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IN THE KNOW

WORLD

U.S. accused by North Korea of spy plane flights

According to reports from North Korea's official news agency, the country has accused the United States of flying opposed spy planes into the country's airspace.

The reports suggest that North Korea is portraying these flights, which apparently entered North Korea's airspace over the East Sea, as preparation for an attack from the United States. Reports said that the flights took place every day between Feb. 21 and 24.

U.S. officials have not commented on the reports.

President of Kenya commutes death sentences

Immediately following his campaign to reform the Kenyan prison system, President Mwai Kibaki ordered the release of 28 death row prisoners because they had already served between 15 and 20 years in prison, according to reports. In addition, another 195 inmates had their death sentences commuted to life in prison.

According to reports, Kibaki and his administration are seeking to have capital punishment abolished in Kenya. 1987 was the last time that a death penalty by hanging has been carried out in the East African nation.

NATION

Four killed at Alabama job agency

On Tuesday, four people were shot and killed after a shooting at Labor Ready Inc. in Huntsville, Ala., according to reports.

According to police officials, the shootings took place after a brief fight over a CD player at the front counter of Labor Ready Inc., a temporary employment agency. Approximately 15 people were lined up around the counter to get their work assignments. Reports said that the shooting suspect was well known at the agency. According to an AP report, the suspect was known by many as "unstable."

After fleeing the agency, the suspect went to his apartment where a standoff took place until the man released himself to authorities.

Tourist dies after fall from hot air balloon

On Tuesday in California, a foreign tourist fell from a hot air balloon that was floating approximately 500 feet above the ground.

The victim died immediately after landing on an asphalt parking lot, said reports; his name and identity were not released. Napa County sheriff's officials said that the victim was hanging on the side of the balloon while it was inflating, and when it began to rise, he did not let go.

According to reports, the balloon's pilot continued filling the balloon as he was unable to hear the crew's warnings from below due to the noise from the balloon's burner.

STATE

ABC study commission will expire without discussion

Because Gov. Mike Easley and state Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight did not appoint any members for the Alcoholic Beverage Control study commission, the study on how North Carolina regulates and sells alcoholic beverages will not take place.

The opportunity for the study commission to be formed ends on March 1. Easley was supposed to appoint three people, and Basnight was supposed to appoint five. Jim Black, House speaker, made his five nominations in December, a year after the law passed.

Proponents of the study believed that it could possibly determine ways in which North Carolina's alcohol sales, which is a complex hybrid of state control, local authority and privatization, could be run more efficiently.

Wintry weather expected again for parts of N.C.

Wintry precipitation was anticipated once again for the Triangle and surrounding areas.

According to reports from the National Weather Service, the area could see forms of wintry weather including light snow and freezing rain from Tuesday evening through Thursday.

On Monday, the amount of precipitation was uncertain, and reports stated the severity of the storm would depend on the strength and track of a low-pressure system that is expected to make its way through the Triangle.

College of Design members seek C-store changes

At the last university Committee on Dining meeting, a College of Design faculty member voiced concerns about C-store food.

Diane Cordova
Assistant News Editor

University standing Committee on Dining member Achva Stein, professor of landscape architecture and a member of the committee, has voiced the concerns of some students and faculty of the College of Design regarding food in campus C-stores.

According to Brian Carty, an undergraduate student member of the committee and a senior in textile and apparel management, Stein said that some students and faculty would like to see some additions to what food is available in the C-stores, particularly the ones near the College of Design on East Campus.

Stein was vocal about her concerns. And according to Carty, she used the word "poison" in reference to the food in the C-stores.

Jessie Lewis, a junior in art and design, said she has "definitely heard" about the concerns.

Lewis noted that there are many vegetarians in the College of Design, and according to her many are happy about the recent addition of the Saladelia Café in the Syme C-store, which is adjacent to the College of Design.

The Saladelia Café consists of pastas, salads, vegetarian burritos, wraps, chicken or vegetarian quesadillas and ham or vegetarian sandwiches.

From talking to some design students, Jonathan Thompson, a sophomore in industrial design, noted that most concerns have been about C-store hours and the selection of food.

According to Thompson, many design students were interested in seeing C-stores, particularly the Syme C-store, open for more hours. The Syme C-store is closed on Saturdays, which is a day when studios are open and a prime day for design students to work, said Thompson.

Design students are "[in studio] all the time," said Thompson.

Thompson noted that some students come from off campus and they want to grab something to eat but also want to get back to work quickly.

According to Thompson, the second concern is the selection of food. Design



Architecture junior Jesse Wilmoth buys a snack at the C-Store on East Campus. If some College of Design members have their way, the C-stores will start carrying healthier food options. Staff photos by Andrew Knopp

students he spoke to felt that there was "not enough variety" of food and the stores mainly sell junk food.

However, not all design students were aware of the concerns.

At the meeting, Stein also mentioned how the College of Design was attempting and hoping to get new additions, such as gourmet coffees and breads, to the East Campus C-stores. They had already received donations from outside vendors but recently learned that the distribution of the donations was illegal.

The committee made the suggestion to Stein that the College of Design could

build something similar to the Hill of Beans at the design school, rather than make new additions to the C-stores.

Stein is bringing back this idea to the dean of the design school.

The issue was discussed for about 30 minutes, and the topic has been put on the agenda for the next meeting, March 4 at 4 p.m. in the Talley Student Center boardroom.

Fox responds to changes in admissions decision process

Chancellor Fox has written a letter to the campus community addressing a News & Observer article that questioned her admissions process changes.

Cetty Abraham
Staff Reporter

An article printed in the Feb. 14 issue of The News & Observer shed light on changes in the N.C. State admissions decision process. There was a question about the change in standards used in admitting freshman candidates deemed "exceptions" to the process rules.

According to the article, such a change enabled NCSU to admit more athletes deemed "exceptions" while reporting a lower number than in previous years.

Chancellor Fox was said to have made the change "quickly and quietly," though the newspaper includes an e-mail sent from George Dixon, vice-provost for enrollment management and services, to Stuart Cooper, NCSU's provost at the time.

Such a change in the admissions decision process has enabled a decrease in NCSU's report of the number of students termed as exceptions. According to the N&O, the result is the highest number of exceptions made since 1991. The chancellor was said to have called the matter a fair one, as she believed that the old formula used in the admissions decision process was "flawed." She also acknowledged how some might perceive the change as questionable.

The formula used to determine incoming students' standing for admission is called the Admissions Index. A student's SAT score, high school GPA, and class rank are all combined to predict the student's academic success in his or her freshman year. Prior to the change, which was made last summer, a predicted value of less than 1.8 on a 4-point scale resulted in the student being regarded as an exception.

Fox is said to have brought her disagreement with the setup of the formula to Dixon's attention last year. She stated in the article that after Dixon recommended the change, it was approved by Cooper. The N&O quoted Cooper as saying that it was Fox herself who initiated the change, although he also conceded that he did agree with it. The Ath-

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Young program fosters student and alumni networking

The Alumni Association's Student Ambassadors program will accept applications until Friday, March 7.

News Staff Report

Founded last year, the Alumni Association's Student Ambassadors program connects motivated and passionate students with alumni and alumni events in an attempt to strengthen the bonds between the university and its graduates.

Now going into its second year, the program has begun accepting applications for the next group of ambassadors. The application deadline is March 7.

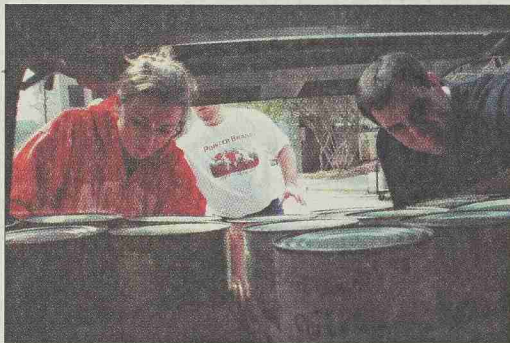
The program began as a way for the N.C. State Alumni Association to expand opportunities for alumni to stay connected to their alma mater. Its mission is to recruit student leaders to serve as liaisons between alumni, administrators and the student body.

For alumni, the program is a way to stay connected to the university and up to date on the campus community and achievements.

Students, likewise, have the opportunity to talk about themselves and share their perspectives on NCSU and campus life. The program provides a chance to strengthen communication skills and network with noteworthy and successful alumni in all areas.

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Cans to go



Elizabeth Soll (left) and Mike Giancola (right) load cans as part of the N.C. State vs. UNC-Chapel Hill food drive challenge. State won with 4,625 pounds to UNC's 3,682. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

TODAY

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letics Council chairman is also said to have stated to an admissions official that the policy might need examination.

The article continues with input from Frank Abrams, former NCSU vice provost, whereby he states that "he and others had recommended going public with the policy and taking it through the usual channels. That meant a time-consuming route through faculty, deans and various committees."

It is not clear whether the latter sentence was quoted from Abrams himself, or if it is simply an assumption made by the N&O.

Fox responded to Abrams'

statement, as she "saw no reason to spend months on that."

Furthermore, an e-mail sent from Fox to Cooper in August is also cited, in which the chancellor makes a similar remark. It states: "Why should this ever become public knowledge unless leaked from the Provost's office?" Fox proceeded to sign off the change this past September.

In response to the N&O's claim that she "quickly and quietly" approved the change, Fox explains how the change came about in a letter posted on Feb. 14 on the NCSU Web site.

In the letter addressed to the NCSU community, Fox offers an explanation of the need and reasons for the change in the admissions process. She asserts that the Provost, undergraduate ad-

missions committee, deans and the faculty athletics representative were all aware of and contributed input to the change. This change was proposed by the director of admissions and was then approved by the provost.

Fox further states that "the students who were admitted as 'admissions exceptions' were all full NCAA qualifiers and were enrolled because we were convinced that with academic support they can and will succeed and graduate." Special-talent students, however, also include those in the arts. Fox elaborates with her belief that, as a land-grant institution, NCSU should provide higher education for individuals of diverse capabilities and backgrounds.

While Fox concedes that meth-

ods for selecting students can be complex in some cases, she maintains that "only those students who can benefit uniquely from an N.C. State education and can build the quality of our diverse student body are admitted."

The Academic Index (AI) is an aspect of the undergraduate admissions process, which Fox assures is not a means of ranking students quantitatively. She also mentions that the AI formula has undergone changes over the years. When the AI prediction identifies non-student athletes as "at risk," such individuals are provided with academic support through the Transitions Program.

In her assertion that the previous formula was flawed, Fox

states that the Office of University Planning and Analysis calculated an "unacceptably low" value for predicting a student's success. It was for this reason that the provost and director of admissions proposed a change, which involves a broader range of criteria for admission. The chancellor also points out that a communication via e-mail concerning the change was made by the provost with the academic deans, undergraduate admissions committee and the university faculty athletic representative.

The "new policy was used in deriving the admissions exceptions list," writes Fox, acknowledging that such a change did enable the admissions of the 2002-2003 freshmen deemed "exceptions."

ALUMNI

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Many participants have found that their conversations and interactions with alumni have provided the basis for future connections and valuable contacts after graduation.

Ambassadors interact with alumni by serving as hosts at a variety of Alumni Association-sponsored events.

To become an ambassador, students must meet a few requirements. They must maintain a 2.5 GPA and be a full-time student.

To apply for the program, students should visit the program's Web site at <http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/students/ambassadors.html>. Applications can be downloaded online and are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 7.

HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Blackburn Media Services

To get the advantage, check the day's rating:
10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

TODAY'S
BIRTHDAY

Feb. 26, You'll get insight and support this year from friends, both old and new. Other things may come and go, but friendships are forever. The real ones, anyway. You'll find out whether or not they're real.

Aries
March 21 - April 19
Today is a 6. The most important lesson you can learn is self-discipline. You get to practice now by obeying somebody else, cheerfully, if possible.

Taurus
April 20 - May 20
Today is an 8. Instead of traveling to visit friends, have them come to you. They'll go for that idea, because your hospitality is world-renowned.

Gemini
May 21 - June 21
Today is a 5. With careful planning, and by sticking to your budget, you can get a pleasant surprise. You may end up with more than you thought. Good work!

Cancer
June 22 - July 22
Today is an 8. Romantic talk is nice, of course, but that's not where love really lies. Actions speak louder than words, and they might even be more trustworthy.

Leo
July 23 - Aug. 22
Today is a 5. Although you're not the only one on the job, they all look to you for advice. You're the one who believes it can happen. Now, tell them how!

Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
Today is an 8. Find some time for personal pleasures in your busy day. Schedule a date with the one you love or with a likely applicant.

Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Today is a 6. New responsibilities you've taken on lead to new status and new friends. Those fringe benefits are nice, because it'll be a while before new money comes in.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Today is an 8. Encouragement from a loved one helps, and you may be taking a risk, but you can succeed. Do what you love, and do it well.

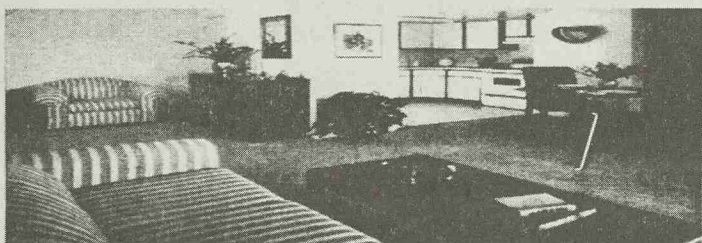
Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Today is a 5. Is there a toy you've been thinking about, or a special vacation to take? Put money down on a gift for yourself, for being such a good kid.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Today is an 8. Your best course of action should be obvious, especially regarding money. To increase your future bounty, invest in a safe and time-honored way.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Today is a 6. It should soon be obvious who has exactly what you lack. You may have to pay, but that's OK if this helps you generate work.

Pisces
Feb. 19 - March 20
Today is an 8. Accept the congratulations of family and friends. You've made it past the most difficult part. Make time for a celebration.

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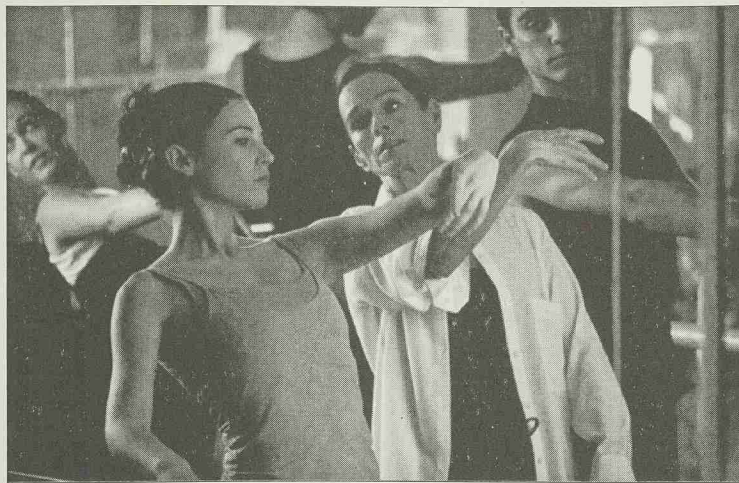
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Director Pedro Almodóvar examines love, emotions and pain in the Oscar-nominated "Talk to Her."
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Almodóvar shows what all the 'Talk' is about

Talk to Her (Hable con Ella)

Starring: Javier C. mara, Darío Grandinetti
Director: Pedro Almodóvar
★★★★

Ghassan Hamra
Senior Staff Writer

Pedro Almodóvar is a great director. Though many people haven't even heard of him, he has been making outstanding films for some time. The most well known of his early works is probably "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," and he recently gained a great deal of fame with his international hit "All About My Mother." His most recent work, "Talk to Her (Hable Con Ella)," will be considered by many to be his best yet, and with good reason.

This film centers around two characters: Benigno and Marco. Benigno is a nurse who has been taking care of the unconscious Alicia for four years. He first developed an obsession with her while watching her dance in a studio adjacent to his apartment, and after a tragic accident, found himself taking care of her at the hospital.

Marco is the more sensitive character. He is a writer for a magazine and decides to write an article about Lydia, a female bullfighter who just got out of a relationship with a fellow bullfighter. Though she initially declines, an act of kindness on Marco's part allows the two to bond and quickly finds them as a couple.

Soon after they begin dating, a

bull tramples Lydia during a fight, and Marco finds himself in Benigno's position — watching over a love interest who is permanently unconscious. Coincidentally, these two women are assigned to the same hospital, and Benigno and Marco develop a friendship centered on their unconscious love interests.

This is not the first time that Benigno and Marco meet. In the film's opening, they sit beside one another at a play. Benigno notices Marco crying and is touched, later telling the story about Marco to Alicia. This one-sided dialogue between the Benigno and Alicia fills much of the movie and reveals a great deal about Benigno's personality. A recluse who spent much of his time caring for his mother, a relationship with an unconscious patient seems just right for Benigno.

Marco soon finds out that Lydia had rekindled her relationship with her past lover and decides to leave the country to deal with his grief. While away, something happens to Benigno (you'll find out), and Marco returns to be with him. To say more here would be to reveal too much. Suffice to say that the movie becomes more dramatic, reaching a devastating climax with a surprise ending.

Almodóvar is known for creating quirky characters who interact in the most surprising ways. In "All About My Mother," the main character is a woman who has a child with a transvestite and leaves so that he doesn't find out. After her son's tragic death, she finds herself working for the women who inadvertently caused

his death, and taking care of a young nurse, who has become pregnant, played by Penelope Cruz.

Like these characters, the characters in "Talk to Her" have quirks the other characters often admire and learn from. Benigno's meticulous care of Alicia intrigues Marco, and he finds himself talking to the unconscious Lydia. In addition, Marco's sensitive nature is constantly an issue with him and Lydia. Marco eventually finds himself revealing the reason why he is so sensitive to Lydia, and it allows her to have a revelation that Marco never expects.

The tenderness of this drama is what makes it so great to watch. Both Benigno and Marco are truly kind, loving people who go to great lengths to be with their unconscious love interests. Though Benigno has little background with Alicia, the viewer finds himself sympathizing with Benigno's unwavering affection. Though much of the film is one-sided dialogue, it never gets boring.

It is a bit of a surprise that this film came to Raleigh at all. It's been out for a while across the world, and there is no telling how much longer we will have the pleasure of having it here. In other words, go see it now. Simply put, it's possibly the best foreign film to come out in 2002.

The burgers are worth it

Tim Coffield
Staff Writer

I often grow tired of lounging in my tree house, finger-painting crude caveman drawings of trees and tigers on the walls, so when an intriguing diversion was offered, I gratefully accepted. At the gas station last week my pal, Jerry, invited me to go deer-poaching in the woods behind Trailwood Road, his eyes afire with male aggression. His pants were also afire, but that was simply because he had dropped his cigarette while pumping gas.

It had never occurred to me that blasting small animals with high-powered weapons was within the realm of possibility for Tuesday afternoons in urban Raleigh. I was tempted by the raw masculine primal-energy vibe the whole thing gave off. Still, I almost declined on the grounds that hunting is inherently cruel.

Then I quickly and vividly recalled my trip to the meat plant last month — my mother works there — where I saw the young cattle strung up by ropes, rendered plump and immobile, awaiting their inevitable ends inside the stomachs of Americans nationwide. At least the deer has a chance, I figured.

So I warily accepted the invitation. I always did want a nice Polaroid of me lifting the head of a bloodied deer carcass off the ground. It would look nice on my mantle, beside those pictures of mother after dad shaved her head in her sleep. (He did not know at the time of her inability to take jokes well.)

I thought at first I might eat my kill, but then I decided to take my deer, put it in the road in front of my car, call the cops, file a report and try to get insurance to pay for those dents I incurred playing car-football last month. This way, I could kill two birds with one stone or, more appropriately, two deer with one bullet.

But I was getting ahead of myself. I had to kill a deer first. In the days leading up to my urban hunting trip I purchased camouflage face paint, a black army beret, four canteens and the new Beach Boys CD. All of these items, with the possible exception of the surf music, would provide a valuable advantage over my hoofed adversaries.

The more I thought about it,

the more pumped up I got. My available testosterone was whipped into a frenzied froth. I hadn't been this excited since Susie Martinez inadvertently brushed my hand during gym class in seventh grade.

Jerry has a tree stand a few yards off the Trailwood bike path. The advantage of the tree stand is that it enables the wily hunter to carefully stalk his prey with the least chance of giving himself away. To the naive outsider, it may appear that the hunter is merely waiting for an innocent deer to meander by, perhaps in search of some delectable Raleigh blackberries, upon which occurrence he will unleash a ferocious pelt of combat-caliber ammunition upon the helpless creature. To the outsider, this hardly seems like sport, as the word *sport* implies competition, an ingredient apparently lacking in deer-hunting.

As Jerry taught me, this is obviously nonsense. The deer *do* provide competition because, sometimes, they escape before having their stomachs pierced with metal balls. To reduce the possibility of such an escape, Jerry sprays deer-urine under his tree, which attracts certain deer — which reminds me of my uncle Holden and the time I inadvertently viewed his "special" videos on the big screen at a family reunion, earning him the affectionate nickname "Golden Holden."

The big day arrived and we perched ourselves high above the deer scent zone and waited patiently for our first victim. We chewed beef jerky, tobacco and other tooth-staining substances,

bonding male-style. We took special care to be silent and still. Besides a few plastic wrappers, bottles and snuff cans we dropped to the ground, we achieved these goals. We loved being one with nature. That's one thing people underestimate about hunters, Jerry says — their love for the environment and appreciation for Mother Nature. Truly, it is *amazing*.

After several bathroom breakless hours, a small doe with a white spot on her left hind leg wandered into view. Our grips on our high-powered rifles tensed as we bore down on her through our super-laser scopes. The doe stopped down to pick at a small berry on the dirt. I could feel the competition coursing through my veins. Oh! The rush! Truly I tell you, this was sporting at its finest!

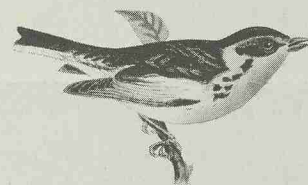
"I want you to have this one," Jerry whispered. "Take her down, man."

I peered down at the doe through the scope. She nuzzled her berry and grunted. I nuzzled my muzzle and grunted also. I could feel sweat beading up on my palms and my forehead. My barrel shook.

"Now," my pal urged. I paused. Then slowly, I put the gun down and clicked the safety. The deer looked up and scampered off. My pal looked on, horrified, as I sat there. Things felt wrong.

I am just not man enough, I guess.

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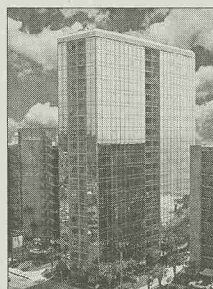
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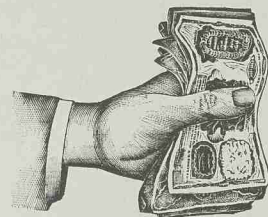
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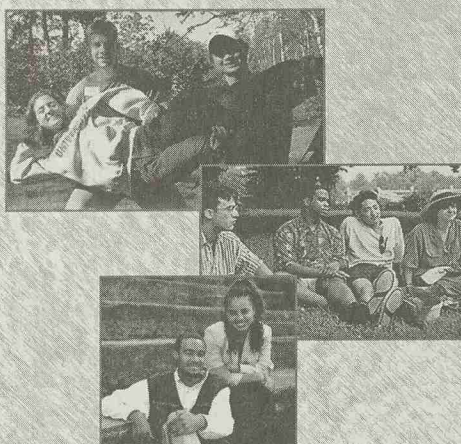
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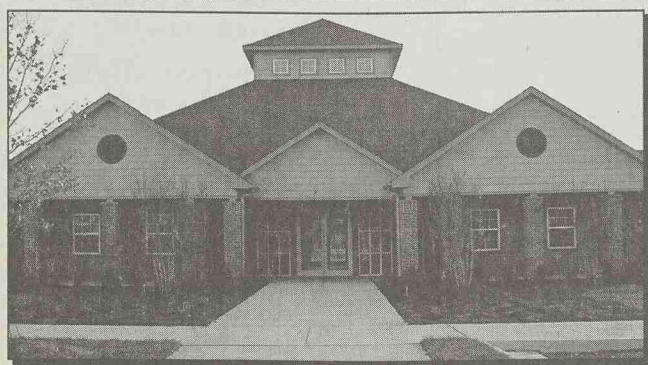
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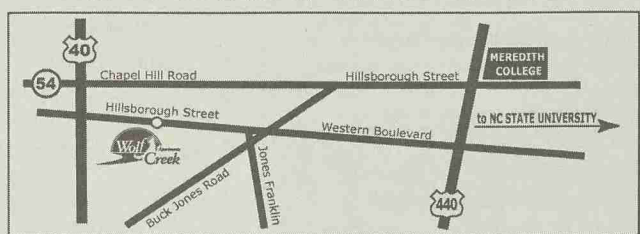


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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Too many U.S. drinkers underage

According to a study released by Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, 20 percent of alcohol sales in the United States can be attributed to underage drinkers. While it is disconcerting to find out that a fifth of the people buying alcohol are underage, it seems that this number would substantially decline if the drinking age were lowered to 18.

The study seems to promote a sensationalist view that the number of underage drinkers and heavy drinkers that the alcohol industry depends on are extreme. The study did nothing to suggest the responsibility of its participants. The figures behind the 20 percent underage drinkers and the 30 percent heavy drinkers suggest that half the money the alcohol industry makes, approximately \$57 billion, is ill gotten.

The alcohol industry is not likely to accept a cut of half its profits because of this study and its implications. Unlike cigarettes, changing the advertising strategies of the companies cannot easily alleviate the problem. While Joe Camel was allegedly aimed directly at children, the sexy and charismatic advertising schemes for alcohol companies are not blatantly childish. Often, the ads are more humorous and less suggestive of a lifestyle of which one should be a part.

At 18, teenagers in the United States can vote, smoke, be drafted and purchase pornography. When an American child

hits 18, the doors to debauchery, for the most part, fly open ... unless that adolescent wants to drink alcohol. That door remains shut for another three years. However, that door isn't really locked. The teens of America have the key, but they know they shouldn't be seen going through that door. Europe has successfully allowed youth to drink for quite a while, and there doesn't seem to be a problem.

In fact, it's better to make 18 the standard for all things. Let there be one age where people gain their freedom and their rights. Without the need to sneak around and drink behind closed doors, or for the feeling of rebellion that accompanies those broken rules, the 20 percent of drinkers who are underage would instead become part of the 70 percent of our nation's responsible drinkers.

The only other solution involves a stiffer crackdown on underage drinking, and then where might that lead? Coffee is addictive and surely the numbers are similar. The percentage of coffee drinkers that drinks more than two cups a day is not only high but it also represents the number of people who support the coffee industry. Thus is the same situation with alcohol.

With a standardized age for which adolescents could be debauched, society would breed responsibility and respect for alcohol, instead of being entranced and afraid of it.

CAMPUS FORUM

Regarding Monday night's tunnel-painting controversy

Motivated and determined students dedicated time and effort to display their views in the Free Expression Tunnel Monday night. These students are concerned with expressing a diplomatic and peaceful approach to the Iraqi conflict in the Middle East. The intent of the planned week of events is to inform and allow the student body to look at this horrific time of turmoil from a humanitarian perspective. The aim is to steer from political and religious affiliation and focus on solidarity of the international community for the innocent civilians and suffering people of the world.

To begin the week, we wanted to capture the attention of the student body and let it be known that there are others on campus who oppose war and are not afraid to express it. The painting of the tunnel was meant to stimulate positive dialogue and conversation through words such as "peace," "no war" and "end racism."

After finishing up, a group of angry students rushed to cross out and paint over our messages. It is the Freedom of Expression Tunnel so it's completely understandable that other perspectives would soon be expressed, but the con-

versations we engaged in with these students and the words they wrote over ours were racist and demeaning. Comments such as "Kill sand-n-----" and "If the South had won we would have it made now" are only to show the ignorance and hatred still consumed in the youth of tomorrow's leaders.

Are we mad that our hard work was disrespected? Not at all. Many of us are furious that hatred and ignorance on campus is so openly accepted, but at the same time we can't help but smile at the situation. There is now dialogue! This is great! For once, students are out there expressing themselves and standing up for something they believe in, no matter what viewpoint they're coming from. The best way to educate and inform is by engaging in conversation and putting ourselves out there to be mentally challenged. Remember when your mother told you there are always two sides to a story? Well she lied, there are numerous sides, and hopefully by not being so scared to talk to one another, we'll get to hear the different sides and begin to tolerate and respect, if not accept, one another's differences.

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Middle East and International Affairs



Bush's bluff



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and highly pertinent. And so what follows is my first (but not necessarily last, mind you) war column.

Chief United Nations Weapons Inspector Hans Blix said on Tuesday that Iraq is showing new, encouraging signs of cooperation with the United Nations. The "additional cooperation" has come in the form of letters detailing some of the weapons Iraq possesses. Curiously enough, one letter describes an R-400 aerial bomb equipped with biological weaponry that Saddam Hussein and his cronies "found" in their country.

One of the reasons I have not been more vocal (verbally and orally) about the possibility of war is simply that I'm not 100 percent sure where I stand. I think Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction, but I'm not sure why we have not been able to find them. Invading Kuwait was certainly a cause for war in 1990, but currently, Hussein is doing little more than being his same old insane, dictator self.

If we were to find a stockpile of weapons, then I'd sign off on a military disarmament effort in a heartbeat, but as of yet, I don't think we've got enough evidence. And, as a caveat, if this "conflict" comes to war, we must finish the job with a total regime change and a highly organized and focused, long-term redevelopment plan for Iraq. Once war has begun, anything less than finishing the job would be a grievous mistake and a greater sin than war itself.

But for a moment, forget France; forget Germany; forget peace, love and understanding; forget the "election" that happened in 2000. Consider, instead, that because of Bush's strong, take-no-prisoners, war-or-bust agenda, we may be able to avoid war altogether. Perhaps this is the real motive: to instigate a brief cold war with Iraq that we'll surely win. This may be giving Bush too much credit, but Secretary of State Colin Powell sounds like a guy who could engineer such a bluff.

Here's how it goes: We say, "We're going to blow you off the map if you don't comply." They say, "Yeah, right. Come and get us." We say, with the deployment of thousands and thousands of troops, "OK, here we come." We start to go get them, and then they say, "OK, OK, we were just kidding. This is a joke we have

played. Ha, ha." And war is narrowly averted.

It's a foregone conclusion that we could win this war if we started it, and Hussein knows that. There would be tragic loss of life among our military ranks and their civilian ranks, but, implementing a little moral calculus, we could easily wipe out what we know today as Iraq. The biggest problem would come in deciding to wage a half-a—ed, Vietnam-esque war in which we never fully commit ourselves, thus making our losses and theirs in vain.

Many people argue that this war would be too politically motivated. Claiming this is all about Bush's ties to Big Oil is a gross oversimplification. Just about any president of any party would be as concerned with

Iraq (and its oil), but perhaps not as proactive, as Bush is.

I keep running this debate over and over in my head. I wonder what Bush has to gain by a war that appears to be motivated by a self-serving political agenda. And I come to the same conclusion: nothing. Yet, that President Bush has little to gain by waging this war in no way justifies it.

Do you remember that song by Europe, "The Final Countdown?" E-mail Greg at dieshus@hotmail.com.

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The Road to Baghdad: endgame



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Now that the News and Features sections of Technician have finally jumped on the Iraq bandwagon, it is time to end my analysis of the situation. There are still many questions left, and personally, I have found more questions than answers. One fact shines through all the murkiness of the words flying across the political spectrum: The United States and the world will never be the same after this campaign. The lasting effects of a war in Iraq and all the controversy surrounding it will ripple out across time and history, affecting not only Americans now but for generations to come. The actions we take now will leave a legacy for others in the decades to come. What will our children or grandchildren read in their history books 20, 30 or 40 years from now? How will they view this war? Will this become our generation's Vietnam? Most of us cannot fathom it. But our parents and grandparents can. For those who fought in World War II and Vietnam, this is just a repeat of history, like a bad movie repeated over and over late at night.

Our generation has never had a major conflict on the scale of World War II or Vietnam. We have never experienced the fear and uncertainty of the draft. Our parents have never had to deal with a letter from the Defense Department saying their child has died in service of his or her country. Now with the war on ter-

rorism and the impending war with Iraq there is a potential for all that to happen again. It is no wonder there are so many around the world resisting the the United States' plan. And it is not just the rest of the world that is divided: The United States is terribly polarized and it is only going to get worse. Never since the Vietnam conflict has the country been so at odds with itself. It is like opening old wounds when they have already scarred over and healed. It will be a while before we can ever return to a sense of normalcy.

U.S. foreign policy will be damaged from this, possibly irreparably. Before World War I, the collective thought is that war is unthinkable. Two world wars and a handful of armed conflicts later, war is still around, and as unthinkable as it may seem, it is still possible. The difference now is that we are starting a war. That has never happened in the history of our country, save the Civil War. This sets a dangerous precedent and gives the president greater latitude than he has ever had before. Using that power responsibly is the issue. We may view a use of military force that will do well as a moral and proper thing to do. After all, we rescued the Kuwaitis from Iraq in 1991. We sent in troops to Bosnia to stop the ethnic cleansing there and they were effective. We also tried the same in Somalia and were repulsed. But now, many in the world are seeing the use of military power as imperialist and wrong. But when a country is in a crisis, more often than not they turn to America for support

and we give it to them. It is a catch-22 of epic proportions, and history will not allow us to back down from our responsibilities to the world. Isolationism is no longer a viable solution. The world looks to America for leadership. We need to be a shining example of democracy, not imperialism.

The long-term future is uncertain, and the question begging to be answered is what role will the United States play in the politics of the world 50 years from now? Will we still be the powerful leader of

the free world or will we be knocked down a notch and have to play pretty with the United Nations? I do not know, but this conflict will set the tone of U.S. foreign policy for years to come. Pre-emptive strikes are dangerous and set an irreparable precedent for a nation. Just look at Israel, where, at birth, they give parents of newborn babies a bio-hazard suit and gas mask for their child. That's not the America I want for me or my children. Military action of any kind is warranted only as a last resort, but the old adage "fire draws fire" must always be kept in mind. There is still hope for peace, but if and when military action is taken, let it be swift and just and be over as quickly as it began for the sake of America and the world.

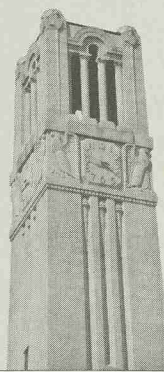
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Just say no to clear skies, yes to clean air



Kevin McAbee
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Without strong enforcement, legislation is nothing more than a set of words written on fancy stationery. Recently the Environmental Protection Agency has enacted regulatory changes to the Clean Air Act that have potentially harmful effects on North Carolina's environment and citizens. Nine states have filed suit against the EPA in order to prevent the changes and protect their own health. North Carolina has not joined in the lawsuit, apparently accepting pollution from other states without any qualms.

These current actions demonstrate a strong flaw in environmental legislation: the lack of tough enforcement. When Congress passed the Clean Air Act, it was seen as a victory against global warming, acid rain and polluted surroundings. However, as often occurs, these regulations are not upheld to the fullest letter of the law and thus accomplish little of the intended goals.

As reported in the News and Observer, changing regulatory actions could have multiple effects. One such effect is that factories could now install new pollution-control equipment and be required to make no other changes for 10 years. Rather than forcing plants to become progressive in their pollution management and find long-term sustainable alternatives, the EPA is allowing a one-time quick fix to be sufficient.

How does the EPA expect to ever have permanent pollution solutions with one improvement every 10 years?

The original Clean Air Act calls for utility power plants to enact a 78 percent reduction of nitrogen oxide emissions by 2009 and requires a 74 percent reduction in sulfur dioxide by 2013. However, the News and Observer reports that state environmental officials estimate that these utilities would only be forced to reduce nitrogen dioxide levels by 72 percent and cut sulfur dioxide levels by 71 percent by 2020. This means fewer reductions when given 7-11 more years to comply.

These new changes come in combination with President Bush's Clear Skies Initiative. This Clear Skies Initiative would prevent states from petitioning the EPA to enforce laws before 2009. Therefore, if Tennessee, Georgia, or other states fail to meet emissions standards and send pollution into North Carolina, our state government has no course of action to respond. Currently North Carolina has a very strict Clean Smokestacks bill that regulates emissions, but without a barrier separating ourselves from other states, we can only do so much.

Bill Ross, state secretary of environment and natural resources, is quoted in Monday's News and Observer saying, "We don't want anything to stand in the way of fully implementing the Clean

Smokestacks legislation." However, that is exactly what this Clear Skies Initiative would do.

President Bush and the EPA need to live up to expectations placed in the original Clean Air Act. Rather than lengthening compliance deadlines, altering emissions standards, or reducing states' environmental rights, they should be strict in enforcement of already existing laws. Although they may not agree with the policy, the law binds

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them. After all, isn't the executive branch supposed to enforce the laws that the legislature writes?

Businesses are just like spoiled children; they constantly want to know how much more they can get away with. As administrations, like Bush's keep giving in, businesses will only ask for more.

Environmental policies have long been a joke, seemingly harsh and powerful, but never backed up with any severity. For once can we stand behind a law and impose its enforcement?

I commend North Carolina for its Clean Smokestacks legislation. It is a step in the right direction. However, as long as other states do not follow, a clean environment will never be achieved.

Kevin has reduced his personal emissions over 30 percent by eliminating baked beans from his diet. E-mail him at kmcabee@unity.ncsu.edu.

Is ignorance bliss?



Heather Cutchin
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If the end of the world was to come, would you want to know? Or would you want to just live the rest of what time you have left like you normally do, without the

hysteria?

Most people take a few minutes to think about this very intense subject before making a decision. It is difficult to decide whether or not you want to spend your last few days with your family, letting them know you love them and getting your spiritual life in order, or if you want to fulfill all of your wildest dreams. Personally, if I knew the end of the world was near, I would be heading to Australia on the first available boat, plane, bird or any other form of transportation that would get me there.

At a recent symposium during a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, graduate student Geoffrey Sommer made the following statement: "When a problem arises with high uncertainty, there is an opportunity to spin the problem to avoid global panic. If you can't do anything about a warning, then there is no point in issuing a warning at all. If an extinction-type impact is inevitable, then ignorance for the populace is bliss." This statement has shocked many, but according

to Sommer, it has been greatly mistaken.

Sommer's point is that most people would like to simply live the last days of their lives without the panic and mass hysteria that would follow a warning from officials about an asteroid hitting earth and causing extinction. Some people would like to know how many days they have left, to get that last little bit of time with family and loved ones.

Others want to "get right with God" or any other deity they choose. Then there are those

who want to just have as much fun as humanly possible those last couple of days or weeks. If the public does think of a predicted end as truth, I would be most afraid of the people that simply do not know what to do. They would just run around screaming like in bad movies.

Famous scientist Sir Isaac Newton spent many years of his life studying the Bible and trying to determine when the end of the world would draw near. According to his calculations, the apocalypse is just 57 years away. This means the end of the world will fall around when most of you reading this will be between the ages of 76 and 85. Your children will have had children, and they will have had children. When the

end is on us, would you want to know about it or simply die in complete ignorance?

Personally, I do not think that anyone can make any sort of prediction about the end of the world and the time that it will occur. There are too many discrepancies in the Bible to even try to make a guess as to how and when we will cease to exist. Newton spent 50 years of his life trying to

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decipher the Bible and did not succeed. Many before him and many after have tried to predict the end of time, and

so far, all have failed. I do not think it is possible to predict something of such magnitude.

Therefore, I agree with Sommer's view that ignorance is indeed bliss. When something of such high uncertainty is announced to the world, the panic that ensues is unneeded. It would be better to not have that kind of information released to the public so that people could go on with their lives, even if they would end soon, as they very well pleased, without the madness that such news would be likely to cause.

It's the end of the world as we know it, and Heather feels fine! E-mail her at hrcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu if you would like to tag along on the trip to Australia.

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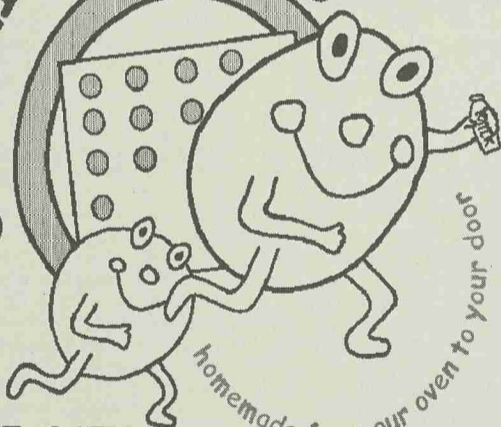
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Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18	
External cap	6	18	
Withdrawal	4	18	
Periodic abstinence	19	20	
Spermicide alone	3	21	
Vaginal Sponge used before childbirth	6	18	
used after childbirth	9	28	
No method	85	85	

Source: Trussard et al. Obstet Gynecol. 1990;76:558-567.
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Walters shines for State

Justin Walters was an individual winner, but N.C. State faltered in its final round to finish 6th at the Puerto Rico Classic.

Sports Staff Report

Senior All-American Justin Walters played another strong tournament for N.C. State, winning his third career tournament. The native of South Africa finished five-under-par by carding a 70-71-211, his fifth lowest tournament total of his career. State finished with a three-day 288-286-301=875 to finish sixth after leading the Puerto Rico Classic after each of the first two rounds.

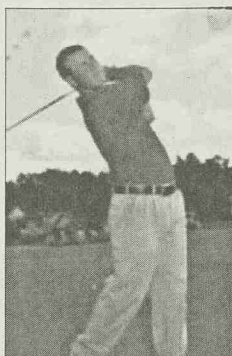
Walters won his third career tournament after winning the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational and the Nelson Invitational in his first season at NC State in 2001-02. Walters leads State with a 71.5 stroke average on the season

through six tournaments.

Junior Fernando Mechereffe led after each of the first two rounds with a pair of 69s, but a final round 76 dropped him into a tie for third, his highest career finish. His tournament total of 214 is also his second lowest showing in his career, matching the 214 he put up at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate on February 17-18. Mechereffe has been impressive throughout the spring, with a stroke average of 71.3 after six rounds.

Stephen Lewton finished in his first top-20 after only two career tournaments with a 13th place showing. The freshman from England fired a 70-71-77=218, and lowered his stroke average to 73.3.

Sophomore Sutton Barbrey finished in 61st with a 79-76-77=232, and Rodney Thomas finished 81st in his first tournament since breaking his elbow with a



Justin Walters won the third individual title of his career.

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79-79-85=243.

The tournament featured nine of the top-20 team nationally, and five of the top-10 individuals.

The men's golf team will travel to the Las Vegas Intercollegiate March 7-9.

Teams prepare for ACC crunch time

Wake Forest has the inside track on regular season crown with Duke and Maryland chasing.

Memie Ezike

Staff Writer

With the one of the most competitive seasons in recent ACC history winding down, here is what's up in the conference:

Wake Forest — The 12th-ranked Demon Deacons sit pretty atop the conference standings with a 9-3 record. And with games against Florida State, Clemson, North Carolina and N.C. State remaining, Wake has a strong chance of finishing at least 12-4 and winning the conference. Senior forward Josh Howard is the top candidate for ACC Player of the Year, and freshman Justin Gray continues to impress.

"I am very proud of my players; they have weathered the storm relatively successfully," said head coach Skip Prosser.

Duke — The No. 6 Blue Devils gutted out a gritty 79-68 win over N.C. State Saturday to improve its home winning streak to 27 games. Frontcourt freshmen

Shelden Williams and Shavlik Randolph have begun to step up their play, and seniors Dahntay Jones and Chris Duhon continue to show leadership for the young Devils. Head coach Mike Krzyzewski that his team is in a different position than in previous years.

"This is the first time in a long time that we have not been the team to beat in the nation," Krzyzewski said on ESPN's "Pardon the Interruption" on Monday.

Maryland — After their thrashing of the Tar Heels, the No. 14 Terrapins still see themselves in the race to win the ACC title. They have two tough road games at Virginia and N.C. State left though, so head coach Gary Williams and his club must be prepared to play its best until the end of the season.

"I am really pleased with the team," Williams said. "We are probably tired, but we have to be tough enough to come and play every game."

Clemson — Senior point guard Edward Scott has been on a tear of late, securing ACC Player of the Week Honors by averaging 30.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5.0 assists in victories against North

Carolina and Virginia. Could a postseason berth be in the mix for the improving Tigers?

"We worry more about the things that we can control," said coach Larry Shyatt. "We have done a real good job with players going day-by-day."

Georgia Tech — The recent road woes for the Yellow Jackets have ultimately helped to burst their hopes for an NCAA bid. The Jackets do get Duke at home, where they are 11-1. Freshmen Chris Bosh and Jarrett Jack continue to play well despite the team's record.

"We got to start playing better basketball," Hewitt said. "We've got four games to play, so we need to play well to bolster our NCAA Tournament hopes."

Virginia — The Cavaliers are going through their annual February slide again. The Cavs have a February record of 2-5, with games against Florida State, Georgia Tech, and Maryland left.

"Our momentum since the Maryland game has pretty much dissipated," head coach Pete Gillen said. "We're struggling right now, but hopefully we can improve and finish on a better note."

North Carolina — Head coach Matt Doherty and the Tar Heels have had a tough season. Saturday's record thumping at the hands of Maryland did not do much to boost team morale either. And Tuesday's loss to N.C. State was especially damaging.

"This year has been a rebuilding year," Doherty said. "The most important thing in rebuilding this team is to do the best each day."

Florida State — Even with a 3-10 conference record, first-year head coach Leonard Hamilton has planted the roots of a promising program. Junior Tim Pickett continues his stellar play for the Seminoles. Though the schedule will not get easier with Wake, Virginia and Duke upcoming, a bright future is upon the Seminoles.

"We want to finish as strong as possible this season in order to look to the future for this basketball team," head coach Leonard Hamilton said. "If we can win our share of games, hopefully we can gain some momentum going into next season."

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them and cheering them; he was almost like another coach over there. I think it really helped."

It did. With Hodge on the bench barking instructions and endlessly encouraging his teammates, they stayed close and even

led by one when he returned with 7:18 left in the game.

"In the second half I was in foul trouble, but I knew my teammates would keep the game close enough so when I came back I would put us in position to win," said Hodge.

From there, he did just that. First it was a key, step-back 3-pointer. Later it was the last-

minute heroics.

And thanks to his cool head, the Pack appears to have some momentum built for late-season heroics of its own as it readies for its most important three games of the season.

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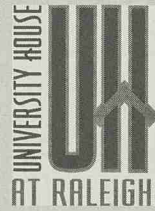
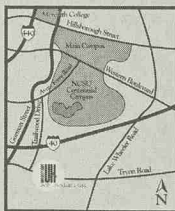
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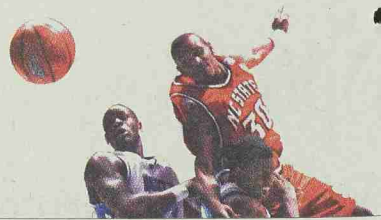
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BASKETBALL

Cool-headed Hodge the difference



Matt Middleton

CHAPEL HILL — It wasn't until 11:18 Tuesday night that Herb Sendek could finally crack a smile. As for Julius Hodge? Well, he had been smiling nearly all night.

The N.C. State sophomore that welcomes pressure as if it were a long-lost friend made two of the Wolfpack's biggest plays of the season in less than nine seconds. In a game it absolutely had to have, Hodge refused to let the Pack quit, and in turn, his team took a huge step forward towards returning to the NCAA tournament.

State, now 8-5 in the ACC, probably still needs to win two of its remaining three games to get to 10-6 in the league and back in the Big Dance, but for awhile Tuesday it looked like it would need all three.

It's been well-chronicled how Hodge lets his emotions get the best of him at times. As Saturday at Duke, his technical foul for elbowing Dahntay Jones fueled a key Blue Devil run that turned out to be the difference in the game.

Last year, the Harlem native was suspended by the league for another elbow he hit Maryland's Steve Blake with.

Tuesday it would all change during a game where emotions were running incredibly high, teams were jawing at each other often and coaches were on the officials more so than usual. Heck, even the crowd at the notoriously wine-and-cheese atmosphere of the Dean Dome was standing on nearly every possession in the second half — and also doing its best to deter the play of Hodge with non-stop jeers.

It was just the kind of environment Hodge thrives in.

Hodge kept his composure when he got in foul trouble. He kept it when his team was down six with under three minutes left. But most of all, he showed how cool-headed he could be in the most pressure-packed of situations.

Down by two with 28 seconds left, State dribbled down the clock until Hodge pulled up in the lane and swished a jumper with eight seconds left. For Hodge, it was a play that he's long dreamed about and a task that is merely in his job description.

"I'm supposed to do that," said Hodge. "I'm the one that's going to be shooting those shots, so I'm supposed to hit them."

But he wasn't done. The Tar Heels still had eight seconds left, and after a couple of passes, there was Carolina's Jackie Manuel with a wide-open 3-point attempt that would have won the game. Suddenly, Hodge came out of nowhere to swat the shot away and force OT.

In overtime, the Pack pulled ultimately away, and there was Hodge doing a repeat of last year's State win in Chapel Hill — smiling and making the Wolfpack motion with his hands as Tar Heel fans flooded the exits while a healthy contingent of red cheered with glee.

And to think for awhile it looked like Hodge wouldn't even make it until the end of regulation.

With over 13 minutes remaining and on an all-too-innocent play, Hodge was whistled for his fourth foul. But instead of sulking, complaining to the officials or hanging his head, he walked over to the Pack bench, gave referee Doug Shows a complimentary pat on the rear and assumed the position of sideline coach and cheerleader.

"I don't know that he even sat down when he came out," said State coach Herb Sendek. "He kept encouraging

STATE PACKS KNOCKOUT PUNCH

N.C. STATE BEATS NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT TIME, ENDS ITS ROAD MISERY AND TIES THE ACC RECORD FOR FREE-THROW SHOOTING IN A KEY VICTORY.

Steve Thompson
Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL — In desperate need of a win, N.C. State overcame its road woes to pull out a 75-67 overtime victory over archrival North Carolina Tuesday night.

Scooter Sherrill scored 22 points — including two big 3-pointers and a number of late free throws — to lead the Wolfpack (15-9, 8-5 ACC) to its first road win since Jan. 18 at Florida State. The Pack overcame a six-point deficit late to force overtime, and then used a 9-0 run in the extra period beat the Heels (14-13, 4-9 ACC).

"The effort, the intensity that was displayed on that court today was staggering," said head coach Herb Sendek. "I think [North Carolina] was extremely prepared. Their kids played with a lot of heart."

"I think our guys responded in kind."

Down 56-50 with 5:02 remaining, Julius Hodge hit a key 3-pointer from the top of the key to slice into the lead. Second later, however, Raymond Felton responded with a 3 of his own to extend the lead back to six points.

A backdoor cut by Josh Powell led to an easy layup and cut the lead to 59-55. Once again, however, UNC had an answer. David Noel picked off a Sherrill pass and finished the play with a transition dunk to keep the UNC lead at six with 2:55 remaining.

Then State began to chip away. Hodge hit two free throws to cut the lead to four. Sherrill then hit perhaps the biggest shot of the game — a 3-pointer to cut the lead to one.

"[Rashaad] McCants was guarding me, but he was playing off a little bit," said Sherrill. "So I had to knock it down."

A Felton free throw extended the lead to two points, where it stayed until Hodge hit a pull up 17-foot jumpshot with 8.3 seconds remaining to tie the game.

"I kept thinking to myself that big-time players make big-time plays," said Hodge.



Marcus Melvin drives to the basket during the second half on Tuesday night's win at North Carolina. Melvin just missed a double-double, finishing with nine points and nine rebounds. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

"Jackie Manuel was playing great defense on me the whole game, and I finally got a little space and hit a tough shot."

The Tar Heels attempted a 3-pointer, but Hodge blocked it to force overtime.

"I was just trying to get a piece of the ball," he said. "I didn't want them to get an open look."

In the extra period, UNC struck first. After winning the tip, McCants drove the ball on Hodge — who had been playing with four fouls since coming back with 7:18 left in regulation — for an easy layup.

"At that point, when I scored that basket, I thought overtime was pretty much mine," said McCants. "But the ball didn't bounce our way."

Then Sherrill struck again. With the shot clock running down, Crawford dishd the ball to Sherrill on the wing. Fading away, Sherrill made a 3-pointer that gave the Pack a lead it would not relinquish.

"It was just a crazy shot," said Sherrill. "I think the shot clock was running down. I had a good look though. I've hit that shot before."

While the Heels kept missing shots, State hit a progression of free throws to extend its lead and eventually pull away.

State finished the game a perfect 22-

22 from the free-throw line — tying an ACC record. The Heels, however, were ice cold from the line, hitting just 7-of-19.

"Obviously our free throw shooting was integral tonight, as was our rebounding," said Sendek. "We did it the way we have to do it, and that's by committee."

If free throws were the most important stat of the game, rebounds were a close second. Coming into the game, the Pack was seventh in the league in rebounding margin at -0.9 per game. Against the Heels, State won the battle of the boards 43-28.

The Pack's rebounding edge was apparent early on. State dominated the glass in the first few minutes of the game to forge an early 12-4 lead. Carolina, however, responded with an 12-3 run to take its first lead of the game at 16-15 on a Jackie Manuel layup.

The Heels would go cold, thought, as they didn't hit a shot over the final 5:25 of the first half as State went into the half up 28-24.

North Carolina opened the second half with a 14-7 run to regain the lead, with Jawad Williams scoring seven and Felton adding five during the stretch.

Down 45-42 and with Hodge on the

bench, State looked to its inside presence to get back into the game. Over a 52-second stretch, State scored eight straight points to go ahead 50-45. Marcus Melvin and Powell both converted old-fashioned three-point plays and Powell hit two free throws during the run.

"They designed plays for us to get it into the low post," said Powell. "They tried to deny pretty much everything like Duke did, but as the game went on we started to break things down."

Once again, however, the Heels had an answer. Over the next 2:39, Carolina went on an 11-0 run to build its 56-50 lead. McCants, David Noel and Felton each hit 3-pointers during the stretch, while the Wolfpack went ice cold.

Down the stretch, though, Sherrill and Hodge pulled State through. Of State's last 25 points, Hodge had 11 and Sherrill had 10. Hodge finished with 21.

The Pack has now won four in a row over North Carolina — its longest streak since 1974-75. State returns to the RBC Center to take on Maryland on Sunday at 8 p.m.

"A win like this is great for our confidence on the road, but we know we have a very good team in Maryland at home this Sunday, and we have to be ready to play."

Red-hot Furman dominates

The Paladins put together two huge innings to roll to a 14-1 victory over N.C. State in baseball Tuesday.

Justin Sellers
Senior Staff Writer

Despite a slow start Tuesday afternoon at Five County Stadium, Furman managed to heat up rather quickly, as it handed the N.C. State baseball team its second consecutive loss, this time by the score of 14-1.

The Paladins (6-1) got on the board in the top of the third inning when sophomore Nick Wajda scored off Craig Caudill's bunt that rolled up the third-base line. After Furman starter Thomas Mastney (2-1) kept the Wolfpack's (5-4) hitters cold in the bottom of the inning, the Paladins' offense began to explode with the first of two huge

innings in the top of the fourth. Junior Dominic Frankley led things off with a single to left off State starter Philip Davidson (0-1), while outfielder Sam McLain connected on another single, this time to left-center. With two men on, senior Cole Hubka loaded the bases on a bunt, bringing to the plate Matthew Betsell. Staying in tune with the rest of Furman's hitters, Betsell singled up the middle, driving in two runs and giving the Paladins a 3-0 lead.

The inning continued after State catcher Colt Morton made a perfect throw to catch Hubka trying to steal third and Wajda grounded out. Then, A.J. Davidiuk sent the ball flying over the left-field wall for a two-run homer that boosted the score to 5-0.

With the score 6-0 after another Furman run in the top of

the fifth, the Wolfpack finally got something going in its half of the inning. Morton stepped up to the plate and drove the ball deep into left for a double, breaking up Mastney's perfect game. Then, Tim Coffield singled to center field, moving Morton over to third. Mastney walked third baseman Dustin Knight to load the bases, and shortstop Chad Orvella eventually drove in Morton to notch State's only run.

Looking to end any hope of a comeback for the Pack, Furman came up big again in the top of the sixth inning. After two batters getting on due to their own skill, State reliever Jason Duncan loaded the bases after hitting Richie Dean. With no outs, Derek Norman stepped to the plate and knocked the ball out into left, turning it into a double, driving in a pair of runs.



The N.C. State baseball team didn't find the bats too useful on Tuesday, as it scored only a run. File photo by Josh Michel

Then Frankley singled yet again to bring home Dean and put the score at 9-1.

State's hole grew when Norman scored off Justin Riley's fielding error and Hubka's single loaded the bases. All three runners advanced on a wild pitch by freshman Joey Devine, and the Paladins increased its lead to 11 after six.

State now has only a short time to prepare for a trip to the coast, where it will return to action at the Hughes Brothers Classic at UNC-Wilmington. The Pack will face Hofstra in the first round on Friday at 3 p.m., followed by games against Villanova and Appalachian State on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

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