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WORLD



Weapons inspectors find chemical warheads in Iraq

U.N. inspectors found 11 empty chemical warheads in Iraq Thursday. The warheads found were not found in the list of weapons that Baghdad was previously noted to have in its possession.

While it was unclear if the warhead findings constituted a "material breach" of the U.N. resolution that previously required Iraq to list all of its weapons of mass destruction, Iraqi officials quickly suggested that the casings are not related to the banned weapons program and that they were previously noted.

Italy prime minister connected to Mafia

On Thursday, Antonino Giuffrè told a provisional court in a Milan prison that Giulio Andreotti, long-time prime minister of Italy, had not only protected the mob but also was connected to the Mafia.

Giuffrè told the court that Andreotti protected the Mafia from magistrates' investigations in return for support from the Mafia to keep the seven times prime minister, Andreotti, in power. In 1999 during the original trial in which he was acquitted and today, Andreotti denies all charges of Mafia connections.

Nevertheless, the prosecution appealed the 1999 trial and was in Milan on Thursday for the appeals hearing against Andreotti.

NATION

Economy increases consumer inflation only slightly

According to a Labor Department report issued on Thursday, consumer inflation rose by a marginal 0.1 percent in December.

Officials said that the struggling economy effected this measure by maintaining prices and encouraging a prosperous shopping climate.

The report revealed that while the economy labors, inflation isn't a problem. This is typical during times of recession, according to the report.

The 0.1 percent rise in inflation in December is down from November's 0.2-percent rise.

Sniper suspect will be tried as an adult

On Wednesday, a judge ruled that John Lee Malvo, 17, will be tried as an adult, thus if convicted, he will be eligible for the death penalty.

Judge Charles Maxfield, from the Virginia Juvenile Court, said that Malvo will be tried as an adult for the Oct. 14 shooting and killing of Linda Franklin, an FBI analyst. This is just one of four sniper shootings that officials believe Malvo committed.

While defenders and prosecutors say more time is needed, Malvo will face the Fairfax County grand jury on Feb. 25.

STATE

North Carolina's mental health system plan not well received

State officials addressed a small, unenthusiastic crowd on Wednesday to discuss the new mental health system plan for the state, according to reports.

The new plan is geared toward improving the lifestyles of people suffering from schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other mental illnesses.

Department of Health and Human Services officials said that the new plan would hospitalize fewer people and give more funds to communities to provide the homes, medical care and social development programs.

But opponents of the plan say that the new proposed system will not work.

Snow falls in Triangle

As forecasted by meteorologists, snow that had been anticipated for more than a week made its way through the Triangle and other areas in North Carolina Thursday evening.

The snow developed in the Western Piedmont around sunset and made its way across the rest of the region after dark.

While meteorologists noted that the conditions wouldn't warrant any ice accumulation, they expect to see approximately 2-3 inches of snowfall in some areas by this morning.

Good choices are key to making a difference

My father wanted people to unite and come together, not by ignoring their differences, but seeing through color and looking for the things that really matter. -YOLANDA KING

Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., addressed the N.C. State community on Wednesday.

Mary Garrison
Staff Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr. fought throughout the Civil Rights Movement for equal rights, justice and peace. His world-famous "I have a Dream" speech expressed his passionate feelings toward unconditional love despite differences and equality for all types of people. His "Dream" was a world in which all men, women, boys and girls were each given the same opportunities, rights and privileges, as everyone else. He dreamed of a world where children could grow up without hatred, poverty and prejudice. On Wednesday, in front of a large crowd, Martin Luther King Jr.'s eldest daughter, Yolanda King, carried the torch for her father.

Yolanda King spoke at 11 a.m. in the Talley Student Center to launch the beginning of the N.C. State commemoration activities that are



Yolanda King works as an actress and orator. She has played roles in films and television shows including "Ghosts of Mississippi," "Selma, Lord, Selma" and "JAG." Staff photo by Rob Bradley

scheduled to honor King. Yolanda King's speech was titled "The Dream is Still a Dream."

According to Yolanda King, "His dream is one which we

haven't yet reached. The world is still plagued with hatred, prejudice, and ignorance."

She spoke with passion, beginning her speech with the words of poet Maya Angelou:

"Lift up your eyes upon the day breaking before you ... each new hour holds a new chance of a new beginning."

Later, audience members re-

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Football players arrested for swiping All-Campus card

N.C. State sophomore football players Marcus Hudson and Corrie Dawson are charged with two counts each.

New Staff Report

After receiving a call about suspicious behavior at the Sullivan Residence Hall vending machines on Tuesday, Campus Police responded at 12:04 a.m. to find N.C. State football players Marcus Hudson and Corrie Dawson in possession of an All-Campus card that belonged to another student.

The caller told Campus Police officials that the two subjects, now identified as Hudson and Antonio, were using an All-Campus card multiple times and filling up a box with snacks and a bag with drinks.

According to police reports, Hudson and Dawson presented

Campus Police officials with valid All-Campus cards and said that they were just stocking up on snacks.

But during follow-up investigation, Campus Police found that Hudson and Dawson had actually been using another student's card.

Campus Police's Jon Barnwell said that it is imperative for all lost All-Campus cards to be reported to University Dining and all found All-Campus cards to be returned to University Dining or Campus Police.



Police arrested Hudson (top) and Dawson (bottom). Courtesy: gopack.com

Together, Dawson and Hudson had charged approximately \$344 to the unidentified student's account before the student realized it was missing.

Hudson, a sophomore from Miami and Dawson, a sophomore from Birmingham, Ala., were each charged

with one count of felonious transaction card theft and one count of misdemeanor financial transaction.

Student Senate discusses tuition freeze, housing issue

On Wednesday, Student Senate members briefly discussed the UNC Board of Governors approval of a tuition freeze.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

Jonathan Ducoté, UNC Association of Student Government president, informed the Student Senate on Wednesday night that the UNC Board of Governors approved a one-year tuition freeze for 2003-04 in response to the sluggish North Carolina economy.

But, Ducoté warned students not to get too excited by the decision because the General Assembly still has the final word. He urged all students to attend the BOG Feb. 4 meeting, which will be held downtown at the capital. Josh Cox, Student Senate president, assured the senate that transportation would be provided for NCSU students interested in attending.

Other presenters at the Student Senate meeting included

Thomas Conway, who is the interim vice provost.

Conway addressed the Student Senate on the issue of a more effective way to retain students until their graduation. He spoke of the new fall registration plans, which will involve getting students to plan their schedules beyond the second academic semester and ensuring that students complete at least 24 hours of classes each year.

Conway says, "The better students plan and follow their set schedules, the better the university will be at ensuring that

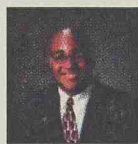
the courses are available when students need them."

He also pointed out that he accepts all invitations to come and speak to classes or campus groups who want to better understand the policy. In addition, he invited Student Government into a partnership to make campus life better.

Another topic of discussion at the senate meeting included the proposed city ordinance that would essentially limit the number of nonrelated room-

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STUDENT SENATE SPOTLIGHT



Lock Whiteside III is a political science freshman who has continuously "fought for equality for freshmen in the senate." Before

his graduation, Whiteside would like to see the senate "include all students and work with the department of transportation to provide transportation for students to home football and basketball games." To his constituents, Whiteside says, "I

will continue to fight for you in the Student Senate." For more information on how to get involved, visit the Student Senate Web site at students.ncsu.edu/senate/ or contact Josh Cox ssp@ncsu.edu.

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Forensic science gains a following

Peyton D. Woodson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas — Six years ago, when Patricia Eddings, a senior trace analyst for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office here, began teaching introduction to forensic science at the University of Texas at Arlington, 25 students enrolled.

Today, there's a waiting list for the class, which can accommodate 60 students.

Interest in the morbid field of forensic science has taken off, fueled in part by TV shows and mystery novels. A study from Sallie Mae, one of the leading educational lenders, reports a nationwide increase in the number of college students clamoring to study the field, which uses such evidence as DNA, blood spatters, hair and dental evidence to investigate criminal cases.

Baylor University in Waco, Texas, began a forensic science major program in 1999 that was designed specifically for pre-med students. Today, about 25 percent of those enrolled are deciding to pursue careers in forensic science rather than medicine, said Susan Wallace, an associate professor, anthropology who coordinates the program.

"The interest has always smoldered among the nerdy people like me that watch the Discovery Channel and Court TV," said Dr. Marc Krouse, assistant medical examiner. "It shows where the application of science principles have aided solving a crime. People love to see good winning out."

Crime novelist Patricia Corn-

well has made millions from her bestselling Kay Scarpetta mystery series about an ace medical examiner who unravels homicides.

"Science, like the dead, can speak to you if you understand what it's saying to you," Cornwell said. "It's good people are developing more awareness."

Legions of fans tune in weekly to CBS for both versions of its "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" series, which routinely lands in the Nielsen rating's top 20 prime-time shows.

Viewers watch the fictional medical examiners reconstruct a person's outward appearance using skeletal remains or search for possible DNA matches between crime evidence and convicted offenders by using the national Combined DNA Index System.

"Today cases can be solved that weren't solved even 15 years ago," said Johnny Heard, 64, of Bedford, Texas, a fan of the "CSI" shows. "I worked in law enforcement at a prison. Now those people that say they're innocent may be. 'CSI' has just really focused in on what we can now do with just a little piece of blood."

But Eddings warns her students not to confuse fact with fiction.

"I'm not a 'CSI' advocate," she said. "That's not reality. There's no one person that does crime scenes and goes into the lab and does analytical work. I've been in forensics for almost 30 years. There's no way one person wears all of those hats. Everyone has an area of expertise."

UTA began a biology degree program that features a concentration in forensic science in the fall of 2001. Fifty students are en-

rolled in the program.

"For a new program, that's pretty keen," said Jane Pugh, the undergraduate academic adviser for the biology department. "Everybody loves a mystery."

The Sallie Mae study surveyed 300 colleges and universities about majors that saw an increase in student interest after the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. Of the 17 percent of schools that reported an increase in student interest, 60 percent of those majors were in the criminal-justice field.

"If you look at all the increased activity around Sept. 11, you saw a lot of criminal-justice-type activities going on," said Lana Low, a senior executive with Noel-Levitz, the division of Sallie Mae that conducted the study. "We think it's tied more to an opportunity for careers out there."

At Baylor, Wallace constructs crime scenes for her students by using dead pigs that were first used in Texas A&M University heart experiments. The animals are made to resemble murder victims, as students discover them hung from trees with their throats slashed, or buried.

University officials were initially concerned that interest in the major would fade, Wallace said. However, Wallace echoed Low when she said she believes that the 9-11 terrorist attacks and the push for homeland security is captivating younger generations.

"We're getting so many e-mails from seventh- up to 12th-graders," Wallace said. "They're saying, 'This is what I always wanted to do my whole life. What do I need to take?'"

difference in the world. They chose to try and change something that they saw was wrong.

King pointed out that as the Berlin Wall was being torn down, people sang "We Shall Overcome" — a common spiritual sung by people throughout the civil rights movement. The movement not only changed the relationships between blacks and whites in America, but it also inspired those who were oppressed all across the world.

As King said, "My father wanted people to unite and come together, not by ignoring their differences, but seeing through color and looking for the things that really matter."

To her, differences are "beautiful" things that make everyone unique and different.

King also expressed that each individual is given their own personal set of choices that they have to make throughout their lives.

"It is the choices that each of us make, which make us all our own individual selves," she said.

To close, King ended with a story.

The story is about a man who is led by a spirit guide to a far-away universe. He is brought to two planets in a make-believe universe. The planets each have a huge feast table with foods on them from different cultures and areas around the world. On one planet, everyone is standing around the table starving, frail

and hungry. They are all bitter and full of hatred. On the other planet, everyone is happy, healthy and laughing. The spirit guide explains that there is only one rule in this universe; everyone must use the proper utensils while eating. The man then asks why the people are so hungry on the first planet. The spirit guide explains that the forks, knives and spoons are each ten feet long. The people on the first planet cannot use the utensils because they do not want to work together and help each other. The guide further explains that the people on the second planet take the utensils and reach across the table to feed one another so that no one starves.

In King's words, "We must all feed one another."

She stressed that the only way a group of people can progress is to work together and unite. King urged NCSU students to make the right choices in life — choices to do the right thing and help put an end to hatred and other problems in the world.

"N.C. State has come a long way, but it has a long way to go," concluded Decker Ngongang, senior class president.

Yolanda King is currently an actress and orator. She is both the writer and star of the one-woman show "Achieving the Dream." She has been featured in films and TV shows including "Ghosts of Mississippi," "Selma, Lord, Selma" and "JAG."

be heard. Students are encouraged to join and to contact Josh Cox at ssp@ncsu.edu for more information.

The senate passed an act that stated that they would honor Bruce Mallette, former vice provost for academic administration, and C. Frank Abrams Jr., senior vice provost for academic affairs. They have not yet decided on how they would honor the two.

The following students were appointed to the following positions: Seth Lester, rules committee; Zack Blackmon, engineering sophomore senator; Greg Sanker, first year college senator; Robin Siska, CALS junior senator; and Andrea Dewes, CALS senior senator.

held Friday night for the basketball game against Duke. In addition, on Jan. 24, another campout will be held for the basketball game against UNC-CH. If students have any questions, they may visit tickets.ncsu.edu or e-mail senate_campus@ncsu.edu.

Daniel Gilligan, student body treasurer, and his finance committee announced that all appropriation packets will be due on Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. These applications can be picked up at the Student Government office in Witherspoon Student Center on the third floor, and each organization should be sponsored by a student senator.

It was also mentioned that the Student Senate is forming a committee for students who live off-campus so that their concerns will

CRIME REPORT

The following is a list of reports issued by Campus Police on Wednesday.

7:56 a.m. Breaking and entering
A non-student with Craftsman Unlimited Construction reported someone had broken into Carter-Finley Stadium's new field house and tools were stolen out of the building under construction.

8:14 a.m. Traffic accident
Two students were involved in a minor traffic accident on Dan Allen Drive.

9:05 a.m. Breaking and entering
A student reported a vehicle had been broken into and a cell phone was stolen while the vehicle was parked at Varsity Park and Ride lot.

10:46 a.m. Suspicious incident
An anonymous complainant re-

ported a juvenile female staying with a student in Turlington Hall. A detective contacted the student and advised them of the housing policy.

11:38 a.m. Dispute student
Two students were involved in a dispute over a parking space north of the NCSU Bookstore.

1:12 p.m. Traffic accident
A student reported a van struck the rear tire of their bike while they were in the crosswalk on Dan Allen Drive. The van was being driven by a student.

4 p.m. Drug violation
A detective discovered a student with drugs in Avent Ferry Complex.

9:09 p.m. Medical assist
A student injured their knee while playing basketball in Carmichael Gym. The student was trans-

ported to the hospital.

12:26 a.m. Traffic stop
A student was cited on Dan Allen Drive for not having an operator's license. The subject was given a verbal warning for speeding.

1:21 a.m. Molesting fire equipment
The Coliseum Deck pull station was activated. Officers were unable to locate any subject responsible.

3:43 a.m. Dispute students
Two students were involved in a dispute concerning a lamp. Subjects were advised by their RA. Housing was notified.

Calls to 5-3000 - 52
Calls to 5-333 - 49
Escorts - 9
Assist Motorist - 5
False Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 5
Actual Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 0
Key Request - 4

Texas Tech professor arrested in plague inquiry

More than 30 slides of plague-causing bacteria reported missing Tuesday were accounted for on Wednesday.

Kelly McAlister and
Heidi Thoh

University Daily (Texas Tech U.)

LUBBOCK, Texas — The Chief of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Infectious Disease Division has been charged by the FBI for making a false statement to law enforcement officers during an investigation into the temporary disappearance of plague-causing bacteria.

Thomas Butler was being held by the FBI Wednesday evening at the Lubbock, Texas, County Jail. He is expected to appear before a magistrate Thursday, said Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for News and Publications.

More than 30 slides of plague-causing bacteria that had been reported missing from the HSC Tuesday were accounted for Wednesday, law enforcement officials said.

According to a news release issued by university officials Wednesday prior to his arrest, Butler has been involved in plague research for more than 25 years and is internationally recognized in his field. Butler also serves as a professor of medicine at the HSC.

At press time Tech Chancellor David Smith was unavailable for comment on Butler's arrest.

HSC officials reported Monday afternoon that slides containing Yersinia pestis were missing. The Tech Police Department, Lubbock Police Department, FBI and Texas Department of Public Safety were alerted and an investigation began. Although the slides were ac-

counted for, FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Lupe Gonzales said the investigation is ongoing. However, the case is not considered high-risk.

Smith said he was satisfied with how the situation was being handled during a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

"The systems worked very well and the protection mechanisms are in place," he said. "I'm sorry we had to test the system, but I would certainly give it an A-plus."

University administrators did not anticipate a problem when the slides were discovered missing, Smith said. However, they needed assurance that the situation was under control before going public with the announcement. Officials did not receive definite confirmation the slides had been accounted for until about 15 minutes before a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

Smith emphasized no violations of policy had taken place during the investigation. Smith said the disappearance of the slides was not the fault of any procedures or policies the Health Sciences Center has in place. Instead, one person likely made a mistake somewhere in the process of working with the bacteria. A large amount of the problem was perception, he said. The slides were perceived as missing, when they had actually just been misplaced. Smith was pleased with the reaction of the HSC faculty as well.

"Everybody pulled together to be able to determine the answers," he said. "The real issue here is one of public health and public health safety."

Richard Homan, dean of the School of Medicine, said it was not clear how long the slides were misplaced. However, all the cultures were accounted for and had

not been tampered with. Access to the biohazard area where the bacteria were is limited, even to the faculty, he said. However, no surveillance cameras are in place to monitor activity.

The HSC is using the bacteria to determine whether or not it is vulnerable to certain antibiotics, Homan said. The research will aid in preventing a recurrence of the Black Death epidemic of the 1300s, which created a plague that wiped out more than 25 million people in Europe.

David Waagner, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at HSC, said the contents of the slides contained the organism that causes bubonic and pneumonic plague, which are the diseases caused by Yersinia pestis. The bacteria could be mass-produced and used as a weapon in bioterrorism, but it would be difficult to do so, he said. The slides contained the bacteria in a jelly-based substance. In order to be dangerous, it would need to be a dry, desiccated powder. In its current condition it is harmless. The same bacterium causes both bubonic and pneumonic plagues, which are essentially the same disease. Bubonic plague is spread by flea bites, and occurs naturally in the Eastern New Mexico and West Texas regions. As bubonic plague spreads through an organism that contracted it, the organism's lungs aerosolize the bacteria. The airborne bacterium is the cause of pneumonic plague.

Waagner said the United States annually has 18 to 20 cases of plague.

Mayor Marc McDougal said the city wanted to inform Lubbock citizens earlier, but wanted to wait until there was good news to report.

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in full bloom.

"I love songs and music," said Britt. "I didn't necessarily want it to be a concert, but music is beautiful, and music worshipping God is even more beautiful, so I had to incorporate it in the program," she said.

"Why does your church look like you and my church look like me?" asked Todd Waldo, the keynote speaker, a '97 State graduate in electrical engineering and a council member for InterVarsity at Hampton University. "Because we have broken unity," he answered.

"Someone may go to IV and be bored; someone may go to USF and get a headache from the Pentecostal-hoopin' and hollerin' style of worship. We have disconnected unity because we worship the same God but are scared to worship at another service because it is different," said Waldo. "We are

scared of things that are different because we don't take the time to understand each other."

He continued by saying, "God brought me [to NCSU] to teach me his way. He wanted to teach me a new way to worship; in order to do that, he needed to link me with someone very unlike me. We need to link up with somebody unlike us."

Waldo explained that worship is more than bongos and guitars or organs and choirs.

"Worship is not what we sing. Obedience is worship to God. Our daily expression of love for God is worship. Our worship is to God, through Jesus, by the Holy Spirit — that's why we sing, dance, step — because we love him," he remarked.

While speaking, Waldo encouraged the audience to continue this unity but asked that they don't stop there.

"I hope that instead of us just having wonderful events like this, we will form deeper relationships

with each other," he said.

"Let's embrace our differences. Let's learn to love each other, to trust each other, to need each other. Let's rely on God to teach us his ways," Waldo said.

This event, which Britt began to organize in the spring, was very important to her.

"It was always a desire of mine," she said. "I came from Africa, where there was one body; I came here and saw segregation. I didn't like it, so I decided to start changing it."

"We're one body, not 28; we are all children of the king, and it is time that we come together, see from other people's eyes and be one body," she said.

Throughout the evening, the mangled teddy bear was put together with the all-purpose tool: duct tape. "That bear looks jacked up, but because of the all-purpose tool, he is whole," said Waldo. "We're all jacked up, but the all-purpose tool [God] still desires us."

KING

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marked that there was a familiar look of determination and strength in King's eyes as she spoke. At times, she looked very much like Martin Luther King Jr. himself, some added.

The theme of her speech focused on choices and how the choices one makes will determine their fate and, ultimately, the fate of the world. She said that the only way for her father's dream to be realized was if everyone made the right choices to end hatred and discrimination.

Among many other civil rights advocates, King discussed Rosa Parks and her decision to not remain at the back of the bus. She commented that Rosa Park's choice was a decision that ultimately started the whole civil rights movement.

King does not just speak about her father and his contemporaries, however. Many agree that she lives by their example.

"The only way a man can ride your back is if it's bent over" is one phrase she follows closely. To her, the words express the importance of standing up for oneself and for what you believe in.

Those involved with the civil rights movement sacrificed their lives, bodies and lifestyles for a cause for which they believed. They made the choice to make a

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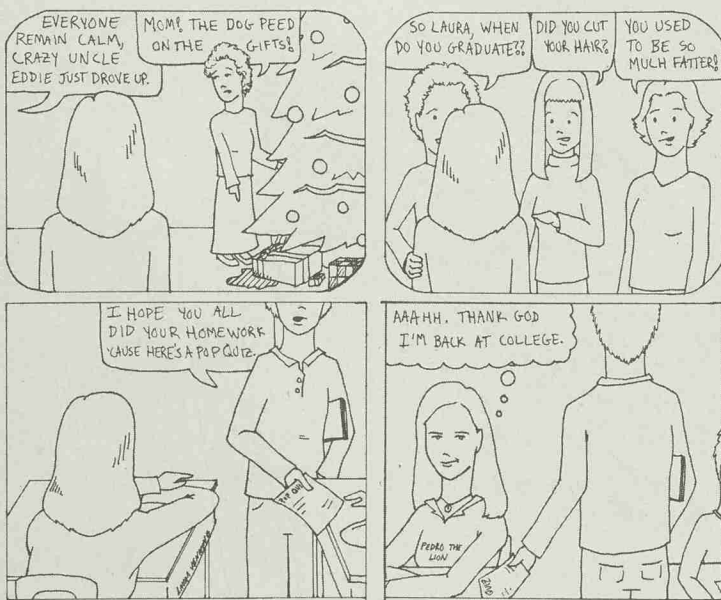
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mates in a dwelling.

There will be a public hearing at the Municipal Building next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to speak out about the roommate ordinance that the city wants to impose. A few senators asked that students participate and become aware of the facts of the ordinance. The ordinance will affect the number of nonrelated occupants living together in a house, duplex or a condo. Occupants living in an apartment or an apartment-styled condo should not be affected.

Dustin Choe, chair of the campus community committee, announced that campout will be

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The electric lady opened a book to read to Chalkhydry and Maxine. Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn

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But this is why we are drifting. And we are drifting there because nations are caught up with the drum major instinct. "I must be first." "I must be supreme."

"Our nation must rule the world." And I am sad to say that the nation in which we live is the supreme culprit. And I'm going to continue to say it to America, because I love this country too much to see the drift that it has taken.

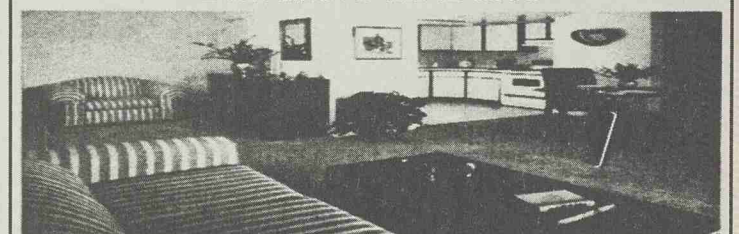
God didn't call America to do what she's doing in the world now. God didn't call America to engage in a senseless, unjust war as the war in Vietnam. And we are criminals in that war. We've committed more war crimes almost than any nation in the world, and I'm going to continue to say it. And we won't stop it because of our pride and our arrogance as a nation.

But God has a way of even putting nations in their place. The God that I worship has a way of saying, "Don't play with me." He has a way of saying, as the God of the Old Testament used to say to the Hebrews, "Don't play with me, Israel. Don't play with me, Babylon. Be still and know that I'm God. And if you don't stop your reckless course, I'll rise up and break the backbone of your power." And that can happen to America. Every now and then I go back and read Gibbons' Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. And when I come and look at America, I say to myself, the parallels are frightening. And we have perverted the drum major instinct.

But let me rush on to my conclusion, because I want you to see what Jesus was really saying. What was the answer that Jesus gave these men? It's very interesting. One would have thought that Jesus would have condemned them. One would have thought that Jesus would have said, "You are out of your place. You are selfish. Why would you raise such a question?"

But that isn't what Jesus did; he did something altogether different. He said in substance, "Oh, I see, you want to be first. You want to be great. You want to be important. You want to be significant. Well, you ought to be. If you're going to be my disciple, you must be." But he reordered priorities. And he said, "Yes, don't give up this instinct. It's a good instinct if you use it right. It's a good instinct if you don't distort it and pervert it. Don't give it up. Keep feeling the need for being important. Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be first in love. I want you to be first in moral excellence. I want you to be first in generosity. That is what I want you to do."

~Dr. Martin Luther King, excerpt from "The Drum Major Instinct"



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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Tuition increase freeze may serve to mislead students

Students have vehemently protested UNC System tuition increases for the past eight years, and while the UNC System Board of Governors voted on Jan. 10 to issue a moratorium on increases for one year, the feasibility of this freeze appears to be questionable.

The N.C. General Assembly has the final word on the cost of tuition at UNC schools, and since the state itself is in the midst of budget woes due to economic downturn, one must question where the finances will come from to make this freeze occur.

The UNC leaders proposed and passed the freeze on tuition increases due to weak economic conditions and high unemployment rates affecting the families and individuals paying tuition on the 16 UNC-System campuses. However, this same logic leaves the state of North Carolina with a deficit greater than \$1 billion, coming at the same time the UNC leaders are asking the N.C. General Assembly for \$47 million to offset the costs of new students. In essence, the Board of Governors would not be taking financial responsibility for bringing more revenue to the General Assembly, yet the board is asking for millions of dollars from a state already in debt. The reasoning behind this request drastically reduces the feasibility of no tuition increases for students.

This concept of a tuition freeze is slightly misleading, because although the Board of Governors does propose this freeze, it states nothing about the possible increase in several types of student fees, for everything from athletics to health services. These fees can quickly accumulate, and possible budget short-

comings may potentially be deflected to student fees when the vote comes next month.

Tuition has increased by 62 percent in the past three years, according to Brad Wilson, the UNC Board of Governors chairman. This increase concerns UNC System President Molly Broad, who feels increases in tuition will force qualified students to forgo plans of education at UNC System schools in favor of community college or no advanced education at all. While these concerns are valid, the cost of higher education constitutes a vital part of North Carolina's budget, and the most reasonable source of revenue is to increase tuition for those attending the universities rather than increasing taxes for all citizens.

It looks as though the General Assembly will be forced to find sources of revenue, and if the Board of Governors proposes a plan including no sources of compromise, the General Assembly has more justification to raise tuition by any rate it wants. The Board of Governors' all-or-nothing strategy may prove to back the UNC System into a corner where increases are inevitable, whereas originally proposing a small increase may paint the organization as more willing to negotiate.

On the surface, a moratorium on tuition increases sounds like a big win for students. And while the freeze does send a message of to the General Assembly of the Board of Governors' frustration with constant increases, the cries of unfairness will not provide the finances to help the state handle its own budget shortcomings.

Rangel's unpopular draft proposal

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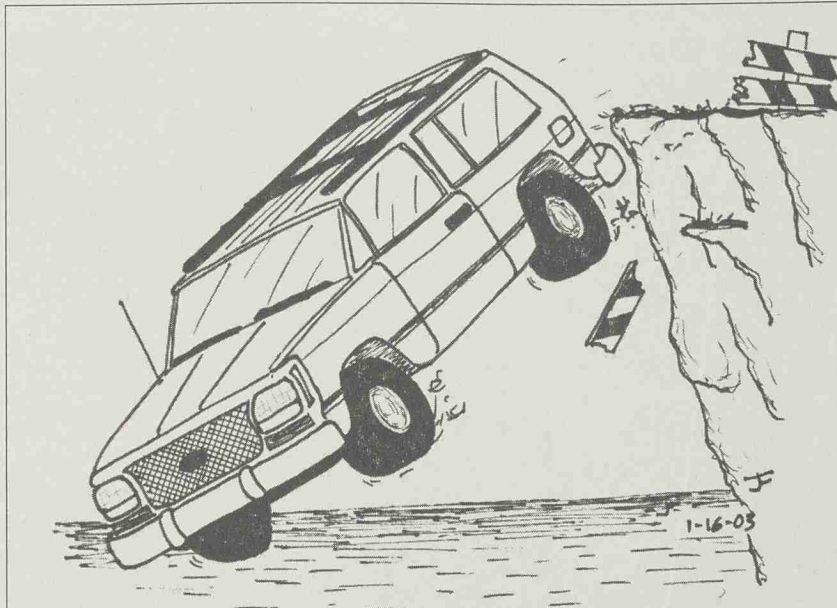
U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., has introduced an extremely unpopular bill that has absolutely no chance of passage. His bill would reinstate the military draft. Despite the bill's dim prospects, it introduces into the body politic an idea worthy of national discussion: exactly who serves in the U.S. military and who goes to war.

With an all-volunteer military, the answer is obvious. Many who answer the call do so for economic reasons, which, for good or ill, ends up producing a military heavily peopled with minorities and people from low-income backgrounds.

Of course, Americans from all economic strata continue to volunteer and serve. But the ranks are filled with conscripts for whom the military represents — and often delivers — the means to a better life.

Though he is criticized for doing so, Rep. Rangel is right to push to the fore the issue of who serves and who doesn't. American troops are being deployed to the Persian Gulf for possible war with Iraq. Factor this into Rangel's motivation: He opposes war with Iraq.

Nevertheless, the congressman raises a sensitive but meaningful policy issue. Only a handful of Congress members have any immediate relatives in the military. The question may be unsettling, but it deserves a full and honest debate.



Yet another SUV owner commits suicide when told he's a gas-guzzling terrorist.

Affirmative action for the 21st century

Michele DeCamp
Staff Columnist

Every college and university has its own method of admitting students. Some schools have 10-page applications that require pictures, essays and multiple recommendations. Other colleges just ask for your high school grades and basic information.

Most of us have no idea what goes on in an admissions office once a college has received applications and starts deciding who will be admitted. I always call to mind a board room in some ivy covered building where 14 men and women debate the merits of Susan with her four years on the Varsity swim team despite her average grades.

Many schools have extensive rubrics and criteria to admit students, where every part of a child's life is put under scrutiny to help the admissions committee decide what that student can bring to that particular college. But, sometimes that committee's decisions can come back to haunt them.

I'm sure the University of Georgia's Admissions Office was not pleased when three white women, who had been denied admission in 1999, sued the university for favoring males and minority students through its admissions in its attempt to have a 50/50 male and female ratio along with overall diversity. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later told the University of Georgia that its freshman admission policy unconstitutional, favoring male and minority students and ruled in favor of the three women who had originally been denied admission.

A similar situation at the University of Michigan will now be brought before the U.S. Supreme Court, but this time, it is only about race. A group of white students is suing UM for using race as a deciding factor in its admissions for undergraduates. This alone is a major issue, since the Supreme Court's decision could serve as a precedent for other public universities' affirmative action programs, but President Bush also called a lot of attention to it since he plans for his administration to challenge the university in the Supreme Court.

President Bush said, "I strongly support diversity of all kinds, including racial diversity in higher education, but the method used by UM to achieve this important goal is fundamentally flawed." His administration is prepared to submit a friend-of-the-court brief opposing UM's affirmative action policy because it doesn't promote equality for all races.

UM has a 150-point scale where every criterion for admission is given a certain amount of points. The admissions committee usually chooses students who have garnered the most points. Minority students are given an automatic 20 points to start, but there are many other ways students are able to acquire non-academic extra credit.

Michigan residents receive 10 points for their in-state residency. Students are also given points if they are from underrepresented states or Michigan counties. There are also points allocated for students with alumni family members, socio-economic disadvantages and leadership up to a national level.

My problem with UM's admission policy isn't that the school gives minorities a point boost. My biggest problem is that an outstanding essay will give a student three points, but if the student is also a male going into a nursing program, then he will get an extra five points for that as well. It seems to me that leadership outside the classroom is not as weighty as geographic and incidental issues such as alumni relations in the admissions policy. As long as a student's abilities are ranked as high as a student's background, then it is a fair policy.

If the president really wants UM to be fair to its applicants, then he should ask them to only take the students with the best grades, overall high-test scores and strong writing abilities. I cannot guess what UM's student body would look like then, but I can assure you that if George W. Bush had been held up to such high criteria, then he would most likely have never gotten into Yale.

UM, much like UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State, is concerned about preserving diversity. The Office for Equal Opportunity at NCSU states on its Web site in a report on affirmative action in education that "without affirmative action, it is likely that our nation's premier colleges and universities would be mostly occupied by white men and Asian American students, who tend to score higher on standardized tests than women and other minorities."

I personally started my college career at a school where socio-economic diversity was non-existent, and I can assure you that it was not an enjoyable experience.

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Required attendance policies are illogical

Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

The semester has started, and — like usual — I'm in a bad mood. It is not the fact I couldn't get into any of the courses I wanted, although that is a small part. No, it's not just because it takes five years to fulfill a four-year curriculum. (I don't mind — another year just means more time to party.)

I am not ticked off because I have to figure out some way to scrounge up enough money to pay for a parking ticket because my meter expired one minute before. (No, amazingly, I'm just happy that I got a parking pass this year.)

Perhaps I am perturbed at having to wake up once again and drag my sorry behind out of bed and head to class. (Actually, no, I learned from past mistakes and set my schedule up so I never see light until noon each day.)

Attendance policies are the one thing that really upsets me. They are absolutely ridiculous. I am not suggesting we shouldn't go to class. No, that's not it at all. I think that you're definitely a moron if you're not going to a class that you know nothing about.

But, here's the difference between my opinion and the apparent opinion of N.C. State. NCSU wants to hold your hands and take you to class. Like a sweet, caring mother, it just wants to make sure you get there on time. Well, wake up. You're not eight years old, you don't have a Spiderman lunchbox and if you don't make it to class, it's your own fault.

Your grades will suffer if you don't go to class — that's pretty obvious. About half the learning for each class is done in the book, and the other half is done by the lecture. That's pretty much the way it's always going to be. So, I think it's moronic to punish a student twice with these attendance policies.

For example, this is NCSU's attendance policy: "Students are expected to attend class regularly, and those who miss over four days of class will lose a letter grade on their final for each absence over four, regardless of excused and unexcused." This policy does not make sense because a semester is an incredibly long time, and when it gets down to finals week, few among us haven't benefited from a day of rest and video gaming.

If Bush doesn't want inheritance or dividends to be taxed twice, perhaps professors could stop punishing me for accidentally getting sick early in the semester and not pounding the Spirulina for the rest of the year. Sorry, my immune system can't automatically bend to your every whim.

Only lower-level classes are required to have an attendance policy. That's the excuse given so the wide-eyed and bewildered freshmen can ease their way into college by learning how important class is, right? Because even though we spent every school day of our lives being required to go to class by law (until we turned 16, that is), apparently in between "1 + 2 = 3" and "sin2 + cos2 = 1" or "E=MC²", they forgot to teach us "Go-

ing to class = good for your grade."

It's ridiculous to try and force us to learn that principle by being so strict. If you made it to college and you failed out because you never knew you were supposed to go to class, then you know that you don't need to be in college.

For that matter, what's the point of even having excused or unexcused absences? No one seems to care whether you were excused or not when you got hit by that truck — you're just going to have to retake the class. Maybe the system currently in place was meant to force students to stop cutting class to play pool. If that's the case, then someone needs to explain why have I never seen an attendance policy that ignores the excused status of an absence. If NCSU must, punish us for unexcused absences, but if we have a valid reason, leave us alone!

If I can learn the information well enough on my own to get an "A," then I don't need to be in class. Sure, if you require me to come, I'll be there — I'll be in the front row snoring though, because I can't help that your attendance policy is illogical. We're smart enough to be in college, and we're smart enough to go to class when we need to go. Sometimes, we just need a little more flexibility. It really shouldn't be that hard, folks.

Zack woke up on the wrong side of the bed this morning. I mean, evening. Remind him not to sleep through his entire day of classes by e-mailing Zack@zack.com.

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15 percent of U.S. women drink during pregnancy

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A study by University of Michigan Health System researchers released in the January issue of *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research* states that in the United States, on average, 15 percent of pregnant women drink alcohol.

Out of 1,131 pregnant women anonymously surveyed in the study, most said they had one drink or less per week. Some, however, admitted to having more than one drink a week on a regular basis. Some other women even displayed tendencies to binge drink while pregnant.

The study reported women who smoked while pregnant were more likely to drink, and the women most likely to drink while pregnant were younger mothers-to-be.

Even though the dangers of drinking while pregnant are quite real and quite horrible, only approximately half of the women taking part in the study recall being asked about their alcohol intake by their obstetrician.

While not all of the blame can be placed on health care providers — since these women should logically deduce drinking would be bad for the child growing inside them, doctors should make the information as available as possible.

It is very easy to pass blame when studies like this come into the public eye. Under the scrutiny of the American media, quite often nothing is really accomplished except for a fast-paced game of "Who do we blame?" Instead of adding to that endless blame wheel, I have a better suggestion.

Education, as always, must be the key to battling ignorance. This holds true especially when the victim is an unborn child, unable to make his or her own decisions and completely dependent on a mother. If a child's mother does not know the damage that could be caused if she decides to binge drink — though the crime becomes more blameless — it becomes no more victimless. A child is still defenseless, and nothing can justify making that child a victim.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) can result in a wide variety of problems. A child's mental aptitude can be altered from a slight change in I.Q. to severe mental retardation. Children who suffer from FAS may also have severe physical growth retardation, along with birth defects of major organ or skeletal systems. Some of these birth defects can occur in the first three to eight weeks of pregnancy, before the woman even knows she is carrying a child. FAS is just one more good reason not to binge drink.

Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE) is a subgroup of FAS. It is used to describe children who do not have all of the signs of FAS but still suffer from several effects of maternal alcohol use. Other subgroups are Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ARND), relating to behavior or mental problems associated with maternal alcohol use, and Alcohol-Related Birth Defects (ARBD), which relates to deformities of major organ systems or the skeletal system.

There are two other points about FAS not to be forgotten.

First, any amount of alcohol has the potential to endanger an unborn child. Second, FAS is irreversible. If a mother decides to put her child at risk, she cannot undo the damage later. While not all children exposed to alcohol in the womb suffer from FAS, there is no way to predict whether or not a child will be afflicted.

There is no acceptable risk where children are concerned, even more so when a child is as completely dependent on its mother as is an unborn baby. While blame can be shifted from the mothers to the doctors and back again by the media, once a woman understands how deeply she can affect her child by drinking or, by extension, doing anything that could damage her baby, she must take the responsibility to do the right thing.

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Graduate school causes woes

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(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — I'm applying to graduate schools right now — mainly because I am a psychology major, and my two options in life are graduate school or spending the rest of my life asking people if they'd like fries with that.

Actually, I have a third option: I can go into business. This is also the only thing you can do with every other BA. That's how the business majors get their revenge on us for making fun of them for four years — they're the ones who preside over our pathetic attempts to sell out.

Applying to graduate school is not like applying to college. For one thing, graduate schools, at least in psychology, do not appear to want students. They have a 3 to 5 percent acceptance rate. These are not people who want to teach. These are people who want to hole up in their offices and play Snood.

Applying to graduate school is also ridiculously complicated. As graduate schools are not interested in having students, they do not recruit. I had two boxes full of college materials, but so far the only people who have recruited me for graduate school are Notre Dame and the Philadelphia School of Podiatry.

The place to find information, as we all know, is online. The first thing to do is find the graduate school application. So, if you're me, you first look at the graduate school Web page.

It says that the application for the graduate school is available

on the department Web page. OK, that makes no sense, as there are 50 departments and only one grad school. So you cruise over to the psychology department and look around for something involving the word graduate and click.

This takes you to a page that talks about their graduate programs. So you pick the Clinical Program and click. You are then taken to a page that talks about the program. After five minutes of searching, you finally find a link involving the word admissions. It does not, however, have the application, because this is about getting admitted, not about applying, two obviously separate things.

So you hit the back button and begin combing the page for "application." You finally find the word and click. There are many links, and one says it is the link to the graduate application. It is, however, actually a link back to the graduate school page that says that the graduate application is available from the department.

Back button again. Another link. A different page that eventually links you back to the original page that says that the graduate application is available from the department. This time the back button doesn't work, so you are forced to re-log in to the University's Web page and go through all 16 steps again. You try the last link you see, and the application is beginning to load when the computer crashes.

So you try giving the department a call. Maybe they will send you a paper application. The receptionist picks up, and you po-

litenly request a paper application.

There is a pause. "A what?" "Um, a paper application, please."

"We don't have paper applications. They're all online now. It's much more convenient. Just check the Web site." And she hangs up.

Now, if you're smart, you're applying to at least 15 schools because even with your top estimate of a 5 percent acceptance rate, you only have a 53.7 percent chance of being accepted anywhere at all, with a 46.3 percent chance of living in a box some time in the immediate aftermath of graduation. So you have to do this hide-and-go-seek thing with 15 different graduate applications.

You also have to do it again with 15 different departmental applications, because you have to apply to both the graduate school itself and the department. Apparently departments are not capable of good choices about who to let into their school.

I guess the grad schools are worried the department will be so overwhelmed by great research records or fabulous essays that they will fail to notice students' 0.9 GPAs. Or perhaps if departments were left to their own devices they would accept 6 or even 8 percent of the applicants.

I'm not worried about getting into grad school, though. My family never throws anything away, and I know for a fact that we have very large boxes in our garage. Maybe my parents will give me one for graduation.

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vironment for those of us who may have slipped in the middle-class cracks. Racial and socio-economic diversity is extremely important, and sometimes, admissions teams must find some way to include outstanding individuals that may be able to contribute something beyond test scores to a school.

Our president is wrong to take an open stance that may influence the one body of our government that is supposed to be objective. While I find fault with UM's point allocation, the school is trying to create an environment where people of different races, genders and backgrounds come together and learn. If anything, our government is a perfect example of a college that is lacking diversity. Maybe Washington, D.C., could use an affirmative action policy in Congress, since financial prowess seems to garner more points than good ideas.

Michele keeps checking her calendar to make sure this is really just the first week of class. If you are also in scholastic shock, e-mail her at mlhagama@unity.ncsu.edu.

RULE OF THUMB



Plague vials lost, found

About 30 vials containing samples of plague-inducing bacteria were thought lost from a Texas Tech lab on Wednesday afternoon but were accounted for within hours. Despite the short-lived nature of the bio-terrorism threat, the FBI managed to arrest 73 men of Middle Eastern origin in the area for "looking suspicious and speaking Arabic."

More visitors must register

The Immigration and Naturalization Service this week added at least five nations to the list of those countries whose citizens must register with the government while visiting the United States. Arab-American groups have called the registration requirements racial profiling, while government officials have countered by saying, "We can't help that outsiders are evil!"



Harvard gets cheaper

Harvard University announced this week a new financial aid plan that will ease the burden on graduate students, especially those who plan to enter public service fields. University President Lawrence Summers unveiled the plan, highlighting its most important provision: "We're no longer asking for your first-born child. The second one will do just fine."

Federal budget looks worse

President Bush's Budget Director Mitchell Daniels announced this week that the White House foresaw budget deficits of \$200 billion to \$300 billion over the next two years, some two to five times higher than July estimates. When asked about the president's most recent tax-cut proposal, Daniels' eyes rolled around in their sockets and steam poured from his collar.



Powell: Concentration a concern

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell said this week that the regulatory body was unlikely to radically lift ownership limits on TV stations, newspapers and other media outlets when it reviews rules later this year. "I'm concerned about media concentration," said Powell, who is, in fact, an AOL-Time Warner company himself.

Tools left within patients

According to a report released this week by the nonprofit Institute for Healthcare Improvement, doctors leave surgical tools, such as sponges, clamps and electrodes, in about 1,500 patients every year. The leftover implements usually cause tears, obstructions, infections and the occasional lively cocktail party conversation.



E.U. bans animal testing

The European Parliament voted on Wednesday to ban almost all testing of cosmetics on animals in Europe by 2009 and to ban the sale within the E.U. of cosmetics tested on animals in any country. Animal rights groups applauded the move, but others said that the ban would cause undue hardship on the millions of European bunnies plagued by anxiety about their looks.

Next Potter book announced

The publishers of the Harry Potter series of books announced this week that the next installment would be released on June 21 of this year. Fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* books have already begun practicing turning up their noses at the new Potter book. "I think I've got the left-hand head toss perfected," said one devoted Tolkien reader.



Madonna to re-record

Warner Brothers music executives have told Madonna to return to the studio to re-record her latest album, which they ruled "too avant-garde" to sell. One executive summarized the situation, saying "You know, it was a little too electronic, too edgy, too ... Oh, I don't know, too bad, really. Too bad to sell."

Binge-drinking birds

Thousands of waxwings, drunk from feasting on overripe, fermented rowanberries, have been accidentally killing themselves by flying into the windows of Karlstad University in Stockholm, Sweden. When confronted by their friends, most of the birds said they could quit whenever they wanted to. They just didn't want to.



Don't treat a killer like a kid

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Lee Malvo? He was the so-called "kid" who aided John Allen Mohammed in the cold-blooded sniper shootings that took place in the late fall of last year. After covering five states around the Washington D.C. area, the killing spree finally came to an end on Oct. 24 when a truck driver recognized the suspects' vehicle at a Maryland rest stop. Final count: 13 dead with another 5 critically injured.

The cops sure didn't see this one coming. Expecting to find a white male in his 20s or 30s, authorities found John Lee Malvo, a quiet, 17-year-old boy from Jamaica, as their suspect instead. At a time when most kids his age are musing over the thought of no longer needing to sneak into R-rated movies, John Lee Malvo was waiting to see if he would be put on death row. This, however, poses an interesting problem. Prosecutors in Virginia sought the death penalty. This would require that Malvo be tried as an adult, even though he is technically still a juvenile. Hearings determined the answer to this problem yesterday,

in favor of trying him as an adult.

When it's all said and done, the judge determined that prosecutors have demonstrated probable cause; John Lee Malvo became an adult in the eyes of the court.

How can it possibly be argued that Malvo was acting like a child when he picked up the rifle and started firing? It's not like he accidentally shot his friend with his dad's revolver. You don't accidentally pick up a sniper rifle and unintentionally shoot someone in the face from hundreds of yards away, much less do it four times. These are calculated, methodical efforts we're talking about, efforts that children or juveniles simply do not possess the proper faculties to carry out.

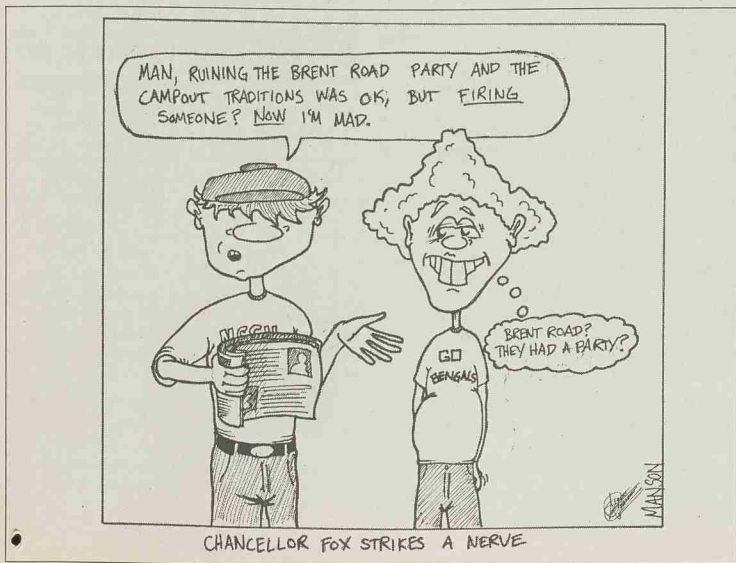
Some have the audacity to declare that no matter what has happened, Malvo is still only 17 years old and does not meet the court-outlined specifications of an adult. I answer this the same way. John Lee Malvo made a decision to maliciously take the lives of multiple fellow Americans, a decision which is not made lightly or swiftly. The fact that he used a sniper rifle is reason enough for me. We're talking about a highly-sophisticated firearm that requires knowledge of how to fire the weapon accurately.

In addition, Malvo was the one

calling the police. John Lee Malvo made contact with the police on four separate occasions, twice by notes and twice by phone. That doesn't seem smart to me, calling the people who are looking for you. He did this because he was trying to extort more than \$10 million from the police in exchange for stopping the string of attacks. A juvenile would never conceive something this elaborate. Malvo will almost certainly be found guilty at whichever level he can be tried, what with his fingerprints positively identified on the rifle as well as on a raisin package found near the area where the famous note was left. Wow, talk about a bad idea. The note, that stated, "Your children are not safe anywhere at anytime," landed Malvo an automatic capital murder charge in Virginia, for intimidating the public.

Virginia's not done there. He will be charged for murder again under the state statute prosecuting anyone who commits more than one murder in a three-year period.

If John Lee Malvo wants to act like an adult, he has to face the realities of an adult world.



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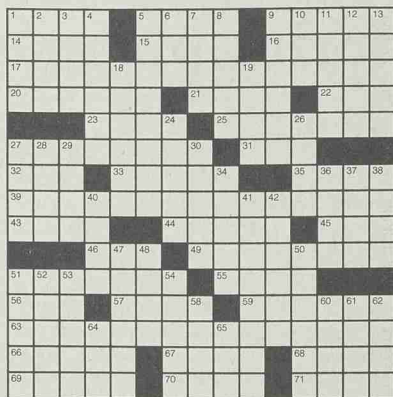
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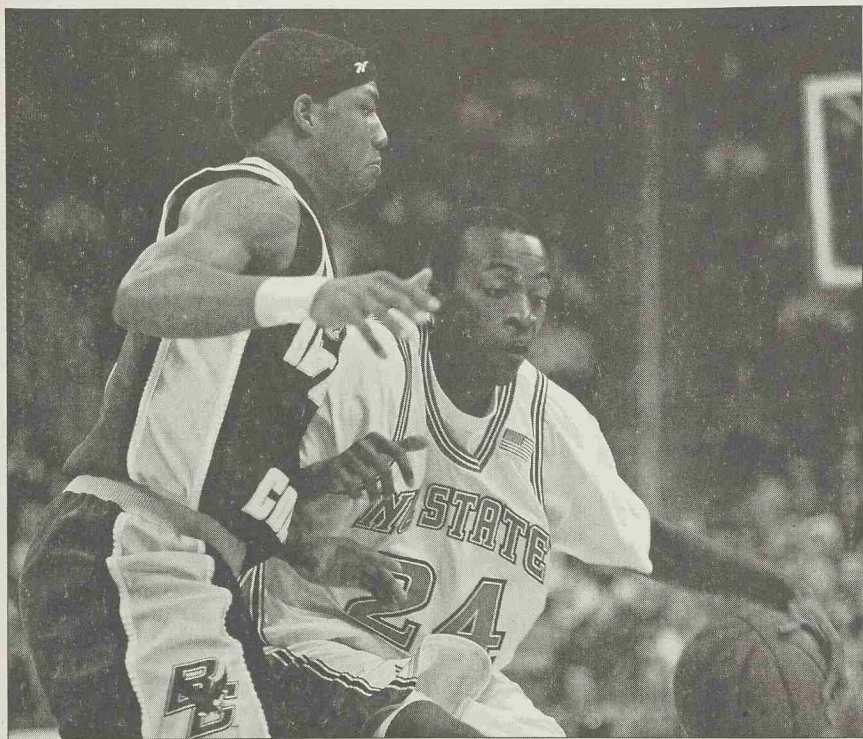
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Julius Hodge sparked N.C. State with 16 first-half points. The sophomore finished with 21 before fouling out with just less than six minutes to go in Thursday night's loss. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

GYMNASTICS

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gymnast but does something much different than competing at the college level. The younger Sabo is with the Cirque Du Soleil, which is similar to a circus but strictly acrobatics.

"There aren't any animals involved," said Leah Sabo.

The Cirque Du Soleil does traveling shows, but there are permanent shows in Las Vegas and Orlando, Fla. The cheapest tickets for this popular show cost around \$80.

"Gymnastics just kinds of runs in the family," said Sabo.

The mild North Carolina weather was also an added bonus to Sabo after making the decision to transfer to State.

"It's a much better climate for me," she said. "I personally don't like the cold. Unfortunately, here we don't have the mountains like

in Utah. Of course ... living here puts me a little closer to home, and my family [comes to] see some of my meets, as where they couldn't see me when I was living in Utah."

Fortunately for State, the mild weather and close proximity to home for Sabo could lift the Pack back to the top.



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our crowd behind us, it hurts really bad."

The offensive struggles may have hurt State, but what fatally wounded it had to be Boston College's backcourt tandem of Bell and Sidney. Sidney had 20 in the first half, and finished with 24. Bell, with just eight in the first half, finished with 25 and made all 13 of his free-throws, many of them clinching the Eagle victory down the stretch.

"Bell and Sidney are two great ball-handlers, and they did a tremendous job for their team," said Crawford, who guarded both Eagles at times. "They really execut-

ed. They broke the press and got themselves some easy baskets that really hurt us."

Said Sherrill: "Sidney killed us."

At least State won't have to think about too long. The Pack will be boarding an early flight this morning for Tallahassee, Fla. and a key showdown with Florida State Saturday night. After such a tough loss, the quick turnaround might be just what State needs.

"We lost two games in a row to two teams that we feel we're better than," said Sherrill. "It hurts real bad, but we need to play right away. I wouldn't mind if we played [today]. We've just got to regroup and prove to everybody we're still a good team."

BACK

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their pace so all we've got to do is keep our heads up and keep working hard and we should be in the thick of things."

Sendek echoed the expressions of his young basketball players after the loss, but

with an obvious sense of disappointment.

"Confidence comes from playing well and the last two second halves we have not done that but things change quickly and young guys are pretty resilient," said Sendek. "We're just going to have to roll up our sleeves and wake up tomorrow morning and wash our face and get back to work."

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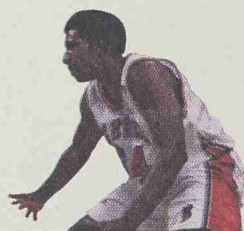
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TECHNICIAN

Eagles fly, wolves cry

N.C. State faltered in the final 20 minutes for the second straight game, this time vs. Boston College.

Andrew B. Carter
Assistant Sports Editor

For one of the very few times this season, the RBC Center was rocking Thursday night. Josh Powell had just strolled to the free throw line, sunk both his shots and brought N.C. State to within 10 of Boston College with 6:18 showing on the game clock.

The tension couldn't have been thicker. The Wolfpack smelled blood; it sensed the kind of run destined to bring victory to a team sorely in need of something, anything positive.

And just five seconds later, the Eagles' Andrew Bryant beat all men down court and finessed two points out of a super-model-perfect alley-oop pass from teammate Jermaine Watson. Boston College, which had lost four straight and stood at just 6-6 before the night, went up 66-54.

It wasn't supposed to be happening to State (8-4), a team so determined, so focused on making good a disastrous effort at Georgia Tech last Saturday. The noise, which had so ferociously filled the RBC Center seconds before, disappeared as Boston College went up by 12 for the first time with 6:13 left.

The Pack would get as close as six down the stretch, but lost by the same margin, 93-81.

It wasn't any one factor that caused State's second straight mind-numbingly bad performance

in the second half. It was all of them combined. Pick a number. 35? That's the percentage the Pack shot in the second half. 19? That's the percentage of 3s State made in the game's final twenty. Nine? That's how many turnovers the Pack had, compared with only two in the first half. 65? That's the percentage Boston College hit after halftime. 32? That's how many second-half points the Pack gave up to the Eagles' Troy Bell and Craig Smith, players who combined for just 13 in the first half.

Statistics may be for losers, but it's hard to ignore numbers that show how thoroughly Boston College dominated the game's second half.

"Defensively, we just should have helped out more," said the Pack's Julius Hodge, who ignited his team in the first half and finished with 21 points and five boards. "They were penetrating to the basket, and there wasn't a lot of help side. Guys were getting easy lay-ups."

Too easy. After halftime, at which State led 40-38, Boston College immediately executed three consecutive layups to take a 44-40 lead. Bell hit the first off a pass from Ryan Sidney just 13 seconds in to the half. Then Smith hit one seconds later. Two minutes in, it was Smith again down low. Another easy basket. The Eagles would never look back.

NCSU coach Herb Sendek, renowned for the defensive intensity of his teams, stood befuddled in front of the Wolfpack bench for much of the second half. There was little Sendek could do to stop an onslaught of quick

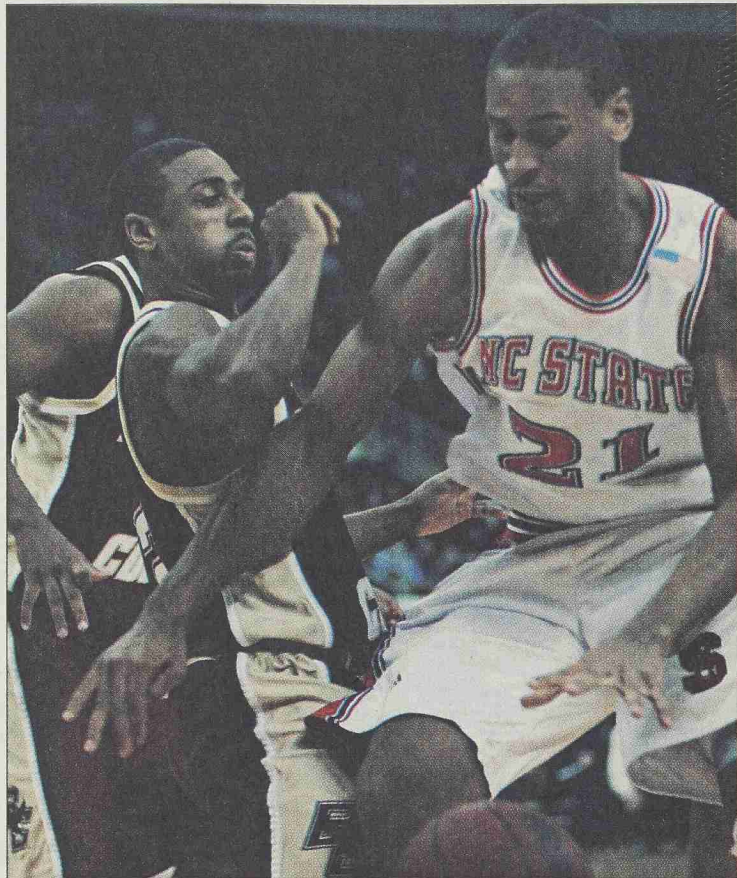
penetration by Boston College's Bell and Sidney, and the powerful work of Smith in the post. Those three players combined for 69 points.

After the game, State's coach was more concerned with the offensive ineffectiveness of his own team.

"We had a number of opportunities that we needed to cash in on," said Sendek. "And when we failed to do so, it made a challenging night on defense even more so for us. I thought that for the most part our offense provided us with looks that were very makeable. And since we weren't able to convert those at a high enough rate, it put more duress on a defense that was already being challenged."

State's offense wasn't exactly a masterpiece before the half, either. The Pack shot just 42 percent in the opening 20 minutes, yet did enough to lead by two and score 40 going into the locker room. Hodge, humiliated and benched the last 11 minutes in State's last outing at Georgia Tech, scored nine points in four minutes to spark State in the first half.

First he layed one in after following his own miss. Then he hit a jumper from the left baseline, the ball hitting every part of the rim before dropping. Next time down, he swished a 3 from the left arc. He ended his personal run with a jumper in the lane off a nice pass from Marcus Melvin, who never found his shot and failed to score. Hodge's run helped State overcome an early 11-5 hole to tie the score at 16. The player who sat so dejectedly



Levi Watkins, who scored seven points, drives to the basket on Troy Bell. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

on the bench in Atlanta played every minute until he fouled out with just less than six minutes to play on this night.

As Melvin struggled, the offensive load was left to sophomores Hodge and Powell, junior Scooter Sherrill and senior Cliff Crawford.

Each came through with double-digit efforts. Powell responded nicely with a team-high 23 points on 9-of-18 shooting. Sherrill had 16, some of them coming off nifty penetration moves in the dismal second half. Crawford had 14 to go along with

seven assists and no turnovers. But it was a loss all the same.

"It hurts, especially at home," said Sherrill. "We look at our team, and we think we're a very good offensive team. And for us to struggle like that at home, with

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Players say Pack will come back

Despite another second half downfall, N.C. State players have not lost confidence in themselves or each other.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

Julius Hodge was forced to watch the last, crucial minutes of N.C. State's battle with nonconference foe Boston College — from the bench.

The second game in a row in which Hodge sat out the final minutes of play resulted in the Wolfpack's second straight loss. Last Saturday against Georgia Tech, head coach Herb Sendek benched his sophomore star for the final 11 minutes. This time, Hodge fouled out with 5:42 left to play with his team trailing by ten points to the Eagles.

"I could have had five fouls in the first five minutes, but we're a team

and it's not one player above the team," said Hodge. "Things like that are going to happen but I still have faith in my teammates. I thought we would pull it out but that happens sometimes."

Hodge combined with backcourt mates Shooter Sherrill and Clifford Crawford to contain BC All-American Troy Bell in the first half, limiting the senior guard to only eight points. But Ryan Sidney more than made up for the lack of scoring output by his teammate, going 9-for-11 in the first half for 20 points. Sidney seemingly disappeared in the second half, but that left room for Bell to shine.

Bell, who finished with 25 points, only added two field goals in the second half, but his performance at the free throw line (13-for-13) slammed the door on any chance of a State comeback.

The Wolfpack implemented a

full-court press, hoping to stop BC, but even the 6-foot-7, 265 pound forward Craig Smith was able to soar past the State press like, well — an eagle.

Yet despite another dreadful performance in the second half, don't expect to find Hodge sulking.

"We're not going to sit around and become a bunch of head-cases and go and lose five in a row," said Hodge. "We're going to continue to get better, play well and stay together. If we do those things and we make some shots, we should have a big road victory versus Florida State."

Saturday's visit to Tallahassee, Fla., marks the beginning of a rigorous stretch of all-important ACC games for the Pack that includes visits from No. 1 Duke and North Carolina. With an appearance at the ComCast Center against defending National Champion Mary-

land on Jan. 30, the Pack can ill-afford to drop too many more games in conference if it hopes to make its second consecutive run for a bid to the NCAA tournament.

But Crawford views State's predicament as an honor and a challenge.

"We're in one of the best conferences in the nation so we've got a lot of chances to bounce back and show people that we're a great team and that we deserve to be in the NCAA tournament," he said.

Just like Hodge, Crawford also maintains that there is no lack of confidence surrounding State.

"I think guys are still very confident," Crawford said. "You take some lumps here and there, but it's a long road; it's a journey. It's not a 100-meter race it's more like a mile race."

"[Other teams might] fall off in

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Julius Hodge and company say they're staying upbeat despite two tough losses. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

Junior transfer hopes to boost gymnastics team

Leah Sabo will provide a boost to the N.C. State gymnastics team as it aims to get back to regionals.

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Staff writer

In deciding she needed a change of scenery after two years at the University of Utah, gymnast Leah Sabo came to N.C. State, hoping to immediately contribute to a team that fell short of making NCAA regionals last year.

During her first two years at Utah, Sabo was on a team that finished second and fifth in the NCAA championships, respectively. Even with the success, she felt the need for a change.

"I'm enjoying [gymnastics] a lot more

than the situation that was in Utah," said Sabo. "The atmosphere, the coaches, the team — it's a whole lot better."

Sabo, a junior sociology major from Hubbard, Ohio, could not compete for the Wolfpack last year because NCAA rules require transfers to sit out for one academic year. This season, she hopes to have an immediate impact that will help the team get back to the regionals and nationals, two places the Pack has found quite familiar in the past.

"I think, as a team, we'll do well this year, even though we had a few setbacks with injuries this past meet," said Sabo. "We have a lot of depth on the team, and where one person may fall short, another person will step up. I think we have a good shot at going to regionals and finishing at the top and going to nationals."

"We definitely have the potential."

Sabo also has some personal goals that will ultimately help the team if she is able to accomplish them.

"I would like to see myself consistently competing in all four gymnastic events and able to be contribute to the team in everything," said Sabo. "As far as regionals and nationals, if that's good enough to get me there, then great."

While competing at the nationals in 1999, Sabo finished fourth overall on the vault and seventh on the bars. Her top scores during her tenure at Utah were a 9.875 on floor, a 9.825 on vault and a 9.8 on bars. During high school, she was also the Level 10 national floor champion in 1998 and finished in 12th place overall in the competition.

Even though Utah has an extremely

competitive team, it competes as an independent in gymnastics. Thus, Sabo is looking forward to the competitiveness of the EAGL and has her eye on bringing the conference championship back to Raleigh.

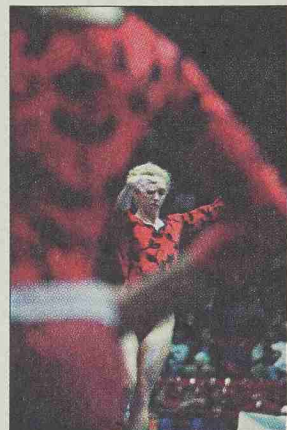
"I've never even been to a conference meet," she said. "We've always been through our regular season. I've heard it's a very competitive conference. I think we have a great shot at taking the title if we do what we're capable of."

Sabo started practicing gymnastics 15 years ago because her mother, who is a high school gymnastics coach, got her started with the sport.

"Throughout my life, my mom has always been my coach," she said.

Leah's younger sister, Casey, is also a

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The gymnastics team will face tough competition in today's meet at Reynolds Coliseum. File photo by Jason Ivester

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