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WORLD

Arabic network airs supposed bin Laden tape

The Arabic network Al-Jazeera aired a tape of what they believe to be Osama bin Laden's voice calling on all Muslims to resist any American attack on Iraq. According to a report by CNN, the tape also suggested battle strategies and warned Muslims not to assist the United States.

While technical analysis will be done, US officials have said that they believe the voice to be that of bin Laden.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell told senators Tuesday that the tape is valid proof that a connection exists between Iraq and bin Laden. The broadcast message did refer to "brothers in Iraq," but never mentioned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein directly.

Germany says Security Council could block US war resolution

A German official reported today that the country has enough votes within the U.N. Security Council to block a US war resolution before weapons inspections are extended.

Fifteen members make up the council and for a resolution to pass, it must have the approval of nine members and no veto from the five permanent council members - the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China.

Germany, along with France, Russia and China, has been vocal in its criticism of an American war amendment, arguing that U.N. weapons inspectors should be given the opportunity to conduct extended weapons inspection.

The German official counted 11 members of the Security Council that would support extending weapons inspections over war.

NATION

Bush proposal would remove housing cap

President Bush's 2004 budget proposes eliminating a housing cap that limits rent to \$50 a month for those that receive federal housing assistance. Instead, Bush's administration calls for a plan that would put \$50 as the minimum rent charged for low-income housing assistance recipients.

Proponents of the proposal say it will help local authorities promote work in federal housing communities. Currently, many complain that residents often lie about their finances and pay less than they are actually able to pay.

But critics charge that the minimum would make it harder for many low-income families to pay. They say it would be shifting the financial responsibility for such projects from the hands of the government to the struggling families themselves.

The proposal comes at the heels of a recent announcement by the Department of Housing and Urban Development that the department is \$250 million short.

STATE

Wake county schools update sex-ed curriculum

Since voting in November to add more lessons about contraceptives, sexually transmitted diseases and tolerance for homosexuals, Wake County school administrators have been working to strengthen their sexual education policy. Parents will receive a copy of the proposed curriculum in their mailboxes soon and will have an opportunity to review the changes.

The revised curriculum in November has undergone changes after a critique by a medical review panel. The panel uncovered inaccuracies in the revised curriculum and suggested areas for improvement. Since, administrators have worked to strengthen the sexual education plan.

According to a report by the News and Observer, the changes will not remove the controversial components that sparked criticism and debate last year.

Burr to challenge Edwards

Sen. John Edwards could have more to worry about than his quest for the presidency.

Republican Rep. Richard Burr announced that he will likely challenge Edwards for his seat in Congress next year in an interview with reporters in Winston-Salem. He announced that he has established an exploratory committee for a bid to Congress and that he will not pursue another term in the House of Representatives.

Burr, who spoke with President Bush's chief strategist Karl Rove before his announcement, said that his decision has been supported and encouraged by the White House.

Campus celebrates black history

The N.C. State community has grown and developed dramatically since the days of segregation.

Stella Listas

Staff Reporter

While N.C. State was integrated only 50 years ago, over the years it has changed significantly as it continues to strive to build an equal community and opportunity for black students.

The number of black students has risen drastically since 1953, and students have spread out into many different fields of education that were not available to them before the 1950s.

"I think there is a lot more active participation by African-American students in the mainstream of activities," said Iyailu

Moses, director of the African-American Cultural Center. "I know it is encouraged much more than it was in the early days."

Still, segregation remains an aspect of NCSU's history.

"Those initial African-American students who came to campus were so segregated that they had to stay on one floor of Watauga Hall," said Moses.

By establishing places like the African American Cultural Center and having African cultural programs, many students of all races are able to understand and appreciate the black culture.

"It helps African-American students, and other students as well, to have a greater understanding of the African-American presence in this country," said Moses.

Some of the very first black at NCSU are renowned for their accomplishments, and each has been recognized by the university for their significant achievements.

Augustus M. Witherspoon was a botanist and the first black at NCSU to receive a doctorate. He ultimately went on to become an associate provost, and of course, the Witherspoon Student Center is named after him. "Throughout the time he was here, he was highly instrumental in moving the cause of African Americans to the forefront and was very involved in developing a lot of the existing programs that are now on campus," said Moses. "He was the kind of man that was respected by all of his students."

Today, at NCSU, there are sev-

eral opportunities for black students to expand their horizons and develop themselves as individuals. Just recently, the Office of African American Student Affairs established an award for honoring first-year students who have a GPA of 3.0 or better. "I think initially the presence of an African-American cultural center is an advantage," said Moses. "Because we've taken the initiative to have such a place, I believe that in and of itself it is a selling point to a great number of African-American students."

On Thursday NCSU will hold an Africa Symposium. The symposium, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Witherspoon Student Center. Presentations will begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

African-American firsts at NCSU

Lawrence Clark

In 1974 he became the first top-level campus administrator in the Provost's Office; Clark is still at NCSU today.

Robert Lee Clemmons

First African-American graduate student to enroll at NCSU.

Al Heartley

First African-American basketball player who played on a scholarship.

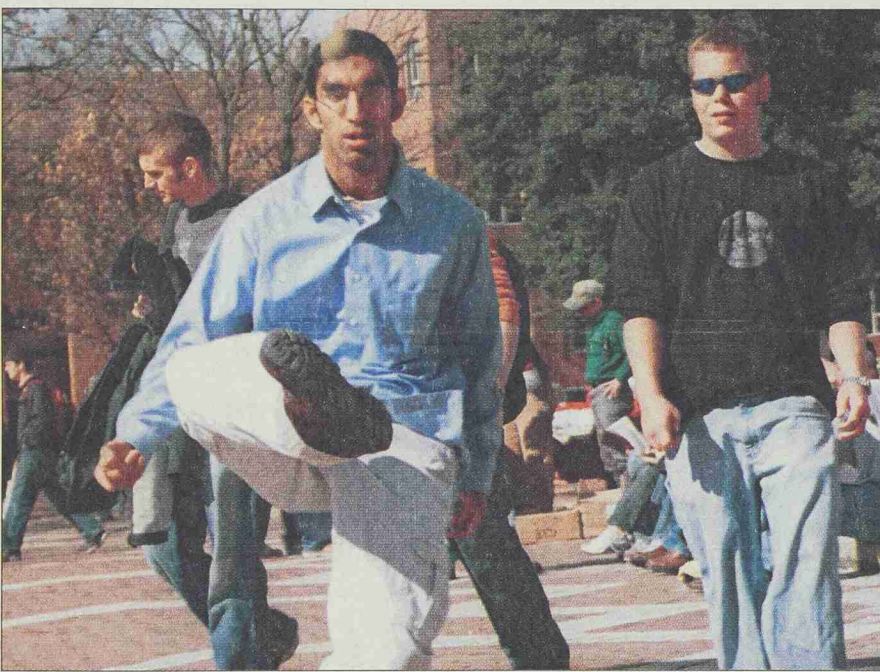
Eric Moore

The first African-American president of the student senate.

Mary Evelyn Porterfield

First African-American Miss NCSU in 1970.

Kickin' it



Nirdhar Khazania, a sophomore in computer engineering, and Ryan Rieth, a sophomore in business, kick a footbag in the Brickyard Tuesday afternoon. Staff photo by Brian Thomas

Students reflect on economy's effects

While recent statistics have suggested that a failing economy can improve personal health, many students only see the downsides of a weak economy.

Diane Cordova

Assistant News Editor

A UNC-Chapel Hill economist, Christopher Ruhm, has linked the struggling U.S. economy with the health of its citizens. Ruhm published a paper through the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, Mass., claiming that when the economy is struggling, the health of Americans improves.

He estimated that in 2000 a one-percent increase in unemployment rates reduced the death rate by 0.5 percent.

According to Ruhm, he has collected significant data that suggests both those unemployed and those employed are

more inclined to live a healthier lifestyle when jobs are scarce.

But while Ruhm sees the positive side of a struggling economy, most N.C. State students do not.

Health is not the only issue that has been linked with the weak economy, as NCSU students expressed their sentiments about the economy's effects on students and raised their concerns.

"The downward spiral in the nation's economy limits the funds and resources available to students," said Paul Yahraus, a freshman in political science.

Meghan Howard, a sophomore in chemical engineering, noted that she once considered herself pretty independent, but now she has really discovered the true meaning behind the word "independent" since she says the economy has left both her parents unemployed. "I think the weak economy means weakened morale," said Howard.

"The economy is struggling so much

that most students are highly considering getting a higher degree instead of attempting to get an internship or doing co-op," said John Aaron, a junior triple majoring in communications, education and psychology. Aaron noted that he is no longer pursuing a co-op position.

Nick Maggio, a junior in biological sciences, noted the economy's effect on students' health care.

"I imagine it's harder for a wide range of people to find health care because of budget cuts made both by the university and nationwide," said Maggio.

Jennifer Sanderson, a freshman in textile and apparel management, noted the cheaper food prices for students.

"You notice something is wrong with the economy when the frozen food section is littered with MVP buys—something I rarely see," said Sanderson.

"Well, I do know that there are an in-

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Campus Police voice concern about campus thefts

A recent rash of thefts has prompted Campus Police officials to remind students to be vigilant of their belongings in specific areas on campus.

News Staff Report

Taking a quick nap in the D.H. Hill Library in between classes, leaving your bag in the stretch area while you do a couple of laps or parking your car overnight in the Park and Ride Lot may seem like trivial actions. These are things you shouldn't need to think twice about.

But according to Campus Police officials, these actions have recently incited several on-campus thefts in areas such as D.H. Hill Library, Carmichael Gymnasium and Varsity Park and Ride Lot.

"Students should take more care in protecting their personal information," said Jon Barnwell, Campus Police's Crime Prevention officer. "If your wallet is stolen, you are not just out your money."

According to a report issued by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), there were over 117,210 thefts in 2001. But this only constitutes those victims who reported thefts.

"Identity theft is on the rise nationally, and there is a good chance the information in your wallet could aid someone in using your identity," reiterated Barnwell.

Recent thefts in Carmichael Gym have raised concerns for students and police officials alike of the dangers associated with the theft of credit cards, social security cards and passports.

The areas in the gym that have been hit hard with thefts lately include the indoor track, the indoor basketball courts and the men's locker room. Stolen items have included ID cards, wallets, cell phones, key chains and gym bags.

According to police officials, four ID cards have been taken from the gym in the past month. Possible suspects for these thefts have been identified and information is being processed.

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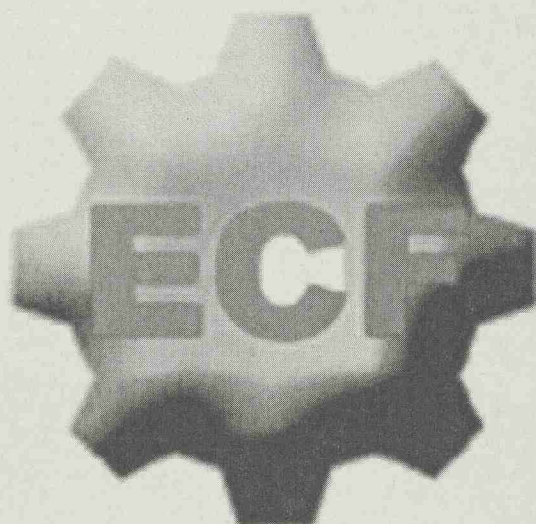
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The 'Devil' almost earns his due

Daredevil

Starring: Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner
Director: Mark Steven Johnson
★★½

Joel Isaac Frady
A&E Editor

The last five years have seen a slew of comic book adaptations hit the big screen. "X-Men" and "Spider-Man" are both turning into profitable franchises, and "The Hulk" is preparing to make its big debut this summer. It would seem to most people that bringing three famous comic book heroes to the big screen in a few short years would be enough to keep even the most die-hard fans happy.

Marvel Entertainment would argue with these people, and they're sending out "Daredevil" to keep people happy until the eventful days of mutants and angry green giants begin this summer. And if their goal was to put something out that will make people really look forward to the summer season, then they did a good job.

Then again, that's because "Daredevil" leaves you looking forward to a better action film based on a comic book. Which is hard to say because "Daredevil" has the potential to be great fun, and there are a few scenes in the film that are exactly that.

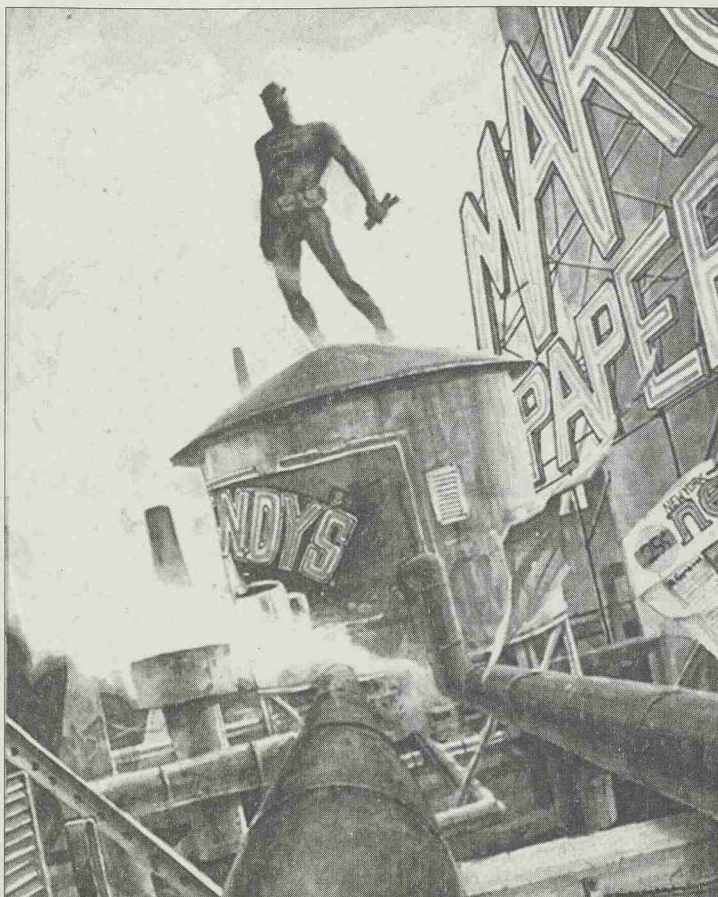
The cast is also as top notch as a person could ask for. Not only did they get sometimes great, sometimes awful Ben Affleck to play the title role, they have Jennifer Garner ("Alias") on as Electra, Michael Clarke Duncan ("The Green Mile") playing Kingpin, Colin Farrell ("The Recruit") as Bullseye, Jon Favreau ("Swingers") and Joe Pantoliano ("The Matrix"). Problem is, they cast these talented people in a film that focuses almost all of its attention on the hero, and in the end the viewer has seen a lot of Ben Affleck (Daredevil) with some fun one-liners from the rest of the cast.

The only real standout performance, as one might have expected, comes from Farrell as Bullseye. He doesn't play the character too seriously, choosing instead to provide a rather unintelligent character that's really, really funny, easily stealing every scene that he's in.

Too bad the rest of the film can't live up to it. The first 20 minutes are slow, as some dreary voice-over narration details how Matt Murdoch became Daredevil. It does show off one of the nicer sides of the film, for it frequently dodges turning to clichés with its plot and characters.

It must be said that the middle 45 minutes of "Daredevil" are immensely entertaining and incredibly well paced. The action scenes are tight and there's always just the right amount of plot to keep things going...

But then they toss up a couple of scenes that throw the balance right off. Take one scene where



Daredevil joins the list of comic book heroes to leap to the big screen. Image courtesy Marvel Comics

Daredevil is chasing an evil-doer, and the two enter the Subway. After a short fight the villain is tossed onto the tracks. Instead of pulling him out of the tracks, Daredevil taunts and ridicules him in the few remaining seconds before the train hits him.

There's also the romance-less love story between Electra and Daredevil, which features them fighting and exchanging names before going on a quasi-date then having sex. While the scene is shot nicely, Electra goes from pushing Murdoch away to making love to him in a matter of minutes; and while the gesture is nice, is their no other way of expressing the blossoming romance between the two that might actually match the characters that are being portrayed?

To top it all off, the final few battle scenes hap-

pen so fast and with so little warning that only a few explanations can be made: either the filmmakers liked the idea of being anti-climatic, they ran out of ideas or they're setting this up for a sequel in the hopes that it does great business. This kind of statement can't be made very frequently, but 15 more minutes would have really helped this movie.

Which it probably will, because there's enough good action and enough pretty faces to look at (no matter what gender you may happen to be) to keep a person interested the entire time.

Maybe, just maybe, by the time "Daredevil 2" makes the jump to the big screen in a couple of years, someone will know exactly where the film is supposed to go. For now, we're stuck with a well-made film that's just a little too impatient to work.

Billboard beat

Collin Yarbrough
Staff Writer

In the music industry, there is one chart that is the determination factor. This single handedly decides whether a song is a hit or miss. This chart is the final verdict, the judge and jury, that one referee in the Ohio State game. This chart where artists aspire to be is the Billboard Chart. Let's look at this chart to see how well it actually does pick the best songs out there. Simply for the sake of being different, let's look at the top-12 for the week of February 15.

Coming in at number 12 is pseudo Band-Aid boy. That's right, it's Nelly with "Air Force Ones." What a great choice. The twelfth best song this week is a Nike endorsement. Seriously, why would someone actually pick to rap about shoes? Hmmm... must have been out of ideas. On the bright side, it does make Phoebe's "Smelly Cat" seem like it was cruelly looked over to win its well-deserved Grammy.

Beating out Nelly at number 11 is Missy "Missde-meanor" Elliott with "Gossip Folks." This is your typical Missy song. While it is a great song to listen to in your car, it's not one you will ever hear in a club. This is horrible for DJs everywhere. Everyone wants to hear it, but nobody can dance to it. This means one thing: tons of remixes. One can sum up this song by quoting it, "Musi ques/ I sews on bews/ I pucs a twos on que zat/ Pue zoo/ My kizzer/ Pous zigga ay zee." Pure genius.

Coming in at number 10 according to Billboard is "'03 Bonnie & Clyde" by Jay-Z. A Great song to start the final-10 countdown. Jay-Z deserves a hand for not taking an old song from a musical and using it as his chorus. At the ripe age of 31, Jay-Z is becoming a dinosaur in the hip-hop industry. It is nice to see that the Jigga man still has it in him.

After 28 years of being off the charts, "Landslide" comes in at number nine. Only this time, Stevie Nicks is nowhere to be found, and this round belongs to the Dixie Chicks. Great job ladies. Take a classic, remake it and release it. Most people do this to become famous, not to keep their 15 minutes alive. Well, unless you count Vanilla Ice, but let's ignore his heavy-metal remake of his own song. That's a completely different level of pathetic. To give credit to the Chicks, it is a great remake. It sounds almost identical to Fleetwood Mac's version — no crazy new beats or different lyrics. They gave homage to Fleetwood Mac and sang it just like Stevie did 28 years ago.

Topping the Chicks at number eight is Aaliyah's "Miss You." Giving respect to the deceased, and not wanting to offend the three people who will read this when they get bored during a class, I will leave this song alone and honor the ones who have passed. And if you're one of those three people, put down the paper, your teacher is probably looking at you right now. See, told you. Read the rest after class.

While he might be at number seven in the Billboard Charts, he is number one sell out of all of our hearts. That's right, Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me A River" is still holding on to a top-10 position. And with his boyish looks and prepubescent voice, where else would he be? This song has got to make you wonder: is it dedicated to Britney or the members of N'Sync he left behind? Since the band was made with the last letter of each of their first names, does that now make them C'SYN, NYCS or just plain 'SYNC?

Rounding out the lower portion of the top 10 is Avril Lavigne's "I'm With You." Avril can barely drive, but has a couple of chart toppers. Way to go Avril. Just remember to look both ways before you cross the street and when people have had enough of your music, say hello to the Hanson brothers and Sammy for us.

Number five is one that should make everyone laugh. Christina Aguilera is back with "Beautiful." What a better way to follow "Dirty" than with a song diametrically opposed to it. If this trend keeps up, Nike better watch out because Nelly will be repping about Sketchers or L.A. Gear. However, I do think that Christina deserves a hand for outlasting Britney. There are probably plenty of people out there who lost bets on that one.

Number four belongs to a relatively new group to Billboard. 50 Cent takes this spot with "In Da Club." Great song, however, knowing broadcast radio, it will be overplayed in about two weeks. But until then, enjoy.

B2K's "Bump, Bump, Bump" comes in third. It's surprising that they are still around. It's a bit late to follow up classic booty dance songs of "Back That Thing Up" or "Shake It Fast," but the effort is not unnoticed.

Number two belongs to Ja Rule with "Mesmerize" accompanied by Ashanti. This just leads to one nagging question. What was the last hit Ja Rule had by himself? Hmmm... hard one. I guess even the best need help getting it up — getting their song on the charts up, that is. Get your minds out of the gutter.

Finally, the number one song for this week belongs to Jennifer Lopez. What a better way to follow up "Jenny From The Block" than with a number-one hit. "All I Have" does exactly this. Keep "repping the girls on the block" J-Lo. We are all behind you. Most of us are just staring at...well, yeah, but we are all behind you nonetheless.

A valentine for one who got away

Tim Coffield
Staff Writer

Hey Baby, I'm chalking this one up to the ice. More directly, perhaps, it was the university administrators who were at fault — after all, they were the ones who made school optional that Friday. Then again, it may be possible to place blame on the fact that you live a full two-and-one-half miles from campus and do not yourself possess a four-wheel drive vehicle. I am almost certain that, had you the means, you would have made it. But I'm getting ahead of myself here. When I think back and reflect on our history, I lose myself in the tranquility of your memory. My heart is awash with yearning for that which will never be.

From day one of the semester, I labeled you my 8:05 Attendance Girl — meaning that the thrice-weekly sight of you from my seat two rows back, three seats over, was inspiration enough to get me out of bed and to class on a regular basis. But don't let this make you feel special. I have an Attendance Girl in every class. It's how I stay in school.

Of course, I never actually approach my Attendance Girls or talk to them or anything. That's just not my style. No, my intentions involving you were of the most humble origins. I was content to simply gaze placidly at the back-left side of your head during lectures. And how pretty it was! I must admit, your left ear is magnificent. It's not too big or anything — and I never once noticed an excessive wax or dirt build-up. One time, I think you had an infection from a recent ear piercing, but this did not detract from your ear's resplendent beauty.

Sometimes, when you turned your head to the side just so, I could see your left eye and the side of your nose. In addition to your exquisite left ear, you have a splendid nose. I love the way it turns up just a little bit at the tip — but not too much, not too elfish or anything. I often thought to myself, "If the other side of that girl's nose looks like the left side, now that is a great nose." This would later prove to be true.

I suppose the most romantic thing to do now would be to compliment you on the beautiful color of your left eye, but the truth is that I never

could make out the exact hue. I mean, usually you looked straight ahead at the teacher, shielding your eye from my view. That said, I was almost completely confident that you had pretty eyes, whatever color they might be.

It's not like I ever followed you or anything after class, but I did notice that you rode your bicycle to school and that you live off Stafford Road behind Cameron Village, two-and-one-half miles from campus. Well technically it's 2.487 miles, judging from my odometer, but I'll round off for the sake of simplicity.

As the semester progressed, the craziest thing happened. I began to picture myself with you. For example, I particularly liked to envision us together at Golden Corral for dinner, affectionately feeding each other turkey legs and yeast rolls, or at the circus on the weekend, arm in arm. I started looking at you in a whole new manner.

Soon our relationship had gone far beyond that which I typically shared with my Attendance Girls. Instead of heading to class merely to see you, my motivation became to talk to you, to ask you out. Unfortunately, something always interfered with my plans. For example, the thought of speaking to you often left my shirt sweat stained around the neck. I did not want you to see me with a sweaty neck.

It took all the nerves I could muster, but eventually I started making small

comments to you after class, to which you would cheerfully respond.

"The professor had on a great shirt today," I would say, for example, shaking like a cold dog. "Yes, he did," you would respond, smiling. I would note that the right side of your face was strikingly symmetrical to the left, much to my delight.

Sometimes I would just say "it's cold today" or "can I borrow a pencil?" These moments defined my day.

The closer we became, the stronger the call grew for me to ask you out. It was a powerful natural urge, undeniable and unyielding. Like the urge to pee, except dryer. It came down to the last week of classes, and I had yet to ask you out. The pressure was on. I started sweating more. Monday came and went, uneventful. Then Wednesday, oh glorious Wednesday! After class, I followed you to the Atrium and finally struck up the nerve to pretend to run into you. We laughed and exchanged pleasantries.

I gulped back my fear and let it flow. "Hey, we should hang out this weekend or something," I remarked gallantly.

"Uh, yeah sure," you said. Or something like that. My elation! We agreed to talk about our plans after class Friday. Your eyes were dark and pretty.

Thursday, the ice storm came, icing the trees, the roads and ultimately, my heart. School was made optional on Friday, but I went anyway — to arrange our date. I was the only one in class. You never showed up. We never went out.

Looking on the bright side, at least I picked up an extra-credit point on my exam for perfect attendance.

Love Always,
Tim

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Americans fear smallpox

Americans have very little knowledge of the smallpox vaccine, other than they should be afraid of it. According to a Gallup poll released Tuesday, half of those surveyed would get the smallpox vaccination if it was offered to them.

The survey linked the public's concern with smallpox more to the tensions between the United States and Iraq than with terrorism and groups like al-Qaeda.

Health officials have said one or two people will die out of a million vaccinated. Up to 50 people out of that same million would face serious complications such as a scarring rash, high fever or swelling of the brain.

Despite these warnings, 53 percent of the Americans surveyed say they would take the immunization if it were offered. Forty-four percent said they would not get the vaccine.

With so much tension between the United States and other countries right now, it makes sense that Americans are worried about more terrorist attacks or biochemical warfare. The focus should remain on information and education about biological and chemical warfare, and not frightening Americans into getting a vaccination that could kill them or do them serious harm.

Almost two-thirds of Americans are worried about the threat of a smallpox attack in the future, 17 percent being "very worried." This parallels well to the 16 percent who thought the last case of smallpox happened last year. Only 23 percent of Americans surveyed knew the last case of smallpox occurred in the

1940s.

President Bush began a plan last month to vaccinate 500,000 health care workers voluntarily against the threat of smallpox. Several hospitals are resisting the plan. Dieter Metzger, spokesperson for 1199 SEIU, New York's largest health care workers union, said the union is encouraging workers to refuse vaccination because there are too many health concerns not being addressed.

One possibility is that nurses who have been vaccinated might spread the vaccine virus to patients with unhealthy immune systems. Fifty-three percent of Americans agree with the hospitals' right to be skeptical.

At the moment, there are a lot of threats to the United States — smallpox is only one. While it is always a good idea to prepare for the possibility of biological attack, it is unnecessary for the American public to be terrified of one possibility while ignoring others. The best way to deal with the threat of attack on America is to educate the public about smallpox and other possible threats without scaring the public into action without understanding.

While two or 50 people out of a million is a small percentage, those are still someone's wives or husbands, fathers or mothers, brothers or sisters who are being put up as a sacrifice for the good of us all. The least we owe that person and their family is to understand why they were put up on the block. The best answer to any attack or threat is to understand it and react accordingly.

Scrap the space shuttle

Staff Editorial
The Chronicle
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(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — In the aftermath of the Columbia space shuttle, one thing is clear: The space shuttle program is outdated, unsafe and NASA must stop funding it.

Designed more than 30 years ago, the shuttles rely on decades-old technology that does not reflect the numerous advances NASA scientists have made over the decades. Computers and other equipment on the shuttles is hopelessly outdated, meaning astronauts and engineers must work with inferior equipment that limits what they can accomplish.

For the United States to be flying these antiquated machines is also extremely unsafe, as evinced by the two fatal space shuttle accidents in the past 17 years. Surprisingly, space travel in general has been relatively accident-free, but many of the small number of lives lost in space travel have resulted from space shuttle explosions — lives that likely could have been saved had policy makers heeded earlier warnings about the program.

The space shuttle program is extraordinarily expensive, with the cost of a mission far outweighing benefits. When the program began, each flight was estimated to cost \$5 million. Currently, costs are 100 times higher — each flight costs \$500 million. Thus, not only is NASA flying an unsafe vehicle, but it is hemorrhaging

money while doing so.

The root problem is the current culture at NASA, which is wedded to the idea of keeping space shuttles. After the Challenger explosion, NASA should have taken initiative to build a different type of space vehicle. Moreover, the contracts that help make the space shuttle fly have a vested economic interest in the perpetuation of this bloated program. The reason the shuttle has been kept around for so long is because political interest keeps it afloat.

Even though it should scrap the space shuttle program, America should not give up on manned space flight altogether. The benefits of a space program, in terms of the knowledge gained and the national pride it inspires, are very real and very necessary, so the United States should work to maintain a space program. A new type of space vehicle should be developed using the most modern technology and is far less costly. In the longer term, the United States should look toward a manned mission to Mars, a large undertaking that would be a truly impressive accomplishment.

It is imperative that unmanned space flight continue to do research in space and to deliver satellites and other objects into orbit. For now, though, manned space flight in the shuttle program is just too risky and too costly to justify its continuation.



Libertarians have it right



Kevin McAbee
Staff Columnist

The American government, as it stands today, does not believe Americans are competent, responsible individuals. The government believes it must act as a parental figure, telling us what we can and cannot do. It believes that without govern-

mental regulation in all aspects of life, American society would cease to be productive, and would fall into a chasm of laziness, destruction and waste.

The U.S. government has grown into an omnipotent beast. Analyze your life and ask yourself what aspects of it you completely control. The answer is very little. Through both direct and indirect methods, the government affects almost all aspects of our lives. Whether it is taxing cigarettes to hinder use, forcing us to enter into a military draft or not letting more than two unrelated people live in a house, the government wants to control how we live our lives.

But this clashes with the ideals America was built upon — that all citizens should be free to live his or her own life.

The constitution was designed to give Americans the basic civil liberties of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. However, today, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness must be sanctioned by an immense amount of governmental regulations.

The role of government should be to foster and improve the lives of those being governed, not to protect its constituents from themselves. Herein lies the basic belief of the Libertarian Party, the largest third party in America. It believes we can all live together in peace, prosperity and happiness without the government looking over our shoulders at all times.

The Web site www.lp.org defines the main ideology of the party as follows: "We the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual. We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose."

This is the way government should be designed. The government's role should be to protect our personal rights. If a person or company infringes upon an-

other's rights, the government should be there to step in. Therefore the police and agencies such as the SEC should be preserved. However, the government should not enact laws to protect us from ourselves. And national defense funding should also be preserved, but reduced to allow us to protect the rights of our country.

Laws banning possession of drugs or guns are examples of laws that should be thrown out. These laws merely try to outlaw a material to prevent the possibility of crimes. This is not the correct way to battle crime. Punish crime once it has been committed. Jail all people who hurt, steal and kill. But do so after the crime has been committed. Banning a gun because someone could use it to kill is no better than banning kitchen knives because they can be used to kill also.

The battle over enormous taxation and governmental spending is another central idea for the libertarian party. Think of the amount of money that is collected in taxes each year. Every one of you has to pay income tax, social security tax, sales tax, property tax — and the list goes on and on. If we were to reduce the government to the most bare-boned institution we need (namely police and

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The Road to Baghdad: the media



Ben McNeely
Staff Columnist

There is no way around these biases. If media just present the facts in a clear, objective manner with no frills or spin, no one would read or watch it. That is why the major media outlets have elaborate graphics and ominous music when mentioning the word Iraq. Segments relating to the war — which seems to go on — have names like "Showdown with Saddam" and "Target: Iraq."

Clearly these names are ploys to receive higher ratings, but they do a great disservice to the viewing public. These graphics are grossly biased and another example of how the mainstream news media abuses the First Amendment.

Turn on CNN, MSNBC or Fox News Channel and listen to the facts they present on a given story. Then switch to a competitor and listen to the same story. More than likely, each news outlet will have a different version of the same story. With so many facts floating around and so many opinions to report it is difficult to give all of them equal time and space.

However, news organizations do not attempt to report the whole story fairly. Facts are jumbled or not even told. All that is important to the American media is ratings and readership.

Now take the same story on an international newscast and notice the differences between the ways they report the same story. Every night on PBS, the BBC nightly news program is broadcast. There are no commercials, there are no sponsors, there are no distracting graphics

fighting for your attention. It is just the newsreader and some captions at the bottom of the screen. This is a far cry from what we are used to in America.

With that in mind, coverage of the conflict with Iraq is totally off base and — in some cases — wrong. To accuse the news media of just spouting the official stance of the United States government is not only a fair assessment, but it is something they do on a daily basis.

For example, Wolf Blitzer, host of Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer on CNN, parades former generals and military experts and quizzes them on what the government is thinking and planning. When he brings guests that may have an opposing opinion, he will attack his or her credibility and spout the latest press release from the White House.

The media leaves a huge gap when it comes to reporting the anti-war movement. Last month, when anti-war activists came out in millions to protest the impending war, most of the events were tucked away in the inside pages in newspapers and two-line blurbs on newscasts. Statistics reporting the number of protesters actually attending were underreported, while the leaders of the protests were over-reporting their numbers. This type of reporting clearly favors one side: the government.

The reporting world events and what world leaders say about the actions of the United States is severely biased. When France and Germany came out to protest American troops in the Persian Gulf region and our persistence to go to war, the American press jumped on them and questioned their loyalty as allies and partners in NATO. News shows were having segments with titles as "France and Germany: Do We Need Them?"

When Donald Rumsfeld came out and blasted France and Germany on their opinion of defending Turkey from a possible attack by Iraq, it was front-page news and it was never questioned as the right thing to say. France and Germany were against us, therefore, they should

be reported in an unfavorable light.

However, while the mainstream press is distorting the truth, the alternatives are just as distorting and biased as the mainstream press. FAIR, which is an acronym for Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, is an activist group charged with holding the media accountable for fair, objective and accurate reporting. That should be a clue right there. Activist groups, by nature, are very opinionated and very biased against whatever they are fighting.

FAIR, which has its own newsletter and radio show, presents holes and inaccuracies reported by the mainstream media. On the whole, they do a good job pointing out the mistakes of the media, however, that is where their effectiveness ends. FAIR, while having good intentions, does not go far enough into reporting the news in a fair way. They are more concerned with their activism than with reporting the news. They tout their horn about which news organization they have forced to admit to a mistake, claiming it is a victory in the war against biased journalism. However, FAIR and other organizations like it are not proper news organizations. They are reactionary groups bent on discrediting the mainstream media whatever the cost. They are just as abusive of the First Amendment as the major sources are.

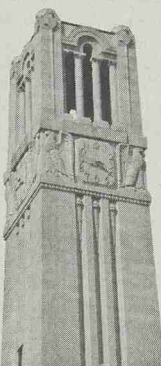
There are not many proper alternatives to the mainstream media. There is no way to escape biased reporting because all news outlets are biased in one form or another. Even this column is based upon my view of the facts and Technician is based on opinions of the editors and writers. When it comes to reporting about the conflict with Iraq, the question is not who is right, rather, it is who is less wrong?

Ben reads The Onion every week and watches The Daily Show to get his news. E-mail him at bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu to criticize his work and tell him how biased he is. He will probably agree with you.

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Get off the phone



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

There comes a point when you just want to shout to the person in the bathroom stall next to you, "Enough is enough." There is no one in the world who is important

enough that you have to answer your cell phone while using the restroom.

Also, just because a person's best friend is expecting a certain someone to ask her out for Valentine's Day, this does not give that person liberty to leave her phone on while watching her little sister's ballet recital. Cell phone use is getting ridiculous.

Currently, there are 120 million cell phone users in the United States. There are a little over 30,000 students and faculty at N.C. State. Most of NCSU's population uses cell phones. Unfortunately, much of this cell phone use goes on in places that it really should not.

I really do not need to know that the person that sits beside me in chemistry was extremely wasted last night (on a Tuesday night). I also was displeased with the annoying sound of "Dixie" while watching "The Importance of Being Earnest" last week at

Stewart Theatre. Lady with the silly pink hat — your son could have waited for you to call him back to let him know he could not have hot chocolate tonight before bed. Put your phone on vibrate, please!

While in AgriSupply this weekend, I was behind a rather large man with a rather small cell phone. He seemed to think that because of the size of his phone, talking as loud as possible would be the only way the person on the other end would hear him. This would have been fine had he been outside. However, he was inside, in front of me, and the cashier was trying to get him to pay for his goods.

It is hard to speak over a rather large man talking at the top of his voice. I gave the cashier an encouraging smile and "accidentally" spilled just a small amount of my Mountain Dew on the man's shirt. (I would not waste a large amount of Mountain Dew for anyone.) This took his concentration off the phone and moved it to me.

It took a minute to explain that the spillage was completely accidental, but it solved the problem. He paid for his chicken feed and was gone.

Many before me and many after me will complain of cell phones being used while driving. Yes, it may be important to find

out how much that hot pair of shoes at the mall cost, but is it so important that an accident is caused by your negligence to stop at a red light? Maybe the phrase "one-track mind" applies to you. In that case, turning the cell phone off and paying attention to where you are going would be a good idea.

Many states have passed laws against using cell phones while driving and are placing heavy fines on offenders. I am sorry, but few state troopers will accept the excuse "the roaches are taking over the house and I was trying to tell my son where the Raid was."

I have no problem with the cell phones — it is the misuse of them that bothers me. It would be so simple to put a phone on vibrate or silent while in class, at a meeting or in the bathroom. While driving, use a headset or simply wait until you get to where you need to go before using the phone.

And please, do not, under any circumstances, use the cell phone while in the restroom! Unless it is with telemarketers — then you are free to play with their minds.

Heather is now heading to class and she only has 15 calls to make, so she is sure the professor won't mind. E-mail her at hrcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu if you need tips on how to use a cell phone in class

Intercourse-only sex ed



Greg Volk
Staff Columnist

The Wake County School Board this week announced its latest revision in the county's sexual education program. According to the News and Observer, the

board voted in November to augment an abstinence-only curriculum with information about contraceptives, sexually transmitted diseases and tolerance for homosexuals. Since then, however, the board has removed most references to homosexuality from its curriculum and has announced plans to send its new, only slightly revised, abstinence-only instruction plan to parents of seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders for review.

I commend Wake County's efforts to update its sexual education curriculum but frown upon the results. Frequently bureaucrats get too mired in logic, morals and common sense to really step outside the box in developing creative solutions to complex problems like this. And so I propose a fresh solution: intercourse-only sexual education.

Last spring President Bush reprimanded Secretary of State Colin Powell, the administration's political black sheep, for disagreeing publicly with the Bush administration's abstinence-only stance on sexual education. But an intercourse-only curriculum can solve unequivocally all these tiny differences of opinion. With

an intercourse-only education plan, educators, administrators and politicians alike can gain focus and remove the ambiguities hindering progress in sexual education.

The goal of an abstinence-only sexual education is much akin to the automobile insurance industry's definition of an experienced driver. Generally, a driver is not considered experienced — no matter how old he is — until he's been safely behind the wheel for five years. We're all going to drive eventually, so the sooner we get behind the wheel, the sooner we become an experienced and, hence, a safer driver. It takes practice to know how to avoid sudden obstacles, keep proper spacing and remain calm under pressure.

Intercourse is not dissimilar. The sooner we start having sex, since, after all, we're going to one day, the sooner we'll become safe at doing so. There may, perhaps, be those who choose — for some reason or another — not to engage in intercourse ever. That's their prerogative. But we cannot let their decision not "to drive" keep our children from speeding down the highway to successful sexual-transmitted disease prevention.

Proponents of graduated licensing (and opponents of intercourse-only education) would argue that, although someone who begins driving at 17 years old is just as inexperienced as someone who begins at 16, the 17-year-old is safer because he is more mature. This would be true if maturity were the most important factor in driving safety.

But it's really more a matter of motor skills, which, we all know through displays of intricate finger painting, are well developed before children even start kindergarten.

As I see it, an abstinence-only program would coincide perfectly with the Bush administration's yearning to redevelop the nuclear American family. Let's face it: Divorce among Americans is reaching plague-like proportions. One of the most common complaints in broken marriages is that the sex life was lacking or nonexistent.

The best way to ensure a satisfactory partner and spouse is to try a bunch out before you settle semipermanently on one. We don't stay with the same friends for all our life — neither should we stay with our first driving partners for all our life. Before we commit, we have to make sure our driving partners know how to orient a map and are good at folding back that annoying lip on plastic coffee-cup lids. The only way to do this is through experience. Lots of experience.

Wake County Schools is focusing mainly on revising its plan for sex education at the middle school level, but the earlier they implement an intercourse-only plan, the better results they'll have. Imagine the potential power of preemptive intercourse among pre-adolescents.

All of Greg's girlfriends say he is a horrible driver. Tell him about your driving habits by e-mailing to dishedus@hotmail.com.

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national defense protection), think of the amount of money that would be placed back into the economy.

Yes, the programs that the government enacts would no longer be in its own hands, but in the hands of private businesses. Responsibilities for services such as paving roads and mail delivery would now be given to these private businesses. This would be a great improvement, because the government is a wasteful entity.

Once these tasks were delegated to private industry, they would

be accomplished more efficiently and for less money. Since the government has no competition, it can spend as much money as it wants on these tasks. It only takes simple economics to realize that with competition, prices would fall.

Programs such as social security, welfare and unemployment would be gone. But this also is a good thing. People must be responsible for their own lives and not rely on the government to pay for their bills.

If we can reduce the size of the government, then we can begin to run our country ourselves. We do not need the government

watching us and regulating our lives in order to ensure that the United States is a happy and healthy country. We can accomplish it ourselves.

Kevin thinks a lot of people are Libertarians and just don't know it. He wishes to share the party's ideals with everyone he can. Go to www.lp.org or e-mail him at ktmcabee@unity.ncsu.edu.



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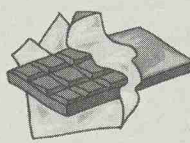
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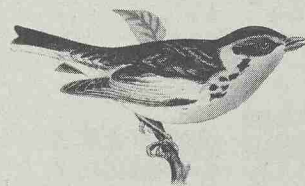
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will serve as the basis for a lasting tradition here at NCSU.

More importantly though, you maintained focus on the kids and for that, we all are proud of you. Thanks for starting a new tradition that we all can be proud of here at NCSU! As you all would say, "One for the kids."

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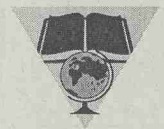
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N.C. State club ultimate teams host Wolfpack Invitational

Ten men's and eight women's collegiate teams will compete for titles.

Johanna Vidales
Guest writer

The N.C. State men's and women's club ultimate Frisbee teams will host the first annual Wolfpack Invitational on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15 and 16. This will be State's time hosting an ultimate tournament at home, and games will be played on the lower Miller Field.

The men's and women's ultimate teams (nicknamed "Wolfpack" and "J%oga Monsta" respectively) enter the Wolfpack Invitational fresh from a recent success at the Queen City Tune-Up in Charlotte. At the tournament hosted by UNC-Chapel Hill, the weekend of Feb. 1-2, the men's team placed second after losing to William & Mary in the finals,

15-12.

During pool play, the Wolfpack men looked strong, going undefeated on Saturday and completely dominating long-time rivals Carolina and Duke. The women's team also played well, but suffered several close losses. They went home in sixth place out of 14 teams.

After winning the Blue Ridge Blowout Tournament this past Fall, "J%oga Monsta" continues to build its strength and looks forward to a successful season.

10 men's teams will be competing at the Wolfpack Invitational, including Appalachian State, Davidson, Duke, James Madison, Johns Hopkins, N.C. State, Rutgers, Carolina's "B" team, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest.

The women's pool of competitors consists of Appalachian State, Davidson, Duke, N.C. State, Carolina's "B" team, Wake Forest and William & Mary's "A" and "B"

teams. On Saturday, the men's pool play will start at 9 a.m. with five rounds.

Women's pool play will start at 10 a.m. with four rounds. The last games of the day for both men and women will start at 4 p.m. On Sunday, the championship rounds for both men and women will start at 9 a.m. The women's finals will then start at 1 p.m., and the men's final will follow at 3 p.m.

Admission is free, and in the event of rain, games will be played at Lake Benson Park in Garner.

For more information about the Wolfpack Invitational, go to <http://www4.ncsu.edu/~jboverby> or contact one of the tournament directors: Molly Doyle at madoyl2@unity.ncsu.edu or Gil Elhart at igelhart@unity.ncsu.edu.

Information about the N.C. State men's and women's club ultimate teams can be found at <http://www.ncsu-ultimate.com>.

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Celtics. Smith was chosen as his successor at Kentucky and led the Wildcats to the 1998 national title. Two years before that, Donovan had matriculated from Marshall to Florida.

With all three coaches in place in high-profile situations, their respective programs have all flourished this year under the same fast-pace principles that Pitino was so successful with at Kentucky his first go around.

All three teams love to press; they love to launch 3 after 3 after 3; and all three force you to play their game at a break-neck pace.

Their style of play is so similar that it's hard to tell which team is playing without looking around for other indicators. After a made basket, for example, all three will set up a full-court press with a big man guarding the inbounder and athletic guards harassing the opposing ballhandlers. All three teams average over 75 points per game — Louisville 84.1 — and have deadly 3-point shooters that

can change a game in a moment's notice.

Furthermore, Florida, Kentucky and Louisville have all combined to lose one game in the calendar year — and that was Kentucky beating Florida. So clearly, the system is working.

And expect that very system to produce a national title for the Gators, 'Cats or Cardinals — that is, if you are able to distinguish between the three.

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bout was the first time in the match a State wrestler had been ahead after the first period of competition. McCallum's win got the Pack some momentum, and it swept the next three matches.

Jake Giamoni won a decision over Chris DiGuseppe, Scott Garren, ranked No. 14 in the nation, remained perfect on the season with a 9-4 decision over Garret Atkinson, and No. 20 Dustin Kawa beat Jimmy O'Connor in a double-overtime contest. O'Connor

was unable to escape from Kawa in the allotted 30 seconds and State received its final three points of the contest.

"I'm coming off a couple of injuries, so I'm just trying to get through a match and pick up a win," said Garren. "[It was] not my best performance, but not my worst either."

The match was the final ACC regular season match for UNC coach Bill Lam after 30 years of coaching at UNC, but neither coach Guzzo nor Garren believed that played a part in the defeat. "I don't think that played a

part," said Garren. "No one paid much attention to that."

"No, [it didn't have an impact]," said Guzzo. "We're just a little shorthanded at some of these weights and got off to a really bad start."

While the defeat will probably prevent the Pack from repeating as ACC champions for a third consecutive year, they still feel confident about their chances to be successful the rest of the year and to win the ACC tournament.

"If we wrestle the best we can, [we can beat them] without a doubt," said Garren.

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season after a huge road win against Maryland and a victory against N.C. State at home. Ironically, both big wins came along with the suspension of starting point guard Keith Jenifer.

"Jenifer is still indefinitely suspended, Todd [Billet] is doing a good job handling the ball, and Majestic Mapp of the bench is doing a good job," said Gillen.

Senior Travis Watson was named ACC Player of the Week after

racking up 30 points, 24 rebounds and eight steals to win over State and Maryland. Virginia will be tested again this week on the road against UNC-Chapel Hill. Despite their struggles in the conference, Carolina remains an explosive team, capable of pulling off a few more upsets. Carolina's leading scorer, Rashad McCants, has been particularly cold of late, scoring just two points in his last two games.

"McCants is one of the best freshman in the country. We have to expect him to be at his best...

he certainly can take over a game himself," said Gillen.

A continuing trend this year, for all teams in the ACC, has been to successfully defend the home court. Coming into this week, teams are 32-8 at home in conference games — a stat that teams like Maryland will not overlook as it travels to Florida State tonight.

Rounding out the league this week, Clemson travels to South Carolina to face the Gamecocks, and State tries to move to 5-0 at home in conference games against Georgia Tech.

CAMPUS RECREATION

Club Sports Event Results Ice Hockey

Feb. 7 and 8: Defeated Virginia 5-2 and 5-4 last weekend at the RecZone in Raleigh.

Men's Rugby

Feb. 8: Lost to UNC-Wilmington 31-5

Men's Volleyball

Feb. 8: Results from tournament in Chapel Hill: Lost to Carolina "A" 25-13 and 25-23; Lost to USA-V 25-14 and 5-25; Lost to Virginia 18-25, 25-23, 15-6; Lost to Carolina "B" 25-14 and 25-16

Women's Volleyball

Feb. 8: Carolina Women's Collegiate Volleyball League Tournament No. 2 in Chapel Hill

Finished second after losing to UNC-Wilmington in the finals

Club Sports Home Events Women's Basketball

N.C. State versus Guilford College

Sunday at Carmichael Gym at 1:30 p.m. on Court 2

Cross Country/Track

Run for the Roses 5K

Sunday in Raleigh

Ice Hockey

N.C. State "A" versus Duke

Tonight at 9:15 at the RecZone

Roller Hockey

Atlantic Collegiate Roller Hockey Association Tournament

Saturday and Sunday at Carolina Sportsplex in Cary (319-9910)

Women's Rugby

N.C. State versus East Carolina

Saturday on lower Method Road Field at 11 a.m.

Men's Soccer

N.C. State "White" versus UNC-Wilmington and Davidson

Saturday at Lee Field

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BASKETBALL

Three that came from one



Matt Middleton

With the Super Bowl in distant memory and spring training right around the corner, we have undoubtedly entered the doldrums of February basketball, a time when it's usually clear who the top three or four championship contenders are.

Not this year.

Four teams have spent time atop the polls this year: Duke, Florida, Alabama and current No. 1 Arizona, yet two of those teams - Duke and Alabama - have almost no shot at even earning a No. 1 seed when the tournament bracket is announced on March 16. Heck, Alabama is in danger of missing the tournament altogether.

In a nose-dive rivaling that of Fuzzy Zoeller's marketing value post-April 1997, the Crimson Tide is now 3-6 in the SEC and has lost seven games since topping the AP poll in late December.

Despite all the parity in the game that exists both in the ACC and nationally, there is a trio of teams that I'd count on to make the trip to the Big Easy for the Final Four. But on second thought, are they really three different teams?

The year was 1989. The other Bush was president, Madonna wanted us to express ourselves, and Miami would later win its third national football championship in seven years.

Meanwhile, in the basketball-crazy Bluegrass State, a place that cares as much about football as Iceland, a hotshot young coach was in the first year of rebuilding one of college basketball's most historic teams. But Rick Pitino wasn't just rebuilding a program, he was trying to restore its proud image after a series of recruiting scandals had severely tarnished its once-sacred image.

It was at Kentucky when their paths crossed, and little did they know, but almost 15 years later, their paths would cross again - this time as the leaders of the three teams with the most legitimate chance to win the 2003 national title.

Behind Pitino on the Wildcat bench that year was graduate assistant Billy Donovan and assistant coach Tubby Smith. Donovan, who starred on Pitino's Final Four Providence team in 1987, was just getting his feet wet in coaching. Smith, on the other hand, was already a veteran of the profession who was familiar with basketball scene in the South - just the kind of assistant a New Yorker like Pitino needed on the other side of the Mason-Dixon line.

Together the two would aid Pitino in laying the foundation of Kentucky's return to glory before taking up head coaching positions of their own, Donovan at Marshall and Smith at Tulsa.

Today, all three sit as the head coaches of the No. 2, 3 and 4 ranked programs. Sure, all three teams are behind Arizona - a team with as much talent as the Denver Nuggets - in the polls, but let's be honest, are we really going to count on Lute Olsen to win the national title as the favored team?

Olsen's most talented teams have never won the championship. In 2000, the Wildcats flamed out in the second round, and in the following year had no business losing to Duke in the championship game. His only national championship team was seeded fourth in the South in 1997, an afterthought to even make the Final Four much less win it all.

With that in mind, the championship burden falls to Donovan's Florida Gators, Smith's Kentucky team and Pitino's Louisville Cardinals. Yes, you read that right, Pitino's Louisville Cardinals.

It still seems strange to think: In a Benedict Arnold-esque move, Pitino returned to the state of Kentucky last year to coach the rival Cardinals. Not that unusual really, unless you would think nothing of, say, Dean Smith taking over at Duke.

Before he was hired at Louisville, Pitino bolted Kentucky for the NBA's Boston

UNC downs wrestling in Chapel Hill

The Tar Heels dominated early, and the Pack could not overcome the deficit.

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CHAPEL HILL — The past two years, N.C. State and North Carolina have split their regular season wrestling contests. Both times the Pack won in Chapel Hill and the Tar Heels won in Raleigh. This year looked to be shaping up in the same way after a UNC victory in Raleigh earlier in the season. But it was not meant to be for the Wolfpack.

The Tar Heels (8-4, 4-1) won the first six matches of the night, many in convincing fashion, to build a 22-0 lead on the Wolfpack (5-8, 1-2). After that, it was all mathematical. State won the last four matches of the night, but the Heels were already too far ahead and ended up with a 22-12 victory.

"We didn't wrestle smart," said junior Scott Garren. "Guys didn't wrestle their best match tonight. [They] didn't use their heads a lot."

The match started off with the 174-pound weight class. State's starter, Kevin Gabrielson, was out with an injury and redshirt

freshman Courtney Bird moved up a weight class to fill in. Bird was pinned with 16 seconds left in the second period by UNC's Mark Canty to give the Heels a 6-0 lead. From there, UNC never looked back.

"Although we got off to a really bad start and gave up some extra points, I think our kids all wrestled hard," said head coach Bob Guzzo. "We've have a couple kids that are hurt and out of the lineup, and we're going with some inexperienced kids."

UNC then won the next four matches handily. After two decisions at the 184 and 197-pound weight classes and a ma-

jor decision by UNC's Ryan Adams over the Pack's Leroy Harris, the Tar Heels were up 16-0.

The match of the night followed in the 125-pound match between N.C. State senior George Cintron, ranked No. 19 in the country, and UNC All-American Chris Rodrigues, ranked No. 18 in the country. The match was tied 1-1 at the end of three periods of competition with each wrestler having only one escape to his credit. In the one-minute sudden death overtime, neither wrestler scored a point, and in the second overtime, Cintron had 30

seconds to escape from Rodrigues and was unable to do so. The Tar Heels were awarded three points and went up by 19.

"Every match [between those two] has been very, very close," said Guzzo. "I think George should have been a little more aggressive during the regulation match. That was a very high level match; both those kids are nationally ranked kids. There always very close matches."

After one more Heels' victory, State got its first win when Ryan McCallum won a 6-4 decision over Brian Baglio. That

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Back at home, Pack looks to regroup

N.C. State returns home after a winless two-game ACC road trip.

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Last week was not a good week for the N.C. State Wolfpack to say the least.

Riding high after a home win against Clemson to up its ACC record to 5-2, the Pack went to Wake Forest to take on Josh Howard and the Deacons for second place in the conference. State lost an early lead and lost 73-58. At Virginia, State again squandered a lead in the second half and lost 61-58.

Now it's crunch time for State, as it comes back to Raleigh to play the upstart Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets tonight. With Duke and Maryland tied for second place in the league at 6-3 and State, Georgia Tech and Virginia all at 5-4, State needs this game to get a leg up on Tech and the Cavaliers in the ACC standings. The loser of tomorrow's game will not only fall farther down in the standings but also suffer a blow to its NCAA Tournament chances.

"The conference is really balanced this year; just a game separates the top tier from the bottom tier," said State head coach Herb Sendek. "In general, the ACC has always been balanced from top to bottom."

Seemingly all year, State's signature has been to "live or die by the 3-point shot." During the two-game losing streak, the Pack went a combined 10-of-46 from

the 3-point line. A bad shooting night will not get it done for State. With the lack of a strong, consistent inside game, State must hit the outside shot if it is going to defeat the Jackets.

The Jackets are coming off an upset win against Maryland on Saturday. Freshman point guard Jarrett Jack played more like an experienced senior, scoring 20 points and dishing out eight assists.

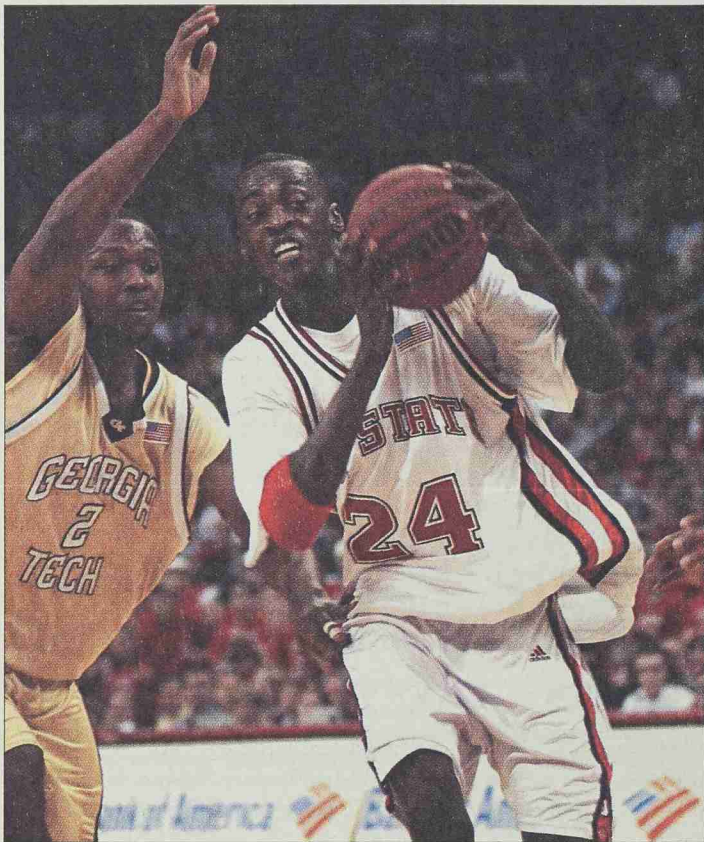
Fellow freshman Chris Bosh recorded his ninth double-double of the season with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Currently, Bosh leads the ACC in field-goal percentage at 60 percent. Sophomore B.J. Elder led all scorers against the Terrapins with 23 points.

"When we played them the first time in Atlanta, they were as talented as any team we had encountered," Sendek said. "Man for man, their talent quotient is off the charts. They are really playing well."

State, on the other hand, is in a bit of a slump. In Sunday's loss, the Pack led for most of the game until late in the second half. State was held without a field goal for the final three minutes of the game and turned the ball over on three of its last four possessions.

"We are playing a team in N.C. State that has come off a couple of losses, but [they] were in control during those two games," said Tech head coach Paul Hewitt. "And obviously, everybody knows about the road situation in the ACC."

In tomorrow's matchup, the



Julius Hodge will try to exact revenge on Georgia Tech after the sophomore was benched following a poor performance in the two teams' earlier meeting. File photo by Jason Ivester

Jackets will try to pound it inside with Bosh, sophomore Ed Nelson and seven-footer Luke Schenscher. Statistically, State is the worst rebounding team in

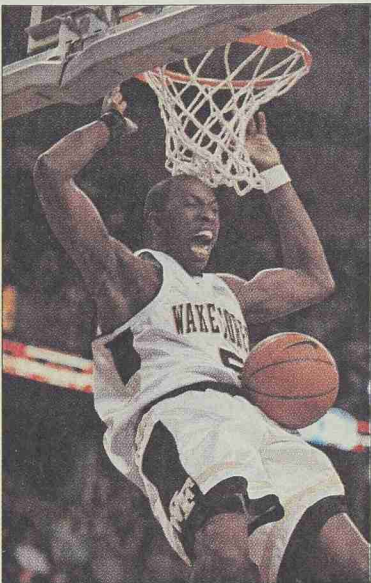
the conference, while Tech is third.

The Pack frontline must be able to hold its own against the Jackets. Pack point guard Cliff

Crawford will also have a tough assignment stopping the penetration of Jack.

Tonight's tip-off is scheduled for 9 p.m.

League parity returns in tight ACC



Josh Howard has slam dunked surprising Wake Forest to first place in the conference. KRT photo by Patrick Schneider

After years of dominant programs, six teams could have a legitimate shot at the regular-season title this year.

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Things are certainly getting busy as the race for the ACC regular-season title gets into full swing.

As opposed to the last few years in the league, there are no true powerhouses in the league this year. No. 15 Wake Forest is in first place, but six teams are within a game and a half of the Deacons.

"I think it's a much better league this year, because before, we had such superpowers [that] just pounded everybody," said Pete Gillen, head coach of Virginia. "I think it's much better now when anybody can beat anybody."

League balance could make for some difficult decisions come tournament time. The NCAA has voiced at times that it does not plan on extending bids to teams with records below .500 in the confer-

ence — a stipulation that could adversely affect ACC teams.

"My feeling is the league is incredibly balanced and really good. I mean our non-conference records are terrific. I really believe this is a year where we should get six, seven teams in the tournament," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

The biggest match-up of the week features No. 8 Duke traveling to Wake Forest to take on the Deacons in a battle for league supremacy. Wake had been hot until dropping Sunday's game against No. 11 Marquette on the road. Duke has put together two unimpressive wins against Clemson and UNC at home, and if they continue this streak and lose to Wake, the Blue Devils will drop their fourth straight road game for the first time since the 1995-96 season.

"We haven't really been shooting well in the last couple weeks, so we haven't had the balance we normally have," said Krzyzewski.

Recently, Wake has had trouble against the Blue Devils — Duke is in the midst of a four-game winning

streak against the Deacons. Defense has been Wake's biggest problem in this series.

"We have not been all that scintillating defensively against Duke since I've been here," said Wake head coach Skip Prosser. And he even joked around to say that "we may have to bring in Colin Powell here to talk about defense."

Wake is also looking to avenge its 74-55 loss against Duke earlier in the year. During this match-up, Duke managed to keep Josh Howard relatively quiet offensively, as he scored only 13 points but still managed to grab 14 rebounds. Since that meeting, Wake's senior leader has stepped up to become one of the dominate competitors for ACC Player of the Year.

"I think he was a guy who was somewhat beneath the radar screen... but right now I wouldn't trade him for anybody in the country," said Prosser.

Arguably the hottest team in the league right now is the Virginia Cavaliers. Virginia has resurrected its

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