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Israel mourns loss of astronaut

Colonel Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut, died in the space shuttle Columbia disaster. In a prepared statement, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office said in this difficult time the state of Israel and its citizens are united.

The 48-year-old Ramon was one of Israel's most distinguished fliers. Ramon also headed the Israeli Air Force unit that helps design new weaponry before beginning work at Houston's Johnson Space Center in 1998.

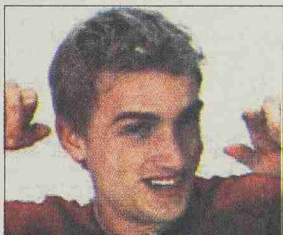
U.S. soldier dies in Kuwait vehicle accident

According to reports, a vehicle accident claimed one U.S. soldier and injured four others. The incident may have involved a rollover. Officials quickly launched an investigation into the reasons for the accident but would not give details. The soldiers were driving a Humvee near Camp Arifjan when the accident occurred.

NATION

President Bush challenges U.N. Security Council

On Thursday, President Bush said that the United States would lead an alliance of countries to disarm Iraq if the United Nations was not prepared to act. According to Bush, Iraq is defying and mocking the U.N. resolution, which calls for it to disarm. The United States will be sending more troops and ships to the area.



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Dell computers drop floppy drive

Dell Computer Corp. announced that, starting in March, it will no longer put floppy disk drives on its desktop computers. While the company will offer the drive as an option, many experts suggest that the floppy disk drive will ultimately fade out completely.

Because CD-ROMs and other devices can hold much more information than the floppy disk, experts suggest that within 12 months, other major computer vendor will follow suit.

STATE

Minority population growing on N.C. university campuses

This fall at North Carolina's public universities, minority students' enrollment increases more than doubled white students' enrollment increases.

Across the 16 UNC-System campuses, the enrollment of minority students increased an average of 7.2 percent while the enrollment of white students increased by 2.9 percent. The system-wide enrollment of all races reached its highest level yet.

North Carolina bill looks to decrease backlog of rape DNA evidence

Sen. Kay Hagan, D-Guilford, recently filed a bill that if passed would require the state to spend money on decreasing the backlog of DNA evidence involving rape victims by performing an in-depth analysis on the evidence.

According to reports, there are over 20,000 "rape kits" across the state that contain evidence but are never analyzed by police investigators.

The State Bureau of Investigation said in a report that it was behind with testing due to the overload in testing requests.

The bill was filed on Thursday.

Student senators rethink discrimination resolution

Student senators refused to compromise R-12, a resolution that would reword N.C. State's discrimination clause, and voted to draft a new resolution.

Carie Windham
Assistant News Editor

When the N.C. State Student Senate passed Resolution 12 last semester, it challenged the administration to rethink and reword its current discrimination clause, asking for sexual orientation to be included in the first paragraph rather than a second, separate paragraph.

At Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, it appeared the students had won.

Clifford Ray, director of implementation in Student Government, showed senators a preview of a new statement condensed to one paragraph with a separate sentence about sexual orientation. He reported that their work was nearly done.

Done — until a group of senators voted to rescind the original resolution in favor of another that would take their fight past the administration and straight to the Board of Trustees.

"This statement — though somewhat of a compromise — is less than the resolution called for and the authors intended," argued Jamie Pendergrass, a senator in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

A vote of 14-9 sealed the fate of R-12, formally rescinding the legislation in favor of drafting a new resolution.

The intent of R-12 was to encourage the university to adopt sexual orientation into the university's nondiscrimination policy that appears on the university Web site and various publications. As it currently stands, sexual orientation is detailed in a second paragraph, which sponsors felt was not receiving proper attention.

After adopting R-12, senators began a lengthy process with NCSU legal services when they discovered that sexual orientation cannot simply be included in the first sentence of the statement because of federal mandates.

For months, senators and legal counsel have worked together and recently reached a compromise that would put sexual orientation in the first paragraph but in a separate sentence.

"Why are we lobbying for something we

didn't enact?" asked Senator Gary Palin at the meeting.

Other senators, however, thought students should accept the compromise for now before taking other action.

"A lot of times in this world, you have to compromise," said Student Senate President Josh Cox. "This is a step. [For] every house, you have to build a foundation."

Placing sexual orientation in the first paragraph would require approval of the Board of Trustees, while the "compromised" statement only required the approval of Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, who has voiced her support.

Some senators felt taking the issue to the Board of Trustees was too risky, but others were adamant.

"We think we can do better than this and we're going to try," said Seth Lester, a senator representing lifelong education.

A new resolution could be available by the next senate meeting.

While R-12 took a step back, other senate resolutions moved forward.

GB 49, the First Year Election Act, was

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Biomedical engineering bridges two worlds

The College of Engineering will join with UNC-Chapel Hill's medical school to create one of the country's top biomedical engineering doctorate programs.

Cetty Abraham
Staff Reporter

The worlds of medicine and health would be in a much different state without the innovations made through the biomedical engineering field. Kidney dialysis, hip-replacement treatment and timed-release drug capsules wouldn't even exist. Biomedical engineering enables the improvement of human health by combining physical, chemical and mathematical sciences and engineering principles with the study of medicine, behavior and health.

The end results of this discipline are most often found in hospital settings. And while the field of biomedical engineering is not a recent development, there are an increasing number of edu-

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Fenced in



Stephen Kmiec and David Irwin, members of the N.C. State Fencing Club, spar during practice. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

Food drive challenge pits N.C. State against UNC-Chapel Hill

UNC-Chapel Hill has challenged N.C. State to a competition in which both universities will put their pride on the line.

Carie Windham
Assistant News Editor

On your mark, get set, collect! UNC-Chapel Hill issued the challenge, and N.C. State is ready to take action.

In the name of service, NCSU will take on rival UNC-CH in a contest to determine which university can collect the most food during campuswide food drives. Athletic and institutional pride are both on the line as a prominent figure from the losing side will be forced to wear the opposing school's colors at the Feb. 25 NCSU vs. UNC-CH matchup in men's basketball.

"I've officially accepted their challenge,

so it's on," said Student Body President Michael Anthony.

Anthony received notice of the challenge in an e-mail from Virginia Carson, director of the Campus Y at UNC-CH, to Mike Giancola, director of the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service at NCSU.

Immediately, he got excited and took the idea to other committees and members of Student Government, including the Student Senate.

"They got excited and started tossing around ideas," he said. Although no formal plans have been made, Student Government is expected to finalize a blueprint for action by next week.

"We've all decided Chancellor Fox would look terrible in blue," said Giancola, who received the initial challenge from his counterpart at UNC-CH.

The initial idea was to make the chan-

cellor at the defeated university wear the rival's colors at the basketball game. While Chancellor James C. Moeser of UNC-CH has agreed to don Wolfpack red, it still has not been confirmed if Fox will be able to attend the game. She is scheduled to be out of town.

However, the chancellor has supported the challenge, and Anthony plans to offer himself as a substitute.

For both universities, it will be an opportunity to use a historic rivalry to help the community.

"It's much less about rivalry than about collecting food for people that need it," said Giancola. "If we can turn that rivalry into something that will benefit the community, then all the better."

Anthony, for one, is ready to go.

"For something this important," he said, "we have to make sure we beat them."

Southeast area excluded from improvements

The U.S. government study received a contribution from Ron Wimberley, a sociology professor at N.C. State.

Anthony Exum
Staff Reporter

The problem of poverty stretches across the country. The U.S. government has plans to combat poverty, most specifically in the Eastern United States. Yet, in its attempts to decrease poverty, the government has failed to consider a 242-county area of the Southeast extending from Virginia to Mississippi.

This fact was only uncovered after social scientists researched this area stretching from Virginia to Mississippi — the poorest area in the nation. The study, entitled "Dismantling Persistent Poverty in the Southeastern United States," was commissioned by U.S. Senator Zell Miller (D-Ga.) for the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The project then received a contribution from Ron Wimberley, who is a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor and a sociology professor at N.C. State.

Wimberley, one of the nation's leading authorities on the rural South, said, "Even with all the technical, social, transportation and communication improvements over the years, the Southeast is still the largest poor region in the United States, and that should not be."

The region, known as the Black Belt, displays a high rate of poverty. One out of every five people and one out of every four children are poor. There is a higher rate of disease and unemployment, a lower average in birth weight and a much lower percentage of high school completion. The per capita income of this region is more than \$5,500 less than the national average. That is a large number considering that more than 7.5 million people live in this area.

The study explores possible ways to reach a solution. It provides suggestions

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adopted by a vote of 28-6 but not before a heated debate.

The act would call for a fall election so freshmen would have the opportunity to vote for their respective student senators.

"Everyone else has a chance to vote for who represents them," said Sen. Jeremy Spencer. "Freshmen can too."

Previously, a Fall Appointments committee appointed freshman senators. Holding fall elections had proved too costly and time-consuming in the past.

Sponsors of the bill argued that with online voting, those concerns are no longer justifiable.

Opponents of the bill, however, argued that a fall election is

too hasty and will not give freshmen an opportunity to get to know their candidates. Also, interested freshmen may find it hard to adjust to college and manage a campaign at the same time.

Freshman senators — who were all appointed to their positions — took especially passionate stances.

Sen. Tommy Ozbolt told the senate that he found it "insulting" that they would assume freshmen could not handle the responsibility.

Lock Whiteside, a freshman senator, said that his constituents often question how he got into office: "They ask, 'Who are [the appointments commission] to say who will represent me?'"

Despite concerns, the bill passed after a roll call vote.

The fall elections will be organized and promoted through a Fall Elections Commission appointed by the senate.

"We're righting a constitution al wrong," said Palin. "We're enfranchising the freshmen."

Also on Wednesday, the senate adopted GB 57, the Punitive Error Correction Act, and voted to postpone indefinitely SB 59, the Meeting Location Act.

The following students were appointed to the following positions: Garrett Bugg, elections commission chair; and Casey Smith, elections commission.

The meeting, which followed the city council public hearing, adjourned early before bills such as the Office of Tenure Act and the W*A*R resolution could be debated.

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educational programs and opportunities.

Among these new opportunities is the biomedical engineering doctorate program, a joint effort between N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill. The two universities have joined together to create this program that will give students access to both the medical school at UNC-CH and the engineering facilities at NCSU. The program has been a work in progress now for about 10 years. Although a graduate minor in biomedical engineering has been available at NCSU since 1991, the undergraduate curriculum wasn't established until 2001.

NCSU began efforts to establish this joint graduate program in fall 1997. John Gilligan, the College of Engineering associate dean of research and graduate

programs at the time, was appointed to a committee to study the future of the discipline at the school. From this, the committee determined that closer ties should be developed with UNC-CH to initiate the program. Another joint committee between the two schools was then established to develop the graduate program. Funding for the program is allocated from both schools. However, the UNC-CH Office of the President still needs to give this program its final approval in the next few months.

The beauty of the doctorate program is that students from a wide variety of backgrounds can participate. Students can enter the program with a background in many types of undergraduate degrees and then have the opportunity to fine-tune other skills of interest at a graduate level. For example, individuals with a bachelor's degree in biology might learn more heavily toward math

and engineering in their graduate studies, while those with a degree in electrical engineering would include life science courses in their programs.

Although biomedical engineers are involved in governmental positions, such as research and safety testing, and are involved in the design and construction of technological instruments and devices, they are actually considered health care professionals. Occasionally, biomedical engineers can be technical advisors in marketing. In addition, many of these professionals also hold a degree in medicine.

The availability of the new program is a welcome addition to the diverse graduate programs currently available at NCSU. As the strengths of the two schools are combined, the program is expected to be in high demand and become more attractive to top students.

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to enhance educational programs to cultivate a more healthy and well-trained workforce. This, the study suggests, should be incorporated with investments in economic development for small businesses and the creation of local jobs to aid the improvement of certain points of a civil infrastructure, such as transportation and housing.

Wimberley favors this plan. "A comprehensive regional plan that brings together human resource development, economic development and infrastructure development is needed rather than a single-shot approach," said Wimberley. "Bricks and mortar can't make magic alone."

The report goes on to suggest that the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) or the Delta

Regional Authority (DRA) should be used as a model to create a federal commission whose sole task is to stamp out the sources of persistent poverty. The ARC is used as a prototype, since it has successfully cut its New York-to-Mississippi region's poverty rate in half and has created over 400 low cost health care facilities for its residents over the past 30 years. The information for the study was compiled using the census reports for 1980, 1990 and 2000. It also identified counties across the Southeast that were the poorest counties in 2000 and either 1980 or 1990. This shows that many residents in each of the 242 counties in the region were below the poverty line, meaning that a single person had an income of less than \$8,667, or the income of a family of four was less than \$17,029.

Many sociologists believe that

this study attempts to find solutions to problems that have been overlooked throughout the years.

Panhandling on Hillsborough Street is the extent to which most NCSU students see poverty. The study focuses on the fact that the U.S. government feels that the poverty in the Southeast is not an equal priority to that of other regions of the country.

"I come from a county where poverty and unemployment are tremendous issues, as unemployment is in many places now, and the fact that our political leaders are able to overlook this fact has severely depreciated my confidence in them," said Beth McIntyre, a freshman in the College of Textiles. "Hopefully, this study will open more people's eyes to the situation, and they'll take some initiative into rectifying it."

Once this study is completed and published, there is no way of predicting how the government will use the information that it will provide. All that can be done now is to just wait and see what develops.

CRIME REPORT

The following is a list of reports issued by campus police for Wednesday.

6:34 a.m. Fire alarm

Alarm activation at 1911 Building in regards to a pull station activation. Cause for activation unknown.

8:53 a.m. Assist other agency

Officers assisted RPD with an accident south of North Hall.

10:15 a.m. 911 Hang up

Officers responded to Avert Ferry Complex. Accidental activation by a subject.

11:06 a.m. Suspicious person

Officers responded to Patterson Hall in regards to a suspicious subject roaming the halls. Subject was identified as a nonstudent who was trespassing.

2:21 p.m. Traffic accident

A student was attempting to leave when they backed their vehicle into a parked vehicle in Riddick Lot.

3:24 p.m. Larceny

A student reported that someone had stolen her purse from a room in Daniels Hall during a class.

8:58 p.m. Suspicious incident

Officers found a door to the snack

vending machine open with the snacks and money exposed in Tucker Hall.

12:53 a.m. Traffic stop

A nonstudent was arrested for driving while impaired as a provisional licensee on Dan Allen Drive.

Calls to 5-3000 - 53

Calls to 5-3333 - 64

Escorts - 3

Assist Motorists - 6

False Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 4

Actual Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 4

Actual Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 0

Key Request - 3

Momentum toward war builds as Bush warns, 'The game is over'

Bush's statement from the White House came a few hours after the Army's 101st Airborne Division, a unit that often spearheads invasions, received orders to deploy overseas.

James Kuhnhenn, Joseph L. Galloway and Martin Merzer

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A grim President Bush prepared the nation for war Thursday, issuing a blunt review of Iraqi misdeeds, charging that Saddam Hussein has authorized the use of chemical weapons against U.S. troops and saying, "The game is over."

His statement from the White House came a few hours after the Army's 101st Airborne Division, a premier unit that often spearheads invasions, received orders to deploy overseas. The Army's only air-assault division and one with a particularly rich history, the 101st Airborne and its helicopter gunships will deploy to the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, which includes the Persian Gulf, military officials said. Administration officials say war against Iraq could start at the beginning of March.

"All the world can see at this moment," Bush said with Secretary of State Colin Powell standing by his side. "The community of free nations can show that it is strong and confident and determined to keep the peace. ..."

"Saddam Hussein has the motive and the means and the recklessness and the hatred to threaten the American people. Saddam Hussein will be stopped."

In a related development, the State Department issued a new worldwide caution Thursday to Americans overseas, based on what officials said was new intelligence about threats to U.S. citizens. Intelligence officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said intercepted communications and other intelligence indicated that terrorists affiliated with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization and other groups were preparing to attack Americans, Jews and other targets if the United States led an invasion of Iraq. Terrorist use of nonconventional weapons, including chemical or biological agents, must be considered a growing threat, the warning said.

During a visit to Capitol Hill, Powell said the crisis over Iraq would reach a climax "one way or another" within weeks. "I think we are reaching an end game," Powell told the largely supportive Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He said fresh backing still might come from the U.N. Security Council, depending on the outcome of a trip to Baghdad this weekend by chief weapons

inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei. Those inspectors pointed to the talks in Iraq — and to their report Feb. 14 to the Security Council — as key milestones along the road to the disarmament of Iraq or to war.

"Our mission in Baghdad this weekend is crucial," ElBaradei said during a stopover in London.

"We hope we will secure full, 100 percent cooperation on the part of Iraq," said Powell. "I think it'll start to come to a head when Dr. Blix and Dr. ElBaradei return from Baghdad and we see whether or not there is any chance of serious progress."

One possible sign of movement emerged Thursday when Iraq said that one of its weapons experts had submitted to a private interview with U.N. inspectors. The report was confirmed by the United Nations, which has demanded unmonitored access to all Iraqi weapons experts.

In Bush's statement, he urged the United Nations to stand truly united against Iraq. He said its credibility and its future were at stake. "The United Nations can renew its purpose and be a source of stability and security in the world," the president said. "The Security Council can affirm that it is able and prepared to meet future challenges and other dangers." He said sources have told the United States that Saddam "recently authorized Iraqi field commanders to use chemical weapons, the very weapons the dictator tells the world he does not have."

Bush also predicted that Saddam would begin what he called "another round of empty concessions, transparently false denials." "No doubt he will play a last-minute game of deception. The game is over."

The precise location for the deployment of the 101st Airborne and the number of soldiers weren't disclosed, but a military statement said the unit "will provide Central Command substantial operational flexibility and combat power, as well as the ability to conduct long-range helicopter attacks and air assault operations."

Maj. Carl Purvis, a military spokesman, said the 101st would deploy out of Jacksonville, Fla., via plane and ship.

"The president of the United States has made no decision about any future military operations," Purvis said. "These deployments are prudent steps to increase military capabilities and enhance flexibility."

Based at Fort Campbell, Ky., the 101st is fast, mobile and deadly. Its 20,000 soldiers ride to battle in the Blackhawk helicopter, with Apache gunships providing cover and support for the light infantrymen. The division can leap more than 100 miles behind enemy lines in one jump, as it did during the Persian Gulf War in

1991. Organized in 1942, the unit's paratroopers jumped into Normandy the night before D-Day. At Bastogne, during the Battle of the Bulge, it was the 101st's acting commander, Maj. Gen. Anthony MacAuliffe, who responded with a one-word message — "NUTS!" — to a German demand for a surrender. The division fought for seven years in Vietnam. Its troops have deployed to Rwanda and Somalia in recent years.

The total U.S. contingent in or near the Persian Gulf is expected to exceed 200,000 troops. The British are expected to contribute at least 40,000.

Other developments: — NATO postponed until next week a final decision on a U.S.-backed plan to deploy anti-missile systems and other measures to protect Turkey in case of war. The move came as France, Germany and Belgium continued to resist heavy pressure to support the American plan. — Turkey's parliament, under considerable pressure from the United States, voted to allow the United States to begin renovating military bases and ports for possible use by American combat troops. Turkish officials said another vote would be taken Feb. 18 on whether to allow U.S. troops to use that nation as a staging point for war, a crucial element of the Pentagon's plan.

At the United Nations, diplomats praised Powell's presentation Wednesday of the U.S. case against Saddam and signaled that the Security Council was beginning to move toward serious consideration of another resolution condemning Iraq and lending support to an American-led invasion. Among countries viewed as the most reluctant to back military action are Germany and three veto-bearing members of the council: France, Russia and China. To succeed, a resolution must win nine favorable votes from the 15 council members and mustn't be vetoed by any of the five permanent members: Russia, France, China, Britain and the United States. "I will take a risk. I do not think anybody is actually going to veto this time around out of the permanent members," Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Britain's U.N. ambassador, predicted on PBS.

On Capitol Hill, Powell said he sensed some progress at the United Nations, where he spoke one-on-one with diplomats from 13 of the 14 other countries on the council. "There was some shift in attitude, a shift in attitude that suggested, I think, more and more nations are realizing that this cannot continue like this indefinitely," he said. "And so I think there might be perhaps more support for a second resolution than some might think."

Camp New Hope Silent Retreat

Fr. Phillip Leach will lead a Silent Retreat on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

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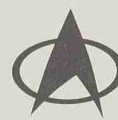
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Zathael, Matajuro and Gestalt stand strong against the Ja'kaste demons. Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn

"Man has been here 32,000 years. That it took a hundred million years to prepare the world for him is proof that that is what it was done for. I suppose it is. I dunno. If the Eiffel tower were now representing the world's age, the skin of paint on the pinnacle-knob at its summit would represent man's share of that age; and anybody would perceive that that skin was what the tower was built for. I reckon they would. I dunno."

—Mark Twain

Zathael, Matajuro and Gestalt made their way through the twisting dirt hills of Kypphosis. A wretched shrieking and drumming rattled all around them. The trio darted over a dune and quickly slid into a trench and crouched in the wet wispy mist.

"Why don't we just fly over this place?" Zathael said to Gestalt.

"It's complicated," Gestalt said. "There's more of a chance we'll remain hidden from these demons if we stay close to the ground."

The feline Matajuro sniffed in the air, grinned and then began to creep up the side of the trench. He unsheathed his sword and bit on the blunt sides, so he could carry in his mouth as he climbed.

Gestalt turned to Zathael and narrowed her eyes. "What is that cat doing?" she asked.

"He's stalking something... usually when he hits this mode he's gonna be gone so fast you won't know 'til he's in the middle of it."

"Well, call him back immediately," said Gestalt whipping around to try to catch the samurai feline. But it was too late. All that she caught was a glimpse of Matajuro's twitching tail as he leapt over the other side of the dune.

"... why, why, WHY?" groaned Gestalt.

"He just does that," said Zathael. Gestalt sighed. She and Zathael climbed up to the top of the dune and peered over the ledge.

It was a whole hoard of the Ja'kaste, the demons of Kypphosis. They danced around fires and played their drums. They appeared as misshapen skeletons draped in long black robes and pointy witch-like hats as they convulsed and spasmed in possession. The sounds they made as they incanted were

hideous and shrill.

"Not these guys again," said Zathael rubbing the right side of his head.

"You've seen these things before?" Gestalt said, her eyes widening.

"Yeah, they stole my shadow away from me while I was asleep once, then turned it into something that almost seemed to have a life of its own. But all that happened far from here... here it seems different... like the land itself feeds these things..."

"Or vice versa," interrupted Gestalt. "I haven't yet figured exactly what they are... they surfaced sometime before the comet destroyed the city of Achillia. I never knew they had been too far out of this region."

Zathael spotted Matajuro who had somehow managed to end up on the other side of the Ja'kaste's circle of dance. The boy tapped Gestalt on the shoulder and pointed toward the cat whoooh stood frozen, except for his blue tail, which twitched from side to side. He still clenched his sword between his teeth and his eyes gleamed with excitement.

"He defeated them before," whispered Zathael to Gestalt. "But they ran away. I'll bet he's looking to finish them off now."

Gestalt drew her own sword. "He is a noble feline for wanting to banish such a pestilence from this evil land, but I fear challenging them on their own grounds is an unwise move. There is malevolent majik at work here. Be ready. As soon as he goes, we're both going to charge in there, because it's going take the both of us to get him out once he goes in."

Gestalt eyed Matajuro from across the way. It seemed the drums of the Ja'kaste got louder as every second ticked by, as if they were aware of the three's perceived hidden presence. With her keen eyes, she saw the feline's nose purse and his hindquarters wiggle from side to side. In a flash, Matajuro streaked from his hiding place,

rocketed over the fire and landed in the middle of the gathered Ja'kaste! A gruesome screeching blanketed the hills of the land as the demons went crescendo over the cat.

"Go!" ordered Gestalt, as she took over the dune and charged into the foray.

Zathael followed suit and bowled through a group of disorganized Ja'kastes, sending them flying. He saw Matajuro and Gestalt, who were pushing back a wall of demons and he rushed to aid them.

"They seem to be retreating," trumpeted Zathael.

"Wait and see," warned Gestalt.

The tribe of Ja'kaste slowly backed away from the three, and stood in a line and all raised their think bone-white arms into the air that crackled with blackened electricity.

Everything went silent for about two and a half seconds.

Suddenly a rumbling wave shot forth from the line of Ja'kaste, like an ocean wave devoid of light and mass and careened straight into Zathael, Matajuro and Gestalt!

As if a thousand clawing nails were trying to cut them down, the three winced in pain and struggled to scale this wall of energy sent to destroy them.

"Get airborne! Get airborne!" roared Gestalt, grabbing one of Matajuro's hands, as the other was viciously slashing his sword into the dark entity that tried to grab at his feet.

Zathael tried to take to the sk but experienced himself being pulled into something that was like a whirlpool. It felt like they were trying to rip his shadow from him.

"Not again!" yelled Zathael as he throttled lighting bolts into the phantom hands.

"FIGHT HARDER!" boomed Gestalt, using all her energy in an attempt to break free of the majik that was sucking her down into the darkness that quickly engulfed the three heroes.

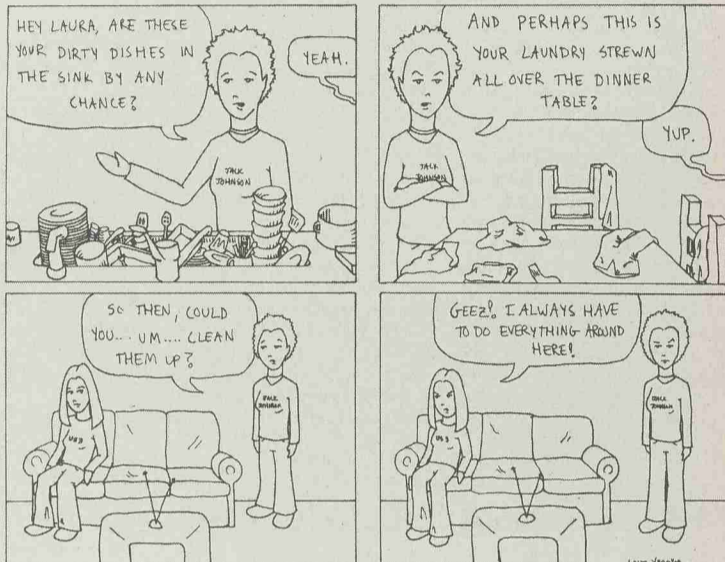
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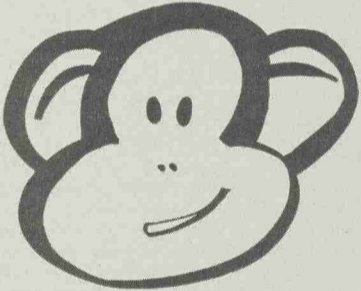


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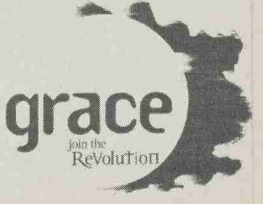
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

CHASSnet offers few opportunities

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences held its annual CHASSnet career fair Thursday afternoon, but it offered little opportunity to those students interested in history, writing, editing and other related fields. N.C. State is not known for its humanities programs, and for CHASS students to break this stereotype, they must place themselves in high-quality career paths within their interests. Unfortunately, students will have to look to sources other than CHASSnet.

For students interested in a career in journalism, there were no newspaper organizations available, and the only outlet for students in mass communications was Capitol Broadcasting Company — hardly enough representation of the vast opportunities available, even in the Raleigh area. It may be difficult for the Career Center to bring companies to NCSU during an economic recession, but regardless of the reasons for the fair's lackluster selection, the center should take note from NCSU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, which has been outstanding in years past.

In addition, the University Career Center was less-than-forward about approaching interested students. One Technician editorial board member went to the table to pick up brochures and waited to catch the eye of one of the two workers behind the table; however, the workers were too engaged in a conversation between themselves to speak. Students should be the first concern of the center leading the career fair.

CHASS is the second-largest college at NCSU, and it owes its 3,700 undergraduate students the opportunities to explore potential career options through

a broad range of companies focusing on the interests of all CHASS majors. When companies such as Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Toys 'R Us appear at a college career fair, students may have a hard time finding the motivation to apply for a managerial or sales job that doesn't directly relate to a humanities major.

Local organizations are a good place to start searching for job opportunities, but students are also interested in reaching beyond local agencies, such as the Raleigh Police Department and Exploris, a Raleigh children's museum.

CHASSnet provides a yearly opportunity to connect students with possible employers, but the first step should be for the Career Center to bring companies with positions more directly related to students' career paths, not those offering jobs operating telephone lines for the American Social Health Association or starting companies for Maxim Healthcare Services.

There were positive aspects to the event, such as the presence of university organizations like NCSU Study Abroad, Cooperative Education, Management Academy, Pre-law Students' Association and Graduate School offices. However, these services will do little to help graduation students find a job for the fall, and anyone interested would have had the opportunity to contact these on-campus organizations previously.

For CHASS students to achieve a high level of post-graduation success, they must have the support of the Career Center, and CHASSnet would have been a prime opportunity if explored to the highest level.

Vaccinations need closer look

Staff Editorial
The Daily Free Press
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(U-WIRE)
BOSTON — Vaccinating doctors against smallpox seems like a wise

and relatively easy way to reduce potential bioterrorism threats. But as three Boston hospitals have realized, vaccines bring a host of questions regarding liability, side-effects and budget priorities.

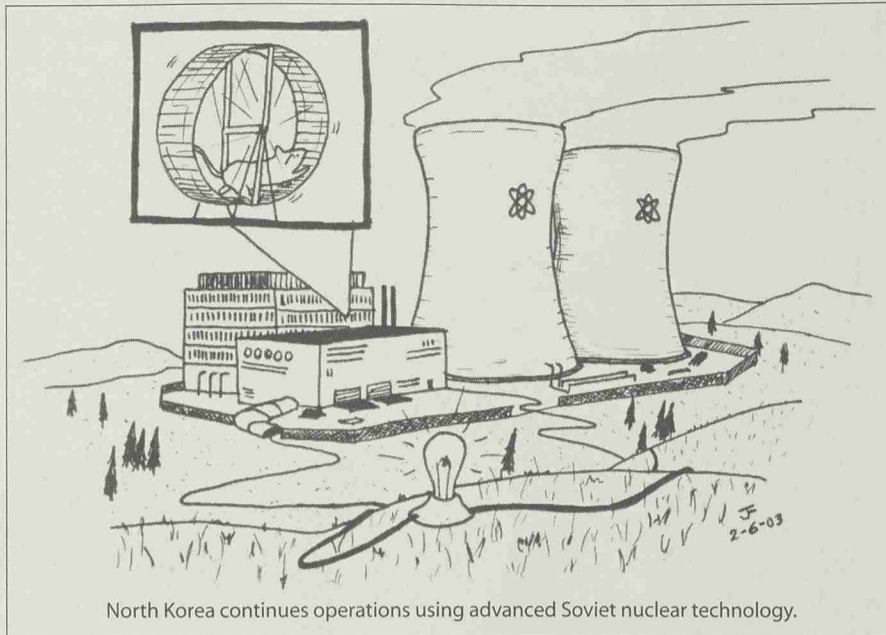
Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Children's Hospital have not committed to President Bush's campaign to vaccinate 500,000 medical workers. By waiting for more information and answers, the hospitals are rightly showing caution before joining Bush's bandwagon.

The vaccine requires stabbing a tiny area of the arm 15 times with a fairly large two-pronged needle. A normal reaction includes scabbing, muscle ache, headache, nausea, fatigue and fever. Statistics indicate if Bush succeeds in getting 500,000 medical workers vaccinated, one might die, seven to 26 would have potentially fatal reactions and 500 would have reactions more serious than the al-

ready considerable normal side-effects. These risks bring liability issues that hospitals understandably want resolved. If these workers are unable to perform their important jobs, the government must decide who will pay their salaries until they can return to work.

Clearly, smallpox vaccinations bring complex issues, and the country should consider whether these actions are worth protecting against a theoretical threat. The risk of smallpox has been greatly blown out of proportion considering it would be difficult to obtain for a terrorist attack, Americans would hate to have to look back and realize more could have been done to protect against smallpox if the unlikely occurred.

Protecting doctors against smallpox is one of the few available ways to concretely deter terrorist threats. However, these vaccines should remain voluntary and their risks must be stated clearly. It should be each doctor's personal choice, and hospitals should talk to their staffs to find out opinions while they continue to wait for answers about issues surrounding vaccines.



North Korea continues operations using advanced Soviet nuclear technology.

Women plus math



Michelle Decamp
Staff Columnist

During my senior year in high school I took Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry, AP Calculus, AP English, Physics, Government and a few random electives. Most of my classes were science or math related, and my second-highest AP score was

on the AP Calculus test. I imagine an objective counselor would probably suggest I study math in college based on the fact that my highest academic averages during my senior year were in both of my calculus classes. Yet I am a proud and true CHASS student at N.C. State, and I have never looked back.

I cannot explain why math and science never held any luster for me, because my parents are in the medical profession and my husband is a chemistry major. I am the one holding a book in a sea of people who prefer calculators. The problem is I represent one more girl who has failed to see sciences as a possible career.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) reported in 1997 women were more likely to enter a college immediately after high school as well as complete four or more years in their chosen school. It is no longer an issue of women not attending college; it has become an issue of why they still shy away from career fields such as engineering.

NCSU still shows statistics similar to the NCES research completed in 1997, which concluded, "at the post-second-

ary level, women are less likely than men to earn a degree in mathematics, physical sciences, and computer sciences and engineering."

Our College of Engineering ranked 10th in the nation for its number of women who earned bachelor degrees through its various academic programs in 2001, but at the same time women only made up 18.2 percent of the total undergraduate enrollment in the school that same year.

It is also important to realize there are more men at NCSU, with the 2002 freshman class made of 57 percent males and 43 percent females. It would be unlikely that each college would be made of an equal number of men and women. However, one could surmise more men enroll at NCSU because it is known as a "science school."

We do not start out this way. Most studies have concluded girls and boys are at equal levels of interest and ability in math and science before the age of 13. Once the teenage years begin, something happens that causes a sudden divide, and it has become the goal of many researchers to discover why this occurs.

Some professionals believe the more girls become aware of college and careers looming ahead, the more they become receptive to the idea that some fields are still dominated by men. Katie Fraser, a sophomore at Broughton High School, was quoted by the News & Observer saying she links computer science careers with men, and she will probably pursue

a job in law despite her aptitude for computers and science.

Therefore, it has become the goal of many educators to try to preserve girls' early interest in math and science. NCSU has taken initiatives to engage middle school girls in science and math enrichment activities through a summer day-camp program called Girls on Track.

An even larger project takes place every Saturday morning at the Science House on Centennial Campus, where Imhotep Academy brings together minority and

female students to engage in activities related to the sciences. While these programs may help students see the fun in science and math, they will

not be able to completely erase the gender divide.

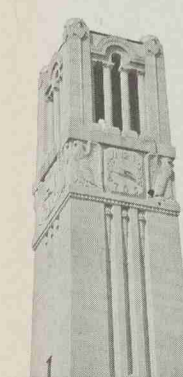
Teachers in regular classrooms must also realize how they are interacting with their students, because one study published by the Teacher's College at Columbia University found "earlier research has indicated that teachers often interact differently with their male and female students, with males attracting more and qualitatively different interactions." I have watched many teachers seek out math and science answers from boys in their classroom, and it is a problem that will have to be combated before girls will feel confidence in quantitative fields.

NCSU is also trying to help women who are enrolled in the College of Engineering to support one another

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It's about time, City Council



Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

It's about time. Students of N.C. State stood and spoke, and for once were heard. Wednesday night, Raleigh's Mayor Charles Meeker found himself on stage at Witherspoon Student Center in front of a room of angry students with

more than just a little on their minds. Practically the first words out of the mayor's mouth were, "I do not think this ordinance will pass," referring to a Raleigh City Council proposal to limit the number of unrelated roommates from four to two. Meeker wouldn't admit it, but he knew the ordinance was more than just unfair — it was an attack on students' rights.

Regardless of whether the ordinance passes, it is still a reflection of anti-student sentiment on the city council. How could this biased piece of legislation ever get written?

Some city council members live in the residential neighborhoods of West Raleigh. Strangely enough, a lot of students live in this area. It is quite that rather than attempting a sincere solution to the problem, city council is much happier posting a "No Students" sign outside neighborhoods.

This campus forum was open to all members of the city council, yet only Meeker came. Not even Benson Kirkman, the member who represents our university's district, attended. Strangely enough, Kirkman lives on Brent Road and was responsible for creating the legislation that ended the Brent Road party. I'd like to go ahead and say that Kirkman is doing a hell of a job.

A few students are a little too comfortable living in filth. They leave garbage in their yards and yak in their neighbor's tool shed. I'll admit it, these students need a sharp kick in their laurels to clean up their acts.

Meeker himself said loud parties are not the reason why students are unwelcome in neighborhoods — it's the trash they hate. The council could find an alternate way to make sure people keep yards clean, but no, leave it to them to just say, "No more than two unrelated people in a house."

Not only did Meeker take time to come and speak to us, but he also listened. Meeker has gone a long way to assure students that we at least have one person willing to listen, but there is much more to go. We have a student-friendly mayor, but as this piece of legislation shows, that is just about all we have. With no one besides the mayor to hold ac-

countable, the students had to preach to the choir. Why didn't other city council members show up? Excuses abound, I'm sure.

Raleigh City Council had no business writing this ordinance and as a result, they have lost the battle. This legislation won't pass, so now we can turn our attention to other matters, such as the nuisance party ordinance.

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The city taking away the annual Brent Road party while students were away for summer vacation is both underhanded and unfair. Clearly, students aren't going to be able to voice their opinions as loudly during the summer, and the council knew that. With the respect we've gained through this protest, I think it is time we make them hear what else students have to say.

The administration at NCSU brought back campout last year. Campout was another tradition that got out of hand. People were throwing glass bottles at police, lighting fires and being stupid. That sort of behavior couldn't be allowed to continue, so the administration took campout away. Raleigh City Council did the same thing with Brent Road, but now campout is back. The administration has heard our pleas and agreed to compromise. Campout rules are strongly en-

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The Road to Baghdad: History can, and does, repeat itself



Ben McNeely
Staff Columnist

Editor's Note: This is the first of a five-part series outlining economic, social and political issues behind the impending war with Iraq. Through interviews with N.C. State faculty and students, Ben will present an objective answer to the question of the hour: Why are we going to war?

jobs were abundant and everyone had plenty. All that came crashing down along with the twin towers.

Now the world is embroiled in a new war on terrorism. Led by the United States, countries from all regions are rooting out terrorists and destroying killer cells before they can strike. Bush has already stated he will never rest until the threat of terrorism is eliminated and peace reigns. But he seems perfectly comfortable with sending troops into Iraq and beginning another war with our relentless adversary, Saddam Hussein.

The last time we heard from Hussein, he was invading Kuwait to gain control of the rich oil fields near the Persian Gulf. The first President George Bush — along with his Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell — conducted and executed Operation Desert Storm, a military operation that rescued the Kuwaiti people from Hussein's armies and drove the Iraqi forces back into their own borders. However, this operation did not end with the removal of Hussein from power. On the contrary, it left him to continue to terrorize his own people and bring added instability to a region already wracked by racial and religious differences.

That was 12 years ago. Since

then we have had skirmishes with the ever-present leader of Iraq. We knew of his use of chemical weapons in 1991. We learned of his secret nuclear program believed to be only six months away from becoming operational, and he had huge stocks of biological and chemical weapons.

Thus enters the United Nations, which sent weapons inspectors to see what Hussein was up to. They — and the rest of the world — were pressuring Hussein to disarm through the U.N. process. However, both President Bush and former President Bill Clinton stated Hussein was not disarming.

This situation came to a head in 1998, when Clinton ordered air strikes at Iraqi military installations in Operation Desert Fox. These strikes were done to enforce the U.N.-prescribed disarmament process. Hussein precipitated these strikes by throwing weapons inspectors out of Iraq. During endless squabbles with the United States and the United Nations, Hussein ordered attacks on the Kurdish people in northern Iraq, resulting in the massacre of hundreds of people. To be frank, Saddam Hussein is evil and has not proven himself to be trustworthy or honorable.

February 2003: Hans Blix, chief U.N. weapons inspector, stated Iraq has not complied with the disarmament resolution — Res-

olution 1441. In his State of the Union address, President Bush outlined reasons for going to war with Iraq and said that we will go it alone if we have to.

On Wednesday, Secretary of State Colin Powell presented evidence collected by the American intelligence community to the U.N. Security Council, saying Iraq was deliberately and maliciously deceiving weapons inspectors. Complete with a massive American military build-up in the Gulf region and European nations frantically trying to advance a peaceful solution, the stage is set for another war with Iraq, yet the road to Baghdad is lined with uncertainty. Many in America are wondering about the causes of this war and if we should be going to war at all.

From the anti-war movement to media coverage of the war to the international response to American actions, this series will present the big picture on Saddam Hussein, containment vs. military aggression and the local sentiment of ordinary people living in this age of hostility. Hopefully, this series of articles, which will run on Wednesdays and Fridays, will answer questions and look at the situation from a new perspective. After all, is that not what enlightenment means? E-mail Ben at bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu or post at <http://www.technicianonline.com>.

RULE OF THUMB



Speakers elected

For the first time in history, the North Carolina House of Representatives elected two co-speakers, Jim Black and Richard Morgan. The plan has been widely criticized, but supporters say it's just as easy to achieve bureaucratic gridlock with two speakers as it is with one.

Bachelor disengaged

Aaron Buerge from ABC's "The Bachelor" broke off his engagement this week. ABC plans to air a special program explaining what went wrong. Insiders say his fiancée, Helene Eksterowicz, may have left him for the hipper "Joe Millionaire."



Powell's UN speech

In his "State of Iraqi Un-disarmament Address" before the United Nations, Secretary of State Colin Powell revealed significant evidence of Iraq's weapons violations. Among the dangers Iraq poses, Powell cited that they "have gotten way too damn good at 'Ghost Recon' on Xbox."

Jacko upset

The king of pop this week said a TV documentary about him "more betrayed him perhaps than ever before." Apparently, the documentary got the reasons Jackson dangled his kids off a hotel balcony completely wrong, making the act sound wrong or something.



Code Talker on campus

Former Navajo Code Talker Samuel Tso spoke on Wednesday to students about his experiences in World War II. Students say the event was riveting, despite the fact that they, for some reason, couldn't understand a word he said.

U.S. productivity

Reports released this week show a 0.2 percent dip in U.S. corporations' productivity occurred in the final quarter of 2002. President Bush spun the issue by saying that dips are not always bad, for instance, when they involve ice cream and chocolate-flavored sauce.



NCSU Dance Marathon

The first annual Dance Marathon will be held this Friday. The 24-hour dance fest will raise money for the N.C. Children's Hospital. Organizers ask people to give \$10 to participate but will fine them an additional \$10 for every instance of roof raising and/or the Macarena.

LeBron James suspended

The high school basketball sensation was suspended from play this week — then reinstated — for accepting two jerseys valued at \$845 from a store. James says he won't repeat the same mistake about taking free stuff. Next time he just won't tell the store.



Housing meeting

Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker Wednesday night led an on-campus hearing about the proposed housing ordinance to limit unrelated renters in a home to two. Meeker assured students that their voices were being heard — and even remembered by as many as one or two members of the Raleigh City Council.

Gen. Tommy Franks investigated

Gen. Franks, first in line to lead a United States attack on Iraq, came under investigation this week for allegedly granting his wife special privileges. When asked to comment, Franks replied, "Uhh, how about that Saddam character? Is he crazy or what? But seriously, folks..."

CAMPUS FORUM

Censure not fair, reasoned

The Faculty Senate based its Jan. 21 censure on Chancellor Fox's failure to "exercise, with fairness in a non-precipitous, reasoned and civil manner, her legal authority for staffing decisions within the university administration." Because I am not a Faculty Senator, I am not privy to all available information regarding this matter. However, let us examine the fairness, non-precipitous, reasoned and civil manner in which the Faculty Senate censured Chancellor Fox.

Were the dismissals of the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and the Vice Provost for Academic Administration — and for that matter was the Faculty Senate's censure — fair, non-precipitous, reasoned and civil? My ignorance of all the details makes it impossible to comment on the dismissals' civility, but it seems they were fair, reasoned and certainly non-precipitous.

Chancellor Fox said she raised issues underlying dissatisfaction more than 18 months prior to their dismissals, which seems non-precipitous and in contrast with Faculty Senate's abrupt censure less than a month after the actions.

Chancellor Fox suggested her

dissatisfaction stemmed the Academic Vice Provosts' failure to identify, discuss and bring forward "issues" central to N.C. State's educational mission.

Though not specifically mentioned, it is not difficult to surmise one of the academic "issues" in question concerns the retention and graduation of undergraduate students at NCSU. The same issue was raised in the Faculty Senate's Jan. 14 "Resolution of Commendation for Vice Provost Bruce Mallette," where he was praised for his expertise in "undergraduate student retention and graduation." Over the past decade, the academic profiles of undergraduate students have increased dramatically, but their academic success — as measured by retention and graduation rates — has not similarly improved.

The absence of policies requiring students to progress toward a degree in a timely fashion — along with our failure to require students to be continuously enrolled full-time (15 or more credits per semester) — leads to poor performance and low graduation rates. It creates a large portion of the student population who perform poorly, yet linger on, preventing many potentially harder

working students from ever gaining admission. Such policies should have been identified, discussed and implemented a long time ago. The failure to do so seems reasoned enough for the Chancellor's actions.

Was the Faculty Senate's censure equally fair and reasoned? I believe not! The message sent by their hasty, ill-advised action would make it appear that Chancellor Fox lost the confidence of NCSU's faculty, hindering her future efforts and success with "raising the achievement bar" at our university.

Most NCSU faculty appreciate Chancellor Fox's leadership and are willing to wait to determine if her recent decisions were conducted in a fair, reasoned and civil manner. I also hope the Faculty Senate will heed their own advice the next time they are tempted to micro-manage the administration of our university.

Alan E. Tonelli
Professor of Polymer Science

Free speech includes all views

On Jan. 5, Jennifer Vaughan wrote to Campus Forum condemning an advertisement placed in Technician by David Horowitz. In this

ad, he explained that radical liberal individuals held attitudes tantamount to hatred of the United States and its principles of freedom and liberty for all individuals.

I find Ms. Vaughan's comments to be ironic on a couple of levels.

Number one, she condemns Technician for giving Horowitz a voice. Heaven forbid that the press should foster free speech! After all, this is the United States of America, where free speech is only free if it supports the liberal anti-war agenda. If one dares to speak out against left-wing rhetoric, they should be labeled "asinine," "narrow-minded" and "hypocritical."

McCarthyism, indeed, Ms. Vaughan, but who is hunting the witches here? Furthermore, doesn't your implicit opposition to the open discussion of Mr. Horowitz's ideas lend credence to his argument that individuals like yourself do hate the United States and its undying commitment to free speech?

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through their Women in Engineering Program as well as housing a chapter of the Society of Women Engineers. But sometimes girls can benefit in the environment in which they are raised.

The top math student in my high school is majoring in chemical engineering at NCSU, and she

feels most of her confidence came from the fact that her mother is a math teacher and her dad is an engineer. She is now the president of the Society of Women Engineers, and credits her success to her mother's emphasis on the importance of math. There is also a little satisfaction for her to succeed in a male-orientated career, and I hope her achievements influence other girls to seek fields dominated by men.

I would love to discover why I

myself went the way of statistics and failed to pursue interests in math. It is hard to break trends and pursue subjects where you may not be surrounded by anyone of your own race or gender. It is a matter of comfort that may continue to inhibit change in the next few years, but extra-curricular programs designed for underrepresented groups in these fields will slowly make a difference.

The first step is to realize it is not OK to succeed only in certain

professions. Male and female brains are not so different that it is impossible for there to be an equal number of men and women in technical fields. It is important for future generations to believe they can pursue any course of study they wish.

Michele welcomes comments and questions. Send your e-mail to mhagemma@unity.ncsu.edu.

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forced and the students listen. This effect is achieved without a mobile police headquarters or a 200-person S.W.A.T. team. Brent Road can be the same way.

Bring Brent Road back. The current police presence costs more than \$150,000 a year. Need I remind you of our state budget?

There are compromises, Raleigh City Council. There are solutions.

For example, if there are high school students attending the party and underage drinking occurring, then set up a road block at the beginning and end of the street to check IDs. If you are worried about destruction of property, keep a strong police presence and arrest the destructive people. Don't arrest the kid whose ciga-

rette butt rolls down the driveway and into the street. Set up DWI checks all around the area and take away licenses of those stupid enough to drive drunk.

Josh Cox made a very interesting point to Meeker. With an estimated attendance of well over 4,000 people at the party every year, imagine the good that can be accomplished if you just harness it. Have a voting registration

drive at the entrance to the road. Collect canned food for every person to get in. You can even charge a couple bucks admission and use that money to move Benson Kirkman off Brent Road.

Zack is determined to find a compromise for Brent Road. E-mail your suggestions to zack@zack.com. Unlike the Raleigh City Council, he listens.

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the team this season, the jury was still out on whether Majestic would ever be a contributor for Virginia again. Even Gillen was in question about Mapp's effectiveness as a point guard.

For the first half of the season, Mapp was nowhere to be found on the post-game box score, but his time would shortly come.

With the scene set and all of Mapp's family present in the stands, Majestic got his first minutes in over two years in a victory over North Carolina.

The moment Mapp walked onto the court to check in the game was emotional for any sports fan. The two minutes of playing time he earned against UNC-CH didn't seem significant at the time, but it foretold of

things to come.

Since that game, Mapp has been playing more, including playing 15 minutes against Georgia Tech, and is now looking at even more playing time with the indefinite suspension of former starting point guard Keith Jenifer.

Not only has Mapp's playing time increased, but he's also maintained excellent grades throughout his college tenure, despite the injury. In 2000 he was named to the ACC Honor Roll for his academic work. Academics combined with athletics make the well-rounded Mapp the Comeback Player of the Year with a truly improbable return.

For Majestic, it doesn't stop there. The Hardest Worker on the team award doesn't do him justice either. He's still got another year to show basketball fans what he can be: one of the most effective point guards in ACC history.

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winning streak and ranked seventh in the nation. The Heels have won four of the last six games against the Pack, including a 21-point thrashing earlier this season in Chapel Hill.

"We'll have to be on top of our game [to win], and even doing that, it will be quite a challenge to win," said Yow.

Probably because Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell thinks this could be her most talented team ever — and that includes her 1994 national championship team.

"I love this team," said Hatchell in her weekly teleconference. "I've got great kids, the chemistry is unbelievable and it's a lot of fun to coach this team. I certainly think this is a Final Four-caliber team."

The Heels have four players av-

eraging double figures, but the key to the team might be the play of freshman La'Tangela Atkinson.

In addition to averaging over 10 points a contest, the 6-foot-1-inch versatile guard leads the team in rebounding at 8.6 per game. Overall, the Heels lead the ACC in rebounding margin with a differential of over 11 boards per game.

Just one game behind the Heels in the ACC standings is FSU (15-5, 7-2). The Seminoles were pegged to finish last in the ACC, only to win seven of their first nine ACC games.

All but a lock for the NCAA tournament by early February, the 'Noles are led in scoring by Tashaika Morris with 14.8 points per game.

Friday's game with the Heels will begin at 7 p.m., while Sunday's contest against FSU will tip off at 2 p.m.

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lost to the Mountain Hawks on the road, 26-15. Junior Jon Trence, who wrestles at 197-lbs. for Lehigh, is ranked first nationally in Intermat's individual rankings. 165-lb. wrestler Troy Letters is ranked third in his weight class.

On Saturday, Navy (5-6) will play host to the Wolfpack after an earlier match the Midshipmen have against North Carolina. Navy last grappled to a fourth place finish at the All-Academy Championship and had two wrestlers, Frank Edwards at 165-lbs. and Jim Letchford at 197-lbs. win titles in their respective weight classes.

"North Carolina has a very good team and we will have to be at our best to compete with them," Navy head coach Bruce Burnett said on Navy's official athletic web site. "N.C. State also has some good wrestlers, so we'll see how we match up against them. I hope our guys can rise to the challenge."

George Cintron, Dustin Kawa and Scott Garren have been on a tear this season for the Wolfpack. Cintron is currently 9-1, winning nine straight matches after losing his first match of the season. Kawa is also on a nine game tear

and is 13-3 overall and 9-1 in Duals meets.

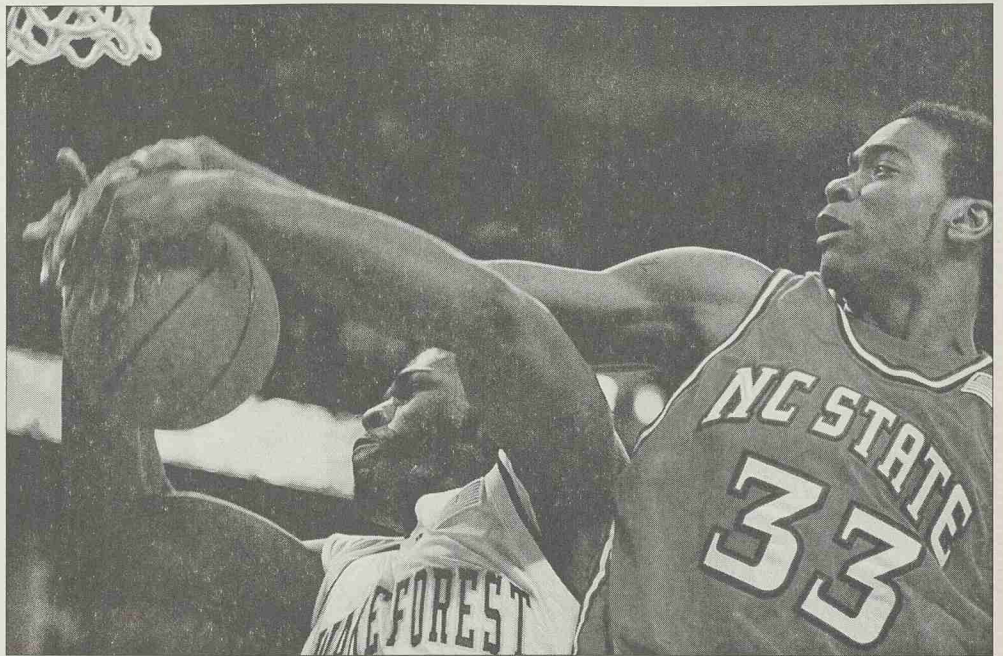
The best wrestler for the Pack right now is probably Garren. Garren is currently undefeated at 10-0 and is ranked 15th overall at 157-lbs. Unfortunately for the Wolfpack, Garren is currently sidelined with a left knee injury which he suffered against UNC Greensboro.

Also out for the Pack is Kevin Gabrielson. Gabrielson, who wrestles the 174-lb. weight class, will have to go under the knife to repair a torn tendon in his left thumb. Gabrielson is expected to miss the remainder of the regular season.

Despite these injuries, State still has other wrestlers to spur the Pack onto victory. Last week's ACC Wrestler of the Week, Jake Giamoni, has been performing quite well for the Pack recently. Giamoni, who is 10-8, has won five of his last six matches, hopes to increase his win total in the 149 pound weight class.

Both matches will take place at 7:00 p.m. According to Lehigh's official website, the match against Lehigh will be broadcast live on the Lehigh website at www.lehigh.edu.

After this weekend, the Pack will travel to North Carolina on Tuesday to take on the arch-rival Tar Heels.



Josh Powell (33) blocks the shot of Wake's Eric Williams in the first half. Officials called Powell for a foul on the play. KRT photo by Patrick Schneider

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cumbing to a second-half run.

"I thought Herb Sendek had a really good game plan coming in here," said Wake Forest head

coach Skip Prosser. "They were certainly the aggressors. In the second half we tried to be more aggressive."

Wake started the second half as it did the first, taking the ball down low to Williams. He scored six of Wake's first 12 points of the

second half to help Wake turn the four-point deficit into a 43-40 lead. Williams finished with 16 points.

Crawford, State's leading scorer with 19 points, answered with four-straight points to give the Pack its last lead of the game at

44-43. The game stayed nip-and-tuck for the next few minutes, until Wake exploded down the stretch to emerge victorious.

State will stay on the road this weekend, as the Pack travels to Virginia on Sunday in a key game. Tip-off is set for 4 p.m.

Royalties give 'throwback' jerseys royal price

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While some wonder what will happen next in the LeBron James saga, the Ohio high school basketball phenom's temporary loss of eligibility raised an ancillary question.

Why are "throwback" jerseys so expensive?

James received two throwback jerseys free from a Cleveland clothing store, prompting the Ohio High School Athletic Association to declare James ineligible for the rest of the season last Friday. James has returned the shirts of Wes Unseld, valued at \$450, and Gale Sayers, worth \$395, and challenged the ruling in court. On Wednesday, a judge in Summit County gave James a temporary reprieve, allowing him to return to team but requiring him to sit out one of the team's next four games.

Children who admire James might wish they owned one of the jerseys that got him in hot water. It could take their parents until next Christmas to pay for it.

One reason for the high cost are royalties the manufacturer, Mitchell & Ness Sporting Goods of Philadelphia, must pay. Peter Capolino, the company's president, said football, baseball and hockey players get the money directly, while NBA royalties go to

the retired players association.

But the material and workmanship involved drives up the price even more. Mitchell & Ness, a family-owned business that opened in 1904 to sell golf clubs and started making baseball throwbacks in 1989, goes out of its way to reproduce the style, shape, size and fabric of the originals. It gets wool flannel for its baseball shirts from Pendleton.

"I make very small quantities and most are made domestically, although some are from Korea," Capolino said. "They're very tied in to historical specs and construction methods not used with modern jerseys. Consumers think we're in the collectible business, but we're in the clothing business. The price is based on what it costs to manufacture."

Capolino said the Unseld jersey is difficult to make because of the red, white and blue stripes. Size also plays a part. He said a size 60 Unseld retails for \$440, a size 44 for \$400.

Matt Bourne of NBA Properties said there are nearly 100 NBA throwbacks available. He said for this weekend's All-Star Game, two more "Hardwood Classics" were created for the Hawks' Walt Bellamy and Pete Maravich.

Maravich's New Orleans Jazz shirt is also part of the collection. James has been seen wearing a

Maravich throwback.

"If you feel some of these, it's amazing that players used to play in this stuff," Bourne said. "They're heavy, coarse, not the lightweight material they use today. Mitchell & Ness takes great pride in the jersey's authenticity, the look, design and feel."

Limited production — not rolling off an assembly line in mass quantities — also makes the throwbacks more expensive.

"If Reebok runs a Darius Miles Cavaliers jersey, they probably run 10,000 a crack," Capolino said. "When Mitchell & Ness runs an Austin Carr Cavaliers jersey, we run 500. The most we've ever run of one jersey in an entire year is 2,000."

He said Reebok produced three million NFL jerseys in 2002 compared with 40,000 by Mitchell & Ness.

"We're a small mom and pop company," Capolino said. "Because the sports and music world has adopted us, we have a tremendously high profile."

He was referring to the fact that Unseld's jersey has been worn by rap musicians.

Capolino, 58, said from 1989-99, his company made only baseball jerseys "for fuddy-duddies like me." But in 1999 Mitchell & Ness expanded into NBA vintage wear and added the NFL in 2000.

"Once we started making stuff from the '70s and '80s, young people started to respond," he said. "Entertainment customers from hip hop wanted jerseys, like Nolan Ryan's rainbow jersey. We started to expand slowly, you started seeing them on MTV, BET and VH-1."

He said many rappers and hip-hop artists were buying their throwbacks at an Atlanta store, Distant Replay, which is near several recording companies. A huge boost came when the group Outkast wore the jerseys in their videos.

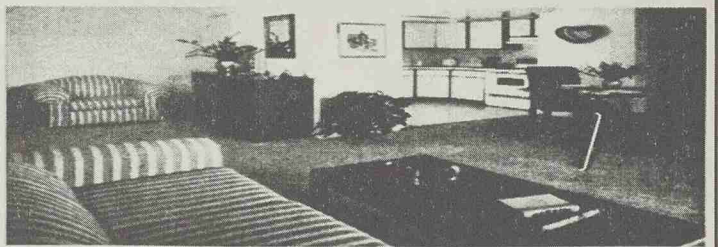
Business has boomed. Mitchell & Ness now offers 1,000 vintage jerseys. In April, 2001, 41 stores carried its products. Now that number is 275, with a chain of stores counting as one. Capolino hired a public-relations director, Reuben "Big Rube" Harley, a customer since he was 17 who is now 28. Harley has become friends with several entertainers and athletes.

That circle might soon include James, if it doesn't already. But Capolino said the James controversy has not boosted orders or brought more people into his Philadelphia store.

"We've been a bit overwhelmed for the past year," he said. "Things were pretty strong on their own without LeBron."

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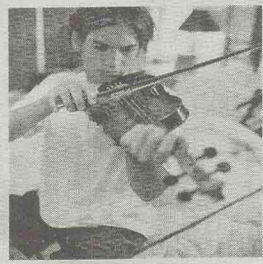
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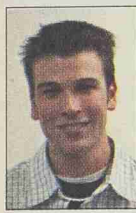
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Majestic comeback



Ryan Reynolds

The ESPY Award for Comeback Player of the Year is generally presented to a professional athlete who makes a recovery and plays after a horrific injury. Someone like Lance Armstrong, who won the Tour De France three

straight times after his battle with cancer.

This year my candidate is just as deserving, but he isn't a professional athlete.

He's Majestic Mapp, a 6-2 redshirt junior point guard for the Virginia Cavaliers, and when he steps on the court against N.C. State on Sunday, it will signify his improbable comeback after a knee injury that plagued him for over two years.

Mapp tore the ACL in his right knee, which required four surgeries to eventually fix. When all was said and done, Mapp had missed two years of basketball.

Still, the fact that most people, including his head coach, questioned whether Mapp would ever be able to play college basketball again adds to a story that shows Majestic's improbable journey from success to injury, which started with his name.

Most people wouldn't think of naming their son Majestic. After all, living up to all the hype of carrying a name of that magnitude could be a burden for a person destined for greatness.

But not Majestic Mapp.

The Harlem, N.Y., native was a four-year starter for legendary high school head coach Gary DeCesare at St. Raymond's, the same school where our beloved Julius Hodge did his damage on the hardwood.

During his senior year of high school in 1998-1999, Mapp averaged 16.8 points and six assists a game, and shortly after the accolades followed.

He was chosen to the All-New York City and All-State teams, and he was selected to play the McDonald's High School All-America game. Recruiting guru Bob Gibbons ranked Mapp the 14th-best prep player in the nation, and Fastbreak Magazine rated him the fifth-best high school point guard in the nation.

Not only did Mapp excel on the basketball court, but he was also well rounded in the classroom, gaining recognition as an ESPN Scholastic Sports Scholar Athlete.

Then came college.

High-profile colleges around the nation sought Mapp because of his play-making abilities, but he chose head coach Pete Gillen and the Virginia Cavaliers as the place where his greatness in college would begin.

During his freshman year Mapp averaged 18.7 minutes per game, coming off a deep Virginia bench. He scored a season-high 12 points twice and also showed great poise as a leader on the court.

After witnessing Mapp's stellar freshman season, many thought he could be one of the better point guards in ACC history. In my opinion, he was very Randolph Childress-esque.

But then disaster struck. Not one, not two, not three, but four times.

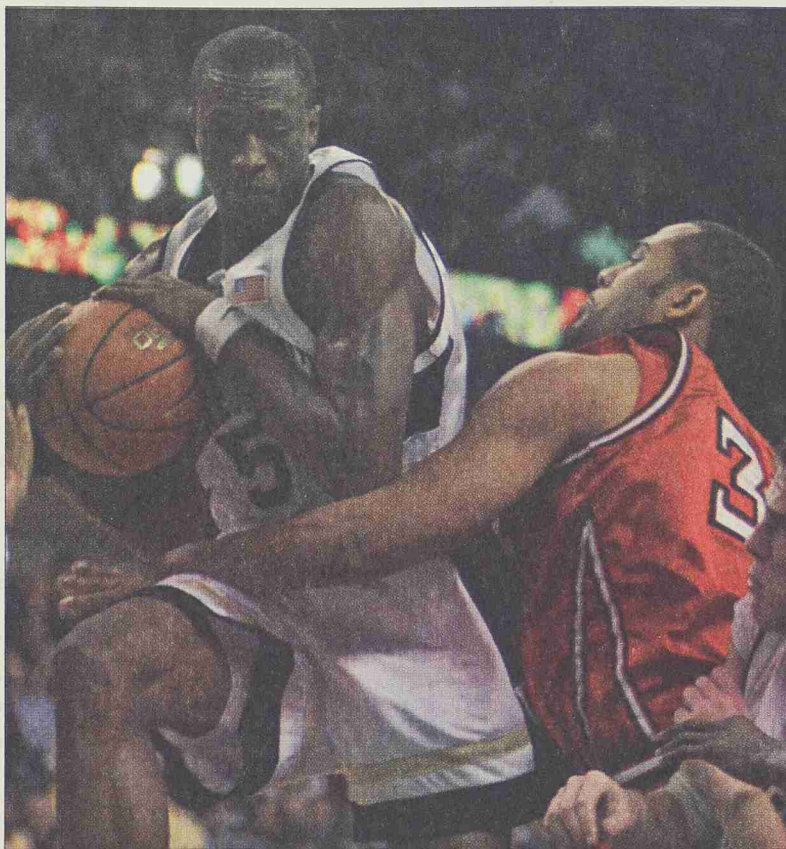
It all started when Mapp tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while playing a summer game at St. Raymond's in August 2000, causing him to miss the 2000-01 season.

Optimism turned into false hope when it was learned that Mapp would not play for a second straight season because his knee required another surgery.

After all was said and done, Mapp had gone through four knee operations and missed two full basketball seasons. Most people couldn't fathom having surgery more than once in their lives, but Mapp had four surgeries in the course of two years.

Despite being named a tri-captain of

Howard leads Wake past State



Wake Forest and Josh Howard (5) rose above N.C. State in the second half Thursday night. Howard scored 24 points, and the Demon Deacons' defense held the Pack to 38.9 percent shooting. Staff photo by Mike Pittman

Wake Forest shot 56.3 percent from the field to outduel N.C. State Thursday night.

Steve Thompson

Sports Editor

WINSTON-SALEM — In a game defined by distinct runs, Wake Forest saved its biggest run for the end to surge past N.C. State 73-58 on Thursday night.

After a slow first half, Josh Howard scored 20 points in the second to lead Wake Forest (16-2, 6-2 ACC) to its 13th straight win in Lawrence Joel Coliseum. It was the Demons Deacons' seventh straight win against the Wolfpack (12-6, 5-3).

"I thought Josh Howard was the player of difference down the stretch," said State head coach Herb Sendek. "He was nothing short of terrific. He probably picked it up a notch. He took it to another level and hit some big shots for Wake Forest."

With the score tied at 49, Wake went on a 24-9 run to end the game.

A Howard jumper started the run, as Wake scored six straight to take command. The Wolfpack couldn't find its offensive rhythm afterward.

With the Pack down 57-51, Howard followed a Taron Downey miss as Wake started to pull away. State's Julius Hodge tried to answer, but his attempts to draw foul calls from the refs went unanswered and he could never find his outside shot.

With Wake up 61-51, Downey put the nail in the Pack's coffin with 4:52 remaining. With the shot clock winding down, Downey hit an NBA-range 3-pointer to extend the lead to 13.

"It was worth three points, that was for sure," said Sendek. "Those kind of shots can take the wind out of your sails."

Howard put an exclamation mark on the game with a thunderous dunk with 1:19 left in the game. In addition to his 24 points, he also grabbed 12 rebounds in the matchup between the ACC's top-two scorers. League-leading scorer Hodge had a tough night from the field, scoring 13 points on 3-13

shooting.

"I didn't come out ready to play today," said Hodge. "I was missing shots that I usually make and I let my teammates down."

Early in the first half, Wake utilized both the inside and outside game early on to build a 13-8 lead, but the Pack responded with a 9-0 run on hot shooting by Levi Watkins and Clifford Crawford.

Down 17-13, Wake went on a run of its own. A 3-pointer by Steve Lepore put Wake back in front 20-19 and back-to-back baskets by Eric Williams and Jamaal Levy capped off the 11-2 run to put the Deacs up 24-19.

The Pack would answer with the last major run of the half, as State scored 12 consecutive points to take a 31-24 advantage. Wake would make a mini-run near the end of the half, cutting the lead to 35-31. But for the second consecutive road game, the Pack couldn't hold a first-half lead. State was also ahead of Maryland at the half, before suc-

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Daunting tasks await Pack



The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame will honor N.C. State coach Kay Yow tonight. Photo by Kevin Ritter

N.C. State will host two of the ACC's top three teams this weekend in Reynolds Coliseum.

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Duke and everyone else. Coming into the season, that was the consensus as to how the nine ACC women's basketball teams could be grouped.

More than halfway into the league season, however, it is more than apparent that is not the case.

Sure, Duke is undefeated in the league at 9-0 through Wednesday, but nipping at its heels are two teams that can be considered in the same echelon as the Blue Devils: 8-1 North Carolina and upstart Florida State (7-2).

And both of these teams will be traveling to Raleigh this weekend to take on N.C. State, a team in desperate need of a conference win.

Just two weeks ago, the Wolfpack was 4-2 in the league and seemed to have a weathered a brutal ear-

ly-season schedule. Instead of solidifying its place in the top tier of the conference, the Pack lost three consecutive league games, the last of which was a nail-biting overtime loss at Maryland.

"It was a tough game to lose in overtime because we had led most of the game," said State head coach Kay Yow. "We played well; we just committed too many fouls."

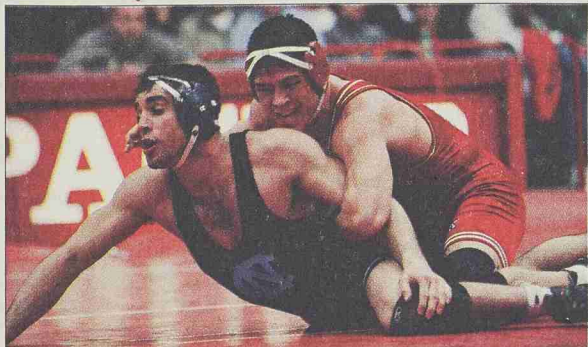
State committed 24 in all, including five to star center Kaayla Chones, who scored 14 points before being disqualified.

First up in the two-game swing will be the rival Tar Heels. Friday's game will have added importance since the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame will honor Yow by presenting the legendary coach with a banner that will be hung in her honor in Reynolds Coliseum.

But beating the Heels this year would be a landmark accomplishment in its own right. Carolina (19-2, 8-1) enters the game on a four-game

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Grapplers head north for key showdowns



N.C. State hopes to find itself on top of Lehigh tonight. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

Injuries cost have State two top wrestlers.

Jay Kohler

Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State may have struggled early in its defense of the ACC title, but after going 2-5 in the first seven matches the Wolfpack have won three straight matches against Old Dominion, Campbell and

UNC Greensboro.

Now, the Pack is trying to rise above .500 today and tomorrow as it takes on Lehigh and Navy.

The Pack (5-5, 1-1 ACC) will be in Bethlehem, Pa., tonight to compete against national power Lehigh (13-3). The Lehigh wrestling team is currently ranked fifth nationally according to the latest Internat poll. Last season, State

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Men's swimming to clash with Heels

N.C. State's conference showdown with No. 23 North Carolina looms large for both teams.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State will look to improve to 8-3 overall and move to 4-3 in the conference tonight with a win over 23rd-ranked North Carolina (8-4, 4-2).

It won't come easy. The Tar Heels are coming off dominating victories over Maryland last week, and haven't lost a decision since splitting in a meet with Florida State and Rutgers on Jan. 11. UNC's Justin Danato was named Men's Swimming and Diving performer of the week by the ACC on Thursday for his showing in the Georgia Tech/Maryland meet last weekend.

State, meanwhile, has picked up conference wins against Duke, Maryland and Georgia Tech thus far. The Pack, however, has lost three of four, including last weekend's setback at Clemson. State started the season with six straight wins, and is looking for momentum as it heads towards the ACC Championships, which begin at the end of the month.



Staff photo by Rob Bradley

Nine members of the Wolfpack have posted times and scores that rank in the league's top-10 for the season, and all will have to be at the top of their games tonight.

Rob Yeager and Brian Pursley are listed in the 100- and 200- yard breaststroke events, and Jack Deal has top times in the 1000 and 1650-ft estyle. Diver TJ Ferguson appears on 10th the 1 and 3-meter lists, while Scot Detloff, Steven Cowling, Kevin Barkle, Cristian Rojas and Jared Bench are each listed once.

UNC holds a 37-30 advantage in the all-time dual series.