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WORLD

Proposal could allow military action in Iraq

As the United States attempts to get support for a proposed resolution stating that Baghdad has missed its last opportunity to disarm, a closed meeting concerning Iraq was held by the U.N. Security Council on Thursday. The proposed resolution could advance the possibility of military action against Iraq.

In addition to the United States, Britain and Spain have also proposed the resolution. In order to pass, the proposal needs nine votes without vetoes from the permanent members in the Security Council.

Rebels warn United States against rescue attempt

Rebels from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) captured three Americans on Feb. 13 after their U.S. government plane went down during an intelligence mission. A rebel spokesman warned that any attempt to use force to rescue the Americans could lead to the death of the captives. According to the U.S. State Department, the United States was not authorizing any negotiations and military search-and-rescue operations were continuing.

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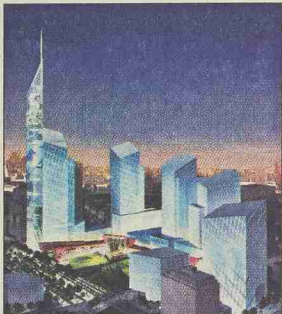


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World Trade Center design chosen

Daniel Libeskind's winning WTC blueprint was announced Thursday morning by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. LMDC was created after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The agency is in charge of overseeing the redevelopment of the 16-acre site. New York Governor George Pataki and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg chose Libeskind's design right before the LMDC panel voted on the winner. Libeskind, the son of Holocaust survivors, has been chosen to be the lead architect for rebuilding on the WTC site.

NASA administrator criticized in hearing

On Thursday, NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe was scrutinized in a congressional hearing for not disclosing critical NASA memos that may have been able to prevent the Columbia disaster.

The internal emails included dialogue between several shuttle engineers that raised concerns about the left wing of the shuttle and its potential to burn off when re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The memos were chillingly reminiscent of the events that actually occurred.

These memos didn't reach NASA's top officials.

STATE

Ice causes power outages

Due to freezing rain and resultant ice accumulation, approximately 200,000 Duke Power customers were without power as of 7 p.m. Thursday. Hardest hit was the Triad/Winston-Salem area, with almost half of the company's reported outages. Chapel Hill and Durham fared better, and weather conditions are expected to improve through the weekend. Drivers are urged to be cautious on overpasses and bridges where ice can accumulate more quickly.

Easley signs bill to aid plant employees

Gov. Mike Easley signed a bill Thursday that will allow West Pharmaceuticals employees to receive unemployment benefits as soon as the month's salary advanced by the company runs out on Friday. The Winston, N.C., plant was destroyed by an explosion on Jan. 29 that killed five workers and injured dozens more. The bill will do away with the normal one-week period used by officials to verify unemployment, and the resulting benefits will affect 200 workers.

Student entrepreneurs gain ideas from council

Resources like the Council for Entrepreneurial Development help spark interest in student entrepreneurship.

Josianne Lauber

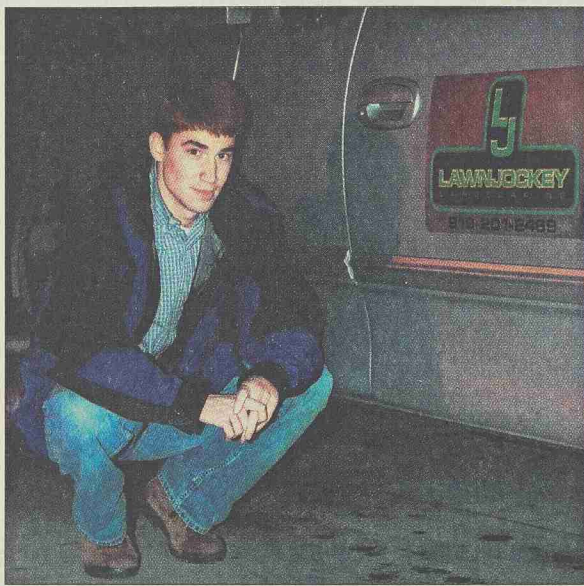
Senior Staff Reporter

With the spring debut of N.C. State's business management minor, students will now have the opportunity to pursue entrepreneurial interests and learn how to launch their own businesses. Having a great idea is the first step, but many students don't know where to go from there.

Luckily, there are several places where students can get help. The Council for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) is one of those many resources. With more than 5,000 members, CED is the largest entrepreneurial support organization in the United States and primarily focuses on increasing the number of entrepreneurial-based companies.

Tim Tompkins, vice president of business development and strategic alliances for CED, said, "The key thing is to have collaborations — if you're a student at N.C. State and you have an idea for a business, you should know that there are many resources at CED, at the biotechnology center and other places that you can take advantage of."

Collaboration with CED allows students to access resources at their own



Blair Robinson, a senior in business management, started his Lawn Jockey landscaping business as a junior in high school. He also began ABR Solutions, a Web site design company, when he was 15. Staff photo by Andrew Knopp

disposal and enables them to pursue potential business endeavors. By stimulating the creativity and growth of high-impact companies in the Raleigh Triangle Park area, CED is making a huge im-

pact on the Triangle.

"We focus on creating new, high-quality jobs, attracting capital to the state,

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Gym expansion gets student input

Dawn Sanner, director of Facilities and Operations at Carmichael Gym, addressed student concerns at two forums this week.

News Staff Report

If Dawn Sanner could have it her way, Carmichael Gymnasium would be everything students want it to be — and even more.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Sanner, director of Facilities and Operations at the Carmichael Gym, held open forums so that students could provide feedback and give their opinions about the changes they would like to see at the gym.

As Sanner scribbled every detail in her notepad for later research, groups of students addressed topics such as customer service improvement, shortages of weight room equipment, additional weekend gym programs, the need for a suggestion box in the gym, and a need for netting in all racquetball courts.

One of the topics that hit a chord with several students was the idea of allowing guests into the gym. According to Sanner, a guest pass/fee policy is currently being proposed and reviewed by gym officials. If permitted, the guest pass/fee policy would allow students to pay a fee and then invite a guest into the gym.

"There are a lot of things I can fix easily," said Sanner. "But then sometimes things are beyond my scope."

The forums also provided an opportunity for students to see a quick overview of the university's current gym expansion project.

According to Sanner, gym administration has been discussing the expan-

sion project since 1999. The main focus of the expansion is "fitness and outdoor adventure."

By fall 2006, Sanner said that the gym should include an additional 10,300 sq. feet of weight training and cardiovascular equipment space, 6,175 sq. feet of outdoor adventure space, 7,300 sq. feet of additional aerobics space and 1,600 sq. feet of fitness assessment space — a

place where students can receive coaching on nutrition and personal fitness.

In addition, the proposed gym expansion plan, now in its "program design" phase, includes spaces for a juice bar and a family changing area.

"You gave me a problem, and here is a solution," said Sanner after presenting

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SPAN to hold National Summit on campus

The Student Peace Action Network (SPAN) will host its annual National Summit this weekend.

News Staff Report

As the nation preps for a possible attack against Iraq, the Student Peace Action Network (SPAN) at N.C. State has found itself busier than ever.

Two weeks ago, the group organized a rally and march for peace to the capital where it joined thousands of people from across the state. In addition, it has been spreading its non-violence message across campus every day through fliers, spray paint in the Free Expression Tunnel and hip-hop music — an art form that members say has the potential to unify all students.

And now, SPAN, a national grassroots peace organization, will take on one of its largest events.

From Friday to Monday, SPAN will hold its annual National Summit at NCSU. The event, most of which is open to the public, will host high school and college students from as far away as San Diego and will include guest speakers, campus workshops and peace demonstrations.

Some of the guest speakers will include Stephen Zunes and David Potori, members of 9/11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows; Rania Masri, coordinator of Iraq Action Coalition; and Lenore Yarger, an activist at Silk Hope Catholic Worker who recently visited Iraq.

Participants of the summit will learn organizing techniques at workshops including "Nonviolence/Civil Disobedience" and "Creative Fundraising on Campus."

SPAN members at NCSU have said that it is important for students who op-

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Figure of perception



Lisi Howell, a junior in graphic design, draws human figures to study proportions. She is designing a sports bra for her industrial design studio. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

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pose war to organize together. For the group, students are the catalysts for change.

In addition to the workshops

that will take place on Saturday and Sunday, the summit will include a brainstorming session on Friday to develop a national campaign.

On Sunday, SPAN will hold its final public demonstration at the Crabtree Valley Mall.

Sports Marketing

In an effort to increase student effectiveness at men's basketball games, the N.C. State sports marketing department has implemented a "Wolfpack Warriors" program to further encourage student participation. The program calls for students to wear red to the game, paint faces, cheer loudly throughout the game and come early to support the Pack. The first 25 fans who come exhibiting such school spirit will be picked to be featured on the Fox Sports Net's pregame and halftime shows, in addition to receiving a prize package.

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the new ideas to students at the forum.

The proposal and other changes, which would be funded by student and membership fees, are responses to a series of student satisfaction surveys that revealed students were dissatisfied with the current equipment, cramped rooms and long lines. In addition, the last time the university expanded gym facilities was in 1987. Since then, enrollment has increased by 23 percent.

Many agree that Sanner is not only listening to student's concerns, but she is also making sure the concerns are addressed.

"It's an awesome opportunity for the university to expand and

serve the students," said Eban Bean, a senior in environmental engineering, BAE. "Having student input on the development of new facilities can only improve how well the university serves the students."

Already, students can find \$58,000 worth of new cardiovascular machines in the gym. The purpose of the four machines is to allow students to test the new equipment and provide feedback about the machines' performance.

According to Sanner, there are even plans being developed for beyond 2006. While ideas for a multipurpose facility and outdoor space at Centennial Campus are still just whims, if Sanner has it her way, they will become a reality.

IDEAS

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creating a demand for goods and services, creating a broader tax-base and nurturing community-wide prosperity," said Tompkins.

With such vast resources available to students, many students often rethink their potential career plans.

Chiamaka Ugwuoke, a sophomore majoring in English, has dreams of pursuing a business venture of her own.

"I've thought about some kind of health and fitness business; that's one of my interests," said Ugwuoke. "I wouldn't know the ins and outs of starting my own business, so an organization like CED would probably set me on the right track."

Tompkins had an instant reply to Ugwuoke's aspirations.

"If you are a student with a great business idea but don't have the right connections or training on business plans, marketing plans—that is [when] you turn to CED, the country's largest entrepreneurial support organization."

Tompkins offers many suggestions to students who are clueless about entrepreneurial ven-

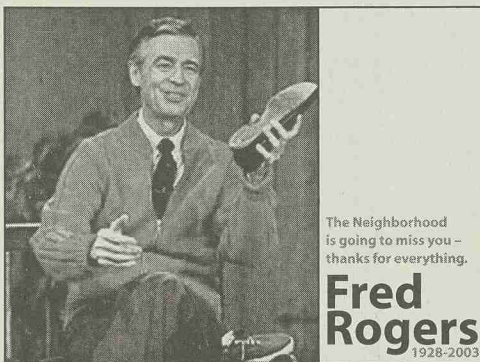
tures and who desire to learn more.

"At CED, you can take classes through our FastTrac Bootcamp for entrepreneurs, which is taught by seasoned entrepreneurs," Tompkins said. "You can sit down with experts who can help you decide how or if to move forward with your idea. You might even apply to be a presenter at CED's annual venture conference in April, and make your pitch in front of hundreds of potential funders."

"By offering programs and services in the areas of education, capital formation, mentoring, and communications, CED provides entrepreneurs in a wide range of industries the critical knowledge and skills to ensure success," added Tompkins.

Jennifer Anderson, the director of the Entrepreneurship Education Initiative, added to Tompkins' pitch, saying, "Entrepreneurship skills and knowledge are critical even in corporations due to the rapidly changing and innovative nature of companies today."

For more information on the Council for Entrepreneurial Development, visit www.cednc.org.



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In Tuesday's paper, in an article about the Carmichael Gym expansion, the amount of expansion was understated. The expansion will actually be 40,000 plus square feet with about 10,000 focused on weight and cardiovascular space.

In Thursday's article, "A matter of expression," a rule about the Free Expression Tunnel was stated incorrectly.

According to N.C. State's handbook, "There is no restriction" regarding painting over the sections of the tunnel that other people or organizations have painted—no matter how recently they have been painted."

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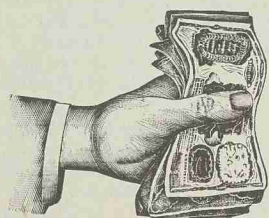
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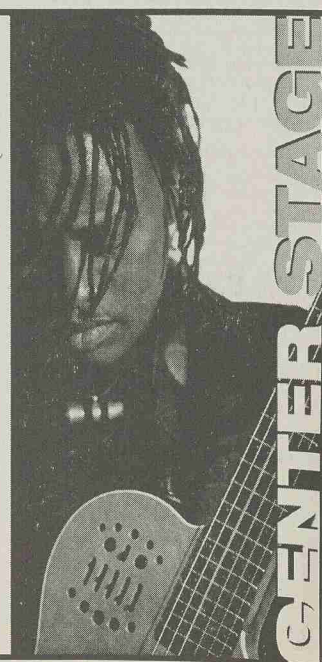
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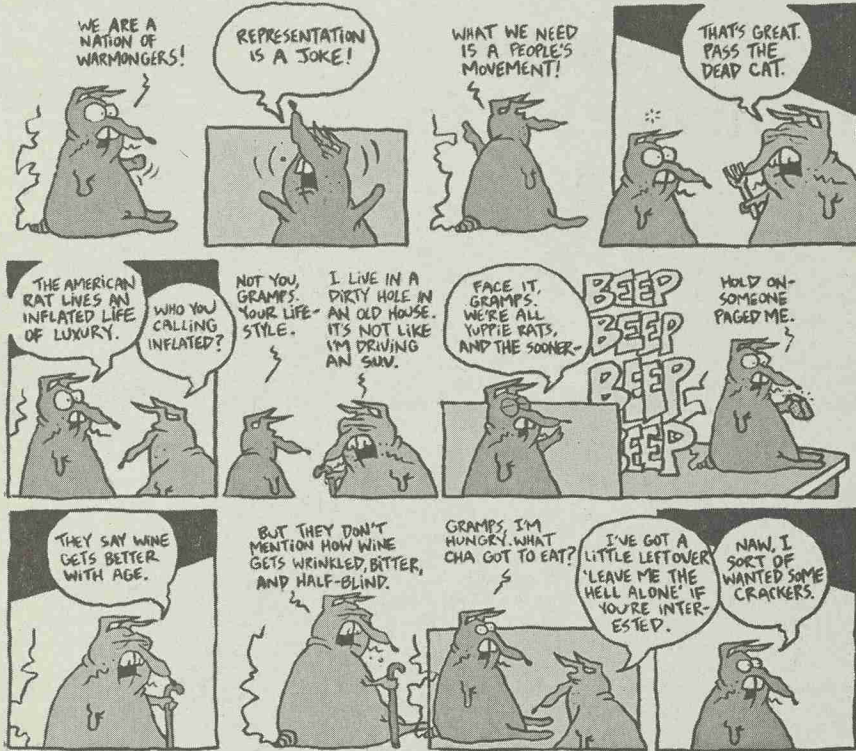
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This Rat's Life *by John West*



The Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. The Great Chief also sends us word of friendship and good will. This is kind of him, since we know he has little need of our friendship in return. But we will consider your offer.

"How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them? .."

"Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing, and every humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of

my people. The sap which courses through the trees carries the memories of the red man. So, when the Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land, he asks much of us."

"This we know: All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself. But we will consider your offer to go to the reservation, you have

“One thing we know, which the white man may one day discover - our God is the same God. You may think now that you own Him as you wish to own our land; but you cannot.”

"He is the God of man; and his compassion is equal for the red man and the white. This earth is precious to Him and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its Creator. The whites too shall pass; perhaps sooner than all other tribes. Continue to contaminate your bed, and you will one night suffocate in your own excreta."

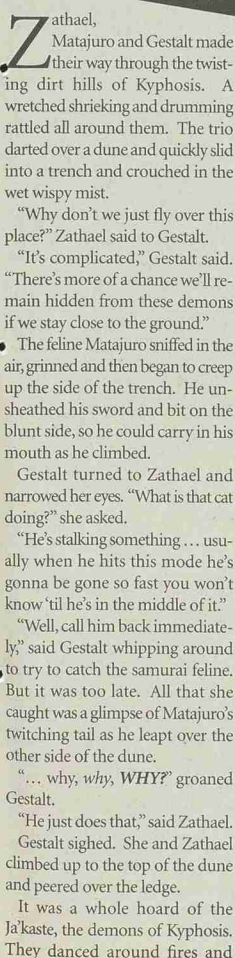
God who brought you to this land and for some special purpose gave you dominion over this land and over the red man. That destiny is a mystery to us, for we do not understand when the buffalo are all slaughtered, the wild horses are tamed, and the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires. Where is the thick? Gone. Where is the eagle? Gone. And what is it to say goodbye to the swift pony and the hunt? The end of living and the beginning of survival. So we will consider your offer to buy the land."

"If we agree, it will be to secure the reservation you have promised. There, perhaps, we may live out our brief days as we wish. When the last red man has vanished from the earth, and his memory is only the shadow of a

cloud moving across the prairie, these shores and forests will still hold the spirits of my people. For they love this earth as a new borne loves its mother's heartbeat. So, if we sell our land, love it as we've loved it. Care for it as we've cared for it. Hold in your mind the memory of the land as it is when you take it. And preserve it for your children; and love it...as God loves us all. One thing we know, Our God is the same God. This earth is precious to Him. Even the white man cannot be exempt from the common destiny. We may be brothers after all..'

"We shall see..."

~ letter attributed to Chief Sealth (Seattle) as a reply to President Franklin Pierce's to buy a million acres of American Indian land in the Northwest, 1854



played their drums. They appeared as misshapen skeletons draped in long black robes and pointy witch-like hats as they convulsed and spasmed in possession. The sounds they made as they enchanted were hideous and shrill.

"Not these guys again," said Zathael rubbing the right side of his head.

"You've seen these things before?" Gestalt said, her eyes widening.

"Yeah, they stole my shadow away from me while I was asleep once, then turned it into something that almost seemed to have a life of its own. But all that happened far from here ... here it seems different ... like the land itself feeds these things ..."

"Or vice versa," interrupted Gestalt. "I haven't yet figured exactly what they are ... they surfaced sometime before the comet destroyed the city of Achillia. I never knew they had been too far out of this region."

Zathael spotted Matajuro, who had somehow managed to end up on the other side of the Ja'kaste's circle of dance. The boy tapped Gestalt on the shoulder and pointed toward the cat, who stood froze except for his blue tail, which twitched from side to side. He still clenched his sword between his teeth, and his eyes gleamed with excitement.

"He defeated them before," whispered Zathael to Gestalt. "But they ran away. I'll bet he's looking to finish them off now."

Gestalt drew her own sword. "He is a noble feline for wanting to banish such a pestilence from this evil land, but I fear challenging them on their own grounds is an unwise move. There is malevolent majik at work here. Be ready. As soon as he goes, we're both going to charge in there, because it's going take the both of us to get him out once he goes in.

Gestalt eyed Matajuro from across the way. It seemed the drums of the Ja'kaste got louder as every second ticked by, as if they were aware of the three's perceived hidden presence. With her keen eyes, she saw the feline's nose purse and his hindquarters wiggle from side to side. In a flash, Matajuro streaked from his hiding place, roared over the fire and landed in the middle of the gathered Ja'kaste! A gruesome screeching blanketed the hills of the land as the demons went crescendo over the cat.

"Go!" ordered Gestalt, as she took over the dune and charged into the fray.

Zathal followed suit and bowled through a group of disorganized Ja'kaste, sending them flying. He saw Matajuro and Gestalt, who were pushing back a wall of demons and he rushed to aid them.

"They seem to be retreating," trumpeted Zathal.

"Wait and see," warned Gestalt. The tribe of Ja'kaste slowly backed

away from the three, and stood in a line and all raised their thick bone-white arms into the air that crackled with blackened electricity.

Everything went silent for about two and a half seconds.

Suddenly a rumbling wave shot forth from the line of Ja'kaste, like an ocean wave devoid of light and mass and careened straight into Zathael, Matajuro and Gestalt!

As if a thousand claving nails were trying to cut them down, the three winced in pain and struggled to scale this wall of energy sent to destroy them.

"Get airborne! Get airborne!" roared Gestalt, grabbing one of Matajuro's hands, as the other was viciously slashing his sword into the dark entity that tried to grab at his feet.

Zathael tried to take to the sky but experienced himself being pulled into something that was like a whirlpool. It felt like they were trying to rip his shadow from him.

"Not again!" yelled Zathael as he throttled lighting bolts into the phantom hands.

"FIGHT HARDER!" boomed Gestalt, using all her energy in an attempt to break free of the majik that was sucking her down into the darkness that quickly engulfed the three heroes. Zathael, Matajuro

and Gestalt had been engulfed by the spell of the evil Ja'kath sorcerers. The swirling darkness swallowed them whole. They tried to beat their way back to the surface of the ebony abyss using all of their strength, but it felt as the closer they got to the top, the deeper they fell back.

"Why can't we break free?" yelled Zathael through the darkness toward Gestalt, who held the feline Matajuro in one hand and her sword in the other.

"Truth is," Gestalt replied, "I have a feeling that we aren't even flying. I have the suspicion that we're actually stationary and are being fed the illusion that we're moving."

Matajuro looked up at Gestalt and pondered for a moment. He held fast to his sword, which he bit firmly between his teeth.

"Well, it's worth a try," Gestalt told the cat, thinking she knew his plan.

He saluted her, let go of her hand and fell into the vortex.

Matajuro slowly opened his eyes just a little to see the seven Ja'kaste magicians in a trance around him. Out of the corner of his lid, he could see Zathana and Gestalt. It was just as he suspected. They were not in a weird shadowed dimension; they had been cast into a sleeping spell and were merely sharing a hallucination provided by the evil sorcerers.

The feline slowly inched his hand towards his sword. The Ja'kaste were so deep in their trance and enchantments they hardly seemed to notice his muted movements.

He placed his sword between his teeth and leapt into the air. The cat's sword caught a reflection off of the magicians' fire and shot a beam into the eye of a meditating Ja'kaste.

"J'KAAAAAAAAHHHHHKK!!!" screamed the head magician, awakening from his chant. But it was too late.

In split seconds the feline samurai beheaded all seven Ja'kaste sorcerers in a series of swift swoops of his sword.

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Tuition lawsuit admirable but futile

In response to sudden increases in tuition rates this year, seven University System of Maryland students levied on Feb. 14 a class-action lawsuit against the system, charging that the university breached a working contract the students had regarding tuition. As the bearers of a 62-percent increase in tuition in the UNC System over the past three years, we empathize with the Maryland students' cause but have serious doubts about the validity of their case.

The University System of Maryland increased tuition this January with only two weeks of prior notice. According to UM-Baltimore Campus' independent student newspaper, the Diamondback, some law students had to dole out \$557 only two days after classes resumed in the spring.

That the university's tuition hike came so suddenly and out of the clear blue might seem to lend credibility to the students' cause. But, as reported by the Diamondback, the fees and expenses section of the University System of Maryland states that "[a]lthough changes in fees ordinarily will be announced in advance, the university reserves the right to make such changes without prior announcement." Thus, the university's surprise tuition increase — while horribly timed — was in full accordance with its official policies.

The students' case relies heavily on the understood "contract" students agree to when they enter the university: Students are admitted according to certain academic standards, and the university agrees to provide education to the students at an already determined cost. The

university knew making this increase was entirely within its power.

The problem here, and throughout higher education, is that the university determines what is within its power. In a similar case in 1992, the New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled that two months was sufficient notice for an increase.

We can't say that this tuition increase is fair. The timing of it clearly isn't. And with a \$1 billion-plus budget deficit facing N.C.'s General Assembly, despite some legislators' lip service about freezing tuition, further increases for the UNC System loom on the horizon.

The saddest part about all this is that students have such little say in the matter. In tough economic times, the legislature cuts funding, so the universities increase tuition, and the students, with time and money already invested in the school, can do little but fork over the extra cash.

Universities are not subject to the same producer/consumer business model the rest of the business world must observe. After a couple of unprofitable quarters, insurance companies cannot decide simply to increase the rates they charge their customers. They would lose customers left and right. We, the students, have few weapons to fight these increases at our disposal, and budget writers realize this.

As tuition rates in higher education rise throughout the nation, students must find newer, more creative ways to fend off seemingly whimsical tuition increases. There may someday be, and we hope it's not in North Carolina, a case where a class-action lawsuit is the best option, but this is not it.



Conservative for a day



Michele DeCamp
Staff Columnist

There always seems to be two sides to every issue or argument. In our political system, we find two major parties have come about over time that tend to never agree with one another on principles ranging from how the government should

run to how our own families should be arranged. Despite the fact that we often label ourselves as Democrats or Republicans, there are very few people who are 100 percent one way or the other. The problem is most of what we read or watch on TV usually comes from the angry few unable to find happiness somewhere in the middle.

There has been a surge in anti-liberal books in the bookstore where I work, and the issues covered within their pages are tainted by such hate and vengeance against their opponents that it is difficult to imagine that the author would appreciate the same being said about him or her. Ann Coulter released "Slander" this past summer, and I cannot even begin to tell you how many people bought that book — the same book in which Coulter wrote "liberals have been wrong about everything in the last half century."

Now, we have Mona Charen's book "Useful Idiots" to inform us on how liberals essentially blame America for everything. But, reading these books is like reading a great, pulp fiction novel — they are incredibly entertaining. So, in the name of all that is funny about politics, I am going to become a staunch conservative for the day and review the finer points of the more outspoken conservatives in the media today. But, I think we all see a zebra cannot change its stripes.

As a conservative, I find it very difficult to enjoy myself on a college campus day by day. I hate having to watch all the ignorant people at N.C. State gather to promote such things as peace in the Middle East or racial equality. I cannot understand how so many young people can be so anti-American. Killing innocents and ignoring racism are some of the principles upon which our country was built, so why should we strive to live a better life than our founding fathers?

I also wish I could make my fellow women realize the error of their feminist ways. I recently read a book called "Feminist Fantasies" that clearly proves

having grandbabies is much more satisfying than pursuing a career outside your home. The desire to be considered equal to men is a waste of valuable energy that could be spent preserving the nuclear family or keeping children out of day-care facilities that will force them to become latchkey kids.

As our country prepares to spend billions of our tax dollars on a just and American-worthy battle, I can only hope our foreign neighbors will realize we are obviously better than they are because we created McDonald's and Disney World. I am also so glad my money is finally going to something worthwhile, because I am tired of giving my hard-earned, oil inheritance away to those who have been screwed by our poor economy and forced to collect unemployment and Medicaid. I worked hard to be born into a wealthy family, and I do not appreciate liberals constantly trying to thwart President Bush's attempts to save my millions from equitable and fair taxation.

The problem is liberals ruining our nation. They are constantly allowing people to

All liberals are not trying to taint our government any more than all conservatives are trying to control the world.

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Waco: 10 years later

Staff Editorial
Daily Texan
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(U-WIRE)
AUSTIN, Texas — Ten years ago Friday, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

and Firearms launched a raid on the Branch Davidian religious group's compound outside of Waco, intending to serve arrest and search warrants for possession of illegal firearms and explosives. About a month and a half after the initial firefight — which claimed the lives of four ATF agents and a reported six church members — the Branch Davidian compound burned to the ground, killing all 85 members who remained in the compound during the ensuing 51-day standoff with federal authorities.

The actions on that drizzly Sunday a decade ago proves what happens when the U.S. government proceeds to launch a pre-emptive attack on a group of people that the government thinks may possess illegal weapons and harbor anti-U.S. government sentiments. The members of the Branch Davidian sect had not aggressed against anybody — save a

shootout in 1987 with a dissident follower for which church leader David Koresh was indicted but never convicted — before the feds came rumbling in with a paramilitary assault on a compound that housed numerous women and children.

Since the compound was leveled (Officially, church members were responsible for arson.), little is known about what was actually in the compound. But, according to court documents, the government suspected Koresh and his followers possessed at least 100 fully automatic AR-15 rifles, as well as homemade silencers and hand grenades.

What is known is that a group of central Texas religious fanatics with a penchant for prophetic theology threatened the government's hegemony in the arms market. This was intolerable, and, despite the fact that many of the church's weapons purchases were legal, then-U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno sent her jack-booted thugs — as the ATF agents came to be known in even mainstream

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Paying our debt to the sleep bank



Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

I am so freaking tired. It's tearing me apart inside. I think it's my routine. Later, I've started a new job at a local restaurant, and I've been working about four nights a week. I go to class five days a week, so basically I start my homework at

midnight every night

Now, being the remarkable student that I am, I, of course, skip homework to watch "Jimmy Kimmel LIVE!" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." After that though, I usually try to get some work done. But of course, what happens? I immediately fall asleep, nothing gets done and I forget to set my alarm for class the next day. I finally decided this problem had to stop, so I took it upon myself to do research for us all to learn just exactly what students need to know about sleep.

Now, the daily recommended dosage of sleep is supposed to be eight hours for people our age. Now, I've done some calculations, and based on my daily schedule, I guess that means I need to start sleeping from 4 a.m. until noon. It is simply infeasible that any student at this university can get to bed by 11 p.m. every night in order to wake up in time with the proper amount of rest to attend an 8 a.m. class. I have taken 8 a.m. classes before, and let me tell you, they weren't pretty. Anything I have ever been to before 10 a.m. I've slept through: my French class, my graduation, my grandfather's funeral ... everything.

Since it is impossible to have a part-time job, do your homework and get enough sleep, 8 a.m. classes should either be outlawed or be graded on the basis of cleanly appearance. Actually, if it was graded on cleanly appearance, I'd fail too — Lord knows I don't have time to shower in the mornings. That's just a child's dream.

Once 8 a.m. classes are outlawed, we will still have to hit the sheets by midnight to get the proper amount of rest and relaxation.

This still seems impossible, since all the good, late-night television just begins at midnight. Regardless though, we must make some sacrifices.

If Britney Spears just happens to be on Jimmy Kimmel one night, and you have to stay up later, you're going to put yourself into "sleep debt." Now, instead of just needing an hour more of sleep the next night, you're going to have to work a little harder. Those who run the sleep bank charge a hefty toll on debtors, and the interest rates are far from prime.

you can only pay off only so much at a time. When you sleep until 4 p.m. on a Saturday, you're practically throwing your body's rhythm on the floor and stepping on it with high-heeled shoes. Your body craves order! In a perfect world, we'd always go to sleep at the same time of night and wake up every morning at the same time.

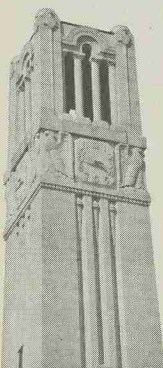
Of course, as we all know, if Carrot Top has still not been destroyed, then the world is clearly not perfect. So, you must do the best you can to establish regular sleeping patterns. Don't let yourself sleep forever every weekend; you're only doing

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Smoking is everyone's problem

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PITTSBURGH
— I have a way to release toxic chemicals into

the air. I can take them with me everywhere, and wherever I go, I can emit them into the environment with total disregard for whom they might affect. It may be you waiting for a bus, your children playing in the park or your little sister riding her bike down the street. These chemicals are proven killers, but in most cases, there are no laws to prevent me from dispersing them into the public.

We're not talking about terrorism, we're talking about tobacco.

Every day, every person who leaves the house is a victim. Environmental tobacco smoke, also known as second-hand smoke, is ubiquitous and unavoidable. It's killing you, and you have very little power to stop it.

How many times have you been walking to class or attempting to take a stroll when you were bom-

barded by someone else's smoke? Not only is it annoying, it's deadly. ETS is carcinogenic and causes heart disease. The Center for Disease Control states approximately 40,000 deaths each year can be attributed to ETS. In children, it causes middle-ear infections and respiratory afflictions, including irritating and worsening asthma.

Laws have been enacted in recent decades to aid the "clean air" cause. Smoking is now prohibited on the grounds of public schools and is completely banned or at least restricted in many restaurants, on airplanes and inside public buildings. However, there are few laws protecting the publicly owned outdoor areas that we frequent every day. Smoking should be banned in these areas to promote the well-being of

all citizens, smokers or not, who have the right to occupy them.

I'm not the only one who thinks second-hand smoke is annoying. Nonsmokers are the majority and should be able to work, play and live in public areas they have the

right to use without being exposed to something that is displeasing and dangerous.

I realize smokers have rights as well, but I don't think those rights should include exposing others to something with deadly potential in a place where they can't avoid it. You have a right to decide to harm yourself, but not others.

Cigarette smoke is present in places that are not frequented by choice but out of necessity. No matter where you turn, there is usually someone around you smoking. Even if you choose an alternate walking route or place to

stand, you will probably encounter a smoker. Every time you enter or leave a building, you pass groups of them. You can't and shouldn't have to avoid the smoke.

I'm not advocating banning smoking altogether. Designated areas where smoking is allowed that are out of the way of normal pedestrian traffic would solve the problem. Like the smoking and nonsmoking seating areas in restaurants, at least with separation you can choose to be exposed to second-hand smoke. It may not be much, but any action would be a step in the right direction. It may be inconvenient to have to relocate just to smoke a cigarette, but lung cancer is kind of inconvenient to the rest of us.

I wish I could tell people not to smoke at all — it would be better for everyone in the long run — but I can't do that. All I'm hoping for is something that will allow them to make the decision to harm themselves without harming others as well.

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Making children paranoid everywhere

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NEW YORK
— "Robbie and Julia are

twins. They live in Enietown and attend Booksin School. Robbie likes spelling. Julia likes geography. They are regular kids except for one thing: Everyone in Enietown calls them the Disaster Twins. Why? Because wherever Robbie and Julia go, natural disasters follow. Fortunately, the twins and their family are prepared!"

It is like something out of the Cold War. Think back to the days when the threat of communism and nuclear war was so prevalent that students nationwide were encouraged to duck under their desks and cover their heads to protect themselves from an advancing Soviet missile. Thanks to the overzealous U.S. Department of Homeland Security and our own paranoia, we are on our way back to those sanctimonious times.

In the latest attempt to make national security an issue for everyone, regardless of age, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recently released "The Adventures of Julia and Robbie: The Disaster Twins," making even the youngest child paranoid about his personal security. But this terrorism pamphlet for 5-year-olds was not the only misplaced government safety document hitting

the Web last week.

Recently, the Homeland Security Department released Ready.gov, a Web site devoted to suggestions on how to prepare for a biological, chemical or nuclear attack on the "homeland." The site advises visitors to create an emergency supply kit and devise an escape plan, in case the terrorists choose your dorm room next.

Homeland Security Advisor Tom Ridge has reminded Americans of the importance of our color-coded security alert system. Based on intelligence data, the administration recently raised the warning to a menacing chartrouze, as opposed to the reassuring mauve of last year. It is becoming more and more apparent that the methods of warning are as ridiculous as the amazing Technicolor warning system itself.

While the American military is digging through the caves of Tora Bora and trying to rip terrorism up from its root, here at home we are becoming paranoid, sealing our doors and hoarding canned food and water at the request of our government. It is like Y2K all over again.

Duct tape is in rare supply city-

wide, due to the recommendations of the department. It seems that every roll of the miracle product has flown off the shelves after a tiny detail in the department's list of advice has blown way out of proportion. Ready.gov recommends using duct tape and

plastic sheeting as one of many ways to protect yourself from the threat of terrorism.

But thanks to the media, the administration and our own paranoia, this minuscule recommendation has ensured that duct tape will be the rarest of finds for weeks to come. What about the poor souls who need to tape something together? They are the real victims.

The creation of the Web site and the advice therein shows that the department has good intentions and the American public's best interests at heart. But they also have a responsibility to know that the public will take one piece of advice out of context and the media will naturally exploit it, ensuring less actual safety and only offering a pale imitation of real security.

Here in our collegiate homeland of NYU, things are no different. The administration also bought into the paranoia, recently

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ple to do immoral things in the name of "human rights." They want to recognize homosexuals as normal human beings and allow women to abort their own children before they have a chance to take form. The greatest sin of all was allowing President Clinton to stay in office when we all knew he had committed adultery with an intern. I hope that every conservative stood the day he was allowed to remain in office and demanded he be held to a higher standard than the rest of Congress. After all, our president should be our nation's representative for all that is good and pure about our country. I am so proud President Bush can demonstrate to the rest of the world that it is possible for a former drug addict and average student to run our country successfully into an economic downturn and potential world calamity.

I am a conservative so I can protect and live by our Declaration of Independence. It is my hope that by forcing our children to pledge "allegiance to God" every morning, we will be able to create a more perfect union with everyone becoming good Christians.

Ann Coulter had the right idea after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks when she wrote we should "invade their countries, kill their leaders and convert them to Christianity." Amen, sister!

But, you know what, I can't pull it off. Maybe I don't make enough money, or I could have been raised to put too much stock in allowing people to live their own lives, but I just don't think that I am ready to join the "right" yet. Now, I know there are lots of conservatives that may become a little incensed about some of my claims, but I meant the above as a joke, so please do not take me too seriously. The problem is what I wrote is not that much different than some of the books plaguing our nonfiction bestseller lists. I do not think they represent conservatives or liberals any more fairly than I did just now. All liberals are not trying to taint our government any more than all conservatives are trying to control the world. It would be nice if someone would write a book about that.

Michele hopes everyone will 'get the message.' If you didn't get it, then e-mail her at mlhagama@unity.ncsu.edu.

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conservative and libertarian circles following the botched action — to disarm Koresh and his followers.

In order to further justify its actions, the government made sure to reference the fact that Koresh was, at the very least, unstable. According to the search and arrest warrants that the ATF attempted to serve, Koresh was alleged to have slept with teenage girls, fathered at least 15 children and

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more harm than good. Once in a while, you can take a day to explore that dream about you making the winning touchdown at the Super Bowl while at the same time not wearing pants. Don't let it happen over and over again (the oversleeping, not the dream), or your body will get confused.

In conclusion, our schedules of work, school and play will never allow us to get the sleep we need, at least while we are in college. Early classes will continue to be slept through for years to come,

given paramilitary training to children. None of these offenses fall under the jurisdiction of the ATF, and neither fathering 15 children nor giving paramilitary training are illegal.

Koresh and his followers were admittedly out of touch with reality, but they did not necessarily represent a threat until the government attempted to disarm them through force. Unfortunately, the U.S. government doesn't appear to have learned anything from the tragic events of 10 years ago.

and teachers will never cease to harass students who fall asleep in class. The only thing we can do to fight it is arrange a regular sleeping pattern and take quick naps whenever we need to be refreshed. I know chugging NyQuil just sounds a lot easier, but trust me, it's way too expensive. Now, get some sleep, guys. You've got a big day of partying in the morning.

Zack cares about each and every one of you. If you have trouble sleeping, he'd be glad to come give you a few pointers. E-mail him at Zack@zack.com.

RULE OF THUMB



Victory over UNC

In semi-related UNC-Chapel Hill news, N.C. State's men's basketball team made it four in a row with a 75-67 victory over the Tar Heels Tuesday. After the game, UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser was rumored to have exclaimed "D'oh...erty!"

"Free" expression

Anti-Muslim and anti-homosexual words were painted over anti-war messages in the Free Expression Tunnel this week. Technician hopes but doubts seriously that the painters of these words are from UNC-CH. It sure would be nice to be able to blame them for something like that.



WTC site plan selected

A committee selected architect Daniel Libeskind's plan for the redesign of the World Trade Center Site. The plan features a patriotic 1,776-foot tower. Among the six plans not accepted was one big, patriotic, 1,776-foot tall middle finger.

Columbia e-mail

Expert NASA engineers supposedly tried to e-mail officials regarding the concerns about space shuttle Columbia. Unfortunately, the e-mail didn't get through because the engineers were having trouble with the "clicky theenge" on the "doo-da" on their computer.



Norah Jones

The daughter of Ravi Shankar won five Grammys, including best record and best album. For those who don't know, Shankar is like an Indian version of Kenny G; only he plays sitar, his music is good, Indians love him and he has better hair.

Mr. Rogers dies

America's neighbor for over 30 years, Fred Rogers, died of stomach cancer Thursday at 74. Rogers' family says they take comfort in the faith that he has, once and for all, journeyed to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe.



Yellow alert

President Bush this week lowered the national terror alert from orange to yellow. In addition to being less serious, alert level yellow is tastier and less duct "tapy."

More Kmart troubles

Two former Kmart executives were charged with securities fraud. It seems that the only thing that can help the bankrupt retailer now is a funny but informative ad campaign featuring prop comedy phenom Carrot Top.



Matisse donation

Henri Matisse's son donated more than 100 works of art to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The Met also received a less prominent donation: sketches of what they saw at the circus from Mrs. Sheffield's first-grade class.

Cigarette smuggling

Two Lebanese men were sentenced to three years in prison for a North Carolina-based cigarette-smuggling ring that funded the militant Lebanese group Hezbollah. Technician wants to remind readers not to smoke cigarettes; cigarettes support terrorism.



CAMPUS FORUM

Dissections a necessary part of education

In response to Jared Milrad, an N.C. State student protesting the use of animal dissections:

Jared Milrad, you say you want to make sure all students have the right to alternative learning methods that don't infringe on their beliefs. No one had a problem with the way N.C. State conducts its animal experiments until you. If you aren't happy with the way NCSU approaches animal studies, why did you choose NCSU? You aren't from North Carolina so out-of-state tuition is not a problem.

I've heard the University of Florida, and you told me that the University of Illinois has these alternative programs. Both are fine universities, and I'm sure would welcome another supporter. I am a chemistry major and hope to attend a school of pharmacology one day. NCSU doesn't have a pharmacology school, but am I trying to get a resolution passed so all other students to have the right to attend NCSU pharmacology school? No. That is a ludicrous idea. I will simply apply to a university that has a pharmacology school.

Every student has the choice about alternative methods of animal science. You made the choice when you came to NCSU and should be responsible enough to live with your decision.

Another issue is funding.

Would you help fund this cause to develop these new programs, or would it be reflected through a tuition increase? People complain about tuition increases now for justifiable reasons. If my tuition increases to help campus renovation or get newer facilities in the classroom, I can live with that. If my tuition increases because a single freshman complains and wants — not needs — other facilities, then that is a separate issue. If you are going to provide funds yourself, that's fine. Are taxes increasing? There are more important things we have going on in the NCSU community. North Carolina is going through budget cuts that are affecting the university system in traumatic ways.

The labs of these sciences complement the classroom work. I don't receive my full education only in the classroom. If you do CD-ROM experiments in lab, then it just becomes another class session. If my dog is sick, I'm going to take him to a vet that has experienced working with animals. You cannot duplicate the lab environment. Nothing goes wrong on CD-ROMs. There is no environment. Anything can happen in a lab, and everyone must be ready for anything. I look for qualified vets who prevent animals from dying due to experience.

Taylor Cooke
Senior

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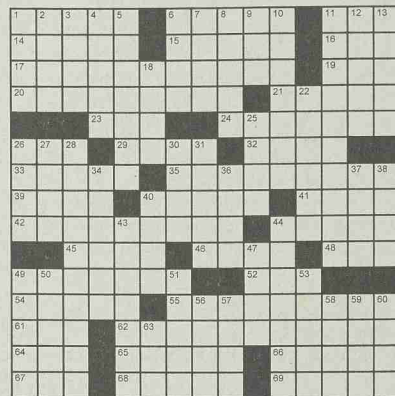
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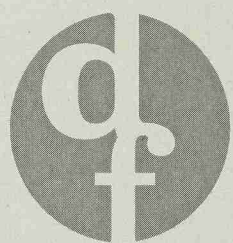
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Taurus
April 20-May 20

Today is a 6. Go along with an older person's wishes. You'll be well rewarded, and not just for being obedient. It's the right thing to do.

Gemini
May 21-June 21

Today is an 8. Travel is highly favored, and a visit with a respected elder could be your reason. The trip itself looks interesting. Take another excellent conversationalist in order to reap maximum rewards.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Today is a 7. You're naturally shrewd and resourceful, but homework still needs to be done. Don't trust another person to make you rich. Participation is required.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 7. You're getting most of the attention now, though most of the work is over. Make sure the others get acknowledgment, too. They've earned it.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 6. Don't even try to talk. Take your phone off the hook. Focus on doing what has to be done. Schedule your next break for Sunday.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Today is an 8. You'd like to stay home and cuddle, but there's work to be done. Figure out a compromise. Balancing is one of your best talents.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 5. Home is the best place for you tonight, and for most of this weekend. Put the finishing touches on your decor, and catch up on the family gossip.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is an 8. Some may see you as a party animal, but you can be a serious student. Prove that you're succeeding on your own merits, by using your own brainpower and doing the homework.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 6. You don't need to feel guilty for something you've recently done. If you spent a lot, just get back to work. There's lots more where that came from.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is an 8. A friend's revolutionary idea could set you off on a new track. The thing that's so strange is, once you go there, there's no coming back.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 6. The burden that you're carrying won't squash you flat like a bug. Instead, it's helping you become stronger. Keep at it. Lookin' good!

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Moody missed a jump shot and junior center Kaayla Chones missed two consecutive layups. State would eventually grind its way back into the lead on a layup by forward Alvine Mendeng, but a 3-pointer and steal by Harpring paced the Jackets back to a 30-22 halftime lead.

"I felt that we really weathered the storm in the first half when Sonia only played six minutes because of foul trouble," said Berenato. "I think we felt very confident at half time, knowing that we had weathered that storm and that we could come out and play a great second half."

As a team, State actually shot above its season average, connecting on 48 percent of its shots

and was only out rebounded by four. But with some of the shots Tech was hitting, percentages didn't really matter.

"I feel like we just ran into a machine tonight that was clicking on all cylinders," said Yow. "They made some really tough shots, sometimes over two of our players."

"I'm glad I have a team that doesn't count anything out. We continue to strive to get five people to click at the same time offensively, which has been a problem. Tonight, Georgia Tech made really tough shots and played a great game. They were such a hot team tonight."

Moody was hot herself, leading State with 7-for-12 performance for 16 points. Also scoring in double figures for the Pack was Chones with 13 points and guard

Nanna Rivers with 10 points. Labrador and Simpson closed out their careers at Reynolds Coliseum with seven points and six points, respectively.

But Moody would have traded all her points for a win.

"I wanted to go out with a victory," said Moody. "If I hadn't have played well and we had won I would have been just as satisfied. I played well but we just didn't come out with a victory."

The chances for wins do not get any easier for the Pack as it travels to Cameron Indoor Stadium on Sunday for a showdown with the No. 2 Duke Blue Devils (26-1, 14-0 ACC), whose only loss this season came at the hands of No. 1 Connecticut.

State can finish with no better than a losing season, marking the first time in her illustrious career

that a Yow-coached team finished the season under .500 percent two years in a row, but Yow isn't worried about history right now.

"I'm just really trying to focus on the present, what's happening right now and where to go from this point," said Yow. "It is certainly disappointing, I think it would be for anybody and I'm no different there. I am a competitor though and I'm not thinking about feeling sorry for myself. I want to fix it, I want to battle back."

"What I want to do is go to practice and try to get better at what we're doing and what we need to get better at so that we can have a better chance [against Duke]."

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was up next and easily pinned Ben Balmages at 2:06 of the first period. Despite battling a rash of injuries this season, including a concussion and a balky knee, Garren wound up with a perfect 14-0 mark. The pin of Balmages was his 50th career win at State and his eighth career pin.

Duke's Tim Marcantonio trimmed the lead to 20-15 with a

pin of Courtney Bird in 4:13 in the 174-pound match, but the Blue Devils quickly gave back the points by forfeiting to Daniel Humphries at 197 pounds. State heavyweight Leroy Harris scored a 3-1 decision over Roy Williams in the final match of the evening to secure the 29-15 win for State.

Jessica's tip: Look both ways before crossing the street.

GYMNASTICS

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second place in the Midwest Independent Conference and are vying for a spot in the regionals.

The last meet Minnesota competed in did not produce a win, but the team still put up an impressive score. The No. 22-ranked Gophers (7-5) lost to Iowa State 196.550-196.400, but the score was the team's highest of the season.

Minnesota has been averaging

an impressive score of 194.829 this season. The Gophers seem to be continuing where they finished off last season, which ended with a top-10 national ranking.

Carolina (12-0) might be the most impressive team competing in the invite meet. The Tar Heels are undefeated on the season and recently set a school-record score of 196.775 in the Governors Cup.

The only bad news for the Tar Heels is that inclement weather postponed its last match at Towson University, making it over two weeks since the team has com-

peted.

"The layoff can go both ways," said Stevenson. "It might have been the best rest in the world for them, and mentally, it's just a question of whether they can get themselves put together and do a good job."

The fact that Carolina has won the last few meets over State gives the team a little extra incentive to go out and give a top performance.

"They've beaten us three times in a row now, and that's not a very good feeling for these guys as ath-

letes," said Stevenson.

Even though the Wolfpack Invitational is comprised of some of the top teams in the nation, the Pack likes its chances of winning because of how well it performs under the confines of Reynolds Coliseum. The Pack's total average score at home ranks in the top 15 nationally.

A strong showing and a good overall score will have State closer to accomplishing two more of its goals for the season: winning the EAGL Conference and qualifying for regionals.

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The Maryland loss served almost as a model for State's next three road games — all losses — at Wake Forest, Virginia and Temple. State led all of those at the half only to fall apart in the second. The Pack finally ended the dubious formula in Chapel Hill on Tuesday night as it beat Carolina in a crucial overtime victory.

A .500 record in the ACC, which used to mean a team was a lock for the NCAA tournament, likely won't be enough for State this season — not with its sub-par out-of-conference showing and abysmal strength-of-schedule rating. If State hopes to go dancing, it probably needs to win two of three to feel really good about its chances. But if it was up to Sendek, a team like the Wolfpack wouldn't have reason to be worried come Selection Sunday.

"There's a real case to be considered to expand the NCAA tournament field beyond the current 64," said the coach. "The way the game has evolved with all the parity — the increased number of teams that now play Division I basketball — if more student-athletes had the opportunity to be a part of March Madness, to enjoy that experience, to be considered successful by others, that would enrich college basketball."

But as it is, State is in a dogfight for what few spots there are available. And Maryland? The Terps are viewing this game as a chance to raise its seed in the tournament. Coach Gary Williams' team is coming off two wins by a combined margin of 76 points and is getting more confident by the day. Freshmen John Gilchrest and Nik Caner-Medley have blended nicely with a starting five of seniors as Maryland, currently third in the conference, is trying to win its second regular-season crown in a row.

One can expect Maryland to do against State what it did successfully the first time the teams met — press, create havoc on defense and don't allow an open look from 3-point range.

"By this time of year, in late February, there's not a whole lot new going on," said Williams. "It's all about how well you're executing."

The Pack knows all about that. For a change, it executed on the road. The last time State returned from the road a winner, it beat Duke. Similar results against the Terps could wipe that "I" clean off State's report card.



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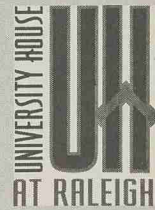
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Gymnastics, Wolfpack Invitational, 2/28, 8

Scores

Georgia Tech 78, W. basketball 60



TECHNICIAN

Tech stings women's basketball on senior night

Georgia Tech guards Fallon Stokes and Megan Harpring combined for 41 points to lead the Jackets into fifth place in ACC.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

For the second time in as many games the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets went on the road to spoil an ACC foe's senior night, upending N.C. State 78-60 to break the tie held between the two teams for fifth place in the ACC.

It was the third straight win for Tech (18-9, 7-8 ACC) and the second time it has defeated State (11-15, 6-9 ACC) this season.

State seniors Carisse Moody, Amy Simpson and Amelia Labrador were honored before the

game, but it was a pair of Jackets that was receiving all the attention after the contest.

Tech forward Fallon Stokes scored 25 points, almost effortlessly willing the ball into the basket in a variety of ways — through penetration, firing jump shots and even muscling it in over the Wolfpack's bigger players.

"I felt Fallon Stokes was phenomenal," said Georgia Tech head coach Agnus Berenato. "She was truly amazing. She was inspirational as far as taking the ball to the hole; she just willed the ball into the hole. She was not going to be denied tonight."

Tech also got a lift from freshman guard Megan Harpring. The younger sister of former Jackets star Matt, Harpring added 16 points, nearly going perfect from

the field on 5-for-6 shooting.

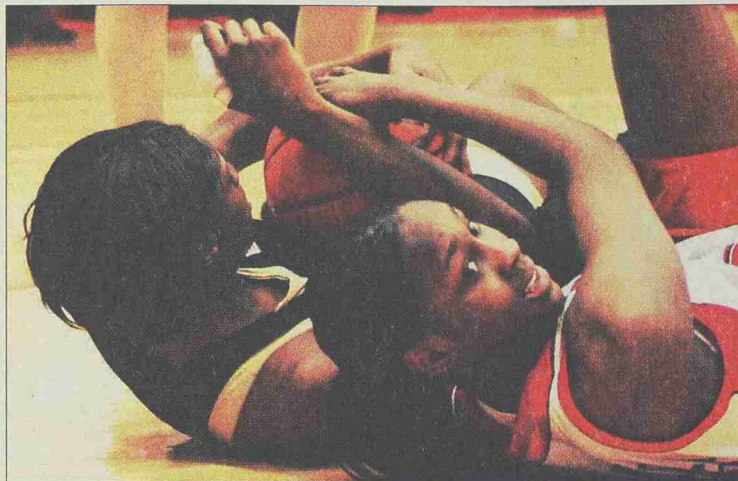
Five minutes into the game however, it appeared that State might have gained the advantage over Tech.

With the Jackets up 12-6, Simpson knocked down a jumper to pull the Pack within four points. On Tech's ensuing possession, All-ACC candidate Sonja Mallory turned the ball over and then picked up her second foul.

"When Mallory got a couple of fouls and went out early it looked like that might help us, but instead everybody else for Georgia Tech decided to step up and take advantage of the fact that she wasn't in the game," said State head coach Kay Yow.

Indeed, State couldn't capitalize initially on Mallory's absence.

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The Wolfpack couldn't wrestle a win from the Jackets in Thursday's action. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

Postseason chances at stake for Pack

Sunday's showdown at the RBC Center could knock the Wolfpack off the NCAA tournament bubble.

Andrew B. Carter
Assistant Sports Editor

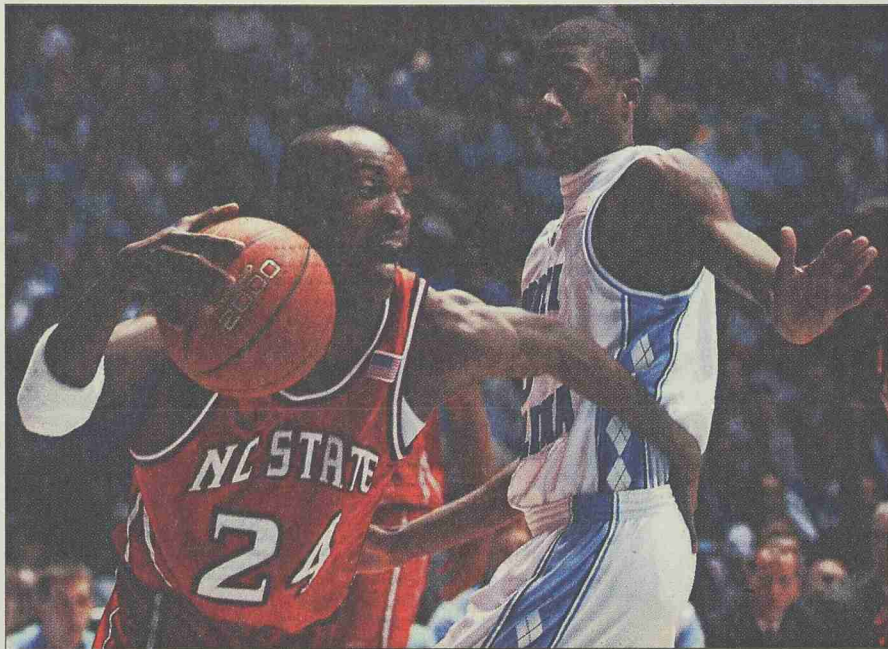
N.C. State basketball coach Herb Sendek hasn't been in college since 1985, the year he graduated from Carnegie-Mellon University. And with a 3.95 GPA, Sendek probably didn't worry too much about incompletes showing up on his transcript in those days.

But if the season ended today on his basketball team, the Wolfpack's grade report would undoubtedly include the dreaded "I." Whereas some teams have made their marks and locked up an NCAA bid, Sendek's Pack (15-9, 8-5 ACC) must wipe away some of its bad early grades with solid play down the stretch.

Time is running out, however. State has just three regular-season games left to impress the NCAA tournament selection committee. And if the season ended right now

"I'd grade us as incomplete," said Sendek on Tuesday during his weekly teleconference. "We have an important stretch of our regular season ahead of us, and obviously, we have the ACC tournament. So, there's still two and a half, three weeks of the season until that grade is determined."

Sunday night's clash with Maryland (18-7, 10-4) will go a long way in deciding State's mark. A win and the Pack is likely an NCAA tournament team. A loss



After scoring 21 points against UNC, Julius Hodge will aim for another big game against Maryland. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

and State is further stuck in a muddled mess of bubble teams.

But if Tuesday's win at North Carolina is any indication, State won't fold down the stretch. Down six with under three minutes to play, Scooter Sherrill, Julius Hodge and the rest of the Pack refused to lose — a stark difference in at-

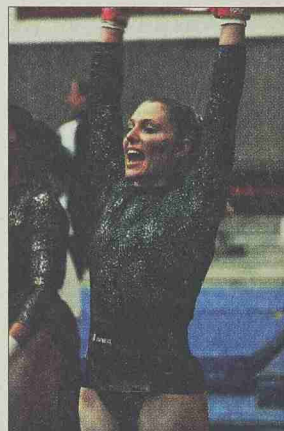
titude from previous games.

Another difference for Sunday: State is returning to the RBC Center with something to be happy about. The last three times the Pack has played at home, it's been right after a loss on the road. One of those losses was to Maryland, a month ago, as the Terrapins claimed 75-

60 victory.

In that game, the Wolfpack started strong and actually led at the half. The Pack melted in the second half, however, as Maryland's pressure defense forced a number of turnovers and poor shot selection.

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Minnesota and UNC will be the stiffest competition for N.C. State today.

Staff photo by Josh Michel

Gymnastics looks to continue home dominance

The Pack will host Illinois State, Minnesota and North Carolina in the Wolfpack Invitational tonight.

Ryan Reynolds
Staff Writer

N.C. State gymnastics coach Mark Stevenson has stressed the goal of continual improvement over the course of the season, and his team is responding with scores of over 195 in its last three meets.

State will be riding on that wave of confidence when it hosts the Wolfpack Invitational at Reynolds Coliseum tonight. The Pack (9-4) will compete against Illinois State, Minnesota and conference rival North Carolina in its second-to-last home meet of the season.

Despite a 195.900-195.450 loss at New Hampshire last Saturday, State has garnered a tremendous amount of momentum going into the final stretch of the season. The score was State's highest score on the road by nearly two points and had EAGL conference implications.

The score at UNH put State atop the EAGL Conference standings and propelled the team to a No. 26 national ranking. The Pack is in first place on bars in conference and ranks 12th nationally in the event.

Stevenson feels it's important to keep the momentum going into the next meet to finish strong.

"We really feel good about how we're doing," said Stevenson. "The kids are out there performing and they're doing their routines every single day, and they're going to the gym and they're hitting them in the gym, and they're going to the meets and they're hitting them in the meets."

Illinois St. (5-4) is coming off a win over host Ball State. The Redbirds also defeated conference leader Illinois-Chicago in the meet, avenging a loss earlier in the season.

Even though its overall score of 191.725 wasn't very impressive in the victory, the Redbirds are currently in

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Wrestling wins season finale at Duke

N.C. State used 10 points from the 141- and 157-pound matches to pull away from Duke.

Sports Staff Report

DURHAM — Junior 157-pounder Scott Garren wrapped up an undefeated regular season with his first pin of the year as the N.C. State wrestling team downed Duke 29-15 on Wednesday at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The match was the final match of the regular season for both teams. Next up for the Wolfpack and Blue Devils will be the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament on March 8 at Boone. The Wolfpack improved to 8-10 overall with the win and 2-3 in the ACC. Duke fell to 10-10 overall and 1-3 in the conference. The match was part of a simultaneous doubleheader for the Blue Devils, who defeated UNC-Greensboro 23-19.

The first bout of the evening for the Pack was at 125 pounds, where senior starter George Cintron is out at least until the ACC tournament following knee surgery. In his place, freshman Brian Conyer

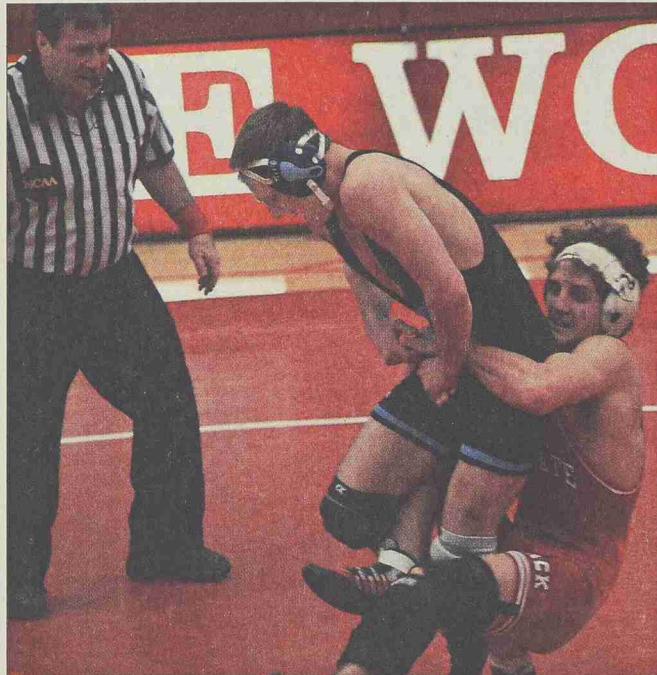
was pinned by Duke's Tommy Hoang at 0:53 of the first period. A 15-5 major decision by Daniel Pacitti over Andy Soliman at 133 pounds narrowed the Duke lead to 6-4, and Ryan McCallum's 3-2 decision over Adam Benitez gave State the lead for good at 7-6.

At 165 pounds, No. 12 Dustin Kawa topped Duke's Michael Mitchell 10-7 in the best match of the evening. Kawa improved to 20-4 overall for the season and 16-2 at 165. He has won four in a row and 16 of his last 17 bouts. He is now 60-27 for his career. Holding an 8-7 lead in the final seconds, Kawa closed the match with a take-down as time expired to give the Wolfpack a 10-6 advantage.

Tom Cass narrowed the margin to 10-9 with a 12-5 win over Jon Godwin at 184 pounds. The Wolfpack collected 10 points in the next two matches as junior 141-pounder Jake Giamoni won his 11th match in a row, a new career high, and his 13th of his last 14 bouts with an 18-6 major decision over Brandon Foose. Giamoni is 18-8 for the season.

Garren, ranked 18th nationally,

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After wrapping up its regular season, the N.C. State wrestling team will now prepare for next weekend's ACC tournament. Staff photo by Rob Bradley