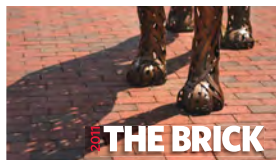




The Brick: 1st Edition, circa 2008.



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RICH WITH HISTORY AND TRADITION—THE LOYALTY OF NC STATE STUDENTS & ALUMNI KNOWS NO END

The brick is one of the most recognizable aspects of NC State and literally the foundation of the University. At the first Board of Trustees meeting in 1887, the board requested 1.5 million bricks and a labor supply from the director of the State Penitentiary.

Now, there are more than 4,270,000 bricks on campus as part of the sidewalks and all but a few of the buildings. As freshmen, students in a 2007 First Year College/Early American History Linked Class (HI251 / USC101A), taught by Nancy Gustke and Matthew Rust, found themselves unaware of the history, traditions and possibilities at NC State. After learning about the University through New Student Orientation, Convocation, advisers

and fellow students, they decided to share their knowledge with incoming freshmen.

The Brick was designed to guide new students through the history and landmarks of the campus, engaging them in academics and encouraging participation in timeless traditions.

The first edition consisted of 3,000 copies. Of them, 2,000 copies were funded through state funds and distributed to incoming freshmen at Convocation. University Housing, University Dining and the NCSU Bookstores helped to fund a second printing of 4,000 copies in August 2008.

Student Government leaders Sam Dennis and Chandler Thompson were instrumental in the effort to produce the second edition with Bryant Robbins serving as the editor. In Fall 2010, 5,000

copies of this issue were distributed to freshman classes. The following year, Andy Walsh joined Sam, Chandler and Susannah Brinkley, the editor, to produce the third edition with Student Media. Printed in Summer 2011, 6,500 copies were distributed through New Student Orientation.

Student Government is committed to producing this book with campus partnerships, and each year the book changes a little as new traditions emerge. For incoming students, this book is a guide for their first year on the largest university campus in the state. By exploring The Brick and parts of campus, all students should feel connected and come to understand that NC State really is “Everything you can imagine.”