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IN THE KNOW

WORLD

Inspectors yet to find proof of nuclear weapons in Iraq

While briefing the Security Council on Saddam Hussein's 12,000 page weapons declaration, Hans Blix, the U.N.'s chief weapons inspector, said that after approximately two months in the country, U.N. weapons inspectors have found "no smoking guns" in Iraq, said reports.

Blix said that while there were some unanswered questions in the Iraqi declaration, there is still no proof that Saddam Hussein's regime has been developing weapons of mass destruction.

NATION

President signs bill to help jobless

President Bush signed a jobless aid bill that would extend federal unemployment benefits for another 13 weeks. After being approved in a voice vote on Tuesday by the Senate, the House of Representatives approved the bill in a 416-4 vote. The bill would benefit more than 2 million laid-off workers, 8,000 of whom had benefits that expired after Christmas.

STATE

Investigators look for clues in plane crash

Investigators began searching for clues as to the cause of the fatal commuter plane crash in Charlotte, N.C., that killed 21 people.

After finding the plane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders Wednesday evening, investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) sent them to Washington for analysis.

While the investigation is still ongoing, officials said that the NTSB investigators will be looking closely at why the plane banked sharply before the crash.

This plane crash was the first fatal plane crash in the United States in 14 months. But the same day as the North Carolina crash, 75 passengers and five crew members were killed in Diyarbakir, Turkey after a RJ 100 Turkish Airlines jetliner crashed just two minutes shy of its scheduled landing.

Raleigh gears up to celebrate Gator Bowl victory

The city will hold a motorcade and rally for the N.C. State football team on Saturday.

News Staff Report

The city of Raleigh will hold a motorcade and rally on Saturday afternoon to celebrate N.C. State's 28-6 victory over Notre Dame in the 2003 Gator Bowl.

At 1 p.m., the city will begin running free buses from campus to the rally, which will be located at Lichtin Plaza in front of the BTI Center for the Performing Arts downtown.

At 2 p.m. a police-led motorcade will make its way from the Weisiger-Brown Athletics Center on campus to the rally, carrying the football team and NCSU officials.

The event will include performances by the marching band, dance team and cheerleaders, visits from Mayor Charles Meeker, NCSU head coach Chubb Amato, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and football players, face-painting, food and fireworks.

The rally starts at 2 p.m. after the football team and university officials arrive at Lichtin Plaza.

The festivities are free and open to the public, and city and university officials expect a large crowd.

Provost resigns after Fox fires two top administrators

Stuart Cooper stepped down Wednesday after two vice provosts under him were fired.

Ayren Jackson and
Carie Windham
Staff Reporters

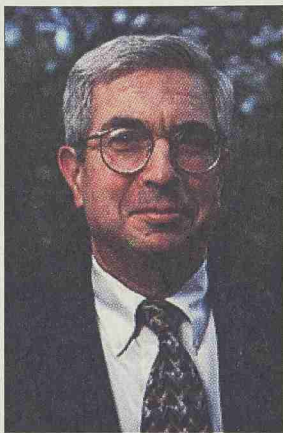
After 17 months of serving as N.C. State's provost — the second-ranked administrator to the chancellor — Stuart Cooper submitted his resignation early Wednesday morning.

"My resignation is due to specific actions," said Cooper.

Cooper announced that his resignation was a result of Chancellor Marye Anne Fox's firing of two of Cooper's top administrators, despite his rejections.

C. Frank Abrams Jr., a senior vice provost and chief liaison with the faculty, and Bruce I. Mallette, the provost's financial officer, were both fired Tuesday by Fox.

"Mr. Mallette and Mr. Abrams were two of my 'direct reports' amongst oth-



Stuart Cooper hopes to return to teaching. Photo courtesy www.ncsu.edu

er vice provosts," said Cooper.

In addition to having approximately 20 direct reports including vice provosts and deans, Cooper was in charge of ac-

ademic affairs and faculty relations.

According to a News and Observer report, Fox told Cooper on Monday to try to encourage Abrams and Mallette to resign. If they would not resign, Cooper was asked to fire them. On Tuesday, Cooper told Fox that he would not fire them, and Fox fired the two vice provosts that afternoon.

Faculty Senate Chairman Phillip Carter received a phone call Tuesday night from the chancellor during which he learned that Abrams and Mallette were "relieved of their duties."

The chancellor alluded to the fact that she was disappointed with the way the administration team was working, he said.

Despite the incident and his resignation, Cooper said that he still has a high opinion of Fox.

"My opinion is very positive as far as her ability to present N.C. State in a positive light to the outside world," said Cooper. "She has placed N.C. State in a high standing.... I have the highest regard for Chancellor Fox."

Carter agreed, pointing out that the university has improved in "virtually every manner." He attributed much of the success to the chancellor.

While Fox was unavailable for comment, she noted in a News and Observer article that her main focus was on establishing a "leadership team" amongst the university's faculty and administrators. She said that she will begin a series of discussions focusing on leadership with NCSU deans as early as Tuesday. This will not be the first time NCSU has had to deal with replacing a provost.

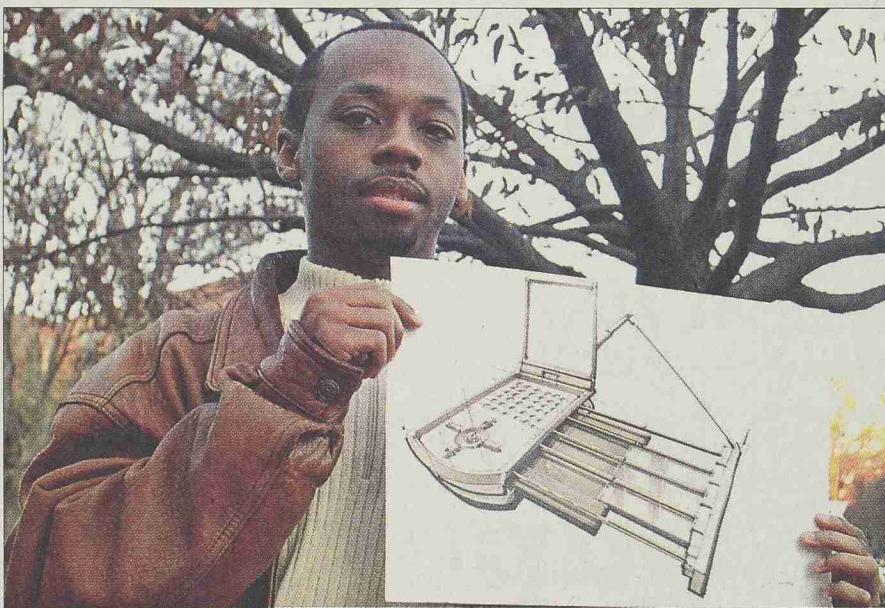
This is, however, one of the first times that it will deal without the leadership of Mallette and Abrams.

Most of the relative smoothness of the past transitions, Carter said, was due to the "supporting cast" of Mallette, a 30-year veteran of NCSU, and Abrams, who had worked in the provost's office since 1995.

Their removal and Cooper's resignation also come at a critical time at the beginning of the semester. Questions of

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Student's 'mini' wins big prize



Bryant Griffin shows off drawings of his award-winning design. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

Bryant Griffin placed second in the Lexmark International contest by designing a 3.5 inch by 4.5 inch mobile device that prints, faxes and scans documents.

Carlton Newsome
Senior Staff Reporter

"As technology advances, new and once-unimaginable machines are being developed to solve real business challenges, to speed up the pace of business and to help employees communicate even more effectively than ever before," said Paul Rooke, Lexmark vice president and president of its printing solutions and services division.

In September, Lexmark International announced a national contest to spur the imaginations of college students in developing these "once-unimaginable" machines. Lexmark would award \$22,500 in total prize money for designs of innovative printing devices that could ul-

timately enhance the future of business communication.

Rooke said, "We [were] looking for today's brightest college minds to predict tomorrow's printing reality."

N.C. State's own Bryant Griffin was one of those bright college minds. Griffin, a senior, took second prize in the contest, receiving \$7,500 in prize money and a black and white Lexmark E320 laser printer in exchange for his design of a printer/scanner/fax machine.

Griffin worked on his contest project for about four months. In the beginning, Griffin just worked on sketches and developing his design plan.

"I spent two weeks straight actually putting together the design," said Griffin.

He studied current design trends and decided to focus on the trend of multifunction. His inspiration was the printer, fax, scanner and copier combinations, which are being manufactured by several companies at this time. He was also inspired by the palm pilots and miniature printers that are popular today.

"I took that 'all-in-one' concept and scaled it down in size," said Griffin.

Griffin dubbed his design the "Mini." The device is very small, at 3.5 inches by 4.5 inches. This mobile device prints, faxes and scans documents, and it also features a unique telescoping mechanism that holds a standard sheet of paper for scanning or printing.

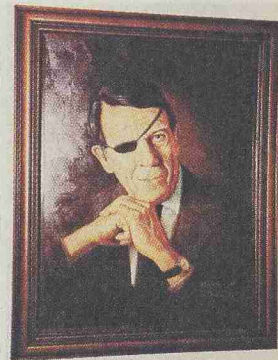
Griffin credits Bong Il Jin, assistant professor of design, for providing direction and input on the strengths and weaknesses of the device's design.

Griffin is a graduate of the North Carolina School of Science and Math and is a native of Brooklyn, New York. His family moved to Charlotte, N.C., from Brooklyn.

Griffin said he wants to pursue a career in entertainment, either by designing video games or working in the film industry.

For now, Griffin said that he will use his prize money to "pay off some of those student loans and buy a new computer system."

Portrait stolen from Student Health Center



Dr. Harry Fagan was a physician at Student Health Services for more than 40 years. Photo courtesy Jerry Barker

The portrait of the late Dr. Harry Fagan disappeared from the Student Health Services lobby on Dec. 9 or 10.

News Staff Report

A college prank could be to blame for the theft of a portrait from Student Health Services over Christmas break, but whatever the reason, the staff at Student Health simply want it returned.

The portrait of Dr. Harry Fagan was discovered missing from the Student Health Services lobby on Dec. 10. It was last seen before lunchtime Dec. 9.

When the news was broken to employees, Jerry Barker, director of Student Health Services, said their disappointment was evident.

"You could just hear their oohs and aahs of disappointment," he said. "He was a well-known doctor. Friendly, funny and people really enjoyed him."

Fagan was unmistakable because of the patch he wore over one eye. Unfortunately, authorities are concerned that the patch may have had something to

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TODAY

Correction

The correct Gator Bowl game story appears today, p. 8

Opinion

examines both sides of Bush's economic stimulus plan. p. 5

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previews men's basketball big game in Atlanta. p. 8

WEATHER



Today

Partly Sunny
High 50, Low 26



Tomorrow

Sunny
High 39, Low 19

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tenure and money will now be left to a staff void of its senior leadership.

"I think the faculty will be down emotionally," Carter said.

Carter, like most of the faculty, has had interactions with all three men. For the faculty, both served as advocates and were often sensitive to faculty concerns, he said.

Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, pointed out that both men were also very involved with students, something that was not usually the norm in the provost's office compared to other offices that dealt directly with students.

"I think they worked well with students and students enjoyed their interactions with them," said Stafford.

Michael Anthony, student body president, had worked with both Mallette and Abrams on various projects and committees.

"They were very student friendly," he said. He said Mallette always had a kind word to say and Abrams was very passionate about his work.

Although Provost Cooper had not been part of the provost's office as long, Carter said his resignation is still discouraging.

"[Cooper] was the result of a national search," said Carter. "To lose him in such short order is disappointing."

"I think it's disappointing because it distracts us all from moving ahead," Carter said. However, he was quick to point out that the he, and the faculty senate, do not disagree with the fact that the chancellor had the right to remove Mallette and Abrams if her decision can be supported.

That was Anthony's point too. "It took me aback," he said when he heard the news, especially when he found out that it was Mallette and Abrams.

"But [the chancellor] is the one to make the decision. We don't work with them — she does."

Cooper, who was packing up his office in Hollady Hall on Thursday afternoon in preparation for a move to Riddick Hall, came to NCSU in August 2001 from the Illinois Institute of Technology. While his last official day as provost is today, Cooper, a tenured professor in chemical engineering, hopes to quickly start back teaching and working on research.

"I'm moving back to the faculty," he said.

Mallette and Abrams were unavailable for comment.

CRIME REPORT

The following is a list of reports issued by Campus Police for Tuesday.

6:13 a.m. Unsecured Area

A staff member reported a area of Leazar hall unsecured. All was checked and secured.

8:35 a.m. Larceny

A non-student reported a Walkman stolen from D.H. Hill Library.

9:47 a.m. Breaking and entering

An unknown subject broke into the storage shed at Method Road Soccer stadium. Nothing was reported missing.

3:59 p.m. Larceny

A laptop was stolen from Parks and Recreation Office in Biltmore Hall.

5:21 p.m. Safety program

Officers conducted a RAD pro-

gram in McKimmon Center for 16 people.

7:15 p.m. Traffic stop

A student was cited for speeding, 43 mph in a 25-mph zone, on Sullivan Drive.

8:12 p.m. Traffic stop

A student was cited for speeding, 41 mph in a 25-mph zone, on Sullivan Drive.

8:16 p.m. Drug violation

A student reported the odor of marijuana in Bragaw Hall. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate any violations.

9:08 p.m. Traffic stop

A student was cited for speeding, 38 mph in a 20-mph zone, on Dan Allen Drive.

12:34 a.m. Alcohol violation

A student was issued a campus appearance ticket (CAT) for an alcohol violation.

12:39 a.m. Damage to property
A student reported speakers were damaged in the student's room at Bowen Hall. Damaged may have been caused during an inspection.

2:09 a.m. Traffic stop

A non-student was cited for speeding, 42 mph in a 20-mph zone, on Dan Allen Drive.

Police Directives - 5 completed
Building Checks - 21 completed

Calls to 5-3000 - 60
False Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 5
Calls to 5-3333 - 55
Actual Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 0
Escorts - 1
Key Request - 2
Assist Motorist - 2

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do with the disappearance.

According to Detective Richard Potts of Campus Police, several signs and banners across campus disappeared prior to the theft of the painting. Campus Police officers also reported that several students were roaming around campus taking pictures and claiming to be doing a scavenger hunt. This led detectives to suspect that the theft was the result of a prank.

Authorities are continuing to explore other options, however, but stressed that if it was a prank, the best action the perpetrators could take would be to return the portrait.

"If the intent was to steal then it was a crime," he said. "But without that element it's not a crime. I think the people at Student

Health Services are more intent on obtaining it then following through with the criminal process."

The portrait was hanging in the lobby of Student Health Services in a place that Barker noted no one thought to secure.

"Nobody ever thought of someone stealing a portrait," he said.

Fagan was a physician for Student Health Services for more than 40 years until his death in 1993. When he originally joined the staff in 1957 he split his time with a private practice. Soon, however, he dedicated himself solely to the university.

"He whole life was the health service," said Barker. "Sometimes he would treat 40 patients a day if he had to."

At the age of 70 Fagan decided to retire but never lived to enjoy his own retirement party. A fire in his home claimed his life the day before.

"Some people say well, maybe that was fate because he wanted to keep working," said Barker.

His portrait was painted in 1994 by Simon Griffith, an N.C. State alum noted for a painting of Jim Valvano.

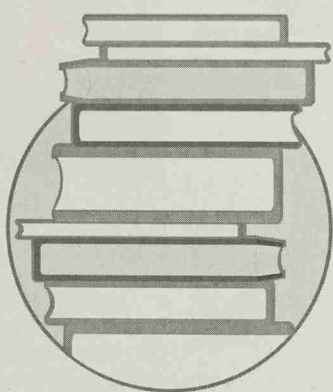
Barker estimated that the frame and portrait together were worth over \$1,200.

"Of course, there is a wonderful sentimental value too," he said. "He was a wonderful student-oriented doctor and this was a tribute to him."

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of the portrait is asked to contact Jerry Barker, Director of Student Health Services or Detective Richards Potts of Campus Police on his voicemail at 513-3831. Messages can be left anonymously.

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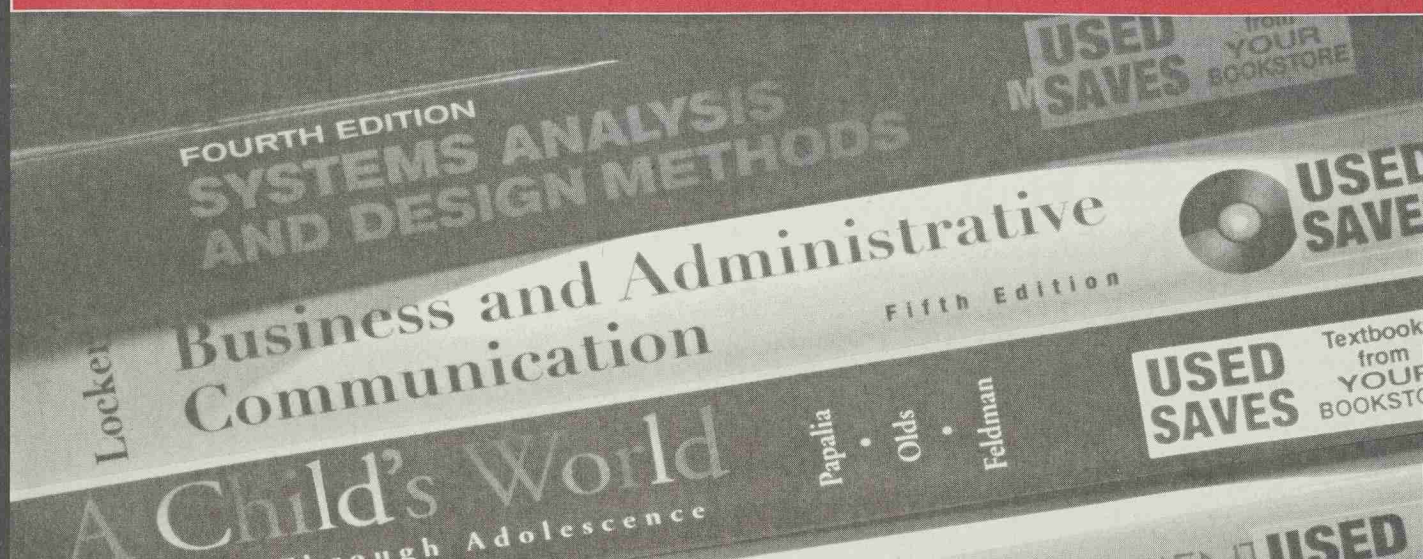
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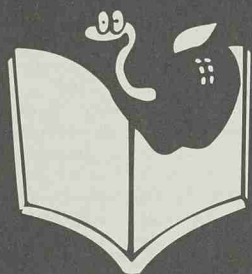
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U.S. must share information before making war decisions

The United States had previously delayed releasing information concerning weapons in Iraq to the United Nations, but now Secretary of State Colin Powell says the United States is providing "significant" information to the U.N., an appropriate step of cooperation with the organization. Working with the U.N. could help inspectors find the weapons the United States already claims exists, and in turn, gather more world support for any impending actions to be taken by the U.S. military.

While the president should be sharing as much as possible with weapons inspectors, Powell stated that some details are being withheld until decisions can be made as to whether inspectors "are able to handle it and exploit it It is not a matter of opening up every door that we have." Releasing information, however, is obviously an important key to finding common agreement between U.S. officials and weapons inspectors in Iraq.

"We know for a fact that there are weapons there," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer on Thursday. Yet after months of searching, U.N. officials have not found direct evidence of a "smoking gun" leading to banned weapons, according to Hans Blix, head of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC). Inspectors have noted concerns with Iraq's behavior, but if the U.S. is so in-

sistent on inspectors finding these alleged weapons of destruction, why shouldn't the government provide useful information into the investigation?

Currently in Washington, D.C., preparations are beginning for war — a decision that could cost the lives of countless individuals (not just Americans) and an estimated \$1.9 trillion over 10 years, according to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Clearly, this decision should not be rushed by a war-hungry government, and the advice of the U.N. is critical in gaining the support of other countries to avoid fighting against the view of a large portion of the world. The first formal assessment by inspectors will be given to the U.N. on Jan. 27, an event that could play a large role in the Bush administration's decision on how to proceed with military action in Iraq, and even now the military is continuing to build a presence in Iraq.

If the U.S. government claims to hold important information concerning weapons in Iraq, then it only makes sense to share this data with inspectors. The recent move is intended to help inspectors become "more aggressive and to be more comprehensive in the work they're doing," according to Powell. While it is certainly a positive step toward assisting U.N. investigators, it may not be enough if the United States decides to continue withholding information and making future war preparations.

Cut the (phone) cord, or not

Staff
Editorial

Chicago Tribune
(KRT)

Time was, parents deposited incoming college freshman, along with critical worldly goods, into a dorm room, and after a tearful hug, that was that. Aside from a visit home at vacation or pleas for cash, the generations were never to enjoy — or chafe at — the emotional intimacy that comes with living under the same roof. Many of today's college kids, however, apparently are breaking that long tradition. Wielding cell phones and e-mail with reckless abandon, they bombard parents with calls and letters almost hourly, asking advice, keeping in touch, discussing academic and personal matters, according to anecdotal evidence and a story in The New York Times.

Some reported conversations suggest students may be leaning too heavily on parents. For example, one George Washington University sophomore told the Times "I might call my dad and say, 'What's going on with the Kurds?'"

One Chicago father, who talks to his Indiana University freshman daughter every day, acknowledges, "I would feel there's something wrong if I don't talk to her. I don't think it's harmful, but does it prevent her from truly growing up and experiencing what she should?"

Much as we endorse family values and a close parent-child relationship, we can't

help but wonder if kids aren't being cheated of one of life's great experiences. Shouldn't the leap into college be a proving ground to show that you can take care of yourself?

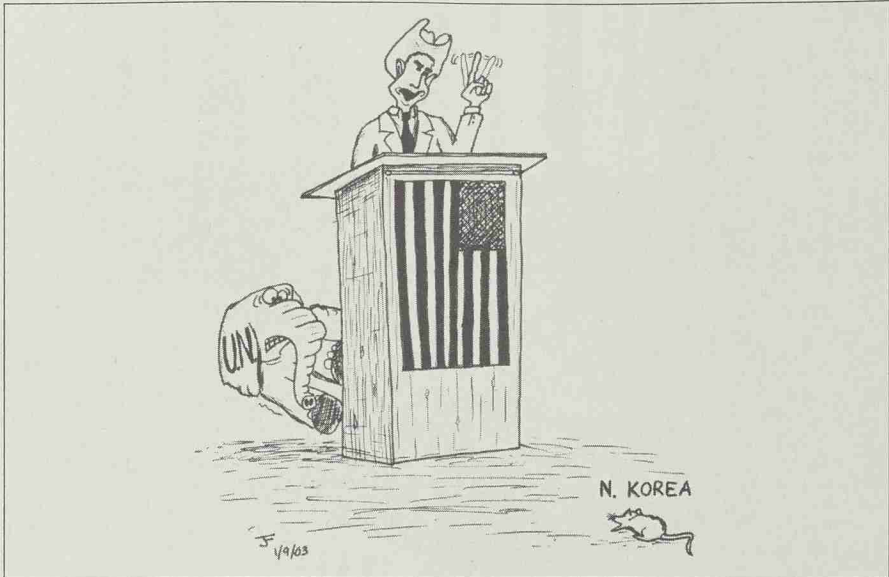
Yes, but a lifetime's habits are hard to break. After 12 or more years of being intensely involved, many parents find it natural to stay involved. (An extreme example: One Yale junior reported when his mother came to visit, she stayed in his room and went to parties with him.)

As for the kids, they've come to expect intense parental support, which apparently includes everything from help writing a term paper to advice on romance.

Much of what's driving this is, of course, technology. In the pre-cell phone era, it was a lot harder to reach a collegian at school, particularly since many students didn't have phones in their rooms. E-mail didn't exist.

The zeitgeist was different. Parents didn't usher kids on nationwide college tours; a lot of parents didn't even make the trip when a child left for college. They paid air, train or bus fare, then showed up for graduation.

Researchers say there's no need to be alarmed — technology often changes culture. The age at which young people have taken on burdens of adulthood — job, marriage, family, mortgage — has steadily increased in the last half of the century.



Cults, clones, oh my

Michele
DeCamp
Staff Columnist

Somewhere in Canada there is a big, barn-like structure that has the words "UFO land" spelled out in brilliant green letters. This unassuming building is the headquarters of his holiness Rael, the leader of a religious group (or cult — you decide) that funded the foundation that may have cloned the first human being.

Clonaid is the organization that has supposedly cloned two human beings for anonymous couples, and their main goal is to clone humans. Why? So that the Raelians (Rael's followers) can fulfill their goal of immortality by creating genetic duplicates of themselves and transferring their "soul" into that body when it has reached maturity.

Let's forget for a moment that we are talking about a group that holds naked "meetings" to pay homage to the aliens that supposedly captured his holiness Rael to enlighten him about how the human race was placed on this planet by said aliens. And let's also ignore that most of the credible members of the scientific community think that this is a complete farce, since Rael himself does not believe that it is necessary to prove that the first human clone (whom they call Eve) is really a clone. What about the fact that this is the first time that we have ever had to entertain the idea that someone may have actually done it?

I was sitting on my bed, and I thought that I had missed some major news events when I heard that a human had been cloned, because it still seems like such a far-off possibility. It took hundreds of attempts to produce Dolly, the British cloned sheep, and there is so much dissent and confusion about the implications of reproducing genetic copies of human beings that our own country may outlaw all forms of human cloning in the near future. But what happens if a cult, a country or even a respected university manages to pull this off? For me, this is not an issue that is di-

rected by my own religious beliefs. My only concern would be for the actual clones themselves. First there is the question of whether it is possible to clone humans who would be able to survive in the early stages of life as well as not develop genetic disorders later on. We might purposely allow a child to be born who would suffer throughout his or her life.

There is also the stigma that might be attached to any child who is a clone. It will be impossible to tell that a person is a clone by looking at him or her, but it is likely that the people who have a problem with the procedure would target any child knowingly born through reproductive cloning. Our government is already "troubled" by Clonaid's claims, so it is likely that any future advances in cloning will face serious opposition by the United States government. And despite the fact that a human clone will still develop both biologically and emotionally into his or her own person, it is likely that someone will still deem clones as different from other human beings.

The debate over whether or not human cloning should be illegal has become revived again by Clonaid's claim, and it is likely that the Republican-controlled Congress and Senate will happily eliminate any domestic attempts at both reproductive and therapeutic cloning.

Reproductive cloning, which is supposedly the case with "Eve," is the procedure in which the nucleus of a woman's egg (which contains one-half of the genetic information needed to develop the fetus) is replaced with a nucleus that contains a complete set of genetic blueprints. This egg is then sparked with an electric shock that stimulates the cells to begin dividing. The embryo is then inserted into the woman's womb and allowed to develop as any other fetus.

Therapeutic cloning is different in that after the electrical shock, the cells, instead of being inserted into a woman, are instead harvested and develop into tissues that could be used for organ trans-

plants or to treat Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease.

Again, more questions. Is it okay to permit therapeutic cloning instead of reproductive cloning such as what Britain has done? Or are both forms of cloning immoral or inhumane? I would be distraught if our country outlawed therapeutic cloning when it has the potential to alleviate problems for so many human beings, including members of my family. I know many people see those harvested cells as potential human beings, so their use for tissues would be like "killing" a possible child. I understand that belief, but I also disagree with it. I am much more concerned with preserving and extending the lives of those around us then creating genetic copies of ourselves or debating about when cells become human.

For me, Clonaid's claim seems almost frighteningly humorous because their beliefs are steeped in so much science fiction lore that it seems impossible that a man in a silver jumpsuit could be telling the truth. But their claims will inevitably spark some final decisions through our government regarding human cloning. Brigitte Boisselier did make one statement in her CNN interview that made me hesitate for a moment before calling her a complete quack. The woman interviewing her asked her how she felt about President Bush's concerns and issues with her statements, and she said (in so many words) that she thought it was odd that everyone would create such an uproar about creating a human life when the United States was potentially going to kill civilians in Iraq through open war. Her statement creates a dilemma that each one of us has to answer for ourselves, but it certainly raises the question of what is really immoral in our country.

Michele will be making a pilgrimage to UFO land so that she can meet the aliens. If you would like to join her, e-mail mlhagama@unity.ncsu.edu.

Selfish snowboarding

Zack
Medford
Staff Columnist

Human nature can sure be pretty disappointing sometimes. This last week, I've been on top of a mountain having the time of my life with some of my best friends in the world. My roommate and I decided we wanted to become good at snowboarding, so last year we bought boards and started learning the ropes.

A year and many trips to the mountains later, we're both pretty decent snowboarders. We try to ride rails, do relatively big air jumps (relative to like midgets) and all that good stuff. After the first couple of days though, I realized something. My roommate was having a lot better luck than me at pulling off his tricks. In fact, he was making me look like a puny little girl out there on the slopes.

Now, you'd think that a person's gut reaction would be to feel proud of his roommate for excelling at something that meant so much to him. And for a while, I did feel proud. But soon, that pride started to rot and decay, and it started to smell bad. No longer was I beaming with pride, but rather turning quite green with jealousy.

I should have been the best snow-

boarder, not him. My jealousy made me mean and standoffish. All questions directed my way would either be answered with snide remarks or cold stares. Instead of standing up to the challenge like a man and learning how to get better, my mind was filled with thoughts of how I could sabotage my roommate.

I thought about trying to break his knee while we were getting off the lift, and I thought about cutting him off at the last second as we went over the 4-foot jumps. But then, I thought about the night before, when no one else even cared, my roommate bought me a slice of pizza because I had no money. Then I began to cry.

Why do we automatically want to be better than our friends? Human intuition is almost always to be the fastest, strongest, smartest and best-looking of the bunch ... all at the same time. What happens when one of your friends discusses how attracted to someone else they are? It seems to be human nature to suddenly find yourself more attracted to that person. Are human beings utterly selfish deep down? Do our gut reactions point us toward success for the individual at any cost? The signs seem to be pointing yes.

When you take a step back, it's clear to see jealousy as a natural reaction. We are inevitably going to want what others have, and the grass will always be greener on the other side. Actually, it is OK to desire the abilities of another. In fact, that's what gives us the drive to better ourselves. Without a little jealousy no one would feel challenged to improve themselves.

There are two voices deep in the human psyche — the voice that tell us we need to work harder if we hope to beat our opponent and the voice that tells us to hate him instead. I think that secretly it is human nature to listen to that first voice, but sometimes our mind is the one that convinces us that maybe the second voice has a point.

A little competition every now and then is important, but clearly it is not the key to survival. Instead, the team is the key to success. It may be fun to beat your roommate at snowboarding or to get all the girls, but in the grand scheme of things you won't be accomplishing anything.

The greatest inventions in the world were not created by a single man. Edit-

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OPPOSING VIEWS

Will Bush's economic stimulus plan help the average citizen?

Stimulus plan only helps wealthy, retired

Andrew Dugan
Staff Columnist

This slowing economy has very little effect on me or most people my age I know. The jobs I have held since the downturn of the economy tend to be jobs that are needed but at the same time desired by very few people, so I have been able to enjoy consistent employment throughout the dampened economy. But still, my current employer did lay off a number of workers just last week (be assured they had a higher position than myself), and I know plenty of people who have been hit hard by the pseudo-recession.

So I was happy when Bush, after months of insisting the economy was doing just fine, finally released a plan aimed at stimulating the economy (otherwise known as an economic stimulus plan).

But as I reviewed the plan I couldn't help but wonder if it would actually stimulate the economy at all. The plan, which mainly focuses on the elimination of taxes on stock dividends for investors and accelerating the 1.35 billion tax cuts that were passed in 2001, offers very little relief to anyone who does not currently own stock (which is a substantial amount of the working population) or to those who have been laid off.

Bush's theory on eradicating taxes posed on stock dividends for investors (often viewed as double taxation due to the fact that the corporation issuing the dividends has already paid taxes on them), may certainly seem fair but has very little chance of reviving the economy.

Of course one problem created by this proposal is the loss of government revenue during a time of a large deficit, but it wouldn't necessarily encourage corporate spending (which always helps a suffering market).

Investment in certain corporations, particularly those known for issuing frequent and high dividends, may indeed increase (as it has in the past few days), but the corporation would be pressured to pay out stock dividends more so than usual.

Since payment of stock dividends comes out of profits earned by a certain corporation, the extra cash would not be reinvested into developing new technology or such, so new jobs would not be created on a mass level. Instead the cash flow would be extended to its investors, who by a general scale are usually pretty wealthy.

Bush's plan offers very little to state governments, many of which are experiencing the worst fiscal crisis in some time. To make up for the lack of revenue, the crippled states would have to raise their taxes, mitigating any positive effect Bush's accelerated tax cuts might have had. State governors of all party lines have already expressed their concern for the lack of attention that Bush's plan offers.

Bush and the GOP Congress did act favorably to those currently unemployed, though, by extending unemployment for another 13 weeks for those who have already exhausted the traditional 26 weeks of unemployment benefits. This measure will surely help those, who by no fault of their own, lost their careers due to the poor economy.

The Democrats had offered a similar package that offered unemployment benefits for a longer period of time. Republicans, who hold the majority in both houses, rejected it due to many reasons, including that it would reduce government intake.

No matter which plan you favor — the Republicans' or the Democrats' — both reduce government revenue by a significant amount. If increasing government spending (or simply taking away from how much the federal government already takes in) was actually a concern for both parties, then they might try other strategies.

For months now the stock market has declined due to climbing oil prices — many times topping \$30 for a barrel — simply because of the threat of war with Iraq. If nothing else, parties should encourage consumers purchasing cars that require less fuel than SUVs, simply to help reduce the need for Middle East oil.

I, unlike other political curmudgeons, refuse to believe Bush does not care for the so-called average American. After all, his father got kicked out of office for that line of thinking.

But I do believe corporate welfare (which is what his plan on tax dividends is) does not encourage spending at a level that is beneficial for the entire country. It primarily helps the wealthy and those long retired. I hope Bush realizes this before it is too late.

If you think Bush has the economic pseudo-recession figured out, try to argue your case to Andrew at abdugan@unity.ncsu.edu.

Stimulus plan steps in the right direction

Darren O'Connor
Staff Columnist

President Bush's economic stimulus plan is good news for America. It includes completely eliminating double taxation on dividends, speeding the implementation of the 2001 tax cuts, stronger incentives for small businesses to expand and assistance for unemployed.

Democrats, The New York Times and other bastions of the left have been lamenting the \$670 billion cost of the plan as if that money rightfully belonged to the government and not people who actually earned it. They complain it's just another Republican "tax cut for the rich," once again ignoring the obvious fact that any reasonable and fair tax cut would give back more money to the wealthy than the poor since the wealthy pay most of the taxes. But who needs facts?

The best parts of the proposal are the elimination of the double tax on dividends (currently taxed once as corporate profit and again as stockholder dividend payments) and the immediate implementation of 2001 income tax rate reductions that were scheduled to be phased in over the next decade. Bush also wants to immediately enact the marriage penalty reduction and child tax credit increase. These cuts will allow more people to keep more of their money and provide a much-needed boost to the economy.

While the rate reductions will give Americans more money to spend in the economy, the killing of the dividend tax will encourage saving and investment, providing a huge boost to the stock market. Investors are already flocking to dividend-paying stocks in anticipation of this action.

It's no surprise Democrats are railing frantically against this particular tax cut. About half of dividend payments go to senior citizens, and eliminating this dividend tax will put more money in the hands of retired people who live off their dividend checks. Democrats can't afford to lose those senior votes. They've been manipulating seniors for decades with talk of Republican conspiracies to take away everything they have. That is why Democrats fill the air waves with accusations of "tax cuts for the rich."

The worst part of the package are benefits for unemployed. Not to sound uncaring, but I'm philosophically opposed to such socialist policies. The Bush plan calls for an extension of unemployment benefits to help those looking for work. No offense, Mr. President, but a much better way to help the unemployed is deeper and more permanent tax cuts and reducing government regulation of private businesses.

There is one part that seems to help offset the foolishness of paying people to be unemployed: Personal Re-employment Accounts. This new incentive program encourages people to find jobs quickly, gives an unemployed person up to \$3,000 for expenses involved in finding a new job and allows them to keep what is left over if they start a job within 13 weeks.

While a bit socialist, this one-time incentive to find work is far better than a monthly check from the rest of us taxpayers that can easily be extended indefinitely by liberal politicians scavenging for votes.

Also important for the economic recovery is the expansion of incentives for small businesses to purchase new equipment. They would be able to write off \$75,000 instead of the current \$25,000. This should give small businesses — which provide half of all new jobs — a significant boost. Unfortunately, such tax credits and write-offs are only bandages on the cancerous mass known as the U.S. tax code.

These reductions will help the economy, but in the grand scheme, they don't go far. The president and Congress must take a hard look at our tax structure and the thousands of pages that describe it. Besides serious damage done to the economy and individuals by high (and non-uniform) tax rates, the sheer complexity of the system results in an immense amount of waste. According to Chris Edwards, Director of Fiscal Policy at the Cato Institute, "Complying with federal tax requirements wastes 6 billion hours each year as families and businesses fill out tax forms, keep records and learn tax rules." This is unacceptable in a country that wants continued economic progress and improved living standards.

The president and a few Republicans in Congress seem to be honestly in favor of a simplified tax code and low tax rates. It remains to be seen if they can overcome a deeply entrenched system of special interests lobbying for special tax breaks at the expense of others.

Regarding liberals' complaints about the cost of tax cuts and fear of budget deficits, I know some third-graders who can help with the math. You don't want a deficit? Don't spend so much of our money.

Send Darren your comments, questions and complaints at Liberty_or_Death42@hotmail.com.

RULE OF THUMB



Congress keeps government running

Congress voted on Thursday to keep federal agencies running through January by passing a temporary spending bill, holding finances at levels roughly equivalent to last year's budget. Most agencies have been running on temporary authority since October, when Congressional leaders agreed to shut and pose instead of hammering out a viable federal budget.

Bush's economic 'stimulus' plan

The Bush administration announced its new \$670 billion economic stimulus package this week, which was criticized by many as skewed toward the wealthy and economically unsound. The plan's more contentious provisions include the elimination of taxes on corporate dividends, further income tax cuts and the introduction of a "hired servant boy" deduction.



EPA confirms smog bad

In a decision released Monday, the Environmental Protection Agency reaffirmed its 1997 air quality standards, rejecting an argument by the trucking industry that ground-level ozone was healthy because it blocked ultraviolet radiation. Cosmetics companies had considered creating "smog-based sun-block" but have now scrapped those product lines.

Blix: Inspectors 'unsatisfied'

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said Thursday that the inspection team is "unsatisfied" with Iraq's 12,000-page declaration of its weapons programs but that they have yet to find any "smoking guns" in the country. The Bush administration continued to taunt Blix's team, saying "We have proof — but you can't see it! Neener, neener, neener!"



Richardson talks to N. Koreans

Bill Richardson, governor of New Mexico and former U.S. ambassador to the U.N., has met with two North Korean diplomats, apparently assuring them the United States will not attack the nation. One source said the message was, "Really, guys, we promise not to attack you. We've got this Iraq thing going on, and that should take at least a month, so you're cool."

India test fires missile

India test-fired a nuclear-capable missile this week as part of its ongoing efforts to build a defense against its nuclear-armed neighbors Pakistan and China. Indian military officials insisted the test was not meant as an aggressive gesture and they were merely "preparing for the eventual final battle between our two peoples, from which we will of course emerge victorious."



Fake luggage bomb 'statement'

A couple from Maine, attempting to make a political statement by placing a fake bomb in their luggage, was arrested after screeners found the device at an airport in San Jose, Calif. "I don't understand why anyone would do this," said a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration. "It's a police state, people. You know the rules."

Ham truck overturns

A truck carrying 40,000 pounds of ham overturned on Interstate 40 near RDU International airport on Thursday morning, spilling 250 gallons of diesel fuel. The driver explained that he fell asleep at the wheel before the crash, "lulled to slumber by the siren song of 20 tons of pig flesh," according to a DOT official.



State board: more exercise

The State Board of Education approved a proposal this week that recommends up to almost four hours of exercise weekly for North Carolina students. The move is seen as a response to the increasing number of overweight children in the country and should bring about a general increase in the number of forged doctors' notes excusing children from P.E.

Byte of the living dead

A computer glitch at a hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich., caused 8,500 patients treated there in the last several months to show up as "deceased" in the hospital's records. The patients were relieved when they received letters informing them of the mistake. "Thank goodness I'm not dead!" said one of the recently deceased.



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son did not work alone and neither did George Washington. Even Hugh Hefner had a loyal staff when he first opened the world's eyes. The key to humanity is the team.

By the time our trip was over, I realized how silly I was acting. Humans are not selfish by nature, although sometimes we sure want to be. If we were selfish deep down, then we would never choose the unselfish option. In-

stead, we always have a choice.

And you know something? I never tried to push my roommate off a cliff. Instead, I used my jealousy to fuel myself into becoming a better snowboarder. I may never quite get as good as him — maybe I'm not supposed to — but he may never become as handsome as me. It all balances out. And I think that's OK.

You're going to need one of those black YMCA bracelets to understand Zack — he's really deep. E-mail him your questions to ponder at zack@zack.com.

There will be an open meeting for anyone interested in writing or drawing editorial cartoons for Technician Opinion on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Witherspoon Student Center Room 323.

For more information, E-mail opinion@technicianstaff.com

CAMPUS FORUM

Meetings set to debate housing ordinance changes
I want to make you aware of a proposed Raleigh city ordinance that could have a significant impact on N.C. State students who live off campus. This new ordinance would limit the number of unrelated occupants that could live in a single or double-family dwelling to a maximum of two persons.

This would mean students could no longer live with more than one roommate in a house or townhouse. No more renting three- and four-bedroom places to split the rent with two or three other students and save money!

More information can be found on WRAL's Web site at <http://www.wral.com/news/1875932/detail.html>. Students who are concerned can attend a public forum at the Pullen Community Center next

to campus on Jan. 14, where City Council members will be present from 4-6 p.m. to answer questions.

Additionally, there will be a public hearing in the Municipal Building in downtown Raleigh on Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m., and the Planning Commission will be present. Letters can be mailed to the Comprehensive Planning Committee at: Attention: Comprehensive Planning Committee, PO Box 590, 222 West Hargett St., Raleigh, NC 27602.

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slipped adjusting to the ball.

Three plays later, a pressured Rivers flipped the ball to a streaking Cotchery for a 9-yard score and a 21-3 halftime lead. Rivers finished the half 13-for-15 with 134 yards and was also the team's leading rusher with 21 yards on four carries.

"We had everything down in our timing, and we were just able to click," said Rivers of the offense that more than doubled the Irish's output in the first half.

Notre Dame's defense stiffened in the second half, but its offense was unable to capitalize on the opportunity. Every drive the Irish had, the Pack defense answered.

Notre Dame managed to post another Nicholas Setta field goal near the end of the third quarter but nothing more.

"We really wanted to be physical with the whole team because we knew [Notre Dame] was going to try to come down here and try to bully us and push us around," said Burnette of the Pack's defensive strategy. "We went out and really used our speed and quickness. We just smacked them in the mouth a lot."

Berton accounted for the Pack's final touchdown in his final game in a State uniform, catching a 7-yard toss from Rivers in the fourth quarter. Rivers finished



Terrence Holt and Drew Wimsatt, two senior members of the N.C. State defense, helped keep Notre Dame out of the endzone. The Pack did not allow a touchdown in the last two games of the season against Florida State and Notre Dame. Staff Photo by Tim Lytvinenko

with 228 yards passing and 22 yards rushing, both team highs. McLendon left the game with a shoulder injury in the second half, and the Pack was never able to establish any sort of a running game, thus turning to Rivers to lead it to victory.

"No. 17 is a good man to put the ball in his hands to win the game," said Amato.

With the win, the Pack upped its school record for wins in a sea-

son to 11 and finished the year ranked as high as No. 11 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll.

"I don't believe there are many 10-win teams in the country at this time," said Willingham, putting a positive spin on his first season with Notre Dame.

And there are even less with 11, including one that calls Raleigh home.

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inch, 250-pound strong side defensive end from Richlands, was a player State was thrilled to get. Williams, too, is happy to be in Raleigh and is poised to make the most of his head start.

"You get a whole semester ahead," said Williams. "You get to know the plays and get a feel for whatever side of the ball you play. It's just a head start and just a great thing to do."

Williams recorded 87 tackles, 13 sacks, 22 tackles for loss, and five forced fumbles during his senior season in high school. He was also a starter in the 2002 Shrine Bowl, a high school all-star team featuring the best players from North and South Carolina. Williams has the potential to be an immediate contributor with the departure of defensive end Shawn Price.

Demarcus "Tank" Tyler and

Ernest Jones will further add to a Wolfpack defense that will take a hit from graduation.

Tyler, a 6-foot-3-inch, 301-pound defensive tackle from Fayetteville, had 67 tackles and nine sacks this past fall. He was also a Shrine Bowl starter.

"Coming in early was a plus for me," said Tyler. "I am getting that jumpstart a semester early and lifting and learning and getting better, instead of just getting out of school and sitting around the whole summer and not doing anything but eating."

Jones, a 6-foot-3-inch, 210-pound linebacker from Henderson, is yet another North Carolina native who looks to contribute early.

He recorded 110 tackles, two interceptions, four fumble recoveries, and three blocked kicks as a senior in high school. He is the No. 26 linebacker in the nation according to insiders.com. Jones also played with Williams and

Tyler in the Shrine Bowl.

"Like my man once said, 'one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind,'" said Jones, comparing Neil Armstrong's famous words about the moon landing to the transition from high school to college.

Garland Heath, a 6-foot-3-inch, 210-pound linebacker from Belle Glade, Fla., initially signed with N.C. State to play last year but was academically ineligible.

Heath tallied 34 tackles and had three interceptions as a high school senior. Rivals.com has him tabbed as the 38th-best linebacker in the nation.

The class doesn't end there, either, though most college programs would love to have just one of the Wolfpack seven by the time the signing period ends in February. But this is just the start of what is turning out to be a monumental recruiting year for the Wolfpack.

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leaders in a number of categories. He leads the Pack in scoring (19.2) and rebounds (6.7) and is second on the team in assists (3.8).

"Julius has continued to get better, really in every way," said Sendek. "The good thing about Julius is that he's coachable and he wants to continue in that same direction."

"He truly is a player without a position. He can help you win with any part of his game and certainly he is versatile player."

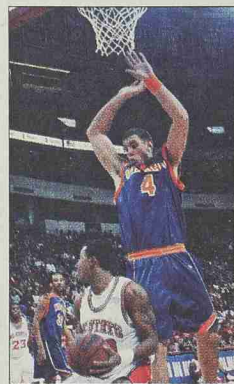
Another key for State will be the health of its six-man rotation. Clifford Crawford played 39 minutes against Virginia but continues to be hampered by back injuries. Sendek and the Pack are hoping to get additional minutes

from Will Roach, Dominick Mejia, Cameron Bennerman and Jordan Collins.

"We need everyone who's eligible to play for us this year to continue to put themselves in a ready position so they can move to a position where they can help us off the bench," said Sendek. "I don't know if there's any one or two individuals, but right now we have four guys we're working with who on any given night have to be ready to step in and help."

Over the last three years, State and Georgia Tech have split the season series, with each team winning on its home court. Overall, the Pack has won nine of the previous 12 games against the Yellow Jackets.

Tipoff is set for 4 p.m. at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The game will be televised by Raycom Sports.



Clifford Crawford and the Pack will face the Yellow Jackets, who currently rank last in the ACC standings. Staff Photo by Matthew Huffman

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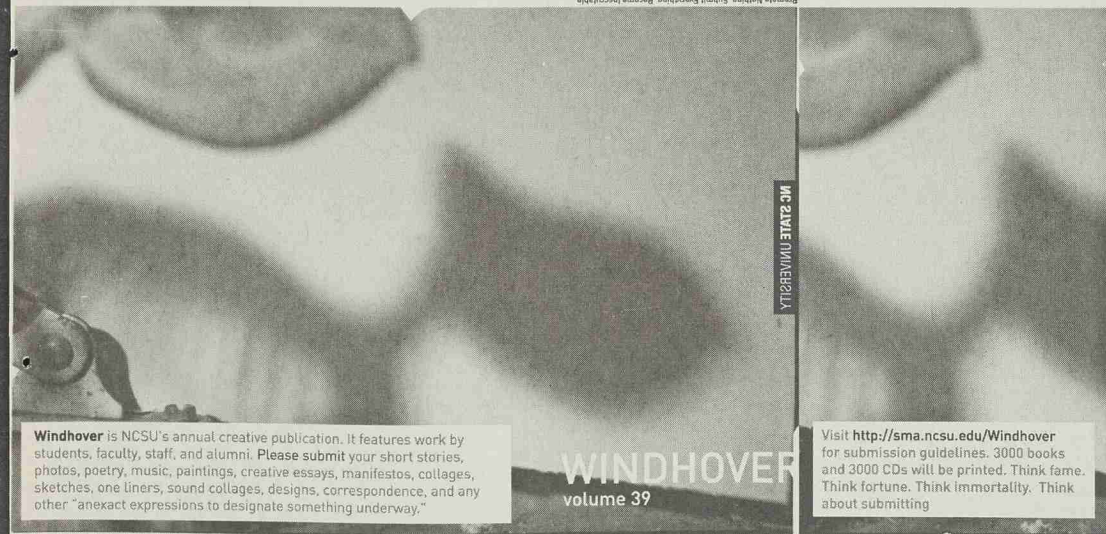
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Aries

March 21-April 19

Today is a 7. What you need is something that doesn't exist. Something that's totally unreasonable. Might as well ask for it. Odds are good you'll get

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Today is a 7. You can be highly efficient when you concentrate. That's a good idea now, since there isn't a moment to spare.

Gemini

May 21-June 21

Today is a 6. Others continue to ask tough questions, putting you on the hot seat. Don't freak if you make a mistake. You're getting better with practice. Friends are proud of you.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Today is a 6. Need a promotion or a better job? Now's a good time to apply. Don't worry about fierce competition. Be your own sweet, gentle self, and you'll triumph.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

Today is an 8. It may be late before you can get away, but don't let that ruin your weekend. Put in the extra effort and make a great impression. Somebody important is watching.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 6. Don't gamble with limited resources. Fix something that's broken at home and make yourself more comfortable. Repair it yourself and save even more.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 7. Although you're pretty lucky now, don't get careless. A detail you almost forget could give you the edge over the competition.

Scorpio

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6. There's more than enough to keep you busy. If you push as hard as you can, maybe you'll win the big bonus. This isn't the lottery; you'll earn it.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is an 8. You're about to come up with another brilliant idea. Ignore a skeptic who's warning you to be practical. You can make it on faith alone.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 6. You'd be accomplishing more, but, as you suspected, your energy is being blocked. Don't struggle. Get out of the way and let plans you've already made proceed.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is a 7. Continue your research, even if you encounter locked doors. You never know which of the facts you find will prove to be the most useful. One of them might be a key.

Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 6. Taking on new responsibilities is good for you now. Ignore friends who say it's not worth the extra work. It will be.

Friday Sports

Schedule

M. Basketball @ Georgia Tech, 1/11, 4
W. Basketball vs. Virginia, 1/12, 1
Swimming vs. Florida State, 1/10, 4
Wrestling, N.C. State Duals, 1/11, noon

Scores

No games scheduled

TECHNICIAN

State looks for first road win

After picking up a huge win against Virginia, the men's basketball team will try to knock off Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

Steve Thompson

Sports Editor

While every game is important, this weekend's ACC matchup between N.C. State and Georgia Tech carries a load of implications for each team.

The Wolfpack (8-2, 1-0 ACC) needs a win in Atlanta to avoid going 0-3 on the road to start the season. A team's record away from home is a selection factor for the NCAA tournament, as no team has a home game there.

State's coming off an up-and-down

week, which saw the Pack beat a solid Virginia team but lose on the road to a marginal Massachusetts squad.

"I think it's probably good that we had a few extra days off this week," said Wolfpack head coach Herb Sendek. "We had three games in seven days last week."

The Yellow Jackets (6-5, 0-1) are looking for stability. After a solid start to the season, Georgia Tech has lost three of its last four games. After losing a close game at Maryland to open its ACC slate, a loss against State would put the Jackets in a considerable hole in ACC play.

"We've had an up-and-down first 10 games of our season," said Georgia Tech head coach Paul Hewitt. "Offensively, I think we need to improve. Defensively, I like where we are. Our shooting, our foul

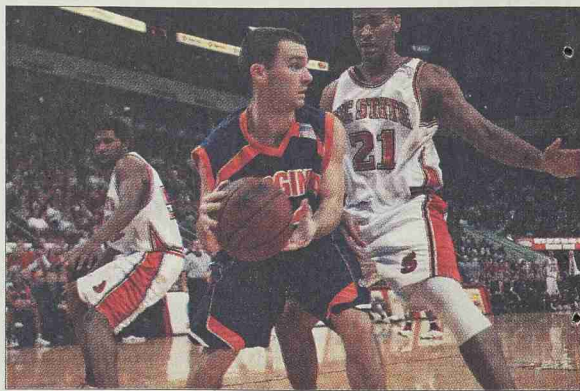
shooting in particular, has hurt us at times this year.

"I feel like we've practiced pretty well, but we just need to see some results. We're waiting for a breakthrough and I think it's coming."

Tech features a young team, highly reliant on freshmen and sophomores to carry much of the load. Chris Bosh and B.J. Elder lead the team in scoring, averaging 15.8 and 15.6 points per game, respectively. Junior Marvin Lewis, an elder on this team without any seniors on scholarship, also scores in double figures at 11.5 per game.

For State, certainly the most consistent player this year has been sophomore Julius Hodge, who is among the league

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Levi Watkins (21) plays tough defense against Virginia as the Pack opened ACC action with a win. Watkins is tied for third on the team in steals with 11 heading into this weekend's matchup with Georgia Tech. Staff Photo by Matthew Huffman

Additions hope to make impact



Chuck Amato and his staff have used the Gator Bowl win to get new recruits from Florida. Staff Photo by Tim Lytvinnenko

Seven incoming freshman football players have enrolled at N.C. State for the spring semester to get a head start.

Ryan Reynolds

Staff Writer

College football programs don't typically know many of their commitments until the last signing day in February, but seven players have enrolled at N.C. State for the spring semester hoping to get a jumpstart on next season.

Lamart Barrett, Garland Heath, Ernest Jones, Derek Morris, Yomi Ojo, Demarcus Tyler and Mario Williams have enrolled at N.C. State in hopes of being major contributors next season.

"I don't know if I've ever seen seven true freshmen come in at mid-semester," said head coach Chuck Amato. "It's kind of a unique situation."

In recent years the top North Carolina recruits tended to play college football at out-of-state schools, but intense recruiting by Amato and his staff has started to pay off in a state where talent is plentiful.

Four of the top 25 high school football players in North Carolina have already enrolled at State.

The players hope participation in spring practices can earn them playing time and the possibility of starting during their freshman year.

Offensive linemen Derek Morris and Yomi Ojo will add some much-needed depth and look to be immediate contributors for the Wolfpack.

The 6-foot-6-inch, 350-pound Morris was one of the most sought-after recruits in the country a year ago.

He initially committed to Ohio State but did not qualify. After he was released from his letter of intent, Morris did qualify and chose the Wolfpack over, among others, Auburn and Maryland.

"It was a bad situation at Ohio State and now I'm here at N.C. State and ready to ball," said Morris. "I missed the whole season, and now I'm here and I'm ready to hit."

Recruiting Internet site Rivals.com rated Morris the fifth-best non-high school player in the nation regardless of position.

Ojo, a 6-foot-4-inch, 315-pound offensive tackle from Raleigh, was one of State's earliest commitments during the recruiting season. The monstrous lineman, who played at Southeast Raleigh High School, was considered the 23rd-best high school player in North Carolina this past season.

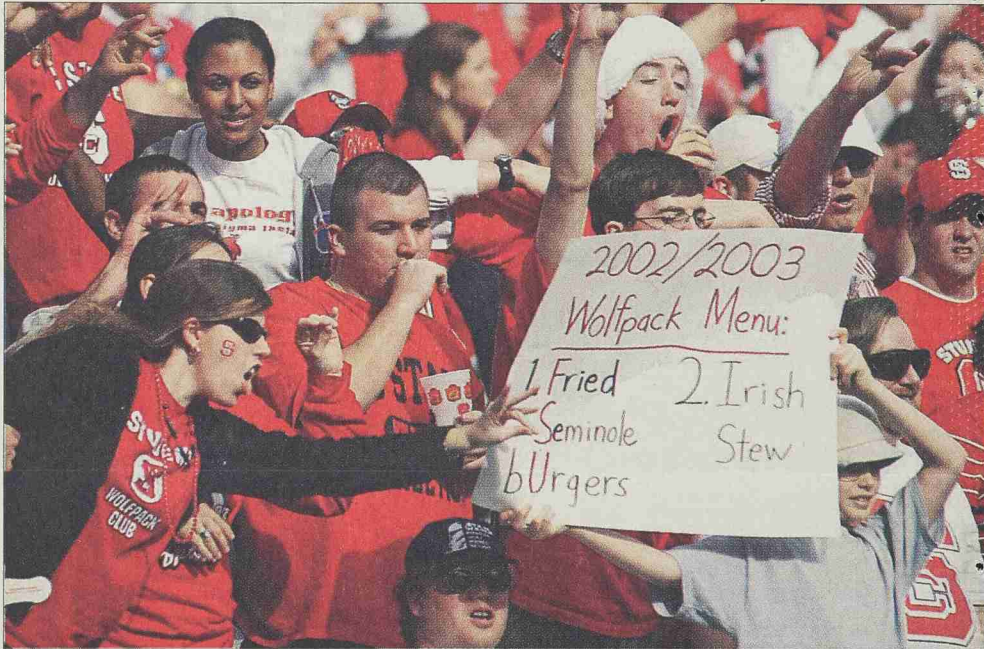
Wide receiver Lamart Barrett is also back with State after being academically ineligible last season. During his senior year of high school, the versatile Barrett passed for six touchdowns, had 510 receiving yards and caught 110 touchdowns and rushed for 110 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, State got early spring enrollments from three of the most sought-after players in the state and a highly ranked Florida player.

Mario Williams, a 6-foot-6-

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Onward to victory



N.C. State fans turned out in big numbers at the Gator Bowl. The university sold 40,000 tickets and thousands more were sold through independent sources such as Ticketmaster. Staff Photo by Matthew Huffman

N.C. State ends its record-setting season with a 28-6 Gator Bowl win over Notre Dame.

Matt Middleton

Assistant Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Deep in the bowels of Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium, the hallway was relatively quiet as stadium personnel and team managers quickly went about their business.

Suddenly a voice could be heard from down the hall, as T.A. McLendon walked gingerly toward the N.C. State locker room, arm in sling, loudly singing an all-too-appropriate song — the song of the victors, Queen's "We are the Champions."

Just minutes before, that same stadium was a mass of red — signifying the horde of Wolfpack fans who had flocked south by the thousands to northern Florida — and aqua blue, the color of the stadium's seats, which had long been vacated by the Notre Dame faithful. Notre Dame fans saw their history-rich team soundly beaten 28-6 by N.C. State (11-3) on New Year's Day in the 58th annual Gator Bowl in front of 73,149, the eighth-largest crowd in the bowl's history.

"Believe it," shouted Pack cornerback Greg Golden as he high-fived university chancellor Marye Anne Fox on the sidelines.

Not very far away, linebacker Pat Thomas fell on the stadium's turf and rolled around with glee as the final seconds ticked away.

And they ticked away in perhaps the most fitting of ways.

As special team members

Austin Herbert and Danny Young doused head coach Chuck Amato in blue Gatorade, the Pack defense was putting the finishing touches on its second goal-line stand of the game, this time denying the Fighting Irish after they had driven all the way down to the Pack 1-yard line.

"It was so much fun to stand on the sidelines and cheer for the defense," said tight end Sean Berton.

So with the entire team looking on and cheering, Irish running back Ryan Grant was stuffed by George Anderson and Manny Lawson on fourth down, the final score held, and State's defense would end the year by leading the team to back-to-back wins over two of the sport's most decorated teams — Florida State and Notre Dame — without surrendering a single touchdown.

"This is definitely one of the biggest wins in N.C. State history, if not the biggest," said Amato just minutes after accepting the trophy from bowl chairman Susan Hamilton. "[It's great] to finish the season with two wins over perennial powers in Florida State and Notre Dame. In the last 120 minutes, neither of them scored an offensive touchdown."

The closest Irish (10-3) came to scoring a touchdown all day turned out to be the biggest play of the game.

Early in the game on second-and-goal from the State 1-yard line, Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday ran the option to the wide side of the field and appeared to have a clear path to six points.

Out of nowhere State senior linebacker Dantonio Burnette

shied his blocker and delivered a punishing hit to the speedy Holiday, who remained on the ground for an extensive period of time.

"They ran the option, and when I saw the hole open up, my eyes got wide. I put a hit on him [Holiday] and drove him into the ground," said Burnette, remembering the play. "When I got up and saw him on the ground, I said, 'OK, this game is going to be turning around now.'"

He was exactly right. Holiday would not return for the remainder of the game after aggravating a shoulder injury courtesy of Burnette's thunderous hit. Junior Pat Dillingham, who had started one game for the Irish earlier in the year and also led a game-winning touchdown drive in a 21-17 win at Michigan State, took over for Holiday and was completely ineffective, finishing 19-for-36 with 166 yards and three interceptions.

"Anytime you lose a starting player it puts a bit of difficulty on your success," said Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham. "We still had playmakers out there, we still had opportunities, but we could not make the plays."

After Notre Dame settled for a field goal after Holiday's injury, the Pack found its offensive rhythm on its next possession. Quarterback Philip Rivers started a string of 13 consecutive completions with a 9-yard pass to Berton to open the drive, and as the quarter ended, State was behind on the scoreboard, but deep inside Irish territory after Rivers completed two straight 11-yard passes to Jericho Cotchery.

Four plays into the second

quarter, McLendon found the end zone relatively untouched from two yards out behind a huge surge from his offensive line to give the Pack its first lead of the game, and it would never look back.

The Irish punted on their next possession, and Rivers picked up right where he left off, completing passes to four different receivers down to the Notre Dame 3-yard line. McLendon scored his school record 18th touchdown of the year on the very next play on the Pack's version of the "fumblerooski," which calls for Rivers to take a semi-shotgun snap, place the ball between McLendon's legs before rolling out, appearing to have the ball.

"We can't win traditional; we feel we have to do these things and we like to do them," said Amato of the trickery that has been a staple of his offenses during his three-year tenure.

Notre Dame's next drive would end with the first of three interceptions thrown by Dillingham — all by backup safety Rod Johnson, who was playing the game on the heels of the death of his maternal grandfather. Johnson's three interceptions tied a State record that he now shares with three other players.

With a short field to work with, the Pack wasted no time reaching back into its bag of tricks. On the fourth play of the drive, Rivers took the snap and threw an across-the-field lateral to Bryan Peterson, who bobbled the ball before regaining his composure and finding a wide open Joe Gray for a 24-yard gain that would have been a touchdown had Gray no

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Students encouraged to pay tribute to Yow

N.C. State's Hall of Fame women's basketball coach will be honored by the student body this weekend.

Sports Staff Report

At halftime of the women's basketball game vs. Virginia on Sunday, the student body will honor Kay Yow for her 27 years of service at N.C. State.

On Oct. 23, the NCSU Student Senate, on behalf of the Student Body, passed Resolution 30, an act to honor Kay Yow for her recent induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame. The act states,

"The N.C. State University Student Senate congratulates coach Yow for [her] tremendous accomplishment, and acclaims Coach Yow for the positive manner in which she has faithfully represented the university and community with success, dedication, integrity and humility for 27 years."

Representatives from Student Government and the Student Wolfpack Club will represent the Student Body at the ceremony honoring Yow. A large student turnout would be desirable for the game, which begins at 1 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum.