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Woodard steps in as temporary director of diversity issues

Joanne Woodard, vice provost for equal opportunity and equity, is currently serving as interim director of diversity issues.

Jordan Cooke
Staff Reporter

Joanne Woodard is back in a familiar spot.



Joanne Woodard
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Currently the vice provost for equal opportunity and equity, Woodard is also the interim director of diversity issues. She took on this additional position after Rupert Nacoste stepped down as vice provost for diversity and African-

American affairs to return to teaching full-time.

This is not the first time that Woodard has filled this position. She also worked with diversity issues during the 1999-2000 academic year alongside former Provost Kermit Hall. For the present, Woodard will continue to handle both offices while the university continues its nationwide search for a new candidate.

"There really has been a lot of interest in this position," she said.

The university has set a deadline of July 1, 2003, for filling the provost position.

Readily admitting that holding down both positions at once can be a challenge, Woodard said that dealing with diversity issues is really just a natural extension of what she and her staff already do through the Equal Opportunity Office.

She modestly said that the diversity side of her job is not her forte but also said, "If the Equal Opportunity Office does its job well, it will be reflective on the Office of Diversity, and it works both ways."

As for her personal goals while in the position, she said that the biggest goal is "to make sure that we make progress this year" so that there will be a "solid foundation" established for the new vice provost.

In order to see that the transition goes as smoothly as possible, there are a number of diversity initiatives planned for this year. Among them are plans to continue developing the African American Cultural Center, surveying the campus community on diversity issues and developing a diversity advisory committee that would seek input from all members of the campus community.

Perhaps more important, however, is a series of campus dialogues that will be hosted by the Office for Diversity and

African-American Affairs. Woodard said that heightened awareness of diversity issues since last spring's incident in a political science class is one of several reasons that the dialogues are being held.

The incident involved a student bringing charges against two of his classmates, his professor and CHASS administrators on the grounds that they either helped, fostered or did nothing to prevent racial discrimination.

The first in the series of dialogues, which will be held Monday afternoon in Stewart Theatre, is on race issues. Nacoste, psychology professor and former provost, will facilitate the discussion. According to Woodard, Nacoste is perfect to kick off the discussions.

"He has such a passion to engage people, to get people to talk," she said.

Prompted by response from a student-led panel at similar dialogues last year, Woodard said these discussions will be a

bit different because they will include both students and administrators.

She said that it is "very encouraging" to see student desire to interact on these issues.

The two-hour discussions will all involve one hour of discussion among the members of the panel, followed by an opportunity for the audience to get involved and enhance interaction.

Woodard feels that there are several reasons it is important for these discussions to take place.

"First of all, there needs to be a degree of respect and civility toward diversity issues," she said. "Second, we need to get people talking in a public setting. Third, we need to seek the knowledge that will help people to embrace diversity."

Woodard is eager and hopeful to see how diversity goals will be met and how

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Senate debate reviewed

U.S. Senate candidates Erskine Bowles and Elizabeth Dole met at East Carolina University Saturday night.

News Staff Report

GREENVILLE — On Saturday night, East Carolina University was transformed from its usual college-student stomping grounds into a soapbox of plans and ideas for North Carolina's two U.S. Senate candidates, Democrat Erskine Bowles and Republican Elizabeth Dole.

Bowles and Dole used this second televised debate to discuss topics such as civil rights, social security, campaign finance reform, education and health care. Both candidates made their points, criticized each other's points and agreed with some of one another's ideas.

Held in ECU's Brody School of Medicine, this debate is likely to be the last in the campaign, noted a News and Observer article. Broadcast across North Carolina on approximately 30 stations, the debate was also broadcast nationally on C-SPAN.

Bowles, a Charlotte investment banker and former White House chief of staff, criticized Dole, the former Cabinet secretary and former president of the American Red Cross, for opposing a civil rights bill, supporting school vouchers and opposing the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Similarly, Dole criticized Bowles for joining private clubs not open to women or blacks, for his support of the health plan backed by then-first lady Hillary Clinton and his stand on the issue of trade.

The format of the debate included the use of portable microphones to allow the candidates to wander around the stage, much as television talk-show hosts do. The candidates also answered questions from two moderators and from the audience.

One audience member, Sean Haugh, the Libertarian candidate, earlier protested his exclusion from the debate.

Many agreed that the discussion was scripted similarly to the television commercials and speeches seen by the two candidates in the past.

Election Day is Nov. 5.

FIND YOUR PLACE

Events to be held by N.C. State and student organizations for the week of Oct. 21-27.

Charisma Campus Ministry
Visitors from foreign countries will be studying the topic of religion in the United States.
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Talley Student Center, Room 3121

African-American Heritage Day
Celebrations will include dancing, storytelling, rap sessions, food and creative workshops.
Featuring Karla Holloway as the keynote speaker
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Saturday, 11 p.m.
Students \$1.50, non-students \$2

Safety the focus of Student Health efforts

Student Health Services is hosting a series of workshops and an information fair on safety, along with the Women's Center's Take Back the Night.

News Staff Report

What can you do to keep yourself safe? Learn by attending one of the free "Women to Women" workshops, all held in Room 2301 of Student Health Services on Mon., Tues. and Wed. starting Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Health promotions will be holding an information fair in the Brickyard Wednesday in a mission to raise awareness on domestic violence, sexual assault and rape, and how to prevent the abuse.

They will be serving ice cream to all who stop by between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The fair will be held in conjunction with The Women's Center's 15th annual Take Back the Night march for awareness of rape and sexual assault held Thursday. The center's goal is to show support for survivors of rape and sexual assault, both on campus and in the community, and to protest against sexual violence that affects both men and women.

N.C. State has sponsored Take Back the Night since 1988. Take Back the Night is a symbolic march in which women walk through the night and reclaim the streets, which for many years have been places of fear and violence. Survival testimonials are an important part of Take Back the Night, as they offer a safe outlet for survivors of sexual violence to

Statistics on rape and sexual assault

One in four college-aged women will be the victim of rape or sexual assault.

Eighty-four percent of the victims of sexual assault know their attacker.

Fifty-seven percent of rapes happen while on a date.

Almost one-half of all victims never tell anyone about the attack.

Only 16 percent of rapes are ever reported to the police.

About 28 percent of victims are raped by husbands or boyfriends, 35 percent by acquaintances and 5 percent by other relatives.

Forty-three percent of college-aged men admit using coercive behavior or physical aggression to initiate sexual activity, including ignoring a woman's protest.

A woman is beaten every 15 seconds.

Abuse can be physical, emotional, social or economic.

Eighty-five percent of abusers learn the behavior at home.

Domestic violence is the largest single cause of injury to women.

Domestic violence is a cycle of destruction that feeds on itself and destroys families.

Statistics are provided by the U.S. Department of Justice Crime Statistics

come forward and share their experiences for the first time.

At 7 p.m. marchers will assemble at

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Fit to be tied



Kathryn Wright stops her son Paul to tie his shoes before she lets him loose to play in Pullen Park Sunday morning. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

Church leaders lead of war protest

Julia Lieblich and Lynette Kalsnes
Chicago Tribune (KRT)

CHICAGO — Mainstream religious leaders who largely remained silent during the military campaign in Afghanistan are protesting a pre-emptive strike in Iraq with an organized outcry not witnessed in the United States since the Vietnam War.

Many are issuing action alerts urging congregants to attend rallies, contact leg-

islators and pray for peace. In Chicago, numerous churches are taking part in protests and prayer vigils, holding teach-ins and sending delegations to Iraq.

"I have never seen the broad-based religious community so united," said Joseph Fahey, professor of religious studies at Manhattan College in Riverdale, N.Y. "Usually peace groups take time before they make statements."

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Not all religious communities disagree with President Bush's stand on Iraq - some Jewish groups and Christian evangelists have supported the war effort.

Still, in addition to the peace churches - the Quakers, the Brethren and the Mennonites - the leadership of the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the Unitarian Universalists, the Reformed Church in America, the Disciples of Christ, the National Baptist

Convention and the Alliance of Baptists have all publicly opposed a pre-emptive attack on Iraq.

Following a vote in Congress to authorize Bush to use military force in Iraq - the general secretary of the National Council of Churches and more than 60 other church leaders from the United States and the United Kingdom released a statement calling a possible war "illegal, immoral and unwise."

Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote to Bush last month saying, "We conclude based on the facts that are known to us, that a pre-emptive, unilateral use of force ... is difficult to justify at this time."

Said Fahey, "I've never seen the Catholic bishops come out so fast."

The involvement of prominent leaders ensures the antiwar sentiment is not dismissed as a fringe position, said Lester Kurtz, a University of Texas professor who specializes in peace studies. "People have to listen when the United Methodist or Roman Catholic bishops speak."

Observers also said the level of organized interreligious opposition is unprecedented for a war not yet begun. "It was well into the (Vietnam) war before any major organizing event," Kurtz said. "Now the war hasn't even started, and there's a substantial infrastructure ... opposing the war. And it's not just the Christian churches. You have Jewish groups, Muslim groups and Buddhist groups."

Mainstream Jewish organizations are divided on the issue, with several supporting the Bush administration's position, among them the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Congress and the Union of Orthodox Jewish congregations.

But the grass-roots Jewish Peace Fellowship said war will create more problems than it will solve. And although several evangelical Christian leaders have joined the protest, five signed a letter backing Bush's "bold, courageous and visionary leadership" on Iraq, including Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The convention itself has not taken a position. Leaders who op-

pose the war are protesting strikes that are pre-emptive rather than defensive, and they want the U.S. government to exhaust diplomatic measures and seek United Nations support rather than unilaterally overthrow a foreign regime.

Opponents of the Bush measure fear large numbers of casualties and the economic impact on the Iraqi people in the aftermath of sanctions, as well as further instability in the Middle East. They oppose spending money on war instead of on feeding and housing the poor.

"We want to be sure we do not take action that imperils all of these millions of innocent lives," said Kareem Irfan, chairman of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, "and we want to be sure our country joins the rest of the world and takes a consensus approach."

It's not that religious leaders want Saddam Hussein in power. "We believe the regime of Hussein is despicable, and tragically, only one of a number of despicable regimes on this Earth at this moment," said Rev. Paul H. Rutgers, a Presbyterian minister who heads the interfaith Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, which has not taken a position on the war.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, few churches objected to military action in Afghanistan, said William French, a religious ethics professor at Loyola University Chicago. "We had just been attacked, and the American attack on the Taliban seemed to be legitimate. ... We were trying to defeat a regime that was providing coverage and sustenance to a terrorist organization, and this terrorist organization had just proven itself massively capable of inflicting huge harm."

But the churches are differentiating between the situation in Afghanistan and Iraq, French

said. Unlike the previous Gulf War, French said, the United States may act alone, without United Nations sanction and without a provocation such as the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

"They worry that a pre-emptive attack on Iraq is an offensive assault," French said. "Their concern is not just the rush to war, but it's the unilateral rush potentially by the United States standing alone." Michael McConnell, regional director of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization, said a first strike without immediate provocation "changes the whole calcu-

lus around international law and protocols."

Many religious leaders invoke a just-war theory, which sets conditions under which war is morally justifiable. These include an exhaustion of non-violent resolution methods and an assurance that the potential good outweighs the harm. Cardinal Francis George of the Chicago archdiocese has said that the Catholic bishops are not ruling out military action. "But we're saying in this case war should be a last resort," he said.

CRIME REPORT

The following is a description of reports issued by Campus Police for Wednesday.

7:36 a.m. Fire alarm
Alarm activation at Dabney Hall. Activation was accidental by housekeeping.

9:32 a.m. False alarm report
Units responded to Daniels Hall regarding a fire alarm which was determined to be a false report initiated by persons unknown activating a pull station.

11:23 a.m. Safety Program
Officers conducted a safety program at Tucker Hall for 14 people.

2:24 p.m. Medical assistance
Units responded to a report of a cardiac victim at the principal's office at the Centennial Campus Middle School. The victim was transported to the hospital.

2:35 p.m. Suspicious person
A staff member reported a suspicious person at Leazar Hall selling portraits from a box on the first floor. Units checked the area but were unable to locate the subject.

3:16 p.m. Traffic accident
A student was involved in an accident in West Lot.

3:34 p.m. Fire alarm
Alarm activation at Brooks Hall. Cause for activation is unknown.
4:56 p.m. Larceny
A subject was arrested and charged with felony possession of stolen property regarding the theft of an English horn from Price Music Center.

8:11 p.m. Patrol directive
Officers patrolled selected areas.

9:16 p.m. Checkpoint
Officers conducted a checkpoint at Morrill and Warren Carroll drives. Two citations were issued, along with 20 warnings.

10:15 p.m. Traffic accident
A subject's vehicle was parked on the side of Broughton Drive when another subject backed into it.

11:21 p.m. Fire alarm
Alarm activation at Brooks Hall. Cause for activation unknown.

11:39 p.m. Checkpoint
Officers conducted a checkpoint at Dan Allen Drive and CCPL. Nineteen warnings were issued and one citation.

1:09 a.m. Medical assistance
A student was walking down the stairs at Lee Hall when they struck their head on some concrete. The student was transported to the hospital.

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Harris Field and the Becton-Berry-Bagwell Quad where they will march through the campus and end in the brickyard.

Afterward, at 9:30 p.m., a speak-out for survivors of rape and sexual assault will be held in the NCSU Women's Center.

The Women to Women workshops are sponsored by Health Promotions, a department of Student Health Services staffed by professional health educators who provide outreach in the form of individual consultation and guest speakers, on topics including alcohol and drug use, nutrition, relationship violence, sexual assault, sexual health, smoking cessation and stress management.

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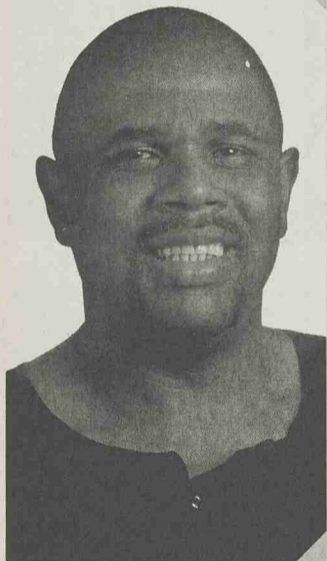
new diversity initiatives, such as the dialogues, will help in achieving those goals. Still, she acknowledges that there is a lot of progress to be made, and it isn't always easy.

"This is not rocket science; this is harder than rocket science," said Woodard.

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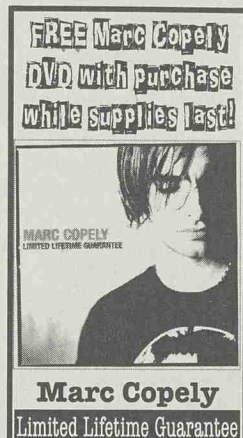
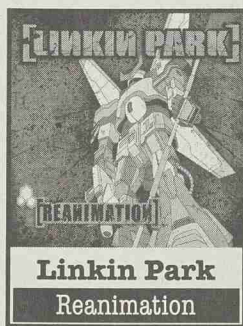
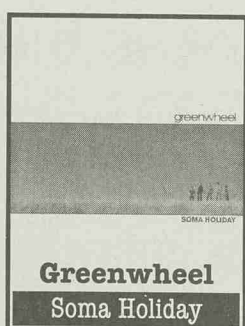
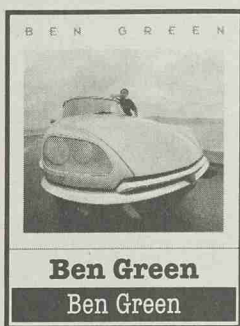
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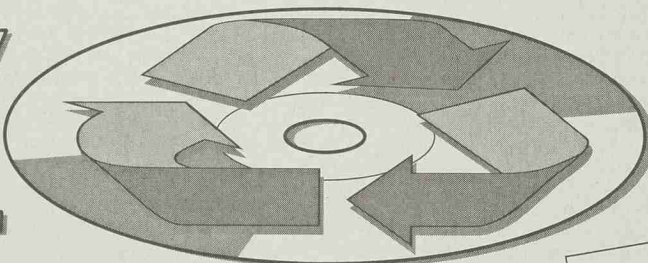
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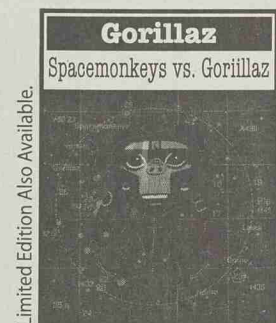
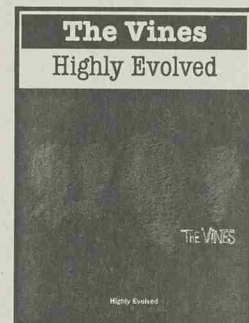
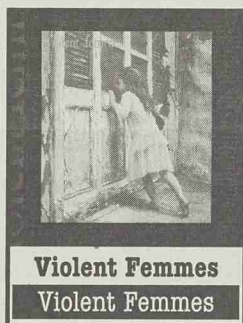
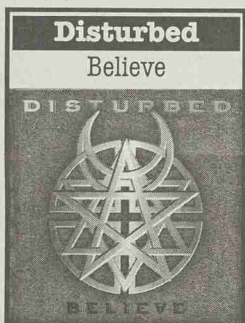
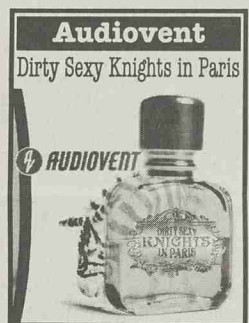


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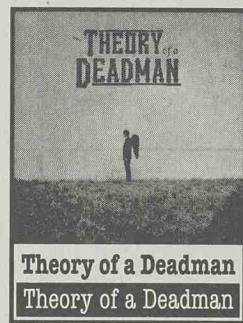
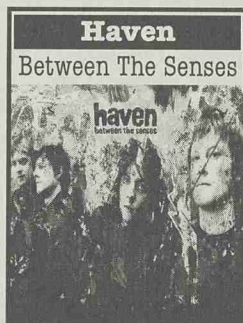
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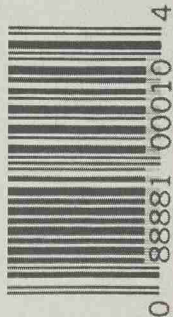


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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

'Fingerprinting' firearms will not end crime

The controversy concerning "ballistic fingerprinting" technology is growing in response to the sniper attacks in the D.C. area.

The recent sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C., area have sparked a strong debate about beginning a national database program recording the "fingerprints" of every gun sold. The formation of such a program may make lawmakers feel as if they are keeping our streets safe, but a national program of this magnitude would be complicated and difficult to control, and it would take years to construct and without necessarily leading to the benefits some groups optimistically expect.

The entire concept of fingerprinting guns sounds like an easy solution to find the origin of every bullet fired, but there are many flaws with this system and ways to alter the fingerprint of a firearm. Even lawmakers are mixed about how the need to catch criminals balances with the cost, resources and possible inaccuracies involved with initiating such a program.

The Bush administration on Tuesday morning issued a statement against such a program because of the potential inaccuracies, but later that evening the administration apparently rethought the issue and asked a law enforcement agency to determine if such a program could effectively fight crime.

Whenever a gun is fired, it leaves a distinct mark on the bullet casing, and proponents of a national fingerprinting program want each gun to be test-fired and have its fingerprint recorded in a database before being sold.

The problems with this involve the fact that the fingerprint pattern can be altered by intentionally damaging the internal mechanisms of the weapon, and

those who wish to commit a crime without being traced to their gun would certainly find a way to change their gun's specific pattern.

In addition, fingerprinting cannot deter criminals who use stolen or illegally sold weapons. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said, "There are some issues that are raised with this that deal with the accuracy of the ballistic fingerprinting that need to be explored and reviewed before any final determination can be made."

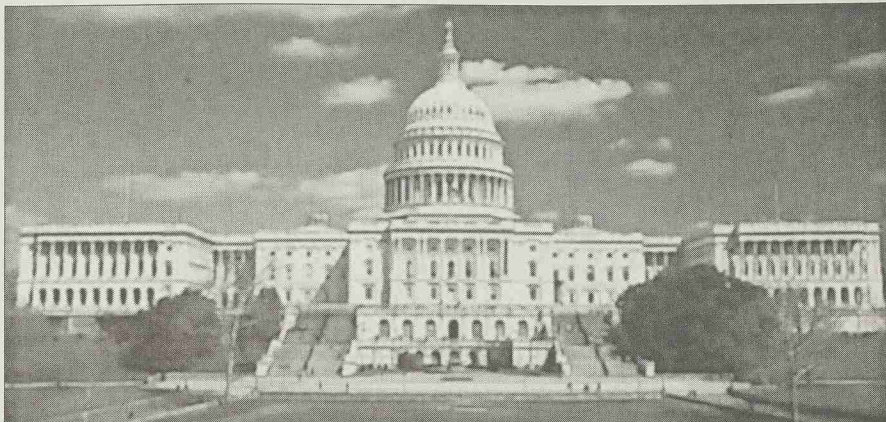
Certainly, existing programs need to be examined and thoroughly analyzed before initiating a similar program on the national level.

The topic of a national database has been discussed since both Maryland and New York initiated similar programs and a bill was introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives in June 2001, which has since been stuck in committees. The largest problem concerning such a database, however, is the benefit that this system has provided in Maryland.

Over two years, 17,000 shells have been compiled into the database, but there have only been two matches in criminal cases, and neither case has produced a verdict yet. The expense of a program would add about \$20 to the cost of a gun, and it can be assumed that a national program would also require federal aid.

Often when American interest becomes fixated on such a horrific crime as the sniper attacks, people want a new law or program in place to stop the crime or find the perpetrator. This overreaction could push a program through Congress that is difficult to monitor, holds many inaccuracies and may be fundamentally flawed from the beginning.

While it is important to find ways to catch individuals involved in crimes with guns, a national database of gun fingerprints is not a feasible solution.



Dirty ads not so bad



Chris Hickling
Staff Columnist

It's election time, and all the pomp and circumstance of these magical few months is heading toward a climax. Youthful interns and old political hands are hard at work putting up signs, stuffing envelopes and working phone banks, trying to get their people out to the polls.

But what has consumed many in this state is the back-and-forth bickering between Erskine Bowles and Elizabeth Dole. Newspapers from D.C. to Durham, talking heads on TV and even columnists who appear on this page, have complained that this race is nothing more than mudslinging — purely a negative campaign.

First of all, this race isn't all that dirty. Gary Pearce, a visiting lecturer here at N.C. State, has been a part of North Carolina political life since the United States was celebrating her bicentennial. Among other things, he has been a part of eight statewide races, including helping John Edwards to Washington and fighting a losing battle between former Gov. Jim Hunt and soon-to-be former Sen. Jesse Helms.

Pearce laughs when asked if this Senatorial campaign is a dirty race. "Oh, this is nothing. This is maybe five on a scale of 10. This is mild."

If people want to see dirty races, they don't have to look too far into the past. Campaigns such as the 1984 Helms vs. Hunt and 1990 Helms vs. Harvey Gantt are considered by many analysts like Pearce to have been much dirtier and

negative than what we see today.

What is still hard to understand is why "negative" political ads are given such a bad reputation. Perhaps if they were called comparison ads or contrast ads, people wouldn't feel so bad. The fact is that this type of advertising is the most informative of the campaign.

When we see some kitschy ad about Dole and her 536-year-old mother, or Bowles at a bowling alley, we learn little, if anything, about how either will govern. Through ads and debates, both candidates agree that there are distinct differences between their policies. The way to show the public those discrepancies is through comparative or, if you must, negative, ads.

People who are angry that attacks at character have been made either don't understand what a campaign should be or are so partisan toward one side that any attack on their beloved Erskine or Elizabeth is simply too much to take. The point of a campaign is to win, to get people to vote for you.

For months, candidates will promote positive ads so that people will recognize their names and come to like them as people (hence the mother and bowling ads). Once the primary is gone, comparison ads are sure to follow. As you can't just tell how good you are, you must tell how much better you are than your opponent.

It is a contest; it is a race and, like it or not, personality does have something to do with it. The issues are important, but so many of the issues are pointless to debate. How many candidates will run on the platform for less money to education, expensive drugs and trying as hard as they can to make sure jobs are sucked out of their state? It won't happen.

Furthermore, personality counts. Do

you really want the introverted guy with low self-esteem and a dislike for other people as your representative? No, you want a representative that has charisma and drive, one that will get stuff done in D.C.

Congress is kind of like a massage parlor run by really rich, mostly old white guys. You scratch their back on a piece of legislation, and they will scratch yours. To get into that backscratching circle, North Carolina needs a person who will have the gusto to go in as a freshman Senator, filling shoes that are almost 30-years large, and get to work.

Perhaps the biggest knock on negative ads is that they depress voter turnout and make citizens jaded toward the political system. Here's a little reality check: the candidates don't care if turnout is depressed. If all but 100 people stay home on Nov. 5, as long as neither Bowles nor Dole will care, so long as one of them can get 55 or 60 of those people to be of their affiliation. Turnout is about getting your people out to the voting booth. It doesn't matter how many people vote — just what kind.

Political advertisements point out differences between candidates in style and substance, and they inform better than any fluffy positive ever will. Negative ads may just be encompassed in "You suck" to some, but in reality they tell you why you suck more and why I suck less. Perhaps we need a little bit more "you suck" and a little less "suck-up."

Chris loves negative ads. He can pass off sitting in front of the television for hours as "preparing for his column." E-mail Chris at cwkickli@unity.ncsu.edu, and in between sessions of "preparing for his political science test," he might get back to you.

Help America Vote Act a must-have

Staff Editorial
The Crimson White
U. Alabama

(U-WIRE)
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — It's about time the deficiencies in the American voting process were addressed. The House and Senate have both passed the Help America Vote Act to address the disenfranchisement that occurred in the 2000 elections.

With President George W. Bush saying he will sign the bill, there will be relief from antiquated voting machines, bad registration lists and a host of oth-

er difficulties some states have.

The bill allows a person not on the registration rolls to cast a provisional ballot that is counted if it can later be determined that the person was eligible to vote under state law.

This provision of the bill will prevent people who want to vote from being turned away because of bad voter-registration lists, such as what happened in Florida in 2000 when thousands of voters were inappropriately dropped from

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Restrictions of suburban life



Ariel Urena
Staff Columnist

Though I've lived in the suburbs most of my life, the concept behind them always made me queasy in this gilded, veneer-of-perfection sort of way. Here I am once again, living among it, this time without parental supervision in a neighborhood not too far from campus.

The things that always irked me have taken on a new, more personal dimension. Now it's me reading the homeowner's association manual, planting flowers and cutting the grass.

Not that I mind some of these things; I actually like working on the house, painting the walls and tearing up weeds to plant bulbs. What I find problematic is that, as a suburban resident, these tasks are expected.

For the first few weeks I lived in the house, I didn't have a lawnmower, and I would see my neighbors walk or drive past with looks of dismay. On the weekend before I finally got a mower, I also got a friendly reminder from my neighborhood association that, as outlined in my homeowner's manual, I had to maintain a manicured lawn, or they would do it for me and send the bill.

If I were renting, I could understand these notices from my landlord. But my parents bought this house, deciding it would be better than continuing to pay rent. They own the house; they own the land. So I can't help but wonder: Why in the world does it matter what becomes of someone else's property?

The answer may seem clear, but allow me to elaborate.

My dad has traveled to Europe on business on occasion and likes to hit up the taverns to talk to the locals. The most common comment he hears is, "You Americans; you talk about freedom but always take it away from yourselves. You folks don't know what freedom is."

The omnipresent homeowner's association is another example of our perpetually choosing to dispose of our own freedoms.

Back to the lawn issue — I've decided that I want to get serious about gardening, but I want to do it right. I'll probably do it gradually because I'm still a student with homework to keep up with and bills to pay. I'm not too keen on using chemicals when there are options so my roommate suggested I use a tarp to kill off grass or weeds when I want to plant things.

I also am not too keen on mowing grass, something I consider to be an utter waste of time and energy. I've decided to, in time, cover the place with as much ivy and shrubbery as possible and plant a few maples here and there.

I'd venture to say that the place can end up looking attractive, in an eclectic sort of way. But I know that, in their heart of hearts, many neighbors would rather I Weed-Be-Gone the hell out of the yard and throw up some grass seeds.

This mentality is part of our lifestyle and upbringing — quick, easy and attractive. Get it done and move on. Get in line, pick up a Big Mac and throw your kids a Happy Meal. Get a construction crew, shake off those tired old floor plans and throw up some apartments in a few months. Plant your grass, water your lawn and mow it once a week.

The push to conform to this mentality has led to what plagues the existence of my otherwise happy home away from home.

My roommate and I have an affinity for painting the walls of our house. Walk in, and you'll be assaulted by purple, green, yellow and blue. Could I venture to do something this bold on the outside of the house? No, and to be honest, I don't think I'd want to. But let's say that I really wanted to paint the house magenta and white. I probably would never get past the association; they would recommend something along the lines of their pre-selected color palette. Just like the inside of the house was all white and beige before I stepped in the scene.

How did these associations come to be? One source I found was Levittown, New York. In the mid-1940s, World War II GI's returned home, eager to start up families and live the American Dream. In the North, many of them didn't want to return to the cramped tenement apartments they called home while growing up in cities. They wanted something softer, nice for the kids and more akin to what they always dreamed of as a home. They wanted the suburbs.

William Levitt, a builder and developer from the New York region, decided to capitalize on this opportunity to create Levittown, a suburban development on Long Island. He created rows of houses, complete with winding roads and cul-de-sacs, strikingly similar to what anyone who grew up in suburbia knows as a neighborhood.

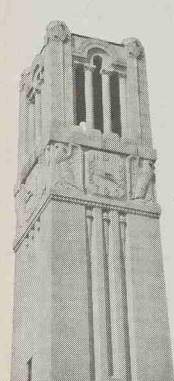
The critics were aghast; they complained that the houses all looked the same, that the streets were boring and

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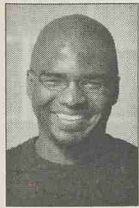
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Sometimes you don't need a father



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Much is made of the statistics about the lack of a father in the household. These statistics attempt to create some correlation between the absence of a father and crime, violence and educational performance.

Many studies and statistics state that having a father is essential to the survival of young children, and the absence of a father can greatly damage their life achievement.

I haven't had a father since I was three years old, and though I missed having one throughout my youth, it has gone a long way to make me who I am today. My parents split when I was three, and since then my father has never really been around. He moved to Atlanta, and with him went that actual "father" role.

He would visit but only to see how big I was or to see a soccer game. It was during this time that I was desensitized to the fact that I had a father. I claim him and will do so forever, even though he seems not to pay me the same respect. Though my father was never there, he has given me things I can never repay.

I have a last name that is as unique as grass in the Brickyard, a name that has so much history and a name that is only shared by about six people in this country. My father is from Cameroon, Africa, and though I have never really had the chance to sit and talk about the country with him, I have researched it and learned

of the sheer beauty and the magnitude of the land and the beautiful surroundings.

In a "Jerry Springer"-esque moment, I looked up my relatives online about two years ago and randomly found some of my cousins in France and Africa. Through correspondence with them, I have been given a wealth of insight on exactly who I am, who my relatives are and where I really come from.

My father's voluntary absence hurt badly, and it still hurts in a way. It is tough to hear your roommates and friends talk about going to eat with their dads or talking with friends' dads on parent's weekends. It is tough, when you don't have a father or he isn't around, to explain to people what he does or why he isn't there.

I find myself giving textbook answers or avoiding such conversations. I have been involved in countless activities throughout my high school and collegiate careers, and it is tough to have that other half of who you are absent from these events.

The worst moment was my high school graduation, and I expected him at least to show up, but he didn't. I was then the senior class officer, and I got to speak in front of my whole class at the Charlotte Coliseum for graduation; yet, the one person I wanted there wasn't. The hurt I was feeling culminated with this event and, from that point on, I made up my mind I wouldn't worry about it anymore.

I don't hold ill will toward him because it has made me tough in a sense. I'm not tough in the sense of being a hardened, bitter person who is unaffectionate, but tough in the sense that I don't worry about things I can't change. I have no control over whether my father, or any-

one else for that matter, likes, loves or cares about me; I can only continue living out the life God has given me.

This is a tough subject for me to write about, not because I will cry or feel sad — I am years past that. It is tough because whenever you talk about not having a parent, others feel bad for you. I don't want people to pity me because, through my father's absence, I have been provided with worlds of opportunity.

I have a history in my sheer last name that many people can only wish for and diversity in background that could fill all the books in the library. Most importantly, my father gave me a mother, and his absence gave me an appreciation for my mother that will never truly in this lifetime see fruition.

She raised me in his absence, nurtured those qualities I got from my father and didn't attempt to repress things I have inherited from him. She was and will always be there for me, and without my father's actions, I would never have appreciated that immense level of love.

Don't ever apologize to me for my situation because I have always had love, and in that I have been extremely blessed. Though I miss not having a father, I have — as well as others who have an absent parent — done tremendous things with my life and, God-willing, will do much more.

Decker doesn't want apologies — he knows other students face this same issue. He does encourage any comments, however, and you can e-mail him at dtngonga@unity.ncsu.edu



God's billboards and other signage

Emily Streyer Carlisle

The Chronicle Duke U.

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — "Caution: Church Van," read the rear doors of the vehicle in front of me at the traffic light.

I pondered this instruction. Is there a special place in hell for someone who hits a van carrying churchgoers? Should the driver's association with a church merit special courtesy I would not afford other people — say, people whose bumper stickers did not support my political candidate?

This pointless message reminded me of the strange phenomenon of God billboards. When I first saw them, I figured they were confined to South Carolina, the state where you can't buy booze on Sunday. Oh no, I found they are in North Carolina, too, and Cleveland and Dallas. In fact, it's a national campaign. You've seen them: They are black with white text; an example is, "Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game. — God?"

All are signed by God but give no indication of a sponsor. Here are a few others: "Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage. — God." "Don't make me come down there. — God." "We need to talk. — God." "Will the road you're on get you to my place? — God."

Here are a few of the more obnoxious: "Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer. — God." "What part of 'thou shalt not' didn't you understand? — God." "You think it's hot here? — God." "Have you read my #1 best seller? There will be a test. — God." And my personal least favorite: "Big bang theory, you've got to be kidding. — God."

According to The Christian Science Monitor, the ads were created by The Smith Agency in Florida in a campaign funded by an anonymous person who wanted to "get people thinking about God." The "Messages from God" campaign was originally intended to be local and to last only a few months in 1999, but near its end, the Outdoor Advertising Association of America offered to launch it nationwide as a public service. The advertising space is now donated, either by the billboard owners or private individuals, at an estimated value of \$13 million, tax-deductible. It is, according to

OAAA, more popular than Smokey the Bear or the crash-test dummies.

God's message, it seems, has been translated into a form "relevan[t]" to the 1990s. What I take this to mean is that God supposedly is more accessible when we insert tired, slang-filled, everyday speech into His mouth. God is just a regular ol' guy like you and me.

The strongest argument I've ever heard from an atheist is that we have yet to create a god less shallow than ourselves. The answer, of course, is that we have yet to interpret a higher power in a manner that doesn't reveal our own smallness. God doesn't get more sophisticated; we do. At least, I thought we did.

I question the "success" of the campaign (the criteria for which were unspecified in the article). Other than creationists who already go to church and think the rest of us sinners need a lesson, who thinks these ads are clever? I can't help thinking this money could be better spent doing God's work — funding a soup kitchen or sending medical supplies to people in need (with no strings attached). Proselytizing within one's own religion isn't exactly productive.

I can overlook the rampant comma splices (which I assume are intended to resonate with a grammar-abusing public). I can smile at the utterly unconscious anthropomorphism. I can chuckle at the nearly literal example of preaching to the choir.

What bothers me is that these billboards are unsigned — and I don't believe that God actually dictated the copy to Charlie Robb, one of the campaign's creators. Whoever claims to speak for God should own up to it. These billboards are arrogance in a most undiluted form. They are imagination presented as quotation. They are interpretation stated as fact.

What would God say if He took out some advertising space? I don't know. You don't, either.

Another interpretation for the church-van sign occurred to me: Are church-van motorists white-knuckledly incompetent? The sign could be a warning that I would get creamed by a singularly bad driver if I didn't watch out.

The price of driving drunk



Abbie Byrom
Staff Columnist

There are a few things in college that are always going to happen, no matter what any one says or tries to do to prevent it. One of those things is drinking. It is almost a cardinal rule: Thou shalt drink when thou arrive for the collegiate experience.

I myself have never been a huge fan of drinking, but I have been drinking, and I feel as though the effects are not worth my time and very valuable money.

However, many of my friends love it and can find nothing better to do than drink their weekends away — and sometimes their Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights as well. I am not their mother so I usually say nothing about this detrimental pastime of theirs — until now.

I am not from North Carolina. I am from the coast of Mississippi. If I tell people this, they either ask if I had an out-house, or they want to know what country Mississippi is in. I have not been able to visit much since I have come to college, and that is a hard adjustment to make.

Last week, I got a phone call from my best girlfriend. Excited when I picked up the phone, I was crying when I hung up. The news she passed along to me was that one of our closest friends from high school had been seriously injured in a car accident on the way back to school.

Initially, I was saddened and extremely upset at the prospect of losing such a

close friend. The next day, my friend was proclaimed brain-dead, which means he will never wake up and be the person we all knew and loved. The cause of his accident was alcohol. Now, I am angry.

There seemed to be absolutely no reason for my close friend to be lying brain-dead in a hospital as a result of alcohol. Two of my other friends thought it would be a great idea to drink and drive. They thought that drinking enough alcohol to be drunk and then driving a long distance in the rain would be fun. I suppose that now they realize it was not such a good idea, only it is too late.

My friend was taken off life support late Wednesday night as soon as all of my other friends from high school could get to the hospital and say their good-byes. I had to sit in my apartment, alone, and wonder what was going on, how my friends were doing and how his family was coping. Then I had to think about how angry I am at my other friend who was driving and is responsible for someone else's life being taken.

The boy driving is also in the hospital, and a third was OK. When the driver gets out, he will not only have to deal with the consequences of his friends' having a hard time maintaining friendships, considering the circumstances, and he will have to deal with a family coping with the loss of a child. He then will face criminal charges — involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol.

The court system back home loves to make examples of kids and adults who do things thinking they are invincible. I am not wishing such a punishment on him, but I will not be opposed to the book being thrown and his getting the maximum sentence allowed.

I have discussed this with some of my friends here in Raleigh, and their general sentiment is that the driver being charged still needs a friend. I agree, but he killed one of my closest friends, and I am not so quick to turn the other cheek. I realize my friend was not forced into that car. All three of those boys were stupid and irresponsible. However, the driver should have risen above the rest and said, "No, I will not drive drunk."

This could have happened to any of my friends here in Raleigh or any of my acquaintances in class. It is too common to find drunk driving excused on college campuses and even in high school. I am not saying that all drinking is wrong, but you should be responsible enough to know how to handle yourself while drinking. You should know when to stop and have a designated driver. If you do not, then instead of drinking that last beer or mixed drink, save that \$5 and take a taxi home.

The loss of my friend's life was pointless. Even as I write this column, the only people his death will affect and make think are those of us who were close to him. As I try to instill the importance of this in all of you reading, I know that there will still be someone who goes out tonight, drinks and then drives home when he or she should not.

The only thing I have to say to you is that I pray you do not meet the same fate my friend did over something as stupid as too much alcohol and an irresponsible decision.

Abbie is opposed to drunk driving. If you agree, then pass it on to your friends and offer them rides home when they can't drive. Otherwise, you can e-mail her at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.

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monotonous, that the people of Levittown were as bland as the town itself. William Levitt remained unflappable because he was on to something. He had built what people had always dreamed of and gave it to them at an affordable price.

Clearly, there was a price to pay. While I can't cite the first documented "case," Levittown did have something else that many homeowners are familiar with — the Homeowner's Association.

Levitt himself would drive up and down the streets, ready to take note of any house that didn't meet his standards

or whose appearance was going awry. He had a reputation to maintain, a reputation that put him on the cover of a 1950 issue of Time magazine.

Clearly, these aren't the Levittown residents we're talking about but the welfare of the man who created it, the man who wanted to ensure that his developments were always associated with happy families and pristine properties. Not a concept that has ceased to be effective, if you've ever seen a billboard for the latest development, just outside of any town in America.

When you buy a piece of land with a house on it, are you buying an image or a piece of land with a house that can be turned into a home? Does the perfect

home come from the standards set by a builder or what you make of it once you take up residence?

While suburban developments do come with the perks of cheap housing and pretty yards, some of the essential liberties of property owners are stripped away when you can't truly call a place your own. If you can't be entrusted to do as you see fit on the land that you've earned, it becomes apparent we've traded in one of our essential freedoms for a cheap imitation.

Between listservs and viruses, Ariel's inbox just can't get enough. Responses are welcome at midnitelamp55@yahoo.com.

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the registration rolls.

The act also requires that voters be allowed to check and correct any mistakes on their ballots. This will prevent a person's vote from being nullified if that voter mistakenly double-votes in a race.

Voter fraud is also addressed with new requirements when it comes to identification. Anyone registering to vote is required to show identification either when they register or when they vote, depending on how they register.

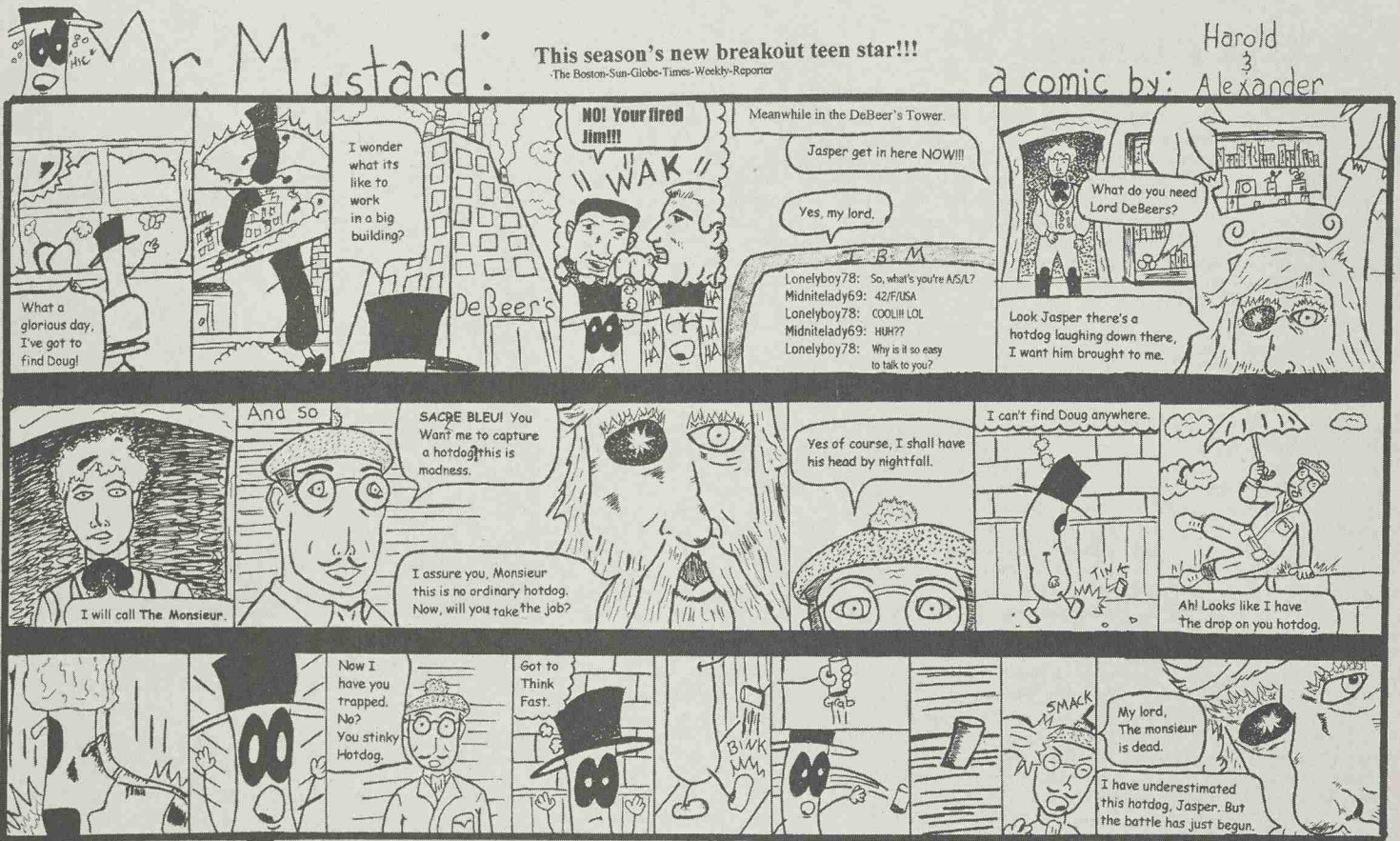
Although some have expressed concerns that the identification requirements will hurt minority turnout and registra-

tion, the requirements are open and reasonable. Should a voter not have a driver's license or social security number, as required in the final stage of the act, the state will assign a number to him.

The only real concern is that the government has authorized spending the \$3.9 billion needed to make it happen, but it has not appropriated any of it yet. The concern is that, with the legislative back-up over spending, the act will not be funded fully by the federal government before states need to make changes.

This act, in a very big way, fixes problems highlighted in the 2000 election without hurting any group of voters. America needs this, and it needs the federal government to fully fund the plan.

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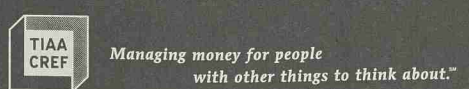
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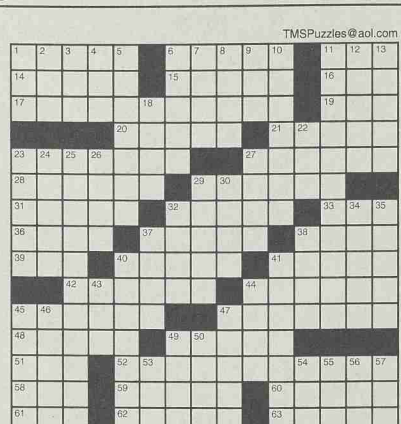
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Oct. 21. You have a knack for making money this year, but will it all slip through your fingers? Can you find a safe place where you can stash some away for later? That's the challenge you're facing. Copy a Taurus who's financially secure.

Aries
March 21-April 19
Today is an 8. OK, now it's time to get back to the grind and continue to bring in the money. Also, clamp down on expenses. It's true that money saved is money earned.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Today is a 6. Not much gets by you, but don't broadcast how much you know. Instead, use your information to further your objectives.

Gemini
May 21-June 21
Today is an 8. Better move quickly on a romantic matter. Don't put it off any longer. Finish up something you promised to do, even if it involves a commitment.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
Today is a 7. Continue to fix up your place, even if you have to make a big mess first. The opportunity for romance comes soon. You're creating ambiance.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22
Today is a 7. The more you learn, the more others depend on you. Want to take over the company and run it right? Keep studying.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Today is a 7. An early flurry of activity should ease into a phase of relative serenity. Keep that in mind when things get tense. The worst is almost over.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct 22
Today is an 8. You don't yet have the resources to accomplish everything you envision. With a little help from your friends, however, anything is possible.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Today is a 6. It may feel as if the weight of the world is on your shoulders. If so, don't falter. Don't go it alone, either. Get a buddy to help.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Today is a 7. You have new stories to tell, but not during working hours. A big job deserves your attention now. Put off playtime until Thursday.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Today is a 7. Heaven knows you've worked enough on weekends. Think you could find time to play during the week? Like, tonight? Totally legit, of course.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Today is a 9. You've had a chance to develop new theories. Now let's see which ones of them work. Be especially aware of rules and regulations, including the law of gravity.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20
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ESCAPE

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Pack caught Duke on a blitz, and a short pass to Hicks was transformed into a 53-yard touchdown. State would add a second-quarter field goal to go up 17-0.

The next 25 minutes of the game, however, would belong to the Blue Devils.

Duke first got on the scoreboard on a 45-yard field goal by Brent Garber in the final minute of the first half. On the first possession of the second half, Garber hit a 52-yarder to cut the State lead to 17-6.

"It would have been good to have gotten a [touchdown] to put us up 21-0," said Amato. "By them kicking that field goal at the end of the first half, it gave them a little momentum. Then they go right down the field and kick [another] field goal."

State appeared ready to answer with a field goal of its own on its first drive of the second half, but the Blue Devils blocked the attempt by Austin Herbert. The Pack, which is known for its kick-blocking prowess, has now had two kicks blocked in its last two games.

After Garber missed a 31-yard field goal, Duke finally was able to punch one into the end zone. Chris Douglas ran through the Wolfpack defensive line and broke free for a 41-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion failed, and the State lead was cut to 17-12.

"We took their running game up the middle [away], with one exception," said Amato. "We were

in a blitz on that one, and that's one of those things."

Another Garber field goal in the fourth quarter brought Duke within two points. State's offense then finally kicked in gear.

With less than seven minutes remaining in the second half, Rivers recognized that the Duke defense had jumped offside — giving State a virtual free play. Rivers heaved a pass long for Cotchery, who caught the pass for a 53-yard touchdown reception — the winning score.

"I knew it was offside because if it was a false start they would have blew it dead," said Rivers. "It was one-on-one with Jerricho, and he did a good job of going and getting it. It was a big play for us."

"It was just great execution," said Amato. "We just didn't do that enough."

Duke, however, didn't give up. With under a minute remaining, Smith found Khary Sharpe for a 40-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 24-22. After the successful onside, however, the Blue Devils weren't able to gain any yards — making the 65-yard-field goal attempt improbable at best.

"We can't give up a whole lot [of yards] there because he's capable [of hitting a long field goal]," said Amato. "Was it the first kickoff of the game when he just about kicked it through the goalpost?"

"I thought it was [former Florida State kicker Sebastian] Janikowski out there. He was just a little slimmer and spoke better English."

With the win, State equals its best start in school history. The

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Duke	0	3	9	10	22
N.C. State	14	3	0	7	24

N.C. State — TD, P Rivers 6 yd run (A Herbert kick) 4:41 1st Qtr
N.C. State — TD, S Hicks 53 yd pass from P Rivers (A Herbert kick) 13:22 1st Qtr
N.C. State — FG, A Herbert 23 yd 10:32 2nd Qtr
Duke — FG, B Garber 47 yd 14:31 2nd Qtr
Duke — FG, B Garber 52 yd 4:41 3rd Qtr
Duke — TD, C Douglas 41 yd run (Two-point conversion failed) 13:43 3rd Qtr
Duke — FG, B Garber 45 yd 4:19 4th Qtr
N.C. State — TD, J Cotchery 53 yd pass from P Rivers (A Kiker kick) 12:08 4th Qtr
Duke — TD, K Sharpe 40 yd pass from A Smith (B Garber kick) 14:44 4th Qtr

	Duke	N.C. State
First downs	20	17
Rushed yards	39-86	21-63
Passing yards	353	364
Sacked-yards lost	6-48	0-0
Return yards	12	6
Passes	28-42-0	26-37-0
Punts	3-38.3	5-38.8
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	3-20	4-35
Time of possession	34:07	25:53

Rushing:		
Duke — Chris Douglas 10-54, Senterrio Landrum 4-50, Khary Sharpe 1-13, Alexander Wade 8-4, Brent Garber 1-minus 14, Adam Smith 9-minus 21		
N.C. State — T.A. McLendon 16-50, Josh Brown 3-8, Phillip Rivers 1-6, Team 1-minus 1		

Duke — Adam Smith 28-41-353-0, Darryl Scott 0-1-0-0		
N.C. State — Phillip Rivers 26-37-364-0		

Duke — Andy Roland 6-85, Chris Douglas 3-46, Khary Sharpe 2-45, Senterrio Landrum 2-43, Alexander Wade 5-42, Reggie Love 4-36, Lance Johnson 1-26, Calen Powell 2-17, Ronnie Elliott 3-13		
N.C. State — Jerricho Cotchery 6-174, Sterling Hicks 6-107, Bryan Peterson 4-38, Doveonte Edwards 5-20, T.A. McLendon 3-15, T.J. Williams 1-6, John Ritcher 1-4		

Pack moved up to No. 12 in the AP poll and No. 9 in the Coaches Poll.

The Pack has a short week in front of it, however, as State puts its undefeated record on the line Thursday night at Clemson. The Pack hasn't won at Frank Howard Memorial Stadium since 1998 and is a combined 10-19 against the Tigers away from home.

DEVILS

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course to no avail. It took the Pack about three quarters to realize that the running game was not going to gain ground on the Blue Devils. So Rivers' vaunted arm took to the air and was able to hit Cotchery and Hicks on hook routes and big yardage-gains within Duke's soft zone.

"The big thing was Duke stopping our running game, but our passing game was great," Amato

said. "Maybe we should have thrown the ball every snap. No. 17 does have a pretty good arm."

The running game must get on track going into Thursday's nationally televised game against the Clemson Tigers on ESPN. Clemson, allowing a mere 117.0 yards on the ground and 165.2 yards through the air, boasts the conference's top-ranked and the nation's 10th-ranked defense.

Furthermore, the game will be played at Death Valley, which has been called by many one of the nation's most intimidating col-

lege venues.

"Sure, we will be motivated for Clemson next week; any win is a motivation," Rivers said. "If you win and made the mistakes that we made today, it is easier to correct them. And we will correct them this week."

"Some time during the season, we'll have a close game," Amato said. "There are so many examples of those games, but it's a win. It's a win. I'm the happiest person in the world."

HEARTBREAK

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got to move forward."

The pain was enough to quiet even the most outgoing of personalities, as State coach George Tarantini found himself at a rare loss for words. Tarantini, a veteran coach who defines passion and energy seemed emotionally drained as he walked gloomily toward the team bus. But he was still grateful for the effort his team provided.

"None," said the coach when asked what emotions he felt. "I don't feel any. I'm just proud of my team. We fought."

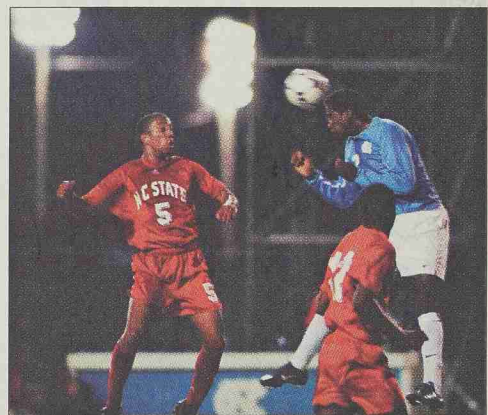
The Pack was certainly full of scrap on this night.

Despite the fact that it was out-shot 25-7, State relentlessly pressured the aggressive Tar Heels at every opportunity. It was that pressure that ultimately led to the Pack's only score of the match, which came in the 67th minute off the booming right foot of freshman Bryant Salter.

Salter, going after a UNC defender one-on-one, won possession of the ball and streaked up the left side of the field on a break-away. As he approached Carolina goalkeeper Ford Williams, Salter cocked his leg and exploded a perfect shot that found its home in the upper right corner of the net.

Suddenly, the Pack and Heels were tied at one. Suddenly, Carolina was worried. It almost appeared that State was destined to end its ACC losing streak, which dates to 1999.

But Carolina immediately went into attack mode. The Heels



Marcus Johnson (5) and N.C. State fell agonizingly short against No. 25 North Carolina. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinnenko

launched offensive after offensive, shot after shot. Each one landed in the wall-like hands of Watson.

The Pack's co-captain undoubtedly played one of the finest matches in his career, and he kept the Pack within one by saving a penalty kick late in the first half.

"I'm just out there playing good every day, hopefully," said Watson. "I'm just out there trying to give my best effort. I don't really rank performances; I just try to see what I need to work on better, and I'm trying to improve every day."

Interestingly, the only shots Watson allowed through were the first and last ones he faced.

Marcus Storey scored Carolina's opening goal, which came in the second minute off a muddled play inside the box. Storey pounced on a loose ball and

knocked it in for a quick 1-0 lead.

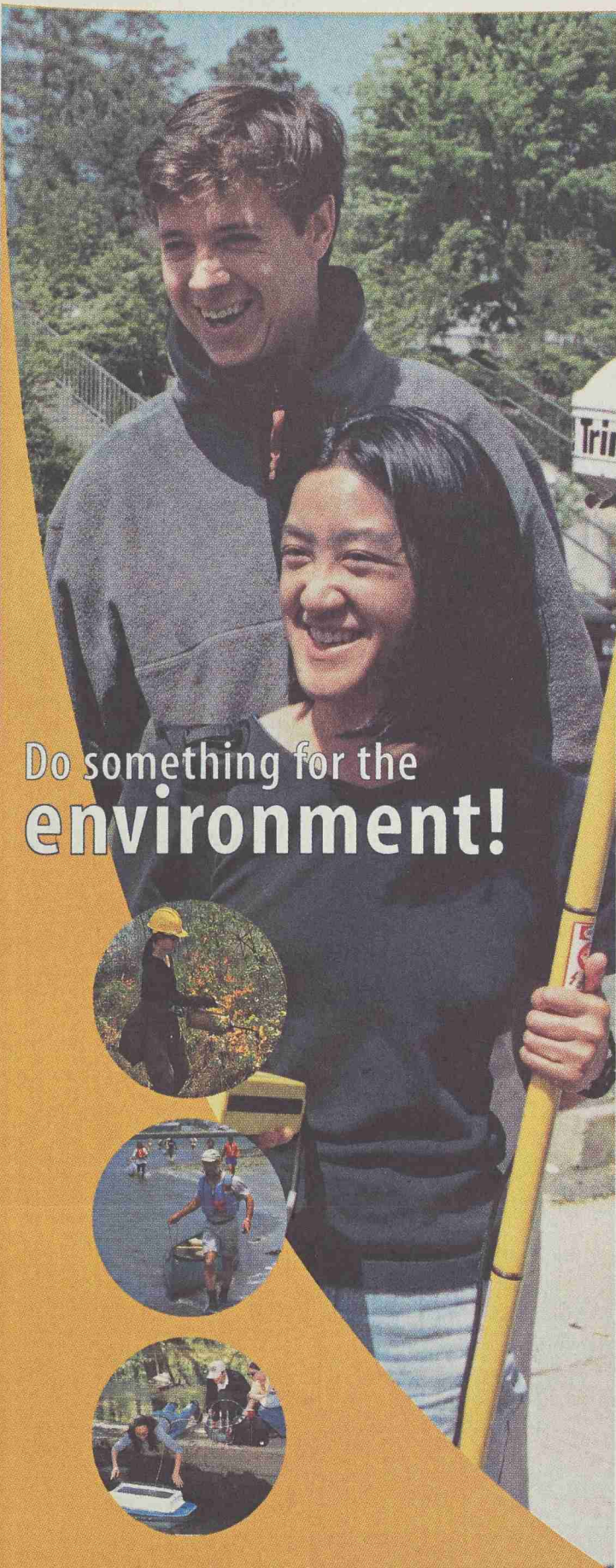
The score would stay the same, but not without many saves by Watson and a few missed opportunities on either side. Salter's goal for State ignited the Pack, and it was a flame of confidence that could only be doused by a freak last-second loss.

In reference to the final goal, Tarantini said: "I think it's like everything that could go wrong, went wrong."

But, as the coach added, State showed it could play head-to-head against one of the best teams in the country.

"We tried hard, and I'm proud of my team; that's what I can say," said Tarantini. "The loss is a loss, but I think there's a lot of things to build on from here."

"You pick it up and go to work tomorrow morning. You keep trying."



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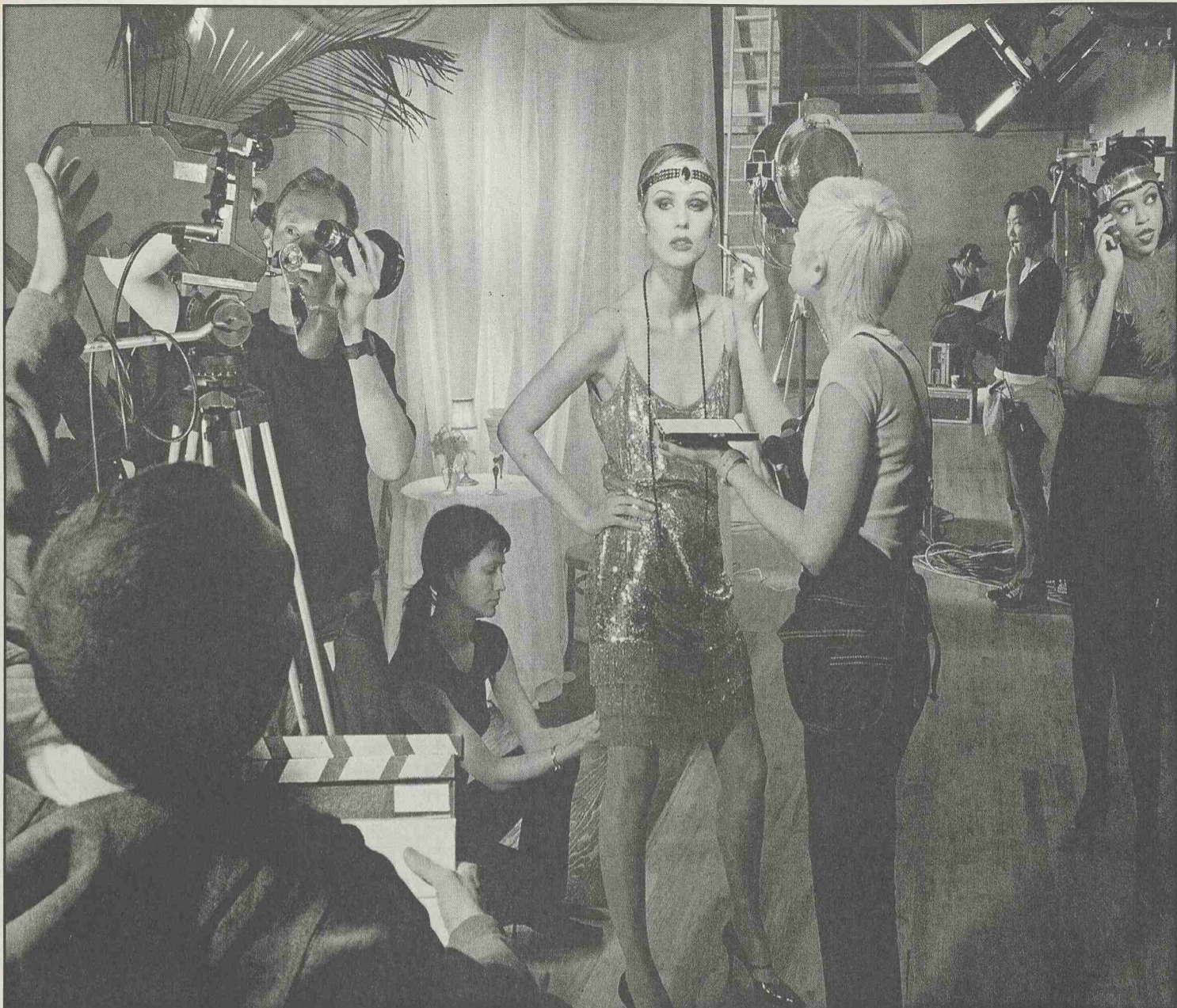
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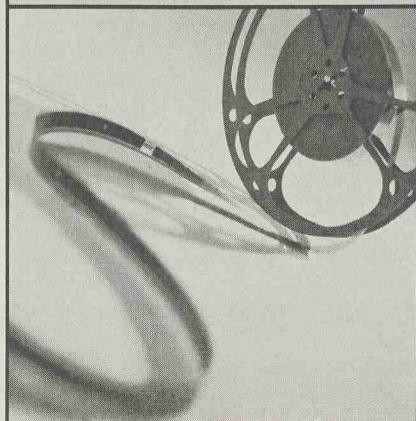
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Monday Sports

Schedule

Football @ Clemson, 10/24, 7:45
Volleyball vs. North Carolina, 10/22, 7
M. Soccer @ Charlotte, 10/25
W. Soccer @ Campbell, 10/23

Scores

Football 24, Duke 22
North Carolina 2, M. Soccer 1
Florida State 5, W. Soccer 1
Maryland 3, Volleyball 0



TECHNICIAN

State escapes

No. 13 N.C. State gets a scare from lowly Duke but pulls out a 24-22 win to remain undefeated.

Steve Thompson

Sports Editor

N.C. State got its eighth win of the season Saturday afternoon, but just barely. The Wolfpack was challenged by the unlikely of opponents, the hapless Duke Blue Devils, who dropped their 21st straight ACC contest 24-22 at Carter-Finley Stadium.

After scoring a long touchdown and then recovering the onside kick with 16 seconds remaining, Duke (2-6, 0-4 ACC) missed a desperation 65-yard field goal as time expired to fall just short of upsetting the No. 13 Wolfpack (8-0, 3-0).

"I think Duke is better [than people think], and we didn't play as good as we wanted to," said Rivers. "Hats off to them — they played us hard. We got the win, though, and that's the goal."

Philip Rivers led the Pack, throwing for a season-high 364 yards on 27-36 passing with two touchdowns. Jerricho

Cotchery and Sterling Hicks each caught six of Rivers' passes for a touchdown each. Each wideout also set career highs in receiving yardage, gaining 174 and 107, respectively.

Adam Smith had a big day for the Blue Devils, going 28 of 41 for 353 yards and a touchdown.

Each team's running game struggled as Duke was held to 86 yards, and the Pack was able to gain only 63.

"Maybe we should have thrown the ball more," said Amato. "With the way we were running the ball — when they put up all those people and we can't block them — then play-action and throwing the ball is [not a bad second option.]"

State seemed to have things in control early. Rivers capped a 12-play, 80-yard drive with a six-yard touchdown run to put the Pack up 7-0 after its first drive. State has now scored on its opening drive in seven of its eight games this year.

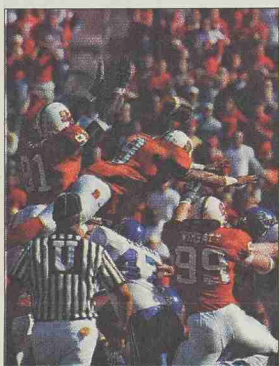
After Duke failed on both a fourth-down conversion inside the State red zone and later a fake field goal, State extended its lead to 14-0. Rivers and the



Duke's defense frustrated the N.C. State ground game Saturday afternoon. Staff photo by Jason Ivester

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Devils thwart running game



State didn't have to block Duke's last-second 65-yard field goal. Staff photo by Jason Ivester

Duke limited the N.C. State rushing attack to only 63 yards Saturday afternoon.

Memie Ezike

Staff Writer

Coming off a 258-yard performance against North Carolina, it seemed N.C. State's running game was perhaps on track to equal State's prolific passing attack.

While the Blue Devils had been limiting teams to only 130 yards on the ground, State freshman T.A. McLendon had alone averaged more than 130 yards per game in the last three games. Surely Duke couldn't stop him.

Someone forgot to tell that to the Duke defensive line, however, which effective-

ly brought seven, even eight men to neutralize N.C. State's two-man wrecking crew of McLendon and Josh Brown.

Duke stymied the Pack running game, only allowing 63 yards on the ground. McLendon gained 50 yards on 16 carries and was never able to break open those runs he is so used to making. Brown, who gained 88 yards in a relief role against UNC last week, was held to 8 yards.

Quarterback Phillip Rivers had the only rushing touchdown of the game, a 6-yard plunge into the end zone for the game's first score.

Other than McLendon's 12-yard run in the first quarter on the first carry of the game, nothing clicked for head coach Chuck Amato and the Pack run attack.

"I don't know what happened today," McLendon said. "I'm speechless. I could-

n't tell you if we came out with some intensity today."

A key blow to the rushing attack was the absence of tight end Sean Berton. Frequently called the heart of the offensive line, Berton was out with an ankle injury, and his departure clearly affected the play of the offensive line.

"We missed him a lot," McLendon said. "He is a big help to the offense."

The lack of a running game made Amato think about passing.

"Maybe we should have passed more," Amato said.

And pass the Pack did. Under the watchful eyes of representatives from the Fiesta and Sugar Bowls, Rivers stepped up, going 26-of-37 for a season-high 364 yards and two touchdowns.

Wideouts Jerricho Cotchery and Sterling Hicks were the main recipients of

the Rivers deliveries. Cotchery caught six passes for a career-high 178 yards, including the pivotal 53-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter after Duke jumped offside.

Hicks fared no worse, also catching six passes for a career-high 107 yards, which also included a pivotal 53-yard touchdown pass from Rivers in the first quarter.

"We knew that we could pass on Duke and that I could get open if I ran hard routes," Cotchery said. "The pass was working today, and the line was protecting Phil well, so fortunately I had a big game today."

Even though the running game was ineffective for the day, the Pack continued to hand the ball off to McLendon, of

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Heartbreak for the Wolfpack

A freak goal in the final seconds gave North Carolina a 2-1 win over N.C. State.

Andrew B. Carter

Assistant Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL — To call it heartbreaking wouldn't do it justice. To call it disappointing wouldn't, either. One could attempt to use an infinite number of words to describe what took

place between men's soccer rivals N.C. State and No. 25 North Carolina on Saturday night, but words fail in situations like this.

About the only word that fits would be to call the match a classic. A combination of special, sad, brilliant and bizarre, it was, as a departing fan muttered, "unbelievable."

N.C. State (4-9, 0-6 ACC) was 12 seconds away from overtime with the defending national champions. Twelve seconds from having the opportunity to

end its misery and futility in ACC play. It turned out, though, that it was 12 seconds too long.

North Carolina (9-5, 2-2) scored a stunning goal with 12 seconds left, sending the Tar Heels to an improbable 2-1 win over the crushed, determined Wolfpack.

The goal was officially credited to Carolina's Matt Crawford, but the shot that won it never would have if not for the freak ricochet it took off the shin of State forward Isreal Mejia. Mejia, in the wrong

place at the wrong time, slipped and fell about 10 feet in front of the State goal. Crawford's shot found the falling Mejia's leg and bounced off it and past goalkeeper Mitchell Watson, who was in position to save the try before it was deflected.

Watson, who played spectacularly all night, comforted Mejia, who laid face-down on the field in anguish in the moments after the score. A last-second desperation attack failed, and the Pack trudged off Fetzer Field in shock and dis-

may. Losing may be nothing new for State, but losing in this fashion was.

"It's just tough," said Watson, who saved 13 shots and almost single-handedly kept State in the match. "We battled. We fought. I'm just proud of the guys. They were out there fighting against UNC. I mean, they won the national championship last year, and we were out there fighting hard to get a win. We've

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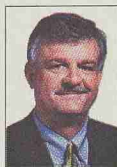
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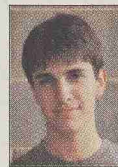
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Oklahoma 49, Iowa State 3
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Monday's trivia question: Who holds the N.C. State record for rushing touchdowns in a season? What year did he set the record, and how many touchdowns did he score?

Send answers to ncstrivia@yahoo.com. Be the first person to send the correct answer and win the chance to be next week's student guest picker.

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