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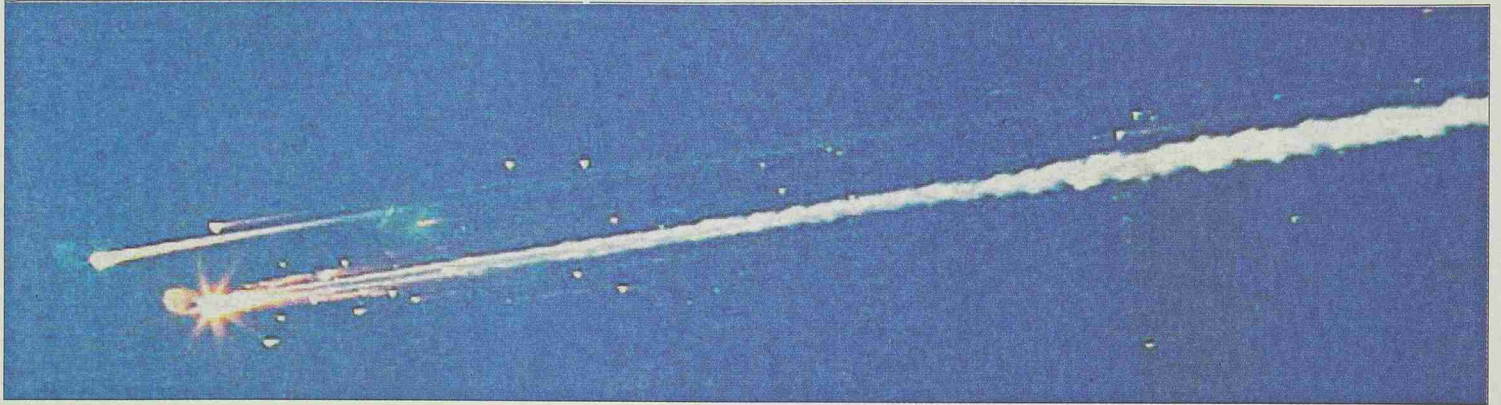
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SPACE SHUTTLE 'COLUMBIA IS LOST'

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE HEAD NAMED, SEARCH FOR CAUSE BEGINS



The space shuttle Columbia broke up 200,000 feet above northeastern Texas Saturday morning. KRT photo by Dr. Scott Lieberman

WARNING SIGNS OF A PROBLEM WITH NASA'S DESCENDING SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA CAME ROUGHLY 23 MINUTES BEFORE ITS SCHEDULED LANDING AT THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER.

Thushan Amarasiwardena
Staff Reporter

What began as "a fantastic mission [that] just seemed to be coming to the right conclusion" — as Milt Heflin, NASA's chief flight director put it — ended in a day of mourning. The nation was shocked by the loss of space shuttle Columbia and its crew of seven Saturday as it broke up over the clear skies of Texas on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

While no specific cause for the breakup has been determined, early speculation centers on damage that may have occurred during launch as a portion of insulating foam from the shuttle's external fuel tank hit the left leading edge of Columbia's wing, potentially damaging heat-shielding tiles used to protect the shuttle in the immense re-entry heat. NASA had previously acknowledged this incident Friday as it prepared for the craft's return, but after a consensus among its engineers — and previous experience with a similar incident — deemed the ship safe for the return voyage.

"As we look at that now in hindsight, that impact was on the left wing. ... We can't discount that there might be a connection," Ron Dittmore, shuttle program manager, noted at a press conference later Saturday.

Columbia, at 22 years old the oldest craft in the agency's



Seated in front are, from left, Rick D. Husband, Kalpana Chawla and William C. McCool. Standing are, from left, David M. Brown, Laurel B. Clark, Michael P. Anderson and Ilan Ramon. Columbia broke apart on its return to Earth on Saturday morning. NASA Photo

fleet, received a major overhaul in 1999. It was this shuttle's 28th flight and the 113th shuttle mission in NASA's history.

In a landing procedure that takes approximately 45 minutes, shuttles descend from an orbiting altitude of more than 900,000 feet at 17,000 mph. While a less-susceptible time for catastrophe than the launch, NASA has estimated that the risks of "calamity" during re-entry remain a statistically high

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N.C. STATE STUDENTS REFLECT ON DISTURBING SCENE

After Saturday's breakup of the shuttle Columbia, many students associated the event with other recent American tragedies.

News Staff Report

The scene was all too familiar.

On Saturday morning, many N.C. State students, faculty and staff woke up to find that, on channel after channel, a tragedy — in the form of images from a shaky home video — was being displayed on their television screens.

Nearly a year and a half after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, in which several cameras caught the tragic images of the World Trade Center towers collapsing, and approximately 17 years after the take-off explosion of the NASA orbiter Challenger, in which families watched on the sidelines and young students across the country watched in their classrooms, another tragedy in the sky has occurred — and, once again, it has been displayed in real time for all to see.

As the space shuttle Columbia embarked on a landing and the end of what was deemed a successful mission, it broke up in the skies over Texas, killing all seven of its crew members.

"Within the past few years, we as Americans have been faced with many tragedies and this is, indeed, another," said Alnesha Moses, a senior in pulp and paper technology and chemical engineering.

"I heard something on the radio, and I thought they were talking about a plane crash," said Michael Henderson, a senior in architecture. "I couldn't believe it when I heard it was a shuttle."

For most of the day, students tuned their car stereos to the latest developments of the crash and surfed channels to hear NASA officials and aerospace experts discuss what could have caused the Columbia to fall from the sky.

"It reminds me a little bit of 9/11 because it happened in the morning, and I didn't know about it until I got on the Internet and found out," said NCSU student Ashley Williford.

The NCSU community shared in the shock of the event with Raleigh residents and the nation alike.

"It was like a movie, and it didn't seem like real life. It felt like I was watching a movie," said Bethany Snyder, a Raleigh resident and graduate of UNC-Greensboro.

"I'm sure it's hard for [the families of the victims] to even grasp, because I



Flags around the legislative building flew at half-mast on Saturday to observe the tragedy of the space shuttle Columbia explosion.

Staff photo by Josh Michel

hardly can," said Renee Rogers, a Raleigh resident and high school senior.

While the breakup of the Columbia was the focus of the day, some students also had the idea of the imminent war with Iraq on their minds.

"I think it's a tragedy, yes ... but I think it's dumb how American people are all upset over the death of seven people when they're at the same time willing to send thousands into battle," said Jaclynn Szwagiel, a sophomore in biomedical engineering and Spanish.

TV lounges across campus and in living rooms and work places all around the Raleigh area were tuned into what has become a familiar scene — a blue sky, an aircraft, a tragedy.

"It seemed like with shuttle missions becoming so routine ... America lost sight of how risky it all is," said Karmann Cresman, a sophomore in textile chemistry. "I'm sure this will bring another generation into full respect of space exploration."



A National Guard soldier stands over debris believed to be from the space shuttle Columbia in Nacogdoches, Texas, on Sunday. KRT photo by Brad Loper

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chance of one in 350.

At the news conference, NASA officials gave the following timeline of events: warning signs occurred roughly 23 minutes before Columbia's scheduled landing at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, at 9:16 a.m. At 8:53 a.m., while the craft was going through a planned roll reversal, a method of bleeding off the high velocity of the craft, left-wing temperature sensors and hydraulic system measurements were lost. Three minutes later, sensors in the left wheel well blanked out, though the Columbia was performing without a hitch otherwise, and the loss of sensors was thought to be a minor aberration. It was not until two minutes later at 8:58 a.m. that mission control began to worry as another three independent sensors on the left wing suddenly cut off.

At this point, over northeastern Texas, the craft was reaching its peak heat of 3,000 degrees, while skidding through the atmosphere at a speed of 13,000 mph, nearly 40 miles above the ground. Over the next minute, more sensors in the left wing failed, and mission control communicated with the crew regarding the problems.

The crew confirmed the sensor readings, replying with "Roger," accompanied with an indiscernible sound where upon radio contact was abruptly cut.

At 9 a.m., with all communication with the craft lost, "we clearly [began] to know that we had a bad day," noted Heflin.

In the clear skies over northern

Texas, observers saw the usual single streak, caused by a vapor trail left by the shuttle, suddenly divide into multiple streaks.

As the shuttle disintegrated, it left a debris field of 900 square miles over Texas and Louisiana.

On a 16-day, purely scientific mission, Columbia's crew was not only composed of a cross-section of America but also included the first Israeli in space.

The astronauts on board were Commander Rick Husband, an Air Force colonel; Pilot William McCool, a Navy commander; Payload Commander and African-American Michael Anderson; Flight Surgeon Laurel Clark; Mission Specialists David Brown, Kalpana Chawala, a naturalized citizen from India, and Ilan Ramon, a colonel in the Israeli air force.

Due to Ramon's presence on board, the already-tight security that generally surrounds launches was further heightened in response to fears that the mission was a terrorism target. But terrorism was quickly ruled out as a potential cause, as the shuttle was traveling too fast and was out of the range of any known anti-aircraft missiles.

The accident comes shortly after the 17th anniversary of another shuttle accident, that of the orbiter Challenger in 1986, which exploded shortly after liftoff. There seem to be no links between the incidents. After the Challenger accident, NASA was grounded for more than two years until the problem was found and ameliorated.

Experts are expecting a similar time frame before another manned mission, although the

future of the shuttle program will now be under serious scrutiny.

NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said officials from various federal agencies will conduct an outside investigation into the accident. The committee will be led by retired admiral Harold H. Gehman, who three years ago chaired the committee investigating the al-Quaida-led attack on the American destroyer Cole anchored in Yemen.

The International Space Station, which relies heavily on the shuttle for bussing crew replacements and supplies, currently has three astronauts in space who were planning to come down in a future shuttle Atlantis flight in March. However, a less-than-comfortable Russian return pod is onboard if needed.

On Sunday, a long-scheduled, unmanned Russian supply ship launched from Kazakhstan and should leave those astronauts with enough supplies to last until June.

"The Columbia's lost. There are no survivors. ... These men and women assumed great risk in this service to all humanity. ... In the skies today, we saw destruction and tragedy. Yet farther than we can see, there is comfort and hope," said President Bush in a televised speech Saturday. "The cause in which they died will continue. Mankind is led into the darkness beyond our world by the inspiration of discovery and the longing to understand. Our journey into space will go on."

Bush later backed his words on Sunday with a request to congress for an additional half billion dollar budget increase for the space program.

Business professor to chair national Social Security panel

Robert Clark, an economics and business management professor at N.C. State, will lead the 2003 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods.

Nancy Zagbayou
Staff Reporter

N.C. State's Robert Clark will chair the 2003 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods. The panel is charged with protecting the financial status of Social Security.

Clark is a Duke University alumnus and has worked for NCSU since 1975. He is a noted retirement economist who has done international research on social security, retirement benefits and the economics of aging.

Among his numerous publications, he has written a book about the Japanese retirement system. He was recently asked by the Japanese government to write a paper on the American social security system giving justifications on how Japan could benefit from such a system.

Clark was appointed by the Social Security Advisory Board to lead this important committee that will likely place a major stamp on the future of the Social Security policy. The panel had its first meeting the first week of January and will meet once a month through September, when its report is due. The panel is composed of eight members, and its

meetings are held in Washington, D.C.

While it may not directly affect them, many NCSU students recognize the impact that a national policy such as Social Security has on the American population.

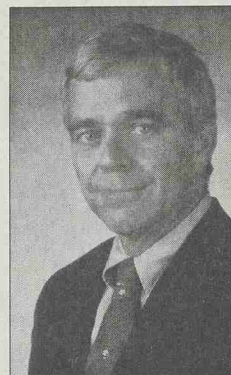
"It is such an honor that someone from this school will be on a panel that could change the future of Social Security," said Erin Gillespie, a freshman in architecture.

When asked about his opinion on the recent nomination of Clark, Reginald Hall, a senior in business management who admits that his knowledge of Social Security is limited, praised the fact that a faculty member would have an effect in a national policy.

Social Security refers to the measures established by legislation to maintain individual or family income at certain levels, to assure income if employment is lost, and to provide a great number of benefits covered by other programs in a given nation.

The Social Security Act of 1935, which frames the American welfare policy, was enacted by Congress as a response to the Great Depression. The development of Social Security programs in the United States has been a response to specific problems rather than to a broad national agenda.

The problem Social Security faces today is that expenditure exceeds revenue. As Clark points out, the questions now are whether and how to address the



Robert Clark has worked at N.C. State since 1975. Photo courtesy N.C. State

issue.

The two factors that come into play in the solution are benefit cuts and tax increases. The panel is to review those numbers and submit a report to the Social Security Board of Trustees, which will then submit its own report that describes the actuarial balance of the trust fund over the next 75 years. That report describes the size of the trust funds, the date at which the funds might be exhausted, and the size of the long-run deficit as a percent of payroll.

Ultimately, Social Security is an issue that affects all Americans. And economists, like Clark, will continue to be at the forefront of the progression of the Social Security program.

THE "PEACE" MOVEMENT ISN'T ABOUT PEACE...

It's about carrying on the left's war against America. When your country is attacked, when the enemy has targeted every American regardless of race, gender or age for death, there can be no "peace" movement. There can only be a movement that divides Americans and gives aid and comfort to our enemies.

In his speech to Congress after 9/11, the President said: "We have seen their kind before. They are the heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the 20th Century. By sacrificing human life to serve their radical visions, by abandoning every value except the will to power, they follow in the path of fascism, Nazism and totalitarianism."

The so-called "peace movement" today is led by the same hate-America radicals who supported America's totalitarian enemies during the Cold War. They marched in support of the Vietcong, the Sandinista Marxists and the Communist guerrillas in El Salvador. Before that they marched in behalf of Stalin and Mao. They still support Castro and the nuclear lunatic in North Korea, Kim Jong-Il. They are the friends in deed of Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein.

What prompts American radicals to make common cause with such monsters? The answer is obvious: They share a common view of America as the "Great Satan." They believe that it is America - not tyrants like Saddam Hussein - that inflicts misery and suffering on the world. The targets of the 9/11 terrorists were Wall Street and the Pentagon. These were the targets of American radicals long before.

In the perverse minds of the so-called "peace" radicals, America is the "root cause" of all the root causes that inspire the terrorists to attack us. "America is to blame for what is wrong in the world. The enemy is us."

Today, as we battle the Axis of Evil, which threatens us with weapons of mass destruction, these familiar mantras are rising on college campuses from coast to coast. Just as they did in the Cold War past.

During the Cold War, the radical "peace" movement bullied right-thinking Americans into silence. Our government lost the ability to stay the course in the anti-Communist war. The result was the Communist slaughter of two-and-a-half million peasants in Indo-China after the divisions at home forced America to leave.

Once again, the hate America left is attempting to silence right-thinking citizens. It is attempting to divide the home front in the face of the enemy. Even as we go to war. It is stabbing our young men and women in the back even as they step into harm's way to defend us. It is attempting to paralyze our government again and prevent it from securing the peace.

We can't afford to let this happen. The time has come for those who love freedom and who appreciate the great bounties of this nation to stand up and be counted.

David Horowitz

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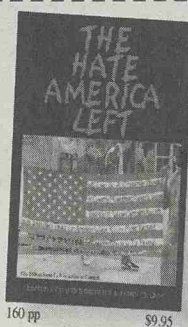
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FYC convocation embraces accomplishment through adversity

The annual First Year College convocation recognized a former student's achievements.

Mary Garrison
Staff Reporter

The First Year College Convocation took place on Thursday. Students of the First Year College Program heard a former NCSU student, Brian Frasure, speak about the adversity he has experienced in his life.

Frasure, an accomplished runner, has trained every day with Marion Jones, winning numerous gold medals in competition and setting world records in the Olympics. While attending NCSU, Frasure ran on the varsity track team and was also a member of the Delta Chi fraternity.

Frasure, however, is not your average sprinter; he has a prosthetic leg.

The convocation, which is an annual event that acknowledges FYC's outstanding scholars, awards various scholarships and celebrates the overall success of the students.

In 1992, Frasure was a worry-free sophomore. Attending the school of his choice, he was honored to be a varsity athlete, which helped advance his dream of becoming an accomplished athlete.

Frasure was a resident of Bragaw Hall, which, at the time, was an all-male dorm. He enjoyed time with his friends and had a lot of

fun throughout college.

In his own words, Frasure said he had "nothing better to do than jump on a train."

Thus Frasure became engaged in a risky game called "jumping trains." In that game, the player sprints alongside a moving train, catches up with it, jumps on, and then jumps back off after a few seconds. The winner is the player who can remain on the train for the longest time before jumping off.

For 19-year-old Frasure and his friends, the game was simply a fun way to waste time and enjoy themselves. They played this game many times while on NCSU's campus, which has a train track running through it.

One day, according to Frasure, the train was moving incredibly fast. Frasure, knew that he, out of all of his friends, could catch up with it.

Frasure ran alongside the train and jumped on. One of his legs got caught under the wheels and he ended up losing the bottom part of his left leg. Luckily, technology enabled Frasure to get a replacement of the bottom part of his left leg.

For him, "a 19-year-old hopeful to be an accomplished athlete, this was the worst thing that could happen," said Frasure.

From there on, Frasure slowly recovered and eventually learned to walk, jog and run again. He decided that he would not let his accident stop him from achieving his goal of becoming a great runner.

Through networking and determination, Frasure worked with a few good trainers, including the personal trainer of famed runner Marion Jones. At the time, Frasure used to train every day with her and other athletes on the rise.

He found out about the Paralympics, a subgroup of the Olympics, which is for those with injuries and conditions requiring the use of prosthetic parts.

Frasure set world records in the Paralympics. He also taught and educated others about prosthetics.

One particularly inspirational event for Frasure, occurred when he taught a third-grade class about prosthetics. He showed them some of his legs and ran and walked with the children to show them that he could do everything that they could do.

At the beginning of the presentation, many of the children were afraid or unsure of how to react. By the end of the presentation, the children were very relaxed and interested.

They asked a lot of questions and embraced Frasure as an equal — not different or weird because of his condition. They laughed with him and truly enjoyed his visit to their school.

Frasure was inspired because that encounter made him realize something.

"I taught the third graders and educated them on prosthetics," said Frasure. "I realized that if young kids can learn that quickly about differences, it gives me hope that we can overcome

racism and prejudice — it's all ignorance."

Learning to become athletic after the accident was a major struggle for Frasure. Nonetheless, he stayed dedicated and focused on his dream. Frasure never lost hope and faith in himself.

"You don't know how capable and how strong you are until you're placed in that situation," said Frasure. "Everyone has to face adversity at one point ... When it happens, are you gonna use it as an excuse to hold yourself back or a challenge to move forward?"

And moving forward is exactly what Frasure has been doing for the past decade.

Frasure advised the FYC students to "always set goals."

"When I lost my leg, my goal was to walk. Then my goal was to run. Then my goal was to sprint, then to set world records," said Frasure.

Even though Frasure jumped on the train that day, he said that if he had another chance, he "wouldn't change a thing" because he was still able to attain his dream.

That's not to say that good choices aren't important.

"I am living proof [that] not thinking for yourself will change your life. Just think before you act, but don't let your mistakes determine your future," said Frasure. "Keep going, and keep setting goals."

Local students prepare for 'Day at the Capital'

On Tuesday, students will gather to show support for the proposed tuition freeze.

Jessica Horne
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, students from each of the 16 UNC System campuses will gather in Raleigh to show support for the proposed tuition freeze. The Students Day at the Capital will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the state legislature.

The Board of Governors decided to vote in favor of the tuition freeze on Jan. 10, but the final say on whether or not tuition will increase will be decided by the General Assembly. One of the main goals of Students Day at the Capital is to show the General Assembly that the students are serious about keeping tuition stable for the upcoming year.

Jonathan Ducote, president of the Association of Student Government, and his colleagues, ASG delegates Amanda Devore and Jamie Pendergrass, have worked with President Molly Broad and Board of Governors Chairman J. Bradley Wilson in the fight for the tuition freeze.

Tuition increases have been a regular occurrence within the UNC System for more than a decade. In the last three years alone, there has been an average increase of 62 percent across the UNC system.

These increases have kept prospective students from attending the university due to the bad economy and lack of financial aid. Although the increases help fund financial aid, there is not enough money to help every student who needs it.

Students have been advocating the tuition freeze for years, but this is the first time that students believe they are being heard.

"Students all over North Carolina are serious about seeing a change; even community and private colleges are coming to Students Day at the Capital. This will help the entire state, not just N.C. State," said Ducote.

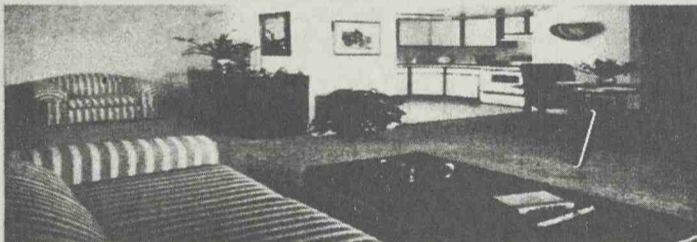
Organizers hope Students Day at the Capital will ultimately show the legislature that the universities can unite for a common cause. Students hope to show the legislature how important tuition is not only to NCSU's students, but to other universities as well.

"Students may not have money, but they have power in numbers, and they have time. Unless students make a strong stand to the legislature, the legislature will do what they want with tuition," said Ducote. "If N.C. State students are serious about seeing change, then they need to be at the legislature every day. We have to get serious and take control."

All interested students are encouraged to wear red and support NCSU by attending the Student's Day at the Capital.

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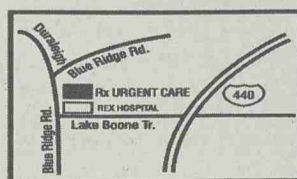


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Moving past the censure

The recent censure of Chancellor Marye Anne Fox by the Faculty Senate provides a new opportunity for Fox to learn lessons about better communication to help N.C. State move forward past the negative attention received by her censure. The start of this process lies in the Student Senate's decision not to issue a similar censure of Fox, but other advancements to bridge the gap between Fox and the faculty must be made.

While Fox and the NCSU community at large would benefit from open lines of communication, faculty, staff and students alike must recognize the fact that Fox does have final authority on decisions made affecting NCSU, and that authority should be respected. This arrangement makes it difficult for the faculty to recognize the authority of a figure with whom they do not always agree. In order to quickly move past the censure, Chancellor Fox must be open to comments, questions and criticism from faculty and also acknowledge that, while she does have an ultimate say, this say should stem from listening to the opinions of those under her.

After the Faculty Senate's decision to censure Fox, she has recently become more of an advocate for her own methods of openly communicating with the NCSU body. For example, at the Student Senate meeting on Jan. 29, members voted 35-7 not to issue their own censure against Fox, and a large reason for this vote of support was the fact that Fox came and brought evidence of the ways in

which she strives to foster communication between her administration and NCSU. Fox spoke of her successes in incorporating students in leadership searches, and she has also recently started a monthly series inviting faculty to breakfast to discuss concerns.

As also evidenced by the Student Senate's decision against a censure, timing played a critical role, and since the vote occurred three weeks after the firing of former Senior Vice Provost Frank Abrams and Vice Provost Bruce Mallette, the student body of NCSU is ready to move on from this event.

In her speech to the Student Senate, Fox stressed the value of open communication, and she is obviously aware that, for the Faculty Senate to forgive her as quickly as the Student Senators did, she must be more open. Changing one's personal leadership style, however, is extremely difficult and a change this large cannot be expected.

Fox characterized the Faculty Senate's censure as "a wake-up call to the administration about the need to communicate much more routinely and effectively." It's hard to tell whether those sentiments are based on Fox's beliefs or are part of a broad public relations campaign to improve her image after the censure.

Fox has expressed interest in bringing down communication barriers; she'll have to back that interest with action if she hopes to avoid drawing fire again in the future.



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Break the surly bonds of Earth


 Ben McNeely
Staff Columnist

I can remember 17 years ago, sitting in the living room with my parents watching the Space Shuttle Challenger explode shortly after liftoff. It was a snow day in central North Carolina, and everyone was out of school.

It was the mission with the first teacher in space and I, a precocious 4-year-old, was excited at the prospect of a televised shuttle launch. President Ronald Reagan attended the launch along with the families of the astronauts, and I can recall the horror and confusion on his face when the shuttle exploded. I was so young that I did not understand what had happened.

Now, 17 years later, another shuttle has been lost and we are faced again with a setback in the American space program. However, the loss of a shuttle and the lives of astronauts does not mean we should abandon the space program. On the contrary, it should be a rally to do better and reach farther into space.

There have been many successes in the manned space flight program in America. We put the first men on the moon. We landed the first probes on Mars. We sent probes into space to explore the solar system. With the combined efforts of other space agencies, we have built an international space station, an orbiting research center designed and dedicated to

scientific research and the advancement of human presence in space.

There have also been setbacks and disasters. In 1967, Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee were killed on the launch pad during a test run of the Apollo 1 flight. In 1970, Apollo 13 suffered a catastrophic explosion on its way to the moon; however, the crew, Jim Lovell, Fred Haise and John Swigert, was successfully recovered. In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded after lifting

occurred, more people have not been killed in the dangerous and exciting business of space flight.

In the shadow of war, the loss of space shuttle Columbia is a devastating blow to the resolve of America. But we will not back down from space. We will not let this stop us in our tracks. We may have been stymied, but not finished. We will continue to fly into space; we will continue to innovate and build new vehicles to send us into orbit and, someday, we may populate space and other planets.

To quit now and cut manned space flight from the American — and the global — spectrum would be a reversal of scientific advancement of epic proportions and a deep sacrilege to the memories of those who went before into space and to those who did not make it back. For their sake and the sake of humanity, we must press forward and continue the work we have begun in space.

In a world plagued by environmental dilemmas and human conflict, the promise of space is just as inviting and fascinating now as it was thousands of years ago, when man first gazed up at the night sky and dreamed of flying among the stars. The lives of the seven astronauts will not have been lived in vain, and the human adventure into space will continue. It is our mission; it is our future; it is our destiny.

In memoriam Columbia and her crew, who put out their hands and touched the face of God. You can reach Ben at bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu.

A blown opportunity

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PHILADELPHIA
—The Commission in Athletics

met in Washington to discuss long-overdue modifications to the Title IX gender equity law. The 14-member panel was supposed to create a series of recommendations to maintain the intent of the 1972 law and eliminate its unintended side effects.

Unfortunately, the commission failed in its efforts, only offering minor changes to a law that remains crucial in higher education but is in need of repair.

When Title IX was first created over 30 years ago, it was a necessary measure to open doors for women in collegiate athletics. The law was modified in 1979, and a system of compliance was introduced to ease the burden on schools.

Today, thanks in no small part to regulations imposed by the law, women's college sports have moved into the national spotlight, and five times the number of girls now participate in college sports than was the case in 1972.

But although it is well-intentioned, the

law has had unfortunate consequences.

The law's funding regulations and strict ratio system — each school's male to female athlete ratio must be in proportion to its population, regardless of student interest — has contributed to recent detrimental cutbacks in other sports. While improving opportunities for women is of tremendous importance, doing it at the expense of other men's sports like wrestling and swimming is too detrimental a side effect to be ignored.

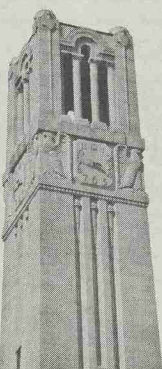
The commission blew a golden opportunity to find a way to maintain the basic structure of Title IX and eliminate the unintended consequences. They came up one vote short of recommending that the Secretary of Education alter the ratio requirements, a measure that would likely have gone a long way to alleviating the burden of proportionality currently placed on colleges.

There must be a place for Title IX in higher education for the benefits it provided and continues to provide. However, the commission, the NCAA and the federal government must work together to ensure further cutbacks in male sports are not necessary to achieve equality.

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I probably have the hardest combination of names to get right. Individually, my first and last name aren't the hardest in the world, but combined they throw people for a loop.

Since elementary school I have had trouble with people getting my name right and then remembering it. I am now a college senior and I don't believe there are five people who have gotten my name right since I have been at N.C. State. It is not their fault — often we don't want to mess up a pronunciation, so we take the safest route, which is often wrong.

Professors take the time at the beginning of the semester to find out which name you intend to be called throughout the year so they can avoid such problems. With me, it seems simple old "D-E-C-K-E-R" is a little too hard. Teachers will hear me day after day repeat, "DECKER," yet upon calling the roll they will blurt out, "Dexter, Derek, Dietrich."

It is not too embarrassing now because sooner or later the whole class ends up knowing the right way to say my name. I feel bad for those of foreign heritage who have to endure the first day of class each semester and listen to the murdering of their names. Each class brings a new formation of their names, and they

are forced to then correct the professor in front of the class, forcing him or her to present their name for ridicule or amazement.

In one class I sat with my knees shaking to see what people would say when my name was called. The professor was having problems with simple and easy names like Johnson and Hildebrand; therefore, I knew there was a surprise waiting at the end of this nomenclature rainbow.

He called my name, and instead of Ngongang (gong-gang) it came out as a

"My name came out as a pummeled mass of consonants and vowels."

pummeled mass of consonants and vowels vaguely resembling the West African name of my father's father. He called out, "Na gong da da gang," and I was forced to first acknowledge that this was possible with my real name and my peer review could commence, or I had to correct him and let the class know what exactly this kid's name was going to be.

As a freshman in a large introductory class, such situations can be intimidating. I persevered and today the same things happen, but I just shake it off.

I move from the pronunciation of names to the sheer practice of remembering people's names and how to say them. There are a couple of rules to either one of these items: If you see some-

one on a regular basis, there should be a responsibility to remember vital information about this person — whether he or she is single or committed but most importantly what the person's name is.

Last year I saw one neighbor almost every day, but without failure he would call me "Dexter." I would correct him, and not 15 minutes later he would go back to calling me Dexter. These are the same people who claim to be down with you or cool with you, yet they can't remember your name. It is a gripe on my part, but in our society of common names, Joe Smith doesn't have to worry about people forgetting his name pronunciation.

I am Decker Ngongang, the kid with the weird name in your class. I don't mean to call out the people who have gotten my name wrong — I simply intend to make sure people realize we need to listen when we hear a name we intend on using again.

This weekend I was called names like Derek, Dexter and other assorted lovelies, but it doesn't change the fact that this is my name and I love it. I write this for those who have to correct the professors each semester and tell friends and peers constantly to "get it right."

We are at an advantage — every person in all of my classes has heard my name every time the professor has messed it up. I have a great conversation starter should the situation call for one, and I have the fortune of all my professors re-

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File lawsuits to fight unconstitutional tuition charges



Andrew Payne
Staff Columnist

A judge in Missouri ruled late last year that the University of Missouri illegally collected millions of dollars in tuition from in-state students. The St. Louis County circuit court judge said the four-campus system unlawfully charged students tuition for the past 15 years based on a 1889 state law that entitled Missouri residents to a free education.

Before 1986 the University of Missouri charged students a small flat fee to attend school. But then the university system began charging students tuition or — as system officials call it — “educational fees” based on the number of credit hours and classes a student was taking. This system of assessing tuition and fee charges is found throughout the country and is the same one employed by N.C. State.

It is estimated that more than 250,000 Missouri students were illegally charged tuition, and the state could be forced to reimburse those students almost \$450 million. To put that number in per-

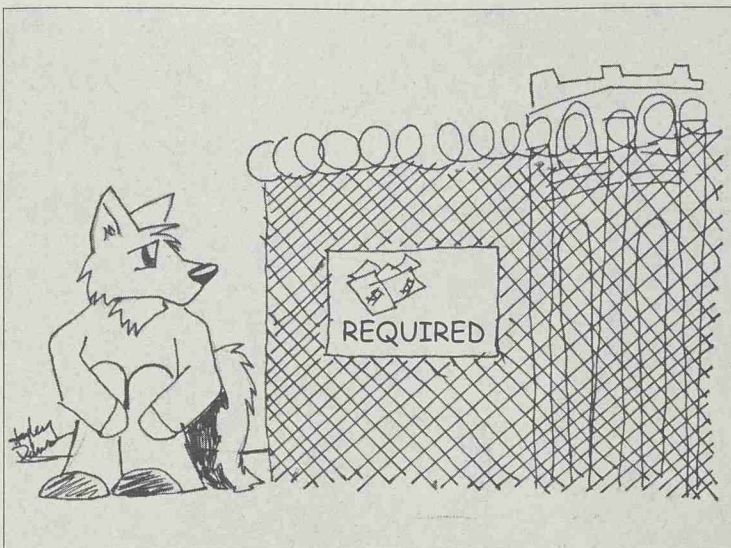
spective, the University System receives less money than that annually from the Missouri state legislature. That is almost the equivalent of shutting down multiple campuses of the UNC System.

Sound familiar? Well, North Carolina has a similar provision about education, but instead of state law it is found in the state constitution. Article 9, section 9 of the state constitution: “Benefits of public institutions of higher education: The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of The University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense.”

Although it tries to ambiguously stray from explicitly saying free, the two state’s laws are mighty close.

Imagine if students sued North Carolina over illegally assessed tuition charges. I know my tenure here at NCSU hasn’t produced an education free of expense. You may argue tuition in North Carolina is one of the lowest in the nation, and I would agree. However, tuition only makes up one-third of the total cost of higher education. The state constitution

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doesn’t guarantee low tuition — it guarantees low-cost higher education. The average student attending a public university will spend approximately \$16,000 per year to attend one of North Carolina’s campuses.

So let me ask, is \$16,000 a year low-cost education? Is the state extending the benefits of higher education to all people in this state? I would argue the answer is, unfortunately, no.

The students who brought the lawsuit against the state of Missouri did not sue just to gain financially, even though it looks like Missouri students are owed between \$2,000 and \$3,500 for each semester they attended the university. They litigated because

they felt the state had an obligation to uphold the laws it passes. This is especially true when University of Missouri officials were arguing “educational fees” were not the same as tuition.

Here is my proposal. Students — past and present — who have attended one of the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina system should bring forth a class action lawsuit against the state of North Carolina and the General Assembly for not upholding their constitutional responsibilities. If the state of North Carolina, like the state of Missouri, cannot voluntarily abide by its own laws, then the only other course of action is to bring a

lawsuit.

Students would not be the first to take such an action. Lower-income school districts, taxpayers and municipalities have or are taking financial shots at the state. Why should students be forced to pay each year for increasing higher education costs when the General Assembly has a clear responsibility?

I don’t care if the state is in a budget crisis or not. If the state doesn’t want to live up to its obligation, then change the constitution. But don’t put on a facade that, just because the public tuition is low in North Carolina, higher education is affordable. If the ruling in Missouri is up-

held, the university system will be devastated financially. That is not what I want in North Carolina, nor is it the reason I am bringing suit against the General Assembly.

I want the higher education in North Carolina to be truly affordable and open to every qualified citizen no matter his or her economic background. The University of North Carolina has too many opportunities wasted because someone was locked out financially.

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CAMPUS FORUM

State of the Union approval
I found Ben Kraudel’s column (Jan. 30, “Disappointing State of the Union”) quite off-base. First, the idea that Bush is “dead-set on going to war” is ludicrous. It has been evident to the U.S., our allies and the UN that Sadaam is indeed “dead-set” on ignoring UN decrees.

It is Sadaam who daily fires on planes patrolling no-fly zones. It is Sadaam who, according to Hans Blix, has “often withheld or given [in] grudgingly” to those UN declarations. It is Sadaam who “appears not to have come to a genuine acceptance — not even today — of the disarmament, which was demanded of [him] and which [he] needs to carry out to win the confidence of the world and to live in peace.”

Kraudel (the economist) states

tax breaks will mysteriously “help people without jobs and stimulate the economy.” Of course tax breaks help the economy: Kennedy knew it, Reagan knew it, and economists know it. The boom of the 1990s was a direct result of Reaganomics.

Economies fluctuate on a roughly 10-15 year cycle, and Clinton got to bask in the glories of Reagan’s work. Critics say cuts only benefit the rich (not true, but they do receive the largest proportion of cuts). Who is in the position to put money back into the economy? The blue-collar worker striving to make ends meet, who can use his \$400 to pay off some bills, or the rich who will undoubtedly invest and return it, instead of burying it under the mattress? Tax cuts help everyone.

“Outlaw abortion?” I must have switched channels during the

dual-ise *massive applause* and missed that part. The only outlawing I heard was on partial-birth abortion: the practice of sticking scissors into the base of the skull of a newly born child and sucking its brains out. An attempt at outlawing this brutal act was passed twice by both houses during the ‘90s and vetoed twice by Clinton.

Finally, Bush is accused of “gloat[ing] over the deaths of men fighting for what they believe.” Well, call me calloused, but when those men believe flying commercial planes into buildings full of innocent men, women and children, and throwing parades to celebrate their ruthless bloodshed, I have a hard time mustering sympathy.

In any case, I did not hear any gloating, just statement of simple fact. This speech was right on

target. Refer to www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,100857,00.html for the majority’s opinion on Bush’s “disappointing” speech.

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Spoof column unfairly built on gender stereotypes

Practical jokes and campus rivalry are all part of the fun of a college experience. With this in mind, we read most of your spoof cover of the Jan. 24 Technician, with humor in our hearts. But the column entitled, “Hooray for easy UNC-CH girls” moved well beyond humor. On campuses where sexual assaults and harassment are ongoing threats and realities to female students, to brand the

women of UNC — even in jest — as “easy,” “whores” and “willing to do anything for just about anybody” is both irresponsible and offensive.

Women offer campus communities their intelligence, leadership skills, ingenuity and compassion — just as men do. But we don’t believe the same article would have been written about men. Why? Because your attempt at humor is based not on a healthy college competition, but instead on outdated cultural assumptions that women should be valued primarily as sexual outlets and that men are only interested in women for sex.

Columns built on gender stereotypes serve only to diminish and inhibit the efforts of both women and men to participate in campus life, lead healthy rela-

tionships and achieve their goals. Don’t you think it’s time to stop making jokes at the expense of women?

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member who I am based solely on the fact that they spent so much time wondering what is up with my name.

I have been blessed to have a cool first name and an even cooler last name to go with it. In this age of reality shows, it would be cool to see my own show for TV

in which cameras would look at people’s facial expressions as they ponder the interesting name called in class. It could be a hit, especially at NCSU where our international student population and names like “Ngongang” could provide much-needed fuel.

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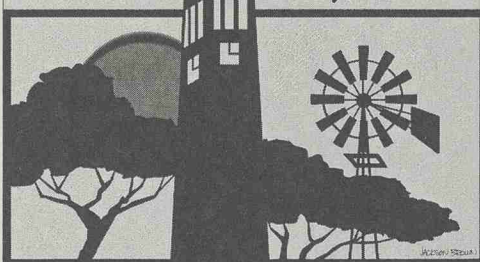
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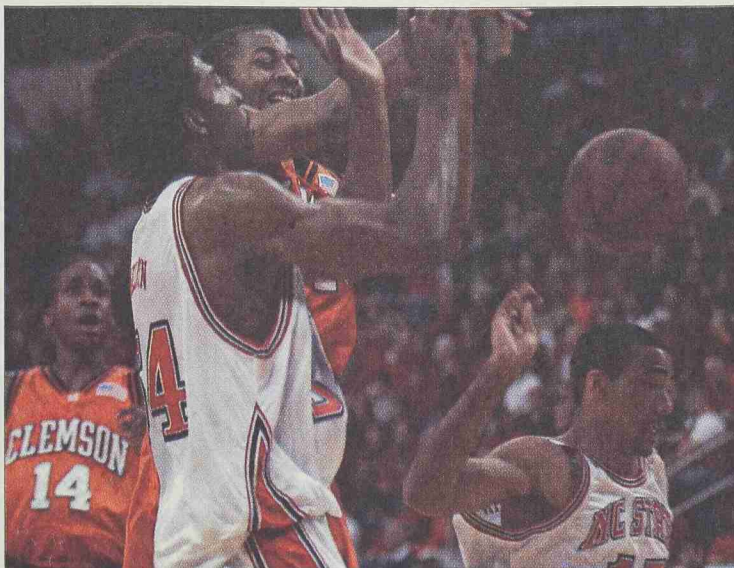
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Marcus Melvin knocks the ball out of the hands of Edward Scott, of Clemson. The Wolfpack forced Clemson into 17 turnovers in 78-55 win. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

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shooting overall, 3-of-6 shooting from three-point range.

"In the second half I made a conscious effort to improve my game," Hodge said. "My game is to get my teammates involved. I feed off their energy and making open shots."

"Julius was obviously not his normal self in the first half—getting two quick fouls," Sendek said. "But we reminded each other at halftime that the second half brought a new 20 minutes and that we had to come back with even better focus, and I think he did a good job of resetting his mind in the second half."

In exploiting Clemson's soft zone, the Pack ran its offense smoothly and effectively. State

players got inside using backdoor cuts and screens for easy layups. When Clemson converged inside, the Pack had space to make open outside shots.

On defense, State effectively clamped down on the Tiger offense. The Tigers committed 17 turnovers and had only 12 assists, while State had a 2:1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

State players also provided some exciting moments in the game. On back-to-back possessions with the shot clock winding down, Powell swished a fade-away 20-foot jumper and a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

"It's a real good feeling when I made those shots," Powell said. "It is not usually my role. The first one was real funny, but it was a good feeling."

State's final bucket came on an alley-oop from Crawford to high-

flying freshman Cameron Bennerman.

With the win against Clemson, State ran its record to 4-0 in the conference at the RBC Center. The Pack now faces consecutive road games against Wake Forest and Virginia.

"Every game is important—home or away," Sendek said.



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until the 1:43 mark of the second half on two free throws from Razor. State's Terah James tied it up with a jumper with 11 seconds remaining, sending the game into overtime tied at 57-57.

On buckets from Fisher and Delvona Oliver, Maryland took a five-point lead in overtime and held on down the stretch for the 74-72 victory. It was Maryland's first overtime game of the season and gave first-year head coach Brenda Frese her first overtime win at Maryland.

Mendeng finished with a career-high 13 rebounds and eight

points to lead all players. James earned her 10th double-digit game of the season with her season-high 15 points, which included 13 in the second half.

James' 15 points also included a 3-pointer in the final seconds of overtime to pull the Pack within two points. Redshirt junior Kaayla Chones finished with 14 points, while senior Carisse Moody added 12 points. The Pack had a season-low nine turnovers.

State will next play against No. 7 North Carolina on Friday. Head coach Kay Yow will be honored by the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame when a banner goes up in recognition of her enshrinement into the Hall.

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three spots on the 1- and 3-meter boards. Bailey won the 1-meter with a total of 255.35.

Culberson got back on track and picked up her eighth win of the season on the 3-meter in dual meets with a total of 315.5. Christie Welch finished third on both boards.

The women's team will now prepare for the ACC championships, to take place at the Koury Natatorium in Chapel Hill Feb. 20-22. The men's squad will wrap up its regular season on Friday at North Carolina. The meet will begin at 6 p.m. in the Willis Casey Natatorium.

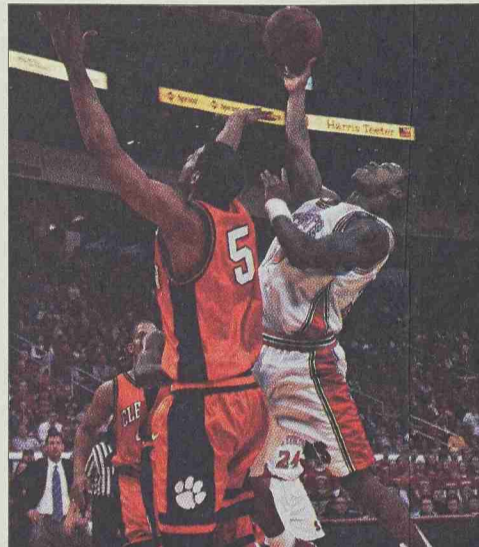
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ing its national championship season in 1973-1974.

"One of our goals for the season was to not lose any games at home," said Sherrill. "Obviously we lost one against Boston College, but we're going to try and not drop any more at home."

In the second half of the conference rotation, State will face Florida State, Georgia Tech, Maryland and Wake Forest at home—making a perfect home record far from a foregone conclusion. While the Pack has won six straight at home over Georgia Tech and four straight against Florida State, Maryland and Wake have each won two straight in Raleigh.



Clifford Crawford scored seven Sunday. Staff photo by Tim Lyvinenko

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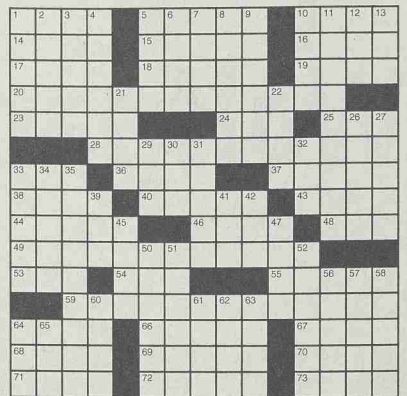
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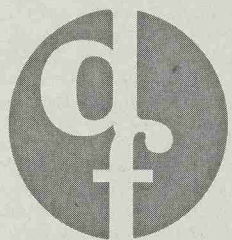


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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Feb. 3. You can make a few bucks this year with beautiful things. Follow through on an idea you've had for a long time. It could be an investment, or fixing things, or your own creativity, but it's probably not part of your regular job. Stretch.

Aries March 21-April 19

Today is a 7. If you are wise, contemplation will replace action. You could move quickly, but maybe you shouldn't. Think about it.

Taurus April 20-May 20

Today is a 6. Don't be ruled by reason alone. Follow your intuition, too, and don't gamble now. There are too many variables. Play it safe.

Gemini May 21-June 21

Today is a 6. Be quick without being hasty, wise without being rude. Compassion is the key. If you make your presentation more gentle, you'll be more effective.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Today is a 6. Be optimistic, but don't rely too heavily on skills that you haven't fully mastered. There are a few problems you've not yet encountered. Watch out.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 6. This is not a good time for financial risks. Play it safe, even if it means telling a friend or loved one "no." Same goes for buying yourself new toys.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 6. Big changes are now under way, so tempers might get short. Be the moderator and the voice of reason. They need your common sense.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Today is a 7. Focus on something that needs to be done, and ignore attractive distractions. Anticipate complications.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6. Don't throw your money around, especially if it's to impress a person you like. That person likes you, too, but for your spiritual wealth, not your financial wealth.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 6. You may feel rather bogged down, annoyed that you can't move more quickly. Actually, changes may need to be made. No need to rush.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 6. The more you learn, the more you discover you don't know. Don't let that keep you from studying. What you're acquiring is worth the annoyance.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is a 7. Reality rears its ugly head as you start to figure out the costs. Don't look at it like there's only so much. Leave room for a few miracles.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 6. You could now take a fantasy and build a strong framework around it. This could be very interesting and even fun, although time-consuming.

Monday Sports

Schedule

M. basketball at Wake Forest, 2/6, 7
W. basketball vs. North Carolina, 2/7, 7
Gymnastics, Governor's Cup, 2/8, 7
Baseball @ Elon, 2/7

Scores

M. basketball 78, Clemson 56
Maryland 74, W. basketball 72 (OT)
Wrestling 25, Old Dominion 12
W. tennis 7, UNC Greensboro 0

TECHNICIAN

Wolfpack tames Tigers

N.C. State shot 68 percent in the second half to rout Clemson.

Memie Ezike
Staff Writer

3t the floor in the RBC Center brings out the best in head coach Herb Sendek and his Wolfpack players.

Back home after a tough road loss to Maryland, the Pack stormed back to rout Clemson 78-56 behind 17-of-25 shooting from the field in the second half and masterful defense against Clemson's strong inside presence.

The Pack started the game on a hot streak, blazing to a 13-2 lead in the first four minutes. Junior Scooter Sherrill, who finished with 11 points, scored the Pack's first eight behind two 3-pointers and a tough layup.

"It helped a lot to start hot; it makes the basket look bigger," Sherrill said. "Making those shots gave me a lot of confidence."

Clemson elected to play zone throughout the game, hoping to disrupt State's inside game and make the Pack shoot from the outside. The strategy backfired on the Tigers, as State was able to capitalize on the soft zone, shooting 45.2 percent from the 3-point line. State also cut down its turnovers to two in the second half after committing 10 in the first.

"Taking care of the ball and being patient with our offense were keys to our turnaround," said sophomore forward Josh Powell.

"Most of our shots came from running our offense," junior Marcus Melvin said. "Penetrating, getting guys in the right spot, and making open shots helped us

win today."

In addition to the offensive outburst, the Pack contributed with effective defense inside and out. Senior Clifford Crawford did an outstanding job containing Tigers' guard Edward Scott. Scott, third in the conference in assists, had only 12 points and five assists because of Crawford.

"I thought Crawford really spearheaded our attack today," Sendek said. "He was tremendously determined to make his teammates better and to run our team."

Powell and the Pack also held their own inside against the bigger Clemson front line. State outrebounded Clemson 23-22, and Clemson's bruising duo of Chris Hobbs and Ray Henderson was held to a total of 10 points and four rebounds.

"All our post players stayed pretty active on defense and helped out one another," Powell said. "Our teammates helped us out as well; they came to the ball whenever we were caught slipping."

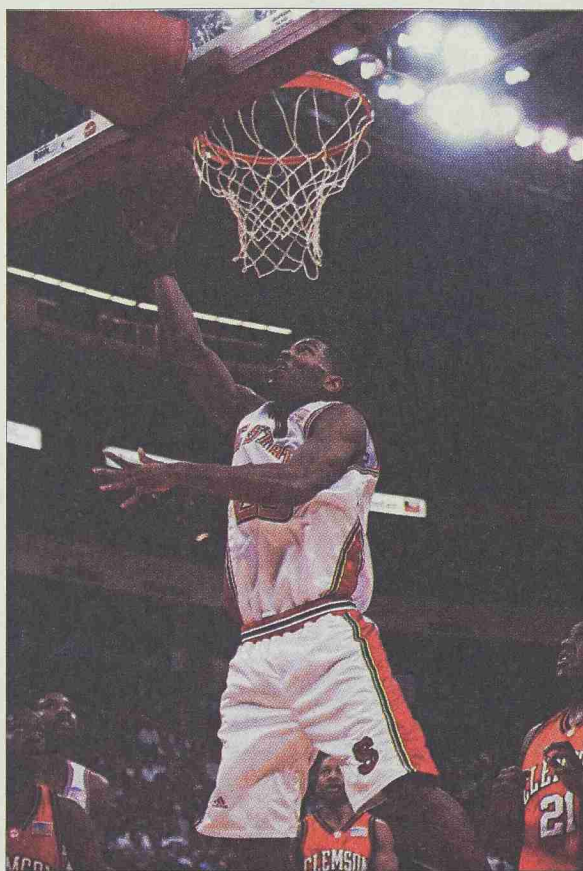
State's star player, sophomore Julius Hodge, did not play like a star early in the game. The Tigers held the shooting guard from New York City to only two points, and Hodge picked up two fouls and committed three turnovers in the first half.

"I was careless with the ball in the first half," Hodge said. "I was letting guys strip me and was not playing my game."

In the second stanza, Hodge came out on fire. Demanding the ball, he scored State's first seven points after the break, had only one turnover and drew Clemson's attention with his ability to penetrate and pass to open teammates.

He finished with 20 points on 7-of-12

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Scooter Sherrill glides to the basket on his way to becoming one of four N.C. State players to score in double figures. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

Wolfpack women drop OT thriller



Amelia Labador and teammates dropped their third straight ACC game. Staff photo by Kevin Ritter

Amelia Labador led four Wolfpack players in double figures with 18 points.

Sports Staff Report

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland held on for the 74-72 overtime win over N.C. State at the Comcast Center on Saturday night.

State has now dropped three straight contests to fall to 9-11 overall and 4-5 in the ACC.

Terrapin senior guard Renneika Razor led all scorers with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

After Alvine Mendeng put State up by two just five seconds into the game, the Pack would lead Maryland until the 6:06 mark of the first half when two free throws by Charmaine Carr and a lay-up from Razor put the Terps up by three points. The Pack regained the lead minutes later and sprung to an eight-point advantage by the half.

Razor and freshman center Carr led the Terps' first-half efforts with eight points each. Razor also notched six of her career-high tying 11 rebounds in the opening half.

State opened up a 10-point lead 5:31 into the second half before the Terps began to chip away at the Wolfpack advantage. Maryland launched a 7-0 run over a seven-minute stretch ending with a Chrissy Fisher 3-point basket to bring the deficit down to three points.

Fisher ended the night with 13 points and was one of four Terps in double figures.

The Terps didn't actually take the lead

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ACC home-court advantage continues

N.C. State's win over Clemson continued the trend of the upper echelon of ACC teams holding serve on their home courts.

Steve Thompson
Sports Editor

Heading into Sunday's action, the top six ACC men's basketball teams had compiled a record of 19-0 in conference play on their respective home courts. Make that 20-0.

With N.C. State's convincing 78-56 win over Clemson, the Pack moved to 4-0 in conference play in the RBC Center. Keeping up the home winning streak will play

a major part in the Pack's success.

"It's not that road games don't matter, but you want to protect your home court and then win some games on the road," said junior forward Marcus Melvin. "When [winning road games] doesn't happen, the home wins come into play, because if you lose at home and away you put yourself in a bad situation."

"If you win at home and can win a few away, you're in the mix with the top teams."

The home-court dominance of the conference's top teams is not specific to the ACC. In both the Big 10 and the Big 12, the top five teams have unblemished records in conference play.

"Whether that statistic continues to

hold up is yet to be seen," said Wolfpack head coach Herb Sendek. "We're just at the halfway point, so there's still a lot of basketball left to be played."

One of the main theories behind the amplification of home-court advantage is the recent trend of college basketball becoming more and more dependent on younger players to contribute heavily. In the ACC, five of the top 10 scorers and six of the top 10 rebounders are freshmen or sophomores. These players simply do not have the familiarity with opposing courts that juniors and seniors have.

In addition to arena familiarity, many players and coaches also credit the effect of the home fans on a game's outcome.

"Our fans have been right there," said

junior Scooter Sherrill. "They've been behind us 100 percent at home in the ACC, and that's big for us."

"I just want our guys to enjoy the best home court possible," said Sendek. "It's important that we have all our fans into the game. I thought we really benefited our previous two home games from a great home court, and I think that's important."

While the Pack has gone at least .500 in conference play at home over the last four years, State hasn't posted more than five home conference wins since 1990-1991. The last time the Pack went undefeated in home conference play was dur-

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Wrestling defeats ODU Clemson tops swimming and diving

Wrestling continued its recent surge with a win against the Monarchs.

Sports Staff Report

NORFOLK, Va. — After struggling for consistency much of the dual-match season, N.C. State's wrestling team ran its winning streak to a season-high three matches Saturday with a 25-12 non-conference victory at Old Dominion.

The meet was held in conjunction with the Virginia Middle School Challenge, and the standing-room-only crowd was the largest ever to witness a dual match in the ODU Fieldhouse. ODU falls to 4-6 with the loss while N.C. State improves to 5-5 with its fifth win in seven matches.

The Wolfpack won three of the first four matches to take a 13-3 lead. George Cintron recorded a 12-5 decision over John Starkes at 125 pounds, and 141-pounder Ryan McCallum picked up six points for the Wolfpack with a fall over ODU's Charlie Busch in 3:21. Cintron won for the ninth time in a row this season, improving to 12-4 overall.

Jake Giamoni then took a 17-9 major decision win over Monarch 149-pound freshman Chad Sichak. Giamoni's major decision capped a week in which he won three bouts, one by major decision, one by technical fall and one by fall. He is now 10-8 on the season.

Redshirt freshman Chris Buckner was the first Monarch to win a bout, coming from behind to defeat Dan Pacitti, 8-7 in the 133-pound match. Pacitti jumped out to a quick lead and had more than two minutes of riding time before Buckner was able to fight back and take a one-point lead of his own. Buckner was able to maintain the advantage on top the last few seconds of the match to take away Pacitti's advantage time.

At 157, Dennis Whitby pulled Old Dominion to within seven points at 13-6, taking a 10-4 decision over Bryant Reames, who was in for the injured Scott Garren. But Dustin Kawa increased the Wolfpack's lead back to 10 points at 16-6 with a 10-3 decision over freshman Matt Ulrey at 165.

Kawa also won for the ninth time in a row this season. He is 13-3 overall and 9-1 since dropping down from the 174-pound weight class.

Ben Summerlin came from behind to take a hard-fought 4-3 decision over the Wolfpack's Kevin Gabrielson, but Jon Godwin defeated ODU freshman Adam Wright at 184 pounds, 6-3, to make the score 19-9.

State's Matt Gulliver officially clinched the team victory when he pinned 197-pounder Greg Gill in 2:49 to give the Wolfpack a 25-9 lead.

ODU heavyweight Derrell Lorthridge earned his team-best 21st win of the year with a 5-1 decision over Wolfpack freshman Leroy Harris.

Following the loss, the women's team will next compete in the ACC championships while the men will face North Carolina this weekend

Sports Staff Report

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The N.C. State men's and women's swimming and diving squads fell to Clemson on the road Saturday in their final combined dual meet of the season.

The setback drops the men to 7-3 (3-3 ACC) and the women to 6-7 (2-5). Clemson defeated the men 136.5-106.5 and the women 149-94.

Despite the team losses, the Wolfpack got winning performances from a number of contributors, including Pete Pessagno and Scott Detloff, who both won two events, and Catherine Parks and Jessica Koenig. The women's diving squad swept the field with Molly Culberson and Erin Bailey leading the field.

The swimming events took place at the Spartanburg Middle Tyger YMCA, and the diving position was held later in the afternoon at the Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics Center north of Charlotte.

Detloff picked up his second consecutive win in the 50-yard freestyle and tied for first in the 100-yard freestyle. Pessagno won the 500-yard freestyle race with a time of 4:38.57, finishing just



The N.C. State swimming and diving teams could not pull out a win this weekend. Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

ahead of teammate Chris Nixon.

The Wolfpack took a one-two-three sweep in the 1000-yard freestyle, with Pessagno again leading the way, Jack Deal finished second and Dan Kesler third. Kevin Barkely and Rob Terrell scored in the 200-yard backstroke with second- and fourth-place finishes.

Rob Yeager reached the wall first in the 200-yard breaststroke and took third in the 200-yard individual medley.

Jared Bench won the 3-meter spring-

board with a score of 324 and finished second on the 1-meter with a 285.

In women's action, Parks got her third win of the season in the 200-yard butterfly, and teammate Laura Cutler finished third. Koenig posted her best time of the season in the 200-yard IM to take winning honors, while Cutler and Karen Burbella finished third and fourth.

The diving squad performed in top shape vs. the Tigers and took the top

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