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IN THE KNOW

WORLD

World unites in warning against Iraq

On Sunday, several nations united to warn Iraq that it must disarm its al-Samud 2 missiles by March 1. If Iraq fails to destroy the missiles by the deadline, reports said the country could face action from the United Nations Security Council. The message to Iraq was heard from the United States, which hopes to build a coalition to disarm Iraq, and France, which openly opposes a rushed war.

Bolivia may legalize coca

Bolivian President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada is considering cultivating coca again, which is the raw ingredient in cocaine. The U.S. government fears this move would threaten the U.S. anti-drug effort.

Sanchez de Lozada is examining a proposal to allow cultivation of coca in Bolivia's Chapare region. His intent is to help calm the unrest among growers who have blockaded major highways and have put their support behind his political rival.

NATION



KRT photo by Steve Szydlowski

Families mourn, search after nightclub fire

Approximately 200 families visited what was left of the night club in Rhode Island that burned to the ground Thursday night after the rock band Great White used pyrotechnics inside The Station nightclub.

Family members were transported to the site by bus, and reporters were denied access to the area.

On Sunday afternoon, 31 of the 96 victims had been identified.

Investigators are still looking into whether the band was given permission to use the pyrotechnics inside the club, which ultimately ignited the soundproofing material behind the stage and rapidly engulfed the building in flames and smoke.

Police officer runs over sunbathers with SUV

On Saturday, Miami Beach police officer George Varon ran over two sunbathers while he was searching the beach for two robbery suspects.

After being hit, Stephanie and Sandrine Tunc, French sisters who lived in Britain, were taken to a nearby hospital. At the hospital, Stephanie, 27, died, and Sandrine, 26, remained in critical condition on Saturday evening.

Varon, who was placed on administrative leave, was apparently searching the crowded beach for suspects in the robbery of a rollerblader.

STATE

Autopsy to be performed on victim of botched transplant

Today, Jessica Santillan's body will be autopsied by state medical examiners.

Santillan was declared brain dead on Saturday at Duke Medical Center after undergoing two heart and lung transplants; during the first one, she received organs with type A blood although she was type O. While the second transplant was successful, severe brain swelling and bleeding led doctors to declare Santillan dead later Saturday.

The Santillan family's lawyer said an autopsy is reasonable as, if legal action is taken in the future, the family will have documentation of the 17-year-old's cause of death.

Local nightclubs undergo immediate inspections

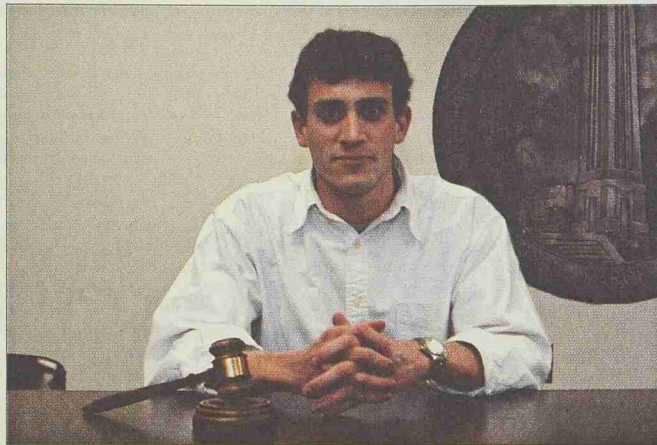
In one week, 117 people were either trampled or burned to death in two separate nightclub tragedies in Chicago and Rhode Island. Now, cities everywhere have begun inspecting their nightclubs' safety features and building codes.

In Raleigh and Durham, fire marshals performed surprise inspections at clubs across the Triangle.

According to reports, the inspections didn't turn up anything out-of-the-ordinary, but the inspections served as an effective method of informing club managers and owners of proper safety protocols.

A CLOSER LOOK AT STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Chief justice position: 'only what you make of it'



Senior Brent Rowe majors in electrical engineering. Staff photo by Wortham Boyle

Brent Rowe reflects on his term, platform and the lessons he has learned in serving as student body chief justice.

Ayren Jackson

News Editor

After serving as student body chief justice for almost a year, Brent Rowe has set a record.

Wednesday, Rowe, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, attended seven meetings on top of his three scheduled classes.

"It has been crazy!" he said after the day was over. "I've been putting in 15 hours a week on case work, plus another six or eight hours a week on other meetings and initiatives ... but I'm going to miss it."

While Rowe admits he is partially glad that his term as chief justice is coming to an end — elections for new Student Government leaders are April 1 — he doesn't deny there will be many things about the year and the position that he will miss.

"I'm going to miss the comradery that the officers and I have all shared this year," said Rowe.

Rowe said that with the long hours and late nights, he has had no choice but to become close friends with other Student Government leaders.

Still, Rowe's position is a unique one within Student Government.

As Student Chief Justice, Rowe's duties have included presiding over all Student-Faculty Board hearings, assisting the coordinator of the Office of Student Conduct and playing a crucial role on the Residence Hall Judicial Board and the Student Judicial Council. Rowe is also required to maintain the confidentiality of all the disciplinary records and files that frequently come across his desk.

In addition to the uniqueness of Rowe's duties in Student Government, his entire campaign last year proved to be a unique one. Last year was the first time in about five years that the chief justice race was con-

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FIND YOUR PLACE

Events to be held by N.C. State and its organizations this week:

March of Dimes Collegiate Council

The council will hold a "Folic Acid Breakfast" on the Brickyard. Free orange juice, bagels, and cereals provided. Thursday, 8 to 11 a.m.

Ticket Distribution

For the N.C. State-Maryland men's basketball game. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Reynolds Coliseum

American Society for Quality Meeting

Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. Textiles Auditorium, Centennial Campus

Annual Celebration

The Ethiopian Students' Association, Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the N.C. State African-American Cultural Center and the Campus Cinema present the "Battle of Adwa" 2003 to celebrate the 107th anniversary of the 1896 Ethiopian victory over the Italian army. This annual event will feature speakers, music, food, art and cultural activities. Saturday, 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, African-American Cultural Center, Witherspoon Student Center, Campus Cinema

Campus Cinema

"High & Low" Thursday, 7 p.m.

"Solaris" Thursday, 9:45 p.m.

"Die Another Day" Friday, 7:30, 10 p.m.

Saturday, 7:30, 10 p.m.

Witherspoon Student Center Cinema

Judicial Board directly impacts campus community

The Judicial Board conducts both academic and non-academic hearings for students.

Aniesha Felton

Staff Reporter

With a desire to contribute to the educational mission of the university and to support a safe environment conducive to academic excellence, the Judicial Board, the most behind-the-scenes branch of Student Government, has a direct impact on N.C. State and its community.

"I joined because I knew [Judicial Board] had a direct impact on the university and the students," said Jason Oliver, executive assistant to chief justice and a senior in economics and business. "I didn't want to be in the spotlight, but I did want to be a part of an effective branch; the Judicial Board was perfect for me."

The NCSU Judicial Board is the body that conducts academic and non-academic hearings for students who

have been charged with violations of the Code of Student Conduct and face possible suspension or expulsion from the university.

With approximately 20 members of the university's faculty and staff and 25 students, the board considers confidential judicial hearings and gives academic integrity seminars to First Year College students and other predominantly freshmen classes.

"Our most important mission is being able to make students accountable and challenge them to accept responsibility for their inappropriate behavior through a process of judicial review and resolution," said Brent Rowe, chief justice and senior in electrical engineering and economics.

And Judicial Board service offers other roles.

"It develops communication, leadership, critical thinking and persuasion skills," said Rowe. "I will eventually go to law school, and the Judicial Board has taught me how to

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FAFSA deadline quickly approaching

The deadline for students to apply for federal student aid is March 1.

Jessica Horne

Staff Reporter

It's that time of the year again — FAFSA forms are due. That's right, the deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is March 1.

Since institutional scholarship and grant funds are in limited supply, priority is given to students who submit the FAFSA application on or before the deadline. Students whose FAFSA applications are received after the priority filing date will be considered for whatever scholarship and grant resources are remaining after all on-time applicants are funded. Award notifications will be mailed as applications are processed.

According to figures from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, approximately 15,500 N.C. State students — graduate and undergraduate — have received more than \$136 million in funding for the current year. This total funding includes federal, state, institutional and private aid, as well as graduate fellowships, tuition support and health benefits.

Comparable figures from 2001-2002 show that almost 15,000 students received aid from all sources, totaling almost \$122 mil-

lion. For the 2001-02 academic year, 34 percent of enrolled degree-seeking undergraduates demonstrated financial need. For the 2002-03 year to date, 36 percent of enrolled degree-seeking undergraduates have demonstrated financial need.

Forty-five percent of enrolled degree-seeking undergraduates in 2001-02 submitted the FAFSA application after the priority filing date. As of today's date, 43 percent of enrolled, degree-seeking students in 2002-03 submitted the FAFSA application after the priority filing date.

"Any student who anticipates needing financial assistance should apply for financial aid for the 2003-04 year, and do so by the March 1 priority filing date if at all possible," advised Julie Rice Mallette, director of scholarships and financial aid. "You or your parents do not have to have completed your 2002 federal tax returns to submit the FAFSA; you may use estimates of your income and tax figures, but be prepared to provide copies of tax returns to verify the figures you provided if requested."

The FAFSA application can be submitted electronically via the Department of Education's Web site at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The deadline is midnight March 1.

NCSU's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid staff is happy to

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Black History Month program to celebrate history of gospel music

Tuesday's program aims to illustrate the history and evolution of gospel music.

Aniesha Felton

Staff Reporter

The history of a highly percussive, multi-rhythmic, but smooth and bluesy storyteller will be chronicled on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Witherspoon's Multi-Purpose Room.

This long-standing storyteller is gospel music.

While the name of the program is titled "The History of Black Gospel," the program, sponsored by United Student Fellowship Christian Ministries (USF), will not consist of a mini concert.

"I didn't plan this event to be a concert," said CJ Johnson, a senior in computer and electrical engineering. "It is more of an educational event; though, there will be singing, there will also be performances."

Starting with the slavery era, going through the 1900's and ending with the present, the history of black gospel will be exhibited by the New Horizons Choir, Dance Visions, USF's Choir, and solo acts by Eric Davis and Tasha Fillinger.

Toby Crandall, a senior in applied mathematics, and a member of the USF choir says that it was a privilege being asked to participate in such a program.

"What CJ has put together is something very wonderful and appropriate for Black History Month. I was excited to do the program because it gives us the opportunity to educate people on the power of gospel music," said Crandall. "Hopefully people will appreciate and explore gospel music and find in it motivation and encouragement that has been familiar to the African American culture and to me personally."

"I wanted to combine all the talents—singing, dancing, drama, and show the evolution of black gospel into just gospel," said Johnson. "I just wanted to show all the exquisite facets of gospel music through different art forms."

With commentaries to introduce the four eras of gospel music, the program aims to take the audience through a timeline of "good news" telling.

For its organizers, the purpose of the event is to first worship and glorify God. Secondly, organizers want to show how gospel has transformed itself, but still has the same overriding message of faith. And finally, Johnson and other organizers hope that attendees gain an appreciation of the style of jazz, blues, and spirituals that prevails in gospel music.

"Yes, gospel has changed, but it is still the same," said Johnson. "It has different rhythms now; it

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WEATHER



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Tomorrow

Cloudy
High 43, Low 30

Shuttle disaster does not deter students studying space travel

Bryna Zumer
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Although Fernanda Zabala describes the day of the Columbia space shuttle crash as a somber one, she never considered missing her classes at Florida's Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. "Actually, I don't recall anyone not attending classes" in the days following the crash said Zabala, a senior engineering physics and aerospace engineering major. Only one of her professors even mentioned the crash, warning the class that a minor engineering

mistake can cause a disaster like Columbia.

"You're risking your life no matter what," said Zabala, whose lifelong dream is to be an astronaut and travel to Mars. "Things like this happen.... I'm not going to stop what I want to do."

She said Embry-Riddle — the world's oldest and largest aviation and aerospace university — has prepared its students for the dangers of space travel.

"I believe I speak for the entire department (by saying) that we are absolutely educated," she said. "We really, really want to do this."

Other students at Embry-Riddle echoed Zabala's commitment to the space program after Columbia's failure.

David Mackler, a first-year graduate student pursuing a space science degree, described space travel as a noble cause.

"Unfortunately, you have to make sacrifices to get things that are worthwhile in the world," he said. "You do it because it's the right thing to do."

Mackler said he still believes space travel is well worth the risks and that he would have gone on the Columbia mission even if he

knew he would die.

"It would have been the happiest 17 days of my life," he said.

Embry-Riddle students were not unique in their enthusiasm. Students in aerospace and aviation departments nationwide described their devotion to the space program.

John Ferren, a senior aerospace engineering major at St. Louis University's Parks College of Engineering and Aviation, said he was shocked by the result of the latest space mission.

"It's kind of an eye-opener," he said. "I could be one of those peo-

ple."

Instead of feeling discouraged, however, Ferren said he has become more aware of the importance of his studies and gotten more involved in academics.

"It makes you want to get a little more out of what you're doing," he said.

Describing the benefits of space travel, Ferren said, "the research that can be done up there is tremendous."

Patricia Reiff, director of the Rice Space Institute at Houston's Rice University, said her students "are still amazingly interested,

some of them even more so" since the Columbia disaster.

After the crash, Reiff took a poll of her sophomore and graduate students, asking them, "If you were qualified, would you still go into space?"

The majority, 62 percent of sophomores and 75 percent of graduate students, answered "yes."

For Zabala of Embry-Riddle, space holds more promise than home.

"I don't really feel like I belong on Earth," she said. "Space is the future... there's very little left to discover on Earth."

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ask the most effective questions and how to critically analyze situations."

The board holds two hearings every week in which Rowe and four board members question the plaintiff and defendant. After hearing both sides, the board members deliberate with each other over the guilt or innocence of a student brought before them in a hearing. After about two hours, the board members reach a verdict and deliver appropriate sanctions to students who are

found guilty of violating the Student Code of Conduct.

"State is one of the few schools who allows the defendant(s) to speak for themselves; if they are not guilty, they should articulate that without the aid of a council," said Rowe.

Even though most students will not be content with a suspension or an expulsion, both Rowe and Oliver have been surprised.

"Some students actually say, 'Thanks,'" said Rowe. "Some students come back and say they really appreciated us for suspending them and finding them the appropriate help."

"It's not just the students who are happy about their sentence," added Oliver. "Some parents are pleased that their children are suspended. They say, 'I know my son has a drinking problem, and I'm glad you all suspended him — he needs help.'"

The board members are impacted as well.

"Everyone who gets involved really enjoys it," he said. "I don't want to sound so cliché, but it is very fulfilling and educational."

"If you want to have an impact on the campus, you will definitely have one — a huge and direct one."

While hearing dates, seminars and talks with administrators and students are all included on the board members' calendars and to-do lists, they also have to designate time for Academic Integrity Week.

"We want to build a more educational environment," said Rowe. "Our biggest complaint at hearings is that students didn't know what they were doing was wrong. [And] we want to make sure we don't have to hear that again."

Although participating on the board is fun, it is hard at times, according to Rowe.

"The hardest part is not know-

ing if what you did was right," he said. "We never regret our decision. It's just that we don't know whether our decision will help turn that person around or not."

"When deciding the fate of a person, we ask ourselves: Is this person a threat if we do/do not suspend him?" said Oliver. "We do not want to give a punishment that won't help the campus or the defendant. We want to make sure it is positive for both."

The Judicial Board prides itself on being diverse.

"We are not looking specifically for 4.0 students; we are looking for athletes, graduate students,

scholars, and anyone who wants to make a difference," said David Patterson, a senior in business management. "We want a lot of diversity because it would be easier for us to give a good decision if we have different opinions and different experiences," he said.

While Sean Casey, a board member and senior in electrical engineering, yells "J-Board rules," Oliver concludes by saying that the Judicial Board's first responsibility is to the university.

"It is not [our goal] to suspend or expel. We are trying to do what's best for State and its citizens," Oliver said.

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has different entertainers now, but it still has the message of God relieving us and bringing us through."

"That's how the slaves got over. They got over through music, through moaning, through trusting in God. Gospel music brought us through, and continues to bring us through, situations and seasons of our lives. It speaks to the soul, the heart, and the spirit-gospel music is the channel through which God speaks to us," he said.

With hopes that this program will engender a feeling of appreciation for what God has done, not only through music, but for a people and a culture, Johnson also hopes that the audience will understand the evolution of black gospel.

"I want people to see how black gospel evolved into just plain gospel. God is much greater than black gospel, he is beyond black gospel. He is the gospel-he is 'the good news.'"



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Crowded field for Democrats seeking presidency

Steven Thomma

Knight Ridder Newspapers

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Democrats are so eager to get rid of President Bush they're tripping over one another to enter the 2004 campaign a year before the voting for a nominee begins.

Just this week two more candidates jumped into the race. That makes eight already, with at least five more considering joining the crowded field. That would make a baker's dozen elbowing each other, competing for campaign cash and crowding one another for time and attention in debates.

The spectacle will not produce what the party needs most — a coherent chorus of opposition to

Bush. It is more likely to raise a cacophony of discord, presenting the opposition party with so many competing faces that it is effectively without an authoritative voice until the candidate field is winnowed. And as they strive to distinguish themselves and woo party activists, the rivals may turn more shrill and extreme than is wise for appealing to centrist voters in a general election.

"In all candor, the Democrats are nowhere," said James Carville, the strategist who engineered Bill Clinton's 1992 election. "We've really got to get a presidential nominee. And the quicker the better."

Already in: Former Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont, Sen.

John Edwards of North Carolina, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, former Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, and Rev. Al Sharpton of New York.

Possible additions: Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, former NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas, Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, and former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado.

Candidates are already campaigning in early caucus and primary states such as Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. Multi-candidate appearances at events such as this weekend's De-

mocratic National Committee meeting in Washington, often called "cattle calls," are already common.

At first glance, the rush to join the campaign is heartening for Democrats, suggesting that many in the party believe Bush can be defeated next year despite his wartime popularity. At a similar point in the first George Bush's presidency, his wartime approval ratings scared many Democrats off and left the field largely open for Clinton, then the little-known governor of Arkansas.

Today's early campaigning also is a sign of how much work lies ahead. Candidates must raise money and hire staff in early primary states. With Democrats set

to start a rapid sprint voting in party caucuses and primaries beginning next Jan. 19, the earliest ever, the presidential nomination could be wrapped up by this time next year. Until then, the large field will complicate the campaign at a time when the party is struggling to find its sense of direction after losing the White House and Congress.

"It will be hard for anybody to

get a message through," said Gephardt campaign manager Steve Murphy. "It will diminish the quality of debates."

With between eight and 13 candidates at every major debate — it will be next to impossible to shut any of them out — each would-be president could be limited to as little as 20 seconds to answer questions about war, the economy or health care.

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tested.

According to Rowe, the strict position requirements — the candidate must have been a Judicial Board member for a year and an assistant for a year — usually limit the candidate pool to two or three people.

Thus, Rowe had to tailor a campaign without any prior examples.

"Unlike some of the other people running for office, I pretty much ran my own campaign," said Rowe. "I had some people who I asked to wear stickers for me and tell their friends to vote, but that was about it."

During his run for chief justice,

Rowe spoke to roughly 25 student organizations in a week and a half. Alone, he also chalked the Brickyard every morning and put up nearly 1,000 flyers.

"I was burnt out," he said. "But, it all paid off when I heard that I won."

After winning, Rowe quickly got to work. During his term as chief justice, in addition to increasing student and faculty awareness of the judicial board, Rowe began to brainstorm for what he wanted to call an Academic Integrity Week.

During the event-filled week, the entire campus would have the opportunity to be educated on the Judicial Board and on the Code of Student Conduct. The week aimed to promote integri-

ty across the campus.

"Unfortunately, budget constraints prevented the provost's office from being able to support us up to the level which they had intended," said Rowe. "Therefore, the week has been refocused for this coming fall."

And Rowe's torch will soon be passed on.

"Though I won't be here, I have been doing as much as possible to set the stage for an incredible [Academic Integrity Week] next year," said Rowe, who will pursue a graduate degree in law, economics or public policy.

Rowe hopes that his plans for Academic Integrity Week, which include a mock trial, workshops, movies and speakers, will remain a focus of the new chief justice.

"Then we can build a better-educated community and hopefully improve the ways in which faculty approach their expectations of students on integrity," said Rowe.

Rowe said the position of chief justice has helped him grow in ways that otherwise may not have been possible, and he believes that it could do the same for others.

"I think that I have grown in my communication skills, developed a better sense of how to organize and run a large group of people, and learned how to approach people when you want something from them — always important to be tactful and gracious," said Rowe. "But, I've also learned that the position is only what you made of it"

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work one-on-one with students who have specific questions about completing the forms or the process of applying for financial aid. No appointment is necessary, and financial aid advisors are available on a walk-in basis from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Students who plan to attend summer school in 2003 will need

to submit a separate 2003 Summer Financial Aid Application to be considered for financial aid for summer school, as well as have a 2002-03 FAFSA on file at NCSU.

The 2003 Summer Financial Aid Application will be available March 1 via the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid Web site (www7.acs.ncsu.edu/financial_aid) or in hard copy form from the financial aid office in Harris Hall.



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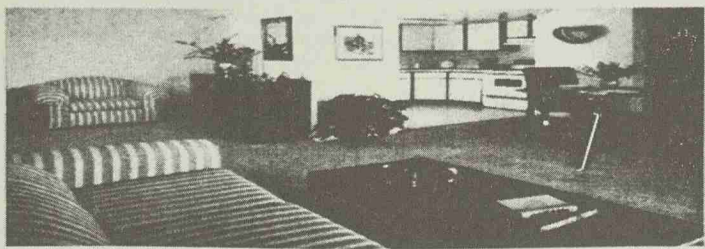
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Nightclub deaths illustrate need for regulation changes

Two major nightclub accidents last week have resulted in the deaths of 118 patrons and brought national attention to the need for better regulations concerning safety in nightclub facilities.

At the E2 nightclub in Chicago, 21 people were trampled to death Feb. 17 because of a narrow staircase; the crowd rushed for the doors when a security guard shot pepper spray in a crowd, intending to break up a fight. Days later, a fire at a Rhode Island nightclub claimed the lives of 97 victims when the band Great White's pyrotechnics display ignited the club.

Raleigh and the Triangle in general are home to a number of nightclubs, bars and small concert halls that could have similar accidents if under the same unfortunate circumstances. With the large number of universities and colleges in the Triangle, many of these patrons are students, making the issue even more relevant to the N.C. State community.

The city of Raleigh recognized the need to ensure safety at these venues, and fire marshals in both Raleigh and Durham made surprise inspections. These inspections did not uncover any major violations, but they were certainly a needed action to make owners aware that the cities are checking to secure the well-being of patrons. Raleigh Fire Marshal Larry Stanford said the inspections were a way to make sure employees were aware of emergency protocols.

In addition to enforcing the existing emergency procedures, changes in current regulations should be instated in

nightclubs to prevent disasters similar to the ones occurring last week. Several cities, such as Los Angeles, have requirements for "panic bars" to be placed on nightclub doors, and Chicago is considering implementing the same regulations. These bars can often be seen in movie theatres, as they allow people to quickly push against a bar to open a door (instead of turning a handle) to provide for a faster escape in times of emergency. This improvement would be an important requirement in clubs across the country, as past incidents have shown.

In the wake of the Rhode Island fire, some are calling for a ban on all indoor pyrotechnics for concerts. This measure would be extreme, however, because some areas can safely regulate the indoor use of these displays. For example, Raleigh's RBC Center safely accommodated pyrotechnics for our own Red and White game.

Tight regulations, however, must be in place, because not all nightclubs are equipped with the proper means to handle pyrotechnics. Fire marshals should closely inspect areas requesting the use of such pyrotechnics, and inspectors should also supervise their use in all areas, as is currently done in Nashville, Tenn.

Unfortunately, it took the deaths of 118 individuals to bring the issue of fire safety at nightclubs to national attention. Now the city of Raleigh needs to apply the lessons learned from these accidents to improve the conditions of nightclubs in our own area.



Student elections: a three-ring circus act



Andrew Payne
Staff Columnist

With a number of Democrats announcing their intentions to run for president against George W. Bush, including North Carolina's John Edwards, it appears the election season is fast approaching. This is even more true right here at N.C.

State.

As the Democrats battle it out and accuse each other of negative campaigning, students may enjoy a similar circus act.

A circus act — not made up of lions, tigers or bears or even clowns — but of students vying for positions as student leaders.

What's up for grabs? The coveted student body offices: president, Student Senate president, treasurer and chief justice. Also on the voting block are positions on the senate, Student Media Authority and Student Center Board of Directors. Seniors will also have to choose their next senior class president and vice president.

Politics consume students just as much as they do the women and men who wander the halls in Washington, D.C. It amazes me the amount of politicking that goes on in the halls of Witherspoon Student Center — home of the African-American Cultural Center, Student Government and all five student media. All claim to have the students at the core of their interests.

Bush cannot ignore voters

Staff Editorial
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — The war with Iraq has been on many people's minds — whether it is the

troops who have relocated to different countries or the students who watch updated news broadcasts during the day.

Last weekend a large group of anti-war activists protested their views about the war with Iraq.

However, Bush did not care about the protests. In fact, Bush dismissed the protests as being irrelevant. He said the protests would not have any effect on his decision or the decision of his ally, Tony Blair, the prime minister of England. In their minds, they have already decided on their course of action.

Saying public opinion is not important is one of the most ridiculous things a president can say. Public opinion was very important during Vietnam, when activists protested throughout the nation. It was not until citizens voiced their opinions that the government decided to slow down its actions in Vietnam.

As the leader of the country, Bush should not set aside public opinion. He is supposed to listen to all Americans and consider what they are thinking. Af-

ter all, a president elected by the people should try to give the people what they want. When a president says what Americans believe is irrelevant, something is wrong. According to the Bill of Rights, all Americans have the right to freedom of speech. They have that right so individuals can have the opportunity to change what they think is a governmental mistake.

There are those who say Bush is wise enough to know when the nation should go to war. And although public opinion is important, as commander-in-chief of the army, Bush also has to consider the security of the nation's citizens.

However, Bush may not be the best person to make a decision about declaring war. After all, it was his father who was the target of an assassination attempt by Iraqis during the Persian Gulf, and it was also his father who declared the first war against Iraq. Therefore, it could be difficult for Bush to set aside the real consequences of a war from his personal feelings about the past.

It is during these situations when public opinion does matter. In this situation, listening to the views of the people may be the only thing to put Bush back on track.

Elections will be hotly contested between competitors, but not with the student body.

dent population pays little attention, not unlike the national scene.

It is not like students don't care, but they rarely have a clue what our student leaders do for them.

That is why this year can be different. There are issues on the table that student leaders can advocate and change, including a halt to tuition and fee increases and enhancement of campout.

Without leadership from students, these issues will be placed on the back burner by the university administration.

School spirit and tradition can never be overlooked, or our university can only go so far as being classified as a glorified community college.

If you are interested in any of these races, pick up a form in the Student Government office, 307 Witherspoon, to announce your candidacy. Elections are April 7 and 8, and a campus debate will be broadcast live on WKNC 88.1 FM.

Trust me, this year's elections will include interesting races. Names will be called, characters questioned — downright mudslinging.

Capt. Dennis Poteat of the Raleigh Police Department will appear on "The Andrew Payne Show" (WKNC 88.1 FM) Tuesday night at 6 p.m. to discuss Brent Road, the nuisance party ordinance and more. E-mail Andrew at andrewpayne@wknc.org.

The flaws of desegregation



Decker Ngongang
Staff Columnist

I am a graduate of West Charlotte High School, located on the west side of Mecklenburg County. I loved this school, and it was here that not only my love for education was cultivated but also a love for what I understood to be "integrated education."

At West Charlotte we were praised nationwide for the way we made the Brown decision work, for the way we made the Swann decision applicable. These landmark Supreme Court cases of our generation dealing with school system-wide racial integration have helped to shape our country's opinions and practices in the realm of education and the integration of both the schools and society.

I argue today that these cases were flawed in that they neglected or otherwise missed out on the socioeconomic causes of segregation, and in missing the causes allowed for the continued perpetuation of an education system in conflict, with young people as its victims.

Last week the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system received its copy of the

North Carolina School system report card assessing each of the systems' schools. I took the time to study these statistics and to pay attention to trends in certain schools across the system.

I went to West Charlotte in a day when it was the pride of integration specialists. We were a school of roughly 50 percent blacks, 40 percent whites and 10 percent other ethnic backgrounds. Not only was there statistical significance to our integration claims, but the students interacted and got along well. It was almost exactly what anyone reading the Brown decision to end "separate but equal schools" called for.

As the school system soon caught up with West Charlotte and reached relative parity in racial distribution system-wide, the school system — under pressure from parents — decided to end all efforts to "maintain" these racially diverse schools. The intent was not to end desegregation within the school system, but to end the forced aspects of it that were in place, thus giving parents more choice.

It was that last word — choice — which

would become the staple of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system as it has in the past two years instituted the "choice plan." On the heels of a federal court ruling that the schools were in fact desegregated and the school system could no longer assign students based on the presence of segregation, the choice plan seemed completely logical.

Students were to be assigned a zone of schools, and within their zones, students could choose which school they would like to attend. When all is said and done,

this policy would ideally maintain the diverse distribution of students and also give choice to many who want to attend their own schools. Choice is now the problem, not the solution. This

policy of pupil assignment has in two years almost erased any progress made by the previous years of integration compliance. My old high school in two years went from a student makeup of roughly 55-percent black to a makeup of close to 85-percent black.

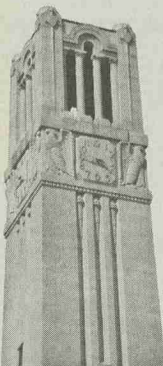
Across town at Providence, a high school located in one of Charlotte's

Students aren't learning while the physical and educational gaps between blacks and whites widens.

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Duke doctor should resign his position



Abbie Byrom
Staff Columnist

lan, who had spent part of her life in Louisburg, passed away after doctors found she had swelling and bleeding on her brain, which caused severe brain damage.

At 1:25 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, Jessica was pronounced brain dead.

The story of Jessica's struggle is

In a tragic turn of events this weekend, the 17-year-old girl at Duke Hospital, who had received a second heart-lung transplant after the first did not take, died. Jessica Santillan,

heartbreaking to all. Jessica and her mother were smuggled into the United States three years ago to get treatment for her illness, which had been diagnosed as anemia in Mexico. Once the pair settled in North Carolina, doctors found out that Jessica's true illness was restrictive cardiomyopathy. For three years Jessica was on the transplant list waiting for a heart and lungs.

When she finally received them, they were the wrong blood type. Her body rejected the organs, and she nearly died. But Duke was lucky. The hospital received another set of organs for her, and this time they were the right blood type. But it was too late. The second transplant operation

was done on Thursday, and from there Jessica's health deteriorated.

When I try to put myself in the Santillan family's shoes, it is hard to imagine I would feel anything other than cheated and robbed of a beautiful daughter who had so much life left to give. If I were Jessica's mother, I would be infuriated to know the doctor that caused the mistake, James Jagers, would still have his job.

Duke has stated Jagers will still

see patients and perform surgery, but he may get a formal reprimand — maybe even get demoted. But Jagers will still get up every morning and practice medicine and perform surgery on those who need it. He will still live his life the way he did before he came into contact

with Jessica.

Jessica's family, who put their faith in not only the United States by coming here, but in what is supposed to be one of our best

medical facilities as well — will go home defeated. They will go home without their daughter, whom they had put everything on the line for to save, and now she is dead because her surgeon did not follow through on what he should have.

The loss of Jessica's life was preventable. It could have — and should have — never happened. I have no doubt that Jagers is a wonderful surgeon. His training and track record indicate that. But somewhere, there needs to be some sort of punishment. Nothing will be enough to lessen the loss of Jessica, but Jagers needs to lose his job. A child died on his watch, and it was solely his fault because he did not double-check

the compatibility of his organs and their blood types with those of the recipient.

The loss of his job — by Duke's call or via his resignation — is the only thing he can offer the Santillan family. Duke should be held responsible for the costs of both surgeries, as well.

Jessica's family came to Duke to get help for their daughter, and instead they are going home without her. It would be disrespectful for Duke and Jagers to continue as if this were just a mistake which will eventually fade.

Abbie is outraged by the events that caused Jessica Santillan's death. E-mail her with your thoughts at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.

A \$700 million mistake

Chris Senio

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(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Congress's recent

approval of the final spending bill for the 2003 federal budget clears the way for Congress to consider the ambitious 2004 federal budget sent by Pres. Bush to Capitol Hill earlier in the month. The budget is expected to run mammoth deficits which could total more than \$1 trillion over the next five years.

One problem I have with Bush's proposed 2004 budget deals with a largely symbolic issue on the expense side of the budget. The 2004 budget includes a 3 percent increase to NASA, giving them a \$15.47 billion overall budget. In spite of (or perhaps in response to) the tragic loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia on Feb. 1, the White House announced that spending on the Space Shuttle program would increase from \$3.2 billion in 2003 to \$3.9 billion in 2004. Although NASA has had a series of budget cuts in the past and the proposed \$700 million increase

doesn't even amount to .04 percent of the total federal budget, I still feel that this increase in NASA spending is irresponsible and misguided.

In the wake of the shuttle tragedy, before anyone had the opportunity to thoughtfully criticize our space program, Bush came out on the day of the tragedy and stated that we would not let this accident deter us from our dubious adventures in space. "The cause in which they died will continue ... Mankind is led into the darkness beyond our world by the inspiration of discovery and the longing to understand. Our journey will go on."

By using rhetoric linking the space program to scientific discovery, and by doing so before the shock of the tragedy had really set in, Bush dispelled the possibility of effective criticism.

Bush portrays the loss of the astronauts as an example of people making the supreme sacrifice in the name of scientific pursuit — the space program being the ultimate pursuit of knowledge. Accordingly, to doubt the

importance of the space program would be to both abandon our pursuit of science and allow the Columbia astronauts to die in vain. Both propositions are false.

The space program was started in the 1950s to combat the Soviets. The dual aims of national defense and national self-confidence served to fuel the space race. We had to get into space both to defend our country from Soviet spy satellites and missiles and to help us feel that we were winning the Cold War.

However, now that the Cold War is over, the benefits of a major space program are less clear. I am unaware of any significant development in our defense capability or corpus of scientific knowledge that has directly resulted from our space program. Since landing on the moon, all that we've learned is that we can't build an effective missile defense

shield in space and that fruit flies mate at similar rates in zero-gravity conditions. We are years and years away from any meaningful space exploration, and until we advance technologically many times over, it doesn't seem worthwhile to continue to spend so much money on NASA.

I'm not arguing that NASA should be abandoned, or that absolutely nothing has come from our pursuits in space. Countless advances in telecom-

munications and intelligence-gathering would not have been possible without satellite technology. We must continue to spend on space-related projects, but it is time to more carefully consider exactly which investments will yield dividends. For example, how important to our defense and to our daily life is the \$95 billion NASA estimates will be spent on the international space

station during its lifetime?

After all, it's not like we don't have problems here on Earth to deal with. Our national economic health is poor, nearly 12 percent of our country is living below the poverty line and we are engaged in what is shaping up to be a perpetual war against terrorism. Combating these causes costs money, too.

To those who would argue that scientific discovery is a critical goal that should not be abandoned, I would respond that there are plenty of more worthwhile scientific pursuits which could enhance life here on Earth. We could devote more resources for medical research on diseases such as AIDS, cancer or a host of other diseases.

We in no way would be letting down the victims of the Columbia tragedy by reducing spending on our space program. Fears of letting the astronauts die in vain will be realized only by failing to do the right thing, not by rightly abandoning a romantic pursuit with few practical benefits.

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wealthiest areas, the population is now 80-percent white.

The West Charlotte and Providence examples form just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to statistics in this realm. The two schools not only differ in racial makeup, but their performance on the state report card assessments follow as well.

When I attended West Charlotte, my alma mater was competitive as far as test scores go. Now West Charlotte is one of the lowest performing schools in the system with below "State Average" scores in almost every category.

Sadly these schools are not outliers, but only models for what is happening across the system. Schools are failing to provide adequate education and students aren't learning, while the physical and educational gaps between blacks and whites continue to widen.

This speaks volumes not only about the need for consistent methods of desegregation but about the fact that, as long as socioeconomic forces are discounted as a "segregator" within our schools systems, there will always be racial inequality.

In Charlotte, the choice plan allowed the ugly beast of class inequality to infiltrate our school systems. No matter a student's

family income, each should receive an equal education. West Charlotte can't retain half of the teachers Providence does, it gets half of the property tax credit Providence does, and close to 60 percent of West Charlotte's students are below or close to the poverty line as opposed to only 8 percent for Providence.

As I study Brown vs. the Board of Education and subsequent decisions on race in secondary and higher education, I can't help but acknowledge flaws in all the cases. Until the courts recognize economic inequality as a perpetrator of segregation, their attempts at securing the Fourteenth Amendment will only lead to further conflict.

The whole world is watching the University of Michigan's Supreme Court case right now because of its extreme importance in determining the nation's ability to account for racial inequalities in education but also for something new. Something new, in the aspect that we somehow hope we can get a better way to even this playing field of education because it seems every attempt made continues to make the divide much larger.

Decker hopes to have lots of responses to this column, whether you agree, disagree or are a West Charlotte alumnus yourself. Send your comments to dngonga@unity.ncsu.edu.



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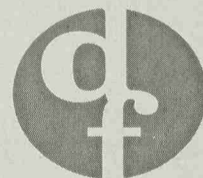
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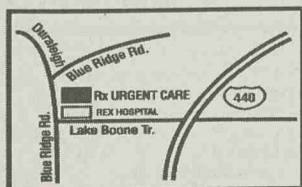
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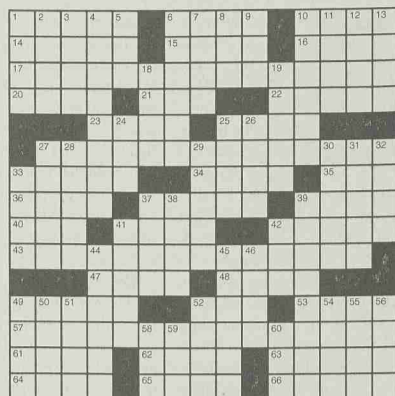
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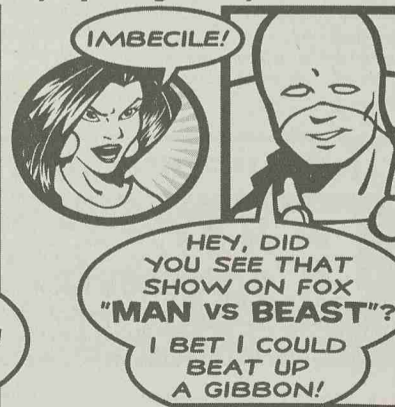
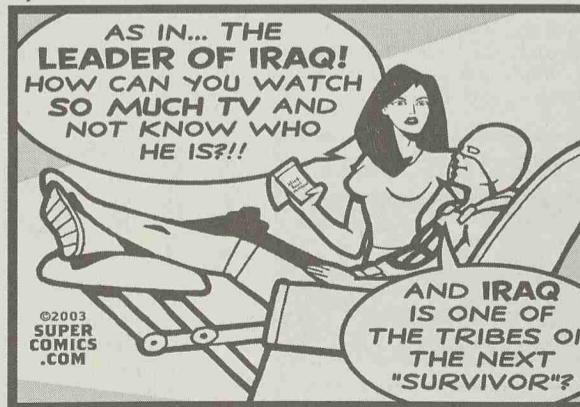
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Feb. 24. The folks at home see less of you this year, as you work toward your dream career. Watch for the opportunities and be ready to grab them. They'll come along.

Aries
March 21-April 19
Today is an 8. Take another shot at something that didn't work before. A barrier may have dissolved, or maybe you'll smash right through it.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Today is a 6. There are a few things you might buy for yourself that would be kind of fun. They'd be tax-deductible, too. What new, profitable skill would you like to learn?

Gemini
May 21-June 21
Today is a 6. If you team up with a powerful person, you can make a major improvement. Add structure to the other person's passion.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
Today is a 6. Unexpected circumstances leave you with more than your share of the work, but not the pay. It's not fair! Don't complain. Your stock is rising.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22
Today is a 7. A new agreement between you and a loved one provides new motivation. Anything is possible if you're willing to do what's required.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Today is a 6. You're the one they call on when they don't know what to do. It's you they ask for when jobs need to be done. You're more popular than you may realize. They need you.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct 22
Today is an 8. You can advance your career by studying with an expert. And better yet, this won't cost you a cent. The expert you should choose wants you to win and loves you like family.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Today is a 6. Dreaming of distant shores? Been a while since you've had a vacation? If you get a bonus or a windfall, put it into your Tahiti account.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Today is a 7. You may not have much natural interest in accumulating wealth, but you sure do love abundance. It can easily be yours. Well, some study is required.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Today is a 6. Your worries and fears aren't pointless if they lead to new and constructive action. Dump a bad habit and move on.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Today is a 7. Your friends are anxious to begin, and they need your support. They don't know how to get to where they want to go. You do.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20
Today is a 6. Don't just get frustrated and start destroying things. Part of what you've got is worth keeping. Go back to the drawing board.

No. 23 Gamecocks beat women's tennis

N.C. State falls to 2-2 on the young season with a 6-1 loss to South Carolina.

Sports Staff Report

COLUMBIA, S.C. — N.C. State's women's tennis team fell to No. 23 South Carolina 6-1 Saturday afternoon on the indoor courts at the USC Tennis Complex.

Kristin Lam managed to pick up a win at the No. 3 singles spot for the Wolfpack, taking her opponent down in straight sets. That win, however, was the only one of the day for State.

Lam opened strong against the Gamecock's Danielle Wiggins and pulled out the second set to claim

a 6-4, 7-6 win.

The Gamecocks swept the doubles competition to grab an early lead with the doubles point before taking the five remaining matches in straight sets.

Kathy Boyanovich and Magda Wojdylo won the No. 1 doubles match 8-1 over Lam and Myrna Bawono. At No. 2 doubles, the Gamecocks' Catherine Brown and Jodi Kenoyer downed State's Jennifer Jassawalla and Virginia Romero 8-4. South Carolina swept the doubles matches with the No. 3 team of Justine Walsh and Danielle Wiggins defeating Loni Worsley and Danielle Stadelmann 8-6.

In singles play, Boyanovich downed Bawono 6-0, 6-2 in the

No. 1 match. Romero fell to Kenoyer 7-6, 6-4 at the No. 2 spot. After Lam picked up State's only win at No. 3, the Gamecocks won the final three seeds to win the tie.

At No. 4 singles, Mojdylo defeated Worsley in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4. Stadelmann lost to Brown at the No. 5 spot, 6-2, 6-4. The No. 6 match was won by USC's Walsh, who prevailed 6-2, 6-2 over Jassawalla.

State will return to the courts Wednesday at the Cary Tennis Center versus Richmond at 2:30 p.m. The match was originally scheduled for last week but was postponed on account of adverse weather.

Women's swimming finishes seventh at ACCs

Diver Molly Culberson picked up the only medal for the Wolfpack, finishing third in the 3-meter boards.

Sports Staff Report

CHAPEL HILL — N.C. State finished seventh with a total of 241 points in the women's ACC Swimming and Diving Championships, held at the Koury Natatorium in Chapel Hill.

Wolfpack diver Molly Culberson finished third on the 3-meter board with a score of 470.45. Virginia claimed the ACC title, edging three-time defending champion North Carolina.

In other diving action, senior Amber O'Reilly took fifth with a

score of 460.75. Erin Bailey and Christie Welch did not reach the finals, but each scored points for the Wolfpack with top-16 performances.

Allison Marks added points for the team with a 15th-place finish in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Erin Trau, Priscilla Humberstone and Karen Burbella swam in the consolation finals of the 200-yard breaststroke and finished 11th, 14th and 16th overall. Laura Cutler scored for State with a 14th-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly, and Catherine Parks won the bonus consolation heat.

The Wolfpack's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Kendall Smith, Katie Sheridan, Liz Heron and Anna Maria Gazda fin-

ished sixth.

Virginia finished with 710 points to take the title. North Carolina had 609 points, and Florida State, Maryland, Clemson and Georgia Tech placed three through six. Duke finished eighth with 230 points.

Maryland's Shandra Johnson was unanimously voted the meet's most valuable swimmer after clinching three first-place finishes in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyle events.

Florida State's Chelsie Lerew was named the most valuable diver, successfully defending her 3-meter crown and picking up the 1-meter title on Thursday.

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initial call stood.

"That was a tough break," said Curtis. "It was probably a basket taken away that we would have had, because we would have gone the other way I think and either gotten fouled or scored."

Instead, Bond-Young penetrated to the basket and was called for a charging foul. Senior Carisse Moody, who took the charge, jumped off the floor and pumped her fists in enthusiasm that carried over to her teammates and led to Mendeng's game-winner.

However, with 12 seconds to play, the lead was anything but safe.

"I just opted to run a particular play and let them take it if they got the shot," said Yow. "With 12 seconds left that is certainly enough time for a team to go down and get a great shot."

Wake got the look it wanted on offense. Listenbee found Hill on the block for a turnaround

jumper, but Hill's attempt skidded off the rim and into the hands of one of the shortest players on the court — James.

"We made a great defensive stop down there and Terrah, with the rebound there, that was the rebound that really mattered," said Yow. "In the whole game we lost the battle on the boards, but that was the most critical rebound in the game."

Another critical aspect of State's performance was the play of Rivers.

Wake opened the game with a triangle-and-two defense to key on State's post players, Kaayla Chones and Moody. Curtis decided to challenge Rivers to take the outside shot.

"They chose not to play Nanna because she doesn't look for her shot a lot and so they chose to play Amelia Labador, someone who consistently looks for her shot," said Yow. "Nanna really stepped up for us today from the perimeter, and I'm really happy to see that because I don't think

we'd have won this game without that."

Rivers, who went 4-of-4 from the field in the first half and 6-of-7 for the game to finish with 13 points, welcomed Curtis' challenge.

"Everybody [on the team] knew I could hit that shot," said Rivers. "I hit it all the time, so [Yow] said somebody's going to have to step up and take the shot so I did. It was open, so I kept taking it."

State also got a spark from its bench.

Moody shined, scoring 14 points along with four rebounds, while Chones spent significant time on the bench because of foul trouble. But it was the play of walk-on guard Liz Bailey that sparked the Pack in the first half.

When Wake had maintained an early lead over the Pack, Bailey swished a 3-pointer to pull the Pack within one of the Deacs. After an Erin Ferrell bucket on the other end, Bailey stole a Wake pass that led to a James 3-pointer that tied the game at 16. Min-

utes later, Bailey converted two free throws. On Wake's ensuing possession, she picked off another errant Wake pass, drove the length of the court and, sandwiched between two Wake defenders, layed in a nifty bucket.

Bailey finished with seven points, two assists and three steals.

"She defended well and she played offense well; she provided a big boost for us," said Yow. "She led the team in steals. That's just heads-up play. That doesn't come from her extreme quickness; it just comes from smart play."

"I've seen her get a steal at times when you would have never thought a steal [would be possible] and she sort of stayed and made the play. She's always looking for those times to make those kinds of plays. She's always thinking."

State will play its final home game of the season on Thursday and honor seniors Amy Simpson, Labador and Moody. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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Beam was the one event in which State did not earn at least a tie for first. Kello was the Pack's top finisher with her second place showing and a score of 9.875. Bachman was fifth with a 9.775. Sophomore Andrea Petrocelli scored a 9.75 for sixth, and Madey took eighth with a 9.7.

Sabo won the floor title outright with her career-high score of 9.925. Sophomore Cori Goldstein

finished third on floor with a 9.875. Bundy tied for fifth with 9.825. Kello was eighth with a 9.75, and Madey took 11th with her 9.675.

Sabo finished fourth in the all-around with a 38.950.

State will be back home in Reynolds Coliseum this Friday at 7 p.m. when the Wolfpack hosts the Wolfpack Invitational. Joining the Wolfpack will be Illinois State, Minnesota and North Carolina.

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to hit just one 3-pointer the whole game — none in the last 37 minutes. State finished a dismal 1-for-10 from behind the bonus sphere but still managed to shoot more than 56 percent from the field, which was misleading according to Krzyzewski.

"Although they shot a good

percentage, it was two-point baskets, and that's OK," he said. "We've always looked at field-goal percentage as not the percentage you see on the stat sheet. If you have 24 possessions of turnovers, that's 24 missed shots. Then our defense looks pretty good."

"We hoped to force some steals that would produce baskets, but we also felt it would take away their 3-point shooting."

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W. basketball 65, Wake Forest 62
Iowa State 30, Wrestling 16
New Hampshire 195.9, Gymnastics 195.45



TECHNICIAN

Wolfpack wins in final minute

Alvine Mendeng hit the game-winner with 12 seconds left to give the Wolfpack its sixth conference win.

Jon Page

Senior Staff Writer

The scenario has been all too familiar for the N.C. State women's basketball team this season: open up a double-digit lead on its home court, only to watch that lead slip away in the game's most critical minutes, hurrying the heart rates of all fans in attendance. Yet, when the final buzzer sounds in Reynolds Coliseum, the Wolfpack women are usually victorious.

Sunday's 65-62 victory over in-state rival Wake Forest provided the usual characteristics.

State (11-14, 6-8 ACC) built a 13-point lead in the second half. The Demon Deacons fought back to take the lead before State forward Alvine Mendeng played the role of hero, knocking down the game-winning jump shot with 12 seconds to play.

State shot 52 percent from the field, and three players scored in double figures to lead the Pack to its second straight victory at home.

"I thought we really held our poise today," said State head coach Kay Yow. "I would have liked when we got the lead that we could have kept it and built on it.

But Wake made some great plays during that time and made some tough shots."

The Deacs (12-13, 2-12 ACC) slowly inched their way back into contention and knotted the score at 60 on a layup by Eafon Hill with 2:32 remaining. State stole the lead away on a free throw by Nanna Rivers, but Wake guard Cotelia Bond-Young went right back down the court and sliced in for a layup, giving Wake the lead again, 62-61 with 1:16 left to play.

With momentum shifting in her team's favor, Wake forward Tiffani Listenbee, who led all scorers with 18 points, knew that State would not go down easily.

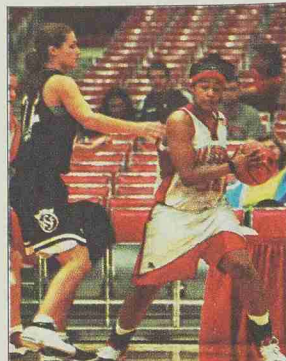
"You can't completely take another team's heart, especially not in this league,"

said Listenbee. "We knew that we had to get a lot of defensive stops and execute on offense, and sometimes the ball just doesn't fall your way."

Not that State didn't give Listenbee and the Deacs a fair share of chances.

With only 48 seconds to go and Wake's defense pressing down hard upon State point guard Terrah James, one official called over-and-back on the Pack junior. However, another official stepped in to reverse the call, granting possession to State.

The Pack failed to convert with only four seconds left on the shot clock, but Wake head coach Charlene Curtis still wondered what could have been had the



State needs more wins like Sunday's in ACC play. File photo by Rob Bradley

Emotions, turnovers lead to Pack demise

Aided by a key technical foul early in the game, Duke forced 24 turnovers to top N.C. State.

Matt Middleton

Assistant Sports Editor

DURHAM — It left both players speechless — one by choice and the other by the sheer circumstance of the incident. But more importantly, its results sparked one team to victory while the other watched its fading postseason goals take one more hit.

When N.C. State's Julius Hodge was whistled for a technical for elbowing Duke's Dahntay Jones in the face with 14:06 left in the first half and the Wolfpack clinging to a one-point lead, Jones walked away with an injury to his lip so severe he couldn't audibly speak after the game.

While Jones will probably have a physical reminder of the confrontation for weeks, the elbow from Hodge will be better remembered for sparking a 12-0 Blue Devil run that ultimately propelled Duke to a 17-point halftime lead. The 11-point edge gained in the run immediately following the technical would stand for the remainder of the game to give the Devils (19-4, 9-4 ACC) a 79-68 win over visiting State (14-9, 7-5) Saturday in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Hodge refused to comment after the game when asked about the confrontation. Jones, on the other hand, had a swollen lip and could not open his mouth to talk, but he did confirm that the injury was a result of Hodge's elbow that hit Jones after the senior fouled him in the

backcourt and continued to ride him up the court several seconds after the whistle had blown.

The next whistle that came was for the technical, and Jones used a cooler head by not retaliating.

"Dahntay showed incredible composure," said Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski. "If you got hit in the mouth like that, what would you do? He's had two bad games, and we lost both of them. That shows you his importance to us."

Jones paced the Devils with 19 points, and reserve Daniel Ewing added 18 and four steals. Hodge led the Pack with 18 points and six assists, but his team committed 24 costly turnovers, including seven in Duke's post-technical run.

After freshman J.J. Redick hit the two technical free throws, the Pack gave up a slew of easy Duke baskets off those turnovers. State would end the half with 16 turnovers, directly leading to 22 Devils points.

"Our turnovers gave them uncontested points, and we couldn't afford to do that," said Hodge.

The last of those 16 turnovers led to an easy layup by Redick and sent a dejected State team to the locker room with a 17-point deficit.

"The first half we dug ourselves a pretty big hole with the turnovers," said Clifford Crawford. "I'll give them credit; they pressured us and got some easy baskets."

Much to the Pack's credit, however, it came out in the second half with fire in its eyes.

Hodge sandwiched two buckets and a free throw around a Josh Powell layup to start the half, and the quick, five-point

run provoked a timeout from Krzyzewski. Still, after the stoppage of play, the Pack continued to claw its way back.

On the subsequent Duke possession, Crawford turned a steal into a layup that sliced the lead to just eight points. The senior finished with 17 points — 15 in the second half — but also led the Pack with six turnovers.

"In the second half, we made an adjustment and changed some things and got to the basket," said Crawford. "My teammates spread the floor and gave me the opportunity to get to the basket."

Duke then ran off the next eight points, but the Pack still refused to wilt. The Devil lead peaked at 18 and hovered in double-digits during the middle part of the second frame before State made one last charge.

A put-back bucket by Powell with 6:30 left cut the lead back to eight and had the scattered, red-clad State fans in the ACC's most feared homecourt anticipating an improbable comeback.

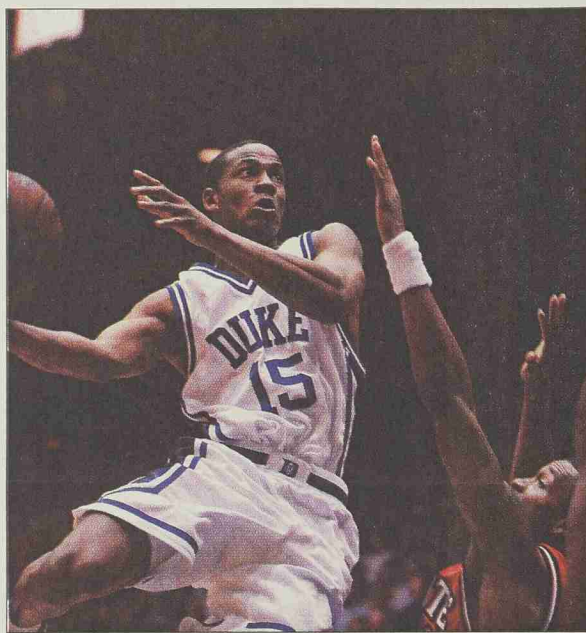
But it wasn't to be.

On the following possession, Duke broke the State pressure, and Chris Duhon found a wide-open Redick for a back-breaking 3-pointer from the corner.

State would get no closer than nine feet of the way to drop its fifth consecutive game away from the RBC Center.

"We wanted to make sure we came back in the second half and competed, and I think we did that," said State head coach Herb Sendek on his 40th birthday.

And compete they did — in the second half. The first half was littered with turnovers, and Duke showed why it



Sean Dockery and Duke frontcourt led the Blue Devils past Cliff Crawford and N.C. State on Saturday in Durham. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

prides itself on defense. The off-the-ball denial by the Duke guards was clinical, particularly by the trio of Chris Duhon, Ewing and surprising Sean Dockery. The three combined for nine steals and collectively committed just three turnovers.

"I thought Daniel played one of his best games ... Dockery also [played well]," said Krzyzewski. "In a game like this

where you have to play a number of perimeter guys, and Sean with three steals and nine points. He only played two minutes against Maryland and not very well. And so, when you get contributions from guys like that, you're going to win games."

Duke's defense also allowed the Pack

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Gymnastics comes up just short

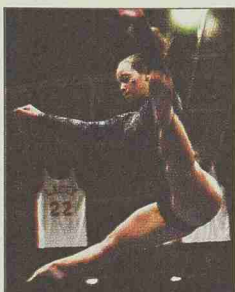
Despite posting its highest road score of the season, N.C. State fell to New Hampshire in gymnastics.

Sports Staff Report

DURHAM, N.H. — The N.C. State gymnastics team fell to conference foe New Hampshire Saturday night, 195.900-195.450. The Wolfpack (9-4) scored its highest road score of the 2003 season, almost two full points above its previous high.

For the second straight week, senior Marlyn Madey earned a first-place finish on bars with a score of 9.875. Sophomore Kelley Kello and junior Leah Sabo each scored 9.825s to tie for fourth on bars. Freshman Kyla Bachman placed seventh with her 9.8.

Senior Adina Stock brought home a share of first place on vault with her score of 9.85. Junior



Even though gymnastics didn't pick up a win, the high score it posted in New Hampshire will help its postseason aspirations. Staff Photo by Josh Michel

Molly Pennington and Sabo were close behind, each scoring 9.8s for fourth. Juniors Alison Bundy (sixth — 9.725) and Cheryl Potacco (10th — 9.625) rounded out the scoring for N.C. State.

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Wrestling downed by Iowa State

The Wolfpack grapplers fell 30-16 to the No. 21 Cyclones.

Sports Staff Report

AMES, Iowa — No. 21 Iowa State notched wins over Fresno State (34-8) and N.C. State (30-16) as Cyclone seniors Aaron Holker and Austen Palmer competed for the last time in front of the home crowd in Ames, Iowa.

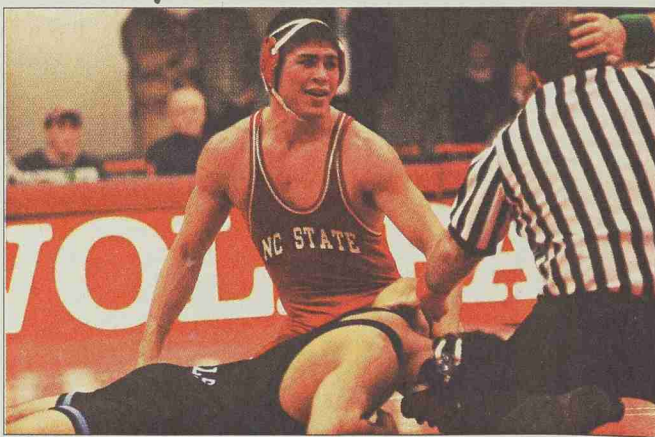
"It was great to see Aaron [Holker] and Austen [Palmer] go out the way they did in their final matches at Hilton Coliseum," head coach Bobby Douglas said. "We have made significant improvement, but we've got to keep getting better."

Against State, two Cyclones pinned their opponents. Roberson improved his record to 21-3 this season with a pin of Daniel Pacitti in 4:05.

Holker, ranked No. 4 by InterMat, tallied a quick fall of State's Ryan McCallum at the 1:32 mark in the first period. Holker's record improved to 21-4 in 2003.

Scott Coleman (HWT), Jesse Sundell (125), Nels Matson (174) and Palmer (184) also notched victories against the Wolfpack.

But while the Cyclones did not allow Fresno State to score a single point, the Wolfpack was able to get on the board against the peren-



Dustin Kawa scored a major decision over Iowa State's Nick Passolano. File photo by Rob Bradley

nial national contenders.

At 149 pounds, Jake Giamoni defeated ISU's Nate Gallick 3-2. State also picked up a win at 157 pounds, as No. 12 Scott Garren won 13-8 over Nathan Meyer.

The Wolfpack won a major decision at 165 pounds, as Dustin Kawa stunned No. 11 Nick

Passolano 13-5. At 197 pounds, Daniel Humphries pinned Iowa State's Woodley Milord in 3:02.

State will finish up its regular season with a trip to Durham Thursday night to take on Duke in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

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