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IN THE KNOW

WORLD **Bush offers incentives** to North Korea

President Bush said Tuesday that if North Korea agreed to cease its development of nuclear weapons he would consider helping Pyongyang with its energy and food disparities

Bush had originally told the country that he would not negotiate or support its "bad behavior" with a reward.

The initiative, which was developed in the fall, would include some sort of food and energy aid to the country, which would possibly include some sort of agriculture reform program for the area Last year, the United States contributed

approximately 155,000 metric tons of food to the country.

NATION

New Yorkers cast votes for WTC site memorial

On Tuesday night, New Yorkers were given the opportunity to vote on what kind of memorial they think should be uplifted at the World Trade Center site.

A similar meeting was held Monday night regarding the type of commercial development that should replace the twin towers. At that meeting, while no consensus was decided upon, 800 people were in attendance, filling a Pace University auditorium in Manhattan. Officials expected even more attendees for Tuesday night.

With seven architectural proposals now on the table, four of which call for buildings 110 stories tall or taller, the public is not being left out of the decision-making process.

Over 6 million visitors have viewed the Web site of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. that highlights the proposals. Approximately 70,000 people have viewed the proposals in person.



Photo courtesy LMDC

STATE Sixteen N.C. Kmarts

to shut their doors

The Kmart Corporation announced Tuesday that it will close down 326 of its stores nationwide due to poor performance. This action is the company's biggest cost-cutting venture since filing for bankruptcy last year.

In Raleigh, N.C., the Kmart located on New Bern Avenue will be one of the closing locations. In addition, the Kmart on Avondale Drive in Durham and the Kmart on Raleigh Road in Durham will be closing as well.

Texas and Florida also lead with the most closings. Texas will close 54 of its stores, and Florida will close 25.

prised of the news, as several had reported hearing rumors about the closings beforehand

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Fox addresses Faculty Senate concerning recent firings

After serious discussion about Marye Anne Fox's decision to fire two top administrators, the Faculty Senate decided to postpone a vote that would censure the chancellor.

Carie Windham

When N.C. State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox walked into the Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, she stepped out in front of a firing squad.

After a short address, members of the faculty rose — at times understandingly and at times hostilely to demand answers to questions about her recent decision to fire C. Frank Abrams Jr. and Bruce Mallette, top administrators in the provost's office. Their questions did not stop short, however, of attacking problems in the university's bureaucracy, the role of the Board of Trustees and even the chancellor's personal leadership style

"Are we running a corporation here?" someone asked. "Just because you can do something, should you do it?" asked another.

"One of the problems is your reputation of 'my way or the highway," said one. "Whether that's right or

wrong doesn't matter. By the end of the meeting, the Faculty Senate stopped short of formally censuring the chancellor, moving instead to postpone the vote one week - but not before much heated debate.

The meeting, which took place in one room filled to capacity and overflowing into another, was a regular-ly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate. The chancellor had originally planned to speak, but in light of the week's events, all other business was removed from the agenda.

"I recognize that these are difficult times and difficult issues for all of us, but we are committed to moving the university forward," the chancellor said in an opening address to the faculty. During her address, she defended her decision to fire

Abrams and Mallette.

"I can assure you that these decisions were not pre-cipitous," she said, adding that the state's protection of personnel records restricted her from commenting on the individual performances of Abrams or Mallette. However, she told senators that if Provost Stuart Cooper had not resigned shortly thereafter, she would

have removed him herself. "It is absolutely vital in this environment that the provost and his staff bring issues to the table," she said. "We need to have an effective advocate for the faculty."

Action was necessary, Fox explained, because issues of importance to the university like overcrowding, departmental operating budgets and graduation rates were not coming forward.

"I know these are problems, and we are not talking adequately about them," she said. "That is a silence that needs to be broken."

But the chancellor acknowledged that changes, beyond who holds the title, need to be made in the provost's role on campus as well. In conversations with deans and department heads, she said they had articulated that the provost needed a larger role on campus, and she supported that decision and pledged to find a leader that could fill that role.

The chancellor defended herself as well.

'Much has been written lately about my management style," she said. "My management style is to put all the issues on the table, to encourage vigorous debate, to reach consensus and then to end up with a strategy that will allow us to address the problem.'

After her address, which was met with applause members of the faculty probed further, attacking her decision from many angles.

Thomas Honeycutt, a long-time co-worker of Abrams, rose to defend him. "I can't imagine him turn-ing away an issue pertinent at this university. ... Frank doesn't deserve this. You've lost the one with the biggest heart. But audience members did not just ask for justifica-

tion for the chancellor's actions, they also demanded to know whether or not structural changes would also be made to help remedy the communication and teamwork problems she referred to.

The chancellor was open to all suggestions offered by the faculty, which included creating an executive board of faculty members, and assured the room that she would work to improve communication

The question was also raised about how much power the Board of Trustees has in her decision-making process. Faculty members rose to ask for assurance that Abrams and Mallette's dismissals were justified and not the work of pressure from the Board of Trustees. "I want to be very clear that this decision was mine," Fox said.

Despite the questions and comments, which were at times directly aimed at her, the chancellor took the time to address each question and remained cordial and receptive.

After the meeting, Harold Levin, department head of philosophy, said he was impressed at how she responded.

"She didn't intimidate, and she accepted the ques-

A flock in the park



Chancellor Marye Anne Fox fielded tough guestions from the Faculty Senate. File photo by Dave Kuzdral

tions. She didn't use cheap tricks to avoid them," Levin said. "I did gain some respect for her ability as a spokesperson and public figure." After the chancellor left the room, however, the dis-

cussion moved towards passing two resolutions. The first commended Abrams for his work for the university. The resolution passed unanimously after suspending the normal rules for discussion and a similar resolution

will be considered next week for Mallette. A second resolution moved to censure the chancel-

lor for her actions in "precipitously" firing Abrams and Mallette. To censure the chancellor would have no binding ef-

fects; it would simply send a strong message that the faculty disapproved of her actions. It is not as powerful as a vote of "no confidence," which would imply that the faculty disapproved of her work as a whole.

Some people, however, felt that censure was too strong.

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Students sound off on interracial dating

Students find that their views on interracial dating often differ from the views of their parents or grandparents.

Josianne Lauber

ior Staff Reporter N.C. State prides itself on the diversity of the students on campus. In 2001, according to NCSU's Planning and Analysis Web site, NCSU's student-body makeup consisted of 9.7 percent African American students, 6.3 percent international students and 7.5 percent of students who are classified by the university as "other," including Native Americans and Hispanic Americans. With the diversity on campus growing each year, many

agree that interracial dating is inevitable. Times are changing and interracial dating is beginning to become more acceptable, say some students. Other students still hold strong beliefs that interracial dating remains taboo.

ville, N.C. My dad grew up in Goldsboro, N.C said Rebecca Anderson, a senior who grew up in See DATING page 2

a belated Christmas card. p. 6

Sports

hits Willy Porter in the head with reveals how wrestling fared against rival UNC. p. 8



a cool winter afternoon at Lake Johnson. Staff photo by Rian Thomas

Melanie Thornton and her 2-year-old son Sean take a break from their bicycle ride to feed the sea gulls and enjoy



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stricter than hers

"The chancellor has brought this university pride," said one faculty member. "She has the right to choose her team. We may not always agree. Its time to move forward."

James Smallwood, a Faculty Senate member representing the College of Veterinary Medicine, also suggested censure might be

Raleigh. "We've talked about in-

terracial dating before since

Raleigh is a fairly racially mixed

area. I don't think race should

have any bearing on whether or

not you can be attracted to some-

Anderson notes that her par-

"They were both raised at a

time where it was considered

more taboo. I never have been

with anyone from another race,

and if I did, I'd have to see how

they would react. I think if it's

someone I really cared a lot about,

they would have to learn to see it

that way. It would take time but

Jeremy Watters, a senior in pulp

and paper science, also noted a

difference in parental attitudes

toward interracial dating. "My parents grew up in the ru-

ral south, so their attitudes to-

ward interracial dating are very

different from my own. They

don't see it as right. I've never be

lieved that. I've always thought that if two people cared about each other, I don't see anything

Watters said that history obvi-

ously plays a big role in attitudes.

He pointed out the laws at the

wrong with that."

that wouldn't stop me.'

ents' attitudes, however, are

many of his constituents had suggested that if the chancellor were
 a "hard-drilling man," there
 would not be such an outrage
 over her actions. His comments
 stirred the room to discussion.
 But others stood firm that censure was necessary.

too strong. He told the senate that

"We have to make it clear we disagree [with her decision]," said Tony LaVopa. "There are plenty of hard-driving administrators who do good jobs and don't do this."

time his parents were growing up. "It was only in 1967 when the Supreme Court struck down the anti-interracial-marriage laws in Virginia and 18 other states," said Watters.

According to www.unblinded.com., an online community for those interested in interracial dating and relationships, two years before the 1967 Supreme Court decision, at the height of the civil-rights revolution, a Gallup poll found that 72 percent of Southern whites and 42 percent of Northern whites still wanted to ban interracial marriage.

Watters said that his parents let him develop his own ideas about who he should date.

"Once I started getting into school, it was a lot different for me than them. When they were going to school, schools had only been integrated for 10 or 15 years, which is why their attitudes are so different. In my high school, there weren't many racial issues," said Watters.

Najja Baptist, a senior in political science and African American studies, is African American and doesn't see anything wrong with interracial dating either.

"Growing up, I've always dated girls from different races," said Baptist. "My parents' attitudes are mixed. They grew up in a time of Other senators thought the message should be stronger and suggested their constituents would agree.

Nevertheless, a motion to suspend normal rules and vote for censure at the meeting was defeated. The motion will be presented for a second reading at the Faculty Senate's next meeting on Tuesday

"I don't think any of us wants to cause a serious disruption in the campus beyond the small num-

black power, and there is still an invisible line to my parents because they are still traumatized from where they grew up in the '50s and '60s and you weren't allowed to eat in certain places."

Baptist added, "I think if you're happy, race doesn't matter. But from an African American male point of view, the whole thing with us is we have been made to seem like all we want is European women, but in all actuality we are more prone to go with African American women; for some reason we're more attracted to them — there's nothing wrong with interracial dating though." Nevertheless, when it comes to

Nevertheless, when it comes to interracial dating, things aren't always "black and white."

Gaurav Patel, a junior in business, was born in India and then moved to the United States with his family.

"My parents wouldn't allow interracial dating at all because they are very traditional," said Patel. "They are very strict about it; they wouldn't allow interracial relationships for me or my sister."

Patel added that he once had an interracial relationship but had to break it off because his parents did not approve. "My family is most important to

me, so if my family is not going to allow it, there's no point in having it," said Patel. "I think you can ber of personnel issues," said Levin after the meeting, claiming that while he can't vote on the matter, he has reservations about a statement as strong as "no confidence."

"Certainly there are lots of good things about the chancellor," he said, pointing out that the chancellor is the principle person associated with the university. "There is a sense of not cutting your own nose off to save your face."

fall in love with anybody, it just depends on how strong your love is or how much love you have for that person or your family. In my case, my family is most important to me so I would care about race. If I had it my way, [race] wouldn't matter ...?

Angie Ko, a freshman in chemical engineering, is Korean and feels that her parents have changed their personal views about interracial dating since she went to college. Ko notes that some members of her family are now involved in interracial dating and marriages.

"My parents are laid back. I think they were more strict in high school, but now that I'm in college, they're not as strict," said Ko. "My aunt, my father's sister, married an African American. My father was not thrilled about it at first, and he didn't talk much about it, but as time went by, he came to accept it more ... now he's fine with it."

Times are changing and the statistics are there to prove it. With interracial marriages on the rise, the number of interracial children is up as well.

According to www.unblinded.com, while 30 years ago in the United States only one in every 100 children was born of mixed race, today that number has increased to one in 19.

CRIME REPOR

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

7:54 a.m. — Hit and run A student parked their vehicle in

North Lot. When they returned, there was damage to the passenger door.

8:29 a.m. —Medical assistance A staff member reported a subject had passed out on the third floor of the Phytotron building. Fire Protection, RFD and EMS responded. The subject was transported to the hospital.

9:13 a.m. — Larceny

A staff member reported a suspect had stolen a chair that was in the east Campus Dining Hall. Officers responded and spoke with the suspect. The suspect returned the chair. The case is still being investigated.

2:05 p.m. — Suspicious incident A staff member reported a conversation they had with a person at E.S. King Village who was complaining that someone had entered their residence and removed the bags they had placed over the smoke heads. The subject made some comments that concerned the staff member. Officers spoke with the subject. **3:40 p.m.** — Fire alarm Alarm activation at Talley Student Center Activation due to actions of ^Dhysical Plant em-

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9:04 p.m. — Checkpoint

ployees.

Officers worked a checkpoint on Sullivan Drive. Three verbal warnings were issued for expired inspection stickers and failure to carry driver's license.

1:22 a.m. — **Traffic stop** A non-student was arrested for driving while license revoked on Varsity Drive.

1:54 a.m. — Traffic stop A non-student was arrested for driving while license revoked on Dan Allen Drive.

2:35 a.m. —Traffic stop A non-student was arrested for driving while impaired on Dan Allen Drive. The subject was also charged with speeding and driving while license revoked.

Calls to 5-3000 - 75 Calls to 5-3333 - 34 Escorts - 10 Assist Motorist - 4

False Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 6 Actual Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 0 Key Request - 1

Campout for the Jan. 22 basketball game against Duke

In order to camp out on Friday for the basketball game against Duke next Wednesday, students will need to pre-register at tickets.ncsu.edu as soon as possible.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

New emission test contains glitches but still effective

Currently, eight counties in North Carolina are using a new computer-driven emissions test for automobile inspection. By 2006, 48 counties hope to have implemented the system. The majority of the time, the system works how it was intended, checking the car's computer registry on emissions and checking the totals against what is acceptable. One to four percent of those who have older automobiles or models that don't work well with the system experience problems that sometimes result in costly repairs.

The small percentage of cars that do not function with the new tests are an acceptable number considering how much more effective the tests are at detecting emission problems. With automobile emissions becoming an ever-increasing concern amongst the environmental community, the slight problems of a minority of people with older model cars should not come between a far more effective way of testing auto

Tom Valkenaar, the head technician at Six Forks Station Exxon in Raleigh is a proponent of the new testing system. He ays the system works quickly and flawlessly in 99 percent of the cars he works with. He also mentions that the test is far more effective at catching emission problems than the old test of the automobile's tailpipe. "I think they're doing the best that they can," Valkenaar said. "We need to reduce our emissions in this state. They're terrible.

In the end, state officials point out that without the new computerized emissions tests, the state can not receive federal highway money. Several states have already implemented the new system and all had slight glitches in the beginning. Now, as North Carolina begins to spread the system statewide the Environmental Protection Agency has already pro-duced a list of cars that often have trouble with the test.

Another possibility was available to replace the antiquated tailpipe test, but it would have taken 45 minutes of running at the car at the inspection station and in-creased the price of the inspection from \$30 to over \$90. The time and price would have made this option hardly worth it.

Some cars that experience trouble with the test are unable to rerecord information to the computer after the battery has gone dead or the computer has had repairs in which a mechanic has wiped clean trouble codes in the system. These troubles only occur in one to four per-cent of the cars tested.

Even with the chance that a percentage of state citizens may have to have their computers repaired in order to pass the inspection test, the positive change the tests will make for emissions standards is more than worth it. Every system is bound to have glitches when it is first put into operation, but that does not make the system useless

Ignoring North Korea will lead to unpredictability

Staff Editorial U. South Florida

(U-WIRE) TAM-PA, Fla. — For months, the United States has been threatening war

against Iraq, and until recently, that is all it has been worried about. But now, as North Korea threatens nuclear action, the United States should consider paying attention to North Korea's demands

Looking at the situation rationally, North Korea isn't a threat to the United States. The country is only the size of Mississippi, and the country is in no economic state to engage in war successful-

However, North Korea has made it known that it has the capability to make more nuclear weapons, it backed out of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and it kicked United Nations weapons inspec-tors from a facility that some believe is being used to process uranium for a nuclear bomb.

Most likely, North Korea is making threats to get attention from other nations. In the past, North Korea has threat-

ened war and received food aid in exchange for ceasing its threats. The country may be trying the same tactic again.

Following Sept. 11, President George W. Bush associated North Korea with Iran and Iraq, calling the three "an axis of evil." This statement could have made North Korea upset, leading them to be-gin making threats. The most obvious question is still left unanswered. Why is the United States focusing all of its attention on Iraq, a country only thought to have nuclear weapons, when it is known that North Korea has nuclear weapons, and the country is now threatening to use them?

North Korea is trying hard to call attention to itself, and the United States should pay a little less attention to the less threatening Iraq, and take the time to find out why North Korea is threatening to build more nuclear weapons. If North Korea doesn't get what it is it wants who knows where they'll point their weapons.

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I'm McScruff the Hi, Hi, I'm McScruff the Marginally Related to Police Work Mutt. The policemen from the great state of Tennessee have asked that I make a brief statement to my brethren about a horrible incident that happened over the winter holidays.

Woof woof. Sorry. Bark bark woof. Really really sorry.

The policeman didn't mean to kill that little doggie. He thought the puppy was a smack addict. These things happen. Thank you.



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An untimely death

Police brutality is devastating McAbee leaving crime, Staff Columnist many people feel-ing not only angry

Kevin

but also vulnerable. When police harm those that they have sworn to protect, what will keep us safe?

One example of such brutality oc curred over the holiday break. A North Carolina family driving through Tennessee experienced firsthand the helplessness that comes with law enforcement overexerting its power.

What at first seemed to be an ordinary traffic stop soon became a nightmare for the Smoak family. The Tennessee State Highway Patrol received a tip from another driver that money was flying from the Smoak family car. The police immediately believed this to be related to a bank robbery or other felony and issued a felony stop for the car (the actual reason for the loose cash was Mr. Smoak had left his wallet on the car roof while pumping gas).

Rather than approaching the car and in-specting the situation, the highway patrol used spotlights and loudspeakers, com manding the family to exit the vehicle and get on their knees. Imagine the mindset of this family. They are innocent people, who are suddenly being treated like criminals. Scared and confused, the family did exactly as they were told and exited the vehicle

The police proceeded to handcuff the family; all the while having guns drawn. Soon, the family realized that the son had left a car door open, which enabled the family dogs to escape from the back seat. Keeping a calm demeanor, the father and mother begged the police to shut the door. These requests were met with responses of "shut up" from the police.

Soon, one of the family dogs, Patton, leapt from the back seat, wagging his tail,

obviously wondering why these people were yelling at his family. The police, in their continued state of heated emotion, became immediately panicked by the dog. As Patton approached an officer, the officer proceeded to shoot Patton in the head at point-blank range with a shotgun, blowing his head off. As this terror unfolded before their eyes, the Smoaks watched helplessly in handcuffs.

Much outrage has rightfully come over the set of events that surrounded Patton's death. After the tragedy, the police would realize that the Smoak family was not guilty of any crime. A video from the patrol car has now been released. It supports the Smoaks' account.

This tragedy could have easily avoided, and all responsibility rests on the police for maintaining a heated and stressedfilled emotion level during the entire encounter. The Smoak family did all it could by obeying orders and calmly trying to communicate with the police. The police overreacted continuously, and that

ventually resulted in the death of Patton. The first and most egregious mistake was the call for a felony stop of the Smoak car based solely on a citizen tip. This call mandated a high-stress situation of drawn guns and told the responding officers to expect a very dangerous situation. Next, the police should have calmed the situation down once the accused were restrained. The police saw that the family was cooperative and complied with all demands. Three restrained family members no longer posed any threat. The officers should have then listened to the calm request to close the door, or at least lowered their guns. The video shows they did neither of these actions.

The final and most tragic error was pulling the trigger. I understand that hav-ing a large dog advancing toward you can be an intimidating and scary situa tion. However, there are other solutions

besides firing a shotgun at its head. The officer could have hit the dog with the butt of the gun, attempting to stun it, or he could have used an electric stun gun or mace

It was the unneeded, highly emotional situation that dictated him to shoot. What would the officer have done had this been an unruly child or a mentally handicapped person? Both of these peo-ple could be as confused and uncontrollable as Patton. Would he have still shot? No one knows. Certainly the stress of the situation made this officer trigger-happy

I understand that law enforcement must maintain a level of power and order over all situations to maintain safety. These officers knew nothing about what was in the car before they pulled over the family. But once they finished a license plate check and a family calmly cooperated and exited the car, did they not realize that this was a false alarm?

Poor Patton. His family is being harassed, he is scared, and he ventures out to see what is the matter. With a wagging tail and an inquisitive mind, he met his untimely end.

My heart goes out to the Smoak family. I too have a dog, named Sam. I cherish him more than anything. I cannot imagine what it must feel like to lose a loved one in such a violent manner, right in front of your eyes.

To see the video and judge for yourself, visit http://www.cnn.com/2003/ US/01/09/police.kill.dog/index.html.

Kevin is counting down the days until the mighty Wolfpack make the trip to Columbus, Ohio, to take on the defending National Champions. NCSU vs. Ohio State will be a battle for the ages. Reach Kevin at ktmcabee@unity.ncsu.edu.

International students have **Big Brother looking after them**

Ben McNeely Staff Columnist

Every year, thousands of international students from all over the world come to

America to study in their respective fields. And why not: America is the leader in many fields of study, especially engineering, medicine, information technology and other science-related fields. Students come to America, earn a degree or two, then go back to their home country and help out their people. But since Sept. 11, international students have had a tougher time getting in and staying in America. With the revamp of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the hunt for terror cells in the homeland, international students are becoming unfortunate targets in the ever-widening war against terrorism. But does the government really have a choice? With the Justice Department walking a fine line trying to protect the country and protect civil liberties, it seems a catch-22 has resulted with this request.

All of the Sept. 11 attackers were allowed in the country and attended flight schools on student visas. This was the fault of the INS, which was exposed later as being inept and ineffective. The inability or the unwillingness of federal agencies to share information only helped the attackers carry out their horrific acts. Now, a year later, the government is correcting their mistakes by asking universities to release private records of international students and faculty. During wartime, certain civil liberties are limited in the interest of national security, but wartime is usually a finite amount of time. But the war on terrorism does not have a specific timeframe, and as a product of it, a state of mind in America has come about - a state of mind that mandates protecting the country at all costs, even at the expense of personal liberties. Foreigners are treated suspiciously and should be monitored at all times. That is the fundamental premise the FBI is working on. Unfortunately, they have been forced to this. With revelations from the Canadian intelligence service revealing plotted attacks in America by internationals with student visas, the FBI needs to know who is in the country, if they are here legally, how long they have been here, and what activities they have been participating

But that kind of information is intensely private and the government's actions can be construed as an invasion of privacy. Students and faculty members who have been here for years legally are being probed and having their correspondence monitored. Now the universities they attend are being asked to turn over confidential information voluntarily so the FBI can track the whereabouts universities to comply would disrupt the academic process, affect whole departments and colleges and discourage in-ternational students and faculty from attending American universities.

The implications of this request have direct and dire effects at N.C. State. The College of Engineering alone has a high number of international students studying in its departments. Alexander Hall is the home to international students at NCSU. As a resident of Alexander Hall, I encounter the issues facing international students every day. That is the entire purpose of the program: to initiate and develop relationships between American and international students. But the See INTERNATIONAL page 5

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Heather Cutchin

having to learn how to make it on your own. No longer do you have Mom or Dad watching over you, making sure your room is clean and your clothes neatly folded. There are no more home-cooked-bygrandma meals to look forward to whenever you want them, and no more bells to let you know class has ended. School does not get out around 3 p.m. anymore; some classes go till 10:30 or 11 at night ... that is a big adjustment.

Some college students do not have these worries. Either they live close enough to go see their parents anytime they want, or they were so independent growing up that living on their own is just like how they were living be-

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fore. Either way, most college students are holding a job of some sort. A few work full time because they do not want a huge debt when they get out, and others simply work for the bare necessities, (i.e. beer, milk, bread, etc.). I think it is a great idea to have a job while going to college, even if it is as simple as answering the phone for a business or as aggravating as baby-sitting kids.

Having a job helps students in many ways, like building a resume. Every job you hold is one more you can put on your resume to make you look more desirable to a potential employer. (Although, it may not be a good idea to put "stripper at a night club" on a resume for a job at a law firm.) It also helps a person decide what they want to do before ever get-ting out into the "real world." The different jobs you hold now may be the ones that you absolutely do not want to have in the future. Having them now, before you really need them to survive, is better than getting out of school with no clue as to what you want to do. And you never know, one of

civil rights. The reasoning behind

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the jobs you hold as a college student may be the one you work at the rest of your life. By working now and showing you have a desire to work, even though you are overloaded at school, you show

employers you have passion. Working is also a good diversion from school, especially if you work somewhere fun. Some classes can be very exciting and fun to go to (and please let me know which ones they are!) but many others are just good to sleep through. I like my job at the After Hours Small Animal Emergency Clinic because it's like one of those fun and exciting classes, I am learning a lot about animals, plus I am doing hands-on work with a great group of coworkers and doctors. Veterinary work is something I have wanted to do since I was 8 years old and still have plans to do when (if) I leave college. I have worked as a babysitter, a cashier at a grocery store, and a kennel manager at a boarding kennel, and I do not care to do any of the above again. There are other careers I would like to explore and will do so at some point

tem, and not every international

student is a terrorist. They are just

students trying to get an education

and make their way in the world,

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strictions that could hinder their

plans. It is sad that it has come

down to this. America has always

been known as a land of the free.

during my stay in college, but I am pretty set on veterinary med-If you are one of the lucky peo-

ple whose tuition, fees, books and housing have been paid for al-ready, then having a job might mean just a little extra cash that you call completely your own. A little extra cash never hurt anyone (and sharing it with poor opinion writers would be nice of you!) It is always great around Christmas time to buy gifts with money you have earned, or to treat yourself to a new outfit at the mall just because. Having a little bit in the bank when you graduate is a wonderful goal. So whether you work 12 hours a week flipping burgers or 40 hours saving lives, be proud of yourself for being an overachiev-

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ever, this is not your typical war and atypical measures must be used. But how far is too far and who is to say what is too far and what is not? Only time will tell.

Ben thinks his roommate from Ire land might be a double agent for the IRA. Write him a message at bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu if you know how to get in touch with the FBI without him knowing.

where he was the first person in his family to attend college.

My sources include the Seneca Daily Journal/Messenger and Edward's Web site at www.johned-

In order for all of us to learn more about this man who may well be our next president, as well as not to slight the wonderful town of Seneca, where my parents live, a clarification in your paper would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Stephen D. Jeffcoat Senior Science Education-Chemistry Pardoning the unborn and death row inmates

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abortion while endorsing the death penalty. Liberals — now self-avowed "centrists" — insist on criminal rehabilitation and a woman's right to choose. Neither position shows much respect for life. There must be some consistency — either you revere life or you don't. Either you give criminals a second chance at life or you give fetuses no chance at life.

Life shouldn't be a circumstantial issue. And capital punishment is all too circumstantial. It relies on an arbitrary administration of justice. It determines an inmate's right to life, just as abortion eliminates an infant's right to life. Conservatives can suggest alternatives to capital punishment without wavering from a firm stance on justice.

Republican Gov. George Ryan went on "60 Minutes" during the summer, unsure about the fairness of Illinois's capital punishment system. In 2000, Ryan issued a moratorium on executions after 13 Illinois death row inmates were wrongfully convicted of cap-ital crimes. On Saturday, he commuted the sentences of 156 death row inmates, citing the "spectacular failure" of state attorneys and legislators to prevent judicial delays and reform the capital system

In a letter to families of victims, Ryan clarified the fates of these inmates, whose sentences were commuted to life without parole. Since a federal investigation into graft and corruption prevented Ryan from seeking re-election, some feel that he's just trying to win over support from his future cellmates. Others hope that Ryan's courage will infect party leaders across the country.

The question of clemency re-vives the debate surrounding capital punishment. Some inmates asked Ryan not to commute their sentences. There is no way to attribute a reduction in serious crimes to threat of capital punishment.

As long as there's uncertainty, as long as human error and prejudice manufacture the guilt of

The death penalty no longer de ters crime; it's far too painless a death to strike fear into criminals. Of the 71 nationwide executions in 2002, all but one were carried out by lethal injection. Lethal injection is, to date, the most humane method of execu-

tion. Ryan's research indicates that the sentencing of criminals varied substantially from geographically. A crime that warranted forty years in one Indiana district earned the death penalty in an-

And just as liberals have a moral duty to alter their stance on abortion, so too must conservatives call for a nationwide halt on executions. This isn't in the name of rehabilitation. It isn't insensitive to the victims of capital crimes. It just acknowledges the ability of men to be wrong, and takes away from men the ability to impose their wrong on the innocent.

I previously believed death row was colorblind. Facts indicate the opposite. Racial factors account all too prominently in determining the fate of criminals. Free Mumians argue that racial profiling and discrimination contributes to the disproportionate number of blacks on death row. Gov. Ryan's studies show that "juries were more likely to sentence to death if the victim were black than if the victim were white three-and-a-half times more likely.'

This may sound contrary to conservative belief. But there is room for a progressive element in contemporary conservatism. I'm not asking Republicans to stray from the party platform; I'm challenging them to change the platform.

This is not confined to Illinois. Other states execute with apparent confidence in an extensive appeals system. Something must be done to combat lingering question of innocence on death row.

Here's the alternative: make the inmates - not the death penalty - the deterrent against crime. Force inmates to labor as testaments to a life of crime. Let them communicate the futility of crime. The death penalty may give victims some sense of clo-sure, but it is no redemption for

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[Monday] about John Edwards. hometown as Robbins, N.C.; he was actually not "born and raised here in North Carolina." He was, in fact, born in Seneca, S.C., where he lived until his fifthgrade year. He and his family then moved to Thompson, Ga., for a short time before they moved to

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The Porter's pride

Grayson Currin

Knowing who Willy Porter is should be as easy as turning an FM radio dial. Unfortunately for fans of pop music every-where, it's not that simple. Porter, a Wis-consin-based soulful songster, should, after a decade of troubadour experience and road-tested success, be a household name, a stalwart of the catchy singersongwriter movement now infiltrating Top-40 radio ranks. But he isn't.

For Porter, the musical journey - one that, for him, has consumed well more than half of his life thus far — isn't about overnight success or monumental fame. For Porter, it, quite simply, is about nothing but the music and a truly appreciative audience.

And, undoubtedly, the music is some thing of which Porter has quite an adroit understanding. Indeed, Porter is so capable and so adept that his guitar playing alone is some of the most extraordinary and refreshing work done by someone on the pop side of the six-string dreadnought in years. One can easily spot more than glimpses of the likes of Leo Kottke and Michael Hedges (Porter met the late dynamo while at college) in his



Willy Porter makes some progress down a long and windy road. Photo courtesy Six Degree Records

work, particularly with The Edge-rival-ing virtuosity of the instrumental, "Road Bone.

Equally pervasive glimpses of that guitar brilliance can be seen in "Breathe," the opening cut from Porter's highly acclaimed 2002 self-titled release. At the

same time, "Breathe" reveals the absolutely brimming potential of Porter as both a singer and songwriter. "Don't worry so much / It will come as sure as we are bleeding / Let's groove before the vultures start feeding," sings Porter on the track, coddling each word in his own powerful, yet quietly suggestive way. Strains of Tim Buckley and Paul Simon fall into place, Porter hammering melodically on an acoustic guitar the entire time in a captivating maelstrom.

So how does a guy that matures with every beautiful album he carves from the

surplus of the 50-plus tunes he writes a year get shrugged off by major labels and the recognition that so befits his talent? That is, as expected, a question for the suits and their baffling corporate cir-

In fact, Porter himself has traveled the unlucky avenue of the hard-times major-label recording business. Following the release of his first record, "Trees Have Soul," and the limited success of the cut "Angry Words" from his second album, label scouts began courting Porter. He was eventually lured by a division of BMG, Private Music, for the release of a re-mastered, updated take on the soph-omore "Dog-eared Dream." The single found radio play, and Willy Porter was on his way from Wisconsin

But then, after seeming to finally have conquered so many artists' dreams by inking a deal, it all fell from beneath him. In the same wave of cuts that indirectly saw immensely talented songwriters like Josh Clayton-Felt dismissed, Porter was dropped like the proverbial hat. He is a proven artist with no label and the same do-it-yourself, unenviable financially dire straits that seemed, a few years ago, to necessarily come with the territory for songwriters.

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Belated Christmas Letter

Aunt Therma Coffield Guest Columnist

everyone! Merry Belated Christmas! I would like to thank

each of you for taking the time to send me a card, filling me in on your golden little lives. I apologize for my tardiness, but as I always say, Christmas cards are like post-Prom-night menstruation: better late than never. Just ask my darling daughter Jennifer. She would know. Anyway, I decided to send out these

- little updates on the family to all of my old friends. Except Martha, of course - that tramp. If you see her, tell her I hope she and my ex-husband are doing fine...but be sarcastic.

I will start by announcing that, apparently unlike all of you (judging from your cards), neither myself nor my current husband received promotions at work this year. In fact, I quit my job at the unemployment agency, where I had been vage of \$110 per handing out welfare checks for \$105 per week. I still go in to the old office, but now stand on the other side of the desk

As for my current husband, he still will not tell me what exactly it is he does for a living, but he spends a lot of time whispering on the telephone and often leaves the house late at night, not to return for a period of days. Not that I'm complaining, mind you; my new Hispanic gardener and I are getting along swimmingly.

I noticed in your cards that each of you has managed to breed extremely intelligent, adorable and talented children (which is quite impressive, considering the parents). I wish I could claim the same.

As I suspect all of you are aware, my elder daughter Meredith leapt to her death from her dormitory window in October, finally succeeding after her previous three failed attempts. In retrospect, I never should have granted her request to move from the second floor to the ninth, where this time her falling body had time to accelerate to a fatal level before impact. And yes, I do miss her, but I must admit that she resembled my ex-husband far too much for my liking. Besides, her bulimia had gotten to the point where she was wasting more food than Nate Newton at a Chinese buffet. It all wound up clogging the trashcans. Yes, there is something distinctly Darwinian about Meredith's death.

Many people have inquired as to how I am handling Meredith's demise. Truth is, I saw it coming. It's not like she hadn't tried before. She always was a textbook case for teenage suicide - spent hours in her room sniffing rubber cement, scribbling weird pictures, looking depressed and saving things like, "If I was gone, nobody would even miss me ... " or "I don't even matter!" What was I supposed to say? She made some interesting points.

When my youngest daughter, Jennifer, had her first child, Jeremy, the task of keeping it naturally fell upon me, as she attempted (vainly) to complete her freshman year of high school. I told her that my desire to raise children had ceased 20 years ago.

"But I'm only 14," she noted. "Exactly," I responded. Little Jeremy is now three and has a tendency to bite other

children. Jennifer spends much of her spare time at "rave" parties where I hear she experiments with Ecstasy and continues to mate with unencumbered zeal.

My son, Todd, has come into his own this year, growing to strongly resemble his drunk, lazy father in both character and habit. He is a portly boy of below-aver-age intelligence and motivation, whose greatest ambition appears to be to gain the acceptance of his peers by way of keg beer guzzling. On a brighter note, he did make the Junior Varsity football team this year.

On a dimmer note, he quit the Junior Varsity football team this year because "it was too hard," a sentiment I find startlingly reminiscent of his father's explanation for our failed marriage.

As for my middle daughter, Sherika let me tell you about Sherika. As many of you are aware, it had been our dream for her to be an Olympic figure skater. She was my pride and joy — I made so many sacrifices for her, taking her to practice each morning at 4:30, and again to practice at 3 p.m., and picking her up afterwards at 11. Even when she had the flu or was tempted to skip out and play with her friends, I took her to practice, never letting her give up on our dream. Well guess how little Sherika has cho-

sen to repay her loving mother? At age 19, she has quit figure skating and moved to Montana with her 53-year-old former coach. They are to be married this summer. I wasn't even invited. The ingrat-

Hit me in the face and tell me you love me



Brittany Murphy prepares to thwack Ashton Kutcher across the head in "Just Married." Photo courtesy Twentieth Century Fox

Just Married

Starring: Brittany Murp Director: Shawn Levy **

Collin Yarbrough

Staff Writer

In the slapstick-comedy genre, there have been many standout comedians ranging from Laurel and Hardy to Jim Carrey. There have also been some very good films. Unfortunately, "Just Married" is not a standout. In fact, it was better the first few times it was released under the names "Saving Silverman," "Tomcats" and even "Shallow Hal." Maybe a better title for this movie would have been to add 'light" to any of the previously mentioned titles. Like all of its predecessors, "Just Married" had its moments, but they were definitely hit and miss. Unfortunately, not the same can be said for the constant bludgeoning the characters take in the face.

The movie starts out with Tom (Ashton Kutcher, "That 70's Show") describing the horrible honeymoon that he and his wife, Sarah (Brittany Murphy, "8 Mile" and "Clueless") just returned from. Yes, it is a flashback, which surely is just a bit exaggerated - well, one would hope so.

The abbreviated version of the plot from here on out goes like this: someone gets hit in the face, then someone gets hit in the nose, followed by someone getting his in the face and the nose. The end. From this movie, there should be a Hollywood law setting a limit for the maximum number of times one movie can use shots to the head as a bit of comedy. Twenty times is not asking too much. The writer must have been completely out of ideas.

To give the devil its due, "Just Married" did not completely revolve around pops to the jaw for comedic effect. It was directed by Shawn Levy, whose hits range from "Lassie" and "The Secret World of Alex Mack" to "Big Fat Liar," and the comedy in "Just Married" is of about this caliber. In other words, you don't have to be a member of MENSA to understand it. Rather, it is discouraged.

So on their honeymoon, the couple travels to Italy to see the Alps and Venice, but first they are staying in a five-star hotel with all the luxuries (provided by Murphy's clichÈ-rich parents, of course). From the very beginning, this turns into a disaster. Sarah gets to the room and is too tired to do anything. While Tom is consoling her, Sarah goes into an entire dialogue about how her parents

will now know that she is, as she puts it, "deflowered." However, no deflowering is done through the entire honeymoon. They try on the airplane, but the two do not fit into an airplane stall, so there is no luck of them joining the Mile High Club (how is that done—the stalls really are small). And to stop them, the flight attendant gets, imagine this, hit in the face with the door.

At their next hotel. Tom sets the place on fire when trying to plug the " derstick 1800" with American plugs into European sockets. Let your imagination run as to what the Thunderstick is. To make matters worse, Murphy's admirer, Peter (Christian Kane, "Life or Something Like It"), who happens to be business partners with her father, follows them to Italy. He throws his nose into the mix, which leads to a whole heap of misunderstandings. Tom thinks that Peter and Sarah are fooling around and, so he is not left out, a woman falls madly in love with him, follows him around and leaves a misleading article of clothing in his honeymoon suite. Tom then does an incredibly poor job of explaining the

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Molly Sutter

The Student Life (Washington U.-St. Louis)

"Slander: Liberal Lies About the American Right" by Ann H. Coulter; Crown Publishing, 240 pages. \$18.17

This book wins points for being interesting, well-written, and about a very difficult subject. Dealing with political stereotypes is never an easy task, but Coulter seems to enjoy it. While she supports her claim that conservatives have been slandered and abused, she also throws in zingers like, "The good part of being a Democrat is that you can commit crimes, sell out your base, bomb foreigners, and rape women, and the Democratic faithful will still think you're the greatest." An unforgettable work, to say the least.

"Life of Pi" by Yann Martel Harcourt; 336 pages. \$17.50 Falling into that always interest-

ing category of books-you-can'tquite-figure-out, "Life of Pi" is a book that doesn't seem to have any clear cut bottom line. With this work, the meaning is in the searching, making it one of the most thoughtful and thought-provoking books of the year. Pi, a 16 year old kid raised in India, finds himself shipwrecked at sea for 227 days with a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker for company. Difficult to imagine what would be going through some guy's mind for 336 pages in that situation, but Martel's prose is effortless and engrossing

. Selleck won't ride gently into that last sunset

Doug Nye Knight Ridder Newspapers

Tom Selleck's latest ride into the Old West, "Monte Walsh," is accompanied by a secondary title, "The Last Cowboy," a phrase that could also apply to Selleck himself

As one of the last actors to be closely associated with the Western, Selleck is carrying on a 100year-old tradition that dates to the silent-film days of William S. Hart and Tom Mix. As those stars faded, others always seemed to take their place - from the likes of John Wayne and Gary Cooper to Clint Eastwood and Charles Bronson.

The last great year of the bigscreen Western, 1976, saw the release of Wayne's final film, "The Shootist," Eastwood's "The Out-law Josey Wales" and Bronson's "From Noon 'Til Three." After that, Eastwood tried to keep the genre going with his "Pale Rid-er" (1985) and the Oscar-winning "Unforgiven" (1992).

But except for an occasional "Silverado" (1985), "Dances With Wolves" (1990) and "Tombstone" (1993), very few theatrical Westerns were made.

Fortunately, a handful of people like Selleck kept the genre alive by producing Westerns for cable. But who will be there to climb into the saddle once Selleck has

hung up his spurs? "I hope I'm not the last one," Selleck says. "I would bring up my friend Sam Elliott as another who has done a lot of Westerns. But after we're gone, well, I'm not sure.

Selleck paused a moment. "But you have to believe some-

one will step up," he said with a sigh. "You can't deny that people like to see Westerns. Hollywood studios just don't understand that. But Westerns always do well when they're shown on cable.

That was no more evident than what happened with Selleck's "Crossfire Trail," which aired in January 2001. It drew the highest rating of any movie to air on basic cable.

Selleck, of course, is hoping "Monte Walsh," which premieres at 8 p.m. on TNT on Jan. 17, will have similar success. Based on the 1963 novel by Jack Schaefer, who also wrote "Shane," it tells the story of a group of cowboys who see their way of life disappearing as the 20th century arrives. Walsh (Selleck) is the one cowboy who clings to the old ways.

"I identify with Monte's character and what he is going through as a new century comes Selleck said. "When I read the script I had just been through a turn-of-the-century experience. I already feel some nostalgia for the 20th century. There were some pretty good things about it. And that's the way Monte feels bout the 19th century.

"There are some good things and bad things about progress," said Selleck, who at 57 has etched a place in the minds of at least two generations in non-Western roles: as Monica's older boyfriend on "Friends" and as "Magnum P.I." in the `80s.

"We're over-run with comput-ers now, but I'm still computer illiterate and I'll probably stay that way. This isn't the first time "Monte Walsh" has been put on film. Lee Marvin played the character in the well-done 1970 version. Or-

dinarily, Selleck is not a fan of remakes. "I was very familiar with the movie," Selleck said. "I'm no Lee Marvin and don't try to be. His was made at a time when there was a much more cynical view about life. I think we stick closer to the book and have a bit more

optimistic approach." The biggest difference between the two films are the leads, Marvin plays Walsh with a bit of a comical approach sprinkled with some surliness. Selleck's Walsh possesses humor but is a much more heroic figure.

Another plus for the top-notch new version is director Simon Wincer, who was responsible for the best TV Western ever made -'Lonesome Dove" - and also oversaw "Crossfire Trail" and Selleck's under-rated big-screen venture "Quigley Down Under" (1990). Like John Ford, Wincer

has a poetic eye for the Western. "I'm happy with the way our film turned out," Selleck said. "In our version, no matter what hap pens, Monte never feels sorry for himself."

Selleck listed some films he would never try to remake.

"Anything with John Wayne, you can forget," Selleck said. "Clark Gable is another. They approached me about playing him in the movie 'Gable and Lombard.' I wouldn't touch it.

'The same thing with 'Scarlett.' They asked me about doing Rhett Butler, and I told them there was no amount of money that could get me to do that. But, Selleck said it doesn't take

much money to get him to don a stetson and ride a horse in front of the c

You get to spend most of the time outdoors and play cowboy. What's not to like?" Selleck said with a laugh. "I also like the theme of Westerns of being honorable and true to yourself and to others."

Selleck says he will never abandon the genre.

"I'm already looking into doing another Western, probably based on something by Louis

L'Amour," he said. Like Monte Walsh, Tom Selleck, the last cowboy, is not about to let some of the old traditions fade away.

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misunderstanding and makes the situation worse On the upside of the movie, Brittany Murphy shows exactly how diverse her acting ability truly is. From her very serious and dramatic character in "8 Mile,' Sarah is a complete 180-degree

turn from that character. Murphy's performance, while not exactly Oscar worthy, is impressive nonetheless Spoiler Warning

The movie ends rather abruptly with Tom going to his dad, looking at a picture album, realizing he can't live his life without Sarah and convincing her parents that he loves her, then they run off together happily ever after. And it all happens about that quickly. While this movie might not appeal to everyone, for the audience that it is seeking, it works. The movie is rated PG-13, which is about the age range "Just Married" is aimed at. While an avid moviegoer will get a couple laughs out of it, it is definitely not worth the price of admission.

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Anyway, I hope all of you have fun on the cruises and exotic va cations you are looking forward to in the summer. Me, *I'm* looking forward to taking a bubble bath and licking on spoonfuls of

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After a year-and-a-half of contractual squabbling, Porter finally started to make headway on his third release. His workhorse demeanor, coupled with an approach to music that encapsulates no-holds-barred experimentation, proved vital to his future success. He never doubted for a second that he would continue down his musical avenue. Porter, an absolutely brimming man with a gentle, pleasant confidence, even found some hope in his release from the label.

"It made me realize that there was still life without a label...You're no longer spending your whole life trying to get signed," quips Porter, his voice resounding with zeal, impressively more determined by the past than nostalgic for it. "That can certainly pollute every aspect of the

creative process." In 1999, Porter finally released his third album, "Falling Forward," on the independentlyminded Six Degrees Records. He was far away from the big lights and high pressure of major la-bels, but instead comfortably at work with a genre-flexing, expansive company. The disc, though sparked by

moments of utter brilliance, fell disappointingly into the ranks of the mediocre. Despite produc-tion by the famed Neil Dorfsman (Bob Dylan, Dire Straits, Bruce Springsteen), many of the tracks seemed oddly over ambitious and out of scope, stumbling through confused arrangements that sometimes overlooked Porter's ability to stir sentiments with a story

The disc, however, did reveal a newly blossoming musician, coming into his own in terms of outside help and once-suspect influences. With "Falling Forward" Porter, at long last, seemed to be upon the precipice of artistic — if not popular — explosion.

Porter's recently released selftitled work became something of an arduous journey of tour dates, songwriting sessions and fascinating collaborations. For Porter, the album is in fact an arrival. It is more focused than the straying experimentation manifest in 'Falling Forward." The songs are intricate, finally pulling Porter from the folk singer-songwriter pigeonhole that he had long since The songs are still there,

though. Actually, the record represents such a bound for Porter as a writer that some of his lyrics feel more like the literate country folk of Lucinda Williams than the heart-swept ballads of Porter's pop contemporaries, Howie Day and John Mayer.

"Dandelion on the Minefield" grabs hold of stark imagery, making a Crosby, Stills & Nash-fired plea for hope in the world's darkest hours, while the co-written "Unconditional" serves as a beau tifully crafted testament to Porter's faith. The stories are in tricate and poignant, as in the beautifully textured album clos-er, "Dishwater Blonde."

Porter gets excitedly physical as well, as he mouths voyeuristically in "Dirty Movie."

'She said let's get naked for the next one / If they're'gonna watch, let's give 'em a show / So she stood up, and took off all her clothes / As the crickets applauded soft and low," Porter sings with a smile,

crafting a witty, imaginative slap on Big Brother's wrist. "Big Yellow Pine" finds a bouzouki and a bamboo flute (courtesy of Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson) in the mix, as Porter crafts a beautiful story for the broken-hearted with Tony Levin (King Crimson, Peter Gabriel) laying down a pocket groove on

the bass. Levin, who met Porter in Milwaukee while he was mixing his own album, also adds a taste of funk to the glistening pop of "All Fall Down."

The album stands remarkably cohesive and real, given the amount of collaboration he put into it. From start to finish, even through a song co-written with Donny Brown of The Verve Pipe and Ed Robertson of The Barenaked Ladies, the tracks feel simultaneously organic and radiofriendly. The guitar voicings of Joni Mitchell are still obvious, as Porter exploits a myriad of warm, alternate tunings on much of the record.

It's an album that Porter is immensely proud of and that he sees as something of a further transition in his career

"It's a lot less guitar driven. You know, I'm finally learning how to sing," laughs Porter. "I enjoyed the collaboration. It adds multiple personalities, and you really get to explore the lyrics more thoroughly. That way, you can step outside of yourself.

And now, Porter is stepping outside of the album, constantly reinventing himself and the material on the road. On the road with a four-piece rock outfit, Porter is perpetually evolving his craft and his sound.

"Now that I'm with the band, we try to get as far away from [the album] as possible, just making it a live, living thing," says Porter. And so, the former childhood

viola player-turned-rock n' roller is making the suits that signed him and subsequently cut him take more than a second look. Porter, still — in large part — his own manager, has almost com-plete control of his musical life. With any luck, he'll have at least partial control of the FM airwaves near you soon enough.





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Three Triangle area teams and Virginia will compete for the coveted Canes Cup.

Katie Lockhart

The top-seeded N.C. State club ice hockey team looks forward to taking on three Atlantic Coast Conference Hockey League (AC-CHL) rivals in the third-annual Canes Cup Jan. 17-19 at the Rec-Zone in Raleigh.

The Canes Cup is a round-

robin tournament featuring N.C. State, Duke, North Carolina and Virginia that is organized by State and sponsored by the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes as part of the club's effort to promote hockey in the region. The Wolfpack (5-0 ACCHL/9-

3 overall) captured the inaugural Canes Cup in 2001 by sweeping archrivals Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest. The Canes Cup championship propelled the club to the ACCHL regular season title.

Last year, Duke stepped into the

limelight during a rebuilding year for the Pack and walked away with the 2002 Canes Cup. The 2003 Wolfpack team is determined to bring this year's Canes Cup trophy back to Raleigh.

Head coach Mike Young likes his team's chances. "We have already beaten Duke and Carolina this year, but rival-

ry games are always tough," said Young. "Virginia should offer our biggest challenge, [because it is] a team that we have not played this year. The Cavaliers have a good program

'Our kids have a chip on their shoulder from last year [and] I expect a positive result this week end.'

State plays Friday night at 10 against Virginia, Saturday night at 7 versus Carolina and Sunday night at 10 it challenges Duke. Tickets are \$3 for students with their All-Campus ID and for children under the age of 17; \$5 for non-students. To place a ticket order in advance, e-mail ncstate hockey@hockeymail.com. Tick ets will also be sold at the Rec-Zone each night of the tourna-

WRESTLING

ued from page 10 don't think we wrestled well at all, but it's a credit to these kids to come back and put this thing together. We had a couple kids here that weren't able to train because of injury, and they came here tonight and gave a superb effort. 'That 125-pound match was probably one of the best matches you'll find anywhere in the country at any time. The fans here, I don't think they even understand how well the match was

The 2001 and 2002 Canes Cups were building years in terms of fan support, but the organizers hope that 2003 will break records at the gate. The Pack will donate 50 percent of the proceeds to the Raleigh Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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wrestled by both teams. But I feel really, really good about our team. We're looking forward to the rest of this season and the conference tournament. I'm proud of the effort the team gave.

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and that recruiting class in mind, the media still picked Duke to win the ACC but not in overwhelming fashion, as three other teams received first-place votes.

Nationally, Arizona, who topped almost every poll as the country's best team, took the Devils' spot in the preseason limelight. Upstart programs Pittsburgh, Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas were said to be the next serious contenders. Virtually no one was talking about Duke, who had lost first-team All-ACC standouts Mike Dunleavy, Williams and Boozer.

Somewhere Krzyzewski must have been drooling at the mouth, ready to play the no-respect card to his team.

Whether they felt overlooked or not, Duke has responded thus far, putting itself in ideal position to capture the league and national title — certainly busi-ness as usual in Durham.

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Wednesday ports

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Scores North Carolina 21, Wrestling 13



Devils advocate their success There was a dead-



Middleton cious dunker with freakish athletic abil-

ity on the other end. It was nothing more than the league's and the country's best team snowballing another pretender, the last of the unbeatens this time. Wake Forest was nothing more than the latest victim to come to Duke and Cameron Indoor Stadium

before exiting with a customary "L. The more things change, the more they stay the same

As college basketball leagues across the country open their conference slates, that ole, familiar team finds itself back in its customary position - on top of the ACC, on top of the nation and once again the safe-bet favorite to return to the Final Four and clip down the nets.

But what about the parity? The off-season renewal that supposedly strengthened nearly every team in the league? This year's conference champ was going to have four or five losses ... at least. Guess again.

I suppose we should have seen it coming. Imagine the audacity of the preseason media poll ranking the Blue Devils all the way back at - gasp! - No. 6.

Duke may have felt slighted, but the team kept quiet for the most part, went about business as usual and has played exactly one game with a single-digit margin of victory en route to an 11-0 start. And no one should be surprised.

After all, this is a program that has won four straight ACC crowns — something the dominant N.C. State teams of the '50s, Duke teams of the '60s and North Carolina programs of the late '70s/early '80s never did.

It goes without saying that --- love him or hate him — Mike Krzyzewski is in a class by himself amongst his collegiate coaching peers. With a distant pack behind him headed by Bobby Knight, Tom Izzo and Rick Pitino, Krzyzewski has become the master at making his squad believe in a team-oriented concept something that so few 20-year-olds with million-dollar NBA dreams and luxury SUV-driving goals are capable of grasping.

But at Duke, it's no problem.

Gone are the Trajan Langdons, the Jay Williams/Will Averys and the Corey Magettes, their roles replaced by the likes of J.J. Redick, Chris Duhon and Dahntay Jones. There is no Elton Brand or Carlos Boozer in the paint; instead their positions in the well-oiled basketball machine are filled by any one of five high school All-Americans, all of who have accepted their respective positions with no dissent.

Last year's Duke recruiting class was one of the best ever at any school. Fab-Five caliber indeed. Five consensus top-100 players accepted scholarships and another, Lee Melchionni, decided to walk on. Each of them already has experienced the obligatory up and downs that come with being a freshman

Raleigh product Shavlik Randolph, for example, was the team's leading scorer very early in the season, only to have his playing time dwindle come December. Then, with all the talk about how fellow freshman Eric Williams of Wake Forest was a step ahead, Randolph outscored Williams 15-4 and was clearly the superior player in their matchup on Sunday.

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Carolina captures 'Top Dog' trophy

N.C. State and UNC have split the regular season series four of the past five years, with the Heels winning the first match this year.

Jay Kohler

North Carolina and N.C. State renewed their twice-a-year wrestling rivalry Tues-day night at Reynolds Coliseum, and at the end of the evening, Carolina left Raleigh with a 21-13 victory and the "Top Dog" trophy in tow. The "Top Dog" trophy is given to the winner whenever the Tar Heels and the Wolfpack face each other on the mat.

State (1-4, 0-1 ACC) found itself in the lead early, winning three straight matches to put together a 10-0 lead. Carolina (3-2, 1-0) answered the streak by winning the next four. The highlight match of the evening, however, came in a State

victory. The Pack's George Cintron (8-4) squared off against against No. 10 Chris Rodrigues (18-7) at 125 pounds after Carolina had reeled off four victories to take a 15-10 lead. In a match very similar to their ACC championship match a year ago, Cintron and Rodrigues dodged and darted to avoid a takedown.

The match, which was 1-1 at the end of regulation, was still 1-1 after a one minute sudden-death overtime. A sec ond overtime of 30 seconds began, and Cintron won the coin toss to start on the mat. With four seconds left in the second overtime, Cintron escaped to get the victory 2-1.

"We've wrestled three times a year for a couple years now, so it's just a friendly rivalry," said Cintron. "He's just really good competition, I think he's ranked 10th now, so he's a really good person to wrestle. Maybe next time he'll get the luck with the flip, because that's what it came down to. I can't ever see a big decision between either one of us.

After jumping to a big lead, State found itself in a bind. Staff photo by Rob Bradley "I would have liked to take him down a couple times instead of having to scramble, but I felt good at the end. He was stalling a little bit in the match, but

The biggest problem for the Pack oc-

curred in the heavyweight match, which pitted State's Ricky Fowler (0-2) against

Ryan Adams (13-5). Adams quickly out-

matched Fowler, who also plays lineman for the football team. Just 2:28 into the

match, Adams pinned Fowler for six

team points, which put Carolina up for

I guess that's his style.'

good at 15-10.

'Ricky Fowler just came back from playing football, he's been in the room for maybe a week," said Cintron. "He got hurt this past weekend, so once he gets back in shape, we should do better. That pin was big because it's a five-point swing at the end

Ryan McCallum (7-8) of State wrestled the final match against the Heels in the 141-pound match against Brian Baglio (10-6). The Pack was behind 18-13, and McCallum needed a pin to obtain a Pack victory

Instead of sticking to his usual wresting style, McCallum sacrificed a personal win in an attempt to get the pin. Unable to do so, he lost 4-3.

Well, it was very exciting," said Scott Garren, State's 157-pound wrestler. "We wrestled pretty well, but a few matches didn't go our way. Ryan wrestled really hard that last match trying to get us a pin for the win. He probably would have won his match if he didn't go for the pin. I think it's going to get better and better, and we usually wrestle better as a team later in the year."

Besides Cintron, Jake Giamoni (6-7), No. 15 Garren (8-0) and Dustin Kawa all recorded wins for the Pack. Garren extended his winning streak to 13 match-es since February 2001. Garren also had

the only major decision of the day. "I feel really good about our team," said Pack head coach Bob Guzzo. "This past weekend, we really had a letdown. I

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to tie, but Ed Scott's hurried 3-point at-

The ACC's leading scorer entering the

Georgia Tech 81, Florida State 74 Marvin Lewis scored a season-high 33 points to help the Yellow Jackets up their

rebounds for Tech and B.J. Elder had 14. The Jackets shot a blistering 28-for-31

league, got 20 points and 9 rebounds from Anthony Richardson.

Swimming. prepares for Heels

The women's swimming and diving team hopes to end a twomeet losing streak against rival North Carolina.

Joe Overby

In every sport, facing one's archrival is the high point of the season and very often can bring out the very best performance in an athlete.

A season can instantly turn with the defeat of a hated rival. N.C. State's women's swimming and diving team hopes to achieve exactly that as it faces 11th-ranked North Carolina on today.

State (5-5,1-3 ACC), coming off two straight losses to Virginia and Florida State, will have to put up one of its best performances of the season to defeat Carolina (7-1, 2-0), a team that has won the past three ACC championships.

They've got a fantastic program and a great recruiting class," said State head coach Brooks Teal. "They are loaded, and everywhere you turn they've got outstanding talent." One of the Tar Heels' leaders thus far

has been junior Jess Peruquet, last week's ACC Swimmer of the Week. Peruquet lead Carolina to a dual-meet victory over Rutgers and No. 20 Florida State with victories in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyles.

Other leaders for the Heels include senior Christy Watkins and juniors Becky Acker and Whitney Smith.

The Heels' only loss of the season came in the first meet against then No. 2 Geor-

gia. "It will be a big test for our ladies and a chance for them to see the class of the conference," said Teal.

In order to beat the Heels, Coach Teal said the team would have to improve on sprint events as well as combat the various injuries with the distance swimmers

"Our spring events are really going to have to step up — our sprint freestyles," said Teal. "Our distance group has had some injuries and sickness so our sprinters and distance swimmers really have to step things up for us to be competitive.

One of the many swimmers the Pack will look to for scoring against the Heels will be junior Karen Burbella, who recently set a school record in the 400-yard IM at the Nike Invitational.

"She's really been our in-the-water leader," said Teal.

Other recent State standouts include freshman diver Molly Culberson, who defeated the defending ACC champion this past Friday against Florida State, freshman Jessica Koenig and senior Anna Gazda.

The Pack started the season off 3-0 with victories over Duke, Gardner-Webb and Richmond but have since dropped five of the last eight. The Heels are winners of seven straight since losing their opening meet.



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State will need strong efforts from its sprinters to hang with the Tar Heels. File photo by Dylan Wilson



Dustin Kawa picked up a big win for the Pack at 163 pounds, but State eventually fell to the rival Tar Heels. Staff photo by Rob Bradle





North Carolina 68, Clemson 66 Rashad McCants overcame second-half foul trouble to help North Carolina kept one of sport's most intriguing streaks alive with a 68-66 win over visiting Clem-

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

son The Tar Heels pushed their all-time home record to 49-0 against the Tigers, who remained winless in the ACC.

McCants, who picked up his fourth foul midway through the second half, reentered the game and scored eight points in the final four minutes. The

freshman finished with 20 points. Down by three with under 20 seconds remaining, Clemson had one final chance

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game, Scott tallied 17 points and six assists but was a virtual nonfactor down the stretch.

ACC mark to 2-1.



Florida State, which fell to 0-3 in the