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IN THE KNOW

WORLD

Powell prepares to make case for war

Secretary of State Colin Powell will appear before the United Nations Security Council today to make the case for military action in Iraq. Powell will use previously classified data to respond to skeptics that charge the United States has not provided proof that war with Iraq is necessary.

Powell will try to show members of the council that Iraq has been building weapons of mass destruction. He is expected to use satellite photos, phone-call intercepts and intelligence reports of recent imports of banned weapons materials into Iraq to make his case.

Meanwhile, U.S. forces in the Gulf region continue to grow. Currently, there are about 65,000 U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf with 120,000 troops ordered to deploy.

France remains opposed to war with Iraq

After much persuasion by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, French President Jacques Chirac remained opposed to joining alliances in the potential war against Iraq.

Chirac supports giving U.N. weapons inspectors, who are searching for the banned weapons of mass destruction, more time to complete inspections.

Last month, Chirac was reported to have said that he would like to see the United Nations' chief inspectors be granted with several more months to decide if Saddam Hussein's government is indeed hiding banned weapons.

NATION

Nation remembers fallen astronauts

A crowd of thousands gathered at NASA's Johnson Space Center to bid farewell to the seven astronauts killed in the Columbia space shuttle explosion on Saturday.

President George Bush led the ceremony, which included family, members of the space program and the community. "Our nation shares in your sorrow and in your pride," Bush said. "We remember not only one moment of tragedy, but seven lives of great purpose and achievement."

During the eulogy, Bush spoke of each astronaut, sharing personal stories about each. Outside the ceremony, flags flew at half-staff across the region.

Final World Trade Center designs selected

The two structures that were chosen as the finalists for the design rebuild of the World Trade Center on Tuesday are both taller than any other structure in the world.

The first proposal is similar to the original trade center design with twin towers. The second design has the same foundation as the World Trade Center.

The Lower Manhattan Development Corp. is overseeing the redevelopment of the World Trade Center site.

STATE

Criminal cause ruled out in Kinston explosion

Investigators are closer to determining the cause of a deadly blast in Kinston last week, ruling out a bomb or criminal act and focusing instead on an explosive mix of dust and air.

Investigators with the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board have concluded that the explosion at the West Pharmaceutical Services plant began in a mixing area where workers mixed crude rubber with chemicals. Fires had occurred in the area in the past and investigators said that several of the chemicals used could have produced an explosive dust.

The spark for the explosion, however, is still unknown.

Senate committee members named

On Tuesday, Marc Basnight, a Senate leader, named four Republicans as chairmen for the Senate committee. This is the first time that Basnight, D-Dare, has named four Republicans at once as chairmen.

The Appropriations and Finance committees, which finalize budget and tax policy, will continue to be headed by Democrats, but the GOP senators will now head the judiciary committee. In addition, they will be co-chairs other committees.

Students' Day at the Capital successful despite weather



Students applaud announcements about increased need-based financial aid for UNC universities at Tuesday's Students' Day at the Capital. Staff photo by Tasha Petty

N.C. State's representation at Students' Day at the Capital was less than expected, but other UNC schools boasted high participation.

Jessica Horne
Staff Reporter

A majority of the UNC system schools came together yesterday at the state capital to discuss the tuition freeze for the next academic year. Despite a rainy start, Students' Day at the Capital was deemed an overall success by the coordinators and the participants. It was evident that students' spirits were not dampened as they demonstrated their approval of the proposed tuition freeze.

Around 11 a.m., 650 students from across North Carolina assembled to speak with their legislators about their disapproval concerning past tuition increases. The day began with speakers including Representative Paul Stam, UNC President Molly Broad, Board of Governors Chairman Brad Wilson, Den Ruffin, ASG Delegate Amanda Devore, and ASG President Jonathan Ducote. Students were then split up and given the chance to speak with their legislators in small groups.

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"The legislators have heard the students' voices and know that they will continue to hear a constant voice until this matter is decided on."

- ASG President
Jonathan Ducote



Student and community leaders addressed the crowds of students. Staff photo by Tasha Petty

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Asia Night draws diverse crowd

N.C. State's Asian Students Association presented its annual Asia Night event on Saturday.

Diane Cordova
Assistant News Editor

Upon entering the Tally Student Center's ballroom entrance, the red Chinese lanterns, gold metallic streamers and "hong bao," or red Chinese envelopes, were quickly noticeable. The dinner tables were covered with white sheets, candles and red fans with dragon cutouts pasted on them. People of all races and ages were scattered throughout the dimly lit ballroom.

Eventually, approximately 450 people gathered in the Tally Student Center Ballroom for Asia Night 2003 — an event dedicated to embracing the culture and diversity of the Asian continent.

"It's a great thing that it's on campus because it incorporates every aspect of [the Asian Students Association] — the social aspect, the cultural aspect and the educational value," said Walter Ear, the Asian Students Association (ASA) president and a junior in construction engineering and management. Ear gave credit to Benjamin Ho, the ASA vice president and a senior in computer science. "Ben was the backbone of Asia Night," said Ear.

The annual event, hosted by NCSU's Asian Students Association (ASA), took place Saturday, which was also the Chinese New Year. It was a unique opportunity for the community to be exposed to Asian culture through dance, music, performance and food.

"I think it's a great way to understand other cultures. I learned new things," said Nancy Zagbayou, a freshman in political science. "I didn't know it was the Chi-

nese New Year and I've never been exposed to Japanese music."

"This is my fifth Asia Night," said James Reed, a master's student in textile engineering and president of the Union Activities Board. "It's always a joy and pleasure to watch every time."

"I thought it was a good way to bring in the Chinese New Year," said Michael Lee, a sophomore in computer engineering.

Asia Night was divided into two main parts — a dinner and a show.

The evening commenced with dinner, which was catered by Sino Wok. The dinner featured authentic Asian cuisine, including fried rice, steamed rice, lo mein, sesame chicken, Singapore rice noodles, Thai chicken wings, and tofu and vegetables.

While people ate, the band Rumblestar

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CHASS job fair not only for seniors

The annual CHASS job fair will be held Thursday in the Caldwell Lounge.

Nicki Bowman
Staff Reporter

N.C. State's College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) will hold its annual job fair Thursday to help students in their pursuit of a future career.

As the second-largest of N.C. State's colleges with the second-largest enrollment of undergraduates, the CHASS job

fair will be an opportunity for many students to come and meet with various employers. In addition, students will be able to narrow down the available opportunities or simply get advice from the employers on how to present a better resume.

Sandra P. Stallings, coordinator of CHASS advising, said that the seniors in particular should come prepared with several resumes on hand.

While the fair will be geared toward seniors, Stallings says that freshmen, sophomores and juniors should also try

to attend to explore the different fields that might be of interest to them.

"I got a better understanding of the career that I am planning on working towards," said Lauren Williamson, a junior who attended the CHASS job fair last year. "It was a great opportunity to meet with employers face to face and ask questions that helped me to decide on what I want for my future."

Stallings suggests that students who are unsure about what they might want to pursue a career in should keep their

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City Council to address Wolfpack Against Raleigh concerns

Student Senate members recently declared W*A*R (Wolfpack Against Raleigh) in opposition to the proposed living ordinance and other concerns.

News Staff Report

Passionate opinions about the city council's proposal to limit the number of unrelated roommates in a home or town home are not hard to find.

Since its proposal last year, the legislation has spawned community hearings, editorials, heated debates and most recently, a proposal to declare W*A*R (Wolfpack Against Raleigh) by the N.C. State Student Senate.

City council members will visit campus tonight to listen to the concerns of students in a public hearing. All students are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. in Witherspoon Student Center Cinema.

If passed, the new ordinance would place limits on the number of roommates that can share a home or town home.

For proponents, it is a viable way to reduce the number of college students and unrelated roommates that move into single-family neighborhoods. They argue that such renters often bring traf-

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Bush can't go wrong improving education

Currently, the U.S. government sponsors national spelling and geographic bees. President Bush is right on target to suggest that an American history bee should also be sponsored.

Monday, Bush asked Congress for \$25 million to help Americans appreciate their heritage. Included in the project would be an annual National History Bee. The president produced the idea last Constitution Day, Sept. 17. Appropriately named the "We the People" project, the program would be run under Chairman Bruce Cole of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Other than the history bee, the project would provide new training programs for teachers, support for statewide programs on history and the creation of special museum exhibits focused on national civics and culture.

Also in the budget Bush proposed was \$13.7 million to prepare for the opening of a National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in September of 2004. This museum is long overdue and well deserved, and with far too few Americans appreciating the sacrifices and culture of American Indians in the United States Bush also proposed \$7.8 million for an annex to the Air and Space Museum, the Steven Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport. Other funds have been requested for allocation to the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service.

The president can never go wrong by requesting funds to better educate the American public about their past and present. Information is the key to producing and sustaining a functioning democratic republic. Some could argue keeping the public uninformed is a better way for society to keep control and

function. Those are not the principles this country was founded on. Without a well-educated public that understands where they came from and how that will serve them in where they are going, we are fighting a losing battle.

The money Bush has proposed is just a drop in the proverbial bucket compared to the rest of the budget, and it will go a long way in improving the minds and civic understanding of America. In the past few years where we have been ever-constantly reminded of how patriotic we can be, we can only strengthen that force by providing it a larger foundation of knowledge and understanding.

The only way Bush's provision could go farther and be better is if he didn't restrict it to this country. The entire world is available and full of history and information. The more the American public knows about the world in which they operate the better. In the coming years, the budget could allocate money for museums and programs that could inform every American who wants to know facts from all over the world.

This plan to institute more programs to educate children and adults about American history is excellent. It will improve greatly if it is approached as a beginning opposed to an answer. Ignorance is never completely gone, but our society is one of the greatest because it operates with the belief that the people can know enough and want to know enough to operate their own government. If the government continues to give opportunities to learn about our country and our world, we can only get better. The only way this can be accomplished is for everyone to take the time to learn.

Troops need support, porn

Staff Editorial
Daily Evergreen
(Washington State U.)

(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash. — With the United States on the brink of war, WSU students have much to worry about. The two basic choices for draftable men are conscription or Canada.

For those conscripted into the military, there is one big advantage: free porn. For U.S. soldiers around the world, DirectLink Media Group has created a Web site (www.FreePornForOurTroops.com) dedicated to providing free pornographic material to soldiers fighting the war on terror.

"If you have ever honored our country, in the past or in the present, by risking your life to defend our freedom and our way of life, we want to say thank you with free adult products," Aaron Gordon, president of the Web site, told Adult Video News.

Each soldier is entitled to 500 free videos but has to pay for shipping and handling.

There are many questions that need answering:

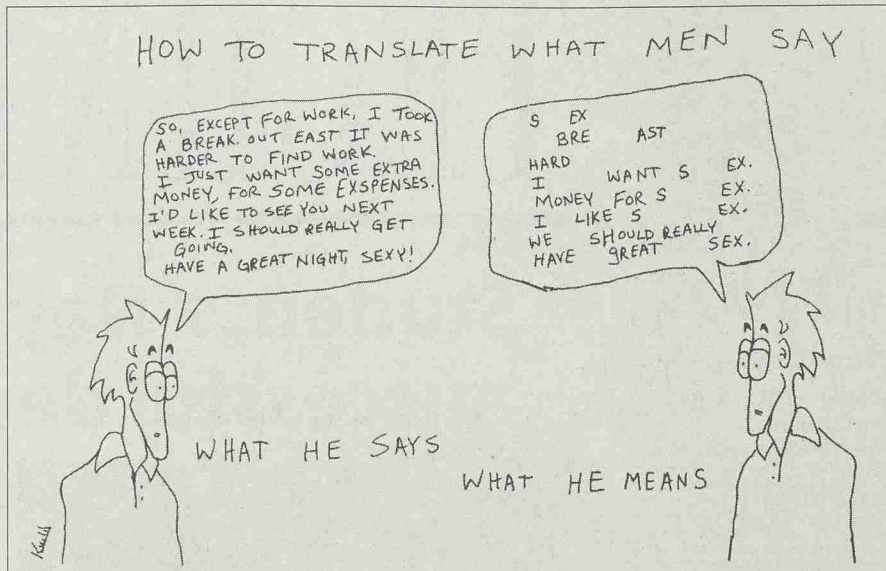
- What could someone possibly do with 500 porn videos?
- When a soldier receives his or her 500 porn videos, is there a special place to "view" the videos?
- Do soldiers have to carry all 500 videos in their rucksacks?
- Where is someone in the military going to find the \$2,969 it would cost to ship 500 videos? (\$9.95 for the first one, \$5.95 for each additional video up to 500)

• Isn't it ironic that almost half of the porn featured on the Web site features gay men having sex? Don't ask, don't tell.

• Finally, shouldn't troops be preparing for war instead of masturbating?

We're assuming there aren't a ton of soldiers who are going to take advantage of this offer, but we applaud DirectLink and its mission.

It's not like our troops or the soon-to-be-homeless Iraqi infants need food or shelter, but our troops sure need to get off.



It is all about sex



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

possible we have gone a little too far with this sex thing.

In everything that goes on around us, sexual innuendo is at the center. It has been said that the Washington Monument represents a penis and the capital building a woman's breast. In any class, if a professor makes a remark that in any way could be twisted, it will be by at least one student. On the radio, TV, and Internet: sex is everywhere. It sells. It gets people's attention and interest. A car advertisement is more effective if attractive women are used instead of just giving the facts about the car.

Even holidays have become sexually related. What was once considered an innocent and fun observation of Groundhog Day has now been altered to include sexual content, but sorry guys, it is not about humans. A study done at Pennsylvania State University shows that groundhogs come out on or around Feb. 2 in order to find a mate. They do not care about their shadow at all; they just

want to procreate. The time of year is perfect for males to explore their territory and investigate which females are around and how good of a mate they will be.

Valentine's Day has also become more sexually related through the years. Companies advertise sexy lingerie. Valentine cards hint (or bluntly say) that the giver wants to love the receiver in all kinds of ways. Chocolate, the candy of choice for Valentine's Day, is promoted as having chemicals that release endorphins and excite the consumer to wanting sex. Whatever happened to the sweetness of giving a Valentine just to say, "I love you?" Or was I just too naive in those days to realize what was really going on?

I do not see anything wrong with sex, I am just curious why it seems everything has to be about sex. It would be nice to have a conversation with someone or a group of people without someone smirking because a sexually related remark was made. Even if a guy is strictly good friends with a girl, if he stays with her one night and other friends find out, the first thing that jumps to mind is that they slept together.

Relationships do not have to be based on sex. People of the opposite gender can be close friends without having any sexual feelings towards each other at all. There are plenty of topics in the world besides sex that friends can talk about.

Basically, I am tired of sex being the

center of attention for everyone. Let's concentrate on more important things in a relationship, like love and trust. While I am fine with premarital sex, I do think that a couple should have strong feelings for each other (and not just strong sexual feelings), and not have sex just because they can. When a couple truly cares for one another, sex becomes more than an activity of pleasure; I applaud those of you that have decided to wait for sex until marriage—it shows a stronger commitment to your partner, and a deeper respect.

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There are plenty of ways to get things that you want, earn money, make up after fights and show love other than

sex. A smart person would buy a car based on the aspects of the car, not the aspects of the model hanging all over it. Groundhog Day can go back to the innocence of whether or not winter is going to come to an end soon. Valentine's Day can be about love of all kinds including mother and daughter, two friends or sister and brother. Would it really be that hard to take sex out of conversations?

Heather is definitely not anti-sex, but she does know how to have a conversation with someone without using sexually related content. E-mail her at hrcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu if you would like to partake in one of these conversations.

Tragic ending to great journey



Abbie Byrom
Staff Columnist

parents and spouses, expecting hugs and kisses and cool stories only minutes before the horrible tragedy occurred. It began like a dream, only it was ripped away from every loved one waiting for the crewmembers to return from their journey. For some, it was only the first voyage. For every one, it was the last.

NASA has vowed to find out what caused this tragedy, and rumors have already surfaced on CNN that the safety checks for the shuttle were incomplete, and corners were cut to save time and money. The New York Times reported on Monday that "Five out of the nine members of a NASA advisory panel were removed last year after they warned of looming safety troubles for the shuttle fleet." All over fields in Texas and Louisiana, parking lots and gas stations are sectioned off with yellow tape in order to protect pieces of fuselage that fell from the disintegrated Columbia.

Will this calm the mourning widows and widowers? Will these statements and investigations quench the thirst of a hurt and angry nation? A short 17 years after the space shuttle Challenger disaster, people's hearts all over the world were once again in their throats as they sat by the tel-

evision or radio in disbelief, shock, and sadness.

President Bush's statement to the nation explained with heartfelt sincerity Saturday that "the Columbia is lost today," and the creator of the stars knew the names of every crewmember on board. Bush urged us not to forget them and always to respect them for the great service they had done.

The media coverage over the past few days has been remarkable. Dan Rather gave a touching memorial for these astronauts on Saturday. The crewmembers were commemorated with a brief history of their lives. The explanation of the day's events was tactful, yet sincere and sympathetic to all in mourning.

However, as Sunday morning rolled in, the news channels had turned a sad event that shocked the world into a three-ring circus. On every channel, all I could see was Columbia meeting its demise over and over again. It was eerily reminiscent of the 9/11 footage. I had hoped that the networks had learned their lesson and wouldn't exploit the deceased with the constant image of Columbia's end, but sadly that wasn't the case.

Generation X has been privileged enough to watch history being made for a long time now through network news programs, radio shows and the newspapers across the nation. Not only have we been through the Challenger disaster, the Gulf War, and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but now we have also seen our space exploration program suffer a deep setback with the Columbia disaster. Although many people will take offense

to it being called a privilege to see this disaster with our own eyes, I stand by my statement, because it is a privilege. We have been able to see, just like our parents and grandparents have in past years, that the world we live in is rapidly changing. Unfortunately, over the last few days our nation has been bombarded with the remaining seconds of the space shuttle Columbia's journey just before it disintegrated in front of our eyes.

On the downside, we have also seen the media world change. It may have first been apparent with the coverage of former President Bill Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky. It seems that since the media has been jaded, and has not

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learned to over look gossip-worthy tidbits. We can't just stick to the facts. Our society has come to the conclusion that "what bleeds, leads" in the media. I hope the families mourning don't have to see too much because I can't see how it would help them heal.

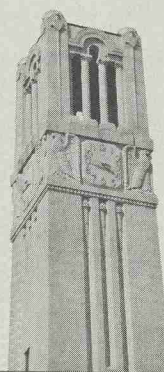
I would like to urge to the campus and the state to follow Bush's comments to always remember and respect those on the Columbia. Their untimely death should not be shown repeatedly in an apathetic manner because they died performing a great service for our nation. In return networks nationwide and worldwide should respect the grieving families by keeping the footage of the disaster to a minimum.

If you have any thoughts on Columbia's tragic end, e-mail Abbie at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Uncle Sam's impaired judgement

Greg Volk

Staff Columnist

I smoke pot. I support terrorism.

According to the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign and the Bush administration, the above would be true — if I smoked pot, that is.

By now you're aware of the latest PR campaign in the ongoing "war on drugs." The current campaign, just over a year old, is sponsored by the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign through TheAntiDrug.com and focuses on illegal drugs' connection to terrorism abroad and drugs' abilities to impair users' judgments, specifically marijuana's ability to do so.

Though I don't support drug legalization, even of marijuana, the current anti-drug campaigns, especially with regards to marijuana, are dogmatic propaganda and a waste of our nations' resources.

The anti-drug camp would have us believe that drugs unequivocally support terrorism. OK, in certain instances this is true. Opium has been Afghanistan's dubious cash crop for years. But, in actuality, according to the National Drug Intelligence Center, most marijuana used in the United States comes from the United States.

Unless people like Timothy McVeigh happen to be huge stoners, the anti-drug movement has some explaining to do about domestic marijuana's contribution to "terrorism" at home and abroad. The NDIC goes on to say that leading foreign sources of marijuana in the United States are Mexico, Jamaica, Colombia and, increasingly, Canada. Mexico, Jamaica and Colombia, with a little reasoning, can fit into the

campaign's argument fairly well, but Canada? Canada may be becoming more and more well known for their highly potent "BC bud" but has yet to prove it is a real terrorist threat.

The worst example of the anti-marijuana campaign messages is the infamous "Stacey" public service announcement. It opens with a shot of Stacey, who bought a dime bag. The next image is the dealer who sold Stacey the dime bag. Then there is Stacey's supplier, followed by Carla, who was hit by a stray bullet from Stacey's supplier and paralyzed for life. The message ends with "Drug

money supports terrible things. If you buy drugs, you might too."

This actually raises a valid point: that the organized

crime supported by illegal drug trade is dangerous and harmful to our country and others. But, again, considering that most marijuana used here is grown here, aside from domestic organized crime, we're back where we started.

The other major flaw with these anti-marijuana ads is simple: They won't be effective. They ask adolescent kids to take into consideration the national and global implications of their actions and, based on these insights, to pass on grass.

There are two reasons kids smoke pot for the first time: A) It will make me seem cool and, B) It will give me a buzz. Another reason, C) It could, in some remote way, support terrorism or some other sort of violent or oth-

erwise illegal act does not and will not ever enter the minds of America's youths when they decided whether to smoke their first joint.

In another piece in this campaign, it's implied that a teenage boy takes advantage of a teenage girl by getting her lifted. Boy, if I only had a nickel for every time someone got a girl stoned to take advantage of her.

If you really want to talk about impairment of judgment, ever-wise anti-drug gurus, perhaps you should consider constructing a campaign around the role alcohol — which you can get at any

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convenience store and certainly does not support terrorism — plays in sexual abuse. Most of us here know some woman who has been in an uncomfortable or even violent sexual encounter thanks to alcohol. Instead, how about a national anti-drinking and driving campaign aimed at teens and college students?

Yes, marijuana can impair your judgment. Yes, marijuana can make you lazy. Yes, in some instances, it can serve as a gateway drug. But no, the AntiDrug.com's anti-marijuana campaign as it stands right now is not effective nor is it a good use of federal time, energy and money.

Greg remembers one spring break where he supported terrorism way too much. E-mail your similar experiences and insights to him at dieshus@hotmail.com.

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times that they never get the chance to talk to the students whom the tuition increases actually affect. I think with this new perspective, they will be more sympathetic to students in the future," said UNC-Greensboro sophomore Kelly Glenwood.

N.C. State Student Government official, Bronson Hissom stated, "I felt the day was an overall success. Legislators welcomed us into their offices and talked in length about the concerns that face us, as students. In many cases, after having talked to them, I felt we had a growing number of allies in the General Assembly."

The proposed tuition freeze has been approved by the Board of Governors, but the General Assembly will have the final say in

whether or not the tuition will increase next year. In the past three years, tuition has increased 62 percent. Officials have noted that some students from lower income families have not been able to attend schools in the UNC system due to the high tuition rates. Sporadic tuition increases have also made it difficult for students to plan for upcoming academic years. Students' Day at the Capital was a chance for interested students to come and let their legislators know how these tuition increases have affected their college careers. It also gave them a chance to support the proposed tuition freeze.

School rivalry did not stand in the way of the students uniting in front of the legislative building.

David Marsh, a junior at UNC-Pembroke replied, "Although we may be competitive in sports, we

knew this was an issue that all schools needed to support. A win with the General Assembly will be a win for all students in the UNC system. This was a time when it was necessary to put aside grudges and rivalries, and work together as one group brought together by a common interest."

Although there was not a large turnout from NCSU, other schools sent out large groups to address the legislators. NCSU coordinators hope for a larger turnout next year, and encourage students to speak to their representatives before this session lets out.

"I think it was a successful day. It was a big step forward for the students today," said ASG President Jonathan Ducote. "The legislators have heard the students' voices and know that they will continue to hear a constant voice until this matter is decided on."

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opened the show with a selection of songs, such as Utada Hikaru's "First Love" and Nelly Furtado's "I'm Like a Bird."

"We've got Wolfpack pride," said Ear while introducing the show. "And we've got Asian pride."

Emcees Crystal Paras and Khe Hean introduced following acts, such as performers who did the Chinese Lion Dance, a traditional dance that is usually part of the Chinese New Year festivities.

In addition to NCSU-affiliated groups, ASA collaborated with other universities, such as Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill, to showcase their work as well.

The show also included performances by the Sunny Dance Group, the NCSU Aikido Club, the UNC Kamikaze Dance Team, the Triangle Taiko of North Carolina, Duke University's Defining Movement Dance Troupe and the NCSU ASA Fusion Dance Team.

In addition, a presentation on the Chinese yo-yo was given, ren-

ditions of Utada Hikaru's "First Love" in Japanese and My Tam's "Ban Mai Tinh Yeu" in Vietnamese were performed and a fashion show was presented.

Eliot Chang, a stand-up comedian from Harlem, New York, concluded the show leaving the packed ballroom in fits of laughter. Chang discussed various topics from living in Harlem to racism to Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"If I can represent my community in [conjunction] with my act, I think it's good so that Asians can see something different [from the norm]," said Chang.

"It's been a very well-organized and coordinated event," said Manu Karan, a graduate student in computer engineering. "There was lots of variety. The food was excellent..."

"[Asia Night] allowed me to learn about Asian culture, which is not something I'm normally exposed to in school," said sophomore Louisha Barnett, a biochemistry major. "This is my second year attending and I had a good time overall."

"I'm glad that we could add a lot of modern and traditional

Asian themes. It was well received," said Nancy Nguyen, a junior in Spanish and marketing, and choreographer of the fashion show. "Next year is going to be bigger, badder and better."

This was the first year that the fashion show had professional stylists.

"My best feeling was that when I realized the show would run itself, because there were so many dedicated, hard working individuals there," said Benjamin Ho.

"I thought it was a good experience," said Betsy Godbolb, a freshman in political science. "The dances were beautiful and I got to see different aspects of Asian culture."

The members of ASA's executive board include: Walter Ear, Benjamin Ho, Hilda Tong, Addi Wei, Sheri Chen, Alain Yang, Kiran Venkat, Liming Wang, Jodie Vu, Kapish Aggarwal, Mike Wei, Andy Li, Sammi Au-Yeung, Karman Tong, Steven Harrel Annie Yee, Diana Truong

Asia Night 2003 was sponsored in part by State Farm Insurance.

CAMPUS FORUM

School spirit not a part-time activity

I have been a die-hard N.C. State fan for more years than I care to admit. I have attended games in Reynolds and am currently a season-ticket holder for basketball and football.

Herb Sendek and his staff are doing a masterful job in coaching our basketball team. It was very disappointing to see the stands so empty during the Clemson game this past Sunday. Our team feeds off the energy that our fans provide and we need the student support during all of our conference games.

Seeing the student section half empty today was a disappointment. I would like to encourage the students to rally and show the team the same fantastic support they showed last week in the rival games versus Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill.

Herb, his staff and team deserve the support that only our fans can provide. Let's put the N.C. State students on the map every game like the "Crazies" down the road. Be proud, loud and support the Wolfpack.

M. Black Cary, N.C.

Anti-war is anti-America?

I'm shocked at Technician's decision to place a derisive ad in the Monday, Feb. 3 edition that seemed to broadly attack all peace-loving Americans by labeling them the "hate-America radicals." Comparing anti-war Americans with terrorists, fascists, Nazis, and totalitarians is not only an extreme and radical view itself, but it is also a completely unfounded, fallacious, and asinine one as well.

I'd like to know just how much money Technician received to print an ad that took up over half a page and which so blatantly and boldly condemned a large section of our country's citizens by making far-reaching generalizations. I'm ashamed to think that our university newspaper could be bribed into printing such unsubstantiated, narrow-minded propaganda.

The ad and the group sponsoring it claim that the "peace movement" (a mock reference by them) and a so-called "hate America left" are "attempting to silence right-thinking citizens" and "divide the home front in the face of the enemy." But I've never seen a group that so hypocritically and ironically stated their position and so ambiguously identified the subject of their derision.

Exactly who are these so-called

"hate America left radicals?" The author of the ad seems to assume that all Americans who are against the war with Iraq fit into this category.

Furthermore, the ad's accusatory language and scathing, vituperative tone seem to contradict what it claims to be against, the hatred of America. What it seems to say (or more likely scream) is, "Anti-war Americans hate America so we should hate and be suspicious of them."

Watch out folks. It seems the days of McCarthyism are back.

Jennifer Vaughan
Sophomore
Communications

Trendy not necessarily happy

Thank you, Matt Campbell, for your article, "New Clothing Lines" (2/4). Being a student in the College of Textiles, this is a subject that has troubled me for some time.

Designer clothing and trends (whether clothing, cosmetics, restaurants, etc.) marketed solely by a celebrity's status is, in my opinion, offensive to those who work hard for a legitimate education in one or more of those fields. It is sad to see a "star" take over a portion of a market in place of someone who might actually know what they're doing. One perfect example is Jennifer Lopez. After announcing her plans in the fall of 2002 to market a new fragrance called "Glow," she was immediately sued by Glow Industries, who had already established a line of cosmetics called Glow Cosmetics. Case in point: if she or her partners knew anything at all about the cosmetics industry, market research, etc., they might have been wise enough to do their homework, choose another name, and avoid a trademark infringement lawsuit. I'm sure that a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology with a degree in Cosmetics and Fragrance Management and Marketing would have known better.

Another sad example: Britney Spears' restaurant, Nyla. Aside from the stylish décor and trendy setting, I have yet to find a reviewer or critic (minus one 16-year-old fan's review on her fan Web site) to say anything remotely positive about the food, with the general consensus being that celebrity status is not a license to serve mediocre food. I'd bet that any accomplished graduate of any culinary arts school in the country would love the chance to open his or her own restaurant and serve something

that could be digested by the general public. No, sorry, your name isn't Britney Spears and people won't care.

On one hand, I can respect people like J.Lo for what she sacrificed to "make it." She's a wonderful dancer and performer and has definitely paid her dues in the industry and earned the right to be praised for those talents. But what does she really know about apparel or product design, garment construction, or market and consumer research? News flash for J.Lo: the roots of your style and trendiness are from years of being dressed by designers like Dolce & Gabbana or Chanel. Stick to dancing and let them make the clothes.

Carrie Moser
Graduate Student
College of Textiles

Payne's lawsuit ridiculous

Andrew Payne's suggestion that students of N.C. State file a class action lawsuit against the UNC system is ridiculous and flawed in logic. First, the parallel he attempts to draw in reference to the lawsuit in Missouri is inaccurate. The premise on which those students filed suit is completely different from the reasons he suggests that we follow their lead.

Payne quotes Article 9, Section 9 of the state constitution in his argument in favor of students' entitlement to a free college education. While I am a student who does not favor the recent tuition increases, I will remind Payne that the same article of the state constitution he quoted implies that all residents are entitled to a free education, only "as far as practicable." Given the current budget deficit that our state is experiencing, I do not believe the government can afford to subsidize all of our expenses.

I did not like hearing Payne complain about the money that he has to pay every fall and spring to our university. Does he honestly believe that the roughly \$2000 per semester that each student is charged for tuition pays for all the salaries, equipment, and expenses that NCSU incurs for the year?

Andrew, it appears the state in which you intend to file suit against already pays for a substantial portion of your education. I hope in the future that the opinion section fills its columns with articles that contain slightly more intelligence than the singular use of the word "façade."

Gregory W. Brickham
Junior
Environmental Technology

CITY COUNCIL

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fic congestion, noise violations and a decrease in property value.

Opponents of the proposal, however, point out that it could reduce affordable housing in the area and push out members of the community. Some see it as

discrimination — unfairly targeting college students and immigrants — while others believe it is a question of free choice. Students, service organizations and landlords have fought the ordinance since it was proposed.

The city council held a public hearing on Jan. 21 in the Raleigh City Council chambers to discuss the issue. At the meeting, 52 peo-

ple spoke against the proposal and 10 supported it.

No resolution was made at the meeting although council members alluded to the possibility of a public vote.

Students can address members of the council tonight at 7 p.m. in Witherspoon Student Center Cinema.

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eyes open to everything — even the most unusual possibilities.

"I expect to learn more about the career opportunities available as well as what skills and abilities I need to learn in order to be successful in a future occupation. I also hope to meet possible future employers," said Kristin Pecnik, a sophomore in media communications.

Jessica Cline, a freshman in media communications, said she is planning on attending the career fair "to assess opportunities available in the field of advertising."

Students like Steve Severinghaus, a freshman in communications, hope to gain a better understanding of the various career paths they can take with their particular major.

"[I want to] try to narrow down exactly what I want to go into," said Severinghaus.

The CHASS job fair will be held on Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Caldwell Lounge. Thirty-

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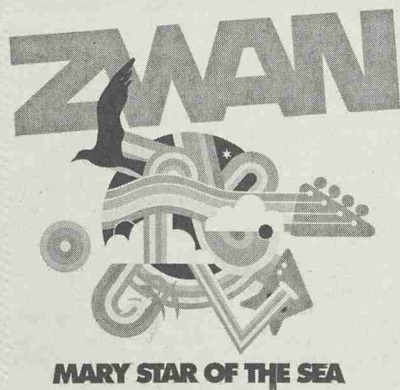


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Zwan dive

Zwan
Mary Star of the Sea
★★★★

Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

At long last, Billy the Bald is back! But is he back with a vengeance? Hardly.

Is Billy Corgan, the former Smashing Pumpkins' frontman whose voice and stirring lyrics commanded even the most casual listener's attention, back with that powerhouse vanity that led to "Melon Collie and the Infinite Sadness"? Surprisingly enough, not really.

Riding the wings of his hard-rocking new outfit Zwan, Corgan has instead returned to the music press with something of a newfound vibrancy and vision. That happiness—resting squarely upon Corgan's nebulous feelings of hope, love and that classic rock-god opiate, religion—plays out with decided effort in nearly all 14 tracks of Zwan's studio debut, "Mary Star of the Sea."

In its first effort, Zwan—composed of Corgan and Pumpkins' drummer Jimmy Chamberlain, Chavez guitarist Matt Sweeney, Slint and Tortoise guitarist David Pajo and A Perfect Circle bassist Paz Lenchantin—bypasses the normal pitfalls of many supergroups. The tracks (and especially the album's concept) don't seem too dedicated to any longing for days and bands past.

Luckily, the errant Audioslave formula of gluing one legendary band concept to another with virtually no surprises is sidestepped, giving rise to something quite different. The Cars and The Smiths seem to be of primary importance, while Thurston Moore's fist-to-the-face sonics and guitar stunts take a reluctant and disappointing backseat.

Snatches of each artist are in full view throughout the disc, creating more than one instance of explosive playing. Lenchantin's bass playing is phenomenal, and Jimmy Chamberlain's drumming has never marched with such power and utter force ("Ride a Black Swan" and "Declarations of Faith"). The three guitars, though at times dreadfully predictable in how close they are tied to the music's basic melody, work remarkably well together ("Honestly"). Corgan never fails with his trademark style of crafting the perfect melody; much of the material builds almost effortlessly, sweeping through well-timed progressions in some of his most infectious material to date. The work hums with remarkable precision and dynamic flavor, a rare feat for any band—no matter how esteemed or talented—making its first studio record.

The members, all mainstream or indie rock luminaries in their own right, seem remarkably comfortable with one another. None of the ego clashes or skeletons in the closet that seemed to trip up the Traveling Wilburys' sessions seems to plague Zwan by creeping into the arrangements. The work seems, strangely enough, very comfortable.

But therein is one of the biggest

problems. Corgan & Co. sound more like a band influenced by the Pumpkins rather than an act built on the better half of them and a cast of stellar musicians. True flair seldom emerges on the album, as the band struggles to give the material teeth throughout much of the record. That hair-raising tenacity that "Cherub Rock" rode into glory is conspicuously absent. Rockers like "Endless Summer" and the trite "Baby, Let's Rock" are prone to rushing through breaks, refusing to forsake seamless melodies for any stirring abrasion.

The best playing surfaces on a riveting, 14-minute take of "Jesus I/Mary Star of the Sea." All the players, including Corgan and his heralded voice, finally break out with a bit of fire and a swell of passion. Sadly, that is more than offset by the next track, "Come with Me." Based loosely on Springsteen's "Dancing in the Dark" melody, the track finds Corgan nearly preaching his faith in a moment of '80s adoration gone horribly wrong.

In his own little way, Corgan seems almost too happy. His voice, once marked by a penchant for sailing past the pathos of his own troubled soul, is exultant, replacing the rusty-knife howl of the mid-'90s with a bothersome bent for crooning. Corgan makes his way through "Of a Broken Heart" like a nasal Eddie Vedder, though he sounds like any number of rock-pop crossover stars on the first single, "Honestly." Corgan's voice, something so well-designed and tempered for conveying an ineffable degree of pain, seems ill at ease when the lyricist is so optimistic.

The religious awe scattered throughout the songs dampens Corgan's songwriting to such a level that the man who once screamed behind James Iha's apocalyptic guitar musings seems to be whispering. Corgan, who once was a one-man army on the brink of conquering the world (or at least dismissing it), now seems but a comfortably numb foot soldier.

"Emptiness is loneliness, and loneliness is cleanliness/ and cleanliness is godliness, and god is empty just like me," Corgan bitterly screams in the guttural lines of "Zero." "Bulls—t fakers, enchanted kingdoms/ The fashion victims chew their charcoal teeth/ I never let on, that I was on a sinking ship."

These days a mellowing Corgan seems more content in singing, "And all I wanted was to hold you close/ A little sunshine just to butter my toast/ And your love next to mine."

It's indubitably risky to hold a person at fault for being happy, but the passion once so obvious in Corgan's own personal chaos is painfully lacking. Hearing Billy Corgan singing about sunshine and daisies is akin to hearing Trent Reznor long for days of Easter Bunnies and rain drops. It's a nice sentiment, but it fails.

The album, however ultimately catchy it may be, stirs little besides questions and fond memories that leave one begging for something more, well, smashing.

Hey, guy on Hillsborough who begged 37 cents and pocket lint

Tim Coffield
Staff Writer

Well it finally happened. The parents cut me off. And this time they mean it—no more tuition, no more rent, no more meal plan, gas money or cash bribes for potential dates. I guess they just reached the end of their rope. My father is officially shutting me down, cutting his losses. He likes to compare me to a mid-'80s Taurus—low performance potential to begin with but *still* manages to underperform. Gets to the point where you just need to park it on the side of the road and walk away.

My mother is disappointed in my scholastic performance. She says I can't keep changing all my classes to credit-only forever. Four years without a GPA is enough, she says. I need to learn something about responsibility. So anyway, my funding is officially cut. But I am not worried, no sir. I have a plan. It is flawless—affordable, productive and simple. I will complete my education and actually *increase* my standard of living. If things work out—and I am confident they will—I will have a far easier time finding someone with whom to mate (and for free, too!). All this, despite the absence of any significant income.

I can't really take credit for the idea... not all of it, anyway. I owe my mother for this one. She spent a couple years in the pen back in the mid-'90s. We don't talk about it much at home, but she was in for armed robbery. The sad part is she never even touched any money—she tried to rob the Mission Valley Brueggers with a blue umbrella. She didn't even notice the 11 cops eating in the corner. Mother always looked back on her incarceration with a certain fondness. She once mentioned to me how carefree those 23 months were—no real responsibilities, good hearty meals, free dental care, cable television, racquetball courts, nice showers and arts-and-crafts workshops. The works. And those cool tattoos, all for free.

Obviously, I need to get into prison. I will stay until I've taken enough correspondence college courses to enter the workforce. I figure three or four years will be about enough. Ol' Central Prison down the road offers a variety of university-level sections. Cost-free, of course. Mother, I'm gonna be somebody! I'm gonna turn my life around! The more I think about it, the more Eden-esque

minimum-security prison life becomes. Professionals will monitor my health and provide free medical services. I can enjoy watching "The Bachelorette" on cable television, which Time Warner will not cut off upon my failure to pay the bill. I will be given three free solid meals a day. A look at the Central Prison menu reveals such delicacies as crab legs and steak.

In the afternoons, I can frolic in competitive camaraderie on the athletic fields, or perhaps develop my pectorals and quadriceps muscles in the extensive exercise rooms. Or I can visit the bakery for some prison-quality pastries. I can develop my pottery skills on Thursday nights, or watch musical concerts performed by fellow felons.

My dating life will also benefit from a coed prison, as my pool of competition will be greatly reduced. Lock a girl up with me for long enough and she's bound to find something attractive about me, especially when most of the alternatives are, well, criminals.

Of course, this is not a new idea. Each year, many cunning persons "go criminal" to improve their standard of living. The mistake many of these people make is in their crime. Often they overact and wind up in the can for longer than they bargained for. One has to look at a prison retreat like summer camp—it's cool for a while but could potentially get old. Besides, one can always get back in—in fact, the prison system makes it easier to be a return customer than a first-timer.

The key for me here is to commit a crime that will fetch me about an undergrad-length taste of the high life. A little research reveals that writing a bad check of over \$500 is rewarded by up to three years in prison-heaven. With an empty bank account, this will be exceedingly simple. The bigger the check, the closer to the three years I'll get. I'm thinking I'll go write one for my parking tickets—that should get me maximum time. In fact, I'm gonna go write it now.

My landlord says I've got until March before I am evicted. I'm placing my faith in the judicial system. With a little luck, by then I will be making clay pots, watching free TV and practicing flag football on the lush green exercise yards of a cushy correctional institute.

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No real responsibilities, good hearty meals, free dental care, cable television, racquetball courts, nice showers and arts-and-crafts workshops. The works. And those cool tattoos, all for free ... Obviously, I need to get into prison.

A short list of new words

Howard Shapiro
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Some words and word combinations that appear for the first time in the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary:

- **Chat room** is an "area on the Internet or other computer network where users can communicate."
- **Chick flick**, soberly defined as a film "perceived or marketed as appealing to young women."
- **Loosey-goosey**, etymologically a "fanciful formation from 'loose' and 'goose'" — duh! — that means "relaxed and comfortable." A citation is from popular author Joseph D. Pistone: "I couldn't be so loosey-goosey anymore, come and go as I pleased, pretend ignorance."
- **Munchie** is "a snack, usually in plural," as in Tom Clancy's "How about some munchies before my next appointment?," and the munchies, "a strong desire for food," in Iain Banks' "The munchies struck an hour or so after we'd polished off the last of the sausage rolls."
- **New jack** as an adjective relates to new gang members or a form of swing music that combines elements of rhythm and blues, soul and rap. As a noun, it's "a recent arrival, a novice," especially in crimes or gangs.
- **Spinmeister** is "an expert at presenting information or events to the media in a favourable light."
- **Wedgie** in its first definition is still a shoe with a wedged heel or platform sole. The new usage is common in the United States: "the action of pulling up someone's underwear tightly between the buttocks, especially as a practical joke."
- And the longest word in the English language, according to the folks who assembled the Shorter: **Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanocniosis**, 45 letters that mean a lung disease "caused by inhaling very fine ash and sand dust." No citation is given.

Students use addictive gaming to escape problems

Kevin Wiggs
University Daily Kansan (U. Kansas)

(U-WIRE) LAWRENCE, Kan. — Some students smoke, drink or exercise to calm nerves after a long day, but others flip the switch on a game console and lock themselves into a fantasy world for a few hours.

Psychology experts say these games can do more harm than good. Some people find themselves spending too much time in front of their GameCubes, wasting valuable hours trying to hunt down that elusive mob boss or beat their friends.

In medical terms, the word addiction is generally reserved for substances like drugs or alcohol. But Stephen Ilardi, professor of psychology at the University of Kansas, said anything could be addictive, and that addic-

tion symptoms could include withdrawal once the stimulus is taken away, the need for more of the stimulus to reach the same effect and interference with normal life.

"People can get mentally addicted to the endorphin rush they get from playing games," he said.

Francis DeSalvo, director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Watkins Memorial Health Center, said shy people were more susceptible to becoming obsessed because they used the game to escape their problems.

"They are generally uncomfortable around people so they lock themselves into a game that they can have total control over," DeSalvo said.

Kevin Green, a Kansas City, Kan., resident,

dropped out of the University of Kansas last year partly because of "EverQuest," a computer game played on the Internet.

"I spent at least 60 hours a week on the computer, and that was probably a slow week," Green said. Green said he was, and still is, attached to the social aspect of "EverQuest."

"When you're in a game, there are about 2,000 others in the same area playing with you," he said. "We are constantly talking and get to know each other well."

Mike Self, a Wichita, Kan., senior, bought the game "Grand Theft Auto 3" after he heard about it from a friend last year. He enjoyed the game, he said, but soon

learned he wasn't the only one. It was difficult

to get some friends to leave after they started playing.

"We would tell him to leave because we all had to go to bed, and he would keep playing until we turned off the TV," Self said.

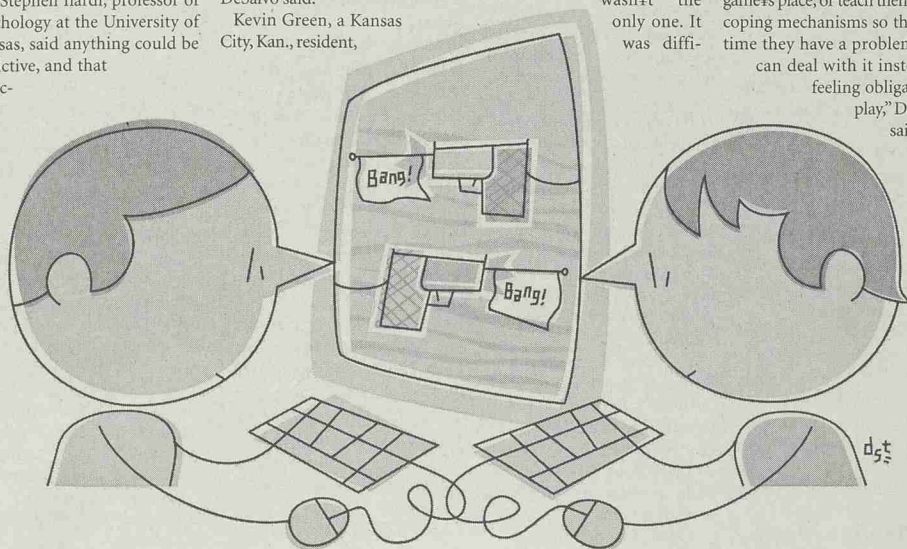
So what should somebody do if they find that they, or somebody they know, is playing too much?

"An obsessed person would first have to have motivation to get help," Ilardi said.

Ilardi said the person had to identify what made them want to play so much. Then they would have to find a more healthy substitute.

DeSalvo agreed.

"We would try to put something more functional in the game's place, or teach them some coping mechanisms so the next time they have a problem they can deal with it instead of feeling obligated to play," DeSalvo said.



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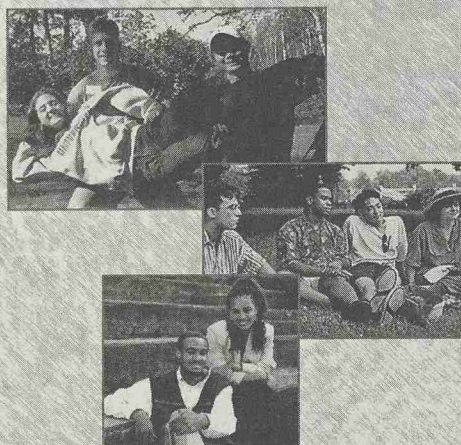
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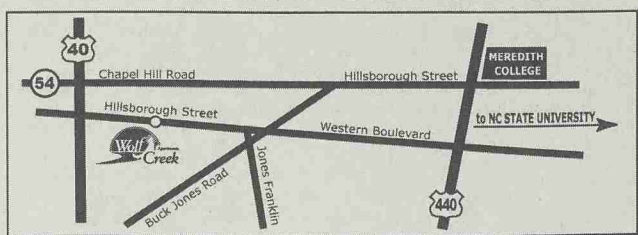


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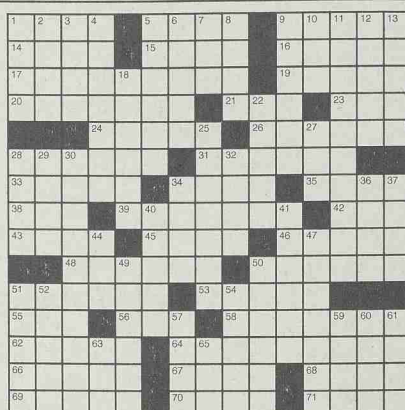
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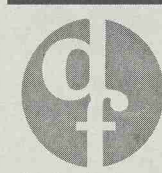
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Libra
Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 9. Your creativity is boundless today. You're good, and you're also inspired. Accept the encouragement, and get started on your greatest achievement to date.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

Today is a 5. You're slow to anger, and sometimes slow to take action, which is perfect for you. But if there's been a burr under your saddle for a while, let somebody know.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 5. Don't let yourself become enraged by a co-worker's insensitivity. Instead, use the energy to plow through a tough job.

Gemini
May 21-June 21

Today is an 8. A friend from far away can help you make money, so don't spend the whole time gossiping. Ask what he or she is doing effectively, and apply it to your situation.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 9. You're ready to take action, and the time is finally right. Blast ahead, using what you've recently learned. You can win!

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Cancer
June 22-July 22

Today is a 5. Review your assets and liabilities, and reassess your net worth. Odds are good it's greater than you thought, and it could soon get even greater. More is better.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 5. Something you've been putting up with at home could be getting to be too much trouble. Can you fix it yourself? Maybe, if that's what you like to do. Otherwise, pay.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22

Today is an 8. You like to keep up with the latest styles, and that can get expensive. You may have to moonlight to make it happen. But, hey, that's doable.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is an 8. A friend's crazy idea, plus your technical skill, could lead to a brilliant advancement. There's strength in diversity.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 5. Don't cry if something at home gets broken or bent beyond repair. It could be the opportunity to get that new one you've been wanting.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 5. You've done the work, so you should get the pay. Don't be shy. Ask for what you have coming. The check-signer is in a generous mood.

BASEBALL

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A gifted hitter at the plate, Dutton batted .319 with 43 RBIs last season and will surely be looked to as an offensive weapon again for Aventura and the rest of the State coaching staff.

"The fact that Jeremy Dutton has been a starter for three years, the fact that David Hicks has been our first baseman for two years and the fact that Adam Hargrave and Chad Orvella started in the middle of our infield last year — those things are invaluable," said Aventura. "I don't think you can really measure just how much those things mean to a team. And we have some good players coming up behind them, but those four guys in particular all have a lot of experience and provide us with great leadership. The experience of our infield is a huge advantage for us this year."

Meanwhile, State's outfield will be without former standout Brian Wright, who was drafted in the seventh round by the Cleveland Indians after a memorable four years at Doak Field. Despite any setback the loss of Wright might have caused, the Pack will also be rather experienced in the outfield in 2003 led by center fielders Joe Gaetti and Marc Maynor.

Between the two, they combined to start 79 games last season, and each was instrumental for State at the plate every time there was an opportunity to swing away. Gaetti finished with a .368 average to go along with five homers and 39 RBIs, while Maynor wasn't too far behind with an average of .367 and 20 RBIs.

Also seeing action in the outfield for the Wolfpack this year among others, will be sophomore Tim Coffield (.348, 27 RBIs), junior-college transfer Lee Mezistrano (.317, 28 RBIs) and the team's veritable jack of all trades, J.R. Riley (.356, 57 RBIs), who has experience behind the plate, at first base and in the outfield.

While the team is strong and experienced hitting wise, the Pack will be short on the

mound due to some key injuries to its rotation. Senior Daniel Caldwell (7-8, 5.71 ERA) will miss the entire season after undergoing successful Tommy John surgery, during which a tendon from his right wrist is transplanted into his right elbow.

To make things even more interesting, State will also be without fellow senior Derek McKee. While Caldwell is definitely out, the status of McKee, who had the labrum in his right shoulder repaired after last season, is still up in the air; meaning the Pack will look to key returnees, redshirt freshman Mike Rogers and sophomore Phillip Davidson to lead things off.

"Losing Derek McKee and Daniel Caldwell means you have to adjust and move on," said Aventura. "I'd love to have those two guys back this year, but I'd love to have Mike Prochaska back too. They're not here, and we have to move on."

"We've known since last summer that those two guys probably won't be here, so we've gone through the entire preseason with the mindset that the pitchers we currently have in uniform are the guys we'll go into battle with, and those guys obviously have to perform for us. And I believe that they will."

Rogers is no stranger to injury, as he too is coming off a shortened 2002 season due to a broken fibula. The right-hander rebounded strong in the Cape Cod League this past summer, finishing among the league's leaders in wins (five) and ERA (1.82). Meanwhile, Davidson eventually found himself in a weekend starting role due to an injured staff last year. Pitching over 78 innings — second most on the team — Davidson grabbed five wins to go with a team-leading 83 strikeouts.

Should State manage to swing the bats as well as projected and field the ball consistently, then the lack of depth in the bullpen could possibly be overlooked.

Nevertheless, one thing is for sure, the boys of summer are back and this version will definitely be an intriguing one to watch.

RILEY

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help speed up a game. "I take a real long time — I want to tell the pitcher that he is on my pace," said Riley. "I pretty much go until the umpire tells me I have to step in."

Riley isn't afraid to change things up when stuff isn't working. He admits to changing his stance often, even from week to week. As a result of this con-

stant tweaking, teammates call him the Cal Ripken of the team.

For someone who is so willing to change, Riley admits that he is extremely superstitious. While he was willing to reveal some of his rituals, he was reluctant to share others. He simply cracked a smile just at the thought of divulging his secrets.

"I'm very superstitious, I'm actually the most superstitious one on the team. I have my shower that I use, and I will

only use that shower," said Riley. "There are a bunch of other superstitions behind the scenes."

As good a hitter and as versatile a defender Riley has been for N.C. State baseball in his career, coach Aventura gives him the most praise for his character.

"No one gives more when it comes to effort, preparation and willingness to do what needs to be done to win," said Aventura. "He comes out and plays with a lot of heart every day."

MATT

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Both Redick and Pickett can make legitimate all-league arguments along with newcomers Chris Bosh, Rashad McCants, Raymond Felton and Todd Billet. Combined, those six could potentially make up more than a third of the players on the three All-ACC teams.

Above all, the game showed that nothing is a given. Already we've seen State fans praise the same man they beg to be fired, Duke become in danger of slip-

ping to .500 in the league and Maryland replace four starters from its national title team yet still be in first place.

This season alone, I've uttered out loud countless things I never in my wildest dreams could have imagined saying. No game was this more evident of this than the Duke-FSU tilt when you consider the two main thoughts I had: "Nick Horvath is really rebounding well," and "The play of Adam Waleskowski was the difference in this game."

Shudder. I wonder if I should head

to the store and stock up on can goods and bottled water.

Starting with tonight's slate of games that includes the Duke-North Carolina rivalry, expect the big men to contribute at an alarmingly low rate, the newcomers to shine and 3-pointers to fly all night long. But above all, remember to expect the unexpected, because this league has been nothing but puzzling all season long.

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the elder statesman of league coaches, knows how special it is. "The game itself is a showcase game in college basketball," he said.

At this point, though, Krzyzewski is just happy to be playing at home. The Devils have lost three straight ACC games on the road — the last a stunner to Florida State on Sunday — for the first time since 1996.

Bet on this — This season has proven there's no sure bet in the ACC, as teams fluctuate more than the stock market.

But so far, six ACC teams — all but UNC, Clemson and Florida State — haven't lost a conference game at home. Those teams are a combined 21-0 in front of the friendly folks. What is it

that makes teams go like a kryptonite-infected Superman on the road?

"I think there's a lot of balance in the league," said Prosser. "And any advantage you have becomes magnified because of the teams are so equally balanced. Home court is not a small advantage, it can be a very big one, especially when you go into hostile environments like we have in our league. And I think you throw in the youth factor."

A rush for Coach K — Duke hasn't been accustomed to losing many games, but Mike Krzyzewski has gotten used to being surrounded by a happy throng of delirious fans lately. In each of the Blue Devils three losses — all on the road — the crowd has spilled onto the court for celebration.

"I think it's good for the game," said

Krzyzewski. "It means people think we're important enough to [rush the court] against, and we like that. I really feel if you're in a really good game and someone beats you, they should have that moment. I'm happy there's so much excitement. As long as everything is handled well security wise, I see no problem with it."

Josh vs. Julius — If their teams continue to play well, the race for ACC Player of the Year should come down to Wake Forest senior Josh Howard and N.C. State sophomore Julius Hodge. The first of their head-to-head meetings is highly anticipated. Howard is averaging 18.9 points, 8.2 rebounds and is among the league leaders in steals and blocks per game. Hodge is putting up 19.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and four assists per contest.



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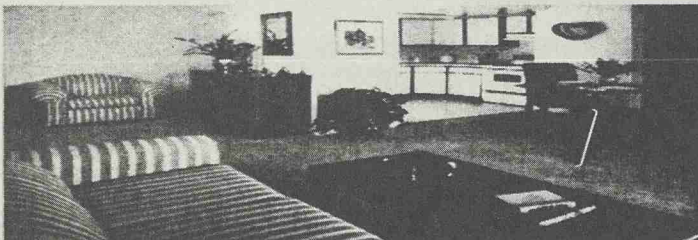
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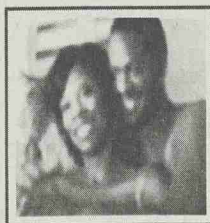
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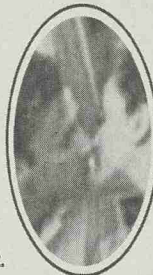


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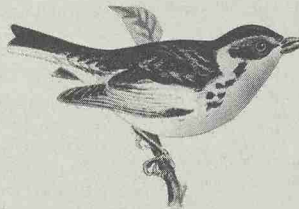
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TECHNICIAN

BASKETBALL

Seminoles, Devils paint the picture



Matt Middleton

At first glance, it was just a simple case of history repeating itself. Florida State downing Duke Sunday was certainly noteworthy and unexpected but hardly landmark in the whole scheme of the ACC race.

After all, the same thing happened last year, and all it got the Seminoles was a fired coach and a last-place finish. Big deal.

Then again, if you look closer, it was something much more than a double-digit underdog pulling off a rather shocking upset. It serves as a microcosm of the entire ACC season to date. Yes, the road team lost for seemingly the 1,000th time, and the game further proved the fact that Duke is indeed down, but there were several deeper trends.

For starters, it was common knowledge coming into the season that the ACC was going to be short on big men in the post. Darius Songalia, Chris Wilcox, Lonny Baxter, Kris Lang and Carlos Boozer are all playing pro basketball somewhere, and in their place is one proven low-post threat in the entire league - Virginia's Travis Watson. Left behind was a young, unpolished group of post players who have caused some teams to abandon the idea of playing a true center or power forward.

N.C. State puts five guys on the floor that can hit the 3 at any time. Opponents must guard all of the Wolfpack's big men 20 feet from the basket.

Likewise, North Carolina sometimes starts a lineup of five guys that fall into the category of small forward or guard.

Sunday in Tallahassee, both Duke and Florida State significantly reduced the playing time of their respective big men. Casey Sanders played just 17 minutes, while both of FSU's back-to-the-basket threats played even less than that. Nick Horvath was in the center spot nearly the entire game for the Blue Devils, and he has about as many post moves as Muggsy Bogues or Spud Webb.

Duke is no stranger to the strategy, having won the ACC regular season in 1997 playing a five-guard style with its biggest player being perimeter-oriented Roshown McLeod.

Sunday's contest also showed why the 3-point shot is by far most important factor in a team winning its games.

Duke hoisted up a whopping 37 3s, connected on just 12 and lost. Just last year, Duke shot an ACC-record 830 attempts - and won the conference. In 2001, the Blue Devils made 400 3-pointers - and won the national championship.

State regularly shoots more than 20 3-pointers a game and has ridden those hot-shooting nights to wins over rivals Duke and North Carolina. If the Pack isn't converting 3s, it has no chance to win over even below average teams - just reference the Massachusetts game.

Furthermore, it's no surprise that the best team in the league, Maryland at 6-1, also leads the conference in 3-point percentage (.391), while the team with the least 3-pointers made, Clemson, is in last place. The Tigers have made just 78 3s, well behind next-closest Wake Forest's 107.

Finally, the game amplified the trend that the best talent in the league lies with the newcomers. The best two players on the court, Florida State's Tim Pickett and Duke's J.J. Redick, are enjoying their first year in the league with great success.

Though out of control at times, Pickett, who leads the league in steals and is fourth in scoring, utilized his speed to penetrate the Duke defense en route to 15 points. Redick had a surprisingly sub-par shooting outing but still netted a game-high 16 points, including several NBA-range 3-pointers.

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Sluggers return to lead Wolfpack

With a lack of pitching experience, the N.C. State baseball team will look to its experienced lineup to carry the load in 2003.

Justin Sellers
Senior Staff Writer

An experienced team is something that every coach wants at the start of a new season, and it just happens to be exactly what head coach Elliott Avent has on his side as the 2003 N.C. State baseball team prepares to start its season this weekend in a three-game series at Elon.

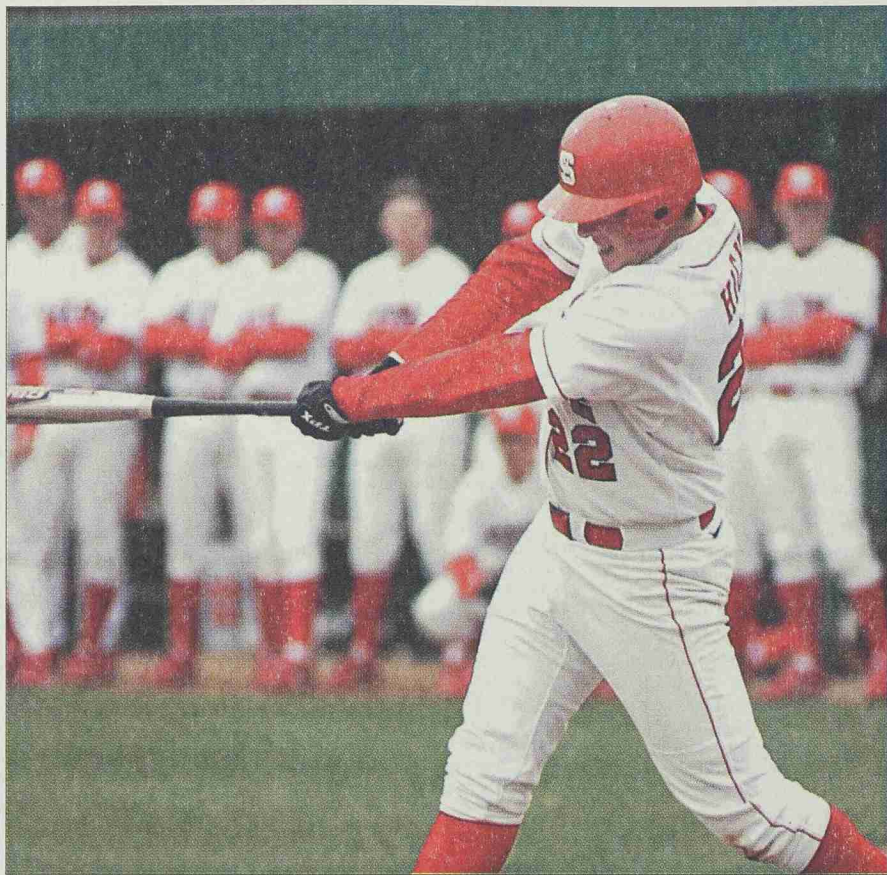
The Wolfpack returns nine regulars from last year, making for the most veteran team Avent has seen since his first year at the helm in 1997, a season that saw State go 43-20 overall.

With experience comes power, both offensively and defensively in the form of great hitting and solid fielding. That said, the Pack will surely benefit from the play of its infield players as it looks to return to the top of the ACC.

"The experience of our infield will be a huge key for us — a big advantage for us," said Avent.

Junior catcher Colt Morton is a talented player who should have a standout season for State. Not only has he developed into an anchor behind the plate for the Pack's pitching staff, but Morton has also proven to be a deadly hitter as he posted a .263 hitting percentage in 2002 with 13 home runs and 43 RBIs.

Another possible standout performer in junior first baseman David Hicks will also look to wager in at the plate for State this year. Not known for his batting power as a freshman, Hicks quickly changed things a year ago, as he showed time and time again that he was the go-to guy when runs needed to be driven home. Batting .372, Hicks started off hitting 10 doubles in six games on his way to racking up 24 doubles on the year and 48 RBIs to go along with them. Sporting a 6-3 record and 1.98 ERA on the mound



David Hicks might be the best of a veteran group of N.C. State infielders. The Wolfpack returns all four of its primary infielders to headline its potent offense. File photo by Jason Ivester

as a senior in high school, Hicks will also be looked to as added depth in the State bullpen.

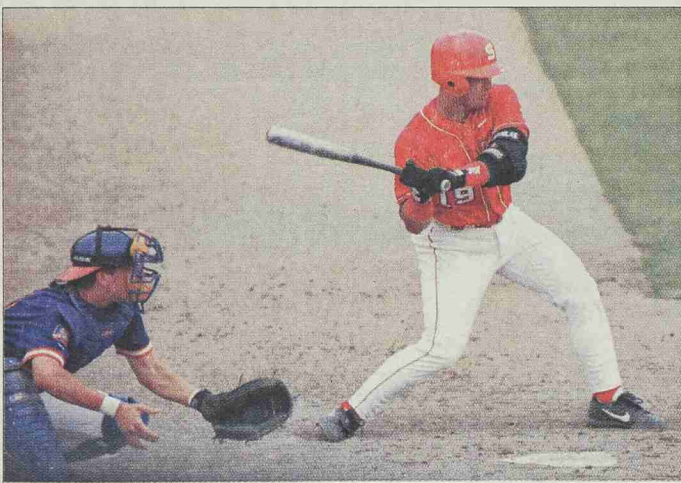
Also back are former junior-college transfers Adam Hargrave and Chad Orvella, who combine to make up the middle of the Pack's infield.

This up-the-middle duo not only stepped in defensively last season and helped to solidify the Pack's defense, but they also made some noise swinging the bat. Hargrave finished 2002 with a .330 average and 24 RBIs, while Orvella sported a .326 average with 34 RBIs, The

shortstop also exhibited speed on the base paths, successfully stealing 9-of-11 bases.

Rounding out the veteran infield will be senior third baseman Jeremy Dutton.

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Senior Justin Riley has played over 3 positions for head coach Elliot Avent, but his strength is swinging his run-producing bat. Technician file photo

Riley ready to step up

In his senior season, N.C. State's Justin Riley knows what he has to do.

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After every season in college, players graduate and others are required to step up to fill the void those players leave.

On the N.C. State baseball team this year, the offensive void is huge. Brian Wright, who led the team in batting average, runs, hits, walks, home runs and RBIs, is gone. The person who has to fill this void is senior Justin Riley — and he is well aware of it.

"Without a doubt that's what [the team] is looking at me to do," said Riley, "I filled the DH [designated hitter] role a lot last year, and that's why I'm in the lineup, for offense."

This season Riley will play a

lot more on the defensive side of the ball as well. He will be the regular left fielder and will switch over to first base on days when first baseman David Hicks pitches. Riley grew up playing catcher and is capable of fielding that position for the Wolfpack when needed.

"Justin has been one of the best designated hitters in the best conference in the nation," said head coach Elliott Avent. "He filled in at first base when we made the run to the ACC championship game two years ago, and he has been the No. 2 catcher, backing up Colt [Morton] whenever he needed rest." However, Riley's main focus will be run production. While fellow seniors David Hicks, Joe Gaetti and Jeremy Dutton will all be expected to play at a higher level, the majority of the responsibilities will fall on Riley.

"Right now it looks like the third, fourth or fifth [spot in the lineup]," said Riley, "I'll definitely be getting up in situations with runners on."

When Riley gets up to the plate, he knows what he is doing. Last year he was second on the team in RBIs and third in homeruns despite starting only 42 of the 59 games State played last season. He attributes a lot of his understanding of the pitchers to his time spent behind the plate as a catcher. Because after being "a catcher my entire life I kind of learned sequences and how people pitch," said Riley.

Riley also enjoys frustrating pitchers by taking his time between pitches. His strategy usually gets under the skin of opposing coaches and sometimes even his own coaches. It definitely doesn't do anything to

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Showdowns abound for conference foes

An old-school rivalry and another in-state battle headline the key ACC match-ups this week.

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The tents are lined up outside Cameron Indoor Stadium, a sure sign that it's time for big-time basketball on the campus of one of the nation's biggest programs. Early February brings chills mixed with the heat of frenzy — February frenzy.

It was of little surprise when Cameron was jumping again Saturday night as No. 1 met No. 2. And the game of the year in women's basketball — a Connecticut win over Duke — wasn't even the reason for all those pizza boxes and beer can-littered bungalows in Krzyzewskiville.

Three words and two teams were: Duke — North Carolina. And so it happens again in Durham tonight, and when it's over, one shade of blue will be a bit bluer than the other. But the first of two meetings with between the Blue Devils (14-3, 4-3 ACC) and Tar Heels (11-9, 2-5) isn't even the main event in conference this week.

That distinction goes west, to Winston-Salem, where Wake Forest hosts N.C. State with second place at stake on Thursday night. The Wolfpack (12-5, 5-2) has its best start since the original Bush was president, and the Demon Deacons (15-2, 5-2) might just be the surprise of the conference thus far.

In other ACC action, Georgia Tech (11-7, 4-3) visits Clemson (11-6, 1-6) tonight and Maryland



Duke and North Carolina renew their much-ballyhooed rivalry tonight. KRT photo by Craig Litten

(14-4, 6-1) hosts Virginia (12-7, 3-4) Thursday night. Florida State is finished with the first half of league play and stands at 2-6 in the ACC.

No luster lost — North Carolina may not be the Tar Heels of old, but its rivalry with Duke is as good as ever. Carolina has beaten the Blue Devils just once in the teams' last 11 meetings, the lone victory an 85-83 win in Durham in 2001. Despite the lopsidedness, UNC coach Matt Doherty is expecting nothing short of the usual when the two teams meet.

"Duke and Carolina, whether people want to admit or not, is a special rivalry," said Doherty at the league teleconference on Tuesday. "It is a special rivalry. It's unique to have two schools in the same conference eight miles from each other, with similar traditions, recruiting similar players with guys who get their hair cuts [at] the same barber shop."

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, See ACC page 7