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NCSU, UNC seal shared-facility deal

Jess Thomas Staff Writer

N.C. State and UNC- Chapel Hill reached a deal earlier this month to help researchers at both universities use equipment that would otherwise be unavailable to them.

The agreement enables researchers who work at N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill to share specialized research facilities on both campuses, according to Jonathan Horowitz, assistant vice chancellor for research development at N.C. State.

"We call them shared facilities, and you can think of them as service centers that are packed with expensive equipment that no single laboratory could purchase," Horowitz said. "In doing so they are paying for a facility that people inside and outside the university can use."

Horowitz said typical customers for these shared facilities—even those that work at the university where the lab is located—have to pay extra in order to use the equip-



Jonathan Horowitz, assistant vice chancellor for research and development, said the shared research facilities between UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State should expand to include other UNC-System schools.

"As a consequence, if someone at N.C. State wanted to use equipment at Chapel Hill it might be cost prohibitive," Horowitz said.

Horowitz said the deal allows

researchers from both universities to use the equipment regardless of their affiliation to the University at

"The benefit is that whether you're a student, staff member or a faculty member you can use the equipment at less cost, therefore you can conduct more experiments with the amount of money," Horowitz said.

Horowitz said that before the deal was signed, there was a significant

amount of collaboration between researchers at both universities, and the deal will serve to increase the collaboration between N.C. State and UNC- Chapel Hill.

"This agreement should increase the number of collaborations because there is more opportunity for NCSU people to interact with Chapel-Hill people, but they are different with the types of research conducted," Horowitz said.

For example, Horowitz said with the shared facilities, UNC-Chapel Hill's medical school and NCSU's veterinary school will now be able to collaborate more easily.

Horowitz said that some of the equipment can cost several million dollars, and the rates to operate the equipment can vary drastically.

In addition, Horowitz said that due to the deal, many facilities that are costly for researchers from the other university to operate will become much cheaper.

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From left to right: Emily Ciriano, Hamilton Brewer and Scott Gray, all in business administration celebrate their first-place finish at the Leadership and Innovation Showcase with Ira Weiss, dean of Poole College of Management. This was the sixth-annual showcase, which students work alongside companies in ways to improve business

PCOM competition offers realworld experience for students

Grace Callahan

Correspondent

The Poole College of Management held its sixth-annual Leadership and Innovation Showcase Tuesday in Nelson Hall, which displayed student work that took learning from the classroom to the private sector.

Student projects were judged by a panel consisting of a variety of business executives, faculty members and distinguished alumni.

"The spotlight is on partnerships between students and the sponsors," said Ira Weiss, Dean of the Poole College of Management. "Some of the projects have literally saved companies millions of dollars. The

companies really listen to the students."

In the undergraduate division, first place went to Scott Gray, Emily Ciriano and Hamilton Brewster, all of whom are seniors majoring in business administration.

The team worked with Bayer CropScience and identified the need for a way to keep standards high between audits and a new process

"There's opportunity out there for every student," Brewster said. "Even if you don't have any experience."

Weiss said he has high hopes for the future of the projects and the

students that participated. "This event allows students to take what they learned and make successful transitions to the marketplace," Weiss said.

Students spent the semester working on their projects, which pulled in students from across disciplines.

"It's interesting to talk to the different judges," said Emily Tuttle, a student in the Jenkins Graduate Program who participated in the competition. "The questions that they ask you really make you think from a different perspective."

Tuttle worked with problems of pricing in regional foods systems and encouraging farmers to consider different options before planting.

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NCSU immune to patent trolls

Sasha Afanasyeva Staff Writer

The Association of University Technology Managers is making it harder for patent trolls to find their next victim. Patent trolling has increased by 11 percent this year and accounted for more than half of all patent lawsuits, according to the Washington Post.

Patent trolling occurs when someone buys the rights to a patent for the sole purpose of collecting fees from others infringing upon his or her patent. The patent troll doesn't even use the patent for a good or service, and instead makes money solely from licensing fees.

"When people are talking about patent trolls, what they are talking about is patent aggregators," said Kelly Sexton, director of the Office of Technology Transfer. "These are companies that will go out and either license or purchase patent rights with no intention of ever commercializing the technology."

Fortunately, universities are not targeted by patent trolls.

"Patent trolls don't come after universities because we are not making or selling product," Sexton said. "Patent trolls don't really affect us since we do research, not develop products."

However, companies that are licensing a product from universities are not as fortunate.

"The University licenses patents to companies," Sexton said. "Any company, including our licensees and startups, have to be wary of these patent trolls. Patent trolling is a problem across all industries, especially among high tech industries."

Currently, there have been no patent claims against N.C. State.

"Patent trolls would have to show damages," Sexton said. "Since N.C. State doesn't sell any products, there is nothing here for them."

Universities also have taken measures to make sure a patent they are licensing will not be used for litigation purposes.

"N.C. State, for our part, fully supports the state mandate by AUTM, the Association of University Technology Managers," Sexton said. "We are required to be mindful of working with a patent aggregator. We want to find a licensee that will use a technology."

N.C. State only licenses to companies that will actually develop the technology, according to Sexton.

"There is also patent reform legislation," Sexton said. "Certain aspects of the legislation are aimed at curbing incentives of the patent trolls. We are supporting some of the aspects of the legislation but it's not perfect."

One such patent reform legislation, known as the Innovation Act, requires plaintiffs to pay for discovery, which can sometimes cost millions of dollars.

An example of a patent troll is Asure Software, which in 2002 claimed that it owned the patent rights to the JPEG image compression standard.

"What they do plan to do instead is find companies that are infringing those patent rights and require them to license the patent rights at a handsome fee," Sexton said. "There are times they can even block the selling of very successful commer-

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DASA rearranges leadership

Staff Report

The Division of Academic and Student Affairs experienced significant internal reorganization, with key leadership changes, according to Mike Mullen, vice chancellor and dean of DASA.

Some of the changes occurred earlier this week, while some won't take affect until next month.

Carrie Zelna became N.C. State's associate vice provost for DASA

Monday, according to an email sent out by Mullen. Zelna will also supervise the New Student Programs

"This office will be developing programs to better serve all new students on our campus, freshmen and transfer, common reading programs, Wolfpack Welcome Week and other programs to better serve students as they engage with N.C. State," Mullen said in the email.

Justine Hollingshead, formerly

the director of the GLBT Center, will become the assistant to the vice chancellor and dean starting

"She has worked in a student affairs capacity for much of the past 26 years and brings broad perspective on students and their success on campus to the position," Mullen

Barry Olson will now lead DASA'S finance, business, human resources, technology and other service areas.

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WEATHER WISE

Today:



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Thursday:

Sunny



Partly Cloudy

Friday:



Mostly Sunny

Saturday:



Partly Cloudy

THROUGH SAM'S LENS



Strummin' away

BY SAM FELDSTEIN

 $E^{
m lla}$ Bertram, lead singer of the Chapel Hill-based band Ayr Mountaineers, sings and plays the acoustic guitar lin the Witherspoon Cinema Monday. She was accompanied by her friends Jennifer Curtis on fiddle and Robbie Link on bass and performed a selection of original songs. The band has a new album coming out in July and a website coming out soon.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TISS/NCSU ESI ENERGY LUNCHEON, KYLE **BEARDSLEY, "NUCLEAR WEAPPONS PROGRAMS AND** THE SECURITY DILEMMA" 1911 Building, Room 129 11:45 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

"TRADITION ON TRADITION" Pullen Park Arts Center 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

NCSU Crafts Center

SPRING HOLIDAY No classes All Day

"TRADITION ON TRADITION" Pullen Park Arts Center

Monday LAST WEEK OF CLASSES (SPRING 2014) All week

1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday CHANCELLOR'S CREATING **COMMUNITY AWARDS** Tally Student Center Ballroom 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

EARTH DAY STRESSBUSTER Centennial Campus

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Talley Student Center

THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOLARS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES: OLIVER SMITHIES

5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. WIND ENSEMBLE

Talley Student Center Ballroom 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday LAST DAY OF CLASS All Day

CIMS SPRING MEETING | BIG DATA: HEAD IN THE **CLOUDS? FEET ON THE GROUND**

Marriott-Raleigh City Center 8:30 A.M.

GLM INFORMATION

SESSION 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

GRAINS OF TIME

Jones Auditorium at Meredith College 7:00 P.M.

art and literature of your peers.

Carmichael Gym Pool

8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

POLICE BLOTTER

4:34 A.M. | SUSPICIOUS **PERSON**

Hillsborough Building Report of subject walking around parking lot looking confused. Officer located student who was referred for underage possession.

April 14 9:49 A.M. | LARCENY Witherspoon Student Center Student reported bike stolen

1:33 P.M. | CONCERNED BEHAVIOR

Gorman Street Student reported obtaining Violence Protection Order against non-student due to stalking behavior off campus.

3:37 P.M. | LARCENY Talley Student Center

Staff member reported unsecured iPhone stolen.

3:57 P.M. | WELFARE CHECK Lee Hall

Student in emotional distress was issued welfare referral and counseling center was notified.

4:57 P.M. | HIT & RUN

Morrill Dr/Cates Ave Two students were involved in traffic accident. One of the student was cited for failure to stop at the scene of accident.

8:08 P.M. | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Witherspoon Student Center Two students were involved in traffic accident.

10:57 P.M. | WELFARE CHECK

Syme Hall NCSU PD made contact with four students who reported staff member gave unwanted hugs and made inappropriate comments. Investigation ongoing.

12:30 P.M. | HIT & RUN Patterson Hall Student reported parked vehicle had been struck and damaged while parked at this



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"There's a lot of information that can help farmers get into new markets that they may not necessarily know about," Tuttle said.

Weiss said the fair gave students a chance to test their professional skills in a less intimidating environment.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to showcase themselves in a safe environment," Weiss said. "It allows them to hone in on their presentation skills and present to a set of professionals in a non-threatening environment. It allows them to build confidence that they might not have otherwise had, both professionally and discipline-wise, in a way that helps them to move forward in their career," Weiss said.

Second place in the undergraduate division went to Shreye Saxena, a senior in computer engineering. Alex Stewart, Robert Elder and Christopher Godfrey, all seniors in business administration, came in third.

Brian Westbrook, McKin-



Nick DeMarco, president and founder of the technology company, Practichem, attends PCOM's leadership and innovation conference, where students discussed methods to create better business practices and save companies money in real world

lay Jeannis, Brian Franson and Saksham Bhatla were awarded first place in the Jenkins Graduate School category for their creation of the Airia Personal Air Quality Monitor.

The Airia product is a portable air quality monitor that also measures the activity level of the wearer when clipped

to his or her clothing.

In the Jenkins Graduate School, second place went to Jessica Newsome, Nithin Seshadri, Delia Smith and Bo Zhang. Third place was awarded to Rachel Rich, Manasi Ghogare and Nathalie Donaghy.

Andrew Colley, a senior in accounting, and Ashley

Bryant, a graduate student in accounting, worked with Bacardi Bottling Corporation and identified the main culprits of water and electricity usage.

They used regression analysis to to collect data about the company and plot its challenges.

Weiss emphasized the im-

portance of the showcase to the students as well as to the

"Today's marketplace is driven by global technology," Weiss said. "This event allows students to develop solutions to real-world problems."

future.

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"For example, at N.C. State we have a facility called the Analytical Instrumentation Facility which Chapel Hill does not have," Horowitz said. "In contrast, Chapel Hill has high throughput screening instrumentation which allows them to do many biological assays with a robot, which we don't have."

Horowitz also said that the collaboration should not be limited to just N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill and that researchers should be able to utilize shared facilities at other universities in North Carolina, such as Duke University and Wake Forest University.

"I don't see any reason why we can't do that, it seems to me like a very logical thing to do. Moreover, since NCSU and Chapel Hill are part of a 16-school system, schools such as Pembroke and Wilmington also should have access to the equipment at the other universities," Horowitz

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cial products."

After claiming patent rights to the JPEG format, Asure collected more than \$90 million in licensing fees from companies like Adobe and Research In Motion through 31 total lawsuits.

"Think of the smartphone—there are hundreds of patents embedded in these—and companies like Apple are often bombarded with requests and lawsuits from patent trolls," Sexton said. "What patent trolls do is hold the product at ransom and require a fee from the company that's selling product."

Generally, victims of patent trolls settle for very large amounts rather than risk losing a court case, creating incentives for patent aggregators to continue with their litigation.

However, not all patent trolls get away with this practice forever.

One company, known as Soverain Software claimed in 2004 that it owned the rights to the online shopping cart, a feature used by nearly every retailer with a website. It sued more than 50 retail stores and received tens of millions of dollars in settlements. Like most patent troll companies, Soverain never sold a single product.

Every company that Soverain sued, including companies like Macy's and Home Depot, settled rather than go to trial. Newegg was the only company to battle the case in court.

Although Newegg lost the court battle initially, after appealing the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals, patent claims by Soverain were invalidated. In 2014, Soverain tried to take the case to

the Supreme Court but it was thrown out.

"Some aspects of this legislation are useful in blocking patent trolls," Sexton said. "We are watching it as it goes through and our professional organization AUTM has issued statements regarding



<u>Opinion</u>

National Inequality Day

he ticket for Independence Day comes due in the spring. April 15



Wes Kyatt Contributing Columnist

is an antiholiday, the day when Uncle Sam bangs down the doors of United States citizens, de-

manding

what some believe is an unfair share of their income. The Internet was all atwitter yesterday with conservatives lambasting the high cost of being a U.S. citizen.

According to Sean Davis at "The Federalist," it takes the nation 111 days to collectively pay off its bill, and in return, government studies shrimp running on treadmills, observed by bureaucrats who

cheat on their own taxes. That's a pretty deplorable proposition, unless you take into account that the government does more than train crustaceans for the Olympics.

U.S. tax revenues for this year will total \$4.9 trillion, according to President Barack Obama's 2015 budget. That's a pretty penny by any measure, and it's still not enough. The government will run a budget deficit of more than \$1 trillion in 2014. But to suggest it's all going to shrimp training is absurd.

Most revenues go to defense spending, which, according to Obama's budget, will carry a price tag of \$3.77 trillion this year. Let that soak in—despite the crowing from neoconservative hawks about the dwindling defense budget, 80 percent of revenues will be dumped in the Pentagon. Data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute show that in 2012 the U.S. spent more on defense than every other major country in the world. Despite this overblown budget, the U.S. struggles to deter its opponents. Just ask Vladimir Putin.

Conservatives might agree the defense budget is eating up a disproportionate share of tax revenues, but the real problem is the unfair amount of taxes the wealthy shoulder. Looking at nominal rates it seems that way. Unfortunately, these critics ignore the nature of progressive taxation. If a person made \$1 million in 2013 filing as head of household, he or she was taxed at increasing rates proportionate to the rise in income. It doesn't all just come off the

top. Even if the nominal rate

were a flat 50 percent on \$1 million, with no credits, the remainder of \$500,000 is still \$100,000 above the highest bracket.

Of course, it's not that simple in practice. Homeowners earn a tax credit for their investment. The more homes owned, the more credits claimed. Income derived from return on investment, or capital gains, is taxed at just 15 percent. Because not many people make millions working as wage earners, it can't be said that the tax code is unfair to the wealthy.

People whose income is derived from investments, an increasingly large amount of which are not even inside the country, pay a far lower effective tax rate than those employed for wages, or those who own a small business. Ordinary citizens bear the brunt of the tax burden in the U.S., not the ultra rich.

Conservatives like to claim Democrats want to tax the rich to beef up entitlement spending. They ignore the fact that many states, such as North Carolina, are gutting their entitlement benefits even while unemployment remains dangerously high in many places. It's worth noting that unemployment got so high in part because of the mismanaging of economic institutions—institutions run by those who earn income from investments, and

pay a 15 percent rate. Economic inequality isn't about redistribution, although the GOP wants to pretend it is. It's about the ridiculously unfair tax code ordinary citizens are living under. Democrats need to lead on tax reform, and the

first line on the chopping block should be capital gains. The money that slips through Uncle Sam's fingers every year could go to infrastructure projects, education funding and research programs that make commerce more efficient, and yes, provide jobs to the unemployed. When the unemployment rate goes down, entitlement spending drops, so Republicans should be lining up for this vote.

The GOP wants to protect an unfair tax code, gut entitlement spending and protect the interests of a wealthy minority, while claiming a desire to facilitate robust economic growth. That circle can't be squared. Tax day is nobody's favorite day, but it would have a better reputation if it were a day that was fair.

Procrastination plague

The sun is shining, clothes are being shed and spring has



Tyler Gobin

long winter. And though we're used to having some down time between the Staff Columnist

finally ar-

rived after a

winter and the conclusion of the semester, this year's weather has forced us to wait around longer than usual.

The late seasonal transition has forced students to choose whether to spend their free time in the library finishing up semester-long projects or outside throwing a football with friends. Usually, the first weeks of good weather come earlier in the semester and don't fight finals for students' time, but this semester is a different story. It demonstrates the consequences of procrastination.

Procrastination is the act of carrying out more pleasurable tasks before taking on less pleasurable tasks, and it's ingrained in the way college runs. Not only are students guilty, but some instructors have jumped on the bandwagon without recognizing it. Some experienced professors release assignments and projects closer to the deadline because they have realized no students will start early anyway. This thinking reduces the choices for students who like to get ahead of the game. Some people say it's im-

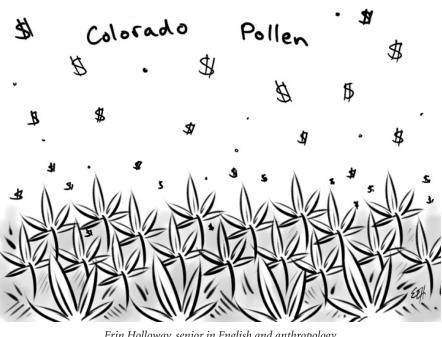
possible not to procrastinate because "life happens" and some people simply have a lot of other priorities, but, in terms of semester-long projects, that's just an excuse.

Semester-long projects have a lot of different pieces that make up the finished project and require a lot of time to complete, but that's why they are assigned at the beginning of the semester. Despite having an entire semester to complete the project, the majority of work is done in the last week before the deadline. One study showed that participation was five times higher in the last week before a deadline than the sum total of the preceding three weeks for which the exercises were available. Students seem to like to taunt the deadline and believe the pressure will produce a better result, but that's not the case.

The correlation between procrastination and bad grades is apparent. A study by Case Western Reserve University found that procrastinators received lower grades than their counterparts. It also leads to more cases of academic misconduct such as plagiarism, copying and cheating during exams, according to a German panel study of several thousand university students. With all these undesirable outcomes, why is procrastination still so common?

The cold winter weather encourages students to stay indoors and is thus supposed to encourage schoolwork, but I'm starting to think students prefer to be inside during the warm spring. We've had a relatively brutal winter, which would make one believe students had a lot of free time due to the many snow days we endured. All that nasty weather created opportunities for us to work on projects so we could enjoy every moment of the spring weather. Unfortunately, I don't believe most students used their snow days wisely, and despite opportunities earlier in the semester, the libraries are slammed yet again.

Earlier in the semester, you had a choice between working on that big project and watching the new season of *House of Cards*, but now you don't have a choice. When you procrastinate and work near a deadline, you don't give yourself the choice between work and play. The "choice" evaporates and is replaced by a "requirement" which produces lower-quality work because you know you want to be somewhere else. In reality, you have a choice between spending time outside with friends when it's beautiful outside now and watching the new season of House of Cards when it's crummy outside during the summer. I realize some people might pick the former, but I hope next year we all make the smart decision and procrastinate less so we can spend time outside during the warmer months.



Marijuana legalization takes economy to a new high

ally now available at the push of a button as the first vending machine was unveiled on

Sophie Nelson

Contributing Columnist

Although similar mechanisms are

Saturday in

Avon, Colo.

already in use for registered dispensaries in states where the drug is sanctioned for medical use, this is the first machine designed for the recreational user. It allows customers to buy marijuana directly at their convenience, rather than over

the counter. That is not the only innovative creation that is now available for marijuana users as Denver will soon open Colorado's first hotel that specifically offers a "wakeand-bake" experience. The state's first Bud and Breakfast will provide guests with an all-inclusive package, whic includes unlimited food and drinks laced with the drug within a marijuana-friendly environment.

Undoubtedly, Colorado is taking full advantage of its recent legalization of the drug and will be reaping the benefits while it remains illegal in the majority of the nation. However, the ban of the drug is often not obeyed, as Gallup reported that 38 percent of the American population has tried marijuana at least once. The drug is slowly acquiring acceptance with the decriminalizing of possession in 16 states, the legalization of me-

a arijuana is liter- dicinal marijuana in 21 states promote people to grow and and the District of Columbia, and the legalization of recreational marijuana in two states. So how long will it take the rest of the nation to follow Colorado's lead and reap the economic benefits that comes with the legalization?

> The prediction is that legalizing marijuana will be a veritable pot of gold, and with a federal deficit of \$1.76 trillion, I'd say it is worth giving it a shot. A petition to the president and Congress has been signed by more than 500 economists, including three Nobel laureates expressing that legalization could save the economy \$7.7 billion by terminating all associated criminal activities. In addition to this, the United States could profit \$6 billion annually if the drug was taxed at rates similar to those of tobacco and alcohol. Not to mention the new jobs and new businesses that will emerge from the new product on the market.

> The Colorado Department of Revenue reported last month that the state generated \$2 million in tax revenue from the state's 59 recreational marijuana businesses in just the first month of legal recreational marijuana sales. With figures like this, it seems like a win-win situation.

> However, there is an added risk along with the benefits of regulation. For example, if the regulations or taxes increase the price of marijuana considerably, it could

sell marijuana illegally at a tax-free rate. Consequently, we are faced with the familiar problems of criminalization that occurred when the drug was initially illegal. This is a problem the cigarette market is currently tackling.

"There is no doubt that there's a direct relationship between the increase in a state's tax and an increase in illegal trafficking," said John D'Angelo of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

It's difficult to determine whether this is the case when looking at Colorado and Washington. The Colorado Department of Revenue stated that Colorado levies a 15 percent excise tax, 10 percent special sales tax and a 2.9 percent sales tax whereas the Department of Revenue of Washington State reports that Washington imposes a 25 percent tax on marijuana producers, processors and retailers.

Regardless of the risk that comes with regulation, I think that in the current economic climate, imaginative polices that will save and also generate money must be more seriously considered. If there is the same risk that comes with legalizing the drug as there is with the current prohibition, then it is a no-brainer to take the chance and create a drug policy that is fiscally responsible. Let's take a lesson from the pot growers in Colorado and in-

{IN YOUR } WORDS }

Do you think the government should tax people proportionally based on their income?

BY HUNTER JOHNSON



"Yes. I guess it depends on how much they make. The more you make, the more taxes you should be able to pay to support the economy."

Ashley Towne junior, education



"Yes. Taxes seem like a percentage, so it just makes sense that the upper class would be taxed more, and the lower class taxed less.

Hans Cannon freshman, materials science and engineering



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Bienvenidos



CORTESÍA DE GUASACA AREPA AND SALSA GRILL Guasaca Arepa y Salsa Grill, un restaurante decorado por un estilo simplificado, trae comida venezolana a la cuidad de Raleigh. No solo atraen al público hispanohablante sino que atrae a una clientela de mayoría norte americana.

Guasaca trae sabor a Raleigh

Guasaca Arepa and Salsa Grill ***

Natalie Bohorquez Escritora de personal

Si buscas un restaurante completamente fuera de lo común, por lo menos en esta región del país, tu búsqueda terminará con Guasaca Arepa and Salsa Grill.

Basado en la cocina Venezolana, este restaurante exitosamente introdujo una de las comidas más auténticas de Sud América al mercado Estado Unidense con unas pocas modificaciones. La arepa, conocida por varios nombres en distintas partes de Latino América, es una torta deliciosa normalmente hecho de choclo (maíz) o harina de trigo. Normalmente vienen rellenas de queso, pollo

En Guasaca la comida es preparada en

línea de asamblea, muy parecido al estilo preparativo de Chipotle. Las arepas proceden a ser preparadas con ingredientes frescos y saludables "hechos en casa" ya que la política del restaurante es tratar de disminuir el uso de comidas procesadas o pre-hechas. Su menú ofrece varias opciones, ya que se pueden pedir de siete arepas signatarias que contienen pollo, bistec, carne desmechada, tilapia o solo vegetales en conjunto de aditivos como frijoles negros, pico de gallo, aguacate, plátano frito y queso. También existe la opción de obtener arepas, ensaladas o platillos personalizados a tu gusto.

Para acompañar estas deliciosas opciones, también se pueden pedir platillos de lado y otras salsas. La salsa de cilantro complementa el sabor de cualquier arepa, conjunta con la salsa de mostaza, salsa roja y vinagre de vino. La salsa de Guasaca, con sus deliciosos pedazos de aguacate, pepinos, tomate y otros ingredientes, es una versión estilizada de la

salsa de guasacaca típica de Venezuela, que en su turno es muy parecida al gua-

Aunque las arepas son levemente americanizadas, tienen un sabor verdaderamente distinto y son cocinadas a la perfección. No solo atraen al público hispanohablante sino que atrae a una clientela de mayoría norte americana. Este restaurante añade sabor y variedad a la región de Raleigh, e introduce un pedazo de la cultura venezolana a la ciudad de

Así que aparte de ser delicioso, la distancia en la que se encuentra es accesible para aquellos que tienen carro en el campus. Definitivamente vale la pena darle un vistazo a este pequeño restaurante con un gran futuro.

Guasaca se encuentra a menos de 10 minutos de distancia en carro de la universidad ya que está localizado en 4205 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh.

Radiación Solar en México DF

Jeremy Miller

Corresponsal

La semana pasada, al igual que esta semana, los habitantes de México DF han sufrido un período de radiación solar muy alta.

Últimamente, la radiación solar ha alcanzado los niveles de 11 y 12, lo más alto de la escala. Es por eso que oficiales del gobierno mexicano le pidieron a la gente que no se salieran afuera si no fuera

La escala que se usa para medir este tipo de radiación va de 0, radiación muy baja, a más de 11, extremadamente alta. Generalmente, cuando la radiación ha alcanzado los niveles de 7 o más, se considera peligroso salir hacia afuera sin protector solar.

También el gobierno mexicano les aconsejó que al salir, llevaran ropa que cubre todo el cuerpo y que se pusieran el protector solar.

Este tipo de radiación, advirtió el gobierno, "aumenta el riesgo de sufrir posteriormente un cáncer de piel, y puede ocasionar daños oculares graves."

Dijo el gobierno que pre-

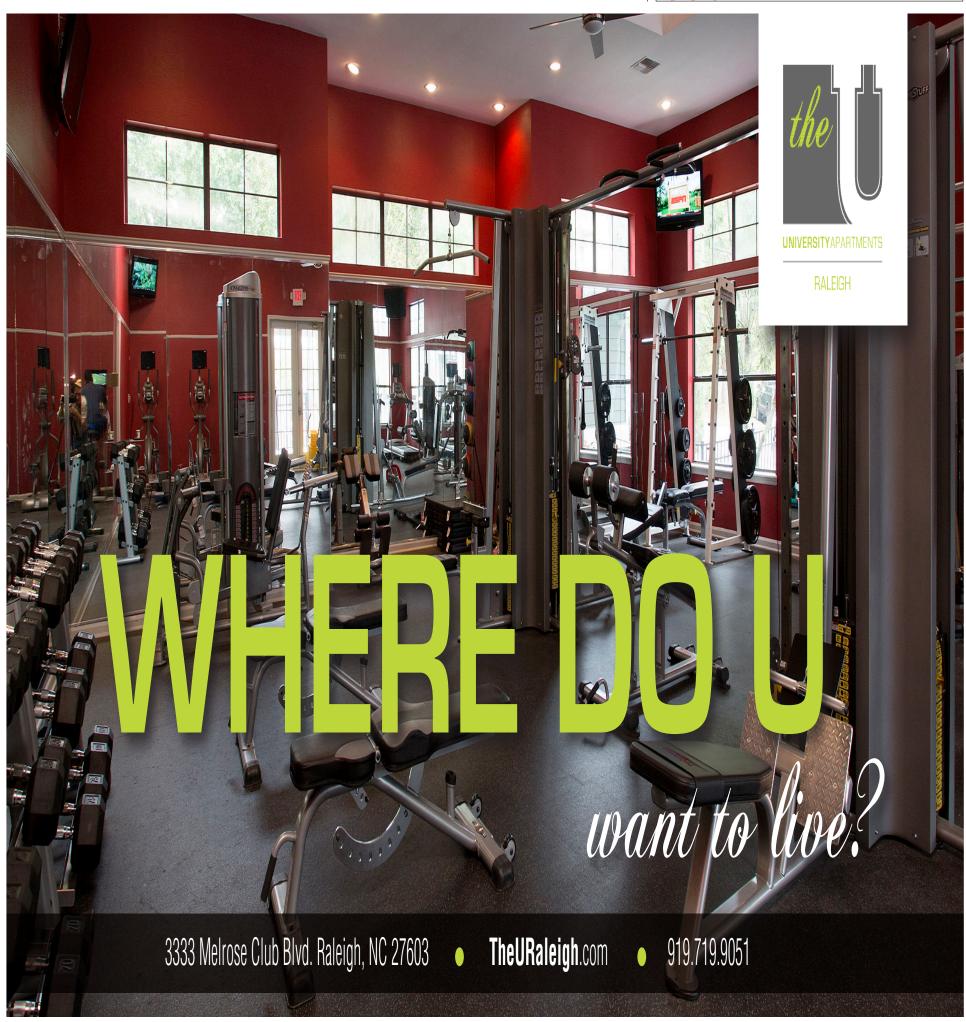
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Todo esto coincide con abril, el mes de la Tierra, y ha causado alguna preocupación. Ya se sabe que un agujero en la capa de ozono sobre el sur de Suramérica, y que recientemente, se ha crecido.

Si la Ciudad de México se siente tales efectos aunque está cubierta con una capa sa-ludable de ozono, ¿cómo sería si se perdiera este protector? Al fin del día, esta crisis de cualidad de aire y de seguridad ambiental ha recordado a los mexicanos la importancia de su medio ambiente y apoyará el mensaje de este mes.





Carnivore team works with exotic animal

Megan Stitt Staff Writer

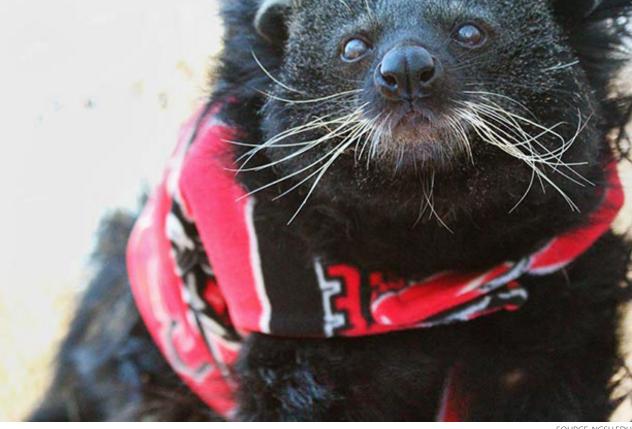
N.C. State's carnivore team, a group of first through third year veterinary students, is working to rehabilitate a binturong, a species of mammals from Southeast Asia commonly called "bearcats."

Lobo, a binturong, who is currently in the care of the Conservators' Center in Mebane, N.C., has been facing medical problems with his tail. Suzanne Kennedy-Stoskopf, professor of veterinary medicine and faculty advisor of the carnivore team, said Lobo's tail was curled in a fish-hook shape which impaired his walking.

"The purpose [of the carnivore team] is to try to expose veterinary students to wild carnivores[such as Lobo] during their time here so that when they graduate they are going to feel like they have some level of comfort in providing medical care to these animals," Kennedy-Stoskopf

Lobo was rescued from his original owner in 2012 and taken to an exotic animals center in Michigan, but the state did not have the proper facilities to care for him, especially when winter arrived, Kennedy-Stoskopf said. Later that year, the Conservators' Center in Mebane, N.C. took him into its care.

Kennedy-Stoskopf said she



OURCE: NCSU.EDU

A binturong named Lobo is currently under the care of the Conservators' Center in Mebane, N.C. where the NCSU carnivore team works to rehabilitate him. Lobo was rescued from his original home in 2012 after his injuries were discovered and was taken to an exotic animals center in Michigan to help his injury. Lobo was later moved to North Carolina.

"The purpose [of the carnivore first met Lobo when she was evaluating other binturongs team] is to try to expose for her students to work with. She and leaders of the Conveterinary students to wild servators' Center decided it carnivores during their would be a good idea to see if they could have the students time here ..." conduct physical therapy to help his tail.

Suzanne Kennedy-Stoskopf, professor of veterinary medicine

able to work with one of the binturongs and helped it to regain complete use of its tail. Kennedy-Stoskopf said

she hopes with therapy, Lobo will one day be able to regain full use of his tail.

"The biggest challenge re-

ally is not that they get diseases different from other animals, it's how to handle them safely, so it's more a question of understanding the behavior of these animals and how to administer drugs so that we can handle them safely," Kennedy-Stoskopf said of treating exotic pets.

The carnivore team suggested physical therapy in late summer 2013. Kennedy-Stoskopf said a binturong's tail is such an integral part of how they move, the veterinary students wanted to give Lobo every opportunity to regain function. It seemed to be helping and he was pretty tolerant of it. In the end though, they had to amputate his tail because it was evident that the blood supply to the tail had been compromised due to repeated trauma.

When the team anesthetized Lobo they also found on survey radiographs that he had changes in his spine, probably related to his early living conditions, which may explain the sensory deficits in the tail.

There are not many laws restricting the domestication of animals that are not native as pets.

"These are the animals that, through no faults of their own, end up with people that don't know what they're doing and then it's the animal that suffers the consequences," Kennedy- Stoskopf said. "And though I do not approve of them as private pets, I will work with them to give them the best quality of life and I will provide them medical care because I feel like they deserve that. That's what I tell to the students because there is a subset of students that would really like to know how to deal with these animals because they are out there, and probably more than we know."



The Conservators' Center

has had two other binturongs

who faced similar problems

with their tails. However,

workers at the center were

Craft Center metals teacher has a past rich in diverse art

Megan Stitt

Staff Writer

Mary Ann Scherr teaches a metals program at N.C. State's craft center, but one would not believe the paths that she took before she finally ended up there.

Scherr gave a short version: "I was an artist starting at the age of five, then I became a designer, then an educator and a goldsmith was last," Scherr said. "I hadn't planned to do that."

According to Scherr, art has been a major inspiration for her throughout her life. She attended the Cleveland Art Institute after high school.During World War II, she went on to be a cartographer for the Navy. Scherr then went to Chicago to be a product designer. She moved to Detroit as an automobile designer for Ford, and back to Ohio to become part of an industrial-design organization and to teach at a university. After that, she was on to another university, Parsons School of Design in New York where she was the director chair of the product design department. She has also taught at Duke and Meredith in her time in North Carolina, where she moved because her husband was ill.

Not only are her past work experiences intriguing, but are her works. She has work displayed at the The Vatican Museum of Contemporary Art in Rome, The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, and the Smithsonian Institution in Washing-

The Museum of Craft and Design in New York contains several of her pieces as well, including some of her patented body monitors.

According to Scherr, it all began when a woman walked up to her while the woman's scarf fell away revealing an unappealing piece of equipment on her throat. Scherr was shocked and asked the woman if she could decorate

The next piece came about when she was asked to design a costume for a student

"Teaching students is a design process within itself"

Mary Ann Scherr, metals teacher at the craft center

competing for Miss Universe. They were using the theme "space" for the costume because all the first Americans in space were from Ohio. Scherr was working on the student's belt, which was elaborate and would theoretically be a monitor for her body if she were in space.

"I was watching the men landing on the moon on television," Scherr said. "They had a device doing the same thing. That started me thinking about all the possibilities of products for people who had true body issues, not for men in space, and not for that kind of thing, just for us

people on Earth."

Scherr went on to design 11 units total with patents on all of them, most of which are now amongst permanent collections in museums.

Scherr also has had some famous clients. Chelsea Clinton wore one of her cat pins, and Andy Warhol bought her cookie jars.

"Just looking around me and being open to what is there, what is a beautiful poem, what is a beautiful comment, what's a nice day, what's a nice cloud, you know, everything matters," Scherr said. "There is inspiration in everything."

Scherr specifically got into working with metals when she was in Ohio. She had just had a child and said she was totally bored with everything except the child, and couldn't stand the routine of the house. So she took a night class, one of the only classes she hadn't studied in art school, which was metals.

"The minute I touched that metal, I knew that I was sort of where I should be," Scherr

After getting into metals, Scherr then directed her efforts to teaching her interest.

"Teaching students is a design process in itself," Scherr said. "My whole feeling about being an educator is that I learn as much from students as they learn from me and I value my exposure to minds that are thinking, and I can move along with it. At that point we all discover something."

Sports

Club men's basketball comes up short in national tourney

Zack Tanner

Assistant Sports Editor

The N.C. State men's club basketball team came up short this weekend at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Championships this weekend. The Wolfpack fell in the Round of 16 - the same position in which the team ended its season one year ago.

N.C. State hosted the NIRSA Basketball Championships at Carmichael Gym for the third consecutive year this weekend. The threeday event featured 24 of the best men's club teams from around the nation.

Earlier in the season, members of the team had expressed their desire for a national title. Team captain Andrew Wilson, a senior in business administration, said that he believed his team had the talent to win it all this year.

"I've been here four years, and this is the best team that I've ever seen," Wilson said. "I feel like our goal should be to win a national title because

we have the caliber of team that could win."

The team came out strong in its lone game Friday, looking to back up the bold words of its captain. State earned a hard-fought win over Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, 61-53. Austin Louthan, a freshman in engineering, said that the team looked as good as it has

"The Cal Poly win was one of the better games that we've played all season," Louthan said. "We played especially well as a team."

The next game for the Pack came against Wisconsin at Saturday morning. Both teams were coming off of wins the previous day, but the Badgers proved to be too much for the Pack, winning by a score of 55-41.

Following the loss, the men's team entered tournament play. In the opening round, the Pack was matched again Maryland. State took an early lead that it held through the majority of the game. With about four minutes remaining in the con-

test, the Pack led by 10 and

appeared set to cruise to an easy victory.

However, the Terrapins would not go away quietly. Maryland staged a sudden comeback to tie the game at 47 with less than 10 seconds remaining. The Pack had enough time for one last play, which coach Tanner Hogue, a senior in communication, drew up for Wilson. With mere seconds remaining, Wilson received the ball at the top of the key and buried the game-winning triple. Wilson ended the game with

11 points. With the win, the Pack advanced to the round of 16 to take on Southern California. The Trojans received a bye in the first round and were wellrested heading into the final game of the day.

The two teams traded baskets early in the first half, but little by little, USC began to pull away, opening up a seven-point lead at the intermis-

The Trojans hit the gas in the second half, beginning the half on a run to extend its lead to as much as 15. Though the Pack made a small run to bring the score back within six, USC held tight to its lead, coasting to a 67-60 victory to advance to the quarterfinals.

"We just got outplayed," Hogue said. "Early second half, we fell asleep for the first two minutes and dug ourselves a hole. We made a run and we were still in a hole."

Despite the early exit, Hogue said that he was proud of the way that his team played during the tourna-

"We played together all season, so they had a lot of chemistry," Hogue said. "We handled adversity well on Friday; that was a really good Cal Poly team that we beat."

Cal Poly did prove to be one of the best teams in the tournament, stringing together a run all the way to the championship. However, the Mustangs fell to Yale, 60-48, which captured its first-ever national title on Sunday.

N.C. State will host the NIRSA Championships again in 2015, where the Wolfpack will try to capture its second title in six years.

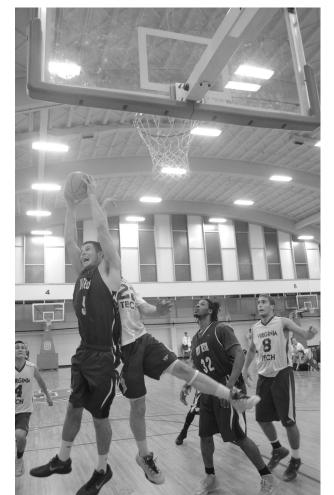


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Members of the Cal Poly and Virginia Tech club men's basketball teams fight for a rebound during the NIRSA Basketball Championships at Carmichael Gym

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TECHNICIAN

Doeren, Harvey team up for charity golf tournament

N.C. State head football coach Dave Doeren will be paired with former Wolfpack football and baseball star Terry Harvey in the 2014 Chickfil-A Bowl Challenge, a charity golf tournament held April 27-29 at the Reynolds Plantation resort on Lake Oconee outside Atlanta. In the past seven years, the Chick-fil-A Bowl Challenge has provided more than \$4 million in scholarship and charitable contributions.

SOURCE: N.C. STATE ATHLETICS

Sowers receives N.C. State Award for Excellence

N.C. State strength coach Craig Sowers, who worked with the men's and women's swimming & diving program this season, received the 2014 N.C. State Awards for Excellence Chancellor's Unit Tuesday morning. The Awards for Excellence is program that honors state employees across North Carolina. At N.C. State, nominees are chosen from 16 colleges and units on campus. The athletics department is part of the Chancellor's Unit.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our team room is just awesome. There were five of us out there last night doing homework."

Logan Harrell, junior, men's golf

COMMENTARY

Reflecting on the state of athletics

Rob McLamb

Assistant Sports Editor

With the academic year almost finished and intense studying underway, it is time to analyze N.C. State athletics and assess the current State of the Pack.

Baseball

When it rains, it pours. It's official, the N.C. State baseball team is in a genuine rut.

After dropping two-of-three in Durham to Tobacco Road rival Duke, including the series finale after holding a six-run lead in the bottom of the eighth inning, the Wolfpack had its much-anticipated showdown versus UNC-Chapel Hill rained out Tuesday night at Durham Bulls Athletic Park. The schools are pursuing a make-up date but nothing is official at this time.

Baseball is a game that has a way of producing slumps that defy odds and sometimes even logic. N.C. State has been a weak hitting team in 2014 but when the Wolfpack has scored runs, such as final games in series at Florida State and Maryland in March, the pitching has then let the team down.

This is much worse than the tough start the Pack went through last season before righting the ship and earning a berth to the College World Series. State still has the potential to turn it around and a schedule that is accommodating. The next 15 games for Elliott Avent's team are at Doak Field, including the next nine ACC games. At 20-15 overall and 6-12 in the ACC, N.C. State cannot afford to wait much longer to get going.

Softball

Things are much better for the N.C. State softball team. The defending ACC Tournament champions are 26-12 overall, including 12-4 in the ACC.

Last season, the Pack picked up steam late in what head coach Shawn Rychick labeled "a magic carpet ride." State is actually much better off record-wise in 2014. With the experience of winning a championship and a solid group of upperclassmen, the team undoubtedly has the confidence as it enters the final dozen games of the campaign, beginning with a doubleheader on Wednesday at home against UNC-Wilmington.

Ironically, it could end up being a group of freshmen who make the difference and take the Pack to a higher level over the remainder of the campaign. Freshman pitcher Courtney Mirabella pitched her first collegiate no-hitter in her last outing on Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., against Florida A&M. Mirabella's play gives Rychick options in postseason play that he did not have last season. Add to that the pleasant play from freshman catcher Molly Hutchinson at the plate (.269 average, eight homers, 29 RBIs) and it is not hard to imagine N.C. State being a tough team to beat in the NCAA Tournament.

Football

The Kay Yow Spring Game was once again a success in that more than \$15,000 was raised for cancer research. There are ACC schools that barely out-draw in regular season games the attendance N.C. State had on Saturday. It is hard not to wonder what the Pack will look like not only in the coming fall but during the next two seasons as Dave Doeren puts his stamp on the program.

Former quarterback Russell Wilson, along with former linebacker Nate Irving, had his number honored by the University during the

Junior shortstop Renada Davis and senior second baseman Chelsea Tate attempt to turn a double play during a 5-2 win over Virginia March 1.

game. In the press conference prior to kickoff, Wilson said that State was similar to a SEC school in its dedication to football and that was something that most appealed to him during his recruitment. It

would be interesting to see what the atmosphere would look like around Carter-Finley Stadium and campus should the Pack ever set itself up to compete for a conference title or major bowl berth.

NCSU unveils state-of-the-art clubhouse at Lonnie Poole

Andrew Schuett

Sports Editor

The latest addition to N.C. State's family of athletic facilities is finally complete.

The Carol Johnson Poole Clubhouse, located at the Lonnie Poole Golf Course, cost \$5 million to construct, according to the University's sustainability website. A slideshow of the two-story, 30,000 square foot facility is available online at Tech-

nicianOnline.com/Sports. The Clubhouse offers a fullservice restaurant and bar, along with a golf shop, classrooms and teaching areas for both the PGA Golf Management and Turfgrass Science programs. Raleigh-based restaurant Players' Retreat recently opened its second location inside the Clubhouse, which senior Logan Harrell said is convenient for State's student-athletes.

"It's really nice to have a place where we can get out of class at 12, have a tee time at 1 and have somewhere at the course where we can get something to eat and not be rushed," Harrell said. "We used to not have anywhere on-site to eat, and we were always rushing to get to the tee box. Having a place to eat there really does make things a lot easier for us."

The facility also houses club maintenance rooms, coaches' offices and a players-only area, where Wolfpack golfers have 24-hour access to study rooms, private lockers and a players lounge.

"Our team room is just awesome," Harrell said. "In fact, there were five of us out there last night doing homework together until midnight. It gives us a place where we can meet up and play golf, do homework or watch the Masters or the NCAA Tournament."

Chip Watson, assistant men's



CHRIS RUPERT/TECHNICIAN

The N.C. State Golf Team player's lounge in the new Carol Johnson Poole Clubhouse allows players to relax.

golf coach and general manager of Lonnie Poole Golf Course, said the Clubhouse is a game-changer on the recruiting front.

"When I started seven years ago, we only had two players on the team from North Carolina," Watson said. "We didn't have a facility where they could play, a clubhouse or locker rooms. We had access to lots of nice places, but it was access at someone else's place. We lost a lot of North Carolina recruits because of that and had to recruit elsewhere."

According to Watson the new facility is paying instant dividends.

"Now that the golf course is here with the clubhouse and team areas like lounges and locker rooms, it's amazing how it's come full circle. Now 10 of our 12 players are from North Carolina, and North Carolina is always in the top three in the country of states with top junior

golfers. So you don't have to go far to get really good players, and it's nice to have a facility like this to offer to them."

Watson said the Clubhouse, which has already hosted numerous wedding receptions, was built with flexibility in mind.

"The whole building is unique because it blends a lot of groups together," Watson said. "It houses athletics with the golf teams, the PGA Golf Management program with their area and the Turf Management program has classrooms and space in the building too. Then we also have golf operations for the course and full service dining for events, banquets and meals."

Harrell said head men's golf coach Richard Sykes played a huge role in the Clubhouse's construction and completion.

"Without Coach Sykes, none of

this would have happened," Harrell said. "He did an incredible job fundraising and finding sponsors for the building."

The Clubhouse will host the Wolfpack Spring Invitational this weekend, along with the NCAA Tournament's Regional round from May 15-17. Watson is excited to see how the facility will used in the coming

"The Invitational is the first collegiate event that we've hosted since the building opened," Watson said. "So we're looking forward to seeing how the logistics work."

"It's the little things we haven't previously been able to offer like a coaches' room, hospitality room, rules official area, meeting areas and dining. It's going to be so much better than it was before."