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WORLD

Oil output slated to increase

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) announced over the weekend that the world's leading oil-producing countries would collaboratively increase production by 1.5 million barrels per day. The increase is due to the recent political crisis in Venezuela, which involved an oil workers' strike.

The strike contributed to a shortfall of 2 million barrels per day and has increased oil prices from averages of \$22-\$28 per barrel to \$30 per barrel.

While the production increase will not go into effect until Feb. 1, officials from OPEC said it would increase production by approximately 7 percent to 24.5 million barrels per day.

Illinois commutes death row sentences

During a speech at Northwestern University on Saturday, Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Republican who did not run for re-election in November, announced that he had commuted the sentences of all of Illinois' 167 death row inmates to life in prison.

After a group of Northwestern University students began researching the case of Anthony Porter in the late 1990s. where the students found evidence that cleared Porter of his crime after 17 years on death row, capital punishment in Illinois has been under scrutiny. After learning about the incident, Ryan proclaimed that he wanted to prevent any other similar incidents in the state.

Thousands of troops from N.C. deployed

Included in the deployment orders signed by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld late last week were 7,000 marines from Camp Lejeune. In addition, soldiers from Fort Bragg and fighter pilots from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base were also recently deployed.

On Friday, Rumsfeld first issued orders for 35,000 troops nationwide. Later that evening he issued another set of orders for 27,000 troops. After Friday's orders, the U.S. doubled

its forces in Iraq, with the total number of deployed troops in the gulf region now at approximately 107,000.

Events to be held by N.C. State and student organizations for this week

Public Forum For Students

Open to the public. Students are encouraged to come. The proposed city ordinance to reduce the number of non-related tenants allowed under one roof could have an important effect on N.C.State students living off campus.

MLK Commemoration Yolanda King, the eldest child of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will speak at N.C. State's MLK Commemoration. Her presentation is called "The Dream is Still a Dream." Talley Student Center, Stewart Theatre

Campus Cinema

Saturday, 7, 9 and 11 p.m

Nuclear Engineering Graduate Program

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Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend Enjoy the long weekend!

Barnhardt steps in as interim provost

Following the resignation of Provost Stuart Cooper, Robert Barnhardt will serve as interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Carie Windham

The chancellor announced Friday that former College of Textiles Dean Robert A. Barnhardt will serve as interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs following the resignation of Provost Stuart Cooper.

The decision came days after the provost's office was left devoid of three top employees and scrambling for leadership at the start of a new semester.

"Dean Barnhardt is a well-known and highly respected leader in the N.C. State community," Fox said in a news release, "and we are indeed fortunate for his willingness to assume these important responsibilities. I am extremely grateful to Bob and am confident that he will ensure that N.C. State continues our progress in the weeks ahead and will provide the leadership necessary in the provost's office for the vital day-to-day ac-

Barnhardt will step into the position recently held by Stuart Cooper until he submitted his resignation on Wednes-



Robert Barnhardt has served as the dean of the College of Textiles.

Cooper told Technician on Thursday that there were specific reasons for his resignation — chiefly the firing of his two top administrators against his recommendations. C. Frank Abrams Jr. and Bruce I. Mallete were both fired by Fox on Tuesday. Abrams served as a senior vice provost and chief liaison with the faculty. Mallete was the provost's financial officer.

It will not be the first time there has been turnover in the provost's office. Cooper had only occupied the position for 17 months and took over after the resignation of Kermit Hall. This time, however, there are three positions to fill.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford said that the loss of three key players may lead to a higher level of anxiety, but he supported the chancel-

"I think the important things now are for the chancellor to articulate why she's done this and then to convince everyone that the best selections will be made,"

he said on Thursday.

Fox defended her actions but expressed regret over Cooper's decision in a state-

ment released on Thursday.
"Under the guidance of Provost Cooper, N.C. State enhanced its stature in the national community and initiated a series of innovative collaborative initiatives, including a proposal for a joint biomedical engineering degree with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill," she said. "I am grateful to Stuart for his assistance in advancing compact planning efforts, especially during these challenging budgetary times."

Cooper's resignation became final on Friday while Fox met with various members of the faculty and deans to discuss possible actions in selecting a new

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Proposed housing law spurs debate

Community groups join forces with students to oppose the proposed living ordinance.

LaWanda Ray

On the heels of a group of local property owners' push to get the number of non-related occupants allowed to rent a home in a residential neighborhood dropped from four to two, another group is exercising its civil rights to fight

the very same movement.

Peter Eichenberger, a local journalist and former N.C. State student, and some of his close friends formed an organization called Civil Community.

Civil Community is a political advocacy group dedicated to bringing together and empowering the less financially se-

"This is what you would call social engineering," says Eichenberger. "All I want is a place for cheap where I can write and not have to work too hard, but now they're starting to try to manipulate the demographics of the city based on how you live your life?

While it is evident that the proposed law could affect various groups within the community, many students who live offcampus have felt that the law is directly targeting them.

The big question from most students is how will they enforce the law if it pass-

Among the tactics that have been tossed around are obliging landlords to provide updated records of tenants' personal information, and random, unannounced home inspections that in other jurisdictions have included a city inspector and a police officer.

So what can students and others do to support renters and those who are in favor of affordable housing?

Eichenberger and other community leaders suggest that supporters who are against the proposed ordinance attend an open forum on Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. at the Pullen Arts Center. In addition, they suggest that students should stay up-to-date with the status of the proposed law and acquaint themselves with those seeking re-election who are in support of it. Finally, they say it is crucial to register to vote so as many voices as possible are heard on city issues

Although many students and others feel the law will never pass because it sounds like an infringement of personal freedoms, other cities have already gone this route with some success

East Lansing, Mich., and Chapel Hill have cracked down on how many students can live together off-campus, and Winston-Salem is considering a similar law. East Lansing, for example, has

Reflections on a wall



Jim MacMaster, who now lives in Alexandria, Va., looks at the names of his friends at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington. MacMaster served as a platoon sergeant in unit DG31 in 1969. Staff photo by Josh Michel

Films advisor rolls his final credits

Larry Campbell, UAB films committee advisor, discusses his turement and a prop temporarily turn the student cinema into a classroom.

Diane Cordova

After 29 years of service to the N.C. State community, Larry Campbell, Union Activities Board films committee adviser and assistant director of campus activi-

During his career at N.C. State, Campbell has been involved with many activities including the UAB Black Student Board, the Minority Career Fair, the Pan-Afrikan Festival and the UAB films pro-

The films program dates back to the World War II era. From all indications, said Campbell, it pre-dates any other student activity.

After looking at the length of his career at NCSU and at the point where he is in life, "I think it's probably time [to retire]," said Campbell. "I want to be able to enjoy the retirement that I do have. phy toward films is to "show films from I'm in good health and still young." Campbell's official retirement day is

Jan. 31 and a reception will be held in his honor on that day.

"I'm excited about [the retirement]. It's a major change in my life because I've worked all my life," said Campbell. 'It's taking some time to sink in.

When Campbell began working at NCSU, he started as assistant director of the "Program Office," which is the former title of the Campus Activities office.

all over the world and to support the ed-ucational mission of the university." In addition, Campbell says he wants to show film in the condition in which it was created, which is on 35-mm film.

Those who have worked with Campbell expressed their own sentiments and reactions regarding his retirement.

"At first, I felt sad at the thought of him being gone, but his great influence, big

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South Korea flexes attitude toward U.S.

South Korea and the United State, longtime allies, seem to be having trouble dealing with each other.

Michael A. Lev

SEOUL, South Korea — When South Korea's President-elect Roh Moo Hyun published a list of 10 goals for his administration, the focus was on developing his country's position in Asia. The United States, and its vital role in defending South Korea, was not mentioned. The missing reference on Roh's to-do list hints at a broad change in the political climate swirling through the coun-

try.
As South Korea and the United States scramble for a way to deal with the defiant regime in North Korea and the alarming resumption of its nuclear program, the longtime allies seem to be having trouble dealing with each oth-

Amid intensifying anti-American rallies, relations with the United States have slumped to what the Korean newspaper Chosun Ilbo called "the worst point in their history." South Koreans are much less likely to view themselves primarily as American allies compared to six months ago. They are much more likely to focus on the cultivation of their identifies as Koreans

identities as Koreans.

Last month's election of Roh reflects and drives those changes.
The new president has defined

himself as an independent thinker who will not allow the United States to dictate policy on North Korea. Other differences might arise over the management of the 37,000 U.S. military personnel stationed in the country to help fend off any hostility from its northern rival.

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"Obviously the Roh camp doesn't consider our alliance with the U.S. to be the centerpiece of Korea's future foreign relations," said Lee Jung Hoon, an international relations professor at Yonsei University in Seoul. Seoul and Washington have taken different tacks on North Korea, with the United States pursuing a hard line that South Korea feels uncomfortable following.

After several days of discussions last week, the U.S. soften its position for talks over the reactivation of communist regime's nuclear program, but it is not clear where the policy is going or if Seoul agrees with it. At the same time, South Koreans are angry with the United States over the handling of an incident last year in which an American military vehicle accidentally struck and killed two teenage girls. The two servicemen involved were acquitted of manslaughter charges by a U.S. military court, angering many people and giving rise to the perception of a lopsided relationship with the United

The atmosphere of introspection has intensified since Roh

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Stanford program strives to bring technology to remote corners of the world

The Reuters Foundation's fledgling Digital Vision Fellowship Program at Stanford University created the program.

Dan Lee Knight Ridder Newspapers

In Laos, a boy pedals a stationary bicycle to charge batteries powering a computer that links rural villages with e-mail access and medical information. In India, a driver of a custom-designed Honda off-road motorcycle carrying a solar-powered laptop computer makes the rounds through remote countryside. The mission is to spread literacy and bring basic information to villagers.

These scenarios exist somewhere between vision and reality, created by the Reuters Foundation's fledgling Digital Vision Fellowship Program at Stanford University. The projects are meant to be feasible, small-scale solutions to one of the most daunting challenges confronting philanthropic-minded technology accessible and relevant to those living in remote regions of developing nations.

A student lounge and cluster of cubicles on the second floor of Stanford's Cordura Hall is the workplace for a dozen fellows from disciplines ranging from agronomist to information officer. They work on initiatives they proposed, such as increasing wireless phone access in rural Brazil and enabling e-government in Mexico.

Digital Vision is funded by the Reuters Foundation and is affili-

ated with Stanford's Center for Study of Language and Information. The program is set up to create a "prototyping environment" where the fellows can use the vast resources at Stanford to take a philanthropic idea and develop it from its early stages into a usable program overseas, according to Stuart Gannes, the program's director.

The fellows would work with other non-profit organizations or foundations with expertise in the targeted regions to help implement the final project.

"In general, it's just taking something from an idea to a proven concept," Gannes said. "The goal here is not just create a bunch of academic papers that people put on the shelf."

Digital Vision began in October 2001 with five fellows, and has expanded to 12 this year, with a commitment from the Reuters Foundation for funding through at least next year. The fellows also bring funding through their companies or non-profit organizations, such as Cisco Systems or the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, or are in some cases self-funded. Projects typically cost about \$10,000.

Gannes said fellows with Digital Vision, which operates on an annual budget of around \$500,000, primarily focus on promoting information technology use in areas such as literacy, agriculture, commerce and health care. The fellows are selected by a joint committee from the Reuters Foundation and Stanford.

The computer-carrying motorcycle was developed by fellow Rajeswari Pingali and is on its way to rural India. The "mobile telecenter" has support of two foundations and a state government in India, Gannes said. Such support, he added, is key to a project's long-term usefulness.

Fellow Arnon Kohavi, a native of Israel, spent nine years in Silicon Valley working in wireless communications before deciding to take a "self-proclaimed sabbatical" to focus on social issues.

"Any way you look at it, Silicon Valley became very materialistic," said Kohavi, who, dressed in jeans and a polo shirt, still looks the part of a valley tech worker.

For his year at Stanford, Kohavi has focused on voice and data communication projects to help foster communities and businesses in Laos and Brazil.

Just 25 miles from the Laotian capital, Vientiane, villages have no phones, no electricity and impassable roads during the rainy season, he said.

Working with the San Francisco-based Jhai Foundation, which has worked with five rural villages in the Hin Heup district since 1998, Kohavi is developing a wireless network to link the villages early next year. The low-powered computer would use software translated into the local language and could be used for e-mail or rudimentary voice communications, he said.

Kohavi also is working with cofellow Daniela Pontes to develop a business model to provide wireless phone service for a pilot project in the town of Salgueiro, Brazil. Kohavi hopes that the model could be duplicated in other remote areas of Brazil and beyond. If local entrepreneurs could gain access to the needed frequencies, then they could develop such a business model, he said.

"The issue is, when they have to decide whether to invest the capital, they'll invest it where they think the have the fastest return on capital," Kohavi said. "But the local entrepreneur in the rural village, he can see how he can still make money."

Such technology-driven philanthropy projects face many hurdles to long-term success, according to Stephen Ruth, professor of public policy at George Mason University and an expert on the digital divide in developing nations.

"The challenges are so extreme to get any results," said Ruth, who is also director of the International Center for Applied Studies in Information Technology at George Mason in Fairfax, Va.

He lists rampant government corruption, lack of basic freedoms and poor communications infrastructure in many nations and the short duration of many programs as major obstacles. He said understanding of local areas and government support are key for projects to be sustainable.

Ruth said one such successful project in rural India where local residents could communicate with the state government via the Internet at cybercafes. The computers, he said, could also be used for tasks such as negotiating crop prices.

"Everybody gets a better deal," he added. "To me, the ones that have not

"To me, the ones that have not only sustainability, but have more impact, fit in with the way people normally do business," he said.

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heart, vast knowledge and strong effort has touched us all so much that I realized he'd always be with us," said junior Carol Nee, a former co-chair of the UAB films committee.

Another former co-chair of the UAB films committee, junior John Hugo, said, "I'm happy that Larry feels ready to retire, but at the same time he will be missed. He's a valuable resource to the

"His ability to encourage and provide a more vibrant and thought-provoking campus culture challenges and inspires the students he works with every day," said junior Ryan Boyle, the current films chair. "Larry is the man"

"[Campbell] certainly made a lot of contributions, and I want to wish him the very best in his retirement," said Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford. "We appreciate all the work he's done with many of our students and all the contributions that he's made over these many years."

In honor of Campbell's retirement, the film "Stormy Weather," one of his favorite films, will be shown on Jan. 31 at the Campus Cinema, which is located in the Witherspoon Student Center.

This film, along with the film "Brown Sugar," kicks off an early start to Black History Month, and both are part of the Campus Cinema's Black History Month Series.

The Witherspoon Student Center, formerly known as the Student Annex, has a noteworthy history. It opened in 1991 and received its name in 1994. The student center was named after Augustus Witherspoon, a former NCSU faculty member who eventually became associate provost. Witherspoon is now de-

ceased but was still alive when the building was named after him.

Recently, a suggestion was brought to Campbell's attention: convert the Campus Cinema into a classroom. While the suggestion has not been officially approved and a decision has not been made, Campbell is opposed to the idea.

If the cinema was converted into a classroom, it would be a "total abomination and disservice to students," said Campbell.

Campbell said he does not mind the temporary use of the cinema as a classroom as long as "they respect [the Campus Cinema] for what it is."

According to Campbell, a committee that included some of NCSU's architects, who are looking for space around campus while other buildings are being renovated, suggested the idea.

The suggestion was a "complete surprise to me," said Campbell. According to Campbell, the architects initially only inquired

chitects initially only inquired about matters such as the number of seats in the Campus Cinema and its handicap accessibility.

Stafford was also surprised by this suggestion after he recently heard about it for the first time. Later, Campbell received an email informing him of the proposal to convert the Campus Cinema into a classroom. Campbell pointed out that student unions have about a 200-year-old history, and he said these unions are a "student place, not a classroom place."

Campbell noted that there are many classrooms on campus but only one Campus Cinema.

"Students and faculty can be at the same level [in student unions]," said Campbell.

In addition, Campbell said, "Spaces for campus activities have lagged recently."

According to Campbell, some campus activities have had to go off campus because of the shortage of places to hold activities. Campbell is hoping this issue will be brought to the Union Board of Directors, which is primarily composed of students and is responsible for overseeing the Union and University Student Center.

The Union Board of Directors is supposed to have the students' interest at heart, said Campbell.

"Students would lose a place that they love, one that they often visit and one where students are involved in running and working," said Alexa Loomis, UAB films committee member. "In a way, the cinema is theirs, so isn't their opinion warranted?"

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hardt would step in during the transition. Barnhardt retired in 1999 but continues to teach and mentor students in the College of Textiles. He played a large part in the recent negotiations that landed the Institute of Textile Technology at NCSU.

During his time as dean, the College of Textiles saw a significant growth in enrollment, and the college itself earned a good reputation for its research, equipment, outreach and partnership.

Ment, outreach and partnership.
As interim provost, Barnhardt

will be the chief academic officer under the chancellor. He will be responsible for reviewing and approving all academic programs and policies and appointing, promoting and compensating members of the faculty and professional personnel.

Fox also announced that she will continue to initiate discussions with faculty, deans and department heads about the selection process for a permanent dean

Cooper himself was the result of a nationwide search less than two years ago. A group was organized in January 2001 to fill the position after the resignation of Kermit Hall.

During the search, a search committee identified possible candidates, and each spent a twoday visit at the campus. Besides meeting with administrators, each candidate also met with faculty and students during candidate forums.

Once the candidate pool was narrowed to five, the process went relatively quickly, as Cooper took over in August 2001.

"It's important to work as a community to get [a new provost] in here who will be here for a while," said Student Body President, Michael Anthony. "We need to keep the ball rolling."

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stopped further conversions of single-family homes into student rooming houses.

Those who support the law feel that students — NCSU students in particular — should demand

more on-campus student housing from the university.

"The university already provides 28 percent of its students with housing, placing it at the national average," said Matt Spence, Student Government director of government relations.

However students choose to ad-

dress the proposed law, if passed, it will not only affect the campus community, but other demographics of the city as well. $"[\Gamma m]$ considering marriage to

"[I'm] considering marriage to one of [my] roommates in order to keep a roof over [my] head if Raleigh passes the law," said Eichenberger.

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scored a narrow election victory on Dec. 19 on a platform that called for re-evaluating ties that go back more than 50 years. It has gathered extra momentum because South Koreans are feeling more confident about their place in the world, particularly since the country's success as co-host of the World Cup and their soccer team's amazing performance in the tournament.

Millions of people gathered in the streets in a frenzy of national pride, and the success of the games appears to have influenced the political landscape

Now the issue of what Roh envisions for U.S.-South Korea relations hangs in the air and may not be answered until after his Feb. 25 inauguration. Roh, 56, has declined all interview requests, but one of his advisers indicated that while the framework of the bond will not change, the new administration intends to assert itself more, even if that means

disagreeing with Washington. The adviser, Ben Limb, said that the United States and its security commitment, which includes the 37,000 American troops, will remain the cornerstone of relationship and are not up for renegotiations. What is expected to change is the perception that America gives the orders and South Korea follows them.

'In the past there were occasions where the U.S. government announced a change of policy, and while it may have consulted us, in the eyes of the public . . . it appeared the U.S. was taking a

unilateral decision," Limb said.

One example was the State of the Union address last January in which President Bush labeled North Korea part of the "axis of evil," whose other members in-

cluded Iran and Iraq.
"I don't think the South Korean government wanted to call them (North Korea) part of the axis of evil," Limb said. "The U.S. must have some good reason, but few South Koreans understand the real objective.

"It isn't just the president-elect but generally South Korean peo-ple (who) want to see more close consultation between Korea and the U.S. government on matters, especially when it comes to North Korea. There is a surging desire among Koreans to see their country on equal terms with any other country, including the United States," he added.

Limb said there was no intent to snub the U.S. by leaving it off the list of 10 policy objectives, which include building a society focused on science and technology and making the country an economic hub. He said the first goal on the list — establishing a peace mechanism on the Korean Peninsula - implicitly included the United States.

Yet because Roh is a liberal with an unproven leadership record, concerns about his policy outlook remain, especially among conservatives. He is a former human-rights lawyer who once called for the removal of the U.S. forces from the Korean Peninsu-

Given the lack of a track record and the anger vented at the United States over the trial of the two servicemen, there has been concern in political circles because Roh has not come out with a forceful message of solidarity with the United States. Indeed, last week the president-elect told a women's group that he foresees the eventual departure of the troops, with South Korea becoming responsible for its own

"It's a terrible idea what Roh is

doing," said one consultant with political ties to the presidential transition team. "He's not making it clear that the U.S. is our top ally. They're making the U.S. military feel unwanted and they're being ungrateful."

The conservative Chosun Ilbo newspaper, the largest daily in South Korea, worried in an editorial that "the whole relationship" with the United States could become unraveled. "He has to state quite clearly, and at every opportunity, that he wholeheartedly is in support of U.S. forces being in the country and of the U.S.-Korea alliance," the newspaper said. "It is clear which country has more to lose should the idea of withdrawing become part of public debate and a reality, so there's no reason for him to

hesitate on the matter."

Many analysts believe that as Roh makes the transition from campaign mode to leadership, he will come back to a more centrist position. But Lee of Yonsei University said that unless the overconfidence and the emotionalism of the nation's youth are moderated by the government, it could lead to problems. South Korea has a history of violent protest movements.

"A lot of these kids wrongly think that being a Top 4 soccer power equals being a major power in global politics, and if they really come together and take to the streets they can achieve anything," even a change in U.S. re lations, the professor said. "But that is very idealistic and not really taking into account the reality of the situation.'

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Surge of violence follows Palestinian call for end to attacks on civilians

According to figures kept by the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, 46 bystanders have died in targeted attacks that killed 117 suspected militants.

Joel Greenberg Chicago Tribune (KRT)

JERUSALEM - Armed infiltrators killed a civilian and soldier in separate attacks in Israel on Sunday night, after an Israeli helicopter strike aimed at members of the militant group Hamas missed its target and killed two Palestinian teenagers in the Gaza

The surge of violence came a day after the Palestinian Cabinet urged a halt to attacks on Israeli civilians in the weeks remaining until the Israeli election on Jan. 28. an appeal scornfully dismissed Sunday by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as a political ploy designed to help his opponents.

At the northern Israeli farming community of Gadish, near the border with the West Bank, two Palestinian gunmen opened fire, killing resident, Eli Biton, 48, who was on security patrol. Five border police and soldiers were wounded in exchanges of fire before the troops killed the attackers. The militant Islamic Jihad group claimed responsibility for

At about the same time in southern Israel, along the frontier with Egypt, two infiltrators attacked a border patrol and killed a soldier before they were gunned down in a firefight. An officer in the area said the army was checking whether the attackers were Palestinians who had entered Egypt from Rafah in the Gaza Strip. About two hours earlier in the southern Gaza Strip, Israeli Apache helicopters fired rockets at a car carrying two Hamas militants between Khan Yunis and Rafah, but the men escaped. The rockets killed Abdel Rahman Najjar, 16, and Muhammad Kawara, 14, who were riding their bicycles in the area, and seriously wounded another teenager, residents and medical officials said. Israeli forces often have used helicopters to track and kill suspected militants during more than two years of the current conflict with the Palestinians, sometimes killing bystanders.

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In a large-scale operation early Sunday morning, Israeli tanks, armored vehicles and bulldozers backed by helicopters entered Khan Yunis, trading gunfire with militants and demolishing metalworks shops that the army said had been used to manufacture weapons. The army said it had hit several gunmen during the exchanges of gunfire and that six workshops had been destroyed.

Residents said a 24-year-old was killed by a tank shell, and that 15 shops and a car-repair garage were blown up. Another 20 workshops and seven houses were damaged by bulldozers, residents said. Palestinians in the area denied the workshops had been used to make weapons. Israeli forces also entered the town of Beit Hanoun, destroying the home of the family of a militant from Islamic lihad who was killed

navy boat in November.

A local resident, Ali Nasser, 45, was killed by tank fire, hospital officials said. Residents said Nass- • er had left his house to survey the aftermath of the raid when he w hit. The army said it had fired at an armed Palestinian. Several hours later, three rockets fired from Beit Hanoun landed at the southern Israeli town of Sderot, several miles from the Gaza Strip.

One of the short-range Qas sam rockets fell about 70 yards from a school, slightly injuring two people. In the West Bank, a Palestinian was killed when the driver of an Israeli fuel truck and a security guard opened fire after shots hit their vehicle, police said. Palestinians identified the dead man as Hazem Fanoun, 35, and said that he was hit while de livering bread from his family's bakery. The army said Fanoun was a Hamas member. A police spokesman said that an investigation was under way.

On Saturday, the Palestinian Cabinet had issued a statement urging Palestinians to halt attacks on Israeli civilians before the elections in Israel, suggesting that the violence could help Sharon at the

Sharon, at his weekly Cabinet meeting on Sunday, scoffed at the call, calling it politically motivated. "For the chairman of the Palestinian Authority, murdering Israelis, in addition to being a constant and permanent goal, is a political consideration," Sharon said, referring to Yasser Arafat. "Before the elections it is OK to murder. Just before the elections, it's better to stop. After the elections, it is desirable to continue Here we clearly see the real face of



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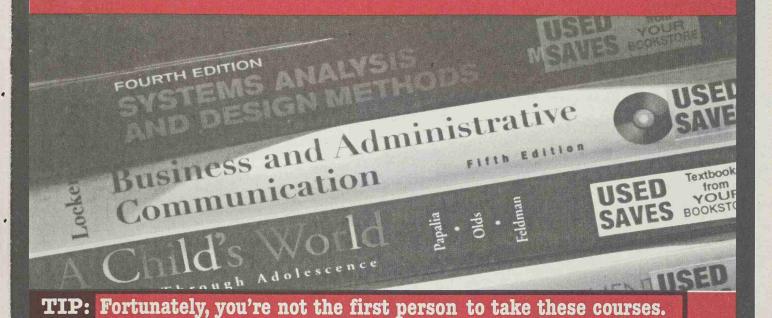


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This weekend, just two days before leaving office, Illinois' Republican Gov George Ryan made a decision directly changing the fate of 167 death row inmates and making a huge impact on capital punishment in his state. He commuted the sentences for every single death row inmate, effectively clearing out the state's death row and reducing most of the sentences to life in prison without parole. (Three prisoners' sentences were changed to 40 years to life, in order to make their punishments equal to those of their co-defendants.)

Gutsy and not without criticism, Ryan's decision is an appropriate way to fairly manage the death penalty system biased process with many flaws. No one can debate the fact that Ryan was justified in his actions, because as governor he undoubtedly holds the power to par-don and commute the sentences of death row inmates. However, the main issue of the debate centers on the way in which Ryan exercised his power — in a blanket decision affecting so many people.

Oddly enough, one of the most outspoken opponents of Ryan's action is the Democratic Governor-elect, Rod Blagojevich. He stated his disapproval with the decision, saying, "I think a blanket any-thing is usually wrong. We're talking about convicted murderers, and I think that is a mistake.

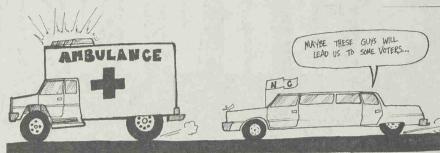
Ryan's decision is unprecedented in its scale, but not out of character. The governor made news in 2000 by issuing a moratorium on all executions in Illinois, largely based on his belief that "our capital system is haunted by the demon of error: error in determining who among the guilty deserves to die." Ryan cited inequities of the death penalty when administered to individuals of varying races and economic and social statuses

Yes, the status of administering the death penalty in this country has serious flaws and is by no means equal to all citizens, even when they are convicted of similar crimes. Therefore, if Ryan truly wished to make a statement about these problems and remove the feelings of anxiety and guilt about the possibility of executing the innocent, Saturday's decision was the right one.

Part of Ryan's motivation stems from a case in the late 1990s, when the issue of capital punishment's administration in Illinois was greatly debated. A group of Northwestern students, a professor and private investigator looked into the evidence in the death penalty case of Anthony Porter and found evidence clearing Porter after 17 years of incarceration. Other investigations revealed 13 in-

mates wrongly sentenced to die, leading Ryan to issue the moratorium on all executions in the state. Saturday's decision accounts for the possibility that even more inmates were wrongly sentenced, and commuting all death row sentences removes the possibility of error in a largely flawed and unbalanced system.

Many people argue about the rights of victims and their families to see justice; however, justice should not mean seek ing vengeance through another senseless death. The inmates will all spend their sentences in prison, and Ryan's intentions are to remove the vast possibilities for error in the adminsitration of the death penalty. While his actions are not immune to criticism, Ryan took a large step in rightly bringing recognition to a national problem.



SENATOR JOHN EDWARDS' CAMPAIGN STRATEGY TAKES A CUE FROM HIS LAW CAREER

John Edwards for president?



Abbie

Senate ushered in a fresh-faced North Carolinian by the name of John Edwards. Four years later, after such a short time serving in the Senate, Edwards has thrown his hat in the ring for the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

Edwards was born and raised here in North Carolina, attending N.C. State for a textile degree and UNC-Chapel Hill for a law degree. His parents are hard-working, blue-collar jobholders working in textile mills and a post office, and he grew up in the small town of Rob-

Edwards has been considered a "fresh face," having new ideas and being able to relate to the younger population. A month ago, Edwards capitalized on this and went to New York City and spoke on his platforms and his intent to run for the presidency at a popular night-

Edwards is in second place in the polls

right now for the Democratic nomination, sharing that spot with Sen. John Kerry (Mass.) behind Sen. Joseph Lieber-

It seems he has a good chance of taking that Democratic nomination. However, is John Edwards what North Carolina wants? Edwards has a few good policies under his belt, but he hasn't been in public service long enough to run for President. He has already done some good work with lowering prescription drug prices for patients and working on the Emergency Warning Act, but is he ready for the big time?

Before being elected to the Senate, Edwards was a personal injury lawyer here in Raleigh, earning nearly \$14 million. He heralds himself as a champion for the regular people of N.C. and the nation, but he is far from being one of the "regular" people. Edwards has helped make contributions in our school systems and worked to improve airport security. However, pork barrel projects, necessary legislation and four years in the Senate are not enough training for the foreign policy issues he will face as president.

ready and able to handle our nation's budget deficit or deal with war on Iraq? Can he improve our foreign policy with stagnant nations like Cuba? I believe that if John Edwards takes the nomination, he has a chance at winning the Presidency. If he wins, I believe he will have bitten off more than he can chew.

If Edwards makes it through the primaries, he will bring a lot of publicity to N.C., which would be great. If he wins and can't handle it, then he will bring negative publicity; not only our state's citizens, but the entire nation's citizens will lose faith in our politicians. The way I look at it, things can only go downhill

John Edwards is capable of great things, and it looks like he will be an asset to and our nation. However, his run for the Democratic nomination and then the presidency is at least four years too ear-

If you would like to see John Edwards in office next term, e-mail Abbie and tell her why at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.

Pull outrageous SUV ads

Editorial

(U-WIRE) TAM-PA, Fla. SUVs the root of The Oracle U. South Florida all evil? A new ad campaign that de-

buted Sunday hopes to convince Americans that they are. The ads attempt to link gas-guzzling SUVs and the people who buy them to terrorist activities.

While this argument may have some remote validity, the way The Detroit Project, a nonprofit group headed by columnist Arianna Huffington, has gone about it is wrong. The ads should be pulled from the airwaves

The ads are based on one fact related to SUVs: They are not fuel-efficient. While this is true, the parallel the group is drawing is that terrorists, who are assumed to be any Middle Easterner, supply the United States with oil. This oil, which is eventually refined into gasoline, costs money. Americans pay the money that gets back to the suppliers, who are presumed to be terrorists

In an era when Americans are more likely than ever to believe any propa-

ganda relating to terrorism, these ads are the latest attempt to pander to the nation's frightened mentality.

Huffington, a syndicated columnist and founder of The Detroit Project, stated Wednesday that the idea of the ads isn't to demonize SUV owners. Well, be that as it may, that is what the ads will accomplish.

How long will it take for Americans to start throwing eggs at SUVs? Or dousing them with red paint, like PETA's more fanatical members do to fur coats?

Post-Sept. 11 has become a descriptor to illustrate a lot of things. The sugges tions made by the mention of that date in history are varied and many.

One of those connotations involved the crimes committed against those Americans who happened to be Arab or Middle Eastern. With the release of these ads, another post-Sept. 11 backlash may be vandalized SUVs and Americans

This is not part of the freedom the War

afraid to drive their cars.

on Terrorism is supposed to defend. In fact, it has no place in a democracy.

Jerry Moore · Matthew Pelland

Decker Ngongang

new prime-time show from Fox that attempts to hook up 20 unsus pecting young ladies with a man who is supposedly a million-I don't know which is sadder - the fact that there are people who will flock to a

'Ioe Millionaire'

man and profess undying love for him just because he has money, or the fact that this show is one of the most-watched of the season.

I watch the show, and I am not happy about it, but lots of guys are finding guilty pleasure in the fact that one of these women is going to be brought down from her cloud of jubilee and realize she has a man who makes \$19,000 a year and is about as dumb as a doorknob.

I was watching the first episode with my mom and some friends the other day, and we all laughed uncontrollably as these women looked at the dude's house and were in awe and "in love." They were saying outlandish things like, "Oh, I always wanted to marry a rich man," and, "I never wanna make more money than my husband." It is so crazy that people will fall in "cupid love" just because you have

money or are famous. I had an away message up on AOL Instant Messenger about the show and got a lot of flack from my female friends, so I must write this paragraph for them. I do understand it is equally as messed up that this guy is lying to all these women, and the fact stands that "lots of guys lie There is no excuse for it, and the fact that the bachelor in question is a horrible liar is even worse. He is deceiving all these women and continuing the tradition of males who lie to women to get what they want. True, this is very, very funny, but guys shouldn't lie.

Chancellor Fox needs to fire

OK, that's enough, back to my rant. There are two wrongs here, but the reason this guy is lying is that there are women and men out there like that: people who will jump on your bandwagon of love because of who you are or what you have. To exploit these people, you sometimes have to bend the truth.

The police have to lie when making drugs busts sometimes, going undercover and posing as drug dealers. So, to me, the young lady who messaged me and said, "This guy is horrible because he lies," needs to open her eyes. Contrary to popular belief, guys didn't invent the concept of lying to women. This in no way will excuse it, but watching a show like this and seeing the many parallels in our lives may cause men to bend the truth a little bit.

Don't believe me?

Saturday night I heard a party down the street. I walked down there to check out what was going on, and it was a pretty huge party with many of our school's "athletically inclined individuals" there.

I was walking upstairs to the dance floor (Decker has to groove, too), and as I walked by a young lady, she asked this guy next to me, "Do you play football? Let's dance." My inspiration for my column was achieved at that moment

These football players are walking Joe Millionaires. I hate to stereotype them, but I have been around enough players and enough females around them to state this. The parallels are astounding. There are always women around you who are so amazed with what you have and who you are. Though guys do the same thing, the norms of society place males as dominant, which precludes such activities for a lot of them even though there are definitely money-grubbing guys.

I know I will get hate mail from girls about the above statement, but you know it is true. Look at movies like "He Got Game" and the social depiction of the groupie phenomenon, such as in the movie "Almost Famous." It is a fact that a lot of females are out there like that, and for all those females, there is an equal

number of guys lying about stuff.
"Joe Millionaire" is just a representation of a common happenstance in our society. Girls want guys with money, fame or a combination. From the rap videos to football fields, the clubs, to the YMCA, there is too much evidence to deny even the miniscule presence of this reality.

Applying this statement to the whole of society is wrong, but everyone knows some girl or guy who fits in the category of "Gold Digger." The women on "Joe Millionaire" are gold diggers, and no female can justify them. True, the guy is a liar, but this is a capitalistic society of supply and demand. Fox wouldn't have to supply such an elaborate lie if there wasn't a demand for it.

I can't claim to be innocent. I have played up to an image just to talk to girls, and that is just as bad as those insincere women. Someone has to end the cycle, and that's why I asked Chancellor Fox to do it. I mean if anyone has the power, it's that lady

Decker welcomes anyone to e-mail him at the "Ioe Millionaire" women aren't vold diggers. He'll try to respond, but lately he's been busy on Monday nights.

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> individual investors is unfair. I disagree. First of all, this is money exchanging hands twice, so it should be taxed as such Second, I'm not sure why George has fabricated this whole "double-taxing" is-

George W. Bush's flaccid package

At the core of Bush's proposal is the re

moval of "double-taxing" on dividends

paid from companies to stockholders.

He claims the taxing of this money first

as corporate profits then as dividends to

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sue at all. There are many occasions where someone might be taxed several times on the same lump of money.

Suppose I want to go buy a pack of cigarettes. I must pay the sales tax and the tobacco tax with what's left of my paycheck after income tax. Would George say I was triple-taxed on that purchase?

Let's look at who's actually getting taxed. According to a study by the Brookings Institute and Urban Institute, Amer-

icans earning \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year would save \$84 a year with W's dividend tax cut. Those earning a million or more would save \$27,000.

Bush claims these tax cuts will put more money in the pockets of the American people, promoting more consumer spending to help stimulate the economy. Do you think that the people helped out most by these tax cuts have had to

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Opinion

'MA' Fox cleans house

Payne

"A faculty vote of no confidence in the chancellor."

That is what

Thomas Honeycutt, an associate professor in the College of Engineering told The News & Observer on Friday.

"No confidence?" What is that supposed to mean? This isn't a parliamentary style of govern-

Apparently everyone knows the circumstances surrounding the chakeup last week in the provost's office. Last time I checked, Chancellor Marye Anne Foxhas the authority to fire whomever she pleases in the administration. Members of the university's administration serve at the chancellor's will, and the chancellor serves at the will of the UNC System president.

Asinine statements aren't reserved for members of the faculy; students' comments in chat rooms and newspapers have also jumped to conclusions. The fact is that the chancellor has yet to provide any public explanations about the termination of two officials in the provost's office. And she probably won't.

What I do not understand is that so many well-educated members of the campus community have leveled accusations against the chancellor, calling her actions "a gross abuse of power. Every day in the corporate world, hundreds of high-ranking officials are terminated from their positions, and they don't receive as much attention as this story did. And rarely does anyone question why they were let go.

Please don't misunderstand the point of this column. I knew both Frank Abrams and Bruce Mallette very well and worked with both of them on a number of issues important to students. We can thank Abrams for the 4.333 GPA quality points we receive for an A+, and we can be grateful to Mallette for reigning in the outof-control Educational and Technology Fee (ETF). I just hope that Mallette's wife - Julie Rice Mallette, the Director of Financial Aid and Merit Scholarships – doesn't leave because she truly is

students' greatest ally.

But the fact remains that the chancellor is the captain of the ship, and no matter how good you are or how friendly you are to students, you must be able to work with the chancellor. The chancellor is not one to allow a mutiny.

Many people have likened the chancellor to tempered former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and have even said she "rules" the university like a tyrannical dictator.

Let me set the record straight. Critics of the chancellor are quick to point out this isn't the first time the chancellor has "thrown out a provost. They point to the sudden departure of former Provost Kermit Hall as an example. It may be true that Hall and Fox's lead ership styles clashed, but Hall left for a higher-paying, more pres tigious role as president of Utah State University. It's rather presumptuous to claim that Chancellor Fox drove Hall from N.C. State. He is very well-qualified and a respected individual in academia, and it was only in a matter of time before he would be running a major university.

The university has made tremendous advances since Chancellor Fox took the helm of the state's premier research institution. Over her tenure:

* NCSU students have earned nationally competitive scholarships, including the Truman, Udall, Mitchell and Gates Cam-

* The average SAT score for incoming freshman has increased to over 1175, and the average high school GPA is over 3.91.

Grants from all sources, including the federal government, totaled \$168.2 million, a 5 per cent increase over last year.

Pledges from alumni and corporations increased 15 percent this past year.

The successes of our athletics teams speak for themselves.

These are just a few examples of the many accomplishments that NCSU has achieved since Chancellor Fox succeeded Larry Monteith.

I know many of you will say I am just trying to kiss up to the chancellor. But let me say this -I have always and will continue to call the chancellor out when she jeopardizes the university and its students. I am not hesitant to tell the chancellor that "she can go back to Texas" before she damages NCSU.

But this is not that time. We all must move forward and support the chancellor.

"A vote of no confidence?" I wish getting rid of tenured professors was that easy.

E-mail questions and comments to andrewpayne@wknc.org. "The Andrew Payne Show" airs every Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m. on WKNC 88.1 FM.

Avoiding the great plastic trap

Shannon Harper Daily Utah

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY name is Shannon Harper and I am a re-

covering credit card addict. Over a two-year period, I accrued more than \$3,000 in credit card debt, and I am still suffering from the consequences. Unfortunately, I am not alone

Credit card binging is common for a large number of college students. According to a report conducted by Nellie Mae, a national provider of higher education loans, 85 percent of college students have a credit card and collectively they owe nearly half of the \$285 billion credit card debt

Students succumb to credit card pressure simply because it is nearly impossible not to. Every day ve are bombarded by savvy credit card ads, e-mail and mail applications, free merchandise for signing up and cleverly marketed offers designed to pull students into a reckless spending frenzy. Why do credit card companies prey on college students?

It all comes down to greed and cash. Millions of college students drowning in debt generate billions of dollars in interest for credit card companies.

Credit cards are not entirely monstrous. Though they create nightmares for college students who abuse them, they provide many benefits for those who are financially responsible. Financially responsible people and those who earn \$25,000 a year are more usually are approved for credit cards with better benefits and lower interest rates, which makes them easier to pay off. Credit cards offer an enticing amount of ease and convenience.

However, many college students simply don't know how to manage finances and don't make enough money to pay off the unbelievably high interest rates of student cards.

Credit card companies such as

VISA, Mastercard, Discover, American Express and Diner's Card build expensive marketing strategies that target college students. The majority of college students find themselves in serious debt by graduation and must make payments for several years, sometimes decades. If college students owe nearly half of the \$285 billion credit card debt in this country, it would be fair to assume that the other \$143 billion or so partly consists of middleaged college graduates still try ing to pay off debts from their college years. Credit card companies maintain customers for life because the customers can't possibly get rid of the financial nuisance.

As soon as students get close to tackling the nuisance, interest throws a swift left hook. On most student and standard credit cards, interest rates average 15 percent and above. Major credit card companies usually issue cards from states that have no ceiling over how high they can set rates.

Interest forms a frightening trap. And as a college student, you will likely get snared. For example, if you owe \$8,000 on a credit card with a 15 percent interest rate and you make the 2 percent minimum payment every month, it will take you a little more than 37 years to pay off the balance. In addition, you will pay \$12,790 in interest costs. Ouch. But it doesn't stop there. Consider that even at a relatively low interest rate, you can buy something for \$350, pay off \$166.52 of it, and still owe \$202.80. The math borders on insanity.

As more college students demand credit cards, credit card companies will follow suit and supply the plastic. College student credit card debt increases every year. According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, as of 2001, 92 percent of sophomores and 96 percent of seniors had credit cards. Most of them had between three and six cards on average. Students 23 years old topped the charts, with 97 percent owning an average of 5.6 credit cards and carrying \$3,299 dollars in debt.

These numbers are troubling because they reek of the financial ignorance of America's youth. For example, 92 percent of students know how to balance a checkbook, but only 62 percent actually do it. Only 38 percent of students prepare a monthly budget, and of those who do, 28 percent don't stick to it.

Solving this problem is a monumental task. Perhaps by carefully considering the unethical practices of credit card companies while being educated about the responsibilities, dangers and disasters of buying into such companies, students can be better at making credit decisions.

As you take your first step into the real world, be prepared to resist the efforts of credit card companies to paint a positive picture of easy money with low payments. Even if you don't decide to apply for a card, companies will continue to load your mailbox, e-mail inbox and campus with credit card offers that include enticements of cruises to the Bahamas and free gasoline.

Don't buy it. As the economy falters and jobs become more scarce, college graduates will have a harder time securing an income that allows them to pay off sub-stantial credit card debt. It is true that most college students are, at least in part, responsible for their own financial hardships. But since credit cards are a trap aimed at putting students in a financial vice grip, it takes great prudence and caution to avoid them.

The next time you encounter an easy opportunity to obtain a credit card with a high spending limit, resist the temptation. Tear the envelope in half, hit the delete button and move onto the next challenge. Do your future a favor and don't buy into a company that will flourish while you flounder in credit card debt.

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curb their spending because of these taxes? "I was going to buy my daughter that new BMW for Christmas, but I just couldn't come up with that extra 27 grand

Perhaps I'm a bit skeptical. White House officials say if the Bush plan is approved, 92 million taxpayers would receive, on average, a tax cut of \$1,083. Averages are tricky things, however. If you take one Bill Gates and nine broke college students, you have 10 Americans with an average net worth of \$7 billion each. Averages are fun to talk about, but they can hide the truth.

For comparison, in the tax-cut plan that George proposed in 2000 (the one whose implementation this proposal will hurry), the top 1 percent of taxpayers each saved \$46,000 per year in tax cuts, while the middle-class working family got a hefty cut of \$227 per year. (New York Times 8/6/00). What a great way to spend \$1.9 trillion of federal sur-

The way to stimulate the economy is by giving money to the people who are going to spend it, not to the top 1 percent who will just stash it away for George III (if he can ever get that dang inheritance tax repealed)

> Greg Nusz Senior

Foxy maneuvers

With the announcement of another brilliant Fox maneuver firing two senior vice provosts who are highly respected by both faculty and students — I feel the time is now to share a "bad taste" in my mouth about Marve Anne Fox's leadership qualities

We saw these skills on Wednesday in New Bern during the ceremony to christen N.C. State's only research vessel, the R/V Humphries, which is a gift from the late Mr. Humphries of

Portsmouth, Va. It was a dignified and subtle cer-

emony, and Fox gave a speech a patchwork about the many groups who contributed words of the benefits from the newly acquired vessel. The problem was, the group initially targeted to receive the ship (Burkholder/Glas gow group), was totally disinvited to the ceremony.

The problem was, preparations

had been made to include the other groups at the university (Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Science's COSTE Lab, River net, etc.), who would utilize the vessel and present their thanks to Edith Humphries (Humphries' daughter) and Elenor Humphries (his wife).

Edith Humphries worked on the Pfiesteria problem in Maryland, hence her connection to the Burkholder group. Fox heard about it and nixed the whole thing. She wanted only a couple of deans and a few higher-ups to give words that weren't theirs, without regard to those who really wanted and needed to attend. Fox had the cameras on herself, while many others within NCSU's marine groups sat bitter and left

She missed the opportunity to make the most of the event. I am sure Elenor felt honored by having the big wigs about, but Elenor spoke of the students and youth who would brighten their future and become caretakers of the waters. This caused her to choke up with emotion as she wished her husband well, for he was a ship designer as well and built this ve with his own hands.

Where were the students, the faculty, the mentors, the ones who would go out and make this happen, carrying forth this lady's dream? They were absent at the docks and the following luncheon. They should have been represented as originally planned to give a short synopsis on their cur-rent work and future efforts, while further glorifying the gracious acts of the Humphries.

I don't want to step on the chancellor's toes — she was dignified and spoke warmly to Mrs. Humphries, her daughter and friends. But this kind of leadership, one of subtle exclusion and disregard to students and faculty in order to promote her own political agenda, is more fitting for Washington, D.C., than Raleigh,

I wish she was more of a team player and less of a politician.

William Sweet Oceanographer Coastal Ocean Science Technology and Engineering

Events in Washington to rally against war A series of rallies and actions are

being planned in Washington. D.C., for Martin Luther King Jr. anniversary weekend (Jan 18-19) as well as other dates. If you're interested in attending some of them, www.unitedforpeace.org has a list, along with important information that you'll need if you want to attend — time, place,

You don't need to be of any spe cific political viewpoint to attend these events (besides, of course, an opposition to the war). Indeed, along with people who consider themselves Greens, libertarian socialists and the like, many people from the Libertarian Party and many Republicans in opposition to the war will be in attendance.

The last large rally in Washington, D.C., was organized by a group called International AN-SWER and drew some 100,000 people. They're organizing another one Jan. 18. Coverage by the corporate media of these kinds of events is generally poor, but they're essential for a functioning democracy. If you oppose Bush's war and you want to make a difference, please attend!

> Alexander Sheppard Lifelong Education Student

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Feminism concept extends beyond equality

Elizabeth

Oklahoma Daily U. Oklahoma

NORMAN, Okla. Whatever happened to the

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small plastic grocery carts in supermarkets that allowed little girls to mimic their mothers and "play house?" Perhaps they have gone into the abyss of items and words that are considered politically incorrect nowadays.

Political correctness emerged as a belief that "language and practices which could offend political sensibilities (as in matters of sex or race) should be eliminated," at least, according to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

Perhaps one of the most misconstrued aspects of political correctness in our world as we know it is feminism. An excerpt from "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future" by Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards reads, "In the most basic sense, feminism is exactly what the dictionary says it is: the movement for equality of men and women."

While equality for males and females is all well and good as they say, It's "all good" feminism has come to take on another meaning. Now, it is considered taboo for any woman to hope for what society has deemed a stereotypical position, such as a ballerina or simply a mother.

I myself am a byproduct of our society. Whenever anyone of the male gender informs me that I am physically incapable of doing something, this little imp in my mind begins a rousing rendition of the old Irving Berlin song

"Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better."

I recently argued with friends over my capabilities as a football player; however, even I can see the absurdity in little 5-foot-4 inch me trying to take on a 300pound lineman. Face it gals, there are some things we can't do. Besides, if there was ever a contradiction, modern feminism would definitely be it.

In the midst of proclaiming equality with men, women allow themselves to be viewed as sex objects. Am I the only one that sees the difference between the cry for women's rights and the image portrayed by a Christina Aguilera who basically bares it all? Tammy Bruce, the former president of the Los Angeles chapter of National Organization for Women, writes that "In its simplicity, this [an effort concentrated on improving the quality of women's lives] is the most basic of feminist ideals but it is not the ideal of today's alleged feminist leaders." In other words, the influences of many feminist leaders since, at least the 1980s, have altered the goals of the pure feminism that the organizations these women represented were fight-

In 1996, an article in Ms. magazine quotes Patricia Ireland, past president of NOW, as advocating that NOW "must offer a clear understanding of what it means to be a feminist organization concerned with ending discrimination based on race, class and other issues of oppression that come from a patriarchal structure.' Modern feminism seems to have

lost the focus of the issue most crucial to its existence the rights

Some say that chivalry is dead, or at best, foundering. What do we expect? The desire to prove our equality with men has resulted in a drastic decline in the number of gentlemen today. A short time ago, while waiting for a ride, I wandered over to the couches in the Union to watch a football game with some guy friends. One guy sitting on a chair offered it to me and reinforced his invitation by standing up and moving away from it. Instantly, the little imp popped up in my mind and I said that I was fine

standing. When the chair remained empty because of the gentlemen gathered around watching the game, I decided to give in and sat down. My mom says that since my toddler days I have been proclaiming, "Let me do it!" as a battle cry. But is there anything wrong with getting a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T? Maybe it is time for us ladies to

pause in our quest for complete equality with men and focus on the true meaning of feminism. We can still be women and strive for social, political, and economic equality without sacrificing respect. In other words, we don't have to win burping contests to show that we are on par with guys. We don't have to swear like sailors or drink ourselves silly to prove our equality.

After all, true feminism implies not just egalitarianism but also respect. So, why not go back to the roots of feminism and, as the song goes, "enjoy being a girl?"



Julius Hodge was ineffective against the Yellow Jacket's tenacious defense, going 1-of-6 from the field and scoring only nine points. File photo by Rob Bradley

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The Wolfpack's inability to score was compounded by the fact that Powell, who had been State's best offensive weapon, collected his fourth foul with 16 minutes remaining

'It [Powell's fourth foul] certainly was a contributing factor," said Sendek. "I don't know that in that second half you could point to any one single play necessarily.'

"It was very frustrating," said Powell. "I knew I could have a made a great impact on the inside for us and could have made things happen on the both ends of the court.

With Georgia Tech up by 19 and 11 minutes left in the game, Sendek took out Hodge, State's star player, and he did not return for the remainder of the game. Hodge did not speak with the media after the game

"Julius is still learning," said Sendek. "Each experience that he has will contribute to that

For the last part of the second half, with the game out of reach, many substitutes for both teams saw playing time. Despite scoring only two points in the second half. Powell was one of only three Pack players in double figures. Clifford Crawford scored 11 and

Watkins lead all N.C. State players with 15.

In the loss, Hodge ended a streak during which he had scored double figures in 16 consecutive games.

The next contest for the Wolfpack is this Thursday against Boston College at the RBC Center. State will have a few days to re cover and re-focus after a tough

"After a win or after a loss, the next one comes pretty quickly in college basketball," said Sendek. We'll have to go back to work here this week and evaluate ourselves. There's nothing else we can really do. Hopefully we'll move forward in a positive direction.'

WRESTLING

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Old Dominion and Drexel, Drexel was ranked No. 22 in the na-

This season, however, with closer matches, Guzzo was unable to use many of his younger wrestlers in the lineup.

"We actually didn't [use new wrestlers]," said Guzzo. "Generally, in this thing we do. Unfortunately, we were playing for our

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lives the whole bout. So, we had to put some new kids out there out of necessity due to injury, but like I said, we have our work cut out for us."

State's problems in the upper regions of its weight classes didn't go away Saturday, either. Heavyweight Ricky Fowler, who is also a lineman for the N.C. State football team, had to leave his first match with an injury. Fowler is one of only two heavyweights on the team. He was unable to re-

"I don't know how serious it is, but it's apparently a rib injury, said Guzzo.

Looming large on the Pack's schedule is its next match-up tomorrow night, when State plays host to North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. The Tar Heels will arrive after a 2-2 split at the Virginia Duals, which was also on Saturday. The match is the first ACC competition for both teams this sea-



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Today is a 7. The more you learn, the

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Yellow Jackets rout men's basketball

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Taylor Francis

ATLANTA - At the end of the first half, the game looked like it was turning out to be what everyone expected - a tight, hard-fought contest between two evenly matched teams. But there are two halves in college basketball, and when the final buzzer sounded on Saturday night Georgia Tech was leaving Alexander Memorial Coliseum with a dominating 85-

61 victory over N.C. State. The Yellow Jackets (7-5, 1-1 ACC) controlled every aspect of the game in the second half to turn a close game into a blowout. The frustration and disappointment from the Wolfpack (8-3, 1-1) was evident on the faces of the Pack coaches and players as they left the court.

"Georgia Tech played an outstand-

Herb Sendek, "but we did not perform well at all, and the combination of those two leads to the kind of margin we saw in the second half."

The game started off slowly for both teams with neither team hitting double digits until nearly seven min utes had passed. Both teams were struggling hitting shots and neither could find an offensive rhythm.

With State trailing by two at 8-6, Scooter Sherrill hit a three-pointer to give the Pack its first lead since 2 0. That three-pointer sparked a 10-1run that put State up by seven. It was the largest lead the Wolfpack would

Two free throws by star Georgia Tech freshman Chris Bosh brought Georgia Tech back to life. They were the first points in a 22-10 run that put Georgia Tech up by five with just over two minutes remaining in the

The Jackets' run was keyed by the

Elder scored 14 of Tech's 22 points during the run, including three threepoint baskets. He also made three free throws after being fouled by the Pack's Julius Hodge on a fourth threepoint attempt.

Elder led all scorers at halftime with 16, half of Georgia Tech's 32 points, and finished with a game-high 24.

"He was terrific," said Sendek. "He beat us with the three-point shot as well as off the dribble, B.I. is an outstanding player.

The Wolfpack stayed in the game in the first half largely because of the play of Josh Powell, who led all State players with 10 points at halftime.

Down by five with two minutes remaining in the first half, Hodge made two free throws and then completed a three-point play to pull State even before a late free throw put Georgia Tech up by one heading into the half.

State started the second half with a layup by Powell, but that basket would be Powell's last points of the night; they also gave State its last lead

Over the next eight minutes, the Yellow Jackets went on a 26-6 run that put them up by 19 points. During that span N.C. State had only one field goal, a three-point shot by Levi Watkins, who was 4-of-5 from beyond the arc for the game.

While State was struggling to make baskets, Georgia Tech was hitting everything it shot. Five Yellow Jackets finished in double figures der (24), Jarrett Jack (11), Marvin Lewis (15), Bosh (11), and Ed Nelson (11). Bosh also pulled down 12 rebounds to finish with his sixth double-double of the season

Tech finished the second half shooting an amazing 64.5 percent from the field and an unheard-of 71.4 percent from beyond the three-point arc. State shot only 35.7 percent from the field in the second half.

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Josh Powell's foul trouble limited the Pack's options in the second half at Georgia Tech. File photo by Rob Bradley

ames comes through in clutch

A Terah James' jumper with two seconds left gave N.C. State a 50-49 win over Virginia.

Austin Johnson

Trailing by a point with 11 seconds left, the N.C. State women's basketball team kept it simple.

Junior center Kaayla Chones set a textbook screen for junior guard Terah James on the wing, and James nailed the open jumper with two seconds left on the clock to give State a 50-49 victory over Virginia Sunday afternoon at Reynolds Coliseum.

"It's not our philosophy to come down and then try to run a set play, get that person open," said head coach Kay Yow. "It wasn't really a designed play."

State had dropped its last two ACC games and needed a win to keep from falling to 1-3 in the

"This is the ACC, and every game is important — we just talked about coming out here and playing hard until the end." said Chones

The game started off well for State (7-8, 2-2 ACC). Virginia (5-9, 0-4) came out flat in the first half, scoring just 9 points in the first 12 minutes, falling behind 22-9. Virginia head coach Debbie Ryan attributed the flat start to Thursday night's emotionally draining 60-59 loss to No. 1 Duke

"It's been hard for them to get back on track," said Ryan. "That was a very difficult pill for them to take at University Hall.'

Virginia then went on a 10-0 run, lead by sophomore center Brandi Teamer, who was suspended for the Duke game. Teamer scored 10 of Virginia's 19 first-half points and also had eight rebounds in the first half, six of them offensive. Virginia's

leading scorer, sophomore guard Cherrise Graham, has been suspended for the last two

James hit a three-pointer with a minute remaining in the first half that gave State a 25-19 halftime lead and a share of the momentum lost during the UVA run. James' three constituted the only points State scored in the last eight minutes of the first half.

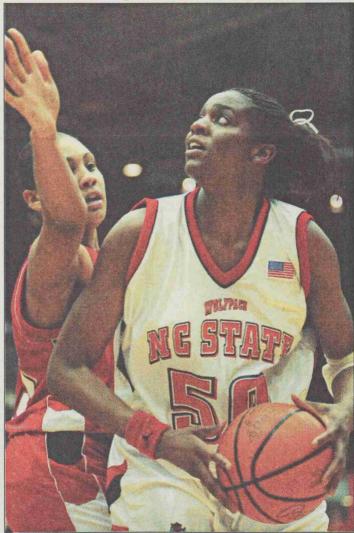
The second half was a backand-forth battle for 20 minutes State managed to maintain the lead until senior guard Liz Sahin sank a jumper to give Virginia its first lead since the score was 3-2. Despite giving up the lead, State kept up the intensity and didn't allow Virginia to pull

"The team really held together," said Yow. "That is a major thing to me, that we didn't just fall apart because now we got behind. We hung tough, persevered, and we stayed deter-

mined. Missed free throws almost cost the Pack an ACC win, though. State was just 4-13 in the second half at the free-throw line, good for 30 percent. Junior forward Alvine Mendeng missed several free throws that could have given State a cushion in the final minutes. Mendeng made up for it though, hitting two huge shots in the final minute of the game, including a tough turnaround jumper with 35 seconds left

Virginia's LaTonya Blue hit two free throws after being fouled with 11 seconds left to put the Cavaliers back on top. Then came James' heroic shot, her only points of the second

"Kaayla just gave me the signal that she was going to screen," said Jones. "She gave me a great screen. I just came off and shot it with confidence



Kaayla Chones was the only Wolfpack player to score in double figures with 10 points. She also led the team with seven rebounds. Techn

Virginia looks for its first conference win on Thursday against Georgia Tech.

The Wolfpack women have the rest of the week off. The Pack will return to action when

Clemson visits Reynolds Coliseum next Monday night.

Cavaliers drown swimming and diving

Nationally ranked Virginia was too strong for the young Wolfpack Saturday afternoon.

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N.C. State swimming and diving suffered its second straight loss in league competition Saturday afternoon to the Vir-

The No. 9 Virginia men won 11 of 13 events in cruising to the 156-85 victory over State (6-2, 2-2 ACC). The No. 12 UVa women won 10 of 13 events in

recording a 153-87 victory over the Wolfpack (5-4, 1-3).

Molly Culberson had another stellar performance on the boards for the Pack, sweeping the competition on the onemeter and three-meter boards, while Rob Yeager continued to excel in the 200-yard breaststroke. The team got a great contribution from newcomer Cullen Jones who tied for first in the 50-yard freestyle and swam the anchor leg of the 400-yard medley relay team that also tied for first.

Culberson went 4-0 on the weekend with wins against the diving squad from UVa. On Friday, the freshman defeated and Courtney McClow of Florida State. Culberson got support from senior Erin Bailey, who finished second on the three meter and third on the one-meter.

Jessica Koenig took second in the 200vard IM, and Kendall Smith was third in the 100-yard freestyle. Anna Maria Gazda finished second in the 200-yard back stroke, and Erin Trau, Karen Burbella and Laura Cutler scored for the Wolfpack in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The 400-yard medley relay team of Steven Cowling, Scott Detloff, Yeager and Jones finished in a time of 3:22.41 to tie

for first in the opening event. Two events later, Jones returned to the pool and tied UVa's Jonathan Haag in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.30. Detloff took second in the 100-yard freestyle.

Yeager won his third race of the week end with a time of 2:02.94 in the 200vard breaststroke.

UVa's Ian Pritchard set a new facility record in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:13.14.

The women will return to action Wednesday at 6 p.m. when they host No. 11 UNC, while the men next compete against Georgia Tech in two weeks.

Wolfpack flounders in first home matches

The Citadel and Binghamton went undefeated in weekend wrestling competition.

Jay Kohler

N.C. State wound up out-dueled on its home mat at the N.C. State Duals on Saturday. The Pack was defeated in its first two matches against East Strouds-burg State and The Citadel before regaining its composure in a win over George Mason.

State was winning in its first match against East Stroudsburg but staggered in after the 174-pound weight class, losing four straight matches. East Stroudsburg ended up with a 25-13 victory. The Citadel won three of the last four matches against State for a 24-15 win.

The Wolfpack then won six of 10 matches against George Mason to salvage the day, downing the Patriots 29-15.

'I'm disappointed overall, obviously," said head coach Bob Guzzo. "But we did have some strong efforts from some kids. Dustin Kawa wrestled extremely well and so did Scotty Garren. We had some bright spots.

'We had a couple of guys on our team who got hurt; we had some injuries. Like I said, we were disappointed in some regards, but we'll just have to work hard-

Kawa, a junior, wrestled and won in all three matches for the Pack at 165 pounds. Kawa defeated his three opponents 7-2, 11-4 and 18-4, Garren, who is also a junior, won in the two 157-pound matches that he wrestled, winning 10-1 and 5-3. Garren didn't wrestle in the match against George Mason.

Garren has yet to lose a match this season. He is currently 7-0.

Senior George Cintron also had a stellar day for the Wolfpack, sweeping all three of his opponents in competition 7-3, 5-4 and 3-1. Cintron has wrestled at 125 pounds for State since the 1999-2000 season.

"We're really not as strong up on top as we want to be," said Guzzo. "Hope fully we can change that as we go through the rest of the season, get some guys back from injury and maybe juggle the weights a little bit, since we're struggling. It's a little early, too. We have our work cut out for us."

The Pack has usually fared well at past N.C. State Duals competitions. Last season, State went undefeated, beating VM

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