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## IN THE KNOW

### WORLD

#### Captured mastermind leads investigators to vital material

After Saturday's capture of al-Qaeda operations chief Khalid Shaikh Mohammed in Pakistan, FBI officials found a large amount of vital information, some of which may contain the names of possible al-Qaeda operatives.

While some of the people are believed to be in the Washington area and other U.S. cities, government officials would not disclose how many U.S. cities where they believe the suspected operatives may be located. According to reports, FBI agents are currently trying to track down these suspects.

While FBI and CIA agents continue to go through the computers, computer disks, paper documents and cell phones found during the capture of Mohammed, they are hoping that any information they find can prevent possible terrorist attacks.

#### Recon plane intercepted by North Korea

U.S. military sources reported on Monday that four armed MIG fighter jets intercepted a U.S. Air Force RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft over the Sea of Japan. According to reports, the jets approached the aircraft and flew alongside it for some time, with one locking its weapons-targeting radar onto the plane.

The RC-135 is a modified version of the military C-135 cargo plane, which is based on the Boeing 707 commercial airliner. The aircraft returned to base without further incident.

U.S. officials contend that the plane was flying in international airspace. It was the first time in 30 years that North Korean aircraft intercepted a U.S. military plane.

### NATION

#### Survivors found at small plane crash site

On Monday, the small plane missing since Sunday night in Sheffield, Mass., was found near Beartown State Forest.

According to reports, at least two survivors were found with the plane's wreckage. New York State Police helicopters found the plane, and emergency technicians quickly responded to the site.

A family of seven is suspected to have been on the plane — including five children, ages 2 to 11.

While the plane is registered to Ronald K. Ferris of East Swanzey, N.H., it was unknown if he was on the plane during the crash.

The air search involved several jurisdictions because the pilot made several different calls to different airports while he tried to find a place to land.

#### U.S. department head for Muslim propaganda resigns

According to reports, Charlotte Beers, a former top advertising executive, resigned from her State Department post on Monday. Beers was in charge of a campaign aimed at winning Muslim support, post-Sept. 11, 2001.

Reports said that her reason for leaving the position includes the fact that she was continuously scrutinized by the news media, policy analysts and Congress members for her work, suggesting that while she was able to produce several media ads, she didn't relate to her target audience, which includes Muslim countries where there is high anti-American sentiment.

### STATE

#### Park officials prepare for unwanted people and bear interaction

As spring nears, North Carolina wildlife officials have begun to prepare for interactions between bears that can be found in the Southern Appalachian woods and people — interactions that the wildlife officials would rather not have to deal with.

While any interaction should be avoided, officials from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park said that they have become increasingly concerned with people harming the bears.

A string of incidents that began last spring, which included poking, prodding and attacking of the black bears in the park, has raised concerns for biologists at parks across the state.

According to officials from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, people and bear interactions occur when the bears start raiding garbage cans, dog food bowls and bird feeders.

## WAR IN FOCUS COLLEGE OF TEXTILES READY TO SUIT UP ARMED FORCES

The College of Textiles has developed a "smart suit" for first responders and is performing research on other forms of protective clothing.

Natalie Hect  
Staff Reporter

With the threat of war still looming, many students don't quite know what to expect or how to prepare. However, many people

Research at NCSU is conducted through the department of Textile Extension and Research (TEAR), and its stated mission is "to transfer technology and services rapidly to satisfy the needs of the textile and allied industries in

would be extremely helpful in the face of thermal, chemical and biological hazards.

Roger Barker, the director of the Textile Protection and Comfort Center, says NCSU has been doing protective clothing research for the past decade and has really set the standard for protective clothing.

#### War and the university

As the College of Textiles steps in to aid the nation in the face of biological and chemical warfare, it won't be the first time N.C. State has gotten involved in global and national conflict. The following article is a look back at the university's role since its founding as North Carolina State College in 1887.



World War I

**1914 Smith-Lever Act** — A law establishing cooperative extension work between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the state agricultural colleges. Projects conducted under the act helped feed Allied and American troops during the first World War, including the first pasteurized milk brought to soldiers at Camp Polk on Western Boulevard.

**1917 United States enters the war** — When America joined the war effort in April, students at N.C. State College began to withdraw before the end of the term to join the military. A senior division of the ROTC was established at the college, and resources began to get cut for the war effort. All publications, except for Agromech, stopped publishing, and draft detachments were stationed at the college for instruction.

**1918 Student Army Training Corps established** — Five hundred and ninety men enrolled in five companies of infantry and one naval section. Faculty taught special war courses in various technical fields.

**1918 Memorial Committee established** — The Alumni Association appoints a committee to begin exploring a permanent memorial for students and staff who gave their lives during the war. Construction on the Memorial Bell Tower begins in 1920. The "History of N.C. State College" estimates that 1,400 N.C. State College students served and 33 died in combat.

World War II

**1941** — Ceramic engineer Robert Stone, Ph.D., writes a pamphlet on insulation for radar, radio and medical equipment used worldwide by Allied Forces in World War II.

**1941** — The diesel program, developed by the NCSU mechanical engineering department, helps train Naval Officers.

**1942** — Soldier students begin to arrive, including 800 members of the 59th College Training Detachment of the Army, and receive flight instruction and lessons in mathematics, physics, history and geography. Some dormitories are converted into military barracks and even the college's chancellor leaves to serve the war effort.

**1943 College of Textiles** — College begins offering a course in fabric inspection and testing for the war effort. Faculty begin investigating substitutes for silk, which was being used for manufacturing parachutes. The college also helped North Carolina become the top fabric producer during the war.

Sources: "The History of the North Carolina State College" by David Lockmiller, 1936. N.C. State Alumni Magazine, Spring 2002. Technician file photo (1942)

"Our college is really the leader in this field. We are proud, and our students are proud of this leading position," said Barker. "Not only are initiatives such as TEAR and TPACC creating new life-saving materials, but they are also creating opportunities for employment and more research."

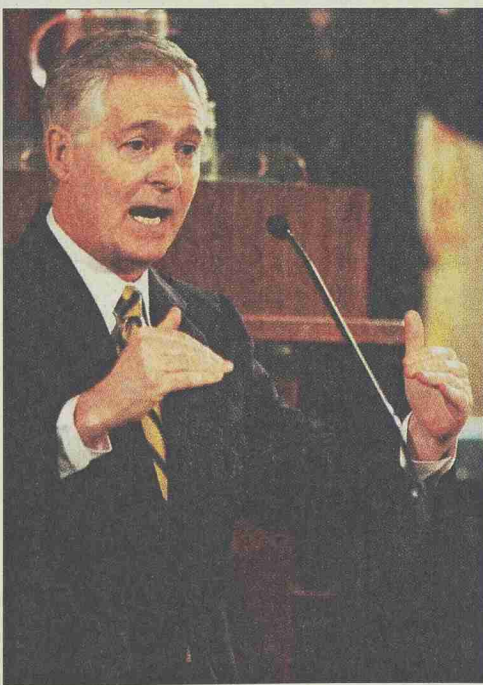
NCSU is the only university in the country with the capacity to do the amount of testing conducted. Especially unique to the College of Textiles are the two mannequins with special properties that help evaluate clothing that relieves heat stress. Along with the mannequins, the climate-controlled chamber and the smart suit, NCSU has created more advanced technologies over the past few years than any other textile-related facility in the world.

There is also more appeal for students interested in enrolling in the College of Textiles.

"We are doing a lot of new things in the college. There are

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#### State of the State



At Monday night's State of the State address, Gov. Mike Easley relayed strong messages to the combined session of the General Assembly. Among the highlights of his speech were an advocacy for a lottery in the state and a firm stance on the need of a timely, balanced budget. According to the governor, last year North Carolina cut spending for the first time in over three decades, and this year the state will cut up to an additional \$800 million. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

#### Pressure mounts on Turkey to reconsider U.S. base plan

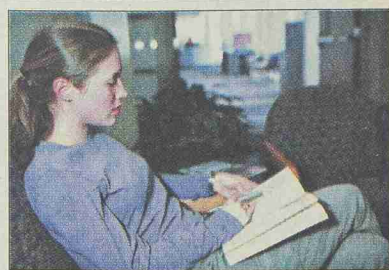
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Sudarsan Raghavan  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ANKARA, Turkey — Pressure grew on the Turkish government Monday to try again to seek permission for thousands of U.S. troops to enter Turkey on their way to invading Iraq. The politically weakened ruling Justice and Development Party remained split on whether to ask parliament to vote a second time to host American troops. Legislators rejected such a plan by three votes Saturday. The decision could force the Pentagon to revise its war plans and delay an invasion of Iraq.

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Erin Webb, a graduate student in sociology, waits at the Student Health Center. "No complaints here," said Webb about the delay. "Lots of waiting, but that happens." Staff photo by Carl Hudson

#### Flu creates long lines at Health Center

As the flu season continues, students complain about long waits and being turned away from Student Health Services.

Natalie Hecht  
Staff Reporter

In recent weeks, the Student Health Center has been extremely busy due to an influx of stomach virus and flu cases. Several students have voiced concern about the facility's capabilities, and some have complained about being turned away.

Melissa Price, a sophomore majoring in political science, was especially upset about the service she received during this busy period. Price says she was turned away from the work-in clinic because she was told there were too many people ahead of her and that she most likely would not be seen that

day. She was told to come back at 10 a.m. the next morning, but when she arrived, only two doctors had come in at that point. She was again told to go away, but after arguing, she was admitted around noon.

"It's just ridiculous that students could be turned away from the Student Health Center. For many students, the health center is the only option for medical assistance. Many freshmen and international students don't have transportation and/or people they can call in the community. What are these students supposed to do?" Price said.

Jerry Barker, director of the Student Health Center, explained that when students are told they have to wait a considerable amount of time for the work-in clinic, they sometimes misunderstand and assume that they won't be

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#### Student Election books close

The deadline to file for a Student Government office ended on Monday, with four students vying for Student Body President. The following individuals are running for Student Government offices. General elections will take place April 7-8.

##### Student Body President:

Clifford Ray - junior, business management  
Dustin Choe - senior, aerospace engineering  
Anthony Caravano II - junior, criminology  
Amanda Devore - junior, accounting

##### Student Senate President:

James Pendergrass - junior, biological sciences  
Lock Whiteside - freshman, political science  
Erich Fabricius - senior, chemical engineering  
Allison Watkins - sophomore, accounting

##### Student Body Treasurer:

Cameron Lester - sophomore, computer science and philosophy  
Abdullah Tharpe - sophomore, marketing education for teachers

##### Student Body Chief Justice:

Sean Casey - senior, biochemistry

##### UAB President:

James Reed - master's student, textiles  
Theodore H. Gellar - senior, history

##### Senior Class President:

Anup M. Shah - senior, electrical engineering

### TODAY

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seen that day. But Barker was not present when Price was turned away and admitted that she may have been turned away.

The Student Health Center currently employs six staff physicians and six nurse practitioners or physician assistants. Barker thinks the amount of staff is adequate for the student body.

"On a regular day, we have enough doctors," he said. "However, we have had a very busy spring semester with many cases of the flu and lately a stomach virus that is non-flu in nature," said Barker. "I have talked to other medics, and offices all around the city are full. We are comparatively much faster than the general community, and if complaints have been made, it is most likely they have been made over the past couple of weeks when we have been extremely busy."

Recently, there has been an average of 70 patients per doctor-

nurse pair per day, and in one day, 467 prescriptions were filled.

Barker says that students need to understand that there will be days when one walks in and can't be immediately seen. This is what most of the complaints are about.

The Health Center is nationally accredited for its staff and array of services. In the sophomore survey, it was ranked number one in an evaluation of nonacademic support services and staff responsiveness with a majority of 79.9 percent.

The Student Health Center was established in January 1999. Before this, health services were conducted in the current location of Clark Dining Hall. According to Barker, this facility was sorely inadequate, and he and others worked for 11 years to acquire the current facility.

But Barker doesn't blame budget cuts for any shortages in staff.

During periods where there have been shortages, he explained that it is not usually an issue of inadequate funds but rather it is simply an issue of time. Barker

says that when a staff member resigns and their positions are not immediately filled, it may take time to interview and hire new staff members. In addition, Barker said that some doctors are out because of continuing education.

In the future, the health center plans to expand its physical therapy program, the gynecology services. In addition, the center is looking to add part-time, temporary positions this year to meet needs.

The question that students are left with is if the health center should employ more full-time staff or if the students should just accept that the health center, like any other facility, will occasionally be too full to see everyone.

Price thinks that it is never acceptable for students to be turned away from what may be their only access to medical service.

"It is understandable that if there are more students than doctors that students cannot be seen," said Price. "But if this is the case, then perhaps the health center needs to employ more staff."

## TEXTILES

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various new programs available, and we like to get the message out to students that there are a lot of high-tech challenges involved in textiles," said Barker. "Many people don't realize that there is this modern side to textiles, but the more they do, the more they appreciate this aspect."

Barker has been with the College of Textiles for more than 20 years. For Barker the decision to pursue textiles was an easy one.

"I wanted to do something in which I could apply science and see some positive results," said Barker. "For example, our work with materials that reduce heat stress significantly help firefighters and will be useful to all first responders in the event of a terrorist act or biochemical warfare."

NCSU students in the College of Textiles are also involved in the research process. Many of the students participate in projects and experiments that test new materials. Even for those students not

involved in research, with the current situations occurring all over the world, it is an exciting time to be studying textiles, especially at NCSU.

"It is really great to see how things happening right here at State are going to be so helpful to people all over the country and maybe even in different parts of the world," said Jennifer Franklin, a sophomore in textile and apparel management. "It is exciting to be a part of this, even if in an indirect way."

## CRIME REPORT

The following is a list of reports issued by Campus Police for Sunday.

- 1:55 p.m., Traffic Stop**  
A subject was cited for failing to carry their driver's license while driving on Sullivan Drive.
- 2:42 p.m., Traffic Stop**  
Officers conducted a check point on Dan Allen Drive. Three citations were issued.
- 3:10 p.m., Traffic Stop**  
A subject was cited for failing to carry their driver's license while driving on Dan Allen Drive.

**4:27 p.m., Damage To Property**  
While on patrol, officers noticed the locks cut on several sheds at the rear of Pylon 1. It appeared nothing was taken.

**4:38 p.m., Traffic Accident**  
Two vehicles were taking a turn in the Lee lot and struck each other.

**6:01 p.m., Medical Assistance**  
A student twisted their knee while playing basketball at Carmichael Gym. The student was transported to the hospital.

**6:09 p.m., 911 Hang Up**  
A student accidentally called 911 in ES King Village.

**8:53 p.m., Intrusion Alarm**  
Alarm activation at Aquatic Ecology lab. Cause for activation unknown.

**10:58 p.m., Welfare Check**  
A subject was concerned about their family member, a student, when they had not heard from the student this weekend. The student's vehicle was located and the family member contacted the student.

**12:02 a.m., Lightguard Alarm**  
**12:02 a.m., Alarm activation at** Avent Ferry complex. Cause for activation unknown.

## From the archives: N.C. State and war

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Technician has documented N.C. State's involvement in previous wars, including World War II. File photo

## TURKEY

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Monetary Fund. The national currency, the lira, tumbled 5 percent, and the threat of higher interest rates loomed. Turkey is emerging from its worst recession since World War II.

The parliamentary rejection put at risk a potential \$30 billion U.S. aid package designed to cushion any financial shock from a war in neighboring Iraq and lessen Turkey's debt.

Cabinet ministers worked late into Monday night to try to assess why parliament didn't approve the measure to allow U.S. troops to use Turkish bases to invade Iraq.

"A decision will be made after the evaluations end. And I don't know when the evaluation will end," Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis said Monday.

Kuwait said it would accept some of the 62,000 American troops lined up to go to Turkey if Turkey would not.

"Turkey is reviewing its options for what they will or will not be able to do, and we are evaluating our options and our alternatives," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in Washington. "No matter what course Turkey selects, if the president authorizes the use of force, no matter which route it takes, there's no doubt it will lead to a successful military outcome."

Turkey is the preferred option. A northern front could force Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to divide his forces, could shorten a war and could lessen American casualties. The Pentagon hasn't announced any plans to redirect a flotilla of U.S. ships carrying equipment that are floating off the Turkish coast. Rejection by Turkey, a secular Muslim nation, could deal a blow to the Bush administration's argument that it has wide international backing for a war on Iraq.

Turkey also has a lot to lose. It stands to be sidelined in any plans for a postwar Iraq. It could have less clout in preventing the rise of an independent Kurdish nation that could spark a quest for self-determination among Turkey's own restive Kurdish minority. But perhaps the biggest issue at stake is that Ankara could be deprived of Washington's financial aid and support for Turkey's application to join the European Union. Investors are concerned that an approaching war in Iraq and souring Turkish-American relations would shatter Turkey's frail economy, and

they are counting on the financial package tied to a U.S. deployment.

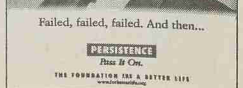
"The markets are sending a signal of living with the worst-case scenario, where we have to deal with the consequences of war, but we'll not get the extra financial aid," said Ali Carkoglu, the research director of the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation. But it's unlikely that Monday's economic slide will push the government into trying for a quick parliamentary reversal.

The Justice Party's credibility and prestige were severely weakened after Saturday's parliamentary rejection. Though it controlled a two-thirds majority of the parliament, it fell three votes short of a majority. Justice Party officials said some dissenters were unhappy with the U.S. economic aid package, while others were angry about what they considered American pressure tactics. But most of them, they said, were simply mirroring Turkish public opinion, which overwhelmingly opposes a war in Iraq.

If the party tries and fails again to authorize the American deployment, it could lead to losing control of the government and to an economic crash, party officials fear. Justice Party insiders say several Cabinet ministers are opposed to asking parliament for a second vote. All their signatures are needed to send any second resolution to parliament.

The party probably will wait until its leader, Tayyip Erdogan, becomes prime minister. He must first win an election to parliament Sunday. The party also may try to seek a blessing from Turkey's powerful military generals. Their approval of the U.S. deployment could deflect any political repercussions, according to Turkish news reports.

Said Davut Oglu, the chief adviser to Prime Minister Abdullah Gul: "We need to wait until public opinion against the war cools down a bit first. The first agenda is to keep the political party united. Right now, the party wants to do damage control. This was a great shock for the governing party."



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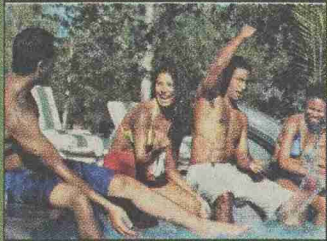
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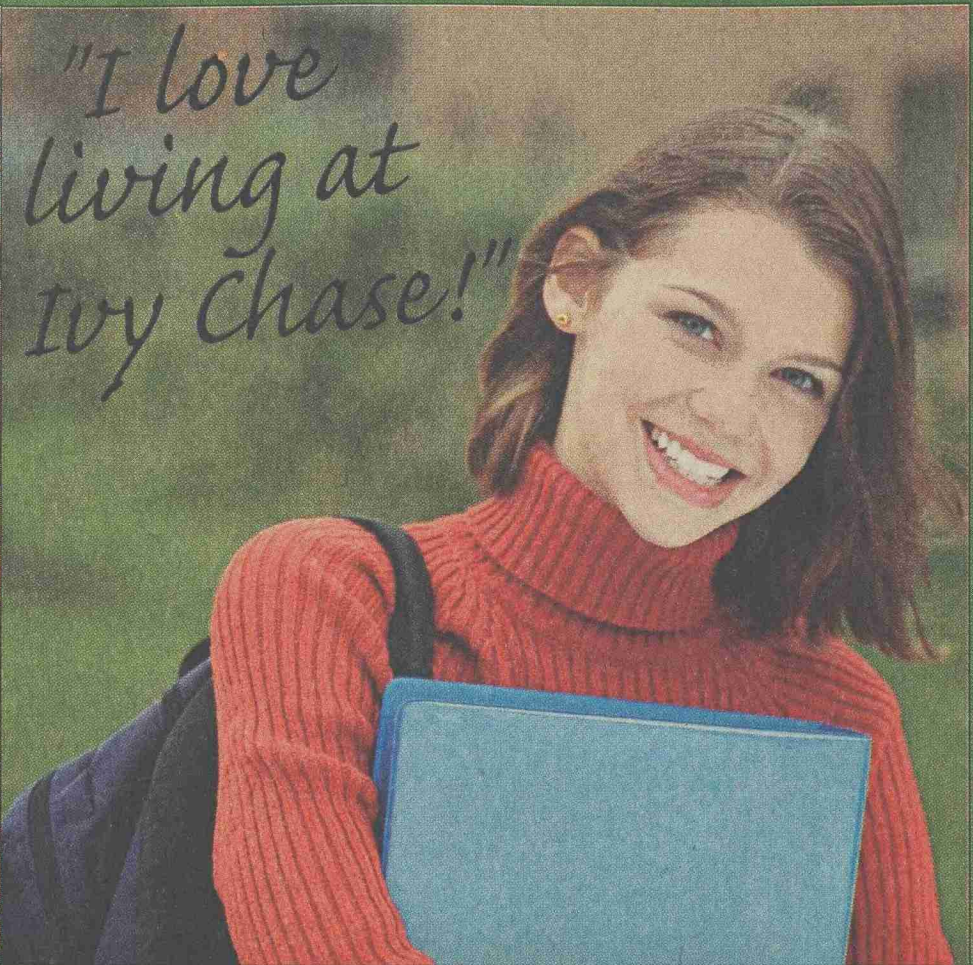
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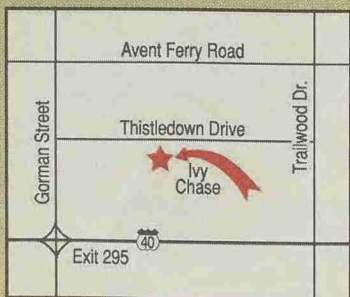
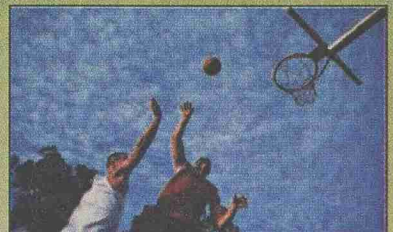
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## Sex columns OK

College newspapers fight every day to gain new readers. The latest way for some papers to do so is by adding a regular weekly column on sex. The columnists, often referred to as 'sexperts', are growing in number and in popularity. Yvonne Fulbright, New York University's sexpert, is the topic of many new magazine articles; she was included in a spread on sex column writers in the current issue of *Cosmopolitan*. These women, including columnists from Colorado, Kansas and Yale, are riding the wave of a new trend in collegiate journalism.

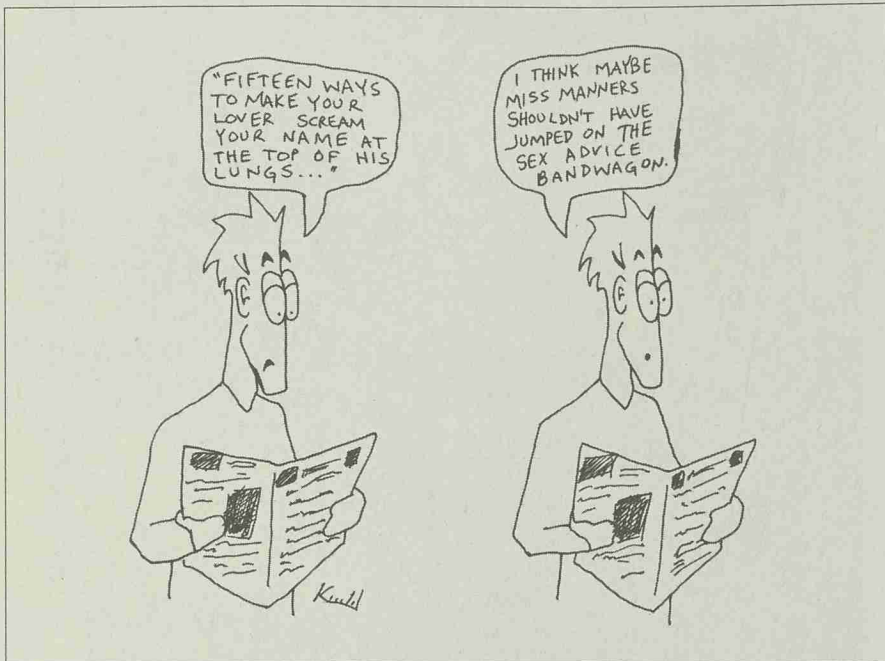
College newspapers interested in running a sex column or who have someone on staff who wants to write a sex column should do so, but not without taking some things into consideration first. While a sex column can raise a newspaper's readership, it can also damage the reputation and integrity of the paper as well. Bad advice can lead to students making bad decisions, so each column should be reviewed by at least one medical expert, not a self-proclaimed college sexpert. A newspaper, which runs a column that is reviewed by a health center staff member, shows the best of what a sex column can offer.

A column that addresses issues such as safety and sexual orientation could be beneficial to the student body as a whole. Having a forum that opens up sexual discussion is good for the campus and shows that the newspaper is in touch with the lives of its readership. While some things in a newspaper seem unrelated to campus events, a sex column would be a way to tap into the thoughts of most everyone on campus. Students are bombarded with loads of schoolwork, and a sex column would be a break

from the normal heavy-hitting issues of the newspaper's opinion page.

There is also a downside to having a sex column. College newspapers should strive to model themselves after professional peer newspapers. A sex column gone awry could turn into nothing more than pornographic material or something comparable to a *Harlequin* romance novel. There is no room within the walls of a good newspaper for the trash that a sex column could turn into. A campus must also be ready to embrace such a radical type of column. Maturity levels have to be very high at a university that sponsors sex on the pages of its campus newspaper. Lawsuits and complaints could spring up at any point if the column isn't edited carefully and words aren't chosen with care and concern. Sex, as much as it is exploited in the present day mass media, is still somewhat taboo, especially here on the fringes of the Bible Belt.

College newspapers should push the envelope when it comes to issues that their readers want to read about. A sex column is a good idea for a newspaper that has both the staff and patience to do the column justice. An informational, educational and even expressive column on sex is something that is interesting to most anyone. Magazines and tabloids have made a fortune off of America's addiction, or need for information on sex. But to make a sex column a complement to the paper, it must be done tastefully and with complete consideration for health risks, moral issues and sexual orientation. For a sex column to be the best it can be, it must have guidance and a point, not just someone who thinks he or she knows something about "getting it on."



## A sad day for everyone in Mr. Roger's neighborhood



**Matt Campbell**  
Staff Columnist

College can be a tough place to be. I look around, and I see a lot of people who are just growing up too fast, or maybe it's that I am trying too hard to stay young. Regardless, life moves in the blink of an eye in college. We should all sit back and re-

milk and cookies shortly and that nap-time was soon to come. It's not until you are older that you can see the world that Fred Rogers created for the children of the nation and wish that, you too, were a neighbor.

"Mister Rogers" wasn't a fast-action cartoon or sporting event or a slapstick comedy. Instead, his soft-spoken nature and soothing piano music could even make a hopped-up, stressed-out college student just curl up and go "night-night." Rogers dealt with real issues or at least real issues that kids would understand. His shows would range from sharing to war, and every topic was geared toward the kids.

For those who watched on a regular basis, we still remember the characters: Mr. McFeely, King Friday and Curious X the Owl. We remember the giant traffic light in his kitchen and all the famous people who would stop by to say hello. Now, we knew how to make granola and other healthy snacks, and, also, we now knew why our pet died. Mister Rogers was a big part of our lives and maybe even a lasting part of our lives.

Rogers brought the world to our living rooms. Every show was a virtual field trip, whether it was at his house, at the zoo or the bank. We found out that there were more jobs than garbage people, mail people and farmers because, with Mister

Rogers, we'd go to a factory or see how paper was made as well as an endless list of vocations. It was almost like the opportunities were endless. For children in an urban area, this may have been their only opportunity to "get out."

Everyone has a story about Mister Rogers, and everyone has an idea about who he really was. Take some of his quotes out of context, and you might find someone who is more than a "friendly" neighbor. I've recently heard one that Rogers was a World War II sniper. Now, I haven't done the research, but if that were true, that would only make him cooler.

What is true is that we have lost a true "good guy" in the entertainment business. Sitcoms and blockbuster films come and go and become outdated, but the messages Rogers brought are timeless. If you had the chance to watch "Mister Rogers" when you were older, you should realize that the messages cross barriers: age, race, social status and language. It was the simple fact of loving yourself and others. That message will last for years to come and so will Mister Rogers. So long, neighbor.

*Matt would like you all to be his neighbors just as long as you keep your yard clean and you don't mind the occasional loud party. E-mail him at folksdamani@iastate.edu.*

## Sodomy laws behind times

**Staff Editorial**  
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(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — Sodomy your wife in Kansas, and all is well. Sodomy your gay lover in Kansas, and you may get a visit from the sodomy police.

The New Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines sodomy as "copulation with a member of the same sex or with an animal or non-coital and especially anal or oral copulation with a member of the opposite sex." Non-coital simply means without traditional intercourse.

Since we don't encounter stories about police busting underground black market sodomy rings, we don't associate anal and oral sex with breaking the law.

In 14 states, Puerto Rico and the military, sodomy is illegal. Four of those 14 states have laws that apply only to homosexual acts of sodomy. Those four states are Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

Certain laws pertaining to sex exist for legitimate reasons. Laws against sex with children and laws against rape are just two examples of the government regulating sexual acts. These laws reflect the

morals we value as a society. But laws governing sexual acts performed between two consenting adults seem obtrusive and insulting.

The case the U.S. Supreme Court must face next month, Lawrence and Garner v. Texas, will decide if same sex sodomy laws are unconstitutional. As with the laws providing protection for children and non-consenting adults reflect our social morals, so do we morally value equal rights. We also value our right to privacy another wrong inflicted upon John Lawrence and Tyrone Garner.

Lawrence and Garner were arrested in 1998 in a Houston-area apartment "by officers who were responding to a false report of an armed intruder." The two men were engaging in anal sex when the officers entered the apartment. The men were fined \$200.

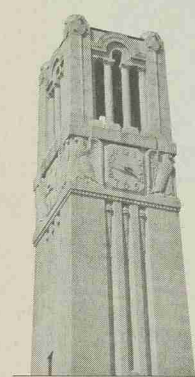
The laws pertaining to sodomy, whether specifically targeting the gay and lesbian community or straight individuals, are outdated and have no true relevance in today's society. Our values have changed, and so should our morally supported laws. We only make ourselves look foolish by upholding laws we have no intention or means of enforcing.

member the good times ... you know, when we were all kids. One day, we should all come back to our dorms, apartments or houses and just kick off the shoes for something more comfortable, change into a knit sweater and give those fish a good feeding. There was one man out there who did just that for over 30 years, and we all know who he was, because he was our neighbor.

Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers from "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," died last Thursday after a brief battle with stomach cancer. Rogers was as genuine as they come and brought his kind personality into every child's home for generations. His mission was to work with children and families through TV, continuing from his work as an ordained Presbyterian minister. Rogers believed that TV was an unused tool to reach the lives of children. Well, I don't think it's hasty of me to say that is what he did.

I spent my childhood watching "Mister Rogers" and occasionally Sesame Street, but I also spent a few boring college afternoons finding my way back to PBS and watching a classic episode. I felt as though I should be receiving some

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## CAMPUS FORUM

### Dating service isn't serving everyone

Recently, I discovered this new site, "campusflirts.com." Originally, I thought, "Wow, what a great idea ... an Internet dating service designed for college students." That opinion has drastically changed as of today.

Campusflirts.com is a controlling, anti-gay Web site. Homosexual users don't have the option of contacting other users of the same sex. Non-offensive titles are edited for the 'image of the Web site.' Profiles are edited for this same reason. I created a profile out of curiosity and mentioned that I'm in a serious relationship. The 'serious' part has been edited out of my profile on more than one occasion. The word "w00t" was edited out of my keyword section three times.

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### Tunnel woes continue

I have absolutely no problem with individuals expressing their views in the tunnel, which is why it is there. In my view, racism is wrong. But it's just that, my view. While these people are well within their rights to say and write whatever they choose, I find offensive the blatant ignorance in their speech.

"If the South had won, we would have it made now." If the United States is to go to war with Iraq, I believe the purpose is the preservation and proliferation of democracy.

What was democratic about black slaves in the South? The whole damned point of the Civil War was to preserve the Union and extend the civil liberties that some enjoyed to all. I'm guessing this desire by these people to go blindly to war is based on patriotism, the flag and other symbolic representations of the American tradition, but in making such statements, these individuals are, in my opinion, forgetting that any democracy is supposed to be based on equality.

I'll spare the political lesson of the exact text of the Constitution but suffice to say that it was drafted to foster equality between the people of the U.S. How exactly could a Southern victory in the Civil War promote equality? Subse-

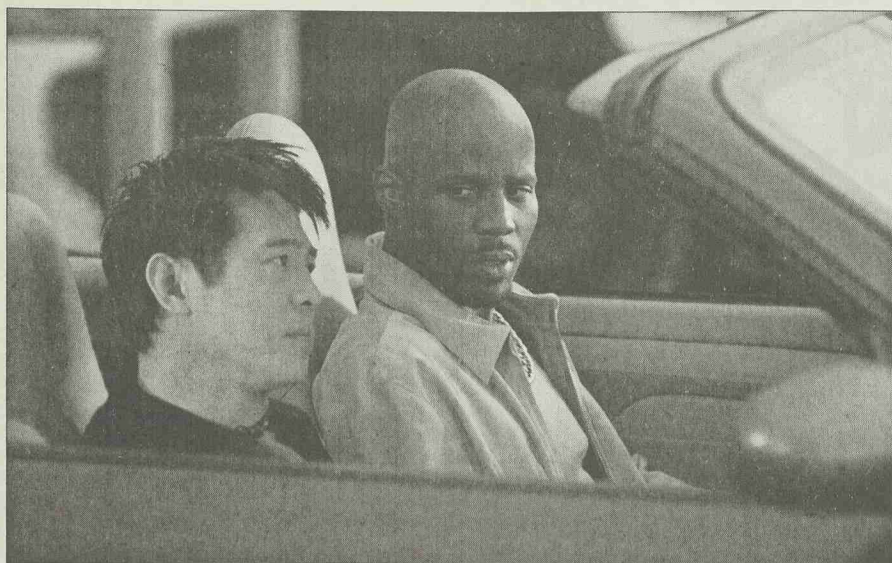
quently, how can one be in favor of a Southern victory that would have maintained slavery and also support a war that is supposed to spread and strengthen democracy and equality? Do they only want war to "kill Sand-n-----"? Are these nationalist and bigoted attitudes worth the cost of these HUMAN lives? I think not.

Using this "oxymoronic" reasoning and making such thoughtless comments like those, I find it hard to believe how anyone could take an argument from one of these people seriously.

There is a distinction between a rational dialogue of pro-war and anti-war sentiments and what was written in the tunnel. In voicing our own opinions, I think we at times fail to recognize the necessity for civil discourse.

While I have absolutely no problem with a person and her/his tenets, all I ask is that they be rational. Oftentimes the actions of a few can tarnish the reputation of the lot. If we are to continue to attract the best and brightest at NCSU, we desperately need to move past this and other baseless prejudices we have.

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Jet Li and DMX may not have the kind of chemistry one might hope for in "Cradle 2 the Grave," but who cares? There's a whole lot of Jet Li kicking ass. What more could you ask for while sitting in a theater showing this movie? Photo courtesy Warner Brothers

## Jet Li rises from the grave

### Cradle 2 the Grave

Starring: Jet Li, DMX  
Director: Andrzej Bartkowiak  
★★★

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Lately it seems that there has been a lack of a viable action star in Hollywood. "Arnold," Stallone and Van Damme have all but fell off the face of the earth. Ever hear of "Collateral Damage?" Van Damme has been relegated to doing TV-movies for USA. Sure, last year had Vin Diesel break out in "XXX," but he's a cheap facsimile of "Ah-nold" in his prime.

The action-film industry has been ripe for the taking, and Jet Li should finally taste the fruits that have been waiting to be plucked. Although he had long ago conquered the Asian market and is a martial arts staple over there, until recently he just sounded like a Bruce Lee knock-off.

I've been going in reverse chronological order of Jet Li's films, and the last film that I saw of his was 1992's "The Master." It was set in Los Angeles, and the only thing it mastered was the art of making me wince at how terrible it was. I thought, "If this is his attempt at entering the American market, he had best stay in Hong Kong."

Finally, he has gotten it right. "Cradle 2 the Grave" isn't the greatest film, by any means, but what it aims to do, it does well — entertain. Director Andrzej Bartkowiak, whose last film was the straight-to-video-type "Exit Wounds," has rebounded nicely by go-

ing back to a real martial arts star after directing Li in 2000's "Romeo Must Die." And just like "Romeo Must Die," the title to the film is not indicative of what the movie is about; but that's inconsequential. I can't really discern any overriding directing style that Bartkowiak brings except for the final battle between Li and Dacascos. Although DMX's end fight scene was a tad anticlimactic, Li and Dacascos more than make up for it.

The inclusion of DMX in this film didn't really startle me because he, surprisingly, didn't make me want to kick myself in the face. At times — when he wasn't really attempting to act and chose instead to act natural — he was pretty good.

The film, at times, tries to be a tad too sentimental, and that's where DMX became a little unbelievable. The supporting cast, DMX's crew, was sufficiently acted and kept the film light and fun. Anthony Anderson, who was in "Romeo Must Die" and this year's "Kangaroo Jack," wasn't quite as funny as he could have been, but nonetheless was quite entertaining. Tom Arnold's appearance made me do a double take, and although he does well in his capacity, he isn't as memorable as he was in "True Lies." Gabrielle Union, DMX's girlfriend in the film, looked a little too similar to one of the Jacksons, but that's negligible. I was especially pleased with the casting of Mark Dacascos, "Brotherhood of the Wolf" and "Double Dragon" (snicker), who can actually fight. We never get to see enough of him, but that's OK.

The man behind the scenes, who everyone should know, is the fighting coordinator Cory Yuen. Although he directed

the abysmal "The Transporter" in his directorial debut last year, he more than makes up for it in this film. This man basically has done all of Jet Li's recent films, including "The One" and the exceptional "Kiss of the Dragon." He even fixes the problem of Li's last film, "The One," which didn't allow Li to do what he does best: kick ass. There is no such problem in "Cradle."

I would like to say that the movie had a deep, thoughtful and engaging storyline, but that would be untrue. The story becomes convoluted and incoherent at times, seeming to just set up scenes for gratuitous fighting sequences (can anyone say "Ultimate Fighting Championship times 50?"). However, I don't think the movie brought any pretenses and gave no quarter, for black diamonds stolen by thieves that are sought after by terrorists and a special agent isn't exactly innovative. Even if it were trying to be innovative, the stumbling that the storyline brought with it would have negated that.

The chemistry between Li and DMX wasn't on par with "Lethal Weapon," "Beverly Hills Cop" or even "True Lies," but it never pretends to be. I can't imagine "Cradle 2 the Grave 2."

If you enjoy your films fast, like to leave your brain and reasoning at home, like a lot of ass-kicking or just bum can't get enough of Jet Li, go see this movie. After the rumor he turned down a spot in "The Matrix" and then he came out with "The One," it made me wonder how in the world he would break into the American market. Although this is no "Matrix," he's stepping in the right direction.

## Giving thanks under the 'Moonlight'

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Despite how extraordinarily cool it sounds to be a film critic, or any other kind of critic, the job gets just as monotonous as any other job. After a while, everything you review starts feeling the same; it is still easy to differentiate between the good and the not-so-good and know what made them good or not, but the experience starts to get tiresome. Yes, it's actually possible to get sick of going to the movies.

Which is why, like any job, it takes something exciting to pump you up again, to remind you why you started working the job; and, for that matter, why it was fun and exciting to go to movies in the first place.

Despite popular belief, Oscar season is not the time of year for catching that awe-inspiring movie. "The Hours," "Lord of the Rings" and "Gangs of New York," while all being fine films that were perfectly entertaining, still felt like any other. The excitement and the thrill of the cinema and the pure enjoyment of this job were not any more or less around after seeing these movies.

Finally, the inspiration came on Sunday night, and it wasn't a total surprise that it came in the small, ignored package known as "Moonlight Mile." Despite starring Dustin Hoffman, Susan Sarandon and Jake Gyllenhaal ("Donnie Darko"), Touchstone Pictures (owned by Disney) only had it playing on 437 screens nationwide at the widest and did little to promote it; it came and went through Raleigh so fast that most people didn't even know what it was, much less that it's an absolutely incredible movie. Just a few weeks ago Hoffman even lashed out at parent company Disney, stating that they "dumped it. They didn't even watch it. There was no advertising."

Second chances for ignored pictures like "Mile" are incredibly unpredictable; for a movie that only played on a screen or two for a week or two, the chances of landing on one of the more commercial screens in town at a later date isn't very good.

This didn't stop Blue Ridge, of all places, from bringing the small picture back to town with the same pretty \$1.50 price tag that the rest of its lineup has. After someone noted that it had made the surprise return, the opportunity to go and see it — especially knowing that it didn't have to be written about, considering how long ago it came out — was an absolutely impossible offer to turn down.

The film itself is a heartfelt, honest study of grief, and how it is possible to move on with life after the untimely loss of a loved one. We meet Joe Nast (Gyllenhaal), a young man who has just moved into town with his fiancée, Diana, to do the typical growing-up activities. They're staying with her parents, Ben (Hoffman) and JoJo (Sarandon), until they get married — or at least they were going to, until Diana dies.

The murder happens before the movie starts, which begins on the day of the funeral. Ben is busy trying to set up the house for the reception, while Joe and JoJo face the masses of people that all seem to have something meaningful they want to say, with no clue as to how trite they are about to sound.

Joe decides to stay with the Flosses, partially because he feels like he needs to be there for them and partially because he feels a little guilty about the whole ordeal. They, of course, don't

mind; they enjoy his company and even feel a little bad about all the arguing that he has to put up with.

Soon, though, Joe finds himself in a pinch, as he's tied between the feelings that he thinks he is supposed to be feeling after the Diana situation and the feelings that he's starting to feel toward Bertie (Ellen Pompeo, in a rich, touching breakout performance).

The intricacies of this film could take up this entire paper, for writer/director Brad Silberling has polished every last frame to the finest detail. He knows how these characters are feeling — it's based on the real-life experience of losing a girlfriend that he went through — and his understanding of the questions, the fears and the depression shows throughout. He tells a story in which every image and every word counts; characters don't just curse when they get mad, they argue, and when someone does strongly curse, it's almost shocking.

His actors play the film just right, too, with each actor approaching their roles with incredible subtlety. Hoffman and Sarandon introduce two people who don't ever seem to get along — they're two opposite types of people — but they rely on each other more than either one will admit. Gyllenhaal's performance is just another reminder of why the Academy Awards are a joke; he plays a man with constant moral dilemmas and nowhere to turn, but he never tries to play any of the emotions too strongly.

And Ellen Pompeo: wow. She's made the rounds since "Moonlight Mile," playing small roles in "Daredevil" and "Catch Me if You Can," as well as the romantic lead opposite Luke Wilson in "Old School." After "School" I described her as a "charming young actress," having no idea that a mere week later those words were going to be crammed back down my throat. To call her a "charming young actress" is to call Picasso a "guy who liked to paint," for she manages to twist your arm around you in a way that didn't seem possible. She manages to come off as an average, small-town woman who likes to drink and have fun and then throw us for a loop as that woman proves to be as brave, strong and mature as it's possible to be while staying fun and attractive. She's a face that it will be important to keep up with.

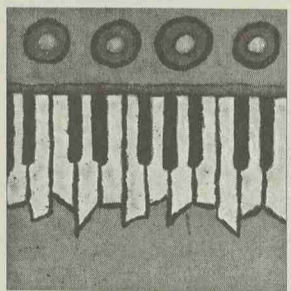
These are all just elements, though — photography, performances — that make for a great film. The heartbreaking honesty, the tenderness and care that went into every shot, on the other hand, are what make it great. It seems to be made just to break down the walls that years of constant movie-watching build; you learn to see every formula and plot twist long before they happen, so when something goes beyond that, it's something special.

"Moonlight Mile" is breathtaking and normal at the same time. These are everyday people in everyday circumstances, but they're caught in a film that makes it hard to blink, just 'cause you don't want to miss a single frame.

So, to all of those involved, I'd like to extend a warm "thank you" that is being delivered with a gigantic smile. You've reminded me — at a time when I needed it — why I go to the movies.

To all of you that haven't seen it, or even heard of it — don't wait. It's at Blue Ridge all week. Granted, it'll be hitting the video rental shelves next week, but movies play on the big screen for a reason. But that's an entirely different article.

## Donate some time to this 'Organ'



Cursive  
The Ugly Organ  
★★★★/2

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Fans of Omaha, Neb., band Cursive have been waiting patiently for a full-length album. After releasing "Domestica" in 2000, the band spent more time touring than recording, supplying fans with only an EP in 2001, "Burst and Bloom." After more touring, and singer Tim Kasher's working on his solo project, "The Good Life," the band has finally gotten back into the studio to record their best work to date: "The Ugly Organ."

If you haven't heard Cursive before, you'll probably hear a lot of people describe them as "emo," but don't let this scare you. It is true that vocalist Tim Kasher tends to croon away with the

voice of a chain smoker about love and loss, but the music is nothing like you would expect. No pop hooks and cheesy pick-scrapes here.

Instead, the music is more technically proficient for indie-rock (emphasis on the rock). The band is less dependent on power chords and more likely to use single-note progressions to achieve its sound. Plus, the addition of Gretta Cohn on cello is a nice touch. It does not appear out of place at all, and it is just what the band needed to reach a peak in their sound.

On "Domestica," Kasher was more morose and resigned when it came to singing. For their third album, Kasher has taken a more aggressive tone at times. The album's first real track, "Some Red-Handed Slight of Hand," is a perfect example of this aggressiveness. Most of this supposedly stems from events in his personal life, but discussing that any further would be too much like a soap opera. Suffice to say, it had a huge affect on his vocal styles. This isn't to say he completely abandons his former style; rather, he simply adds a bit more angst.

"The Ugly Organ" finds the band experimenting with its sound a great deal. Though its songs were complex to begin with, the band has taken a few more liberties with song structure to create tracks that are both convoluted and beautiful. "Bloody Murder" is a perfect example.

And like all great albums, "The Ugly Organ" has a great sense of flow. You can

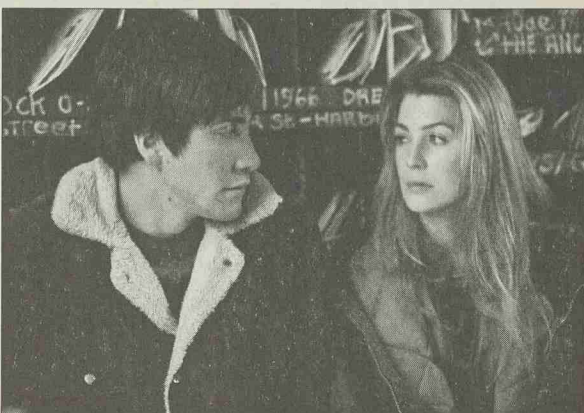
tell that the band spent time organizing tracks instead of haphazardly throwing things together at the last minute.

They close the album with the track "Staying Alive," which can roughly be described as Cursive's epic track. The track tops 10 minutes and goes through a series of movements similar to something like "Bohemian Rhapsody" or "November Rain." The track ends the album perfectly, with a series of echoing guitar notes rising to a calm climax.

Again, "The Ugly Organ" is easily Cursive's best album to date. The band picks up where it left off with the "Burst and Bloom" EP. Allowing cellist Cohn to find her niche in the band was certainly the right move, and fans will be more than happy with her position in the band.

Cursive will be on tour in the near future, and will be gracing Cat's Cradle in Carrboro on March 28. Not only is the roster a total of found bands, but also it's on a Friday, so you have no excuse for missing it. Opening acts Minus the Bear and Engine Down have their moments of greatness; as for No Knife, you'll have to find out for yourself, as I have absolutely no idea what to expect. The last time they were around here was with Sunny Day Real Estate in 2000 for the Rising Tide Tour.

Cursive's shows are known for a level of intensity that few bands are capable of exhibiting in a mature fashion... and the album will probably be cheaper at the show.



Jake Gyllenhaal and Ellen Pompeo ignite the screen in writer/director Brad Silberling's incredible "Moonlight Mile." Photo courtesy Touchstone Pictures

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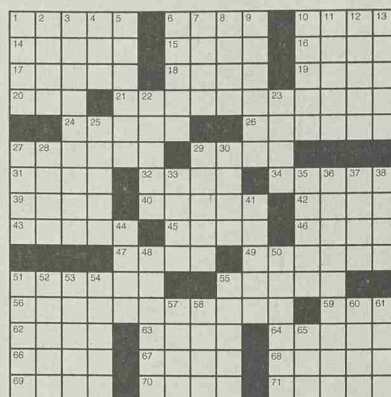
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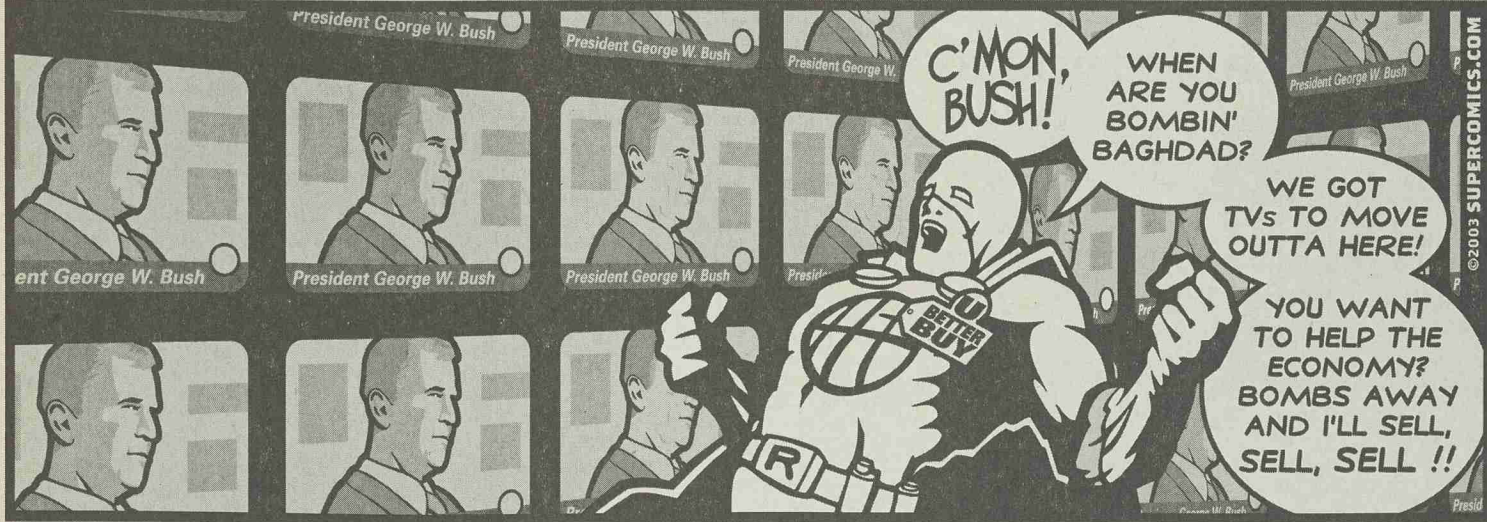
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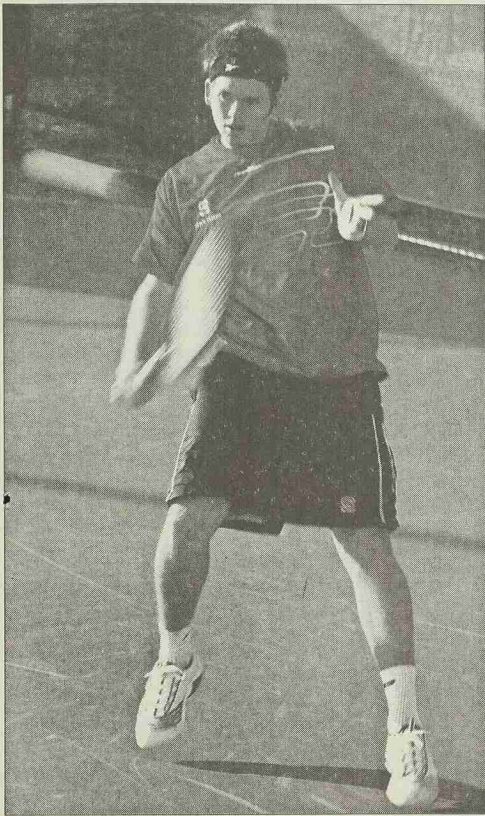
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## Men's tennis struggles on the road



Will Shaw was one of two players to win a set. Staff photo by Ben Austin

The men's tennis team dropped two matches over the weekend against conference foes.

Sports Staff Report

The first weekend of conference play ended without a win for the Wolfpack's men's tennis program.

The team fell to both Georgia Tech and Clemson, not winning a single match in either tie. The Wolfpack fell to 2-8 on the season and 0-2 in ACC play.

The Pack was able to pick up a couple of sets over the weekend, however.

Val Banada won his first set against Sander Koning of Clemson 6-2 at No. 2 singles before falling in the final two sets 6-4 against Clemson. Against Georgia Tech, freshman Will Shaw won his first set at No. 3 singles 6-4 before falling in the next two sets 7-5, 6-2 to Jason Pieters.

Both the Yellow Jackets and the Tigers were ranked among the top-50 programs in the nation. State will travel to Furman for the sixth game of a seven-game road trip before hosting Florida State on March 9 in the Wolfpack's third ACC match of the season.

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back to the golden-older days, when there were more players with afros than there were teams in the tournament. And if you want to eliminate all the parity, make some changes to the game. Eliminate the 3-point basket, for instance. Do away with the slam-dunk.

At one time, making the big dance was prom-night special. Now, it's just another night at a smoky booty club. And if a team

can't even make a smoky booty club, as Sendek's is struggling with, then it's labeled worse than the ugly duckling. A smaller tournament field, one that includes only the conference champs, would give credibility back to the NCAA tournament and make it a meaningful accomplishment for the teams involved.

It would also show Sendek, strangely enough, to a better coach than previously thought — as he's coached two teams to the finals of the ACC tournament. A smaller field would also give meaning back to poor old NIT, a

tournament that is known as the land of not-good-enoughs and has become about as worthless as Monopoly money. If one team per conference made the NCAA field, the NIT would be free to invite good teams once again.

But as long as State can garner at least two more wins, or three, the Pack will be dancing. Who would actually want to dance with State is another question.

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"He made the curve a bit longer, and I added an extra step in there," said Williams. "I just had to get used to running in a wide curve."

And that took a little while. For the first part of the indoor season, Williams wasn't clearing the heights he did in high school, but he kept faith in his coach and the changes he had made.

"You just have to have trust in your coach," said Williams. "I just went along with it and trusted it would work out, and it is working. I love my run-up now."

"At the beginning of the indoor season, I knew we had made the

right decision, but I was wondering when it was going to kick in," said Olsen. "Now, his rotation over the bar will give him a much better chance at higher heights, whereas before, he would have always hit the bar on the way up."

"The hardest thing for him was coming in here after finishing fourth in the world, and as a freshman, we were already throwing out everything he knew had worked so well for him in the past. To Jesse's credit, he trusted what we were doing."

Geiger sees much more than just an athlete in Williams. Not only does Williams bring in some guaranteed points for the team, but he also brings good character. "The most impressive thing

about Jesse Williams to me is his character," said Geiger. "He's an incredible young man. Everybody enjoys being around Jesse. He has one of those personalities where it doesn't matter if you're in the sprints, jumps, throws or distance, you just enjoy being around him."

Williams's school-record jump at the conference championships and his impressive attempts at the next heights hopefully mark the beginning of a new period of improvement.

"Jesse trusted what we were doing, through the tough times at the beginning of the season," said Olsen. "As a competitor, that's a hard thing to do, but he stayed with it, and hopefully we've turned the corner."

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the Wolfpack. Jassawalla picked up the win, 6-3, 6-7(5), 10-8.

The Wolfpack will return to the

courts on Wednesday when it opens conference play versus No. 6 Duke (10-1). Action is slated for 2 p.m. at the Cary Tennis Complex.

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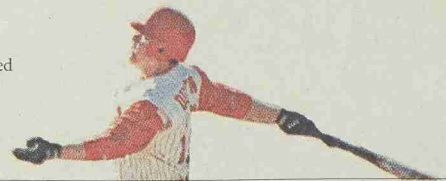
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## Schedule

M. basketball @ Clemson, 3/5, 9  
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M. tennis @ Furman, 3/6, 2:30

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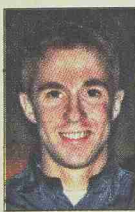
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## TECHNICIAN

### BASKETBALL

## Tournament expansion proposal flawed



Andrew B. Carter

N.C. State basketball coach Herb Sendek is known as a brilliant guy, a master tactician with a stringent work ethic. Listen to him speak, and it's obvious that, unlike Forrest Gump, Sendek is a smart man.

Why then does the coach who graduated college with a 3.95 GPA believe the NCAA should consider expanding the already crowded NCAA Tournament field to 128 teams? Sendek advocated this stance when prompted by a reporter during his press conference last week.

Go back and listen to his comments, and some of them are true. He said a team is labeled a failure when it doesn't reach the field of 64. That's true. He also said college basketball is full of parity, and that a larger tournament field would give more young men the rich experience of NCAA Tournament basketball. That's true, too.

But both are complete nonsense. Could it be that 1) Sendek is trying to deflect the fire off his back with his Wolfpack squarely (or is it roundly) on the bubble? or 2) If every college basketball player wanted a taste to the postseason, they'd either (Gasp!) earn it on the court or play ball in a one-team league at the YMCA?

But, this isn't about Sendek — he's faced more unwarranted heat than an innocent man on death row — this is about the notion of the ever-expanding post season that has kidnapped competition.

Used to be in sports that the opportunity to play on after the regular season was as rare as a moon landing. (Unless, of course, you rooted for the New York Yankees.) Teams in all sports — NCAA basketball included — could be very good for a decade at a time and never even sniff the playoffs.

Before 1975, for instance, only conference champions could advance to the NCAA tournament. In its national championship season of 1974, just to advance to the NCAA tournament N.C. State had to defeat Maryland in the ACC tournament finals in an overtime classic widely regarded as the greatest college basketball game in history. Maryland was at least the third-best, if not the second-best, team in the nation that year. But, the Terrapins didn't go dancing.

Could you imagine if the major conference tournaments carried the same amount of weight today as they did 30 years ago? If only Duke or North Carolina in the early 1990s could make the field, or if only the Blue Devils or Maryland represented the ACC in their Final Four year in 2001?

It'd be madness, indeed.

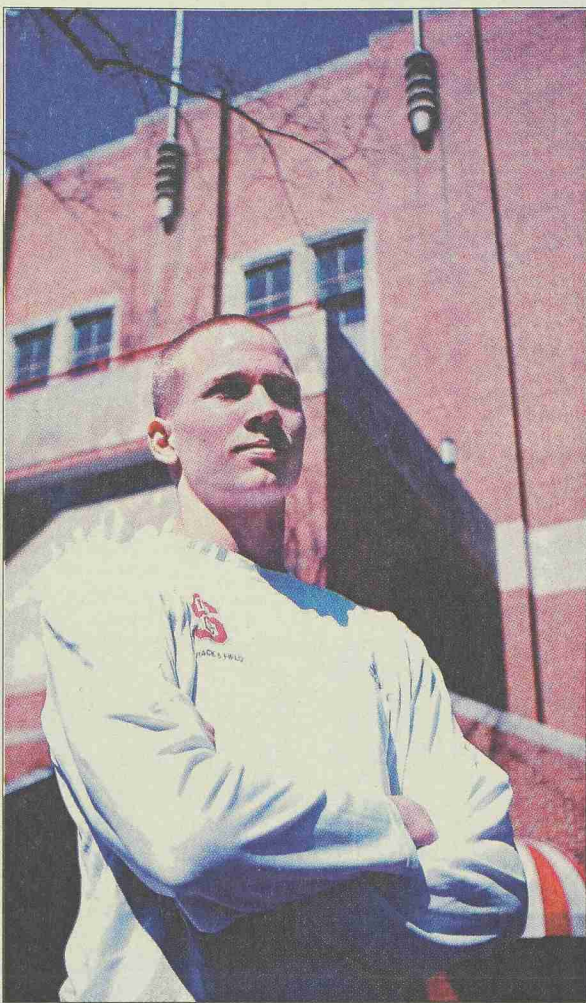
Instead, we're stuck with major conferences sending teams to the tournament that belong there as much as O.J. Simpson deserves to be roaming America as a free man. If State (unless it wins the ACC tourney) makes it with a 9-7 conference record, for instance, it'd be an O.J. team.

It's not just college basketball that has fallen to the incredibly expanding playoff epidemic. Over half of the NBA and NHL teams will make the playoffs (Wait, you mean there's regular season to these sports? Who knew?), and NFL isn't far behind. Baseball was fine for about a century until it decided to double the number of teams that competed for the pennant in the American and National Leagues.

The tournament, which is to the NCAA as Microsoft is to Bill Gates, doesn't need more teams. It needs fewer. Go

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# Williams jumps to new heights



Jesse Williams ranks No. 1 in the nation in the high jump. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

N.C. State athlete Jesse Williams is one of the top high jumpers in the nation — as a freshman.

Todd Lion  
Senior Staff Writer

The current national leader list in the high jump has a four-way tie for number one: senior Adam Shunk, University of North Carolina; senior Shaun Guice, Purdue University; junior Joe Squitieri, University of Florida. The fourth is a freshman from N.C. State, Jesse Williams.

Williams, a native of nearby Broughton High School, finished second at the ACC championships two weeks ago, clearing a height of 7-3.

Williams cleared his first two heights on his first attempts, but then missed his first two attempts at each of his next three heights, 6-11 3/4, 7-1 3/4 and 7-3, clearing each bar in his last allowed attempt while watching Shunk clear each on his first attempt.

"At 6-11 3/4 I missed twice, and I was getting really nervous," said Williams. "I just tried to keep my head, and I told myself, 'I have to do this. I have to do this for the team. This is not a height I should be missing at all.' I managed to do that for the next two heights. I can't believe that's what it came down to, but I just had to do it."

Williams' competitive drive and big-meet experience is accountable for his success, according to head coach Rollie Geiger.

"At the conference, Jesse cleared a bar on his third attempt three times," Geiger said. "Ninety-nine percent of athletes would falter on the third attempt, because they just don't have that competitive juice. I don't even think Jesse was thinking about the height when he was doing this. I think he was just thinking

about beating that UNC guy."

As just a freshman, Williams already has as much or more big-meet experience than most college athletes will ever have. In high school, Williams competed in the junior world championship and several national championship events.

"I was in the Bahamas for a week training and competing in a pre-meet, and then we were in Jamaica for a week for the meet," said Williams. "It was possibly the best two weeks of my life. It was incredible being in Jamaica and competing with the best junior athletes in the world. I was ranked around 15th going into the meet, and I stepped it up at the meet."

Williams finished in fourth place with a personal best mark of 7-3.

"The world meet was the biggest meet I've ever been to, but I've also been to U.S. nationals and seen a ton of big meets. Competing just comes naturally for me. ACCs was big, but I've been in bigger. Even NCAAAs won't be as big as Worlds."

With this amount of success in high school, it would seem that Williams could just cruise into college and keep up his level of success with no adjustments, but assistant coach Gail Olsen saw the need to make some changes in Williams' jumping technique.

"When you get a guy coming off of fourth in the world junior championships and jumping 7-3, then there has to be something working for him," said Olsen. "On the other side of that, there were things that he was doing that would have limited him at higher heights. One of the things I had to do was convince him to change something that had always worked really well for him."

Olsen saw that the curve in Williams' approach could be widened to allow more speed to be carried into the jump.

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# Baseball takes two over the weekend

The baseball team beat Villanova and Hofstra this weekend.

Sports Staff Report

WILMINGTON — Mike Rogers pitched a two-hit shutout, and Joe Gaetti homered twice and drove in seven runs to lead N.C. State to a 12-0 blowout of Villanova in the second round of the Hughes Brothers Challenge at Brooks Field.

The Wolfpack, which won for the second day in a row after beating Hofstra 5-2, improved to 7-4, while the Wildcats dropped to 1-5. Rogers (3-1) was masterful in picking up his third win. He went the distance, striking out eight and walking two. Villanova starter Jake Wolff, a true freshman making his first college start, pitched well, working five and two-thirds innings and allowing four runs on seven hits. He walked two and struck out six.

The Wolfpack picked up a pair of runs right out of the

gate. Gaetti, the second batter of the game, hit a solo homer for the first run of the game. Justin Riley and Colt Morton followed with singles, and Tim Coffield doubled down the left-field line to drive in Riley.

Jeremy Dutton reached on a one-out infield single in the top of the fourth and went all the way to third on a stolen base attempt when Wolff's pickoff throw was wild for an error. Dutton then scored on a passed ball to give the Wolfpack a 3-0 lead.

The Wolfpack added another run with a two-out rally in the top of the sixth. Dutton doubled to right-center field, and Chad Orvella walked. Adam Hargrave got the run in with a seeing-eye single through the right side of the infield.

Once Wolff left the game in the sixth, State went to work on the Villanova bullpen. Riley got the Wolfpack started with a one-out double in the top of the seventh and scored on Morton's single to left. Morton went to second on Marc Maynor's groundout, and with two out, David Hicks struck out for what should have been

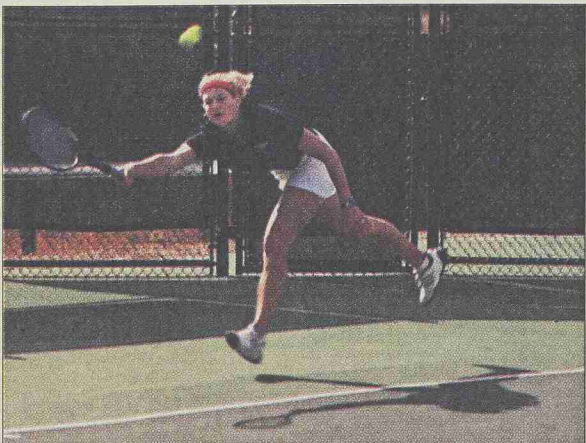
the final out of the inning but was safe on a wild pitch from reliever Joe McCoy. Morton went to third on the play and scored on another wild pitch by McCoy.

State blew the game open completely with three runs in the eighth and three more in the ninth. All of the damage in the final two innings came courtesy of Gaetti, who belted a three-run homer in the eighth, his second homer of the game, and a three-run double in the ninth. He was gunned down trying to stretch the hit into a triple, perhaps his only mistake of the game. Gaetti's two homers and seven RBIs both were career highs.

All that offense was overkill for Rogers, who allowed single hits in the bottom of the first and second innings and then did not allow a baserunner until pinch-hitter Pete Riccio walked with one out in the bottom of the ninth. Until then, Rogers had set down 20 men in a row, and he wound up retiring 22 of the last 23 men he faced and 25 of the last 27.

The Wolfpack meet the Wildcats again on today in Wilson.

# Women's tennis stays perfect at home



Women's tennis picked up its third home win vs. Boston. File photo by Andrew Knopp

The women's tennis team won six of seven points to defeat Boston Sunday afternoon.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State defeated Boston University Saturday afternoon in women's tennis action on the courts of the Cary Tennis Complex. The Wolfpack won 6-1, dropping only the No. 1 singles match. The Pack is 3-2 overall and 3-0 at its satellite home facilities on the season.

The Wolfpack grabbed an early lead, picking up two of the three doubles matches for the point. Myrna Bawono and Kristin Lam were the first to finish, dropping the Terrier tandem of Lindsey Dynof and Elena deMendoza, 8-2. Jennifer Jassawalla and Virginia Romero picked up their first win as a team in the No. 2 match with an 8-3 victory against Aimee Charest and Laura Ahmes.

State rallied to 6-6 after being down early in the third match, but Loni Worsley and Danielle Stadelmann were unable to come up with a win and lost to Alana Marcu and Elisa Glas, 8-6.

The lone singles loss of the afternoon came at the No. 1 spot as Romero fell to Dynof. In the No. 2 match, Lam split sets with Boston's deMendoza before putting her away in the third, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2. Bawono clinched the match for the Wolfpack in a 6-0, 6-2 romp of Charest in the No. 3 match.

Worsley was the first off of the court for the Wolfpack, putting away Marcu, 6-0, 6-0, to grab her first shutout of the season. Stadelmann was effective in the five spot, putting down Glas 6-4, 6-1. Jassawalla split sets with the Terrier's Ahmes and played a third-set super tiebreaker since the match was already clinched for

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