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IN THE KNOW

WORLD

South Korean subway fire claims more than 100 lives

A fire that engulfed a South Korean subway train on Monday has left 120 people dead, 134 injured and 165 missing.

Witnesses to the fire reported that a passenger ignited a container filled with a flammable liquid to start the blaze. The ensuing inferno spread from the first train to a second passing by.

Victims of the fire were trampled, burned or suffocated to death. Rescue workers are continuing the search for victims, and authorities plan to retrieve DNA evidence today to determine an official death count.

United States and Britain prepare new resolution

Despite worldwide protests and the opposition of other countries, U.S. and British officials are continuing work on a second U.N. resolution that would declare that Iraq has violated U.N. Resolution 1441.

The resolution called for Iraq to disarm or face "serious consequences," and officials from the United States and Britain have suggested a new resolution that would emphasize that point. It could, if adopted, result in military action.

Support for a new resolution within the U.N. Security Council remains divided. French President Jacques Chirac has publicly announced that France, which has veto power, would oppose such a resolution.

NATION

U.S. forces strong and plentiful in Gulf

CNN reported on Tuesday that over 100,000 U.S. troops are in Kuwait and ready for action if an attack against Iraq is ordered.

According to the report, Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan told CNN, "If we are called upon to execute a mission we are ready to do it."

McKiernan would command U.S. and British land forces during an invasion. He said that getting weapons of mass destruction out of Iraq and the control of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein remains the most important focus.

Weekend snowstorm blankets nation

When a weekend snowstorm moved across the Middle Atlantic and Eastern states, it did more than close schools and ice walkways.

Already 42 deaths have been attributed to the storm, including 18 in Pennsylvania alone. The snow and ice have also been the cause of power outages, school cancellations and airport closings and delays. In the Carolinas alone over 20,000 customers were estimated to be without power.

The hardest-hit areas appear to be the North-eastern states — some reporting as much as 30 to 40 inches of snowfall.

Governors in seven states — Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, New York and New Jersey — have already declared states of emergency.

STATE

Teen in transplant error clings to life

Officials at Duke University Hospital admitted to a "tragic error" on Monday concerning a transplant mix-up that has left a 17-year-old girl clinging to life.

Jessica Santillan remains in critical condition after type-A organs were transplanted into her body, which has O-positive blood. Santillan was receiving a heart and lung transplant as a result of a heart deformity that prevented her lungs from pumping enough oxygen in her blood. Without a transplant, she could have died within six months.

Duke Hospital has accepted responsibility for the error, which occurred after the organs were sent to the hospital with paperwork correctly identifying the donor's blood type.

Job recruitment could be future problem

According to North Carolina's Commerce Secretary Jim Fain, while the state's business climate begins to heal, job losses will be difficult to make up for in the future.

Fain noted that North Carolina is one of the strongest states when it comes to recovery of business losses and its quality of life, infrastructure and strong public universities and community colleges will make it attractive to businesses. But he said that the state's reliance on manufacturing jobs could pose a problem by slowing the job recruitment process.

N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill face off

Student Government and other organizations prepare for battle in a canned food drive.

Jessica Horne
Staff Reporter

Just as N.C. State fans prepare for a face-off against Carolina's basketball team on Feb. 25, Student Government officials from both schools are preparing for a face-off of their own.

NCSU's "Beat Hunger, Beat UNC Food Challenge," is just getting under way, say organizers.

Derwin Dubose, a freshman at UNC-CH, organized the food drive and has successfully encouraged Tar Heel organizations to challenge rival groups at

NCSU. Organizations are asked to collect as many cans as possible and turn them in at drop-off centers located in Talley Student Center and Witherspoon Student Center.

But what good is a challenge if there is no incentive for the winner?

If NCSU wins the canned food drive, then UNC students and Chancellor James Moeser will have their picture taken while wearing red NCSU apparel. The UNC-CH Freshman Council Web site will also announce that NCSU is "superior" to Carolina.

Of course, NCSU and its student organizations are hoping to emerge victorious. If not, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Student Body President Michael Anthony will make a dining hall appear-

ance on Feb. 28 wearing Carolina blue. In addition, other organizations that have accepted the challenge will have their pictures taken in the Brickyard, where they will also be wearing Tar Heel apparel.

The winner of the challenge will be announced at the basketball game in Chapel Hill on Feb. 25, and the donations will go to the Food Bank of North Carolina.

The Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that provides food to people in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina. It works with more than 800 partner agencies, including soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters.

"If for some odd reason we do not win this challenge, I think that we will gracefully accept the defeat, because it is re-

ally going towards a good humanitarian cause," said Lock Whiteside III, a freshman in political science. "However, I am very confident that the N.C. State student body is going to rally behind this cause."

On Feb. 20, Student Government officials will be in the Brickyard passing out Student Government cups filled with candy and fliers to promote the canned food drive.

Jennifer Zurney, Student Government director of community service, has one message for NCSU students:

"Show the Pack's strength by collecting canned goods to help benefit people in the surrounding community. Together, we can help those in need and send a message of red back to Chapel Hill."

A CLOSER LOOK AT STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student body treasurer: more than money

Daniel Gilligan has spent his tenure signing checks, making appropriations and fighting to keep college affordable.

Jessica Horne
Staff Reporter

Student Body Treasurer Daniel Gilligan got involved with Student Government because he wanted something to do but didn't know what exactly. Upon entering the Student Senate, Gilligan joined the Finance Committee.

"I got involved with the Finance Committee because to me it has the most impact on campus. We give money to student organizations, so we are constantly working with

the students to determine which groups have the most need," said Gilligan. "Since I was already on the Finance Committee, I decided to run for treasurer."

Gilligan goes to class like other students but stops by the office as much as he can to make sure there are no checks that need to be written and that all of the paperwork for appropriations is complete.

The treasury works with all of the branches of government but mostly with the executive branch and the Student Senate. Gilligan serves as the chair ex-officio of the Finance Committee and attends meetings for Student Senate, President's Roundtable, Student Media Authority, Student Le-

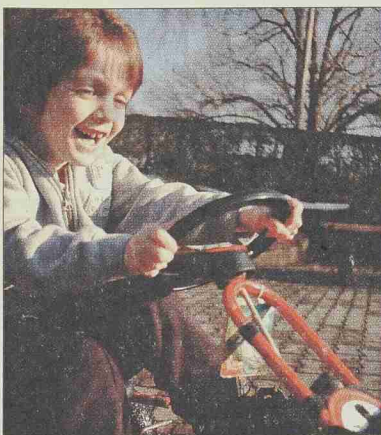
The following article is part of a weeklong series established to profile some of the current Student Government members and campus leaders. As their terms come to a close, we will highlight each student's ups and downs in their respective positions. In addition, each student leader will offer their advice for students who may consider running for a Student Government position in the future.

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Daniel Gilligan's term as student body treasurer will end in the coming months. File photo by Harris Zaheer

Rush hour



Eli Hooker, 5, takes a joyride in Pullen Park through the remnants of ice. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

College of Education to lay foundation for new center

Groundbreaking for the new Friday Institute center is planned for early 2004.

News Staff Report

Plans for a new center to be built in honor of William and Ida Friday are underway. N.C. State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and College of Education Dean Kathryn Moore will announce the construction plans soon.

The College of Education will lay the foundation for the Friday Institute's construction.

Groundbreaking is anticipated to begin in early 2004, and the

new facility will be built adjacent to Centennial Campus Middle School.

Team-oriented, cutting-edge educational research and teacher training will take place in the new center.

William Friday served as president of the UNC System from 1956 until 1986. He received a bachelor's degree in textile engineering from NCSU and a law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. Both William and Ida Friday made lifelong commitments to education, including the public service and support for North Carolina's educators and public school system.

Jeans, gelato and salsa — cultural trends make a statement

The presence of non-American customs increases on college campuses across the nation.

Meredith Wilbourne
Guest Reporter

Think back on your activities over the past week. Chances are you participated in something of cultural significance through a culture other than your own. Increasingly, European and other cultural trends are making waves in and around campus.

The easiest trends to see are those that people wear. Tight, dark jeans and leather footwear reminiscent of bowling shoes are all styles from Europe. Diesel is a popular brand in particular. The Italian designer jeans and shoes can be seen on men and women alike.

Jill Nordness, a junior in business management, bought her Diesel jeans in Peru.

"I liked the fact that they were only \$35 and not \$130 like they are in America," said Nordness.

Still, some people do pay the high prices to stay in vogue.

Besides clothing, cultural food is also widespread. Some of the more chic restaurants in downtown Raleigh have European cuisine included on their menus, including Café Luna on East Hargett Street, 518 West on West Jones Street, and The Blue Ridge Café at the North Carolina Museum of Art.

You can also get a taste of Italy in some places closer to campus. A gelateria will be opening soon on Hillsborough Street next to Packbakers. Gelato is the Italian word for ice cream. However, gelato doesn't have as much air in it as ice cream, giving it a denser texture.

Another favorite European treat is Nutella, a chocolate-hazelnut spread that originated in Italy.

"Nutella tastes good on everything, especially fruit and bread," said Megan Rounds, a senior in communication, who has traveled to nine European countries in the past two years. "We ate it all the time when we were in Europe."

Nutella is now available at C-stores on campus.

In keeping with the Italian coffee-drinking trend, a group of students par-

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CULTURE

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ticipating in the Florence Study Abroad Program this summer make it a point to meet at CupAJoe about once a week to discuss traveling plans after class.

"We're trying to get used to drinking coffee; after all, it's cheaper than water over there," said Joey Coppersito, a freshman in aerospace engineering who will be traveling with the group.

The coffee shop, with locations on Hillsborough Street and in the Mission Valley shopping center, has another plus; the cappuccinos at CupAJoe are more consistent with prices in Italy, unlike some other shops in the area.

Beyond the clothes and food, other groups and events emphasizing culture have made their way on to campus.

Theta Nu Xi, N.C. State's first multicultural sorority, was founded in 1991. One of their mottos is "Sisters of Diversity, Together as ONE."

An international dance party will be held this Friday in the Taley Student Center Ballroom. The event, sponsored by the Union Activities Board, is \$3 with an NCSU ID and \$5 for the general public. There will be cultural dance instruction from 9-10 p.m., including belly dancing, break dancing, Caribbean reggae, Hindi hip-hop, salsa and merengue. The dance party will be from 10 p.m. till 1 a.m. and will feature Latin, reggae, Turkish, Arabic, Asian, European techno, Indian, hip-hop and Persian music.

Different cultures have made their way onto NCSU's campus, and many students have begun to embrace and appreciate what they have to offer.

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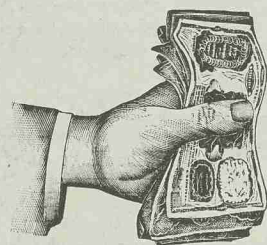
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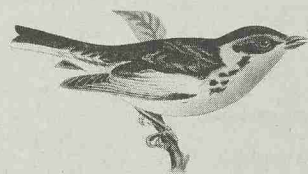
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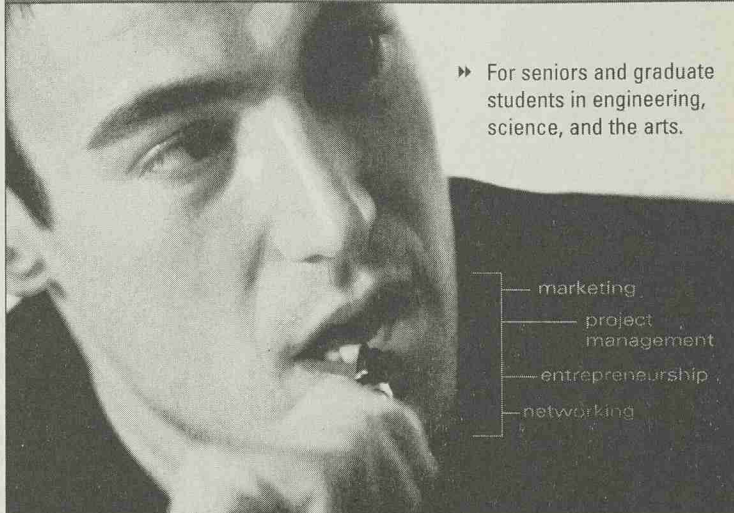
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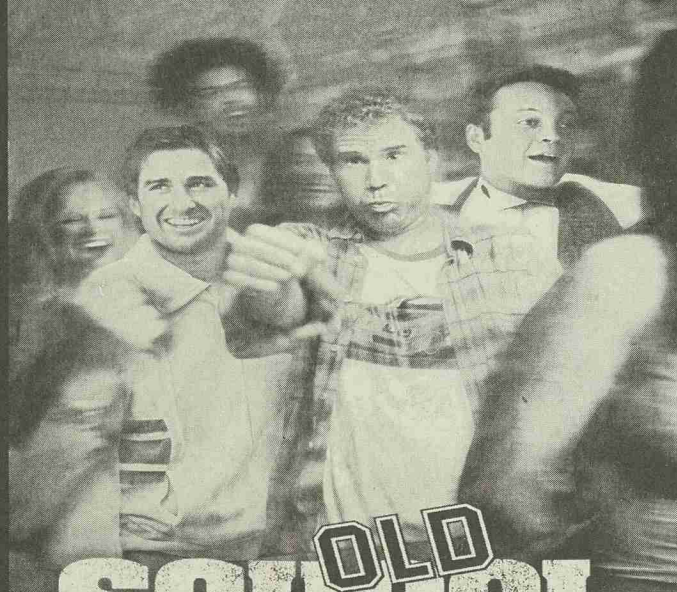
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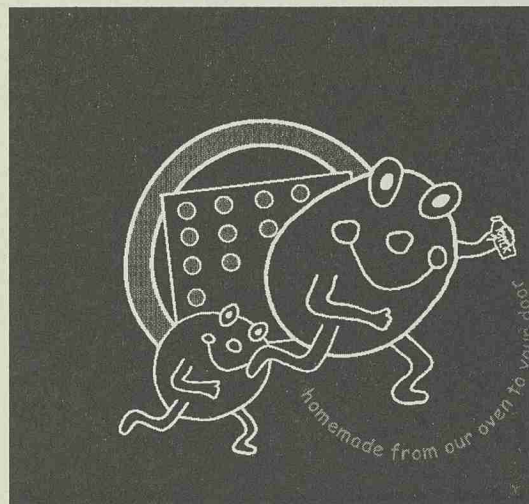
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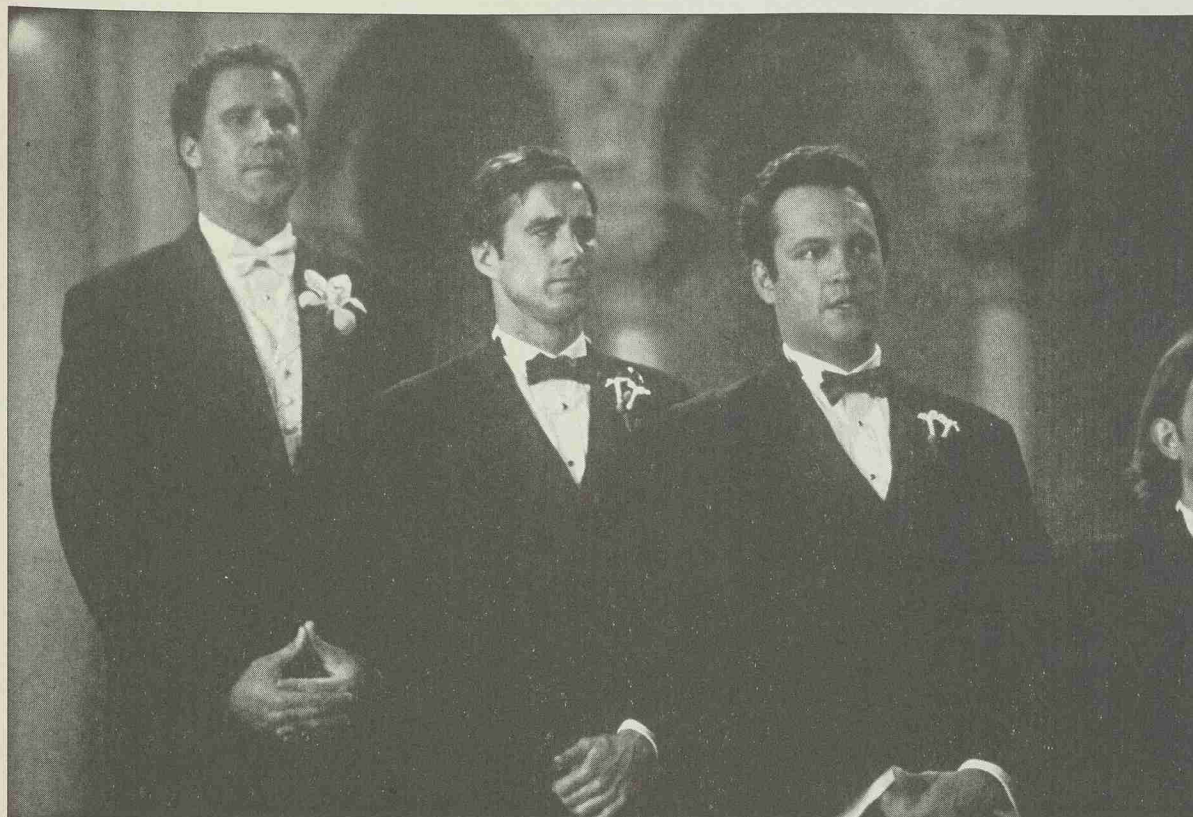
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Will Ferrell, Luke Wilson and Vince Vaughn find great chemistry and provide a few big laughs in Todd Phillips' "Old School." Photo courtesy Dreamworks Pictures

Gutsy casting adds life to 'Old School'

Joel Isaac Frady
A&E Editor

"It's harder to sell an R-rated movie to audiences and the studio," said director Todd Phillips, whose second feature-length nondocumentary comedy, "Old School," makes its debut this Friday. "You can't sell ads on MTV after 10 ... but once you get the studio to agree, there's a lot more freedom."

He sat at the front of the room making the best of the 20 minutes he was given, especially with the knowledge that the room had been occupied the previous 45 minutes by the three men that would make or break his new movie.

"[The] hardest part about doing any comedy is the casting," Phillips continued, "but once you get the casting down, it all

sort of gels together."

Problem is, some combinations 'gel together' better than others. Whenever anyone casts the likes of Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau together, the comedy would come together on its own. Other combinations are more of a risk. When Chris Tucker was teamed up with Jackie Chan on "Rush Hour," no one was sure if it would work or not.

Many people walked (and will walk into) "Old School" with the same worry, wondering whether the teaming of the quiet, sarcastic humor of Luke Wilson ("Bottle Rocket," "The Royal Tenenbaums"), the loud, vulgar and intentionally annoying humor of Vince Vaughn ("Swingers," "Psycho") and ex-"Saturday Night Live" star Will Ferrell would actually work.

Strangely enough, tapping three men from different styles of comedy to play the roles of Mitch (Wilson), Frank (Ferrell) and Beanie (Vaughn) was exactly what he had in mind.

"I knew what kind of comedy Todd [Phillips] was going for with the film because of the people he cast," Vaughn noted.

What's even stranger is the chemistry that the cast has. As Ferrell, Vaughn and Wilson sat together during their 45-minute question-and-answer session, they looked about as different as three men could look. Ferrell, with his poofy hair and constant grin, made jokes about his college experience and how he doesn't think that "babies should get paid for film work," even though half of his jokes were hard to pay attention to as Vaughn powered his way

through four cigarettes in less than an hour. Wilson sat between them, looking like a normal guy who had no idea how he found himself in that room with that group of people.

Somehow, though, they found a comic voice, one that allows for each performer's brand of humor while working incredibly well together. This chemistry also found its way, in top-notch form, to the big screen, with each of them running with their jokes as they're setting up someone else's.

The cast also works well at hitting the dramatic spots in the film, though few and far between, for much of the film's humor targets the serious themes of life after age 30.

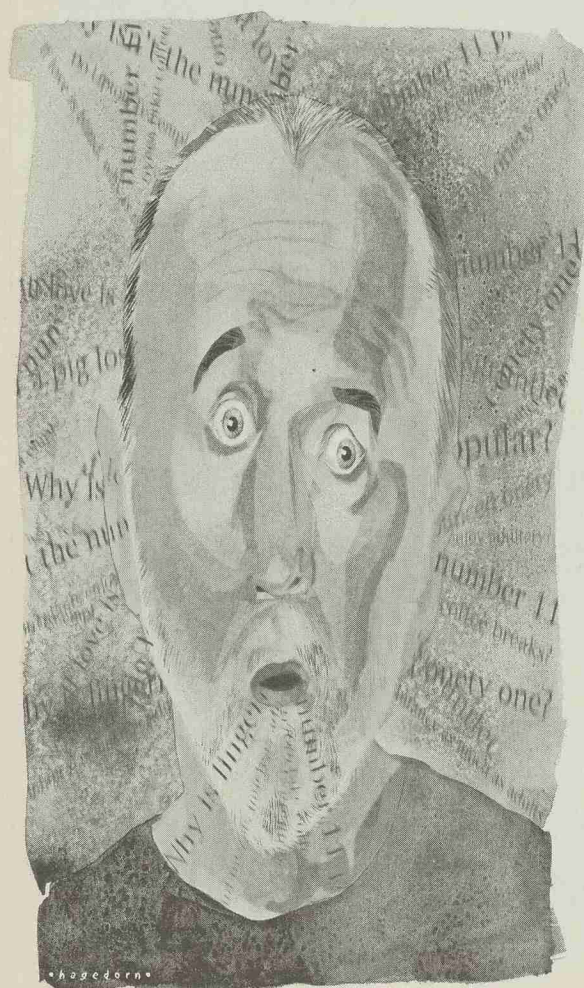
"We always saw this as a comedy version of 'Fight Club,'" Phillips said. "Club" was basi-

cally about a fraternity of men who are looking for acceptance and a place ... it's not so much about college as the spot people reach around their early 30s, whether they want to settle down or continue their 20s."

Phillips does keep the actors on the right wavelength though, never venturing into the kind of serious ground that would send the different comedic styles into conflict. The dark humor that Wilson and Vaughn frequently visit is nowhere to be found, but the pure slapstick that Ferrell has frequented is also hard to find.

Instead, Phillips shoots for a middle ground that they're all comfortable with, and it works.

"Old School" opens in theaters nationwide this Friday.



Carlin uses classic taboos for standup

Ryan Nyburg
Oregon Daily Emerald (U. Oregon)

(U-WIRE) EUGENE, Ore. — There comes a time when artists must prove they are still relevant or move on. It always works out the same with painters, musicians and writers. Artists who don't keep proving their worth to the public end up becoming pale imitations of themselves, objects for ridicule rather than praise.

It works the same way for stand-up comedy, yet few would consider this a serious art form. It's easy to see why. Turn on Comedy Central any day of the week and you will see a multitude of stand-up comedians who adapt ready-made stage personae and belt out formulaic material as if any deviation from the expected would be tantamount to slitting their own wrists.

George Carlin has always been different. Seeing him live at Oregon's Hult Center on Saturday would have been a revelation to anyone exposed to the safe, harmless sitcom-brand of American stand-up during the past decade. From note one, he unleashes a barrage of observations, attacks, insults and complaints.

The audience barely has time to get its footing before Carlin switches them around in another direction. The topics read like a grocery list of American taboos: disease, enemas, car crashes, airplane wrecks, necrophilia, gun violence and suicide were all covered in detail. Being offensive is one of the cornerstones (some would say clichés) of mod-

ern American comedy. Carlin, most famous for "The Seven Dirty Words You Can't Say on Television," is one of the pioneers of this style. However, being offensive just for the sake of offending is rarely funny, something Carlin always seems to keep in mind. His act, even at its most vile, always questions the attitudes and assumptions of his audience.

Revisiting Carlin's earlier work can be startling without the intervening 30 years as a guide. His style, which began as laid back, easy going and fairly low key, has now evolved into that of a grizzled nihilist. His persona is one of a bitter, angry man who has figured out just how much he can get away with. Quoting him is often futile, given that his act is rooted in his impeccable delivery.

One thing that is missing from Carlin's targets is politics. He makes few, if any, jokes about current political situations, sticking to everyday life and observations about people around him. The political material appears in the most unexpected place — during a rant on bumper stickers — particularly of the "My Child is an Honor Student ..." style. "How about one that says, 'My Child Has Enough Self-Confidence So That I Don't Have to Praise Their Minor Scholastic Achievements on the Back of My Car?'" Carlin asked.

Carlin's diatribes can often be hard to swallow, and his world outlook is a bleak one. He wouldn't seem to mind watching the world go up in flames. But listening to him describe it can be immensely entertaining, not to mention damn funny.

'Joe Millionaire' assaults decency, taste — but it's finally over

Matthew Curtin
The Daily Campus (U. Connecticut)

(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. — Fox's ridiculously horrendous "reality" show "Joe Millionaire" came to an end Monday night as Evan, the \$19,000-a-year bachelor, picked the mild-mannered Zora over Sarah. It was a journey defined by ignorance and shallowness, as 20 women competed for an unintelligent doof with the single goal of getting at his fictitious \$50 million.

Now that "Joe Millionaire" has finally come full circle we can look back in disgust as we realize that those of us who did sit through the majority of the episodes can never, ever get that time back. Americans witnessed the quality of television sink even further as reality television continued its unrelenting assault on the intelligence of its viewing audience. As if that show "Man vs. Beast" wasn't bad enough, reality programming continues to thrive.

Never before have I witnessed a television show that I am as utterly disgusted with as "Joe Millionaire." On so many different levels it is degrading to the human race. It is like the worst soap opera or tabloid in the world. Based solely on sensationalism and deception, "Joe Millionaire" is instilling the kind of values in Americans across the country that will only drive our consumer-based society further into the ground.

Why do we continue to support this mindless drivel? Do you really care if Zora or Sarah wins? Do you want either of them to win anyway? Wouldn't it be even better if they both failed miserably so we could laugh at them? Well, that is why we are still watching, because we love to watch others fail.

Everyone has been waiting for the moment when Evan would tell the winner he was not in fact a millionaire, but a lowly construction worker making only \$19,000 a year. You could see it in Sarah's eyes when he told her, and she made it obvious when she was discussing it with Melissa later on, that the only reason she continued to pretend she was interested Evan was the fact that he was a millionaire, and once that reason withered away, she realized she no longer had to pretend.

Being shallow is cool. You probably are. I'm not, but that is beside the point. So maybe this is just a way for the shallow folk to commiserate with one another. Maybe it is just a sort of support group for the shallow. Watching others be shallow could, in theory, make one feel better about their own shallowness. And round and round we go.

In the end Zora acted like she did not care that Evan was a construction worker. In fact, she was turned off by the fact that he had inherited the 50 million bones. Talk about anti-climactic. Will Zora and "Joe," I mean Evan, last? I don't really care at all. I hope they have found true love, because there is nothing wrong with love. Anyway, this guy is definitely not a construction worker. He is a model, and I saw on another show that he was once a wrestler. The check that they got at the end of the show made them instant "millionaires," so they got some of the money that they were after in the end.

Is "Joe Millionaire" a gateway drug? Are the floodgates now open for countless shows trying to recreate the "magic"? Let's hope not. "Joe Millionaire" is definitely a television phenomenon in the same vein as "Survivor," but hopefully there will not be any copycats in the future.

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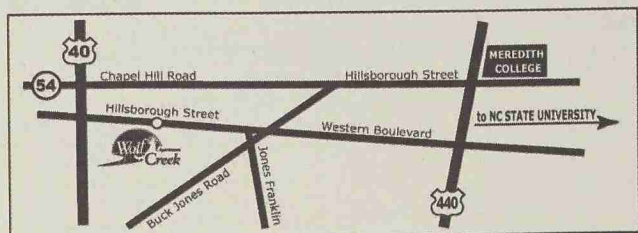


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Duke mistake could kill teen

Duke University has successfully transplanted thousands of organs. This month, however, one such transplant was unsuccessful. Jessica Santillan, who had spent three years waiting for a heart and lung transplant, was given organs that did not match her blood type. No matter how infrequently mistakes like this happen, when they do, the hospitals must experience severe consequences to keep it from happening again.

Duke has accepted blame for the mistake, which will most likely result in the death of the 17-year-old girl in the next few days. By accepting blame, Duke must also accept a strong consequence.

Though President Bush is pushing for caps on malpractice lawsuits, cases like this establish the need for such cases to be analyzed on an individual basis. With the proposed \$250,000 cap on pain and suffering, the need to make an example and set a precedent with this case would be weakened.

It is impossible to put a value on anyone's life, especially the life of a child. It is still necessary to take moments like this and use them to create a better system — a system where these sort of mistakes never happen.

Thankfully, Duke is already changing the way they check and crosscheck organs to be used in transplants. A precedent still needs to be set so that health care professions fully realize the importance of these checks and the need to al-

ways remember the lives that hang in the balance of their work.

Duke University's comments are reassuring, but more than a slap on the wrist is necessary to ensure that these sorts of mistakes happen as infrequently as possible. "In our efforts to identify organs for this desperately ill patient, regrettably, a mistake occurred. We are taking immediate steps to further strengthen those processes within our control here at Duke and will work to identify ways to improve the entire organ procurement process," said William Fulkerson, a doctor and CEO of Duke Hospital.

While N.C. State's health center does not provide ambulatory care of the magnitude of Duke University, several checks ensure that patients receive the proper care and treatment. Every error that occurs is corrected immediately and an incident report is filed. Annually, the NCSU Health Center has approximately 10-12 of these incident reports filed. Dr. Jerry Barker, Director of Health Services at NCSU, says that in the 18 years he has been in charge, no harm has been caused to a patient.

Hopefully, Jessica Santillan will be able to get another set of lungs and a new heart, and no litigation will prove necessary. She is still at the top of the organ list, and hopes remain high that she will survive. While mistakes happen at hospitals, children and their parents should never be the ones to have to pay.

The Road to Baghdad: to war or not to war



Ben McNeely
Staff Columnist

Over the weekend, millions of protesters took to the streets in cities around the world to speak out against military action in Iraq. Here in Raleigh, in New York and in cities across Europe, the collective voices of the common people were heard, and they have a message of peace and moral objection to the impending war. It signaled to the leaders of the world that this is not just about weapons of mass destruction or inspectors. It is about the morality of war and whether it has a place in civilized society. This thought is especially prevalent in Europe, where their history is marred by war and conflict. It is no wonder they do not want to go to war again. There has always been some kind of armed conflict in Europe, and frankly, the people are tired of it. Now that the protestors have spoken, the leaders of the nations that support the United States have heard the objections of their people and now face a difficult choice: do they continue to support unconditionally the United States or do they push for a more peaceful solution? It is a very relevant question and one that the United Nations was set up to deal with. But on the other side, the United Nations has given Saddam Hussein plenty

of chances to disarm and comply with U.N. regulations. If Iraq is going to be a part of the United Nations and the civilized world, they need to comply with the rules set forth by the U.N. Charter. Some kind of consequence has to be suffered, and if war is not the answer, then the anti-war movement is charged with the task of coming up with a viable long-term alternative to military action.

On "Meet the Press" Sunday, Condoleezza Rice said, "It is time for this to end; enough is enough." That was her response to the U.N. Security Council request to give weapons inspections more time. This is the official opinion of the Bush administration and something will happen in a few weeks. But now the question of war has elevated from finding proof of weapons of mass destruction to the moral question of whether or not to go to war. It is a valid question, but if we do not go to war, how else will the world deal with Hussein, and how does this compare with other hot spots the United States is dealing with? Take North Korea, for example. They have an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of hitting the west coast of North America. They have an active nuclear program that we know has produced nuclear

weapons. And yet, we are not even contemplating war with North Korea. We are actively negotiating with them in hopes that they will disarm and find a peaceful solution to this conflict. Comparatively, Kim Jung Il is more dangerous than Hussein because we know for certain what North Korea has. They do not care about weapons inspectors. They proudly display to the world the end result of their research and say, "Look at what we can do." Hussein is not doing that. He is hiding his weapons and confusing the inspectors. At least Kim has been honest about what he has and is willing to talk. Part of that is due to the fact that the United States has not threatened war with North Korea.

But the situation in Iraq is different and the anti-war movement realizes that. If we go to war it will open us up to even more terrorist attacks, and the war will be fought not only in the streets of Baghdad but also in Washington, D.C., and New York City. The Department of Homeland Security recognizes this and told the public to go get duct tape and plastic wrap. But to the anti-war crowd this is silly. The solution is more straight-

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AIDS epidemic needs real-life depiction

Staff Editorial
Columbia Chronicle
(Columbia College.)

(U-WIRE)
CHICAGO — Between 850,000 and 950,000 people are infected with HIV in the United

States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. An estimated 36 million people are infected worldwide.

The AIDS epidemic is bigger than ever. And as the virus evolves and mutates, it becomes harder to diagnose.

For the first time since 1993, an increase was found in the number of AIDS cases diagnosed, according to the CDC. This proves the lack of education concerning the disease, specifically in the growing number of people engaging in unsafe sex. As a result, the issue of "AIDS complacency" is becoming more of a problem.

Many people still perceive AIDS as a problem that exists only in other countries. But the truth is not only does AIDS exist in America, it is also incurable and the epidemic is getting worse.

One reason is that HIV can go undetected if not tested in its initial stages. Many times, it takes on the symptoms

of a common cold. Thus, there are an estimated 280,000 people living in America unaware that they are infected with HIV.

With so many preventative measures on the market for sexually transmitted diseases, it is astonishing that so many people are still getting infected. Such devices can protect people if used properly.

However, protection is not perfect, and testing still needs to be done. Abstinence is the only true protection against deadly diseases. And AIDS is definitely deadly.

The media isn't doing enough to inform people about HIV/AIDS. Success stories are advertised far more often than the realistic traumas those infected have to deal with daily.

An AIDS campaign in Chicago featuring Magic Johnson shows a posed, confident and triumphant Johnson beside the story of his successful struggle with HIV. The campaign reminds people that they can survive the disease. Yet the advertisements neglected to inform that Johnson has quite a bit more money than the average citizen with HIV/AIDS does.

The first step in solving this problem is education. Sugarcoating isn't the answer.

Duct, duct, goose



Greg Volk
Staff Columnist

When I think "orange," I think Halloween, syrupy citrus drinks and sports teams I don't like. But as war with Iraq and, in turn, terrorist attacks become more likely, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge wants Americans to think duct tape and plastic sheeting when we think "orange" instead.

The United States went on a code orange terror alert — the next-to-highest level — last Monday as the latest "bin Laden" tape surfaced during the Muslim hajj. After a week of orange alert, Ridge says we still need the orange alert and our duct tape and plastic sheeting. Ridge and other officials say the duct tape and plastic sheeting can seal off a room in the event of a chemical, biological or radioactive attack. Scientists, researchers and anyone with any sense will say otherwise.

Though these warnings are warranted and well-intentioned, they don't quite hit the terrorism-prevention nail on the head and, thus, further contribute to the sense of hysteria the United States has been living in since Sept. 11, 2001. Those attacks taught us that anything can happen and might, but there's only so much we can do before we have to trust our government, our military and our god(s).

Ridge and his terrorist-busting buddies say that if we're attacked, we should

turn off the ventilation in our houses and go to a room and seal it off with duct tape and plastic. The government says that a room with 10 square feet of floor space per person can provide enough air for up to five hours.

As the Fort Worth Telegram reported, Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn. has in mind a different number: two. In a 2001 study of terrorist attack preparedness, the lab found that the effectiveness of sealing off homes varied greatly according to no discernible explanations and was, at best, between 75 and 90 percent effective. Assuming you could get 90 percent effectiveness, researcher John Sorensen says he "could not envision it being used for more than an hour or two."

If a chemical or biological attack were severe enough to warrant us sealing our houses, the air would not be clear again before we run out of oxygen in our safe rooms. Aside from that, there are several other problems with the duct tape and plastic sheeting quick fix.

The first one is just that — it's not quick. In the event of a successful attack, we may not be able to seal off our homes quickly enough to do any good. Second, many houses, including mine, are probably too drafty to be able to be sealed with duct tape and plastic in the first place. And third, contrary to what the mobs of duct tape hoarders at Home De-

pot and Lowe's this weekend think, even the thickest of plastic cannot stop the radioactivity that nuclear weapons emit.

With some thick painter's plastic, we might be able to withstand an attack consisting of terrorists surrounding our homes with a bunch of microwave ovens on high for an extended period of time, but nothing we can do efficiently, quickly and safely could prevent damage from a nuclear bomb's gamma rays.

Safety officials recommend we prepare a disaster-supply kit that could sustain

a family for three days. The kit should include first-aid items, blankets, flashlights and nonperishable food items. Carolinians should already have a heads up on this part of the plan. We seem to do pretty well with keeping bread and milk on hand during winter storms.

I'm not saying that these suggestions are all for naught. We need to be as prepared as we can. Our local law enforcement, government and health officials must have a clear plan in place in case of disaster. We need to have reliable communications networks in place. We also need to realize, however, that there's only so much we, regular citizens, can do besides staying alert, prepared and calm.

Greg remembers fondly the days of Cold War emergency drills. E-mail your memories to dieshus@hotmail.com.

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Subtle discrimination



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

When I first heard about the proposed housing ordinance, I blew it off as just another thing the City Council was running their mouths about. I read some articles about it and talked to some of my friends but never really took it seriously. However, when I read the article in Campus Forum, submitted by Bruce Mamel, former chair of the West Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council, I was outraged by his "reasoning" for limiting the number of unrelated people living together.

Mamel claims that the ordinance is designed with students' best interests in mind. By not allowing more than two

unrelated people living together, it supposedly preserves the area by keeping it cleaner and less run-down. This in turn keeps the area nice for when students are ready to buy their own houses. The council seems to think that by putting up this ordinance, yards will stay more clear of trash, houses will be kept in better shape, and people will want to move to Raleigh because it will look like a prettier city.

The council fails to realize that quite a bit of Raleigh, especially the area inside the Beltline and areas near NCSU's campus, is inhabited mainly by college students. These students have limited funds and cannot afford to live with just two people in a house. Even apartments are quite expensive, and when you throw in the expense of tuition, books, car payments, food, gas, etc. it gets to be too

much for any student to be able to afford. Personally, I am a full-time student who works three jobs to cover my expenses, and since I refuse to take out a student loan, I try hard to not depend on my family for money. You can say that this is just stupid stubbornness on my behalf, but it is that stubbornness that will keep me from having to pay back thousands of dollars when I get out of college. In addition, this stubbornness might also give me the chance to have a

little money in my pocket for when I get out into the "real world."

Yes, there is the option of living on campus at NCSU.

However, the cost of living on campus greatly exceeds the cost of living with a couple of roommates in a small rental

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forward than duct tape: just do not go to war. That is very simplistic, but it does carry weight in the minds of many people. So, if no war, what should be done? The more immediate thing is to continue to inspect Iraq for weapons of mass destruction and contain Hussein's weapons programs.

The long-term solution would be to lift the sanctions and flood the country with food, supplies and democracy. Empower the people of Iraq to take control of their government and overthrow Hussein. Instead of forcing

democracy on Iraq, let it grow and infiltrate every part of Iraqi society. We can defend ourselves against attack, but to pick a fight is just not morally right.

These arguments made by the anti-war movement are well-intentioned and idealistic. The only criticism is whether it will work. The anti-war movement tends to run on the old adage "you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar." That is perfectly acceptable, but what happens when the people we try to help turn on us and attack us?

The whole jihad against Western civilization is based on the belief that we are trying to exploit

the Muslim world to our favor and force our beliefs and values on them. If we go to war, the terrorists will retaliate and the American public will be on the front lines of a potential holy war of epic proportions. This is what the "peaceniks" believe and they have spoken their minds. Whether our leaders will listen is another story altogether.

Only two more articles left in this series and Ben will write about something else. E-mail him at bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu to give him ideas on what to write on after all this is done.

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house or an apartment. Also, there are more students than dorm rooms, and there is no way NCSU can house all of its students. There are plenty of apartment complexes everywhere, but some students do not care to live in an apartment; they would rather live in a house. Since we are talking about what people want here, it is not fair to deny students their right of home ownership in the American Dream either. What if these same students who live in the rental house right now end up wanting to live in Raleigh the rest of their lives? If the city council gives strict regulations now, a student's desire to stay in Raleigh will not be as great.

No one wants to live in a place where they were once discriminated against.

I see the council's point; they are trying to keep Raleigh clean and beautiful for the generation that is beginning to move here and for the future. However, there are other ways to go about doing this than limiting the number of unrelated students. One of the council's main points is that the houses that these students live in are not kept up and the yards are trashy. What good is limiting the number of people there? That just limits the number of people available to clean up the place. Instead, fine tenants if the yard is not neat or the house is falling apart. The tenants will get upset about the fine, but they will keep their house in better shape in the future.

Mamel made the comment that "we [the council] are trying to preserve neighborhoods in Raleigh and around NCSU as extremely 'desirable' for future buyers." The council is blind to the fact that students are these "future buyers," and if we are thrown out of a place now, there is not much hope for us to want to live there in the future. The council needs to rethink its plan and decide on a better course of action for preserving these areas.

Heather is preparing her campaign for running for city council to keep future mishaps like this one from happening. If you would like to be her campaign manager, e-mail her at hrcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu. She promises nice incentives for when she gets elected.

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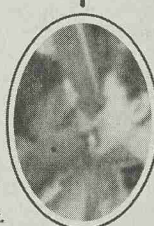
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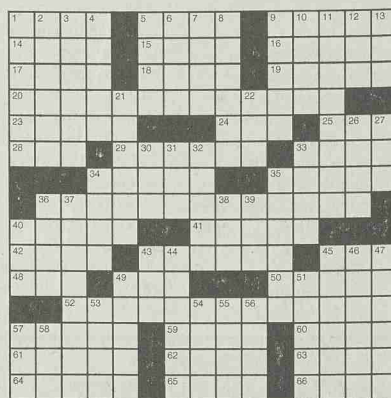
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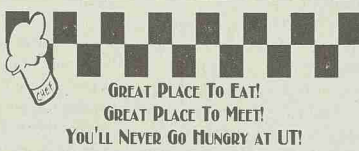
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gal Services and the Tuition Task
Force. He is not required to attend
most of these meetings, but there are
times when financial advice is sought.
Gilligan does send a proxy to the
meetings when his services are not re-
quired.

As treasurer, Gilligan focuses pri-
marily on appropriations.

"Appropriations are the most real
thing that Student Government does
for campus. We fund groups to allow
students to do what they love. It breaks
my heart to deny any group funds,
just because they love what their group
is doing," said Gilligan.

Other than appropriations, Gilligan
has focused on his platform while in
office. He wanted to defend afford-
ability by focusing on tuition and fees
issues and university finance. He sup-
ported the Tuition Task Force, and
while the Board of Trustees did not
approve at first, the task force finally
came about when UNC-Chapel Hill
started their own.

Now Student Body President
Michael Anthony serves as a co-chair
on this committee, although other
students are allowed to serve on it.

Gilligan also promotes developing re-
sources for student organizations. He
wants to find other ways to get groups
the money they need besides going
through the Student Senate to get ap-
propriations.

Gilligan managed to get surplus

computers donated to organizations
and maintain funding for the arts by
including them in the College of Hu-
manities and Social Sciences and the
College of Design. He also worked on
delivering funds to organizations by
combining the applications for ap-
propriations from the senate with the
applications from college councils. A
liaison was set up, but there was some
disagreement with combining the ap-
plications. Gilligan encourages the
next treasurer to work on this idea.

Gilligan thinks that the next student
body treasurer should take things se-
riously and be organized while also
being an advocate for certain issues,
such as tuition and fees.

"The position of treasurer is proac-
tive. You should assist the other three
officers while keeping the treasury in
order. You can lead by serving others
and working with them instead of just
leading," said Gilligan. "So treasurer
just seemed like the place for me to be."

Gilligan quoted Robert F. Kennedy
to sum up his term as student body
treasurer: "Let no one be discouraged
by the belief there is nothing one per-
son can do against the enormous ar-
ray of the world's ills, misery, igno-
rance, and violence. Few will have the
greatness to bend history, but each of
us can work to change a small por-
tion of events. And in the total of all
those acts will be written the history
of a generation."

HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Black/Tribune Media Services

Aries

March 21-April 19

Today is a 7. You generally don't like to
be told what to do. This time, it might
not be so bad. Consider a suggestion
from a person who usually takes orders
from you.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Today is a 7. Your work should be easi-
er, leaving you with more time to spend
with your friends. You may still be too
busy now, but set something up for Fri-
day or Saturday.

Gemini

May 21-June 21

Today is a 6. Don't worry about the de-
tails. They'll take care of themselves. If
you focus on the big picture, you'll find
the perfect words.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Today is a 6. You're stuck at home for a
few more days, but the weekend is com-
ing soon. Start planning now so that
you get as far as you can for the small-
est amount of money possible.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

Today is an 8. You may be getting good
information from your friends and as-
sociates, but it sure wouldn't hurt to do
some of the research yourself. Dig into
the books. It keeps you interesting.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 6. The most difficult part is
over. Pretty soon, it'll seem like a dream.
Some of it might even be funny, but that
might not happen for a

Unbeaten ice hockey tops conference

The club ice hockey team enters the conference tournament this weekend as the No. 1 seed.

Katie Lockhart
Guest Writer

The N.C. State club ice hockey team had several goals entering this year, and one of those goals is now complete as the team wrapped up an undefeated conference mark (12-0) on the heels of winning the 2003 Canes Cup. The Wolfpack, currently ranked No. 10 in the southeast, will begin its quest for completion of yet another goal on Saturday as the Atlantic Coast Collegiate Hockey

League (ACCHL) tournament gets under way in Raleigh.

"Our goals were clear at the beginning of the season: win the ACCHL regular season, be in the top 10 in the Southeast and win the ACCHL tournament crown. Our job is not done — we still need to finish our last goal," said head coach Mike Young.

After a disappointing rebuilding season last year, Young set out to make sure that the team responded positively in 2002-2003. More than 40 students showed up a week prior to the start of the fall semester ready to fight for a spot on the 21-man "A" team roster.

Ten new faces were added to the

team this year, including eight freshmen. In addition, two new coaches earned spots on the bench. But under Young's system, a commitment to winning the right way with tough, aggressive play remained.

The new players, accompanied by the solid nucleus of veteran players, bought into that system and have reaped the competitive benefits thus far.

"This team never gave up throughout the season," said Young.

The Pack will host the 2003 ACCHL tournament this weekend in Raleigh. Semifinal games will be played at the RecZone on Hodges Street (off Wake Forest

Road).

Semifinals will begin at 4:45 p.m. with No. 1 State facing off against No. 4 Virginia Tech. The No. 2 and No. 3 seeds, Virginia and Duke, will meet at 8 p.m. in the other semifinal match.

The winners will play for the championship on Sunday with a 5:15 p.m. primetime matchup at the RBC Center. Visit the team's Web site at www.ncstatehockey.org or the league Web site at www.acchockey.com for additional information.

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Club Sports Event Results

Ice Hockey

Feb. 12: Defeated Duke 13-3 in Raleigh

Feb. 15: Lost to Liberty 9-4 in Roanoke, Va.

Racquetball

Feb. 15 and 16: Placed fourth out of seven teams in Club Bash 2003 hosted by UNC-Chapel Hill

Roller Hockey

Feb. 15 and 16 — Results from Atlantic Collegiate Roller Hockey Association tournament at Carolina Sportsplex in Cary (3-1): Lost to East Carolina 8-0, defeated South Carolina 7-1, defeated Western Carolina 20-1 and defeated UNC-Charlotte 5-3

Ski and Snowboard

Feb. 8 and 9 — Individual results from races at Snowshoe Resort in W.Va.:

Slalom — Women's Snowboard — Elizabeth Ingram First

Men's Snowboard — Chris Davy 15th, Chris Johnson 16th

Men's Ski — Graham Shalvoy 13th

Giant Slalom — Men's Ski — Graham Shalvoy 18th

Equestrian

Feb. 10 — Intercollegiate Dressage Association Show at St. Andrew's College in Laurinburg, N.C.:

Kristen Roza — Fourth place in First Level Test 3

Laura Roten — First place in Training Level Test 4 (Reserve

high-point rider for the show)

Kevin Chavis — second place in Training Level Test 2

Susan Langford — third place in Training Level Test 2

Team finished in third place overall

Club Sports Home Events

Ice Hockey

Atlantic Coast Collegiate Hockey League Tournament in Raleigh

Semifinals on Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and 8 p.m. at RecZone (754-0441)

Championship on Sunday at 5:15 p.m. at the RBC Center

Men's Rugby

N.C. State vs. Western Carolina Saturday at 2 p.m. on lower Miller Field

WRESTLING

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pushing through these injuries."

The injuries have stacked up against the Pack all season. Garren has been in and out of the lineup with knee injuries. Kawa is wrestling with a strained ligament in his back. Kevin Gabrielson suffered through a high ankle sprain, tore a tendon in his thumb and might also be out until the ACC Tournament. Daniel Humphries was injured recently in a motorcycle accident.

"You really can't dwell on the injuries — it may sound kind of cold, but you really kind of have

to," said Jordan. "You can't control the injuries, all you can do is try to get your guys better, work hard and that's what we're going to try to do. Hopefully, we can get everybody back in time for the tournament. It's a possibility."

Cintron's injury hurts more than most injuries might because this is his final year wrestling for State. In 1999-2000, Cintron suffered a season-ending knee injury. He had been 11-3 at the time, including a third place finish at the Navy Invitational. If Cintron cannot recover in time for the ACC Tournament or even the NCAA Tournament, he would leave State with a 70-28

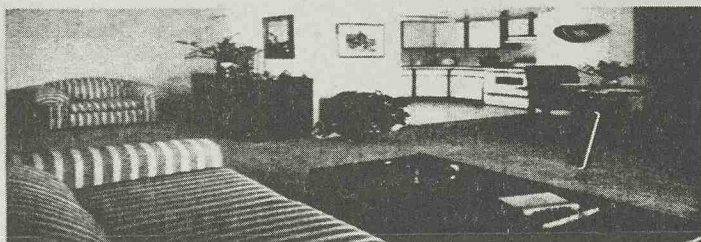
career record.

"He's just a tremendous talent," said Jordan. "He is really wrestling well right now [and] on top of his game. It's a shame to see him have to deal with this because he's a terrific kid."

"He's a quiet leader, but he comes to work every day. He works hard all day. We're very lucky to have him. We need to get him healthy and we need to get him back out there for his sake. It's his senior year, and we'd really like to see him go out with a bang. We're just keeping our fingers crossed. He's been a pleasure to coach and I mean that."

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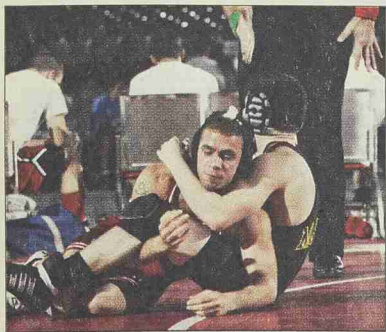
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TECHNICIAN



George Cintron became the latest Pack wrestler to succumb to injury. Technician file photo

Grapplers suffer through more injuries

George Cintron, ranked 19th nationally, has gone down with knee injury.

Jay Kohler

Senior Staff Writer

The injury bug continues to hit the N.C. State wrestling team hard. The latest victim was George Cintron, a senior wrestler at 125 pounds, who has been a consistent force for the Wolfpack since he began wrestling here.

Monday afternoon, Cintron, who is 16-5 in his final year with State, hurt his knee in practice. Yesterday, Cintron went under the knife for surgery in an attempt to salvage some part of his final season at State.

"He had some meniscus in his joint, there was a tear and it locked," said State assistant coach Carter Jordan. "If it doesn't unlock, then they have to go in there and unlock it. It's an arthroscopic surgery, so he can be back, but it is a lateral injury, which is the worst."

"The diagnosis is three to four weeks. The training staff has an 18-day schedule for him, but hopefully, we can get him back in time for the [ACC] tournament. That's what we're hoping for."

With that prognosis, Cintron might be able to wrestle in the March 8 tournament as long as his rehabilitation from surgery goes smoothly. Cintron will miss the final three bouts of the season — Thursday against Campbell, Sunday against Iowa State and the Duke match, which was rescheduled for Thursday Feb. 27.

"Basically, without [Cintron] in our lineup for ACC's, we're not going to win it," said Dustin Kawa. "We're just too banged up right now [with] all the guys that won last year, I'm hurt, Jake [Giamoni]'s not hurt, Scott [Garren]'s out right now and Cintron is out, so it's a tough situation. All of these guys were ACC Champions."

Cintron had been on a tear recently. Typically, Cintron has always performed well at the end of the season. Last year, Cintron had won his final 11 regular-season matches and this year, he had won 11 straight before losing to Chris Rodrigues of North Carolina. Two years ago, he went 19-4 after starting the season 3-4.

"It's going to be tough because he brings a lot of experience," said Giamoni. "He's been around; he's won ACC's twice. He was the most valuable wrestler [in the ACC Tournament] last year. The second half of the year, he's pretty much a sure win for us. So without him in there, it's going to be tough, but we have to keep

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Wolfpack continues homecourt success

In need of a win after losing three of its last four, N.C. State used a game against the ACC doormat to get back on track.

Steve Thompson

Sports Editor

N.C. State needed a win, and the right team was in town.

The Wolfpack used an 11-2 run in the second half to pull away from Florida State — cruising to a 71-60 win. It was the Pack's ninth straight win over the Seminoles — the longest winning streak State has against any ACC opponent.

"I think once again our team showed great character in bouncing back from a tough loss up at Temple," said State head coach Herb Sendek. "We came out and played good, team basketball. I thought tonight our team came out and executed well — managing to bounce back."

The Pack — which has fallen apart in the second half numerous times this season — was able to withstand the Seminole charge this time out and was thankful to sweep the regular-season series from the Seminoles.

"Florida State is a good team, but we happen to have had their number the last few times we've played against them," said Hodge. "But we can't get [overconfident] because if we face them in the ACC tournament we know they're going to be tougher."

After having its 37-30 halftime lead cut to 43-40, the Pack went on a tear. Julius Hodge got the run started with a 3-pointer from the left wing.

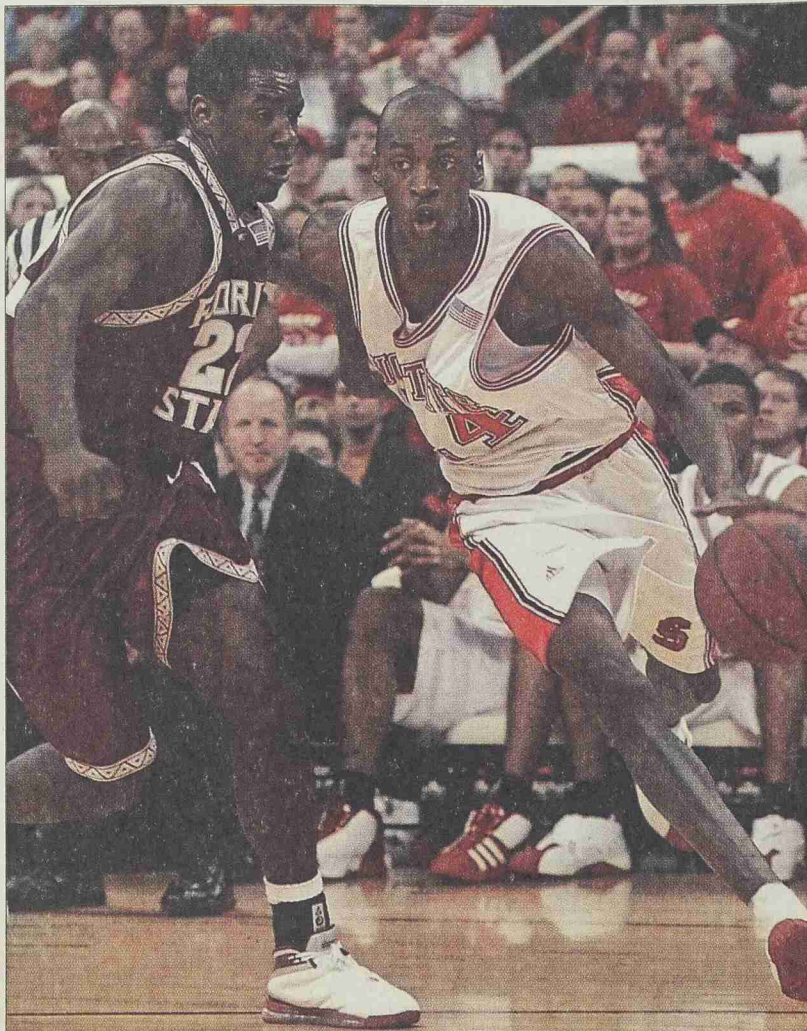
Two Florida State free throws then cut back into the lead, but State scored eight straight points. Levi Watkins hit a cutting Cameron Bennerman for a layup. Then, a Marcus Melvin block on the defense end turned into a transition 3-pointer for Cliff Crawford. The next possession down, Watkins hit another 3 to extend the lead to 54-42.

Florida State's Tim Pickett tried to respond. He hit a 3-pointer and scored a breakout layup off of a Bennerman turnover to cut the lead to 54-47. Florida State would get no closer, however.

Scooter Sherrill and Melvin hit back-to-back baskets to push the lead to 11 points. After Florida State had closed to within eight points with 4:53 remaining, State put the game out of reach with 11 straight points over the next 4:08 to take a 71-52 lead.

Florida State scored eight straight in the final minute to make the score more respectable.

"I think our team always has a healthy mindset for driving to the basket," said Sendek of why State took



Julius Hodge rebounded from a poor, 10-turnover game at Temple to blow by FSU for 21 points and, more importantly, no turnovers. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

so few 3-pointers. "Florida State was really pushing out on us. Part of the number of 3s you take and what your offense does is a function of what the defense does."

Following subpar performances against Temple and Georgia Tech, Hodge led the Pack with 21 points and no turnovers. Melvin added 20, and Sherrill also finished in double figures with 10.

"They have two great finishers in Hodge and Melvin," said Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton. "When the shot clock runs down, they always seem able to find these guys and that's why their system is effective."

After taking 27 3-pointers against Temple, the Pack made a concerted effort to work for higher percentage shots. The Pack shot 51.9 percent from the field, despite going only 5-

for-17 from behind the 3-point arc. It was only the sixth time this season State has shot below 40 percent from the 3-point line and still won.

With the win, the Pack moves into a tie with Duke for third place in the ACC. State extended its record at the RBC Center to 6-0 in ACC competition. State and Duke meet this Saturday in Cameron Indoor Stadium. "Very obviously, it's a great Duke team, and anytime we get a chance to go into Cameron against those guys it's a great opportunity," said Crawford. "We've got to work hard and get prepared for them on Saturday."

In the first half, both teams got out to a quick start — each hitting four of its first five shots. With State leading 13-11, the Pack went on its first mini-run. State used two backdoor

cuts and a fastbreak layup to increase its lead to 20-13. State would extend the lead to 24-15 before Florida State would make a run to get back into the game.

A 15-8 run cut the lead to 32-30, but a Hodge layup and Melvin 3-pointer — State's first 3 of the half — extended the lead to 37-30 heading into the half.

After playing five games in 13 days, the Pack now has a slight break before heading to the road to face area rivals Duke and North Carolina. State has been abysmal away from home this year — losing seven of eight games. Its continued success at home, however, has kept the Pack in the ACC race. "They've been a resilient group," said Sendek. "Our team has had that certain ability to hang in there."

ACC STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
Maryland	8-3	16-6
Wake Forest	7-3	17-4
Duke	7-4	17-4
N.C. State	7-4	14-8
Georgia Tech	5-6	12-10
Virginia	5-7	14-10
Clemson	4-7	14-8
North Carolina	4-7	14-11
Florida State	3-9	12-11

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Devils eye rematch with Terps

Maryland visits Duke to play for first place, while Wake Forest looks to stay in the hunt.

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More than halfway through the regular season of conference play and not one ACC team has established supremacy over its counterparts. First-place rights are swapped like trading cards, and only one team is above .500 on the road. Any given team can beat another team on any night.

"I don't think there's that team out there that scares anybody to the point where you wouldn't mind playing them only one time," said Maryland head coach Gary Williams. "The fear is gone for a lot of players, because they see each other now all summer. It used to be the fear of the unknown, but that's not there anymore with the television and summer leagues."

So as the ACC Tournament pieces itself together, it is Williams' team that possesses the chance to be the team that puts together a streak tonight.

But the opportunity will be an uphill battle for Maryland as it must take on the third-place Duke Blue Devils at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The Terrapins (16-6, 8-3 ACC) regained sole possession of first place on Monday with a 90-67 thumping of previous ACC leader Wake Forest

(17-4, 7-3 ACC). Steve Blake poured in 21 points and dished out nine assists, pushing his career total to 903, good enough for 10th place on the NCAA career assists list and fourth in the ACC.

The win also marked the 122nd victory of Gary Williams' ACC coaching career. This tied him with former Maryland coach and legend Lefty Driesell for fifth place all-time, game-winning high.

Wake's No. 1 ranking in rebounding differential in the nation (+12.5) hardly impressed the Terps' Ryan Randle. The hefty senior grabbed a game-high of 13 rebounds to help the Terps gain a decisive edge on the boards, beating Wake 44-24.

With the Demon Deacons heading to the unfriendly road on Thursday night to meet Georgia Tech, a victory in front of the crazies could be just the fuel to propel the Terps into cruise control. Maryland returns home to the ComCast Center on Saturday to face the struggling Tar Heels, followed by a Tuesday evening showdown with woeful Clemson.

But first, the Terps must tackle Duke (17-4, 7-4 ACC), who will be looking to avenge an embarrassing mid-January defeat at Maryland.

Should the Devils come out the victor, they would move into a two-way tie with the Terps for first place.

"They have a great team," said Virginia head coach Pete Gillen of the Blue Devils. "They're maturing a little bit — Shelden Williams had a great



Maryland and Ryan Randle (center) will sweep Duke with a win tonight. KRT photo by Steve Deslich

game against us, Reddick's been great all year and they play very good defense. There's a chance they could be peaking right now. I think it will be a great ball game."

Long vacation in wake of storm

Due to the winter storm that blanketed the east coast, the Wake/Maryland game, originally scheduled for Sunday, was pushed back to Monday. Although they were stuck in Maryland for longer than they had anticipated, Wake head coach Skip Prosser would not use the long holdover as an excuse for losing to the Terps.

"I told the players that things could be worse," said Prosser. "They're staying at a beautiful hotel. It's not like they're stuck on some hillside in the Himalayas."

