, however.

"When I hired him as provost, it was very clear he was destined to head a major university," she said.

Hall will take over at USU at the start of the school's spring semester in January; the retirement of the university's current president, George H. Emert, will be effective Dec. 31.

Fox is not sure when the search for NCSU's new provost will begin, but an interim provost is expected to be named around the time that Hall takes over at USU in January.

Vice Provost for Information Technology Sam Averitt deemed Hall's parting a "tremendous loss" that called for a collective effort within the current staff to continue progress.

"We will need to move forward," said Averitt. "It will be a challenge."

Averitt said Hall has pointed the staff in "some good directions," and that during Hall's time at NCSU, he has led the college and provost staff members in a compact planning process. Averitt said Hall demonstrated strong leadership by acknowledging issues facing the university, such as tenure and distance education, and presenting strategies of dealing with them. "[Hall] will be greatly missed," said Averitt.

Frank Abrams, senior vice provost for academic affairs, said Hall "heightened the emphasis on the quality of teaching" with attention to issues like inclusive governance and tenure process.

Abrams said Hall created about stu-



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N.C. State Provost Kermit Hall the position of President of Utah State University in November 2000. Brought to NCSU in July 1999 from Ohio State University, Hall assumed the USU presidency in January 2001.

dents' interests as well.

"Hall is concerned about students' involvement in university and academic affairs," said Abrams. "He is a true academic leader, and one of the best administrators I've worked with."

Stafford noted highlights of Hall's time at NCSU.

Stafford said Hall has strengthened NCSU's stances on tenure policy, established "interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary contacts across academic units," increased the university's approach on diversity and interspersed more technology into teaching and research.

While administrators across NCSU will remember Hall for being proactive and catalyzing change, others noted strength in his charm and personality.

"[Hall] is one of the best people in the country," said Susan Nutter, vice provost and director of libraries. "He's the kind of person you want to work for."

Nutter said USU is very lucky to be gaining Hall's services, and also very

smart for choosing him.

Both Nutter and Averitt referred to Hall as a "visionary." Nutter praised his ability to develop people and make things happen.

"He has really made tremendous progress in academic affairs," said Nutter. "Because of him, we've become much better at what we've done."

Hall received his bachelor's degree from the University of Akron in 1966 and two Master's degrees from Syracuse University and Yale University Law School in 1967 and 1980, respectively. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

Before becoming NCSU provost in 1999, Hall served as dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences at Ohio State University. Hall has also held faculty and administrative positions at the universities of Tulsa and Florida.

Marcy Young, assistant news editor of USU's "The Statesman," contributed to this article.

'Day at the Capitol' planned for students

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2001

Association of Student Governments is sponsoring a trip to the legislature for students to push for several key issues.

Ayren Jackson
Senior Staff Reporter

According to the members of the N.C. State student government, "its primary purpose is to advocate the interests of the student body to both the administration and to other groups on and off campus." This goal will come to life when NCSU students attend the Students' Day at the Capitol, sponsored by the Association of Student Governments, in downtown Raleigh on Feb. 20.

Through this event, ideas will be shared, changes will be addressed, critical topics will be discussed, and most importantly, all NCSU students will have the opportunity to attend.

All 16 colleges in the UNC system will be represented at this event. They will meet with the General Assembly to discuss various topics related to current university issues. Over 1000 students from each university are expected to be in attendance.

"Senators and representatives of the General Assembly are looking forward to N.C. State's presence at this important event," said Charles Lawley, NCSU's student government chief of operations.

The Student Government along with students, staff and faculty of the NCSU community will go to the Capitol in hopes of addressing three key issues.

First, the Student Government will assure their support of the Board of Governors' proposal for need-based financial aid. Second, they will back their support for the Board of Governors' proposal for faculty salary increases.

"With the recent tuition increase, we as students have done our part — now it is time for the state to do its part," said Natalie Duggins, special assistant to the student body president.

Finally, they plan to ask the legislative

branch of the General Assembly to pass a student vote on the Board of Governors.

"Students are crucial in funding the university, and because of this, it is very important to have a student representative (one of the SGA Presidents) to voice the thoughts and ideas of the student body," said Duggins.

Currently, there is no student vote; however, this vote would ultimately allow students more input concerning some of the Board of Governors' decisions.

For everyone interested in attending this important event, a shuttle is scheduled to leave Centennial Campus at 12:30 p.m. next Tuesday, Feb. 20. The rally will begin at 1 p.m. and take place in the front of the Halifax Mall downtown.

Speakers scheduled to be in attendance at the event include the UNC System President Mally Broad and Board of Governors Chairman Ben Ruffin, along with Student Body Presidents from the different schools present.

Upon arrival at the Halifax Mall, students will be divided into groups. These groups will attend the various important session meetings in which they can discuss with the General Assembly the issues of the campus focusing on three key areas of interest.

Everyone will be invited to have lunch with the Legislature and discuss further topics and ideas. Students will get a first-hand glimpse of how the General Assembly works while also making their voices heard to lawmakers.

"Your message is important, and if no one else can see, the only thing you can do is repeat your message," said SGA President Andrew Payne.

The rally will conclude with an ice cream social. The event is free and open to all students.

"Students who do attend will probably never forget the experience — they are ultimately doing something very big for the future of all NC State University students," said Lawley. "This is a great way to impact the university in a positive way."

This Saturday, Feb. 10, at 12 p.m., the Student Senate will hold an information session in the Student Senate Chambers of the Witherpoon Student Center for all students interested in attending this event.

BOT approves new Fraternity Court lease proposals

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Fraternities have until June 4 to decide between the two proposals.

Ayren Jackson
Assistant News Editor

Last November, 10 N.C. State fraternities located on Fraternity Court filed a lawsuit against the university claiming the misuse of various funds.

The suit was dropped a few months later in order to hasten negotiations between the fraternities and the university, and now, after months of negotiation and discussion, there may be an end in sight.

This past Friday, the NCSU Board of Trustees approved, in two committees, a two-versioned lease proposal that is now in the hands of the fraternities.

"We had delivered the proposals to the fraternities, and they now have until June 4 to make a decision on the lease agreements," said Mindy Sopher, director of Greek Life.

The whole process of negotiations and the development of the new lease proposals have taken a little over a year and a half.

"The whole process has been a long and difficult one for everyone involved," said Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

There were many people and organizations involved in the negotiations and the development of the new lease proposals.

The Finance Office and the Legal Office were strongly involved in the negotiations, and the Fraternity Alumni Council served as representatives to the chapters who reside on Fraternity Court, Greek Life, University Housing, Student Affairs and the Board of Trustees were each powerful players in the development of the leases.

Before going to the Board of Trustees, the leases were reviewed and approved by the Student Life Committee and the Buildings and Property Committee of the board.

Once the proposals were in the hands of the Board of Trustees, a few changes were made to ensure that the lease proposals would be fair for everyone. One of their recommendations included the development of a two-option lease, in which the chapters could choose between two different leases.

"The key difference in the two leases is in their length," said Stafford.

Option A includes a five-year lease plan with three renewals each after five years. Option B includes a one-year lease plan with a renewal after six months. Between these two options, the chapters will essentially have the option of a long-term lease or a short-term lease.

According to Stafford, there were two important considerations when deciding the lease proposals. The Board of Trustees and others involved wanted to develop a rent structure that would provide allocations for renovations and one that would make the facilities at Fraternity Court equal in cost to that of the residence halls.

The Board of Trustees also decided that costs for the facilities on Fraternity Court would coincide with the residence halls and ultimately see a 5 percent increase for each of the next five years.

"We want the facilities on Fraternity Court to be equal in cost to the residence halls on campus," said Tim Luckadoo, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

"It's important for the chapters to be strong in membership," said Stafford. "A lot of times the chapters with a weaker membership can find it difficult to afford the rent."

"It is also important for the chapters to have strong financial management," said Luckadoo. "The chapters that have their accounts in order are, of course, in a much better situation financially than those who do not."

The chapters were given 45 days to decide which lease they would prefer. If they do not respond by June 4, then another chapter or other students will fill their house.

"We believe that we now have a very good plan that will improve all aspects of Fraternity Court," said Luckadoo. "And we hope that the plan is fair and reasonable for everyone."

2,000 attend belated Brent Road party

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Approximately 2,000 students clogged Brent Road Saturday night. Fights marred the party.

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People arrived in a trickle initially, but by 1 a.m. Sunday, Brent Road looked much like it usually does on the first weekend of the school year: crowded. Capt. D.A. Inman of the Raleigh Police Department estimated that 2,000 people attended the block party Saturday.

Party witnesses contacted provided this rough timeline for the evening: people began arriving around 9 p.m. and the party peaked between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Fights began breaking out at approximately 3 a.m. and police cars, transportation vans and an ambulance began arriving between 4 and 5 a.m. Inman said that police monitored the Brent Road area all evening, though he said that they were not there whole night. At this point, 12 partygoers are facing charges, most of them alcohol-related. Inman said that 8 or 9 of those 12 were arrests.

More charges could be forthcoming, results of the fighting at the party. One of the fights at the party resulted in an ambulance being called to 522 Brent Road. Inman said that a girl had been punched in the side while trying to break up the scuffle.

Rex Hospital officials said that they "treated quite a few" people from Brent Road and that the cases were "scattered throughout the night." They could offer no further information.

"Guys were really hostile and fights were going on for no reason," said Justin Howell, a sophomore in mechanical engineering. "I saw one guy grab a bottle and smash it on another's face."

Howell said that at one point, crowds surrounded a Geo Tracker travelling down Brent Road. People climbed on top of the car and sprayed beer into it. Sean Lawlor, a senior in criminal justice, said the fighting coincided with the arrival of a concentrated police force.



JAMES COBLE/STAFF
An unidentified reveler gets caded during August's diminished Brent Road party. A police crackdown backed by the Raleigh City Council's new noise ordinance made this year's edition of the block party a shell of its former self. Only 10 NCSU students were arrested during the first Brent Road bash of 2000.

"When the cops show up, there's more trouble, because everyone gets mad fights, mouthing off, arrests," said Lawlor.

Senior sociology major Tara Holbert witnessed some of the fighting. "It's just those few people who can't control themselves when they're drunk that ruined it for the rest of us," Holbert said.

The unidentified girl refused transportation to the hospital. "I think the crowd was very orderly," Inman said. "I think a lot of them were celebrating the victory that the Wolfpack experienced yesterday."

Inman was referring to the NCSU football team's 41-38 victory Saturday over the University of Indiana. At a meeting of city officials and Brent Road residents and property owners last Thursday, Capt. Mike Longmire said that a sneak attack Brent Road party "may get started, but it will not happen." John Sandor, a senior in meteorology, lives in a house on the corner of Brent Road and Gorman Street. His yard hosted a petition-signing station.

N.C. State students John Borwick and Brent Claywell wrote the petition protesting the Raleigh City "noise control ordinance." After distributing copies of the petition before, they got a preliminary total 1,575 signatures on it during the party.

"We thought a second Brent Road

party would be a good time to rally support from students against the City Council ordinance," said Borwick, a senior in computer science.

Borwick and Claywell, a senior in environmental design in architecture, hoped students would see the party also as a protest of the ordinance. In this sense, Borwick felt the gathering was "a big success."

Claywell said people were at first hesitant to sign the petition Saturday night, but around 11 p.m., partygoers became more willing. "We've examined the ordinance," Claywell said. "There's a lot of fault with it."

According to the petition, the problems with Raleigh City Ordinance 2000-848 include:

*The ordinance does not take into account students' input concerning social gatherings.

*The ordinance goes against students' right to assembly.

*The ordinance is put together in a way that targets the interest of young adults; and

*The ordinance is worded in such a manner that it could be used to eliminate the vast majority of social gatherings of young adults.

Borwick said the next big step in the fight against the ordinance is to get it repealed, and to make sure the "average Raleigh citizen is aware of what happened" surrounding the entire

Brent Road issue.

"[Councilman Benson] Kirkman is supposed to support students," said Borwick, who added that the ordinance was pushed through over the summer when fewer students were in Raleigh.

"We're being misrepresented," said Claywell. "The mass isn't being heard because of a few people."

Though police presence at the party was light compared the police force at the first Brent Road paper, Claywell said law enforcement "probably should have been there" later in the night, when several altercations took place.

Claywell said students from Meredith College and Peace College have offered to gather signatures on the petitions at their own schools. In addition, some NCSU students will try to get more signatures on the Brickyard, after which they will present these figures to the City Council.

Claywell admitted that it will be hard to gain support for the movement. He is still adamant about it, however.

"We're not advocating underage drinking or destruction of property," said Claywell. "This is about student advocacy, and addressing the rights of students."

Staff reporters Richard Morgan and Andrew Buchert also contributed to this story.

Fraternizing with the enemy

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2001

Fraternity Court should not be punished for 35 years of NCSU's maintenance oversight.

In the 1960s, N.C. State borrowed \$1.8 million to build the 14 fraternity and sorority houses of Fraternity Court. At that time, each fraternity was to pay \$9,300 in annual rent until the debt was paid off. Rent was constant until the 1980s, when the university began demanding more rent to pay for repair and maintenance of the then two-decade-old houses. But instead of repairing the houses, the university collected \$4.3 million and used it to pay for cell phones, cars, logo golf shirts and various other spending with the Greek Life Office, which is the division of Student Affairs that oversees Fraternity Court and other Greek societies.

In November of last year, Kappa Sigma fraternity president Mike Moody contacted NCSU Greek alumnus Reef Ivey, who filed a lawsuit against the university on behalf of 10 of Fraternity Court's 14 Greek societies asking for \$4.8 million.

The \$4.8 million would be used to fix all of the houses at once and also set up a capital fund that could supply interest to pay for future rent increases.

Earlier last year, the Greek Life department proposed an increase in Fraternity Court rent from \$76,000 a year to \$120,000 a year per house, claiming it is unfair that Fraternity Court residents pay less for on-campus housing than non-Greek on-campus residents in dorms. Currently, all houses on Fraternity Court pay \$85,000 a year. As part of negotiations, the university is proposing a 5 percent increase of rent each year for the next five years (105 percent of current rent next year and then 105 percent of that new rent the year after, etc.).

Essentially, the Greek Life department



Rejected NC Quarters
by Richard Morgan and marko



Pepsi
"First vs. Coke"



Tobacco
"First in Flavor"



Michael Jordan
"#1 in Hangtime"



Mt. Olive
"Spend a quarter, not a nickel"



Jesse Helms
"Second to Strom"

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and N.C. State as a whole is punishing Fraternity Court for the university's own incompetence in preventative maintenance. Because minor fixes of roofing and plumbing were not addressed in the 35 years since the houses were built, they have become major problems today, demanding significant and costly renovations.

In January, the fraternities dropped their lawsuit under the condition that the university would speed up renovations and comply with Greek demands. Now, the university is claiming they've made all the concessions they can, but Greeks are saying it is still not enough.

The Greeks argue that what the university calls "concessions" only involve the university downgrading its very ridiculous demands (\$136,000 annual rent per house) to less ridiculous demands (\$92,000 annual rent per house). Ivey still calls NCSU's new list of demands, presented this month to the Board of Trustees, "self-serving."

There are many problems with the status quo. On the Greek side, off-campus fraternities and sororities are not required to pay dues (though many do anyway) to the Greek Life department; on-campus fraternities are required to pay - yet all Greek houses reap the benefits of having the Greek Life department. Greeks can't ask the university for fairness until off-campus houses are all required to pay the same dues as on-campus ones.

Still, the overwhelming majority of the blame for this mess falls on the university's shoulders. In many ways, NCSU is trying to have it both ways: raising the rent for Fraternity Court on the grounds that it makes them equal to dorm prices, but also falling back into calling Fraternity Court an independent group that doesn't demand the strict rules for maintenance which dorms receive.

While no houses on Fraternity Court receive housekeeping, groundskeeping, common area furniture or common appliances the way on-campus dorms

do, substantial and systemic structural problems like plumbing, roofing and wall damage are ultimately NCSU's fault and are usually fixed by the university.

The university knows that the houses can't realistically move out, seeing as it costs millions to build a 20- or 40-bedroom house in the immediate campus area. Even if they could leave, which would stick NCSU with the \$10 million repair bill and no tenants to bully for it, it would only do a disservice to an already-struggling Greek presence within the student body.

This year, pledge classes for Greek recruits across the board were thin and discouraging.

In the end, the pathetic "choices" the university offers disoriented Fraternity Court residents are non-options of either staying miserable or giving up the idea of a house and scattering into local apartments.

Of Human Bond(age)



Bryan Proffitt
STAFF COLUMNIST

OCTOBER 30, 2000

No, no, no, and again, no. We all must vote "no" on the bond. It's wasteful, unnecessary and it hurts young people way more than it will ever help them. If you want to continue to be proud of this state and its concerns for its people, you must vote "no." Before I'm lynched for heresy, know that I'm not talking about the proposed \$3.1 billion bond for higher education. It is necessary, vital and, with the complete lack of free democratic principles that are guiding this farce of an election, the most important thing we're voting on Nov. 7. North Carolinians must commit to funding our schools. Nothing more needs to be said. The bond I'm referring to is the Criminal Justice Facilities Bond, which most would probably look right over if they weren't paying attention.

This referendum, if passed, would earmark \$20 million for the construction of new jails in Wake County, and is the beginning of a plot to expand prison facilities by 1,500 beds in the next 15-20 years. This is blood money, pure and simple. Since 1980, the number of Americans wasting away in cells has gone from around 500,000 to a little over 2 million, 2 million, an overwhelming majority of whom are non-violent offenders. In fact, prisons are among today's fastest growing communities and industries. This cannot continue. The United States now has surpassed every other country in the world in terms of prison population; more than Russia, South Africa, and so-called totalitarian China. One cannot deny the governments in these countries are repressive, but for us to label them as such and keep our prison system hidden like the wart on the back of our hand is the height of hypocrisy. To deny this, while the 13th Amendment to our Constitution explicitly states that slavery as an acceptable punishment for a crime is criminal. Yes, slavery. Prisons are just modern-day plantations. As critics of our society blame the cri-

sis on young people, and especially young people of color (who incidentally, the first slave plantations were created for), frank discussions are not had about how we have created this problem for ourselves. We spend less on education but give generously to the expansion of a publicly funded Gestapo, then condemn our youth for going to prison. So how have we allowed slavery to rise to such staggering proportions in the model for world democracy? A simple look at the campaigns that our politicians are running as we speak is all one needs. Politicians today must be "tough on crime" if they hope to obtain an office. This "tough on crime" message has come to mean, simply, that more prisons be built, longer sentences be served and extending circumstances cannot be taken into account in sentencing individuals. Alternatives, cheaper and more effective alternatives, like intensive drug rehabilitation, work training and community sentencing programs, are never even brought to the table. And as our education system crumbles at our feet, discussions on what is best for society revolve around the myth of criminal justice.

The fact remains, however, that expansion of prisons neither deters nor promotes crime. In fact, crime rates have stayed essentially stagnant throughout the boom period of prison growth. The sharp increase in prison population is due to the creation of new laws and sentencing practices (like mandatory minimums and three-strike policies) that demand prison time be served. In essence, we've made more things illegal in hopes to see illegal activity decrease. Brilliant. The truth is prisons are a self-fulfilling prophecy. If we vote to expand prison growth in Wake County, our "protectors" will find a way to fill the beds, whether they need to be or not. Humans are not reformed in prison; they are destroyed. We must take a stand and refuse to participate in the destruction of our society and our human brothers and sisters. We must pay to keep our youth out of prison, not in it. Vote "no" on the Criminal Justice Facilities Bond Nov. 7, it's a vote for a healthy community and a healthy country.

Education Not Incarceration...email Bryan at brxanp33@yahoo.com.

It's not easy (or profitable) being green



Greg Volk
STAFF COLUMNIST

DECEMBER 4, 2000

The recent success, or lack thereof, depending on your views, of Ralph Nader and the Green Party has once again brought environmentalism to the forefront of discussion. There is a significant reason Nader received only three percent of the popular vote besides the entrenchment of the two-party system in American politics or the so-called "Nader's traders." The reason Nader and environmentalism is not more popular is the same reason in many places you have to pay to have recycling picked up from your house: environmentalism does not sell.

It is the sad but true fact that money rules all in American society. Ideas that cannot be packaged and sold, like environmentalism and Christianity, will never receive the widespread support they seek. The funda-

mental basis of environmentalism is contrary to our capitalistic views. Environmentalism urges us to reduce, reuse and reserve while we want to make more, buy more, and sell more at most costs. The reason environmentalism is unpopular is the flip side of why professional and college athletes are held to different standards (no Damon Thornton reference here). Why? Because they make lots of money for lots of people. It might not even be a stretch to imagine the prosecution of President Clinton would have had a drastically different outcome had our economy not been so strong at the time.

We are subtly taught by society to dislike environmentalism even in our childhood. What did we want more than anything when we were children? As many large, plastic toys (that would eventually be thrown away) as our parents would allow us to have. And do you remember that horrible television cartoon, "Captain Planet?" The superheroes fought pollution with the powers of earth, wind, fire, water and heart. This sounds strangely more like a mediocre seventies soul-funk band than a

successful Saturday morning cartoon. No wonder it was cancelled after just a few seasons.

That show had to have been propaganda. Who wants to watch a group of teenagers foil the capitalist villain by flooding his uranium mine with a gigantic tsunami? I mean, come on! We want lasers and big tanks and stuff.

While we're on the topic of cartoons and toys, who would have wanted a biodegradable action figure? We'd accidentally leave it outside after an imaginary battle of epic proportions and, the next thing you'd know, it'd be part of the compost pile.

The discreet suppression of environmentalism can even be noticed in the celebration of our national holidays if you look hard enough. The biggest holidays are the ones that generate the most revenue — Independence Day, Halloween and Christmas to name a few. What do we run out and buy every holiday? Those cute, holiday-theme napkins made from trees logged in the Pacific Northwest or a tropical rainforest. It's no mystery why you've never seen "Happy Earth Day" cards in your local Hallmark store. I guess Arbor Day, when people are encouraged to buy

and plant trees, would be the one aspect of environmentalism most likely to be successful according to the rules of our society.

The problem here is that none of this change until our society's values change. Don't let yourself be fooled into thinking that the Pilgrims came to the New World simply to escape religious persecution. I bet they heard about the unbounded economic potential of maize harvesting. While I am sympathetic to some environmental causes, I have never considered myself an environmentalist.

I do, however, always keep the water turned off when I am shaving and find many handy uses for plastic grocery bags. But environmentalism will never catch on in mainstream America as long as producing goods from recycled materials is more expensive than using raw materials, and Styrofoam remains so darn cheap and useful.

Got a response? Email Greg at gmvolk@uni.ncsu.edu or use a few trees sending him a letter.

'Brent Road is — and will be — dead



Justin Parisi
STAFF COLUMNIST

WEDNESDAY,
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Let me just start off by saying that I am totally opposed to the city ordinances imposed on the people of the city of Raleigh. But after what occurred on Saturday night, there are some definite problems to

address. By now, you all have probably heard about the sneak-attack party on Brent Road Saturday night. For those of you who weren't there, I understand that it was a smashing success — literally and figuratively. In the fracas/party, fighting and brawling and vandalism were abundant. People were climbing up light poles, trying to topple them. A car was damaged by beer-flinging hoodlums. It was everything that the higher-ups had imagined it to be and more. Sound like fun? A real hearty party, huh? Hold that thought.... What has happened here is that every complaint and protest that went into trying to curb the Brent Road party ordinances is now moot because the Brent Road prophecy was fulfilled: the higher-ups predicted that things would get out of hand and they did. Now every school administrator, police officer and conservative stuffed-shirt gets to brush their hands together in celebration of being right. Is that what you all wanted, N. C. State?

Did you want to help fuel the fire? Rather than having an argument that Brent Road is a peaceful gathering of carousing, it's now renowned as the nuisance it was first claimed to be.

What's funny is that there is now a small group of students petitioning the Raleigh City Council to lift the regulations on the Brent Road party. The petitioners contend that the regulations on the party are unfair. They claim that the ordinances are a violation of the students' right to assemble, that it targets young adults. Well, for starters, yes, it does target young adults. Why? Because old adults aren't out running around the streets at 4 a.m., tearing up people's yards and city-owned property. Why all the rioting?

One girl claimed that the school's victory over Indiana was a cause for celebra-

tion. Really? You'd think we had beaten Florida State, then. What it comes down to is a bunch of young, stupid drunk people thinking that since they were treated unfairly, they have the right to act like a bunch of young, stupid drunk people. Somehow, I think that was the point of the ordinance.

As far as the students' right to assemble goes, I harbor a sneaking suspicion that the constitutional amendment that guarantees freedom of assembly was intended for constructive purposes, like for peaceful protests or other things — not a drunken row. After the festivities were over and the fight began, people got hurt. Ambulances had to come and cart them away. Is this where the city wants its taxes to go? Towards irresponsible college kids who had a tad too much to drink? The police had to come and break everything up before it really got out of hand. Luckily, no one was sitting outside the NCSU Bookstore at the time.

Originally, I was against the city's handling of the matter and extremely appalled at the university's attitude towards its clientele (a.k.a. students). But now I'm not so sure. Maybe we do need an extra set of parents, since we obviously haven't learned how to confront our kids in a mature and civil manner. So the tireless work of the petitioners carries on, as they will be present in the Brickyard — exercising their freedom of assembly, I might add — as well as getting signatures from other schools in the area, making the rest of Raleigh aware of what is really going on.

I wish you luck, because your fellow students have ruined it for you all. Hell, they might not have even been students, but that does not belie the point at hand: Brent Road is — and will be — dead, for a very long time. And as for the sneak-attack parties, I'm sure the city will have something for that, too. The police force is not there for the enjoyment of college students. It is there for the safety and protection of every citizen in the city of Raleigh. When we endanger our own safety, such as at parties like the sequel to Brent Road, we're part of the problem. What do we have to show for it? A couple of stolen road signs and a few broken light posts. Way to go, Pack — way to show your pride.

Though not every member of the student body is responsible for the events that transpired at Brent Road, we all need to



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Perhaps it is not possible to comprehend one of the greatest mass deceptions of society; however, it is within human ability to recognize the key failure of modern education, the failure to create individuals whose minds haven't been warped by a fallacious value system. And in a twist of irony, education's greatest failures lay in its greatest successes: its "high achievers," its "honor" students. It is their success as educated people that makes honor students so sad because these individuals, by designation, have been the best at accepting education's fallacious value system.

While as students, school teaches lessons in math, literature, science and history, the process of education also imprints a value system on students. Concepts such as grade advancement create the false notion that going through school, and therefore its activities, causes growth and development in a person. Through tests, homework, impressing teachers and memorizing facts, students are able to increase their worth. Under "educational dogma," these activities become synonymous with development of character; therefore, a measure of how good people are at tests, homework, and impressing teachers becomes a measure of character.

It is that attempt to assign value to a human character that warps the minds of students. Assigning value means reducing such things as character, ability and intellect into measurable terms. Once quantifiable, all sorts of arithmetic, adding and subtracting, can be done to human value. Consequently, human value is confined to whatever device "education" can use to measure it. Like a bank account, students can increase their value by repeating education's required tricks with increasing frequency and alacrity. Honor students, because their value is mapped the best (confined the best) and they are the best hoop-jumpers, are told that they

have added to themselves the most, and therefore can achieve whatever they want.

Those who are completely duped by education define themselves by what they do and what they achieve because this is how they are appreciated. The highest achievers believe they deserve better treatment and are due certain opportunities and advantages. To violate the order established by education (perform the most tricks, get the biggest prize) is heresy. In addition, someone wholly defined by the education system suffers from egocentrism, for growing as a person is as simple as getting a grade, reading a textbook, completing an assignment. Education's value system combines the belief that one is entitled to something and that there is no limit to what one can gain. The ultimate result of such teachings is a wasted life, one concerned with impressing others and worrying about minuscule things (grades, tests, and other absurd measures), while isolated from more meaningful things in life. Who is better than the honor student?

Who does not believe that the tricks education asks students to perform define value? When one rejects the rules established by education (perform the trick, get the treat), one rejects its constraints on thinking and action. No longer is college a place where one goes to get a degree, to get a job to get money. Indeed, college doesn't provide a job, nor is the attainment of money the ultimate end of anything. The education system says otherwise because it is really an extension of the social, economic and political systems. Education is a tool of these other in-human systems so that they can perpetuate themselves. The completion to "education increases a person's value" is "education increases a person's value to the inhuman social, economic and political systems."

Thus, education prepares students' minds for integration into systems that are not fundamental, not natural to human existence.

The artful trickery of these inhuman systems makes people believe that the line from school to college to degree to job to money signifies some development necessary in civilized people.

Raleigh on track for more sprawl

APRIL 10, 2001



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As anyone who lives off campus and commutes to class or work can attest, the traffic around the Triangle area can be extremely frustrating at times. In the early 1990s, the stretch of I-40 between Chapel Hill and Raleigh carried about 70,000 cars a day. Currently, any given day sees hundreds of thousands of cars on the same relatively unchanged stretch of road. One reason for such an incredible increase in traffic is, of course, the explosive growth endured by the Triangle in the last 10 years or so. Around 1991, the population of Cary was listed at about 43,500. The 2000 census has shown that, in just nine years, the not-so-sleepy bedroom community has grown to 96,000.

Every other community in the Triangle is no different. With the region's population now topping 1.3 million and RDU making USA Today's list of the fastest growing metro areas in the United States, it is high time for our civic leaders to kick into high gear and do a little urban planning.

One would think that a balanced, cerebral approach to growth would dominate in a community that has one of the highest per-capita concentrations of Ph.D.'s in the country. Instead, what has taken place is a constant wrangling between those who wish to capitalize on the Triangle's rapid growth and those who refuse to face the fact the area is changing and will need new solutions to old problems.

It seems that with Raleigh being the political and cultural capital of North Carolina, there is something inherently political about everything that happens here. Every project or proposal for smart growth or economic expansion invariably encounters a flock of protests from doubters and Not-My-Back-Yard enthusiasts. I can

understand the sentiments of those who long for the good old days of a quiet and tranquil Triangle, but the reality we face as a community is unprecedented growth and no clear plan to deal with it.

There have been a few triumphs in the Triangle's portfolio of recent growth and development. The sparkling new concert hall and opera house flanking Memorial Auditorium in downtown Raleigh provide a good example. What began as a relatively tentative plan for expansion developed into a vision for a performing arts center such as North Carolina has never seen. When leaders realized that the project might exceed its ridiculously small budget, the wise move was made to raise the cash and continue building a world-class facility. As a result of such determination, we are now blessed with one of the most sophisticated arts centers on the East Coast, instead of an expensive, but forgettable, auditorium expansion.

The Entertainment and Sports Arena is another example. Aside from the fact that no one seems to know who exactly is in charge, the ESA, which we are hoping will have a real name in the near future, has been a prestigious boon to the area both economically and socially. No one can dispute the fact that the arena is one of the nicest in the country, and that fact is also due to the persistence of a few visionaries. In the next couple of years, Raleigh's citizens will enjoy access to more major league sports, top-of-the-line concerts, and big time events than could have been imagined. Who would've imagined five years ago that Raleigh would soon be in the hunt for the NHL All Star Game?

There are many other banner accomplishments such as the hosting of the 1999 Special Olympics, the success of the NC Museum of Art and the flourishing of Glenwood Avenue; but, unfortunately, a bureaucratic approach of the type that closed down Fayetteville Street still prevails in many areas.

One major downfall to the Triangle is our airport. Anyone who has traveled extensively will tell you that RDU is one of the most pathetic airports for a

city of its size in the entire country. Think about it: an international airport is the gateway through which many people enter the city. In fact, most people who travel through Raleigh get their only impression of the region from RDU International. It would be fitting to design an airport that is functional, efficient and aesthetically pleasing. RDU International has failed on all three counts. After taking so long to build a simple structure like a parking deck, you would think that the Airport Authority would have the foresight to begin construction on the proposed terminal extensions right away. Instead, travelers are greeted by construction of a temporary terminal, echoing the same ugly blue siding of Terminal A, which will only be torn down in a few years.

Leaders have also failed in the area of a rapid rail transit system. Doubters argue that the demand doesn't exist. Of course it doesn't. The point is that the city should be mindful of the huge growth of the past 10 years and think about actually planning ahead, instead of scrambling to complete outdated road expansion projects years after they would have been helpful. Charlotte began studying a rail system idea in 1998 and has already completed the first leg. Raleigh began studying the idea in 1995 and has completed a fine series of committee meetings and nothing else.

Construction of the Outer Loop has shown us what the natural progression of growth brings. It takes ingenuity, leadership, and vision to create a smart city. Let's urge our leaders to take this perspective and elect new ones if they don't.

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Indeed, slaves and agents to these inhuman systems marvel at their workings and their "rich" history, but like the system themselves, such praise has no meaning or relevance to true human living. "True human living" is indeed an expansive topic, but it is not what administrators, politicians, trends, bosses and economists say or what they make people do. The saddest people are those who buy these can, simply because inhuman systems tell them so. Those who can do something great, simply do, and it's no big deal when it happens.

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realize that our actions are closely scrutinized, that we are under a watchful eye because we are the future of the community. We have to take a positive example, exude a certain respect for those who came before us. If we don't agree with their opinions, what does it matter?

Fight the system. Vote. Run for office. Organize a political faction. But please, leave the light posts alone.

As young adults, we have to expect that everything we do will be met with a certain amount of doubt and dismissal due to youth. It has happened throughout history. But the young have always prevailed. And they become old. And they criticize the young. One day, you, too, will criticize the students of NCSU for being a little "crazy." What should have happened was those who were in favor of keeping the Brent Road tradition alive should have protested the right way, with a petition minus the fiasco that was known as Brent Road 2. They should have created a petition where no beer would be spilled on it, because alcohol and politics don't mix. They should have waited it out, shown patience and fought the good fight the way it was meant to be fought — through bureaucracy. And by golly, I bet they would have won. That, folks, is what being a nuisance is really all about.

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Yow credits players, staff for achievement

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As always, Kay Yow was quick to acknowledge those around for another milestone in her coaching career.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

As the final seconds of Thursday night's game between N.C. State and Temple ticked off the clock, the celebration began in Reynolds Coliseum.

The State cheerleaders handed out flyers with "600" printed on them. The crowd rose to its feet and cheered in anticipation of the moment. And the students behind the Wolfpack bench began chanting "We love Kay!"

Then the clock on the scoreboard rolled down to zeroes, and the score stood at 71-64, with the advantage belonging to State for the 600th time in Kay Yow's illustrious head coaching career. Yow joins Judy Conrad, Pat Summit, Vivian Stringer and Sue Garter as the only coaches in Division I history to amass 600 career coaching victories.

Following the game, Yow spoke to the crowd that gathered at Reynolds to watch her reach another milestone. She thanked them for supporting her and the team, then thanked her former players and staff, whom she credits for the achievement.

"It's a tribute to them," Yow said. "If I could... I'd like to run a full-page ad myself in The News and Observer and thank them. I'd just like to run it and list every name. If I could get every name, that's exactly what I'd like to do."

Yow also expressed a feeling of relief after the game. The current Pack squad has lost several key players due to injuries this season, and Yow felt that the pursuit of 600 was putting extra pressure on her team, something that she doesn't want heading

into road games against rivals North Carolina and Duke.

"We have enough to be worried and concerned about going into Sunday's game," Yow said. "It's nice to not have to take this into that game as well."

While Yow tried to downplay the accomplishment before the game to calm her team down, the players were keenly aware of what could happen Thursday night.

"We talked about it in the locker room, even though Coach Yow never mentioned it," senior Tynesha Lewis said.

Yow thought that her team came out feeling tight early with the milestone on its mind. The loss of another starter before the game didn't improve the situation, Yow said. Sophomore Ivy Gardner underwent

lens surgery earlier in the day and will miss two weeks of action.

An inspired effort by the opposing Owls, who are coached by two-time National Player of the Year Dawn Staley, kept the game close throughout. That was something Yow expected from a team coached by Staley, a player who frequently gave the Pack fits during her college days at Virginia.

"I knew with Dawn and [associate head coach] Shawn [Campbell] both being from Virginia coming into N.C. State, they might be more fired up than if it were some other coaches," Yow said. Staley, who is in her first year as a head coach, said that her team came in trying to prevent the impending party. But

afterwards, she expressed appreciation for the mark that Yow had just reached.

"I can't see myself doing it," Staley said. "Six hundred wins, that's a lot of basketball. I take my hat off to her. I think she's given so much to the game, and in turn, the game has given so much back to her."

At the post-game press conference, Yow was asked whether close games, such as the one that had just been played, made her want to continue coaching or not. Judging by her response, Yow still has plenty of wins left in her.

"Right now, I've really got a passion for the game, and I really want to see this team excel to the best of their ability," Yow said.



Kay Yow became just the fifth women's coach to reach 600 wins.

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Richardson, Randolph fill Reynolds

FEBRUARY 8, 2001

A high school basketball game between Broughton and Leesville Road brought back memories of the storied past of Reynolds Coliseum.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

The electricity was back in Reynolds Coliseum Tuesday night.

The roads leading into campus were clogged with cars trying to get to the "Old Barn." Lines of people anxiously waited outside the doors, hoping to get in. Some never saw the inside of the building. And the red seats surrounding the court overflowed with screaming fans.

All this for a high school basketball game.

But this wasn't a typical high school game. This was the rematch between the Leesville Road Pride and the Broughton Capitals. This was the showdown between Leesville's Anthony Richardson, a Florida State recruit who is one of the top senior prospects in the country, and Broughton's Shavlik Randolph, who is widely considered the nation's best junior.

"Unbelievable," said Broughton head coach Jeff Ferrell. "That may never happen again. That's one of the first things I told the kids, that they were part of something that hasn't happened in years and years and may never happen again." Leesville exacted revenge for an earlier loss to Broughton with an 80-66 victory. The score was deceptive, however, as the two teams swapped leads up to the final minute, when the Pride pulled away. When the game concluded, several Leesville students rushed the court.

The matchup didn't disappoint the throng of people who nearly filled Reynolds' 12,400 seats, nor did the one-on-one battle between Richardson and Randolph. Richardson poured in 22, several of which came on dunks, while Randolph scored 25. He in the fourth quarter.

"It was the best high school atmosphere I've ever seen," Randolph said. "It was the best basketball atmosphere I've ever played in."

The two teams met for the first time Jan.



Shavlik Randolph (left) helped make Reynolds Coliseum come alive again.

JAMES CULBERT/STAFF

6 at Broughton's Holiday Gymnasium. The Caps won that game 76-72 in front of a capacity crowd of 3,500. Yet, several fans who wanted to get into the game were turned away.

Due to the interest in the rematch, Leesville asked N.C. State if it could rent Reynolds for the night. Richardson and his teammates weren't thrilled about the move at first, but that changed when they saw the crowd.

"It was like Duke vs. Carolina out there," Richardson said. "Everybody was in it. It was a fun game; it made me play harder."

For Randolph, the move gave him the opportunity to play on hallowed ground. The 6-foot-10 Broughton star, who is already being heavily recruited, is the grandson of Wolfpack great Ronnie Shavlik, the Atlantic Coast Conference record holder for rebounds in a season. "I expected that they might have moved it to a different location, but I never expected that they would move it to Reynolds," Randolph said. "I just feel honored that I was able to play in here." Richardson also had plenty of added incentive. FSU's Steve Robinson, Richardson's future coach, was in attendance, and Richardson wanted to make a good impression.

"I saw him out there," Richardson said. "I tried to put on a little thing for him, trying to do what I can to show him what I've got."

Something to cheer about

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The N.C. State cheerleading squad is enjoying its fourth national title.

Jeremy Ashton
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National championships are hard to come by in any sport. In its tradition-rich history of varsity athletics, N.C. State has only claimed eight titles, four of those now belong to the cheerleading squad.

The Wolfpack cheerleaders finished as the overall national champions at the 2001 National Cheerleading Association Collegiate Nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla., on April 6. State, which took an experienced team with seven seniors to the meet, claimed its first national title since 1991.

"It was a long time coming for this one, especially for these seniors," head coach Lisa James said.

The competition at Daytona was broken up into several divisions. State participates in Division I-A with 25 other teams, including perennial powerhouse Louisville.

During the preliminary round Thursday, James said that State struggled slightly with its routine and went into the finals in third place, behind the Cardinals and Oklahoma State. But the Pack cheerleaders hit all their spots with the title on the line to receive a score of 9.49, comfortably defeating Louisville by .33 points.

"We definitely just stepped it up and hit everything in the finals and came out with the highest score and blew everybody away," co-captain Whitt Morehead said.

State's score was then matched against the winners of the other divisions to determine the Grand National Championship. Once again, the Pack had no equal.

"N.C. State had not even hit their routines in those last few years," James said. "Definitely, overcoming that barrier of just hitting the routine was kind of our goal. I think we all knew in the back of our mind that we could win, but we knew we had to get out there and do it under pressure."

For State, Nationals is the only chance the squad has to really show what it can do. The Atlantic Coast Conference places strict limitations on what cheerleaders can do during basketball games because of liability issues. But Morehead said those restrictions aren't in place when the team competes at Nationals on protective mats rather than hardwood floors.

State has never finished outside of the top

10 at Nationals, and James noted that the team has placed worse than third only three times.

"We're known throughout the country as a strong, powerful squad," Morehead said. "We just wanted to carry that attitude into finals and into the NCAA and do the best we could to represent N.C. State."

James said that many State fans she has talked to are surprised when they discover how good the team is.

"We know most of our fans, until we go to the ACC Tournament, they never realize that they have good cheerleaders; they just assume that that's the standard," James said. "Every year we come back from the ACC Tournament, and they're like, 'I never realized how good you all were until I saw our cheerleaders.'"

While some may not recognize cheerleading as a sport, a misconception Morehead disagrees with, there is no denying that it requires a high degree of athleticism. State's routine at Nationals lasted 2:15 and involved constant movement, lifting and jumping.

"We all come from some athletic background, whether it be football or baseball or anything," Morehead said. "I played a little bit of everything. I was a football player in high school primarily, but I played basketball and golf and tennis. That's pretty much the same for every guy and girl on the squad."

James, who was a varsity cheerleader at State from 1991-95, related a story about just how tough cheerleading can be. "During the time that I cheered, we had one guy that came on the team and quit the cheerleading team and walked on the football team because he said that cheerleading was just too hard," James said.

Due to the skill needed to perform what can be dangerous stunts, the cheerleaders practiced every weekday this semester from 6-9 a.m. James enlisted Mark Stevenson and the gymnastics coaching staff for help with the team's basket moves. The women were required to go through strength training twice a week, while the men lifted three times per week.

James thinks that the level of dedication that cheerleading demands has made the team very close.

"As far as the guys go, your holding someone else's life in your hands, and the girls have to have a lot of trust in the guys," James said. "As far as the dynamics of having girls and guys together, I don't really think any other team can beat it. It's a great combination. They're really become a family, and they have to have tremendous trust for each other."

State's victory at Nationals will be shown on CBS on April 28 at 3 p.m.

Seven in a row

FEBRUARY 22, 2001

Tynesha Lewis grabs another triple-double, this time on Senior Night as State beats archrival UNC.

Jerry Moore
Staff Writer

Tynesha Lewis got a well-deserved ride around the Reynolds Coliseum floor on her teammates' shoulders following No. 17 N.C. State's 84-73 win over North Carolina on Wednesday night. Moments earlier, Lewis had dashed out her 10th assist of the game, giving the senior guard her second triple-double of the season.

In fact, with her season-high 25 points plus 10 rebounds and 10 assists, Lewis has done twice in the span of a month what no player, male or female, in school history could do in more than 90 years — record a triple-double.

Lewis and Monica Bates were honored before the game in Senior Night festivities. Lewis fought off tears as she carried roses off the court after her performance.

"I had trouble sleeping last night," Lewis said. "I don't think it had to do with Senior Night; it had to do with playing Carolina. I was so excited to be playing Carolina." Lewis' first triple-double came against Florida State on Jan. 29 in an 85-66 Wolfpack victory. The win over the Seminoles snuffed State's four-game losing streak and became the foundation for the team's current winning streak, which has now reached seven games.

"Our confidence on the offensive end, our willingness to stick with it and our focus — those are the things that have helped us the very most," coach Kay Yow said. With Wednesday's victory over UNC, the Pack (18-8, 9-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) has surged to the greatest single-season turnaround in ACC women's history. State struggled to a 2-6 mark in the first half of league play but has rebounded to go 7-0 the second time around.

In a road contest at Maryland on Sunday, the Pack will attempt to complete its perfect second-half. The Terrapins beat State by one in January.

"We've faced some adversity this year," Yow said. "We've persevered, and fortunately things are turning for us now."

State has won six out of seven against UNC, but the Heels prevailed 83-77 in an overtime contest earlier this season. The last time UNC won in Raleigh was Jan. 27, 1994, when the Heels won 87-66.

After UNC (14-12, 7-8 ACC) tied the score at 35 early in the second half, the Pack went on a 14-3 run to pry open the

back-and-forth contest. Lewis and Ivy Gardner led the charge, netting a series of layups and short jumpers.

Gardner scored 16 for the game and, with her 10 rebounds, collected her first career double-double.

Carisse Moody added 15 points and battled with 6-foot-6 Heels center Candace Sutton for most of the evening. Although she gave up five inches in the matchup, Moody's quick footwork in the paint bothered Sutton, and she fouled out with 4:32 remaining.

"I knew I couldn't take it straight at her," Moody said. "I had to adjust my game, but it worked out."

Providing a respite for Moody, Christen Greene played solidly beneath the basket, scoring six and grabbing five rebounds.

The Heels never clawed back into the game after surrendering the lead. UNC shot only 35.6 percent in the game and couldn't cut State's lead to less than nine. ACC Player of the Year candidate LaQuanda Barksdale led the Heels with 18 points, but she made only 6-of-16 field goal attempts. Juana Brown, Coretta Brown and Sutton also scored in double figures.

The Pack found its shooting touch in the second half, connecting on 64.5 percent from the floor to finish the game at 51.6 percent. It was only the fourth time all season that State has eclipsed the 50 percent mark.

"Offensively, we didn't get passive," Yow said. "We didn't start looking at the scoreboard and just kept playing."

Twenty of Lewis' points and eight of her assists came after halftime. She also posted two steals and a block on a picture-perfect Senior Night.

"There's a comfort level right now," Lewis said. "I've got so much confidence. I know if I throw a bad pass my teammates will help me out."

The first half saw a 16-0 UNC run bookended by several Pack spurs.

State opened the game by scoring 14 of the first 20 points, but the Tar Heels followed by scoring 16 straight over a span of three minutes.

In that time, Juana Brown scored 10 points while Barksdale and Coretta Brown added three. The Heels knocked down three three-pointers and found themselves up 22-14 with 10:05 remaining.

But State righted itself thanks to the play of Moody and Talisha Scates. Moody scored six of the Pack's next 11 points and State was able to climb ahead 25-24 with 8:04 left.

The lead seeped back and forth through the rest of the half as both teams committed a number of fouls. State found itself up 35-31 at the halftime break.

Lewis only had five points at the break, as Moody was State's leading scorer with 10.

White, Lee put on show at Slam Jam

MARCH 27, 2001

N.C. State recruit Julius Hodge also participated in the pre-McDonald's All-American Game festivities.

Rob Godfrey
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DURHAM — N.C. State recruit Julius Hodge was there. So were Duke recruit Daniel Ewing and North Carolina signee Jawad Williams. But even as they debated before the fans who will watch them play college home games, they were after-thoughts.

Basketball fans who lined up more than an hour before the doors of Holiday Gymnasium at Broughton High School opened Monday night thought they were going to see the Sprite Slam Jam, scheduled for 7 p.m. What they actually saw was the White-Lee Slam Showcase. And it was an exhibition that didn't disappoint.

Florida recruits David Lee and James White capped off a night of high school hysteria, each executing incredibly athletic dunks, at the Jam, an event in conjunction with the McDonald's High School All-American game. Lee won the dunk contest over his future teammate White 205-204, while Alabama signee Maurice Williams won the three-point shootout.

"I shocked myself a little," Lee said after collecting his championship trophy. "James was great, and we look forward to playing together next year. We're teammates."

Lee's contest-winning three-dunk combo included one in which he lobbed a pass to himself from the right baseline, removed his red jersey, caught the ball and reverse-jammed it. The sold-out crowd of nearly 5,000 erupted in cheers but didn't get as loud as it did for the dunk he had made just a minute before.

In a throwback to a 1992 Larry Johnson dunk, Lee turned away from the basket and bounced the ball through his legs. The ball caromed off the backboard into Lee's outstretched hands for a reverse stall.

His creativity wowed the crowd. His athleticism wowed his teammates, fellow All-Americans.

"I couldn't believe how high David [Lee] got," fellow Florida signee Kwame Brown said. "He and James [White] stole the show tonight. It was too fun."

White followed Lee in the final round. A Hargrave Military Academy student,

White combined the grace of Michael Jordan with the bounding ability of Dominique Wilkins. He twice, yes twice, took flight from the free-throw line and twice threw down dunks that brought seven judges, leaping legend David Thompson among them, to their feet.

Directing security to clear him a path through a mass of people crowded around the far half of the Holiday Gymnasium court, White broke into his full sprint, his eyes focused, the ball cradled in his hands. White leaped from the charity strip and cocked the ball over his head, just before he thundered dunked. Grounded after an effortless landing, White did his celebratory shiver, flanked by thunderstruck teammates.

"James [White] is just an amazing athlete," Hodge said. "I thought both those guys [Lee and White] did well, but James should have won."

Judges scored each dunk on a scale of one (worst) to 10. Officials tabulated scores on individual dunks and then added up the three.

Hodge and UNC's Williams joined in the dunk competition, though neither advanced to the final round.

The Wolfpack's lone All-American did, however, perform well in the three-point shootout. Contestants took five three-point shots from five stations around the perimeter. Each shot made was worth a point, except the fifth shot at each station, which was worth two points. Time limit: one minute.

Crowd-basking, Hodge drained the money ball at the last station, finishing up with 21 preliminary round points, good enough for first place. As the final shot swished, he turned to the Pack contingent behind him



N.C. State recruit Julius Hodge showed off his skills at the McDonald's High School All-American Game.

and smiled, gesturing affectionately. "This felt real good," Hodge said. "To get to perform in front of so many Wolfpack fans made this so much fun. They got to see a little of what they can expect to see next year."

One round, several bricks and 18 Williams points later, alas, Hodge wasn't so lucky. He finished third in the shootout to the champion, Williams, and Stanford recruit Josh Childress, scorer of 31 points.

Spectators observed warm-ups early in the evening, a period when White loosened up with a dunk where he trapped the ball on the backboard, spun around in midair and dunked. He wasn't well-received in introductions, though, because his interest in Florida was at the expense of North Carolina.

One fan held up a "James Who?" placard. Hometown favorite Anthony Richardson, of Raleigh Leesville Road High and soon-to-be Florida State, participated in both the shootout and Slam Jam. His arguably best stuff came when he jumped flat-footed from under the basket, spinning 360 degrees, dunking it home.

"It was great," Richardson said. "We have great fans and they came out. And playing with these guys is a lot of fun. They are real good players."

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offense] down."

In the second half, the Pack defense shut down the UNC offense.

In the third quarter, the Pack offense slowed and was forced to punt on its first four possessions of the second half. The defense, however, only allowed three points in the second half and kept UNC from taking the lead.

With 11:43 remaining in the fourth quarter, the defense produced the play of the game. As Curry went back for a pass, Shane Riggs rushed him from the blind side, jarring the ball loose. Dantonio Burnette quickly covered the ball to give State possession deep in the UNC zone.

"[Coach Amato] challenged us to be more physical. It's a slap in the face when the coach tells you that," said Fisher. "We came out and we rose to the occasion."

On the ensuing possession, running back Cotra Jackson used two runs to reach the endzone and extend the lead to 31-20. Jackson, who came on for an injured Ray Robinson in the fourth quarter, rushed for 94 yards in the final quarter. His running ran precious time off the clock, and his second touchdown with 49 seconds remaining in the game provided the final tally of the day. "Ray went out and Cotra came in and did an outstanding job," said Amato. "It was great for that young man to get in there and do what he did."

After five games of pass-intensive offense, State turned to its running game to surge past North Carolina.

The Pack entered Chapel Hill with a high-octane passing game led by heralded freshman Philip Rivers and sophomore Koren Robinson. Rivers entered the game second in the nation in total offense, averaging 334 yards per game. Robinson ranked nationally in almost every category, including receptions, yards, and touchdowns.

Against the Heels, however, backs Ray Robinson and Cotra Jackson accounted for 216 yards on the ground while Rivers threw for only 202 yards. Robinson saw his season-long streak of 100-yard receiving games end with a two-catch, 41-yard day in Kenan Stadium.

"When they're worried about the pass so much, you got to run it," said Rivers. "We're not worried about statistics, whatever it takes to win."

In a game in which the Pack led from wire to wire, penalties provided the biggest source of frustration for the Pack. Overall, State was flagged on nine occasions for over 100 yards. The penalties included four big 15-yard penalties, which helped either sustain Tar Heel drives or stall Wolfpack drives.

It was the second week in a row that penalties hurt the Pack. Against Clemson, the Pack tallied 10 penalties for over 100 yards. "We've got to stop those [penalties]," said Amato. "I don't care about aggressive penalties, but foolish penalties we can't have."

Sports

State ends seven-year drought



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Levar Fisher, the ACC's Defensive Player of the Year, and N.C. State earned a 38-20 win over North Carolina, the Wolfpack's first in seven years. State went on to finish the regular season 7-4 and beat Minnesota 38-30 in the Micronpc.com Bowl.

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N.C. State football beats
UNC in the teams' first
meeting of the Chuck
Amato era.

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CHAPEL HILL — After going winless against North Carolina during the seven-year tenure of Mike O'Carroll, the N.C. State football team beat the Tar Heels 38-20. The game returns the Pack to its winning ways after a 34-27 loss at Clemson. With the win, State (5-1, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) moved into the national rankings for the first time since the early part of last year. The Pack is currently 24th in the AP poll and 25th in the USA Today/ESPN poll.

"It was a long time coming," said Amato.

"Sooner or later, streaks end."

The Wolfpack came out of the blocks hot, pushing the ball 55 yards in eight plays on its initial drive. The drive was capped by a trick-play pass from Byron Peterson to Rivers for the touchdown. Later in the game, Peterson caught a touchdown to become the first State wide receiver to throw and catch a touchdown in a game.

The Pack's offensive attack continued at full throttle into the second quarter. Overall, the Pack scored on four of its first five possessions to establish a 24-7 lead on the

Heels (3-3, 1-3 ACC) with 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

The Tar Heels did not quit, however. Aided by a third and long rush by UNC quarterback Ronald Curry and a dead ball unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, the Heels responded with a touchdown of their own and added a field goal right before the half to cut the lead to 24-17.

"In the first half, we were kind of shaky on defense," said Wolfpack linebacker Levar Fisher. "I feel like we kind of let them [the