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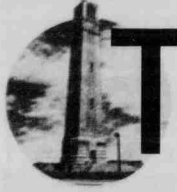
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'Halo from the flame'

◆ Five months after being shot outside the N.C. State Bookstore, NCSU sophomore Rob Baumgart is doing just fine.

James Gorman
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Rob Baumgart remembers almost every detail of the night of Aug. 25, 2000 — the night he was shot in the face near the N.C. State Bookstore Wachovia ATM. "I remember the flash from the muzzle," Baumgart said. "The halo from the flame was like looking at a light bulb dead on — it was beautiful."
Baumgart and his roommate, Jeff Smith, were about to leave for UNC-Chapel Hill when they stopped at the Wachovia ATM around 10 p.m. As Baumgart approached the terminal, Smith saw a man step around from behind the pillars. "Jeff really didn't think anything of it — he just thought it

was some weird guy who'd wander along on his way," Baumgart said.
Baumgart finished the transaction and got back into the passenger seat of Smith's car. The man followed, leaned over the driver's side door and asked the two for directions to Legends, a local nightclub. Neither knew where the club was located. "He turned away, and I thought that was it," Baumgart said. "Then I heard him say 'Hey bro,' and I turned, and I saw his right hand in the car over the handbrake. That's when I saw the flash."
Baumgart's mind did not immediately register the sound and flash of the gunshot — he said it felt as if someone had punched him in the jaw. He stared in shock as the shooter calmly walked back to his car, parked two spaces away.
Still slightly dazed, Baumgart saw something hit the window of Smith's car. It took him a moment to realize it was a spur

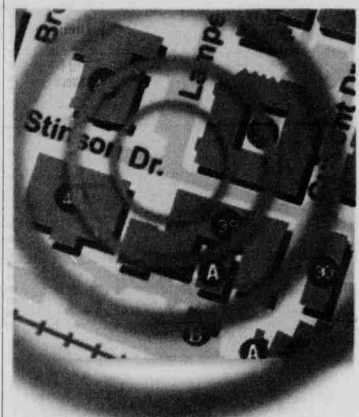
of blood from a bullet wound near his throat. "I ran my hand from my temple to my neck, and from my fist to my forearm," Baumgart said. "It was covered in blood — the brightest, reddest blood I'd ever seen."
Smith, temporarily blinded and deafened by the blast, quickly regained his sight and helped Baumgart run to nearby Carroll Hall.
After two separate 911 calls — one by a man and his girlfriend who heard Smith yelling, the other by a Carroll Hall resident advisor — Baumgart was rushed to WakeMed.
According to the two doctors that examined Baumgart, the .38-caliber bullet entered through the lower side of Baumgart's left cheek, ricocheted off his mandible, passed by his jugular and carotid artery, missed his spinal cord by centimeters and lodged in the back of his neck.
"The doctors said it was a mir-

acle I'm still alive," he said. Shortly after midnight, Baumgart talked to his mother on the hospital phone. He was discharged the following morning.
At the insistence of his mother, Baumgart spent that weekend at home in Charlotte. "Really, though, I felt fine," Baumgart said. "It was funny — everyone was worried, and I just wanted to go to Brent Road."
Calls from reporters kept his family's phone ringing steadily for the next week. One Charlotte TV station even briefly reported Baumgart dead, and family friends calling to offer condolences were surprised to hear Rob's voice answer the phone.
Six months later, Baumgart's life is much the same as it was before the shooting. He still plays ice hockey for N.C. State, maintains the same GPA and soon plans to move into a house off-campus with friends.
Chancellor Marye Anne Fox

offered to let Baumgart take the rest of the semester off, but he declined, anxious to get his schedule back to normal. "People ask me if it's been a huge, life-changing event for me," he said. "It hasn't, really."
According to Baumgart, the shooter still has not been caught, but it is a case that local authorities are still pursuing. Baumgart has been called into no less than four different police line-ups.
"Line-ups are difficult," he said. "I only saw the guy's face twice. Imagine looking at someone in a crowd for two seconds, then being asked to recognize him three months later."
The Raleigh Police Department believes that the assault on Baumgart might be connected to a string of local shootings and burglaries.
Despite that, Baumgart said the most difficult task has been dealing with the rumors that surrounded the incident. "A lot of people I know were

saying they'd heard that 'that kid who got shot was a drug dealer.' For a while I was telling the story and setting things straight three times a day. It got old, but I guess it was a good way for me to deal, mentally, with the situation."
Baumgart also found support from his friends, family and his own sense of humor about the situation. "It's something my roommate and I joke about now," he said. "It's a lot better than staying melancholy and depressed about it."
One of the most frequently asked questions is if he's afraid of ATMs at night. "No, I'm not," he said. "Listen ... you can't control what's going to happen. I went to the ATM. I got shot. It happened. It's over. It's done with. I've got a bullet lodged in my spine — I could be alive in 50 years, or it could kill me somehow in five."
"The point is that I'm not going to live my life in fear."

Students aid quake victims



◆ N.C. State's Indian Graduate Student Association is collecting money to aid the victims of last week's earthquake in India.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

Last Friday, an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale tore through Western and Northern India. Associated Press reports Monday projected the death toll at 7,148, although officials within the Indian government offered projections ranging from 15,000 to 100,000 dead.

N.C. State's Indian Graduate Student Association, MAITRI, has established an India Earthquake Relief Fund to aid those in the earthquake-torn region.

"The imperative task of helping the survivors of the catastrophe stay safe, sheltered, protected from disease and return to their normal lives requires an enormous outpouring of support," said group member Varsha Damle.

Damle, a graduate student in operations management, is spearheading the effort along with Ranjith Jayaram, a graduate student in computer science and Rohit Razdan, a graduate student in computer science. All three are originally natives of India, and all three report that their families have not been injured by the quake.

Today and Thursday, members of the group will be posted at a table at the corner of Stinson and Lampe drives on North Campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to collect donations.

Though she had no definite figure, Damle said that the group got a "good response" Tuesday and collected upwards of \$500 in donations. MAITRI will send all moneys collected to the Indian Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

Damage projections currently stand at approximately \$5.5 billion. According to the Associated Press, the United States has pledged \$5 billion in emer-



Vet School studies dog epilepsy

◆ Dog owners hope that two new studies will alleviate financial and emotional stress.

Trey Godwin
Senior Staff Writer

Imagine having to spend more money per month on your dog than you do on your child. Even though this is a rare occurrence for most dog owners with families, it can occur.

N.C. State researchers are conducting two studies to determine whether they can provide an overall better quality of life for epileptic dogs. In the process, the researchers might eventually help the owners who must endure the exorbitant medical costs.

Karen Munana, assistant professor of neurology, is a key player in a team that is trying to circumvent the whole medication treatment of epilepsy. The fact that Munana and other researchers know the basic process of seizures does not mean that they know what causes them.

Instead of using Phenobarbital and similar drugs that tend to cause inhibition in dogs, Munana is spearheading a new procedure that uses a small pacemaker-like device implanted into the vagus nerve that runs along the side of the neck. The stimulation provided by the

implanted device is powered by a wireless transmitter that is connected to a laptop computer.

The funding for this procedure is provided by the Morris Animal Foundation, a nonprofit organization that funds veterinary research.

For some pet owners, this revolutionary surgical procedure might be too harsh for their pet to endure. That is why Munana is also conducting another study to observe potential dietary connections to seizures.

Even though both of these alternative treatments have reduced the number of seizures in humans, there is no guarantee they will do likewise for dogs.

Epilepsy is a term for repeated seizures. According to Munana, a seizure occurs when the neurons become overexcited. Once one neuron becomes overexcited, it can lead to a chain reaction. When lots of cells become active, a seizure results.

Epilepsy is unpredictable — in some dogs it occurs regularly, while in others it can be precipitated by such factors as stress or weather. Munana said that epilepsy is rather common in dogs. Munana believes that about 3 percent of all dogs have epilepsy.

While the human disease is measured in terms of a general population, dog epilepsy is based on office visits. A veterinarian will look for causes of a

seizure, such as a tumor or a stroke. If the seizures are symptoms of a disease process that they have been able to identify, then the dog is diagnosed with symptomatic epilepsy.

However, if researchers cannot find the cause, then they will term it idiopathic epilepsy. Munana said that epilepsy, just like any disease, is breed-related.

"If one breed carries the gene for epilepsy, it won't spread much — it's genetics," Munana said. "It gets passed from generation to generation."

The severity of epilepsy is not highlighted only by the tortuous results, but the results can also be seen in the owner's bank account.

"One of our dogs in the study has such a severe form of epilepsy that the owners have to pay about \$250 in medication bills for one month," said Munana.

Yet, the problems for that dog and its family do not stop there.

"This dog's seizures are so severe that when one occurs, it has to go to the emergency clinic to receive intravenous drugs," Munana said. "When you consider that the emergency visits cost about \$200-\$300 a pop and it might happen a couple times a month ... and you add that to the regular medication,

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF collection

Members of MAITRI, N.C. State's Indian Graduate Student Association, have begun a relief fund for victims of the earthquake that rocked western and northern India last Friday. Members of MAITRI will be stationed between Riddick and Mann halls today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take donations.

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planetary reading

Zack Smith
Senior Staff Writer

In less than two issues, "The Coffin" (Om Press, \$2.95) has become one of the most talked-about comics around and has been optioned as a feature film by James Cameron's Lightstorm Entertainment, with Guillermo del Toro ("Mimic," the upcoming "Blade 2") attached to direct. It's easy to see what all the excitement is about—"The Coffin" is one of the few comics that successfully blends horror and heroics to create an exciting, thought-provoking and genuinely chilling tale. A cold, nearly emotionless scientist creates a human-shaped "coffin" designed to hold human souls until their bodies die ... only to find himself killed by his ene-

mies and trapped in his own creation. He's also made aware of the fact that if he dies again, his soul isn't likely to go anywhere pleasant.

Writer Phil Hester (also an artist who will soon be illustrating a run on DC's "Green Arrow" for film director Kevin Smith) and artist Mike Huddleson weave a tale that is more influenced by H.P. Lovecraft than Stan Lee. It's a comic that doesn't shy away from the more horrific aspects of its premise but still provides plenty of action and adventure for fans of superheroes. The third issue of the four-issue miniseries arrives in stores this week; the first two issues are still available, so try to get copies while you still can. You can also check out the official "Coffin" Web site at www.ompress.com/coffin.

"Planetary" (DC/Wildstorm, \$2.95) is literally a different comic every issue. Issue #2, for example, bears more than a passing resemblance to a Japanese-style monster movie, #5 looks a lot like an old pulp adventure magazine, and the just-published #13 has an entire sequence set in Victorian England. It's a bizarre, never-boring journey through the last century's popular culture, as seen by Planetary, a team assembled by a mysterious group to investigate the strange and unusual. But what at first appears to be a series of disconnected incidents quickly gives way to a mysterious conspiracy and the hint that not all the members of the team are who they appear to be ...

The book's creative team of writer Warren Ellis and artist John Cassaday imbue every

issue with a unique combination of wonder, dread and pungent wit. The series successfully explores both the realities behind the classic archetypes of comics, while reminding readers just why those archetypes are so fascinating to begin with. Or, as a character puts it at the end of the first issue, "It's a strange world. Let's keep it that way."

A collection of the first six issues, "All Over the World and Other Stories," is currently available for \$14.95; a hardcover collection of the next six issues, "Who is the Fourth Man?" with an introduction by "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" creator Joss Whedon, will be available soon, with a soft-cover edition following in a few months. You can also check out the original proposal for the series, along with some of Cassaday's covers, at www.warrenellis.com/planetary.htm.

"Eagle: The Making of An Asian-American President" (Viz, \$6.95) is a different kind of comic—it's a political story like "Primary Colors" or "The West Wing" told in manga format. Writer/artist Kaiji Kawaguchi, best known for the submarine manga "Silent Service," weaves the intricate tale of Takashi Jo, a Japanese reporter who is called to America to cover the presidential campaign of Kenneth Yamaoka, an Asian-American senator who is about to run for president.

Takashi is initially baffled as to why he has been chosen to cover this story but is soon swept up in the whirlwind of debates, fundraising and backstabbing that accompanies any good political campaign ... and the secrets

of who Yamaoka really is. Although some of the plots are a little too soap-operaic, Kawaguchi manages to make "Eagle" a compelling, sometimes fascinating exploration of politics and public image, and Yamaoka is one of the most complex and interesting characters in comics. The series is currently being released as a series of 100-page paperbacks at \$6.95 each, and there are two omnibus volumes collecting four books each at \$19.95 apiece.

Remember, you can find the books mentioned here at local comic shops, Capital Comics and Foundation's Edge. You can also order collections from such online bookstores such as amazon.com or borders.com.

IMAGE BY JOHN CASSADY

Spoiled meat



Chandler Carriker
Senior Staff Writer

The Meat Puppets "Golden Lies"

★ ★

The grunge and grime that coated the alternative rock of the early 90s has long since been washed away by bubblegum pop and rap-rock. Soundgarden and Primus are long since gone, Alice In Chains has gone missing, Pearl Jam has cleaned up its act and gone respectable and Nirvana ... well. Any trace of flannel shirts and fuzz tones have been erased from pop music. But just as there are still disco bands and Kiss cover bands out there, no moment in music ever completely fades. Not to say that the Meat Puppets are some nostalgic act, reminding a lot of us of our days in junior high moshing to "Smells Like Teen Spirit," for even through the days of grunge the Meat Puppets were always more than that.

Coming around in the 80's with a mix of punk, country and big fat Zeppelin sized riffs, the Meat Puppets were always a bit ahead of their time and behind it at the same time. Thrown out into the world of pop music by an appearance on Nirvana's classic MTV *Unplugged*, the brothers Cris and Curt Kirkwood had a little smash with "Backwater" and the disc *Too High To Die*. Falling into your usual pitfalls of pop music, including drugs and the capricious tastes of the public, the band has had a quiet couple of years but has recently

released their first album in nearly five years. *Golden Lies* features the Meat Puppets minus a Kirkwood, as Curt Kirkwood forges on without his brother, but not far from where many left them back in the early 90s.

"Armed and Stupid," the lead off track on the album, kicks off with brutally crunchy riffs that bands like Creed could only dream of and a chorus with subtle melodies, which made the band so appealing to begin with. Right off the bat it's clear that nothing much has changed, but maybe that's not such a bad thing. "I Quit" follows up, equally catchy and with a chorus that is so reminiscent of the self-loathing and slackness of the 90s ("I will/I quit/I can't stand the sight of it"). The memories of afternoons spent banging away on a guitar in some garage or skateboarding in a mall parking lot to metal with mumbled vocals come flooding back. Ah, the good old days.

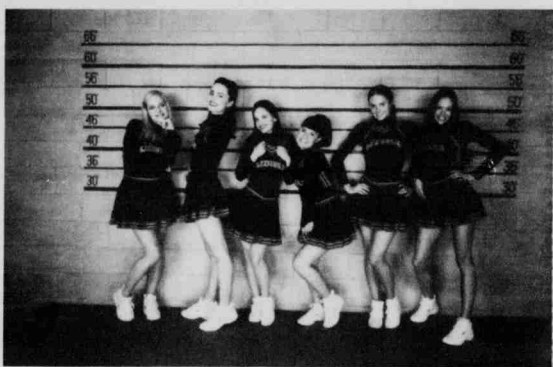
Then something happens. The Puppets start to get silly. The music is still howling, reminding me of bad long hair and air guitar, but the lead singer just sang, "I think I've got a problem/I've just been molested by a prehistoric goblin." Uh huh ... okay. Memories of junior high are getting a little fuzzy, on to the next

song. Still rocking hard, but wait! Curt Kirkwood just says, "Blue-vine barwing cannibal!" Yeah ... sure. Things just start getting weirder and weirder from that point, and not in a cool Beck sort of way, but in a more bizarre children's sci-fi novel kind of way. The jaded malaise of the 90s, ("Ever think that it's everything wrong! In a world that's totally blasted") which at first was so hip and retro is now just a bit tired and kinda pissing me off. "I have always come out losing/ When it's someone else's rules." Seems like I've heard that before ... or read it in some kid's journal.

Throughout the catchy music are dredged up memories of the joy of a mosh pit in the early 90s, but the lyrics and monotone vocals are a testament to why popular music has gotten so dang happy since the days that bands like the Meat Puppets ruled the airwaves. Curt Kirkwood and company leave us with one final warning in the final track, "Stop abusing Martians/ Stop reducing calories" he sings over fuzzy psychedelic guitar. I'm sure if I was still in seventh grade I would have written that across my Science notebook with a marker, but today I just can't help but giggle.

The Meat Puppets play the Cat's Crede in Chapel Hill tonight, 1/31, with the Damnationz TX.

IMAGE FROM YAHOO.COM



Spice Girls

Zack Smith
Senior Staff Writer

"Sugar and Spice" has an interesting history. Initially, it was loosely based on the true story of a crystal meth-abusing cheerleader nicknamed "Krystal," who convinced her squad to pull a convenience store robbery. This was in turn rewritten by "Drop Dead Gorgeous" writer Leona Williams into a violent, darkly satirical script entitled "Sugar and Spice and Semiatomatics." After *Columbine*, however, the script's violence was almost entirely removed, which several cast members have complained about in various magazines. Following that, the film was cut further after it was finished to ensure a more commercial "PG-13" rating, cutting the "Semiatomatics" and removing most of the film's language and darker elements. At this point, the marketing campaign for the film switched to a more upbeat, teen-friendly mode, and screenwriter Williams took her name off the project. The final film is one where the actors are making one film, and the audience is watching another. However, the results are still surprisingly entertaining.

"Sugar and Spice" chronicles the misadventures of the "A-Squad," the cheerleaders for Lincoln High. The head cheerleader is Diane (Marley Shelton), a pencil-limbed, psychotically-cheerful type who falls hard for new quarterback Jack "X-Men" star James

Marsden, thereby kicking off a John Mellencamp joke that half of the film's intended audience will probably not get. Diane soon finds herself pregnant, and while Jack is perfectly happy to marry her, Diane, the marginally more intelligent of the two, is soon put off by the rapidly worsening financial situation, although she doesn't let her pregnancy affect her cheerleading. Soon, she hits upon inspiration while watching the Keanu Reeves/Patrick Swayze heist flick "Point Break"—why not bank a bank?

The other members of the A-Squad aren't quite sure about this plan, but they have to stick by a teammate. The rest of the squad consists of Kansas (Mena Suvari), whose mother (Hannah Young) is in prison; Hannah (Rachael Blanchard), a hyper-religious girl who takes a perverse pleasure in horseback riding; Lucy (Sara Marsh), the brains of the unit; and Cleo (Melissa George), who has an unhealthy obsession with, of all people, Conan O'Brien. Added late into the mix is Fern (Alexandra Holden) who is a bit on the gangly side but provides helpful knowledge about handling gats, and Lisa (Marla Sokoloff), the captain of the "B-Squad," who is desperately jealous of the A-Squad and provides the movie with nasty, bile-filled narration.

There isn't much of a plot to "Sugar and Spice," and the bank robbery that's featured prominently in ads for the movie is actually the film's climax. The film itself barely runs an hour and a half (end credits and "Coming Attractions" trailers included), and even without knowing

about the edits, it's apparent that a large number of scenes and dialogue were cut. Despite this there's still a lot to like about "Sugar and Spice." Director Francine McDougall has a fluid, energetic visual style and manages to keep the film well-paced and fast-moving. There are also some very funny performances, particularly by Shelton, who also appears in this week's shame "Valentine." It's no thought to comment on the irony of Mena Suvari playing a cheerleader here after her role in "American Beauty," despite the plethora of other pop-cultural references throughout the film.

"Sugar and Spice" is probably not the film that the writer-director and cast set out to make originally. In spite of its patchwork plot and tacked-on ending, however, it's still a likeable, enjoyable film that doesn't take itself too seriously. That may not be the kind of film it was intended to be, but for what it is, it's not that bad.

IMAGE FROM NEW LINE CINEMA

INDIA

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gency supplies. The International Red Cross on Tuesday started a massive relief operation and appealed for \$15.8 million in aid. The United Nations Children's Fund said it would provide at least \$8 million immediately.

Rescue workers pulled a living seven-month-year-old baby from the wreckage Tuesday.

DOG

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the implant is pretty good." The owners are also going out of their way.

"The owners are extremely cooperative because they realize there hasn't been lots of research for this disease," Munana said. "They are willing to help their dogs in any way possible by keeping their eyes open."

"The vagus nerve study is looking at 10 dogs. Munana said she hopes to have the results in the next two months. The dietary study won't finish for another two years. Munana hopes to have approximately 15 dogs for that study.

According to Munana, sometimes the seizures are not the worst part for the dog — the side effects are.

"The dog might become lethargic or uncoordinated if it's relying on large doses of medication," Munana said. "By reducing the dosage [which will be done through the implant device], the dog can live a healthy life with the execution of the seizures."

PHOTO FROM NCSU NEWS SERVICES

ACC again investigates Maryland fan behavior following loss to Duke

Amanda Karr
The Diamondback

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The Atlantic Coast Conference is investigating the behavior of University of Maryland fans at Saturday's men's basketball game against Duke.

After Maryland's overtime loss to Duke Saturday, some Maryland fans reportedly threw objects, including water bottles and caps, toward the Duke team bench. The bottles reportedly hit some Duke fans, including the mother of Duke's sophomore center Carlos Boozer and two other players' mothers.

Renee Boozer suffered a mild concussion, said Duke's sports information spokesman John Jackson.

"She was hit with one object in the back and one in the head," Jackson said.

She was treated at the game by the Duke medical team, he said. John Burness, Duke senior vice president of public relations, said he believed Renee Boozer received several stitches.

The other two women were not injured, Jackson said.

Jackson said the Duke athletic office was in contact with the ACC office Monday.

Mike Finn, ACC director of external communications, confirmed that the ACC was looking into the matter.

"We're disappointed. [ACC Commissioner] John Swofford is in touch with [campus Athletic Director] Debbie Yow and [Duke Athletic Director] Joe Alleva," he said.

ACC associate commissioner Tom Mickle refused to comment, saying only that the matter was being investigated.

ACC associate commissioner Fred Barakat, who said the ACC was "working with [the incident] internally," blamed individual fans for the incident, rather than the campus.

"We're very pleased with the university's reaction. It'd be silly for us to sanction the University of Maryland," Barakat said. "The university itself is not at fault. We'll work with the university and determine who is at fault and sanction them."

Campus President C.D. Mote Jr. apologized to Duke in a written statement Monday and also called Duke president Nan

Keohane to apologize personally.

"What happened Saturday night took the great leap from hoisterism to hoodliganism that we cannot condone or tolerate," Mote said.

Burness said Duke appreciated Mote's efforts and the response of the campus.

"President Mote called ... which we thought was very gracious of him," Burness said. "Everybody understands how intensive rivalries can be, but one would hope that saner heads would prevail and that dangerous behavior of a small group of people wouldn't spoil it."

Carlos Boozer Sr. expressed similar sentiments after the game.

"My son wanted to come to this school, but instead he went to Duke and he did the best thing by going to Duke because our fans don't do stuff like this," he said.

Duke's head basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski said after the game he wasn't offended by the behavior of the Terrapin fans.

"I didn't think they were bad," he said. "I've been here when it's really been bad. I thought they were very supportive of

their team."

University Police are investigating the incident, said University Police spokesman Capt. Don Smith.

Smith said the incident was not reported to police after the game, but police are in the process of reviewing videotapes of the area.

Yow said she hopes the videotapes will help determine those Terrapin fans involved in the incident.

"If we can determine through videotape the identity of those culpable, those individuals will be denied admission to future athletic events," Yow said. "We cannot and will not allow the actions of a few to impact the safety of any visiting fan."

Almost two years ago, two relatives of Baltimore native Duke's senior forward Nate James father and uncle were

bombarded by Terrapin fans. Tony Van Horn, James' uncle, and James' father were pelted with ice and debris from the Maryland crowd.

The ACC officially investigated the incident, but no action was taken.

crime report



Tennis ball detonation attempt draws police

Public Safety Officer B.E. Franklin responded Sunday to report that someone was trying to blow up a tennis ball in the north parking lot at Bragaw Hall.

Franklin found Scott Wayne Baisley, 20, a junior at N.C. State, at the parking lot with the targeted tennis ball. Franklin confiscated the ball, a bottle of Hogdoon black powder, two hollowed-out grenades and a silver balling — a type of knife — from Baisley, against whom undisclosed action was taken.

Public Safety arrests trespasser

At about 12:21 p.m. Jan. 23, Public Safety Ptl. Menzie noticed Kevin Paul Holmes, 42, walking east of Patterson Hall. Menzie said that he had trespassed Holmes in Oct. 2000 and that Holmes was in violation of that trespass.

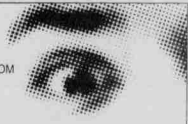
After confirming the prior trespass with telecommunications, Ptl. Baker and Cpl. Anthony Gurganus escorted Holmes to the Wake County jail and turned him over to officials there.

Correction

Technician reported in Monday's paper on an alleged sodomy that, according to police reports, occurred in the 1500 block of Varsity

Drive. Police said Tuesday that the alleged sodomy actually occurred in North Raleigh.

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A red flag

WHY DID IT COST \$112,000 TO ADD RED LIGHTS TO THE BELL TOWER?

The 1998 decree came God-like from the then-new chancellor. Let there be light. And let it be red. And it was so, and it was good. N.C. State's Memorial Bell Tower would be lighted red for special events. It was a cheap, to-the-point way to show some inkling of support for the student body and the Wolfpack as a whole; naturally, then, it was the bright idea of Marge Anne Fox, who stole the concept from the University of Texas' orange-lighted tower.

Everyone signed on to the idea — faculty, students, then Student Body President Jenny Chung. After all, if there's a trinity guiding political public relations, it is that of ensuring initiatives are cheap, easy and popular; the red lights were all three. And all that needed to be done was add red filters or lenses to the existing framework.

project did, in perspective, include replacing a missing bench and a waterlogged underground electrical unit. No taxpayer money was spent and, in the end, \$112,000 amounts to less than a single percent of the University's annual budget.

It is slightly disappointing that a university that prides itself on the hard sciences of math and engineering could seem so wasteful with the money, but what's more disconcerting and what is a big deal is the notion that, because the project was funded with private donations, there seemed to be a devil-may-care attitude towards spending, making Worsley's comment that "we went through the usual process we go through in allocating discretionary funds" all the more troubling.

If the ever-increasing project cost was justified, why were so many people in the dark about the cost increases?

The Bell Tower spending highlights a fundamental problem with the University's use of private funds: namely, a lack of accountability. The proposal was endorsed and people were put in charge of realizing the ends to the idea; the problem was that no one ever shed light on an agreed means to the goal. This lack of organization effectively green-lighted rampant, unobstructed, unaccounted spending.

If there's one thing accountants and budgetmakers hate, it's surprises. No, \$112,000 for four red lights is not a gross example of financial mismanagement. But what about the next project?

Future such proposals should mandate a clear plan of implementation that should require some sort of re-evaluation if it is to be amended in any way. It's the only way to ensure future unanticipated spendings don't have us seeing red.

So why, then, did the endeavor end up costing the University \$112,000?

"We ran into a number of problems," explained George Worsley, vice chancellor for finance and business, who oversaw the release of funds for the project. "We were going to find the cheapest way possible, but that was not practical."

The problems included a systemic renovation of the lights themselves, which were both incapable of switching from white to red and also incapable of being bright enough to properly shine enough red light onto the tower. The new lights cost \$73,000. Lights with additional brightness cost \$23,160. Labor costs gobbled up another \$15,600.

"Now, if we had told the chancellor it was going to cost that to start with, she would have said, 'You're crazy, don't do that,'" Charles Lettice, assistant vice chancellor for facilities, told the *News & Observer*.

Ultimately, however, it really isn't a big deal that the lights cost so much. The

Dubya, call on line two



Josh Humphrey
STAFF COLUMNIST

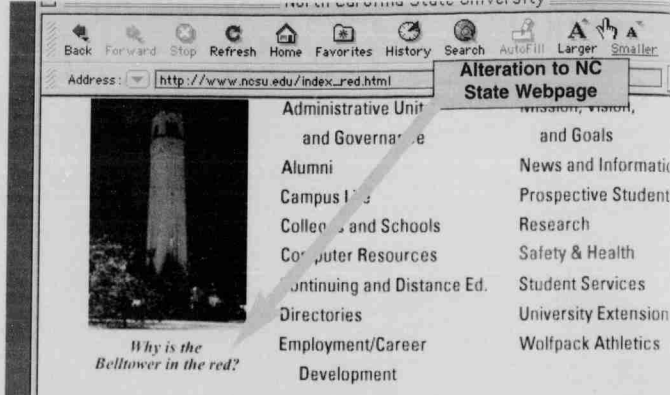
"Howdy. May I speak with Dubya, please?" Just tell him it's Reality calling. No, I'll hold. George? You've had a week to sit in the big chair now, so I thought it was time for you and I to have a little chat. How do you like the White House? Yes, it is big. Remember, the convergence of technology and the increasing proliferation of attack journalists have combined to make anything you do available to all of us on the Web 10 minutes after it happens. Add to that the fact that you got appointed by a 5-4 decision rather than elected by the people, and you have to expect you're going to get watched every bit as closely as Bill.

willing to stand up for your moral principles by refusing to allow the U.S. taxpayers to fund abortions in third-world countries. There is a slight problem with that, though: No abortion outside of the United States utilizing taxpayer dollars has happened since 1973. I'm sure you had great intentions, but what you actually did was to take funding away from organizations that use education and birth control to prevent the conception of unwanted pregnancies. That's right. You've created the potential for more abortions than would have taken place if you'd just left the situation alone. Haven't you found anyone to fill the position of White House fact checker yet?

"I don't know if you've noticed, but the Middle East situation is going to blow up in your face in about a month. Ariel Sharon is going to be elected Prime Minister of Israel, and then there will be a war. Due to your predecessors' inept handling of policy towards Islamic states, we are left with Saudi Arabia as our only Middle Eastern ally. No, Dubya, Egypt isn't in the Middle East. Do you have a globe on your desk? Can you find Africa? Look at the top right corner. There you go. Now look a little bit up and to the right. That's Israel. Put Colin Powell on an airplane headed there right now. Send Rumsfeld with him so everything you know you're serious about preventing a conflict. In fact, don't ever let one appear in public without the other. Powell's Yin hesitance to get the military dirty by using it will complement Rumsfeld's Yang Cold War hawkishness to present a balanced approach to foreign policy.

"I think you and I should talk once in a while for the next four years. One week in it, it's pretty obvious your handlers are letting you forget about Reality. I'm always here for a chat any time you need one. I wish you a lot of luck. Just kick out the special interests that bought your appointment, remember that you have a lot to prove to the county that knows you got the job less than honestly, and whatever you do don't have any attractive interns. And, Dubya, Call me."

Yes, Josh thinks he's funny. Email him at jsh_@yahoo.com and tell him he isn't. Please.



Diversity is the first step



Email Decker
STAFF COLUMNIST

During every break I have had from school, I have interned at Bank of America's Corporate center in Charlotte, working for their Capital Management division. Each time I go, I learn something new. It is in this that I have found my most valuable lesson. One I try to impart on each of my friends daily. This isn't about mutual funds and the performance of the bank's stock, or how to categorize stocks. It was about the whole race card — more specifically, diversity and the responsibility we each hold in achieving unity.

As an intern, I found myself one of few blacks in the area, and it struck me as odd coming at a bank that emphasizes strongly its diversity and commitment to bridging racial, cultural and economic gaps. As the company grew, I saw a growing number of blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans. This was pretty reassuring and I became more encouraged as the ratios were growing.

On my birthday this summer, the president of Bank of America Capital Management and the CFO took me to lunch; during this time, I asked lots of questions, as did they. One question would prove most enlightening. The president, Bedard, asked me, "Decker, how do you like it here; are you comfortable?" I replied in this fashion, "I love it. I really admire the diversity here. I then asked me the diversity I meant

in saying "diversity." I thought this guy was quizzing me on some reading, but I answered pretty surely, "Diversity, like the group around here seems pretty well mixed." Bedard gave me a blank look, and I suddenly thought I had sauced on my tie or something. After those words, he put down his silverware and proceeded to "drop some knowledge" on my young collegiate mind. In a gist, he let me know that my categorizing diversity in terms of numerical values does nothing but inhibit its existence and growth. He told me diversity isn't a number; it is thinking relations, being able to relate who I am to who you are. He told me diversity only works when all people involved make a conscious effort to simply live and interact with one another, in spite of, and in respect of their differences. He left me with one last thing before the conversation changed: "Decker, diversity only is good when everyone can actually work and live together. I see many places where numbers are the only importance, such as our country, and as long as that is happening we will never be able to have true unity."

I hated rednecks; I thought they were good ol' boys stuck in a played out era. I lived in Bowen Hall last year, and there was a group of guys I labeled "rednecks." I had a lot of assumptions about them; I thought because of their big belt buckles they hated black people, and that because of their tight jeans they weren't "cool." One day, while riding the elevator, one of these "rednecks" said "what's up" and we proceeded to have a conversation that was kind of wild to me because I never imagined that he would care to talk to me. I felt bad after that, because I

labeled this guy before I even took the time to know him. I then thought for each "redneck" there are a hundred other people who are labeled everyday we fail to communicate with.

On the doorstep of February and the start of Black History Month, I think this should be a major issue looked at by the University. Much fuss is made about the number of certain groups on campus, but what is truly concerning is a lack of communication between the varying races, cultures and creeds on campus. I see the separation in the Atrium, the Dining Hall and in my classes and just wonder when we all will be able to feel comfortable around one another. What we exhibit now is tolerance, which will only get the human race so far. Martin Luther King, in his fight for civil rights, laid the foundation for this tolerance; it is time for us as the new generation to run with it. We owe it to ourselves to make a conscious effort to say hello to someone we would normally not. I know this is a stretch and that you can't just make people do something against their will. I am simply pointing out that this is key to the growth and prosperity of our society. My mom sent me an article from the *Charlotte Observer* in which Coretta Scott King was speaking at a Florida Jewish Community Center and said, "Tolerance may be an improvement over intolerance, but ultimately tolerance sets the bar too low."

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CAMPUS FORUM

'A fundamental misunderstanding'

Robert Jaillal has a fundamental misunderstanding of both the purpose of Linux and the future for the open source movement. There is no singular purpose to the open source movement. It is more of a philosophy that hinges on the notion that knowledge should be free and shared. With this in mind, a growing technical community has set to work creating what they think is superior software. They share everything in many instances it is even illegal to sell the software they produce. Thus, nobody is competing with Microsoft and company, rather people are simply sharing their knowledge and expertise. This is in stark contrast to the militantly protected "trade secrets" of many corporations.

Jaillal errs in assuming that Linux users are somehow supremely skilled user-developer computer gurus. I work regularly on Linux, yet I do nothing for development aside from reporting bugs. Furthermore, although I am unaware of the percentages, a huge chunk of the servers on the Internet are run by Apache Web Server running under a variety of flavors of Linux. This simple fact invalidates much of Jaillal's speculations. Since Apache and Linux are open source, more people can afford to own servers on the Internet. As such, whether knowingly or not, most computer users directly benefit from open source on a daily basis. Open source is a force in the computer industry.

Jaillal falsely concludes the open source movement is doomed to irrelevance, begging the question of why an increasing number of large corporations are forging into the open source movement? They either release the source code to their own software, put money into developing the movement, or, as in the case of Corel, directly seek to contribute to the movement.

There will always be a need for closed source software in certain specific situations. Fortunately, for more common applications we will no longer be held hostage by huge corporations that rarely innovate, create inferior software, and too often unnecessarily invade our wallets.

Racist comments may be 'ugly truth'

In "Hail to the Thief" (24 Jan.), Richard Morgan is outraged with Don Evans for not firing UT professor Lino Graglia for his comment, "Blacks and Mexican Americans ... have a culture that ensures not to encourage achievement. Failure is not looked upon with disgrace." Just because the professor said those words is no reason for getting angry at the man or calling him a racist. If what he said is true, the communities he mentioned should work on eliminating the specific reasons that prompted him to say what he did. Don't get me wrong here; I am not saying that what he said is true, but neither am I saying that it is not. What I am saying is that research needs to be done to establish the reality of the situation, and then, if what he said does turn out to be true, there is some work that needs to be done. Morgan never tells us what he thinks of what Graglia said, neither does he tell us if any studies have been done to address that issue, instead preferring that Graglia should have been fired, regardless of the truth value of his comment. That amounts to penalizing someone just because what that person said is not pretty, regardless of whether it is true or not. What if the person's utterances turn out to be true? Do you punish him/her because he brought out the ugly truth? Or do you work on improving the situation so that

people will have no reason to think like that anymore?

Najeeb Sheikh
Graduate Student
Operations Research

Nubian suffers 'poor journalism'

Editor's note: Because of the unique position of the writer, the word limit has been waived.

I was the Business Manager of the *Nubian Message* in the fall of 1999. I would like to comment on the recent dichotomy concerning my old alma mater's Dec. 2000 front page story, "The Great White Hypocrite," emblazoned with current #1 for N.C. State's football team as the paper's case in point. For the record, Phillip Rivers is my man! Plays his heart out, and can take a lick! Case closed on that; sorry #4 Jamie Barnett.

In the context of the origin of the title, "The Great White Hypocrite" emanates from boxing lore in the days of Jack Johnson (the first black heavyweight boxing champ) when, at the turn of the century, there was plenty of "bad blood" between blacks and whites, all of which was deserved towards whites then (note I didn't use the misnomer "race" because there's only one race, the human race) when their whites hated to see an "Afru" beat a "hin nose."

This divisiveness changed somewhat for a nanosecond in the days of Joe Louis, "The Brown Bomber," who defeated Max Schmeling of Germany and became the in thing in America prior to our involvement in WWII.

The *Nubian's* view is that white players get more credit than blacks, albeit undeserved. This wasn't what was at issue with the *Technician's* view in it's 11 Jan. editorial when it stated:

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Wolfpack/IM/RecNotes

Holt headed to Pro Bowl

Former N.C. State wide receiver Tory Holt, now a star with the NFL's St. Louis Rams, has been added to the NFC Pro Bowl roster for Sunday's game. Holt, who will be appearing in his first Pro Bowl, will be replacing injured teammate Isaac Bruce in the NFC lineup.

In just his second professional season, Holt made 82 catches for a NFL leading 1,635 yards and six touchdowns. The Gibsonville native also posted eight 100-yard receiving games during the 2000 campaign.

During his college career with the Wolfpack, Holt set single-season and career records in just about every receiving category. He also set an Atlantic Coast Conference record with 3,379 receiving yards for his career. The two-time All-ACC performer was named the ACC Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year following his senior season in 1998.

Intramurals

To find out your basketball play schedule, visit the Intramural-Recreational Sports Web site at

www.fis.ncsu.edu/pe/im/fmsportsnew.html or stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Registration for table tennis opened Monday and will close on Feb. 7 for the following divisions: Men's Residence, Women's Residence/Sorority and Fraternity.

Anyone interested in participating in intramural sports can call 515-3161 for more information.

Club sports

Initial organization meetings continue through Wednesday for club sports. Contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 515-3161 in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium, or visit the Intramural-Recreational Sports Web site at www.fis.ncsu.edu/pe/im/tmsporsnew.html.

Fitness

All aerobics classes are drop-in for anyone interested. Stop by the Intramural-Recreational Sports office or call 515-3161 for more information.

Registration for fitness workshops is ongoing. Anxiety: Part I takes place Wednesday and Qi Gong Relaxation Techniques and Massage Techniques occur Feb. 6.

5K Fun Run/Walk

Registration for the Intramural-Recreational Sports 5K Fun Run/Walk has already begun. Come by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium to sign-up. There is a \$5 fee for registration. The race will be held on Centennial Campus on Feb. 24. Race day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the race will begin at 8:30 a.m.

NOTE: The Intramural-Recreational Sports department will NOT be providing transportation to Centennial Campus. All participants will need to meet at Centennial Campus on race day.

Outdoor adventures

Get involved with Outdoor Adventures by registering for a trip. Registration has begun for Mountain Biking and Camping on March 3-4 in the Uwharrie National Forest. Come ride over 20 miles of single-track in this beautiful National Forest. To register, visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Get ready for the outdoors through Outdoor Adventure workshops. Registration is going on now for Rockclimbing Basics on Feb. 9 and Map/Compass on Feb. 22.

Job opportunities

Want to be a softball official? No experience necessary, and Intramural-Recreational Sports offers paid training. To become an official, attend one of the two meetings on Feb. 20 or Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 515-3161.



AROUND THE ACC

Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Duke	7-0	19-1
North Carolina	7-0	17-2
Maryland	5-2	14-5
Georgia Tech	4-4	12-7
Wake Forest	3-4	14-5
Virginia	3-4	14-4
N.C. State	2-5	10-8
Clemson	1-6	10-10
Florida State	0-7	5-15

Wednesday's Games

Clemson at Florida State, 7:00 p.m.

The Tigers and Seminoles meet in Tallahassee, Fla., in a matchup of the ACC's least. Clemson took a 104-76 spanking from Virginia on Saturday, while FSU fell on the road to Georgia Tech 77-68. Attendance at this highly anticipated matchup should be right around the usual 2,000 fans that the Noles draw.

No. 9 Maryland at No. 11 Virginia, 9:00 p.m., ESPN

The Terrapins take the court tonight for the first time since losing in the final minute of regulation against Duke. Maryland needs a win to keep pace with Duke and North Carolina, who play each other Thursday night.



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SCOOTER

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So far this season, Sherrill has had mixed results with his shot. He is shooting 40 percent from the floor in Atlantic Coast Conference games, a number that puts him ahead of the other Wolfpack guards (discounting Miller, who has only shot the ball nine times in ACC action). But he is only connecting on 23.8 percent of his three-point attempts.

"I think my strength, well, the last couple of games I've struggled, but I'd say shooting is my best strength," Sherrill said. "I'm in a bit of a slump right now. In high school, it was a little different. You have 7-footers in there that you are penetrating against now, so it's a little tougher."

Regardless of whether he has struggled with his shot, Sherrill has developed into a crowd favorite at the Entertainment and Sports Arena. When he scampers over to the scorer's table to check into the game for the first time, the crowd always voices its approval.

"I sense that," Sherrill said. "When the horn goes off, I hear

the crowd going crazy and stuff. It makes me feel good. It makes me feel really good, it makes me feel at home."

Sherrill doesn't know why he appeals to the Wolfpack crowd, but it might have something to do with the enthusiasm he obviously plays with. Sherrill always seems to be smiling on the court, whether he's neglected to take an open three (State fans, and coaches for that matter, would like to see him shoot more) or he's driven to the hoop for the score.

Or it could be the gold tooth. Signs have popped up around the ESA recently praising Sherrill and applauding his dentistry. The tooth, however, almost forced Sherrill to leave the Maryland-N.C. State game early.

Sherrill took an elbow to the mouth from Maryland's Wilcox, causing the tooth to come loose. He held it in place with his tongue while he shot the resulting free throws and eventually left the game in the final minute to fix the problem.

"It hasn't happened in a while, but I've always had problems with the same tooth," Sherrill said. "Ninth-grade year, I decided to get gold and since then I

haven't had anything happen to it. When I was younger, I had a lot of problems with the same tooth."

Sherrill did give State fans a scare last year when he took his time getting his qualifying score. It wasn't until this past summer that Sherrill got the required SAT score. In his own words, Sherrill was "real nervous."

"I was at work [the day I found out] with Marcus [Melvin]," said Sherrill, who is currently in the First-Year College, but plans on transferring to the College of Management for a business degree. "Marcus and I were working at a flower shop and Coach Sendek came by there and started smiling and said he had great news. At that time, I knew what he was talking about. I just started jumping and down."

Sendek is one of the reasons Sherrill came to State. With some State fans grousing about the job Sendek is doing, Sherrill would like to see some patience from the Wolfpack faithful.

"I see this program about to turn around," Sherrill said. "We have some great guys here right now, and we have some great guys about to come in. I feel like this program is about to turn it around. I want to be part of that."

WAKE

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ing its opponents to 38.1 percent field-goal shooting.

"Wake Forest is a great defensive team, and they have been for years," said Sendek. "Obviously, it's going to be an important part of the game Wednesday night; our ability to put the ball in the basket and score. We just have to stay with our system and do a better job executing and a better job of making shots."

The Deacons recently found tough competition against the Cincinnati Bearcats on the road. Led by Songaila and Broderick Hicks, who each scored 15 points, Wake managed to come from behind to force the game into overtime. The Bearcats, however, proved too much for the Deacs, giving them a 78-72 loss and completing a winless January on the road for Wake.

"Hopefully we'll be ready to play on Wednesday night because we'll be facing a very good N.C. State team," said Wake Forest head coach Dave Odum. "I would expect tomorrow night's game to be hard-fought, closely played, decided in the last five minutes."

The two teams split during the regular season last year, but the most recent contest between them was during the semifinals of the NIT at New York's Madison Square Garden. Wake got a big lift from Songaila in the final minutes of overtime to lead the Deacs past State 62-59 and into the championship game against Notre Dame, which it also won.



Clifford Crawford leads N.C. State in assists, averaging 4.1 per game.

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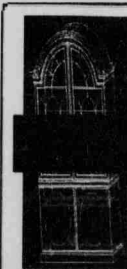
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tempo and taking the other team out of its half-court set. It's possible State will lose some games this style, but I for one am tired of trying to glorify close losses.

Right now, State is a team playing without confidence in both its shot and its ability to pull out close games. Something needs to change.

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WAKE UP CALL

◆ N.C. State's men's basketball program takes its game on the road to Winston-Salem to play Wake Forest.



Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

Wake Forest's Joel Coliseum has not been kind to N.C. State over the past couple of years.

Since defeating the Demon Deacons 60-59 during Tim Duncan's senior season, the Wolfpack has been manhandled in its three subsequent trips to Winston-Salem. State hopes to reverse that trend Wednesday night when it makes the trip down I-40 to take on No. 16 Wake.

WHAT: M. BASKETBALL
AT WAKE: The Pack (10-8, 2-5)
TONIGHT, 7:00 P.M. Atlantic Coast Conference)
WHERE/TV: is recently coming off of a disappointing 60-52 home loss to rival North Carolina over the weekend.

Anthony Grundy fell short of his average of 16.7 points a game against the Tar Heels, only scoring 12.

Damien Wilkins, however, has really started to come on strong in the past two games for State. Wilkins, who now averages 12.9 points a game, had a career-high 25 points against Florida State and also racked up 12 points against UNC.

"I think Damien is probably coming off of two of his bet-

ter games against Florida State and then Sunday against North Carolina," said head coach Herb Sendek. "He continues to work very hard and certainly we are pleased with the play he has had."

State's big men — Kenny Inge, Damon Thornton and Ron Kelley — will all have to have better performances offensively if the Wolfpack wants to have a chance at handing the Demon Deacons its first home loss of the season.

Inge, who came on strong for the Pack against FSU last week, scoring 26 points, ended the game with a lousy three points, all of which came from the foul line. Thornton led the team with 10 rebounds against the Tar Heels but only managed to score seven points against a team that thrives by dominating in the lane.

The game against Wake (14-5, 3-4) should be similar to the ACC's five best are on Wake's roster. Ervin Murray leads the ACC with a ratio of 3.11 on the season, sporting 59 assists and only 19 turnovers.

As far as weapons go, the Deacs are loaded both offensively and defensively. Robert O'Kelley exhibits strong senior leadership on the court. O'Kelley is averaging 12 points a game and will surely keep Grundy on his feet the whole night.

Then there is the terrible twosome of Darius Songalia and Josh Howard at the forward position. Each one is averaging over 13.5 points a



Clifford Crawford and the Wolfpack play No. 16 Wake Forest in Winston-Salem tonight.

game, and they combine for nearly 12 rebounds a contest. The force down in the paint will come from Josh Shoemaker, who ranks third in the ACC in rebounding

with just over eight boards a game.

Wake is also noted for its tenacious defense, which is second best in the ACC, hold-

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Sherrill adjusts to role

◆ Scooter Sherrill is quickly becoming a fan favorite at N.C. State.

Jack Daly
Sports Editor

Scooter Sherrill sees it every day.

It's a reminder of one of the few times Sherrill came up short on the basketball court.

Back in his junior year at West Rowan, Sherrill took on Clifford Crawford's Parkland Mustangs in the 3A State Championship game. Sherrill put on a memorable performance, scoring 33 points, but

Crawford's team took home the title.

Now, the gold ring commemorating that championship dangles on a gold chain around Crawford's neck. And, just in case Sherrill forgets who won that game, Crawford is inclined to remind him from time to time.

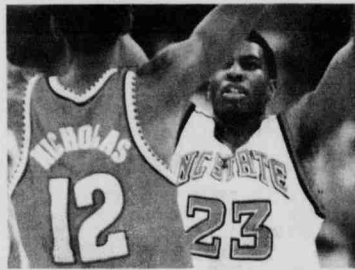
"He sees the ring I wear around my neck everyday," Crawford said of his current N.C. State teammate. "We're here now, so that's pretty much behind us. I'm trying to get another to put around my neck so me and Scooter can have the same ring."

In fact, Crawford and Sherrill

already share the same ring. Sherrill won the North Carolina 2A title back in 1997 with West Rowan, scoring 29 points (25 in the second half) as a freshman. It was just one achievement in a distinguished high school career.

While at West Rowan, Sherrill, who is now a 6-foot-3 freshman at State, was named a Parade and McDonald's All-American. He was named North Carolina High School Player of the Year last season, winning the award over teammates Marcus Melvin and Michael Bell, and Maryland's Chris Wilcox. He also represented the United States on the Junior National Select Team, an honor he classifies as his favorite accomplishment.

Then he came to State, where he had to get used to a new role: coming off the bench. "I'm happy with it," said Sherrill, who comes off as equally charming and relaxed in interviews. "I wish I could get out there and do more, but that's how it goes sometimes. Sometimes you have off games,



Scooter Sherrill has averaged 5.3 points per game.

I'm just being patient and taking it one step at a time."

Sherrill has averaged 5.3 points in 15.4 minutes per contest this season. He scored his career high — 11 points vs. New Hampshire — early in the season but has seen his playing time steadily increase recently with the injury to guard Archie Miller.

"I expected a lot," Sherrill said of his plans coming into the year. "At the same time, I'm playing behind great guards:

Anthony Grundy and Damien Wilkins. I knew that before I committed here. So I've just realized that I need to be patient and get better every day."

Before the season started, head coach Herb Sendek talked about how surprised he was with Sherrill's shooting in practice. Sendek said that he knew Sherrill could score, but that he shouldn't believe how accurate he was from the floor.

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Pack faces in-state rival Campbell

◆ N.C. State enters its match with the Camels on a three-game winning streak.

Wes Putnam
Staff Writer

The N.C. State wrestling team will grapple with in-state rival Campbell tonight at 7:30 in Reynolds Coliseum.

The Wolfpack comes off a sweep of its road matches last weekend against Virginia (23-10) and James Madison (26-10), to push its overall record to 7-6 and 2-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

This is the third consecutive

year in which the Pack has wrestled Campbell. State has never lost to the Camels in Bob Guzzo's tenure as head coach.

WHAT: WRESTLING
VS. CAMPBELL

WHEN: TONIGHT, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: REYNOLDS COLISEUM

Friday night against James Madison 37-3.

"If we wrestle like we're

capable of wrestling, we should win this match," Guzzo said. "Although we have wrestled many more high-caliber teams than Campbell so far this year, we don't wrestle the matches on paper. We have to go out there and get the job done."

An interesting sidebar to this game is Camels head coach Dave Auble. Auble is in his third season at Campbell after spending the previous four as an assistant at State.

Auble began his coaching career at UCLA in 1972, where he eventually coached the school to its first national championship in 1979. In 1977, Auble coached the United States to a gold medal in the

Pan American games. Among the matches to look forward to are lightweights George Cintron (125 pounds), Ryan McCallum (133), Oraefo Brown (141) and Tommy Davis (149).

Another match to keep an eye on will involve heavyweight Ricky Fowler. Fowler, making a smooth adjustment from football to wrestling, won a decisive match last weekend in overtime against Virginia's Josh Eiu.

The Pack has three wrestlers nationally ranked by the Wrestling International News. Davis is ranked 18th in the country, middleweight Scott Garren (165) is ranked 16th and

middleweight Zach Breitenbach (197) is ranked 10th.

Guzzo believes that Brown could be ranked as well. "Oraefo Brown defeated eighth-ranked Matt Goldstein from Lehigh a couple of weeks ago," Guzzo said. "If he could be just a little more consistent he would be ranked as well."

The bottom line is that the Pack has to keep taking care of business before facing North Carolina in Chapel Hill and Navy at Annapolis. That means beating Campbell Wednesday and Appalachian State Saturday.

Both matches will be held at Reynolds and are free to the public.

basketball

Time for a change

Following last year's overtime thriller with Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, N.C. State was nationally lauded as an up-and-coming force in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

What has transpired since that game has been exactly the opposite, as the Wolfpack has gone 5-14 in regular-season ACC games since then and currently finds itself in the league's lower tier. What was supposed to be a NCAA Tournament team is now on the bubble — the NIT bubble.



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So what is wrong? Most players point to either the Pack's inability to maintain a full roster or simply unlucky shooting as the major problems. While many see these runs of bad luck as the answer, at some point in time one must accept that continuous bad "luck" is the product of some flaw within the Wolfpack system.

The absence of many players from games has undoubtedly hurt State. This year, the Pack has been without key players — Damon Thornton, Ron Kelley, Damien Wilkins and Archie Miller — for long periods of time. "I know they've struggled, but I've never seen a coach like Herb Sendek go through so many injuries that he's gone through over his career here," said North Carolina head coach Matt Doherty following Sunday's game. "It's really uncanny how many times he's had to deal with that."

While it may be uncanny, it is not inexplicable. While injuries are bound to arise in sports, having players in peak condition is commonly thought to reduce the chance of injury.

Besides injuries, the Wolfpack has also struggled with off-court behavior. Thornton's DUI conviction cost him the first nine games of the season, as well as setting the Pack behind schedule in trying to coalesce as a unit.

As the Pack tried to push past that incident, another one occurred. While Anthony Grundy remains innocent until proven guilty of assault charges, the off-court distraction could not have helped the Pack hours before the UNC game.

Other issues arise when one looks at the second problem afflicting State basketball: the inability to score.

Looking at State's offense since the injury to Miller, two distinctly different offensive approaches have been seen: a mildly effective transition game and an atrocious half-court offense.

When this trend is realized, it is mind-boggling that the Wolfpack doesn't look to utilize the transition more. In fact, State does the opposite, holding the ball through much of the offense and only slipping to shoot when the shot clock dips below 10 seconds.

"I don't think that's really an issue," Sendek replied when asked earlier in the season whether he was concerned with the Pack's tendency to hold the ball too deep into the shot clock. The reason it should be an issue is that State lacks a go-to scorer, someone who the Pack can count on to put the ball in the basket at key times during the game. In this year's five ACC losses, only the Maryland game was out of the Pack's reach, but the inability to score in the waning moments of the game continues to haunt State.

So what's the answer? It seems that with an ineffective half-court game, the Pack should try to utilize its strength — athleticism. Work on pushing the ball up the floor, forcing the

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