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WORLD

Small government plane crashes in Colombia

More than 150,000 troops now in Persian Gulf

While more troops continue to arrive within strik-ing distance of Iraq daily, on Thursday the mili-tary command reported approximately 156,000 troops in the region. The Pentagon has exceeded its goal of hav-ing 150,000 troops under the U.S. Central Com-tries of East Africa - by mid February. In addition, on Thursday, another 16,000 troops under the U.S. European Command were aboard ships rest-ing in the Mediterranean Sea. NATION

Pentagon decides against cremation of U.S. troops

The Pentagon recently completed the review of a policy that would ultimately authorize cre-mation as a way to dispose of the remains of U.S. troops if they are killed in a chemical or biolog-

The policy, which was reviewed by a panel of military health and mortuary affairs experts, was

rejected. The policy considered biological contami-nates, including smallpox and anthrax, that would mandate the quick disposal of dead bod-ies to protect the living. The panel decided that the current procedures for U.S. troops killed in battle are sufficient and will remain in place.

Tobacco company may suspend contracted workers

Volters Vector Tobacco Inc., the tobacco company that produces the low to no-nicotine Quest cigarette, may be forced to suspend its three year con-tracted farmers for approximately a year. The company, which has been selling its cig-arettes in seven states for a week now, says that after two years of harvests, it has more than enough tobacco on hand. Many of the farmers who were contracted with Vector Tobacco Inc. are members of the Amish community.

• STATE

Country superstar performs for N.C. soldiers

Thursday morning, country superstar Faith Hill performed for a crowd of over 10,000 soldiers and their families at Fort Bragg, N.C.The free con-cert was covered live by ABC's Good Morning America.Some came as early as 5 a.m. to see the superstar up close. Many of those in attendance are going to be deployed to the Persian Gulf as early as next week.

Bills would remove caps • on number of charter schools in the state

Schools III the State Two separate bills that were filed in the House on hursday would remove the 100 cap on the num-ber of charter schools in North Carolina. Representatives Cary Allred, R-Alamance and Michael Gorman, R-Craven, introduced the meas-ures that would increase the present school im-it that was established in 1996. While charter schools are privately owned and operated, they receive public funds and have open enrollment. In addition, they place an em-phasis on smaller class sizes and non-tradition-al teaching methods.

l teaching methods. While the state Board of Education recom

mends the cap be increased to 110 charter schools, a recent study study suggests that at least twomore years of analysis go into re-searching charter schools before the cap is increased.

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hangs out with I.Q. Prerequisite, Leonard and doughboy. p. 3

INS mandates use of online database

INS has tightened its digital monitoring of international students attending American universities and colleges.

Nancy Zagbayou Staff reporte

As of Jan. 30, the Department of Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) requires all universities and colleges in the United States to input information regarding their international students in an online database now known as SEVIS. This includes N.C. State.

The U.S. government created SEVIS, or the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, in an effort to monitor international students and assure maintenance of national security. Colleges across the nation have until Aug. 1 to de-liver data that ranges from degree programs to addresses of international students to the INS.

Although this new method of tracking international students is supposed to be more efficient and stricter than previous recording methods, many NCSU students are concerned that prevention regulations are being taken too far.

Seeing foreigners as possible tar-

Stop and buy the roses

Ragot, a freshman who is also a French citizen. "Collecting every data and watching foreign students constantly is certainly not the appropriate way to make them feel good about American diplomatic

SEVIS is designed to track all international students, but the INS has additional security precautions for students originating from Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Eritrea, Lebanon, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Qatar, Somalia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

International students will be deported if they do not comply with INS policies.

'This system creates a lot of inconvenience for international students because every little detail has to be reported to the INS," said one Chinese student, who preferred to stay anonymous. "For example, they give you 10 days to report your address change to the INS, and if you don't meet the deadline, you can be deported to your country.

Emre Usenmer, a junior in international politics and economy who

a Action

Brian Elam, a freshman in First Year College, buys roses from Elizabeth Waligora and Danielle Lee, biochemisty majors, on Thursday. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Biochemistry Club. Staff photo by Austin Down

Student protestors to rally and march for peace

tudents from across the Triangle will march to the Capitol Saturday for a statewide rally against a war with Iraq.

Opinion

As the media highlights daily the situations in Washington and Iraq, the idea of a war on some level be comes increasingly real for Americans everywhere. And while there are many across the country who support the efforts of Bush's administrators, there are those

On Saturday, students from several of the Trianglearea universities will join to participate in a statewide - and slightly national - march and peace rally to oppose the impending war with Iraq.

Student marchers from across the Triangle will meet at the Bell Tower at 10 a.m. on Saturday and then proceed to march to the Capitol, where they will join other protesters from across the state.

Among other locations, protest rallies will also be occurring in New York City and San Francisco over the weekend

At NCSU's rally, a preshow at the Bell Tower will feature hip-hop, chants, drums, freestyling and beat-boxing in hopes of motivating the marchers before they proceed to the Capitol.

A few of the main war aspects that the youth pro testers will be opposing through the march and rally include the possibilities of a reinstatement of the draft

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gets is not a solution," said Thomas is from Turkey, expressed his concern

about the new tracking system. "This is stereotyping students based on their national origin," said Usenmer. "It is doubtful that this particular action of the INS can be preventive of any terrorist action. For a nation that is the promoter of freedom, this is nothing but a shame.

Anish Patel, a computer networking master's candidate of Indian decent, said that tracking international students the way that SEVIS will be doing is probably a bad thing. Still, because Patel is ac tually an American resident, he admits that it is something he doesn't really need to worry about. Many other foreign students un-

derstand and accept why the gov ernment is taking extra security precautions with international students. They agree that after what happened on Sept. 11, 2001, it is the America's duty to protect its citi-

And now, the present tension with Iraq and the possible link between al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein have intensified the efforts of the government to prevent terrorist attacks.

The question that remains is whether students should be held to the same standards as terrorists



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Raleigh, North Carolina



Retired senior U.S. Foreign Service officer Curtis Jones spoke at Great Decisions. Staff photo by Austin Dowa

public. And while there

are only 70 students en-

rolled in the class, the

large auditorium fills

quickly with people who

At the most recent lec-

ture, there were members

of the Springmoor Life-

care Retirement Com-

munity, scholar students,

high school students and

other interested observers.

Also among the attendees

were people from the En-

core Center for Lifelong

Enrichment, a program that is part of the McKim-

mon Center and that also

offers a Great Decisions

course of its own. Many

of the Encore participants

come to the public lecture

at NCSU to gain more in-sight about foreign policy

issues affecting the nation.

Curtis F. Jones, a retired,

senior U.S. Foreign Ser-

vice officer, spoke on re-

lations between the Unit-

ed States and Saudi Arabia.

an Army program at the University of Pennsylva-

nia and obtained a master's degree in interna-

tional relations through

the extension program at

George Washington Uni-

versity. As one of the first

participants in the Arabic

language program at the

State Department's For-eign Service Institute, he

interpreted for three sec

retaries of state. In addi-

tion, he has served as the

director of the State De-

partment's Office of In-

telligence for the Near

East, North Africa and

Since Jones' retirement in 1975, he has served as a

South Asia.

Jones studied Arabic in

At Monday's lecture,

are not enrolled.

Great Decisions, a discussion course dedicated to current national topics, has increased in size.

Natalie Hecht Staff Reporter

This semester, more students than ever have signed up for N.C. State's Great Decisions course. Great Decisions, a onecredit course in which students attend discussion groups, lectures and Qand-A sessions, focuses primarily on global and foreign policy issues. The Foreign Policy Association developed this program in 1954, and it is the largest grassroots, worldaffairs educational program of its kind. All over the country, Great Decisions has found its way into classrooms and communities, and this will be the third year it has been enlisted at NCSU. John Gilbert, who re-

cently retired after teaching foreign policy full-time at NCSU for nearly 40 years, teaches the class along with three graduate students who help lead the discussion sessions. The course is based on

the Great Decisions Briefing Book - a journal comprised of eight articles dealing with foreign policy issues. Each article provides background, current policies, alternative policy options and historical context on the given topic. Each week, students are asked to read an article and prepare a 250word response

Students meet every consultant to the depart-Monday at 6 p.m., split up ment on Syria, Lebanon, into four different dis-Palestine and terrorism, given public lectures and cussion groups and discuss the article for about written on foreign policy 45 minutes. The lecture for North Carolina and begins at 7 p.m. in the Poe national periodicals. Hall auditorium. But what makes this lecture is typically followed by a unique to other such courses on campus is that 30-minute Q-and-A ses-

it is free and open to the

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Tomorrow High 58, Low 30

takes a courtside seat with Adam examines sanitation grades and Simons and Justin Flatt. p. 8 U.S. relations with Iraq. p. 4

Sports



WEATHER



Mostly Cloudy High 51, Low 42





News

P.M

On eve of U.N. report, U.S.-led war on Iraq appears inevitable sively, and America will act vic-

At Naval Station Mayport, President Bush stood among thousands of sailors and left little doubt that soon he will call Americans to war.

Ron Hutcheson, Diego Ibarguen and Martin Merzer Knight Ridder News

WASHINGTON - Diplomats at the United Nations, newly divided Thursday over allegations that Iraq possesses prohibited missiles, prepared for a pivotal report Friday from U.N. weapons inspectors, but the ultimate course of events already seemed clear. At Naval Station Mayport near

Jacksonville, Fla., President Bush wore a green Navy flight jacket as he stood among thousands of blue-shirted sailors and left little doubt that soon he will call Americans to war. Nearby, U.S. troops prepared helicopters for transport to the Persian Gulf.

"In this challenging period, great tasks lie ahead for the Navy and for our entire military," Bush told the sailors.

One day before a defining moment arrives at the United Na-tions, where Bush seeks support but not permission — for a U.S.-led strike on Iraq, the president bluntly challenged the U.N. Security Council to display its resolve and preserve its credibility. "The decision is this for the

United Nations: When you say something, does it mean anything? You've got to decide, if you lay down a resolution, does it mean anything?" Bush said.

On Friday morning, chief U.N. arms inspectors Hans Blix and Mohammed ElBaradei are scheduled to deliver their latest assessments of Saddam Hussein's compliance with U.N. mandates and Iraqi cooperation with weapons inspections. Aides said the inspectors planned to deliver evenhanded "interim" updates, but the United States and Britain hope the reports will persuade reluctant allies that Saddam will not disarm and that military action is required.

In the end, though, the only

ly are expected to include Nobel

Laureate Archbishop Desmond

Tutu, playwright Tony Kushner,

Martin Luther King III and rap

The New York protest is among

about 500 protests expected to

take place worldwide on Feb. 15,

and organizers expect Saturday

to be the single largest day of

The New York rally will be the

largest in the United States on

Saturday, and another protest will

take place in San Francisco on

The demonstration will be the

last activist event after a week of

activities sponsored by the NYU

Peace Coalition and other campus

groups. Activities included teach-

ins on the domestic effects of a

war in Iraq and the campaign for

NYU financial disclosure. Stu-

dents and activists from across

the country are expected to at-

The protest, dubbed "Books Not Bombs," will take place all

over the world. Participants op-

pose a war on Iraq and are calling

for improvements in education,

according to the Student Peace Coalition Web site.

Organizers are encouraging all

students to participate in the ral-

ly and to also bring posters and

Marchers will arrive at the

signs for the march.

Capitol around 12 p.m.

tend the rally.

Sunday, organizers said.

artist/actor Mos Def.

protest ever.

question appeared to be whether the United States could win a new resolution from the Security Council, or, failing that, explicit backing from as many of its members as possible. Either way, with or without new U.N. support, war with Iraq seems inevitable, probably by early March, or sooner if Saddam attempts to

strike first. "If force becomes necessary to secure our country and to keep the peace, America will act de

The following is a list of reports issued by Campus

7:38 a.m. Traffic Stop A subject was cited for running a stop sign at Sullivan Drive and Dan Allen Drive.

Police for Tuesday.

9:13 a.m. Violate Policy A student was issued a CAT for possessing a parking sticker that was not theirs

9:57 a.m. Traffic Stop A subject was cited for driving with an expired tag on Sullivan

11:53 a.m. Fire Alarm Alarm activation at the 1911 Building. Activation was accidental

12:01 p.m. Larceny A staff member reported that someone had stolen a digital camera from their office in Grinnells Lab.

5:56 p.m. Assist Other Agency Officers assisted RPD with a traffic accident involving a bicycle that occurred on Western Boulevard at Varsity Drive.

6:35 p.m. Tamper with Fire Equipment

Officers responded to a fire alarm in the Bragaw Hall lobby area The pull station was activated No problems were found. 7:46 p.m. Medical Assist

A student twisted their ankle playing basketball at Carmichael

transport. 8:13 p.m. Traffic Stop A student was cited for speeding, 43 in a 25, on Sullivan Drive.

8:35 p.m. Check Person Officers responded to the Vet School in reference to a suspicious male in the lot. The sub

ject was a Bell South employee. 10:25 p.m. Check Point Officers conducted a traffic checkpoint on Dan Allen Drive. A non-student was cited for no operator's license. Fifteen verbal

warnings were given.

Calls to 5-3000 - 53 Calls to 5-3333 - 42 Escorts - 4 Assist Motorist - 5 False Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 3 Actual Intrusion/Panic Alarms - 0 Key Request - 3

NYU students to join in global rally

Protesters may face stern opposition this weekend from the NYPD, which refused to grant organizers a permit last month.

Kate Meyer uare News (New York U.) Washington

NEW YORK - New York University students are expected to join demonstrators Saturday in a rally against possible U.S. military force against Iraq, even though the New York Police Department denied rally permits for the protests, organizers said.

The protest, organized by New York-based activist group United for Peace and Justice, will take place at 49th Street and First Avenue at noon, activist organizer and NYU Peace Coalition member Max Uhlenbeck said. There will also be around 50 feeder marches, including one at Union Square, he said. The march at Union Square will be a meeting point for many student and youth groups in lower Manhattan, NYU Peace Coalition member Francesca Fiorentini said.

NYU students will be meeting in Gould Plaza at 10 a.m. to walk

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and the oil crisis. The protesters will be led from the Bell Tower to the Capitol by a motorcycle es-

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sion Gilbert has had to cut short all three such sessions this semester

because the students and public have so many questions that there's not enough time to an-swer them all. Monday, the questions were continuous, and rise of interest in foreign policy over the past year became obvious among the participants.

"This is a time when everyone is very interested in foreign policy. Normally, registration numbers for this course ha[s] been around 15 to 20 people. This semester, more than 70 students signed up," proclaimed Gilbert.

together to Union Square. "We're in very powerless times," said Norman Siegel, an NYU alumnus and former head of the New York Civil Liberties Union, at a teach-in at Hayden residence hall Wednesday. "As difficult as this period is and

will become, you can fight back," Siegel told students. "You have to be willing to stand and take the criticism that you're unpatriotic I hope you will not be timid."

Protesters may face stern opposition this weekend from the NYPD, which refused to grant organizers a permit to protest last month. The NYPD granted a permit for a rally on Feb. 9, but denied a permit for a march, Uhlenbeck said.

United for Peace and Justice filed a lawsuit against the NYPD because of their recent decision to deny protest permits, and on Feb. 10, federal Judge Barbara Jones ruled that the group can have a stationary rally but denied its right to a protest march, citing "heightened security concerns."

"We cannot allow that decision to stand," Siegel said Wednesday. Speakers for the city-wide ral-

cort - symbolizing the oil crisis

that protesters suggest will worsen with an impending war. In addition, protesters will be asserting their support for a "peaceful" solution for the issues

between the United States and Great Decisions is making its

way around campus primarily by word of mouth. The Study Abroad Office at NCSU has promoted the pro-

gram by sending out mass e-mails to students. "I think the material in the

Great Decisions course gives enough background and basic information so students unfamiliar with foreign affairs won't feel lost, while providing enough detail, insight, knowledgeable guest speakers and discussion to keep almost anyone interested," said Nik Torblaa, who is an employee of the Study Abroad office and promoter of the Great Decisions program.

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of the gallery, tonight only. Sip champagne and enjoy fine art in Raleigh's newest

nightspot located in the Creamery Building

STILL LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TONIGHT?

this class is the National Opinion Ballot Report. Students are asked to comment on various issues on ballots, which are sent to the Foreign Policy Association in New York and published every year. The results are also posted on the FPA Web site at www.fpa.org. Many agree that this component of the program offers students a chance to speak out on important issues.

Remaining Great Decisions topics for the year include Nigeria, In-ternational Food Policy, China, European Integration Women's Rights. To find out more information and to look up dates for each topic, visit the FPA Web site



Afghanistan conflict last week, served as his backdrop.

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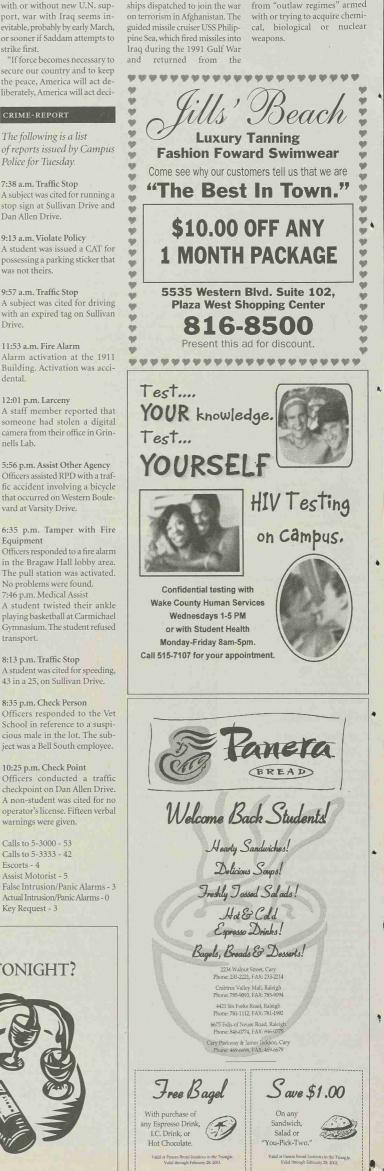
The president delivered his ral-

lying cry at Mayport because the

base supplied some of the first

est military," Bush said.

Drawing a link between the war on terrorism and Iraq, Bush said that "the gravest danger facing America and the world" comes from "outlaw regimes" armed with or trying to acquire chemi-



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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Revamped sanitation grades show promise

Next August most people will no longer being seeing the familiar sanitation grades in restaurants across North Carolina. The blue A's, green B's and red C's will be replaced by black-and-white score cards that have the letter and number grade, in the same size, posted side by side. No longer will the inspector hand write the grade in small, sometimes unrecognizable numbers on the line underneath the grade.

The change comes because some believe the general public should take more notice of the actual numerical grade received, because as they wisely point out, there is a large difference between a 100 A and a 90 A.

It is a good move to change the look of the card so that more attention is drawn to the numerical score. Howev er, it is a poor decision to make them all black and white. If the point of redesigning the card is to make the number stand out, then the traditional blue, green and red colors should stay in order to enhance the card's eye-catching appeal.

Sanitation grades should not be taken lightly. The general public, including the usually passive college students, should be sure to check the grades of the restaurants they patronize just to make sure everything is up to each person's individual standards. The Commission of Health Services should take this change a step further and make two other things mandatory.

First, there should be a designated place in every restaurant for a list of criteria used in judging a restaurant's sanitation. This information would help raise the public's awareness about what the grade entails. Most people do not realize that points can be deducted for leaving meat out in high temperatures, a problem that could infect many people with e. coli, or because the water used to wash the dishes is not hot enough to kill all of the bacteria that could be present. Points can also be lost for infractions like an employee who isn't wearing a hat or hair net, the trash can being left uncovered or structural problems within the building. The criteria would also eliminate the public's question of how some restaurants get grades over 100. Few people outside of the restaurant business know that by attending some special classes (on kitchen safety or on the spread of bacteria) restaurant owners can earn up to three additional points, which are added to their grade as a bonus for taking the time to attend the informational courses

People are unclear about what constitutes a poor grade, and that could cause major problems. Having a list that informs people on what inspectors are looking for might shed some light on why it is important to check for sanitation grades and take them seriously.

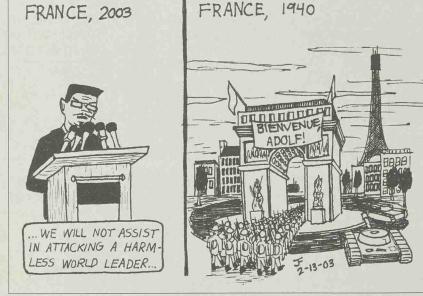
Also, it would be extremely helpful for The Commission of Health Services to make it mandatory for restaurants to put stickers on their entrance doors that would have the establishment's current sanitation grade on it. By doing so, if a person feels as though they do not want to eat at the restaurant based on the san-itation grade, they would not have to go inside at all. Some people who do find a grade to be below their expectations are embarrassed to leave a restaurant once they are inside. By placing a sticker on the door, as they do in neighboring South Carolina and other states, the issue of determining what grade a restaurant has would no longer be a factor.

Overall, it is nice to see that Health Services is doing something to raise awareness of sanitation grades. However, by adding a checklist and a sticker to the restaurant's door the commission would be taking an active step in helping people understand the system and making it more convenient for the restaurant-going public to take a stand against establishments with poor grades

Zack

Medford

Staff Columnist



Maybe you're in love with the ' thought of the relationship

with someone who helps you feel com-

plete. It's a strange part of life that we

are naturally drawn to one another.

When you're in love, you can't help but

wish to focus all your attention, thoughts

and time on that one person. It feels so

When you find true love, you

must hold on to it as tightly as

you possibly can. ... Mr. Feeney

told it to Corey and Topanga

thinks about you, and you think about her. These are the perfect moments from We deal with love every single day of our lives. You will what we've seen in the movies and on almost never see a TV. Unfortunately, these perfect momovie without an ments don't come without a price. It is easy to fall in love with love itself. underlying ro-Almost nothing is greater than being

mance. You can barely walk to class without running into a happy couple playing little tonsil hockey before Super-Duper Calculus

wonderful being needed, desired, loved. But when 963. Love is unavoidable, and it's become one of the most basic reasons behind our existence. Love drives our society. It's you find out that natural for some people to want power, you just loved the idea of the money and fame. But in the end, all this relationship and really seems to amount to is desire to atnot the person tract people. We want love, we all do. In the movies, everything works out you're with, the perfectly. It may take years, it may take seclow is unimagonds, but in the end, you are left know inable. When you define youring that the relationship is perfect. Fate is often the culprit behind true love. Just self entirely by look at movies like "Serendipity," where

another person, it is easy to feel empty. True love is rare.

When the aura of being in love fades, and you are left with that one person, things can look a little different. Love blinds you at first, but you get your vision back. Those things that seemed so cute at first now suddenly have started to annoy you. You hate the way she does this, she hates the way you say that. What makes the difference between true love and the rest is the little things. If you can live with the little things, and she can live with your little things, then you need to consider yourselves absolutely among

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the luckiest people in the world. When you find true love, you must hold on to it as tightly as you possibly can. I heard these words once, and they've stayed with me throughout my life. Mr. Feeney told it to Corey and Topanga when they asked him if they should really stay together when Topanga was forced to move far away from peaceful Philadelphia. Hold on to love when you find it. Don't let the way he always tells

bad jokes overshadow how much he loves you. Don't give up on her just because she will always take 2 hours to get ready, regardless of how much time you actually have. If you 🎙

when they asked him if they should really stay together. can look that person in the eyes and feel that every thing is right, then you win. Love isn't perfect; don't try to make it so. Accept the things you cannot change, and listen to your heart. You'll know the difference between love and true love. Hold

> Zack wanted to send a shoutout to his girlfriend, but the mean editors at Technician wouldn't let him. If you think that's wrong e-mail him at zack@izack.com.

on to true love when you find it as tight-

ly as you possibly can.

Black History Month a celebration for all

Editorial Kentucky Kernel (U. Kentucky)

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Staff

tory Month and al-eady grumbles can be heard: "Why do we have a whole month set aside for African-American history? Why don't we have a white history month?"

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INGTON, Ky. — It's

through Black His-

halfway

It's an argument that has come to be expected with each Black History Month. But just because it's common doesn't mean it shouldn't be addressed.

The simple answer is, of course, that practically every general history class can topics taught in regular classes. All that anyone ever learned about African Americans was that they were shipped over as

slaves It's true that American culture is becoming more aware of the lack of diversity in our scholastic endeavors. More and more professors are integrating African-American achievements and influence into material that used to be dominated by "white" history. This can only enrich the quality of education students receive.

But our country is not so far along that we can simply drop a special month of recognition for black history. Remember, only 40 years ago, the University of Kentucky had segregated dormitories

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Anti-Americanism spreads abroad An advertisement recently appeared Technician from the infamous David Horowitz that accused all anti-war advocates of being anti-American. Many people were in-censed that some-one would make

fate spans many years to unite two indi-

viduals who just needed better timing

This past Wednesday, I was one of the

a perfect evening together trapped in a Kmart. The setting was perfect; every-

thing felt right. It is hard not to desire

for the perfect love that we see so much.

it isn't perfect. Oh sure, being in love feels

perfect at first. You look into each other's

eyes, and you know her. You know she

The trouble with love, though, is that

ones who saw Pacey and Joey spend

Michele DeCamp Staff Colu

but Horowitz's claim is not that unusual. The term anti-American has been a subject of some debate for many years and has been thrown in the forefront once again as France and Germany continue to refuse to agree with U.S. officials concerning the United Nation's situation with Iraq.

such a statement,

The term itself seems to refer to a way of life more than the American people The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were in place before our standard government, so in a way, there is an American way of life. It is a life that is marked by freedom and comfort for many, and it is also something that many people in the world want to emulate in their own countries as they pursue our companies, movies and television programs.

However, many countries are also frustrated with our country and federal government. The events on Sept. 11, 2001, brought the entire world on our side for a brief moment, when suddenly everyone felt bad for the Americans who had always appeared resilient after World War II to direct attacks from terrorism or other nations. But now many nations are standing back and wondering if our government is acting in the world's best interest as it continually presses its case against Iraq.

Anti-Americanism has started or increased in almost every Western European nation. Tony Blair has suffered numerous attacks from British citizens who claim that he is President Bush's lackey. He has even had to create a pub-lic relations campaign to illustrate that he is still repre

senting Britain first. Germany's chancellor seemed to win his campaign

based on platform that missing President Bush and his administration. Chancellor Gerhard

Schroeder publicly stated during the election that he did not agree with military action in Iraq, and that he also disliked President Bush's empty and purposeless way of speaking to other nations.

It comes down to the idea that the United States is doing something wrong. The Washington Post reported that recent

polls show that more than 65 percent of Western Europe is opposed to war against Iraq. Also, 75 percent of the French, 54 percent of Germans and 44 percent of Britons said they believed that the United States had an ulterior motive for attacking Iraq. Apparently, we have lost the trust of some of our allies.

The only thing that I cannot figure out is when it happened. Many journalists have suggested that it stems from our position with Israei m regards to the Israel and Palestine conflict. Others believe that other nations are jealous of how victorious the United States was

against the al-Qaeda net-If I lived in France and all I heard work after Sept. 11. And for some, they feel that other called us "Old Europe" and that nations are fed up with our 🖕 some guy was suing McDonald's 'patriotism. obesity, emofor making him fat, then I would

tionality and self-centeredness.

For the most

part, there is not much the average citizen can do about these complaints. Our government's actions in Israel and our successes in Afghanistan are issues that we can only write about. Our image as over weight gluttons with an American flag

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about the United States was

that its secretary of defense

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taken focuses on white, European history. And seemingly every literature class, and every humanities class and so forth. Black History Month was initiated because of the dearth of African-Ameri-

The Road to Baghdad: playin' politics During the last Do we really need their sup-



McNeely

ing with Iraq for 12 years. But, the question still remains: In the midst of a war against terror-ism, why now? The Bush administration has come out with a compelling argument for going to war with Iraq. They have presented evidence that Saddam Hussein is hiding weapons of mass destruction or at least parts of them. They have told the world community that he is not cooperating with weapons inspectors and that the time for action is now. They do have a point: The United Nations has repeatedly given Iraq deadline after deadline to disarm, and Hussein has not complied. He has threatened his own people and the stability of the region. He is a hassle to his Arab brothers and to the entire world in general.

But, the other side — the antiwar movement - also has a compelling argument. They claim that the world has contained and deterred worse regimes before in the past and that Hussein is no different. They say give the inspectors more time, let them comb the entire country and find out the whole story behind the allegations that Iraq has illegal weapons. There is no need to go out and invade a sovereign country and put in harm's way mil-lions of innocent people. These two arguments are sound and logical, but only one can be right. In order for one to be the winner, however, the two camps must

play the age-old game of politics. Politics plays a huge role in this conflict. In fact, it is all that it is based on. President Bush is going to war to fulfill his promise

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Fill up, without supporting the Middle East

There's a way to fill up your tank and not put a cent toward companies in the Middle East. The United States Department of Energy's Web site publishes where oil companies import their products from on a monthly basis. Each company is required to state where they get their oil and how much they are importing. The major companies that imported Middle Eastern oil last month were Shell, Chevron/Texaco, Exxon /Mobil, Marathon/Speedway and Amoco. Last month, Citgo, Sunoco, Conoco, BP/Phillips and Hess did not import Middle Eastern oil. Check it out for yourself at www.eia.doe.gov.

> Bekah Taravella Graduate Student Drexel University

Present NBA players equal to those of yesteryear

I feel compelled to comment on what has to be one of the worst columns I have ever seen in print, a silly piece in Technician lambasting the NBA and its All-Star game I had a notion what I was read-

HOROSCOPE

Aries March 21- April 19

Today is a 7. Postpone your big date un-

til the weekend. There'll be less inter-ference from work. Friends may still try to lure you out, but you can resist them.

Sept. 23-Oct 22 Today is a 7. You're known as a peace

maker, but you've also been known to instigate change when conditions just

aren't fair. A little of that may be neces

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Libra Sept. 23

sary.

to protect the American people from terrorist attacks.

If he can give the tough talk to the American people and show some photos that might link Iraq to al-Qaeda, then he will have his mandate to go to war and protect the American people. But President Bush is acting off the worse fears of people by reminding them of the worse-case scenario: Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, Hussein gives them to

al-Qaeda

Qaeda hits

the Amer-

ica with a

horrific

terrorist

This is the

message of

the Re-

publicans,

who, for

attack.

and alDemocrats look like they are weak on terrorism. But, if they do not stand up to the Republicans, what do they stand for? That is what did them in back in 2002. Democrats are going a different route. They are attacking the president on his economic policies. They claim that President Bush's economic stimulus package only gives tax breaks to the rich and does not do enough to help the poor or middle class. They cannot

Hardware stores everywhere are out of duct tape and plastic sheeting, despite the fact that it will not protect you in the event of a chemical or biological attack.

the most part, support the president and his actions. That is the reason behind the existence of the Department of Homeland Security, why the terror alert level was raised and why they are asking Americans to create emergency kits composed of food, batteries, duct tape and plastic sheeting. It is a fear tactic and one that is working. Hardware stores everywhere are out of duct tape and plastic sheeting, despite the fact that it will not protect you in the event of a chemical or biological attack. While his approval ratings have dropped, President Bush has enjoyed stellar approval ratings since Sept. 11, 2001, and now has control of the government after the mid-term elections last year.

The Republicans are flying high. Meanwhile, the Democrats are still picking up the pieces from the midterms and have already fielded presidential candidates. But they walk a fine line. To speak out against the president would be seen as extremely partisan, especially since the president is fighting terrorism, domestically and abroad. That would make the

ing wasn't going to be enlighten-

win fighting Bush the on Iraq issue because his popularity is too strong, and to join the ranks of the antiwar movement might make them seem un-American in the eyes of

crucial voters. So, they fight for those whom they always fight: the poor and disenfranchised. They attack Bush's domestic and economic policies. The economy is bad, and something needs to change. Only time will tell if that strategy will get a Democrat in the White House in 2004.

International politics are in full play here. With France and Germany poised to block any war resolution in the U.N. Security Council and with their refusal to defend Turkey in their capacity as members of NATO, the United States is up over the prover-bial barrel. While we have most of Europe behind us, the major players in the European Union are questioning our motives. Even though Bush has repeatedly said that the United States will go at it alone against Iraq, Colin Powell and the diplomatic corps are desperately trying to get France and Germany on board. Of course, France and Germany do not want war because their people do not want to go to war

way it always has been and should

be. As for defense in the regular

season, check the numbers in-

stead of simply repeating what

people have always said to explain

their distaste for professional bas-

ketball. There is a hell of a lot

more defense being played in to-

day's NBA than there was in the

league's glory days of the 1980s.

Most ridiculous was the com-

plaint that no one knows who any

much gave away the fact that the

writer just does not follow bas-

ketball. The column stated that

Magic, Bird and Jordan were big

college stars before they got to the

NBA, but now we're stuck with

guys like Jermaine O'neal. Now, we

also have guys like the other

O'neal, Tim Duncan and Jamal

Mashburn — guys that had fair-

ly significant collegiate careers.

And it seems to me to be pretty

skippers Tracy Mcgrady, Kobe

ant and Kevin Garnet are.

Brya

difficult not to know who college-

their control and reign over Europe is past. Their motives are clear though. If they have interests in Iraqi oil, they are going to protect them. The French have certainly proved that in the Ivory Coast, where they have sent in troops to protect their citizens and their economic interests during a violent coup last year. This butting of heads between the United States, the French and the Germans only hurts the United Nations, which does have its credibility on the line. Without cooperation between the member nations, the United Nations is powerless. It has no real power unless the member nations give it power. So, after numerous warnings and broken deadlines, Iraq still has not disarmed, and the United Nations is faced with the question: Do we allow Amer ica to disarm Iraq by force, or do we give the system a chance and contain Hussein through weapons inspections? Looking back at history, the latter seems

port? Donald Rumsfeld has called

them "Old Europe," implying that

not to be working. Politics is at the heart of this crisis, and the fates of millions of people are in the hands of people who squabble over sentences in a piece of legislation. War is always about politics, and this one will be no different. But, for the United States to invade another country sets up a dangerous precedent and will become a part of our political arena, a new option for presidents to use in or-der to "contain" other countries. Our politics got us attacked on Sept. 11. Maybe we should think this through before we start attacking another Arab country.

Ben should be out getting a date for Valentine's Day. Instead, he is researching for his next article. Email him at bmmcneel@unity. ncsu.edu, but take pity and be gen-

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in one hand and a mirror in the other is a stereotype that is portrayed more in the media than through our real actions. If I lived in France and all I heard about the United States was that its see retary of defense called us "Old Europe" and that some guy was suing McDonald's for making him fat, then I would probably

have a negative opinion also. But there is also some truth to the idea that most of us are a little elitist about our American roots. We know that we have more freedom to live and act as we choose than most other places in the world. We also know that while we may encounter certain socioeconomic challenges along the way, there is not much that we cannot try to accomplish. We can all aspire to the supposed American dream, and I can see how our freedom may make other countries with different social policies mad. There are cultural gaps between ourselves and other nations that are more prevalent because our place as a world power puts everything about us in the limelight. It is not just that we have the freedom that we do; it is the fact that the entire world has

RULE OF THUMB

Restricting French imports considered

Some members of Congress recently began considering im-posing extra health and labeling regulations on imported French products, such as wine and bottled water, in response to the country's position on war in Iraq: "We're thinking of re-quiring poolle owners to affix bright orange stickers to their does "coil one others freed Congressional toff member." dogs," said one stern-faced Congressional staff member



State house bans smoking

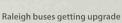
The North Carolina state House of Representatives has, at least for now, banned smoking on the floor of the legislative chamber with a somewhat controversial amendment to its rules. The ban may become permanent in the next two weeks if that pesky "clean air lobby" has its way with lawmakers.

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N.C. House still struggling

After taking nearly two weeks to craft a leadership deal re-sulting in co-speakers, the state House of Representatives is now struggling to elect a member to its second-most powerful position, speaker pro tempore. One member suggested on the floor, "Why don't we try a three-way?" Everyone else just shifted awkwardly in their chairs





Raleigh recently received federal grants to improve its bus fleet by installing security cameras, GPS systems and stop an-nouncement systems on most buses by year's end. The hope is to attract more riders with the upgrades, but some local of-ficials are skeptical."Well, now at least we'll have grainy pictures of all the empty seats," said one skeptical city councilor.

Gas prices rising

Recent economic developments have conspired against North Carolina drivers as average gas prices in the state have risen to levels higher than any since monitoring began in 1980."It's really putting a pinch on my daily trips to and from Wal-Mart, said one Cary woman, looming from the window of her purring Ford Excursion."I sure hope we take Iraq soon."



Shearon Harris tests sirens

Shearon Harris nuclear plant began a series of tests of its 81 warning sirens this week, with plans to continue the tests un til Feb. 24. Progress Energy officials reassured people living within 10 miles of the plant that being awakened at 2:30 in the morning by the wail of a warning siren is absolutely vital to the security of our nation.

McDonald's sued over bagel

A Florida couple has sued a McDonald's franchisee, alleging that an "improperly prepared" bagel hurt both the husband's teeth and their marriage. The suit has baffled the owners of the McDonald's in question; they claim that there is no im-plied warranty of safety in their "McBrick-wich" sandwich.



Planners push for density

City planners in Raleigh have begun work to bring dense de velopment to the planned stop sites of the Triangle Transit Authority's commuter rail line, still years away from comple-tion. "We figure that if we encourage the right mix of devel-opment in the right places, we may get 15 — heck, I'll be crazy and say 20 riders a day on this 'train' thing," said one planner

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N.C. tuition rising quickly

According to a study released Tuesday, the cost for public col-leges in North Carolina rose by 19 percent last year, the fifth-highest growth rate in the country, though the state still has the ninth-lowest average public utition in the nation. The UNC System announced the results at Crazy Bob's House of Cheap Learnin!"Come on down! We're dealin'!" implored Crazy Bob.

to be faced with it.

The fact remains that our government's foreign policy has come under attack lately, and even the proudest American journalists are wondering when the Bush administration is going to start paying attention to how anti-Americanism is infecting our allies. When one person tells you that they don't agree with you, then you can look the other way, but when many countries are starting to question your motives, then you have to wonder why you are suddenly all alone. If the Bush administration continues to attack or ignore complaints from its own citizenry and other na-tions, then it will suffer even after the Iraq conflict is over. We cannot help some aspects of anti-Americanism, but our government can ensure that it does not exclude or renounce nations whose help and strength we will need in order to be a successful world power. The second we start to assume that we know more than the rest of the world is when we too will fall.

Michele is going to set up a barri-

Leo July 23-Aug. 22 Today is a 6. Give yourself time to con-sider your options. Think things over. No need to be impetuous, even under

Today is a 7. It sure would be easier to do your job well if your home environment were more tranquil. Luckily, you have friends who understand and a loved one who makes it all worthwhile.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 7. Continue to spend as much time as you can with loved ones, close family and friends. This weekend will be more about work, so get your cuddling in now.

ing from the start when the writer confessed to not having watched the game, which was the subject of the piece. Blasting the game without knowing anything but the final score would be like me blasting the column after reading only the title. Unfortunately, I did read the entire, god-awful thing I am aware that general interof the players are. That pretty est in the NBA is down (in Amer-

ica, anyhow), but I am guessing that there are a few more than four fans of the league left. Although I myself find college basketball more entertaining, there is no question that the league's players are exceptionally more talented than those at the local universities, and the ones on display this weekend are the best of the best. Anyone who loves the game of basketball should be interested in seeing them together on one court.

Deriding the lack of defense in the All-Star game is like com-plaining about all the words in the newspaper. The lack of defensive intensity is inherent in the event. The point is just to put on a show for the fans and showcase the players' abilities. That's the

To get the advantage, check the day's rating:

Taurus

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

you thought you were.

April 20-May 20

Today is a 7. Choose staying home over going out if you feel you're just not up to leaving the house. Even an impor-

tant person you're trying to impress will understand if you need the rest.

Today is a 7. The more you learn, the

more you appreciate what you already knew. Trust your instincts, and ac-knowledge that you're smarter than

Maybe Technican should leave the writing to someone with a logical original opinion Jeremy Hitch

Today is a 6. Your patience is being test

ed, and this could be rough, since you didn't have much patience to begin

with. Hold onto your money so at least

Today is a 7. This ought to be a pretty

good day to go shopping. You'll take more time that you normally would to

be thrifty and seek out the best deals.

Nov. 22-Dec 31

you'll have that

Third-year law student Campbell University

TODAY'S Feb. 14. You have a big job this year, but you're up to it. You're smart, imaginative, strong and analytical. Add compassionate BIRTHDAY Gemini May 21 / May 21-June 21

Cancer June 22-July 22

Today is a 6. Others look to you for com-fort in times of confusion or stress. No need to rehearse for this part. You pro-vide what they need naturally.



Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

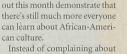
it all, but every little bit counts.

pressure. That's one of the secrets of vour success.

Today is a 7. If you focus on what the others need, your workday will go by quickly. You may not be able to provide

and thrifty, and you're unbeatable. But by the time you've added those qualities, winning won't be your only objective

Virgo Aug.23-Sept.22



the month, people should make an effort to participate in it. Go to a lecture; hear a concert; watch a screening of a movie. Re-evaluate the history that has been taught with the new information gleaned from these experiences. Black History Month isn't just for African Americans. It's every-

and sports teams. The wonder-

ful events highlighted through-

For all those who are single ... Happy Singles Awareness Day!

body's history month.

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Sweethearts

Love, Joshua 🛈 Joey, Happy 4th Valentine's Day together! I love you so much and always will. future together! Love always, Erin

Roses are red, voilets are blue. I'm the "cute one," but you are too. From Ayren to you KNOW who you are Bryan, You are the best guy could ask for. Thanks for all the memories and smiles. I love you. 🎔 , Jennifer

Antarctica has penguins, Casey and heavy snows, also riding quads as the wind blows. Loften wonder how you fare be blessed my Valentine and take care. Love always, Jeanine

Becky love you so much babe.

You mean the world to me. Hope you have a great Valentine's Day!

Jenni, you are the most important thing in the world to me. I can't tell you how much I love you. You make life worth living and I can't wait to spend it with you. I love you baby. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Zainy Brainy

Dear Matthew, Hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Caroline

Stacey, always wanted a "Rough-Raleigh" girl and I know you're the one for me. I will always love you. JD & SN forever!

Ionathan 🙂

ACPardo XXX A single moment, a sudden glance, misty eyed, a loving stare, a warm embrace, tender loving care

NO chocolates, hearts or teddy bears for me, all I want this Valentine's Day is my sweet pea! Happy Valentine's Day Amanda Glenn

Rachel, Without you, a day like this day would mean nothing to me. Thanks for being the most loving girlfriend possible

Love Always, Brian

To: NS To the world you may be one person, but to me you are the world. Love Always, FSA

To: Kim are so awesome! Thanks for being who you are. I 🎔 you so much. WAMPUM

ove, Danny To Sy with love,

Roses are red. Violets are blue Some people don't like Valentine's Day,

But I do 'cause I have you!! I 🎔 You,

Happy Valentines Day to all my friends, I Y everyone one of you so much ! Love, Dage Page

We've been through alot even in a knot, round and round we go, how your hair does flow, my love for you does not end.

The sun rises The sun sets

And the years go by, But no matter what My love for you endures Love, Dan

Dear Nora, My heart is ever at your service. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Jarrod

Lindsay, thank you for being a huge part of my life. I love you and look forward to the many years to come. - Derek

Thank you for all that you do. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Always, Claire, Thanks so very much for the time, support, and love that you give m I love you and apprecia you very much. Happ Valentine's Day, Mitch Нарру

Ashley, please don't dump me, I like you! Zack.

Brian, the past two-and-a-half years have been wonderful. You mean so much to me and I love you very much. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. Rachel

P HAPPY ¥ VALENTINES DAY TAMELA 🎔 🎔 One moment with you feels like forever. You helped me find my smile again. You stuck with me through the sunny days

and stormy weather. You are my girl, my lover, and my best friend. 🎔 , 🙂 1 love you now and forever... Yours truely, Jono P Happy Valentine's

> Day 🎔 to Travis, Jason Torben, Larry & Corey 🎔 🎔 Lacey, Katrin & Laura 🎔

Melissa, Its hard being up here without you but knowing you love me makes everything alright. I

love you baby. -Kevin Y Jeff, R you're everything! I love you more each day!

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love is endless sea of fire, larger than Atlantic; burns me, you, everything; discover myself, us both, man; become alive, one, me. porcupine.

Derek 25 words expressing how I feel. Love and laughter, you make life real. Just being together makes any day fun.

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ery much. Krysta Doward Natalia, I can't wait to see you this

weekend. Happy Valentine's Day sweet pea. ove Steve Kristen, I want to thank you so much for three wonderful years and many

to come. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Justin 🎔 🎔

Big Kase on't know where I'd be thout you here with me Without you here with me. Life with you makes perfect

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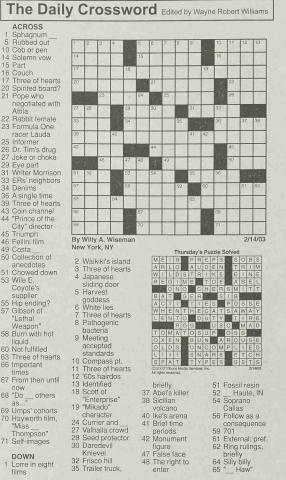
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The young man with a Tennessee twang has found out firsthand what the nation's premier basketball conference is all about.

"This definitely has been a learning year for both me and Adam," said Flatt, sporting a new, clean-cut hairdo. "We've gotten a lot stronger, we're learning the offense. We're learning the way Division I ball is played. It's certainly a big jump from high school to Division I, and especially the ACC.

We're learning what it is to really play hard. Everything is on a

The adjustment from star player to redshirt, on top of the overall change from high school to college, is especially challenging. Two players, who a year ago got their 20 points any night they wanted, now couldn't even play 20 seconds if they had to. That's chang

"It definitely puts things in per-spective," said Flatt. "Obviously it's something that I'm not used to. But I think it makes you a little hungrier. It put me in a situation where I wasn't the best player on the floor, and I was going to have to fight for every minute I'd get. But it makes you work a lot harder.

Flatt might have gotten the opportunity to contribute this year if not for two early injuries. He underwent knee surgery and

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ray could be heard talking to himself again. He paused, collected himself and strung together four points to pick up the game.

In the next game, Murray's serv ice and return shots seemed to broke his finger early on. Simons, too, could have gotten a chance had Ilian Evtimov's injury come a week before it did. But those are the breaks in college basketball. Neither would have changed their minds and gone to another school had they known they were going to be redshirted.

I didn't really have a feeling [if I'd be redshirted or not]," Simons said. "I just went out there and whatever happened, happened. I've always liked program, atmosphere around here, the coaches

"My decision would have stayed the same," Flatt added. "There's nothing wrong in the world with being a redshirt freshman in the ACC

Especially considering the fact that the duo is getting a prime education in practice every day. Going against the likes of Clifford Crawford, Julius Hodge and company can only make Flatt and Simons better themselves. Guys like Crawford, a cagey senior, and Hodge, a cocky ball of explosive talent, have been mentors for Flatt and Simons.

Cliff Crawford — he's been a really good leader, he's definitely the leader of our team, and he leads by example," said Simons. Flatt, meanwhile, points to

Hodge and former State guard and current graduate assistant Archie Miller for guidance.

"I respect everyone, but as far people who have helped me — Julius has helped me a lot. He al ways offers insight, and Archie as

stretch Doll's body in so many

different directions that he even-

tually stopped to admire one shot

go by him. Murray would go on

to drop that game, but snatched

the final three games to take the

first set, and eventually the match.

ray said. "It's one of those days

coach always tells us about when

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"It was just an ugly day," Mur-

need to do to be successful in the ACC Miller and Flatt also have a little bit in common.

well. Archie is doing a great job,

he really helps me to see what you

"Great shooters, slow white guys," said Flatt. And, take it or not, Flatt and Si-

mons have actually shown up a few of the guys in practice this season.

"Once we're really rolling in practice, things get really com-petitive," said Flatt. "It almost doesn't feel like practice sometimes, it almost feels like a real game. Everyone is pretty competitive. I've put some 3s in people's faces here and there. That's basically my role, I'll knock a couple shots down on some guys, maybe let 'em know about on the way down.

"It kind of bugs them, but ... Not surprisingly, one of the redshirts wouldn't mind being Julius Hodge for a game. But it may be a surprise that it's Simons, a guy who blocks more shots than the back iron.

'I could get all the shots I wanted," said Simons, laughing. Flatt, meanwhile, sticks more

to his size. If he had to pick, he'd be Scooter Sherrill for a day, gold tooth and all. The way Flatt sees it, he and Sherrill share similar games. "Scooter seems to be the play-

er who plays most like me," said Flatt. "He knows his role. Scoot-er's a great shooter, he's always looking for his shot. He's really

all your shots aren't working and

vou just have to scrap something

out and find a way to win."

not looking to penetrate unless that's what the defense gives him." But for now, both Flatt and Si-

mons are content to be themselves, two players who are every bit a part of State's team as Craw ford or Hodge. "They don't make you feel like

a redshirt at all," said Flatt. "In practice, they'll come at you for messing up just as they would if Levi [Watkins] was to mess up. We prepare for a game just like everyone else does. When we do have time off, we'll catch a movie, or just hang out.

"I think the key to having a good team is having relationships off the court with your teammates.

That, and having a lucky rubber band. Flatt, who usually wears it around his wrist or ankle, says he has to have one before he goes out on the floor for warm-ups.

"I have to have a rubber band," he said. "I've got to find some rubber band around the locker room. It's a different one every time. I always throw one away and get a new one. Its been working pretty good so far."

And so has the redshirt plan. Both players are physically stronger and better players than when practice started in October. Both have learned from some of the best in the conference. And come next year, both will be ready.

And then, the warm-ups will come off for good.

played so far in Miami and Indiana," said Choboy. "It will be a good match. Obviously we've got a couple wins under our belt and guys are feeling pretty good about certain things that they're doing. I think that hopefully we will be able to take some of this confidence and go into that match."

KEVIN SPACEY

Pack stumbles at Virginia went ahead by 15 points, 25-10 with 8:45 to go. UVa whittled

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The N.C. State women started strong, fell behind, rallied but fell short.

Sports Staff Report

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. The Virginia women's basketball team captured its sixth consecutive home win with a 58-54 victory over N.C. State on Thursday night at University Hall.

The Cavaliers improved 11-12 overall and 5-7 in ACC play, while the Wolfpack fell to 10-13 overall and 5-7 in the league. "It was a disappointing loss af-

ter the way we started the game,' said State head coach Kay Yow. "We couldn't maintain our lead It was a critical game for both teams.'

State took the opening tip and never looked back. The Wolfpack

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lot of really good arms at you. Their record is deceptive. They've played a difficult schedule and they'll be very battle-tested by the time they play us.

"We're going to have to play much better if we're going to have a chance to beat them out there? The Pack will counter the Bruins' strength at the plate with its promising starters on the mound.

Beginning on Friday, State will look to righthander Mike Rogers (1-0) who is red hot after missing most of last season due to a frac tured leg. The red-shirt freshman

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State will hope to start as strong as it finished when the team heads to the road Saturday for another tough non-conference match with South Carolina. "South Carolina is definitely on par with the best teams we've

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away with a 16-2 run to tie the

game at 27-27 with 4:43 on the

In the second half, Virginia built

its lead up to as many as 13 points, 50-37 with 10:39 remain-

ing. The Wolfpack charged back

to come within one point, 54-53

with 1:20 on the clock. UVa nev-

er relinquished its lead as sopho-

more Cherrise Graham (Con-

shohocken, Pa.) nailed four free

throws in the final minute of ac-

For the Pack, Carisse Moody

had 16 points off the bench, while Kaayla Chones added 11 points.

Overall, Virginia out-rebound-

ed State, 38-34. The Pack shot

just 37 percent on the night, but

also held Virginia to just 32.7 per-

will take his perfect 0.00 ERA out

West as he tries to give the Wolf-

pack a good shot at moving to a

After going three solid innings

Sunday, junior lefthander Nate

Cretarolo also notched a win, as

well as a 0.00 ERA, and will look

to be State's starter on Saturday.

Finally, taking the mound on

Sunday to close things out will

be junior college transfer Vern

The same effort can be expect-

ed from the Bruins' staff, which is

still up in the air as of Thursday

morning, as it will obviously look

to cool down the Pack's number-

fashioned, but I'm just going to

wait until March 16 to even look

Sterry (0-0, 2.25 ERA).

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Friday Sports

and Dominick

Mejia faced one

minor hurdle before they could go

into the movies on the first Tues-

day night of Feb-ruary. The lady at

the ticket window wanted to see

some I.D.

BASKETBALL

Stupidology Marcus Melvin



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Not a problem. Melvin and Mejia probably just left home without their Visa check cards, right?

Nope, they paid cash. She wanted something else from the two lanky mem-bers of N.C. State's basketball team. The movie's rated R," she said. "You

have to be at least 18 to see it.' As I stood near them in line, I was

shocked. At 6-feet-8-inches (6'9" with the fro'- this was before the cut), Melvin looks closer to 28 than 18, and the sight of Mejia doesn't exactly scream, "I'm a junior in high school!" either.

Surprised but unperturbed, Melvin and Mejia fumbled through their wal-lets and obligingly verified their age to the doltish woman and entered the theatre. After what I had seen on the Internet the day before, I wondered what it would be like if only it were that easy for N.C. State to make the tournament. Show up, flash some I.D., revenge last year's loss to

UConn and cut down some nets. But there it is on ESPN.com - the 2003 NCAA Tournament field --- and

the Pack wasn't even a blip on the radar. What's that? "It's only February," you say? "They don't come out with the prackets until after the ACC Tournament.

You're right.

That's just ESPN's bracketology for you. Every Monday between January and up until the real brackets are released, ESPN's Joe Lunardi predicts the entire field of 65 teams right down to the playin game. That means that each Sunday night (that's 10 Sundays in all), Lunardi spends five hours in his office filling out a make-believe bracket that will be obsolete in one week (as if it weren't obsolete in the first place).

Considering the endless possibility of twists and turns in a season of college basketball, especially among the smaller conferences, one might have more success learning Sanskrit while skinnydipping to Antarctica than picking teams and seeds of the tournament.

But it's more than that. The NCAA Tournament bracket is a sacred puzzle, to be constructed in March. Rather, Lunardi starts assembling his in January with half the pieces. What's the point?

While our nation sits on the brink of war, Lunardi sits at his desk and struggles with life's tougher questions, like, who will win the Southland Conference Tournament, thus earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament?

One can only imagine the riveting inner-dialogue Lunardi must engage in with himself during this perplexing task, as he gazes sideways into his crystal ball. Well, it's a tough call. Sam Houston State

and Stephen Austin are both strong and only have two conference losses. Then again, they make a mean burrito at the concession stands at Southwest Texas ...

ummm ... Southwest Texas it is ... as a 15 ... in ... the South. Damn ... I'm good. OK, so maybe Lunardi isn't exactly the Miss Cleo of March Madness (Cleo uses tarot cards, not a crystal ball). And it does say on the Web site, "projections are based on if the season ended today,' and he actually has a semi-impressive list of credentials.

For 11 years he edited Blue Ribbon Basketball Yearbook, often referred to as the preseason Bible of college basketball. In addition to hobnobbing with members of the selection committee, Lunardi holds a day job at St. Joseph's University as Assistant Vice President of University Communications, where he also serves as color commentator for the Hawks' basketball radio broadcasts.

Ultimately, Lunardi's not to blame, nor is ESPN. It is those who helped to amass the 6.2 million hits on Lunardi's site last year, the same ones who log on each

N.C. State redshirt freshmen Justin Flatt and Adam Simons have spent the year learning both on and off the court.

Andrew B. Carter Assistant Sports Editor

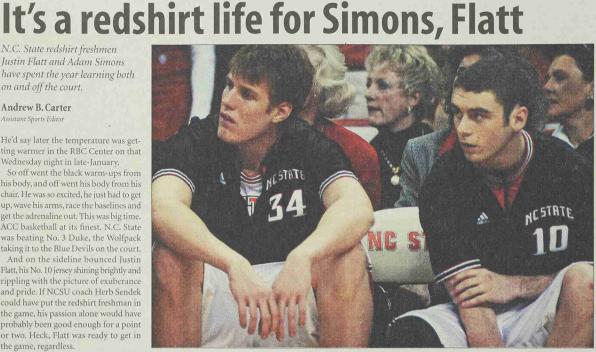
He'd say later the temperature was getting warmer in the RBC Center on that Wednesday night in late-January.

So off went the black warm-ups from his body, and off went his body from his chair. He was so excited, he just had to get up, wave his arms, race the baselines and get the adrenaline out. This was big time. ACC basketball at its finest. N.C. State was beating No. 3 Duke, the Wolfpack taking it to the Blue Devils on the court.

And on the sideline bounced Justin Flatt, his No. 10 jersey shining brightly and rippling with the picture of exuberance and pride. If NCSU coach Herb Sendek could have put the redshirt freshman in the game, his passion alone would have probably been good enough for a point or two. Heck, Flatt was ready to get in the game, regardless.

"I really was," he said after watching State beat Georgia Tech Wednesday night, "It got a little hot in there. It got a little wild."

But all Flatt and fellow redshirt freshman Adam Simons can do — during games, at least - is cheer their teammates and dream that one day, it's them shooting 3s or blocking shots or running the floor. They're redshirting this season, which means no real game action for the pair until November. And in the process, they're getting stronger, both physically and mentally, they're learning the Wolfpack's complex offense, and they're finding out what life is like in the



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Adam Simons and Justin Flatt use this season to grow in the N.C. State basketball program. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

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It's a big change for the two. Last season around this time, Flatt and Simons were stars of their respective high school teams. Flatt was a finalist for Class AAA Mr. Basketball in Tennessee and averaged 28 points and nine boards as a senior. Not bad. Simons, meanwhile, was pulling down a double-double per game 19 points, 15 rebounds) at Williams High in Burlington.

Neither came to State with intentions of sitting out a year, and it's been difficult. "It's really tough," said Simons, a soft-

spoken seven-footer with blond hair a shy smile. "I wish I could have been out there for the Duke game, the Maryland game especially. Pretty much any game, I wish I could be out there.

Instead, it's in the weight room where Simons has spent a majority of his time. He came to Raleigh listed at a skinny 227 pounds, but he's already up to 243, which has earned him the nickname "Big Hungry." He spends a lot of his time eating it doesn't matter what, he says - and getting eaten in practice by the likes of Josh Powell, who has taught Simons a

thing or three. But it's all for the greater good

"I eat a whole lot more than I used to." said Simons. "I eat as much as I can, just get a lot of protein, and I'm lifting a lot of weights. I'm just trying to help the post players out as much as I can by trying to be physical with them. "By practicing every day, we get better

and better.' Flatt, a gunner who is listed at 6-foot-

4 but is probably a shade shorter, agrees. See REDSHIRT page 7





The Wolfpack hasn't had a close call like this one all season. Photo by Andrew Knopp The N.C. State baseball team will look to grab some quality wins against UCLA this weekend.

Justin Sellers

While it's still cold in Raleigh, the N.C. State baseball team will be experiencing warmer climates when it travels to Jackie Robinson Stadium on the campus of UCLA for a three-game series that begins Friday afternoon.

"We're excited," said head coach Elliott Avent. "The guys are excited to be going out to the West and playing a storied program like UCLA. Their team is always in the top of the PAC-10 and loaded with talent. So, it's going to be a good test for us and we're excited to be going out there

But for the Wolfpack (2-0), California's temperatures aren't the only thing that is hot heading into the weekend. After smoking Elon 8-2 and 12-5 to open up the 2003 season, State is sporting a team batting average of .289. But while that may be considered strong for other teams, Avent knows his team is capable of better.

"We've got some dangerous hitters," said Avent. "Our whole lineup is pretty productive. We can beat you anywhere in our lineup; that's what is so great about our team. But we're still not swinging [the bat] as well as we can and we've got to focus on getting better.

Led by a dangerous middle of the lineup that features the solid power of junior catcher Colt Morton, the Pack will look to continue that same success against the Bruins (3-4). Morton, who enters with a .375 average, tied career-highs against the Phoenix Sunday, to-

taling four RBIs and two home runs. Also stepping up at the plate is first baseman David Hicks and outfielder Joe Gaetti. Hicks has a batting average of 375 and Gaetti, meanwhile, is also off to a solid start after going 3-of-9, pick-ing up a double, a homer and two RBIs. But UCLA, which was scheduled to play at third-ranked Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday before the game was called due to inclement weather, also features a lot of strength offensively. The Bruins are led by the trio of leftfielder Brett McMillian, second baseman Preston Griffin and catcher Chris Denove, which could make for an interestingly series should both teams continu to swing the bats well.

McMillian has gone 7-of-15 at the plate for a .467 average, while picking up two doubles to go with two RBIs. Meanwhile, Griffin, who is riding a seven-game hitting streak, and the freshman, Denove, also enter the weekend with batting averages above .400, with averages of .444 and .429 respectively. The duo has thus far combined for three doubles, a triple, three home runs and 17 RBIs.

'I talked to Mike Trapasso (the head coach at Hawaii and a former assistant coach at Georgia Tech), and he said UCLA has a very talented team, a scary team," said Avent. "Trap said just about every guy in their lineup could hit the ball out of the park and they can run a See BASEBALL page 7

Men's tennis nearly perfect vs. Richmond

R.J. Murray and Val Banada

thrived in singles and doubles as the Pack walloped the Spiders, 6-1.

Jon Page Senior Staff Writer

No need to watch N.C. State sophomore R.J. Murray play tennis. His game speaks for itself - literally.

After a bad shot, Murray will talk to himself disgustedly, even sarcastically. When he works through his mistake and comes up with a big shot he will emphatically yell, "Let's go Pack! Come on!"

Playing in the No. 1 spot for the Wolf-pack on Thursday, he dished out an even distribution of criticism towards himself along with cheering for his team-

At times it was ugly, but overall it was sweet enough for Murray to defeat Rich-mond junior Niki Doll in straight sets, 7-

More importantly, the Pack (3-3) came away with a 6-1 victory over the defending Atlantic-10 Conference champion Spiders.

Murray combined with freshman Val Banada to blast the No. 1 pair 8-3 while freshman Rehman Esmail and junior Jon Davis knocked off the No. 2 pair, 8-6, to win the doubles point for the Pack. Will Shaw and Chris Mills lost to Richmond's No. 3 double's team, but the improvement in doubles allowed a sigh of relief to escape from State coach Ion Chobor especially after losing the doubles point

on Sunday against Appalachian State. "I think that our doubles were something we were disappointed with on Sunday and we did a better job with that today," said Choboy. "Number one doubles did a much better job making first serves and making returns. Number two doubles started a little slow but then they really picked it up. Actually, third doubles played really well too.3

State didn't exactly ride a wave of momentum from its success in doubles over to the singles side, as the Pack had some problems getting started.

Three Richmond players forced State opponents (Murray, Shaw and Esmail) to win the first set in seven games instead of six, but State dominated the second

"I'm a little disappointed that we didn't come out a little bit quicker and a lit-tle bit more aggressively in singles," said Choboy. "We kind of let them hang in there in the beginning and once we got going again we did a good job, but we have to learn how to get off to a better start

both in singles and doubles." Shaw picked up a victory 7-5, 6-3; Banada won 6-0, 6-4; Davis was bumped by Derek Schwandt, 6-4, 6-0; and Eshmail and Mills both notched wins too at 7-5, 6-3 and 6-4, 6-1 respectively.

For Banada, playing out of the No. 3 spot, it was his third straight win - a span in which he has not lost a set.

"I felt like Val, for the third match in a row, has played exceptionally well for us," said Choboy. "He really got on track for us maybe after our first match. He had a close loss at Indiana and then he picked it up at Miami." But nobody picked it up like Murray in

his first set against Richmond. Murray opened service of the match

and won the first game on an ace, but soon found himself in a hole. With Doll leading the set 4-3, and serv-

ing with a 30-0 lead in the game, Mur-See TENNIS page 7



State created a racket in its win over Richmond, Staff photo by Ben Austin

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