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Presidential address to the nation



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President George W. Bush.

◆ The following is President George W. Bush's address to the nation Sunday in the wake of U.S. strikes against terrorist training camps in Afghanistan.

THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon. On my orders, the United States military has begun strikes against al Qaeda terrorist training camps and military installations of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. These carefully targeted actions are designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations, and to attack the military capability of the Taliban regime.

We are joined in this operation by our staunch friend, Great Britain. Other close friends, including Canada, Australia, Germany and France, have pledged forces as the operation unfolds. More than 40 countries in the Middle East, Africa, Europe and across Asia have granted air transit or landing rights. Many more have shared intelligence. We are supported by the collective will of the world.

More than two weeks ago, I gave Taliban leaders a series of clear and specific demands: Close terrorist training camps; hand over leaders of the al Qaeda network; and return all foreign nationals, including American citizens, unjustly detained in your country. None of these demands were met. And now the Taliban will pay a price. By destroying camps and disrupting communications, we will make it more difficult for the terror network to train new recruits and coordinate their evil plans.

Initially, the terrorists may burrow deeper into caves and other entrenched hiding places. Our military action is also designed to clear the way for sustained, comprehensive and relentless operations to drive them out and bring them to justice.

At the same time, the oppressed people of Afghanistan will know the generosity of America and our allies. As we strike military targets, we'll also drop food, medicine and supplies to the starving and suffering men and women and children of Afghanistan. The United States of America is a friend to the Afghan people, and we are the friends of almost a billion worldwide who practice the Islamic faith. The United States of America is an enemy of those who aid terrorists and of the barbaric criminals who profane a great religion by committing murder in its name.

This military action is a part of our campaign against terrorism, another front in a war that has already been joined through diplomacy, intelligence, the freezing of financial assets and the arrests of known terrorists by law enforcement agents in 38 countries. Given the nature and reach of our enemies, we will win this conflict by the patient accumulation of successes, by meeting a series of challenges with determination and will and purpose.

Today we focus on Afghanistan, but the battle is broader. Every nation has a choice to make. In this conflict, there is no neutral ground. If any government sponsors the outlaws and killers of innocents, they have become outlaws and murderers, themselves. And they will take that lonely path at their own peril.

I'm speaking to you today from the Treaty Room of the White House, a place where American Presidents

U.S., Britain strike Afghanistan

◆ The United States also began dropping 37,500 humanitarian ration packets to refugees within Afghanistan.

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Aircraft and Tomahawk missiles hammered terrorist targets in Afghanistan. Department of Defense officials said in a Pentagon press conference Sunday.

About 15 land-based bombers and 25 Navy strike aircraft from carriers participated in the first strikes, said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In addition, U.S. and British ships and submarines launched approximately 50 Tomahawk missiles.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the land-based bombers were U.S. B-2s, B-1Bs and B-52s. Most of the munitions dropped were precision-guided.

Rumsfeld said that any characterization of the strikes as an attack on the Afghan people is "flat wrong." He said the United States supports the Afghan people and that the attacks were aimed at Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terrorist network and the Taliban regime that supports him.

The secretary said a coalition of forces made the attacks possible. That coalition, he said, shares "the belief that terrorism is a cancer on the human condition, and we intend to oppose it wherever it is."

"What took place today, and what will take place in the period ahead, is part of

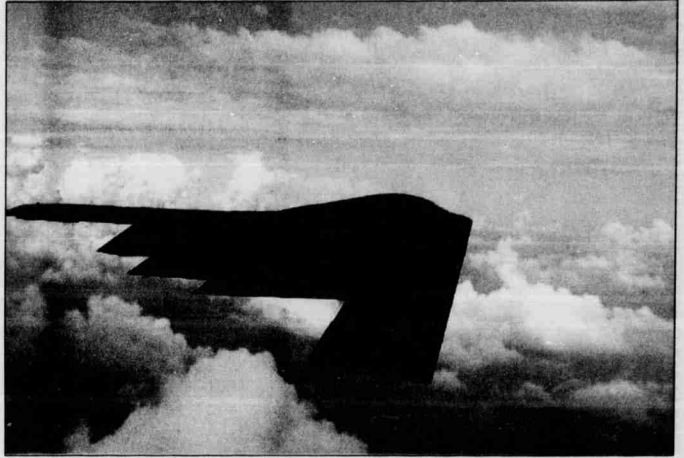


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The U.S. Military is utilizing land-based bombers such as the B-1B, B-52 and the B-2 (pictured above) to drop precision-guided munitions on targets.

the measured and broad and sustained response that the president announced shortly after the attacks on Sept. 11," Rumsfeld said during a press conference.

The attacks initially targeted anti-aircraft sites, Taliban combat aircraft and

terrorist sites. The attacks set the stage "for sustained anti-terrorist and humanitarian relief operations in Afghanistan," Rumsfeld said.

The United States also started dropping 37,500 humanitarian ration packets from two Air Force C-17 trans-

ports to refugees within Afghanistan, Myers and Rumsfeld noted.

Rumsfeld said the attacks will make it harder for al Qaeda to do business in Afghanistan. They will also make life

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Students respond to U.S. air and missile strikes

◆ N.C. State students talk about their initial reactions and fears about the U.S. response to the terrorist attacks.

Andrew Buchert and
Cara Froedde
Staff Reporters

In the hours following news that the United States and Great Britain had launched air and missile strikes in several cities in Afghanistan on Sunday, students at N.C. State were both comforted and frightened by the news.

"I actually agree with what's going on," said Byron Holden, a senior in civil engineering. "The action was necessary even though we don't know the full details."

He added that the United States' dropping of food and medical supplies makes the nation feel better about Sunday's strikes.

Nadia Ali, president of the Arab Students Association at NCSU, is frightened by the situation.

"It's kind of scary because we don't know what will happen after the attack, and we don't have all the information," she said.

Ali voiced concern about the possibility of innocent civilians getting caught in the conflict.

"I'm torn, everyone's torn between all different things," she said. "I'm afraid people will break up into cultural groups again, like right after the [Sept. 11] attacks happened. War always causes some type of separation."

Zachary Fisher, a freshman in computer science, agreed with Sunday's air

missile strikes "very much."

"He said the dropping of the supplies was a good gesture, and Sunday's events "were all around what should happen."

He does not fear terrorist backlash or retaliation.

Lauren Cooper, a senior in finance, said there could quite possibly be terrorist backlash, and then another U.S. retaliation.

"It's never going to end if we didn't do what we did today. I completely agree with it. It scares me that no one knows what bin Laden is capable of," she said. "He could bomb a coliseum and kill 50,000 people if we don't do something to get rid of him."

Senior Casey Pora, an art and design major, is unsure of what to think at this point.

"I think it's a good thing if they're

just targeting training camps and military sites, but I think it's bad because innocent people are getting hurt, which I'm careful to consider," she said.

She believed the government is putting people at ease by telling them that terrorists have been planning these attacks for months and years, and that they are never spontaneous but "very calculated."

She fears the reverberations of Sunday's strikes.

Jonathon Rogers, a senior in computer science, felt that Sunday's strikes were necessary.

"The only way to stop [the terrorists] is to speak on their language," he said. "If this is what it takes, then I'm glad we did it."

Rogers added that he is "assuming [the strikes] were effective because I

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Khater offers insight to Sunday's events



PHOTO FROM NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE MILITARY IMAGE COLLECTION
The U.S. and Great Britain are conducting missile strikes in Afghanistan.

◆ An NCSU professor provides insight and analysis of the United States' military action.

Cara Froedde
Assistant News Editor

Akram Khater, associate professor of history, is one of N.C. State's own

experts on issues including the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and events pertaining to them.

Perhaps the biggest event to happen since the planes crashed into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon was Sunday's air and missile strikes of two Afghan cities by the United States and Great Britain, just four days before the one-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

Khater once again offered students answers to questions and concerns surrounding the attacks.

"We were all anticipating this," he said.

As of late Sunday afternoon, he pointed out that much is still unknown — what was hit or who was hurt was not yet clear, he said. However, "if they were hitting military targets," as opposed to innocent civilians, "then they are justified in many ways," he said.

Another important event that occurred on Sunday afternoon was the airing of a statement by Osama bin Laden on all major news stations in the United States. He condemned the country and called for a holy war. This, said Khater, would most likely not happen.

"I think bin Laden is hoping to spark that concept of a holy war," he said. "[But] the Islamic people are not going to rise."

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Students abroad react to Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

◆ N.C. State students around the world share their experiences after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Carie Windham
Staff Reporter

Across the United States, Americans are comforted knowing that while the planes that struck our nation rattled our souls, they strengthened our bond.

For Americans in other countries, however, coping with the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on our country is very different. With oceans separating them from their family and their nation, they are forced to endure the events among strangers, in a time when Americans abroad are considered at risk.

With these thoughts in mind, the Study Abroad Office at N.C. State sought out students stationed around the world.

Assistant Director Kelly Collins explained that not only did the office hope to gain insight into these students' experiences, but they also wanted to send a message to prospective Study Abroad students.

"We didn't know what would happen to our numbers and were concerned about worried parents. We were afraid students would be hesi-

tant to go," she said.

It was, however, "heartwarming to hear how people have responded."

"We can tell them it's safe until we're blue in the face, but it's much more effective hearing it from their peers," she added.

Students abroad do not share stories of loneliness and fear. On the contrary, they share experiences full of hope and tenderness. Everywhere from Australia to Ghana, the world has been embracing our own and sharing our tears.

To begin with, the universities that host these students and the countries themselves have shown their support for the United States in various ways.

Tony Williamson, a senior in technology-horticultural science, is studying in Australia, where a professor extended an assignment for American students, and all American students received letters of condolences from the university and the residential college.

Both the international office and the college offered counseling to those affected, as well as offering to call loved ones back home. In addition, the university and surrounding towns held memorial services for those killed in the attacks. These services were attended by key officials from Australia and the university.

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difficult for the Taliban regime. He said the opening attacks were focused on hammering home a number of points, the first being a clear message to the Taliban leaders that harboring terrorists is unacceptable and carries a price.

The attacks seek to acquire intelligence to facilitate future operations against Al Qaeda and the Taliban, he noted. They will further U.S. and coalition

efforts to "develop relationships with groups in Afghanistan that oppose the Taliban regime and the foreign terrorists they support," he added.

The attacks seek to alter the military balance in Afghanistan by denying the Taliban its offensive systems and, finally, to make it possible for the United States to provide humanitarian relief safely to Afghans suffering truly oppressive living conditions under the Taliban regime," Rumsfeld said.

Neither Rumsfeld nor Myers would discuss details of the attacks, their effectiveness or any other efforts against the ter-

rorists.

Myers said the operations in Afghanistan are "visible," but that other operations may not be.

"But visible or not, our friends and enemies should understand that all instruments of our national power, as well as those of our friends and allies around the world, are being brought to bear on this global menace," Myers said. "We are in the early stages of ongoing combat operations, and our outstanding men and women in uniform are performing just as they've been trained to do — and that is to say, superbly."

wipe them out," said sophomore communication major Robert Kent.

Kent said he understands the threat of future terrorist retaliation against the United States in response to Sunday's strikes, but he is not fearful.

"I acknowledge that they have people over here who could do something, but I am not fearful by any means," he said.

afterward, "in six months to a year, how the U.S. will approach the Middle East and the Islamic world," Khater said.

This means, he said, will the United States continue with foreign policy as before, or will they have a real policy shift?

"We must not sit on our laurels and assume it will go away if we continue with the same foreign policy," said Khater.

Though we may eliminate bin Laden, another leader like him could come along if policy does not change, he said.

Furthermore, said Khater, if we continue as before, then "we have lost a golden opportunity."

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trust who I elected."

Sunday's strikes could, however, work to bin Laden's advantage, he said.

"This will make it easier for bin Laden to get money and to get people more riled up," he

said.

Freshman multidisciplinary studies major Jason Harrell agreed that Sunday's strikes were necessary, "as long as [the United States] stays smart with the retaliation," he said. "They have to do small, on-the-ground intelligence work, not just blowing up buildings."

"I agree with the attacks to hopefully get the terrorists and

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Comparing this to the assassination of Anwar Sadat in 1981, Khater said the Egyptian people did not rise then, just like the people of the Middle East and Islam will not rise now, in his opinion.

Bin Laden, Khater said, "is appealing to real issues to do what is immoral."

Bin Laden is trying to use violence to achieve his goals by telling Muslims that they are either with him or against him,

said Khater.

"He is trying to polarize the world," he said.

Khater also noted that the video was made before Sunday in anticipation of a U.S. retaliation. The video was to be released when retaliation occurred.

"The truth is," said Khater, "I don't think we should have approached this as a war because it will inflame passion. This is a crime against humanity."

He added that the leaders of the terrorism "have to be brought to justice."

The real issue, however, is what the United States will do

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"Overall, the people in my host country, especially those who know I am an American, have shown nothing but compassion," said Williamson.

Harrison Driscoll, a junior majoring in English in Italy, has had similar experiences.

"The entire city of Florence has expressed its solidarity with American people," said Driscoll.

The city participated in a moment of silence at the annual Historic Soccer games and hosted a large gathering of public officials and average citizens to meet and share their support for our Williamson.

Driscoll was fortunate enough to attend and felt "overwhelmed by the emotions and support present."

The University of Groningen in the Netherlands also held a special assembly for American students and staff. Counselors were available, a lunch was provided and both the mayor and the rector magnificus of the campus consoled guests.

"Everyone has been really helpful," said zoology senior Amy Hooks. "I am staying in a house with students of many nationalities, and I couldn't have asked for more support from my friends in the house, the house manager and the staff at the university."

It is this type of support that comforted Julia Smith, a senior studying in Spain.

"Everyone here has been wonderful in the aftermath of the attack. Our professors, our host families, even complete strangers who hear us speaking English on the streets offer us their condolences," said Smith.

The affects of this tragedy even reached Deborah Kull, an environmental sciences junior, and Amisha Desai, both studying in Ghana.

"Most Ghanaians you will speak to are very supportive of the U.S. and express heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the terrorist attacks," said Kull.

An international prayer vigil, as well as a memorial service and reception, was held for all those affected by the attacks, she said.

Perhaps the most representative outpouring of emotion came from London.

Greg Brobst, a sophomore in chemical engineering studying in Lancaster, England, called the amount of cooperation and concern for the attacks "immense."

Support is evident everywhere from the media to the flags flying at half-mast, he said. Even the flags over Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge stayed at half-mast following the attack. A book of condolences was created at the American Embassy, and Brobst marveled that when he first went to see it, "there was a queue that was over four blocks long to sign it."

Flowers filled the town square, mostly from strangers simply concerned and affected by the attack, he added.

Besides this outpouring of support, most students have not noticed any changes in the daily locomotion of their host cities.

"In terms of the city, nothing has changed," observed statistics junior Steve Blasdel, studying at the University of Amsterdam.

"As far as travel, several of the other Americans' parents have come over to spend our two week study break here with them and were able to get here no problem," said Williamson.

"The only travel problems we are having is the recent collapse of one of the two local airline companies." The only change he observed was an increase in security.

Mark Eberlie, a senior in business management studying in Lille, France, didn't see this as a negative effect.

such matters."

Despite national concerns over Americans abroad, each student expressed a feeling of security in their host country.

"I have not felt threatened in any way and probably feel safer than if I was in the United States," said junior Shoun Kaitz studying in London. "Of course, since the attacks I go through my daily life with more caution, but I would do that even if I wasn't studying abroad."

"As far as safety is concerned, I follow the same precautions that I would have done had this not happened," said Kull. "I feel no threat to my personal safety in light of the current events."

Many students believed that being abroad at the time of the attacks allowed them to gain a broader perspective. "I think that the experience of being an American in another country during these attacks has made this study abroad trip far more enlightening than it would have been otherwise," said Williamson.

Kull agreed and further suggested that the American presence in Ghana was helpful for them as well. "In many ways, seeing this experience from a different country gives one a fairly objective viewpoint, as one is not bombarded by the mass media tools of the U.S," she said.

"Most international news comes through the BBC World Service or Ghana media persons. Many Ghanaians are curious to hear the American viewpoint on the happenings."

The overwhelming desire of the students, however, was to encourage other NCSU students to venture abroad.

"I can see absolutely no reason to change your plans for studying abroad," said Eberlie. "In fact, it is probably safer now than it was before."

"I heartily recommend to all students thinking about studying abroad to continue to do so," said Driscoll. "The experiences that you are likely to have abroad cannot be had anywhere else nor at any better time in your life."

"Discovering others in their native environments is a rich component of the university experience that every student should have and the reason that every student should go abroad," she said. "The press conjures up all kinds of false impressions about foreign lands, yet they are just normal people with different daily traditions. Do not pass this opportunity by."

BUSH

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have worked for peace. We're a peaceful nation. Yet, as we have learned, so suddenly and so tragically, there can be no peace in a world of sudden terror. In the face of today's new threat, the only way to pursue peace is to pursue those who threaten it.

We did not ask for this mission, but we will fulfill it. The name of today's military operation is Enduring Freedom. We defend not only our precious freedoms, but also the freedom of people everywhere to live and raise their children free from fear.

I know many Americans feel fear today. And our govern-

ment is taking strong precautions. All law enforcement and intelligence agencies are working aggressively around America, around the world and around the clock. At my request, many governors have activated the National Guard to strengthen airport security. We have called up Reserves to reinforce our military capability and strengthen the protection of our homeland.

In the months ahead, our patience will be one of our strengths — patience with the long waits that will result from tighter security; patience and understanding that it will take time to achieve our goals; patience in all the sacrifices that may come.

Today, those sacrifices are being made by members of our Armed Forces who now defend us so far from home, and by

their proud and worried families. A Commander-in-Chief sends America's sons and daughters into a battle in a foreign land only after the greatest care and a lot of prayer. We ask a lot of those who wear our uniform. We ask them to leave their loved ones, to travel great distances, to risk injury, even to be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice of their lives. They are dedicated, they are honorable; they represent the best of our country. And we are grateful.

To all the men and women in our military — every sailor, every soldier, every airman, every coastguardman, every Marine — I say this: Your mission is defined; your objectives are clear; your goal is just. You have my full confidence, and you will have every tool you need to carry out your duty.

I recently received a touching letter that says a lot about the state of America in these difficult times — a letter from a 4th-grade girl, with a father in the military: "As much as I don't want my Dad to fight," she wrote, "I'm willing to give him to you."

This is a precious gift, the greatest she could give. This young girl knows what America is all about. Since September 11, an entire generation of young Americans has gained new understanding of the value of freedom, and its cost in duty and in sacrifice.

The battle is now joined on many fronts. We will not waver; we will not tire; we will not falter; and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail.

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Commercialize or bust for space programs

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, NASA MUST COMBINE EFFORTS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

As many Americans are apprehensive of commercial flying, NASA is looking into going a step further — into space. As reported by the Associated Press yesterday, NASA is currently working on a plan called "Enhanced Strategy for the Development of Space Commerce." As rocky and B-movie-like as this sounds, NASA must explore this possibility of public space exploration and space commerce if it wishes to be able to continue its scientific research.

Ever since the end of the Cold War, NASA and its space exploration have taken a back seat in the United States limelight and budget. For years, advancements were made in space because it was a competition between world superpowers; for now, there is no real competition and there are no significant advancements being made.

Even amidst a declining budget, NASA must also deal with a \$4.6 billion dollar loss from mismanagement of its space station program. Conveniently, the plan proposed by NASA would bring in paragon amounts of income to take care of this problem. Under the plan, NASA would allow limited tourism on its space station, possible corporate sponsorship that would place corporate logos next to NASA's and partnerships with the entertainment industry to bolster interest in the space program.

It is possible that public transportation to the space station or the moon might be the next great step in space exploration as far as the public is concerned. The average citizen does not

reap the benefits of routine NASA research; however, anyone could get excited about the possibility of getting to travel into space. It is clear that, in order to establish something as expensive and intricate as mass transit to space, NASA will need overwhelming support from the average citizen and the rich multinational corporation.

Critics scorn NASA's commercializing for this purpose. "Space tourism is not a role for the federal government. This needs to be a private-sector endeavor," said NASA administrator Daniel Goldin in response to millionaire Dennis Tito's trip to the space station with the Russians. However, there is no way public space travel can be funded with strictly commercial or strictly governmental support. On this Columbus Day, we are called to remember that the founding of this country was not solely in the name of government or of commerce, but a collaborative effort from both. While corporate sponsorship of NASA may seem to cheapen the integrity of NASA and average jobs traveling to space may appear to undermine the accomplishments of astronauts and cosmonauts, a public-private effort in future space travel may be necessary.

Although we are decades away from reaping the benefits of it in the form of mass space travel today, commercialization provides a great way to fund aggressive scientific research while pioneering an industry that may quite possibly become part of everyday life in the future.

Required purchase of laptops unreasonable

The Maroon (U-WIRE) NEW ORLEANS — Recently, the University-New Orleans College of Business announced that it was considering requiring incoming freshmen and current undergraduate business students to buy laptops.

Proponents of the plan say that requiring students to buy or lease laptops will help to keep students from having an unfair advantage over one another. The policy will keep them on a level playing field at least technologically, they say.

Supporters also say that the laptops will be especially useful in conjunction with the business building's new wireless network that Information Technology installed during the summer.

They say that the present business lab is too small to keep up with the growing demands of the business students. With their own laptops, business students would never have to worry about waiting in line to log on to the business network.

In the long run, however, the laptop program may be detrimental to the business school and the university as a whole.

Loyola offers many scholarships, trying to tempt the best students to campus every year.

The university continues to spend more and more money trying to improve retention rates.

The majority of Loyola students receive some sort of financial aid. More than half work part time jobs in order to afford the cost of college. These students need help to afford tuition, and many are probably not willing or able to spend a couple thousand dollars on a new laptop.

High school seniors, deciding which college they will attend, may pass over Loyola completely because of the extra monetary commitment.

These students are looking for the best school that will give them the most. The University of Virginia and Ball State in Indiana are among schools that have implemented programs providing a portion of incoming freshmen with free computers.

A mandatory computer purchase may keep many talented students from applying to Loyola.

This is also setting a precedent that may prompt other colleges to require its students to have laptops.

The business school should look into other options before adopting a laptop requirement.

Business school students have access to computers not only in the business school but also through the library's laptop loan program, in the library computer labs and in the Writing Across the Curriculum lab.

Could these computers or the server be somehow modified to allow business students access to the business server?

It may mean more expense for the school, but it would be an effective alternative that will satisfy the demand for access to the business server as well as save students money. In the long run, this expenditure may outweigh the probable loss of incoming freshmen and their tuition.

While it might be difficult for the business school to purchase laptops for all students, if the administrators are going to insist it is necessary for students to have laptops, they should develop a program to help with the cost.

When the library decided to institute the laptop loan program, it appeared to parents and alumni for donations. Couldn't the business school do the same? Or could the business school apply for grants to help offset the cost?

At any rate, the business school must shoulder part of the burden rather than putting it onto the students.

That is the only reasonable solution.



For the love of money

Chris Hickling

TECHNICAL

People don't like politicians. Nowadays, being called a politician is an insult. Public servants don't deserve this treatment because they are entrusted with decisions that affect the nation and even the world. The job should carry connotations of selflessness and intelligence rather than being manipulative, sleazy and uncaring. It is unjustified and uncalled for — most of the time.

Every now and again, our public officials give us reason to think that way. Sometimes politicians take advantage of a vulnerable situation so they can pass legislation that would otherwise be stalled. Representative Bill Thomas, a republican from California and chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has used recent events to promote his political agenda.

Thomas wants fast-track legislation powers to be granted to President Bush to negotiate the Free Trade Area of the Americas. As you might recall, the Free Trade Area of the Americas was a major topic of discussion six months ago. Back in April, Bush, along with the leaders of 34 countries, met in Quebec to discuss a free trade zone that would extend from the top of Canada to the bottom of Chile. Fast-track powers would enable Bush to negotiate the terms of the treaty without input from Congress. When the final terms of the

agreement were made, Congress would either pass or reject it but would have no power to change it.

The Free Trade Area of the Americas is simply an extension of the North American Free Trade Agreement. If the FTAA passes, the effects America felt under NAFTA would be magnified. To imagine what the FTAA would cause, remember the problems that NAFTA brought with it: domestic job loss, environmental pollution and poor foreign labor practices — and increase them significantly.

With limited restrictions on worker rights, wage standards and environmental laws due to the President's pro-business stances, the Free Trade Area of the Americas promises to take countries already in abject poverty and drive them further down the economic ladder. Multinational corporations will engage in a race to the bottom of the business barrel in the name of the almighty dollar. With the Free Trade Area of the Americas, profit will drive this hemisphere.

The issue needs discussion. The Free Trade Area of the Americas has the possibility to affect our trade practices for the next decade, long after our current President is out of office. To deny the ability to amend something that has such far-reaching consequences is not only foolish, but it robs our Congress of the basic check they have over the executive branch. Without that funda-

mental check on his power, Bush will be acting under no restrictions, most likely fulfilling the wishes of big business.

The Free Trade Area of the Americas and fast-track legislation are aggravating, but what Rep. Thomas has done is inappropriate. Now is not the time to focus on an issue like foreign trade, which will disrupt the congressional teamwork that has been welcome and is needed to deal with our current situation and future actions. Thomas has called his action "a bipartisan compromise," but there is nothing bipartisan about Thomas' proposal. In fact, ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Charles Rangel, along with two other members of the committee, have explicitly expressed their dislike for what Thomas has done.

Thomas should be ashamed for doing this. When we need government cooperation the most, to pass legislation that seeks to maximize only profits instead of the potential of the hemisphere. The delicate balance of our Congress is vital to the weeks and months ahead. To sacrifice this rare display of bipartisanship in exchange for money is despicable.

Chris just has one question. Can't we all just get along? Chris really hopes that we can. Email him telling him that it's going to be all right (chwicks)@unity.ncsu.edu.

Hit da Gym

Decker Ngongang

TECHNICAL

Going to the gym can be a task every day. I have the fortune of going frequently as an employee. I am a bicep exerciser instructor who teaches pretty much every day at Carmichael Gymnasium. In my daily treks, I see many things in the various areas of the gym. The cornucopia of personalities can be quite entertaining for someone who is at the gym almost more than I am in class. A lot of what I see is very funny, and there is a lot that is downright dumb, but it is the gym, and everyone does his own thing.

I start my journey in the cardio room, which should be named the cardio closet. It is a small room where most of the bikes and elliptical machines are located within the gym. This is a truly unique portion of the gym because of the different types of people who all use the equipment and areas. There are those elliptical rats that will wait three hours just to use a machine for about 15 minutes. Behind them are the lovely people who see it necessary to take their shirts off while using the various pieces of equipment, making visible either their exercise prowess or, like me, their need for a little tanning. Honestly, I can't blame anyone who takes his shirt off in the gym because the temperature stays at a nice 110 degrees, causing most people to at least

contemplate the removal of some attire.

Moving from the cardio room, we find quite possibly the most diverse area of the gym — the track. The track hosts many people every day using it to get their cardio workouts. During my daily treks to that region, I see many things the dance team does warm-up laps before practice, professors getting their "jog on" and the occasional walker just for an afternoon stroll. In such tight corners maneuvering can be a task. I find it funny to watch the five o'clock rush of people all sharing the one-and-a-half lane track.

You go downstairs from the track and we see the "no fly" zone of the gym. Only those with clearance are allowed to enter the doors, or at least enter without stares. It is the weight room, that place where the swollen bodies are born. Usually I try to get some weights in before my classes on most days, and it is always fascinating to see the different types all working toward their workout goals. I am most enamored by those people who come in the weight rooms and just sit and talk to their friends while actually doing nothing with weights. They take up space, and some people really become annoyed by them. The weight room is a normal place until after 5 p.m.; it is at this time that it becomes "swole central." This is a place where, between the hours of 5 and 11 p.m., the buffest of the buff

claim the benches and the weights. Amazing are the crowds in the four weight rooms of the gym, but even more amazing is the smell that matures from the time of 5 p.m. until closing at 11. The temperature is very hot in the facilities, and many don't take full advantage of anti-perspirant/ant-must technologies. The weight room will always be a funny place in Carmichael Gym, with its muscular occupants and unique characters, it guarantees to make my daily trek a very fun one.

Then there is my one love at the gym — aerobics is one of the most important and overlooked portions of the gym. Without the classes offered, many people wouldn't come to use the facilities at all, often the gym program receives ridicule from the public. As I teach my boxing class on court seven every day, I see the guys walk through and laugh or chuckle, yet they fail to participate. When I leave my class, I see those who look at the yoga class and mock their meditation. To them I say give it a try. The gym is a wonderful and very funny place full of thousands of different people all trying to get their "workout on." Enjoy all the gym has to offer. I know I do.

Decker is just mad because he can't do a pushup yet. Email him at dmngongang@unity.ncsu.edu.

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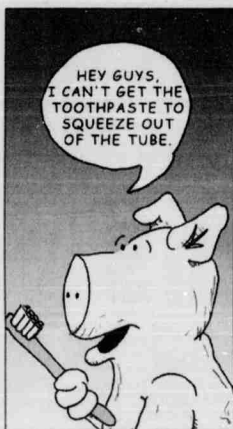
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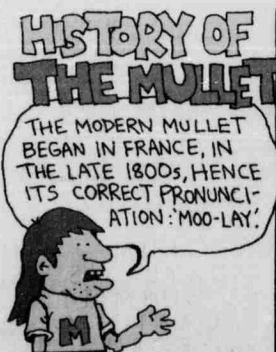
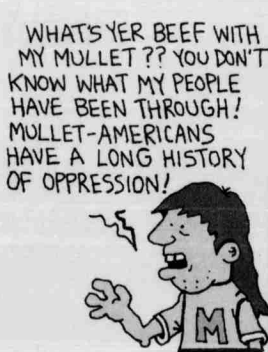
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RAMS

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defense, led by Lear, held Ram freshman forward Jen Parsons scoreless, quite a feat considering Parsons had recorded eight goals and 46 shots in only 10 games entering Friday's match.

"It's good to get a shutout; the defense held pretty solid for us today," said Kerrigan. "Gretchen did a good job of commanding our backs."

The Rams' best scoring opportunity came in the 57th minute when Parsons had a clear path to the State goal. Her attempt to chip the ball over Lear was unsuccessful as the ball sailed just over the crossbar.

Conversely, the Pack had numerous scoring chances that it came close to capitalizing on. In the first half, sophomore Lindsey Underwood narrowly missed netting her first goal of the season twice. Midway through the period, Underwood took a feed from midfielder Carmen Israel and fired a shot that beat Lloyd but sailed just wide of the goal. Minutes later, Underwood again had a one-on-one opportunity against Lloyd, but this time her shot rolled just wide of the left post.

The second half was much of the same, as the Pack twice hit the crossbar on shots from Barnes and Underwood, and freshman Lydia Bojcin saw her shot from point-blank range carom off the left post.

Despite the inability to produce a surplus of goals, Kerrigan was pleased with the ball movement from her squad.

"We saw some very good things today in terms of moving the ball around and creating scoring opportunities," said Kerrigan. "We created some great chances for ourselves, which is good. If you create chances, you're going to score."



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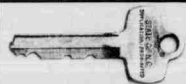


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VOLLEYBALL

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her performance has not been up to her potential," Byrne said about Williams sitting out so much of Sunday's match.

Williams had an error-filled match against Florida State on Saturday as well. Williams' 12 errors were more than the entire Florida State team, which had a total of 11 errors. To her credit, Williams did lead the team Saturday with 21 kills and 47 total attacks, 20 more than any other player.

Shannon's .333 hitting percentage was tops for the Wolfpack against Florida State. Kreager and Sarah Ensinger had seven digs apiece to lead

that category for N.C. State. Florida State won the match with an overall hitting percentage of .411. The Wolfpack committed 34 errors, far too many to have a productive hitting percentage.

"It's kinda frustrating because we're just making a lot of dumb mistakes out on the court," said Byrne. "It's frustrating to watch."

Both Ensinger and Melanie Rowe had negative hitting percentages against Florida State, and the team as a whole had negative percentages in two of the four games against the Seminoles. The Wolfpack hit .179 against Clemson, but it still wasn't enough to overcome a Tiger team that hit .390 for the match.

"I hope that people just hang

with us and give us a chance," said Byrne. "Hopefully, the team will be motivated and fired up and ready to play against UNC. We've just gotta take it one day at a time here and try to find a key to being a stronger team."

The Pack returns to action Wednesday at 7 p.m. against North Carolina.

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OVERALL SCORE

THIS WEEK'S SCORE

N.C. State 17, Wake Forest 14

Georgia Tech 37, Duke 10

North Carolina 24, E. Carolina 21

Maryland 41, Virginia 21

Oklahoma 14, Texas 3

Florida 44, LSU 15

Nebraska 48, Iowa State 14

Ohio State 38, Northwestern 20

Colorado 16, Kansas State 6

Purdue 23, Iowa 14

Auburn 16, Mississippi State 14

Washington St. 34, Oregon State 27

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Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Maryland	3-0	5-0
Florida State	2-1	3-1
Virginia	2-1	3-2
North Carolina	2-1	3-3
Georgia Tech	1-1	4-1
Clemson	1-1	3-1
N.C. State	1-1	3-1
Wake Forest	0-3	2-3
Duke	0-3	0-5

Saturday's games:

No. 22 Maryland 41, Virginia 21

The Terrapins are off to their best start in 23 years and now sit atop the conference standings alone. The Cavaliers crept back into the game after trailing 24-7 at halftime, but the mighty Turtles pulled away at the end to stay perfect on the season.

No. 15 Georgia Tech 37, Duke 10

George Godsey threw for two scores and, together with his Yellow Jacket teammates, racked up 505 yards of total offense. The winless Blue Devils got rocked again. Ho-hum.

North Carolina 24, East Carolina 21

After losing its first three games of the season, the Tar Heels have won three straight, including Saturday's squeaker against the Pirates. Darian Durant threw two touchdown passes and set the UNC single-season freshman record for scoring passes with eight.

Men's soccer can't handle
Demon Deacons

◆ Wake Forest pulled away in the second half to hand the Wolfpack its third ACC loss of the season.

Sports Staff Report

WINSTON-SALEM — The N.C. State men's soccer team was defeated by Wake Forest 3-1 Sunday afternoon in Winston-Salem.

State (1-8, 0-3 ACC) played the Demon Deacons (6-3-1, 1-1-1) to a 1-1 tie at the half, only to have Wake strike late in the waning moments of the game.

In the 79th minute, confusion in the Wolfpack box left the goal vulnerable. Wake freshman Scott Sealy wasted no time

once the ball found his feet, as he tucked the ball past Mitchell Watson for the game winner.

He added an insurance goal five minutes later to set the final tally, with assists to Jeremiah White and Aaron Thomas. The goals were Sealy's third and fourth of the season.

The win gives the Deacons their ninth straight win over the Pack. Wake holds the all-time lead 14-11-2.

Wake has also won four straight games, contrasting State's recent four-game losing streak. In conference play, this was State's 13th straight ACC regular season loss.

The Demon Deacons scored first when

Jeremiah White netted his sixth goal of the season in the 37th minute. He finished a centering cross in the box from Sealy to give the Deacs the one-goal advantage.

State would quickly respond as freshman Brock Trejo scored his first career goal off of a Damon Butler assist at the 42:10 mark to tie the score at 1-1.

State once again was unable to get many scoring opportunities. Wake outshot State 21-6 for the game, forcing Wake goalkeeper William Hesmer to make only four saves. State's Watson, on the other hand, was forced to make 12 saves.

The Pack will host Elon on Wednesday at 4 p.m. State leads the series against Elon 3-1, although Elon won last year's game 4-1.

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Football 17, Wake Forest 14
W. Soccer 1, VCU 0
Wake Forest 3, M. Soccer 1
Clemson 3, Volleyball 0



Monday Sports



SCHEDULE

Football vs. Clemson, 10/13, noon
W. Soccer vs. Campbell, 10/9, 4:00
M. Soccer vs. Elon, 10/10, 4:00
Volleyball vs. UNC, 10/10, 7:00
Cross Country @ Pre-Nationals, 10/13



Adrienne Barnes' penalty kick gave N.C. State a 1-0 win over VCU.

Pack shuts out Rams

◆ A penalty kick by Adrienne Barnes catapulted the N.C. State women's soccer team to its second straight victory.

Matt Middleton
Staff Writer

N.C. State head coach Laura Kerrigan played 17 players in Friday's match against Virginia Commonwealth, and it eventually paid dividends as the Wolfpack wore down the visiting Rams to earn a hard-fought 1-0 victory at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

After missing several golden scoring opportunities in the first half, the Pack

(4-5) was able to get on the board with a goal set up by junior Jordan Allison. In the 64th minute, she was taken down hard in the Rams' (5-5-1) penalty box while making a run from her forward position.

Adrienne Barnes calmly stepped in to attempt the subsequent penalty kick and rifled a shot to the left panel of the goal, just out of reach of VCU keeper Chrissy Lloyd. The goal was Barnes' fourth of the season, and she now leads the team in that category.

"It's a win," said Pack goalkeeper Gretchen Lear. "We wish we could have scored a lot more, but we'll definitely take it."

In addition to setting up the game-winning goal, Allison was able to provide consistent pressure up front that allowed the Pack to tally 18 shots in the match, compared to just nine for VCU.

"Jordan Allison was definitely a huge player for us off the bench today," said Kerrigan. "Not just getting taken down in the box and getting us the PK, but also creating opportunities for us."

Using six substitutes, the fresher Pack dominated a majority of the pivotal second frame after the two teams battled to a scoreless draw in the first half.

"We were pleased with our depth the last game, and I think our subs came up big for us again today," said Kerrigan. "We're looking for our bench players to come in and raise the level for us and bring those fresh legs in. That's exactly what they did today."

Despite its solid play throughout the course of the season, the Pack defense had not recorded a shutout until Friday. In addition to posting the shutout, the

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State grinds out win at Wake Forest

◆ The Wolfpack controlled the clock and used big plays on defense to win at Wake Forest 17-14.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

WINSTON-SALEM — For the second week in a row, N.C. State's offense couldn't light up the scoreboard, but this time, it didn't matter.

INSIDE
■ **Wolfpack Week** #7 The Wolfpack (3-1, 1-1 ACC) forced two key turnovers in the second half, while the offense held the ball nearly 20 minutes, as State defeated Wake Forest (2-3, 0-3) 17-14 Saturday night at Groves Stadium. The game didn't feature many offensive fireworks, but that didn't matter to the Pack.

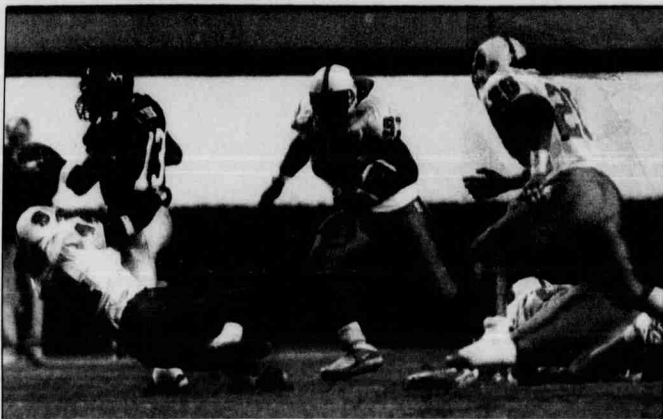
■ **M. soccer:** Wake Forest Falls at Wake #9

"It sure wasn't picture perfect, but again, the object of a sport is to win," head coach Chuck Amato said. "They showed a lot of energy and enthusiasm and excitement through the whole daggone game. And they never gave in, and neither did Wake Forest."

Ahead 14-10 early in the third quarter, Wake got the ball at midfield after a Pack punt and quickly moved through State territory for another possible score. Deacons wide receiver Fabian Davis took a handoff at the State 20 and darted upfield for more yardage, but State defensive end Corey Smith poked the ball loose as Davis ran by him. Linebacker Brian Jamison recovered for the Pack at the 14, giving State the opportunity to take its first lead of the game.

The Pack offense capitalized with a 13-play, 86-yard drive that covered nearly six minutes. Senior tailback Ray Robinson carried the load for State, rushing six times for 41 of his 90 yards. On first-and-goal from the 1-yard line, sophomore quarterback Philip Rivers scored on a keeper, pushing State ahead 17-14.

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Levar Fisher (44), who had 16 tackles, and the Pack defense forced three crucial turnovers.

Turnovers lead Pack to victory

◆ By winning the turnover category 3-0, N.C. State was able to escape Winston-Salem with its first conference win.

Matt Middleton
Staff Writer

WINSTON-SALEM — More often than not, turnover margin is the one statistic that directly affects the outcome of a college football game.

Saturday night's contest between N.C. State and Wake Forest was no different. The teams amassed a virtually identical number of total yards — 321 for State, 316 for Wake Forest. But it was two fumbles by the Demon Deacons, one deep in State territory, and one especially costly interception that ultimately swayed the outcome of the Wolfpack's way.

"If you go through most final stat

sheets, you don't have to look at the score," said Wake Forest head coach Jim Grobe. "If you go right to the turnovers, ... you're going to find out who won the game without looking at the score."

Wake fumbled three times, losing two of them, and quarterback Anthony Young was intercepted once. The Pack fumbled twice but didn't lose either of the two. Quarterback Philip Rivers continued to be efficient for the Pack, throwing 32 times Saturday night without a pick.

It was no coincidence that the turning point of the game came courtesy of a fumble by Wake wide receiver Fabian Davis. After the Pack went three-and-out on its first possession of the second half, the Deacons drove down the field behind the running of John Stone and Tarence Williams. Davis took the ball on a reverse and sprinted across the



Ray Robinson (5) finished Saturday night's game with 90 rushing yards. Robinson helped the Pack hang on to the ball for 20 minutes of the second half.

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N.C. State Wake Forest

	1	2	3	4	Final
N.C. State	5	7	7	0	17
Wake Forest	7	7	0	0	14

Statistical Leaders

Passing	Rivers	(NCSU)	180 yards
Lushing	Williams	(Wake)	113 yards
Receiving	Bailey	(NCSU)	86 yards

Player of the Game: Corey Smith and Brian Williams, N.C. State. In a game in which big plays were at a premium, Smith and Williams forced two huge turnovers. Smith's sixth forced fumble of the season and Williams' interception at the Wake Forest 1 halted two Demon Deacon scoring drives, preserving the Wolfpack's win.

Key Play: Wake was trying to build on a 14-10 lead early in the second half when Smith stripped Fabian Davis from behind. Linebacker Brian Jamison recovered the ball at the State 14, and the offense drove 86 yards for the deciding score.

Seminoles, Tigers leave Raleigh with wins

◆ The N.C. State volleyball team remains winless during its current homestand.

Jay Kohler
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack left Reynolds Coliseum licking its wounds Sunday after dropping two ACC matches this weekend to Florida State and Clemson.

With the losses, State (5-9, 1-6 ACC) dropped to last place in the ACC. Poor hitting percentages have plagued the Wolfpack. The team failed to break a .200 hitting percentage in either match.

"I'm just disappointed that this team refuses to get better with each match," said coach Mary Byrne. "They're going backwards, and that's very disappointing because we have the players that should be competing at a much higher level. We just don't have the

attitude or the work ethic right now." In hopes of re-energizing a team that scored a .078 hitting percentage in its loss to Florida State (5-7, 3-2 ACC) Saturday, Byrne decided to juggle the lineup Sunday afternoon against Clemson (5-8, 1-5 ACC). Charece Williams and Lindi Sheppard, two of State's constant starters sat on the bench well into the second game. In their places were less familiar names: Maya Mapp, Crystal Shannon and Rebecca Anderson.

The change in the starting lineup, however, wasn't enough to spark the Wolfpack to victory. State allowed Clemson its first ACC victory, falling in three games 30-21, 30-24, 30-17. Clemson helped itself a good

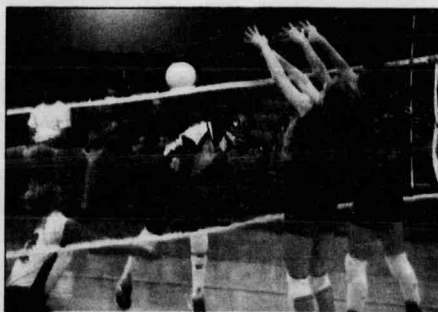
deal during the match, committing only six errors compared to 21 for the Wolfpack.

"We don't have anyone that's really dominating a position," said Byrne. "We're just trying to find a chemistry out there that will work together and play hard and not make so many unforced errors. That didn't happen again tonight, so we're just gonna keep plugging away and hope that something snaps into place pretty soon."

Against Clemson, the Wolfpack was led by the play of Alison Kreager, who had a team-high 429 hitting percentage and eight digs. Kreager was also second on the team in kills with seven.

Williams, although in the match for a very short duration, led the team with 10 kills. Williams also had the most errors out of both teams during the match with five.

"Charece was not out there because



The Wolfpack volleyball team fell to 1-6 in the ACC with losses to Florida State and previously winless Clemson.

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