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WORLD

Algerian passenger jet crash kills 102

On Thursday, shortly after takeoff, an Air Algerie passenger jet went down in the Sahara Desert after one of its engines caught fire.

Of the 102 passengers on board, there was one survivor.

The Boeing 737, flight 6289, crashed after taking off from Tamanrasset, bound for Algiers, the Algerian capital.

An airline official said that terrorism was not a factor and that the plane had been well maintained.

A crisis team for families was quickly posted at the airport, along with an investigative team.

Bin Laden is alive, says captured terrorist

According to Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, one of the Sept. 11, 2001, masterminds who was recently captured, Osama bin Laden is alive and in good health.

Mohammed told interrogators that bin Laden may be living between Pakistan and Afghanistan, somewhere along the border.

According to reports, Mohammed told interrogators that he met with bin Laden within the last few weeks through a network system of phones and runners.

While Mohammed said he is unsure of bin Laden's exact current location, officials have reported that they are now closer to finding him.

NATION

Missing Michigan teen spotted in California

On Thursday an Amber Alert was issued by the California Highway Patrol for a missing Michigan teenager who disappeared from her home on Saturday.

Lindsay Ryan, 14, was last seen 90 miles northeast of Sacramento with a convicted murderer who in 1977 had kidnapped and killed another teenager.

According to police reports, cash and firearms were missing from Ryan's home upon her disappearance. In addition, a computer's hard drive had also been erased.

Ryan's family was informed by two friends that she had been involved in an online relationship with Terry Drake, a 56-year-old man from the family's church. Drake was arrested in 1977 for kidnapping and murdering Linda Kearschner. Drake abducted Kearschner from her home and took a gun as well, which he used to kill her.

Drake was released from prison in 1993.

Hackers break into university database

Hackers recently stole Social Security numbers and e-mail addresses from more than 55,000 students, alumni and employees at the University of Texas at Austin, said reports.

While victims have been notified, officials are still looking into how the information is being used, as it may have been used to illegally obtain credit cards or withdraw money from accounts.

On Sunday, university employees found a computer malfunction, and this is when the theft was also found.

STATE

Greensboro denounces terror hotbed allegations

While several influential leaders have graduated from North Carolina A&T University, including Jesse Jackson, a civil rights leader and Ronald McNair, an astronaut who was killed on the shuttle Challenger, recently news of another group of influential leaders, which includes one of the Sept. 11, 2001, masterminds, has brought unwanted attention to the city of Greensboro.

After Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was taken into U.S. custody over the weekend, news came out that he graduated from N.C. A&T in 1986. Mohammed is one of three accused terrorists who studied in North Carolina.

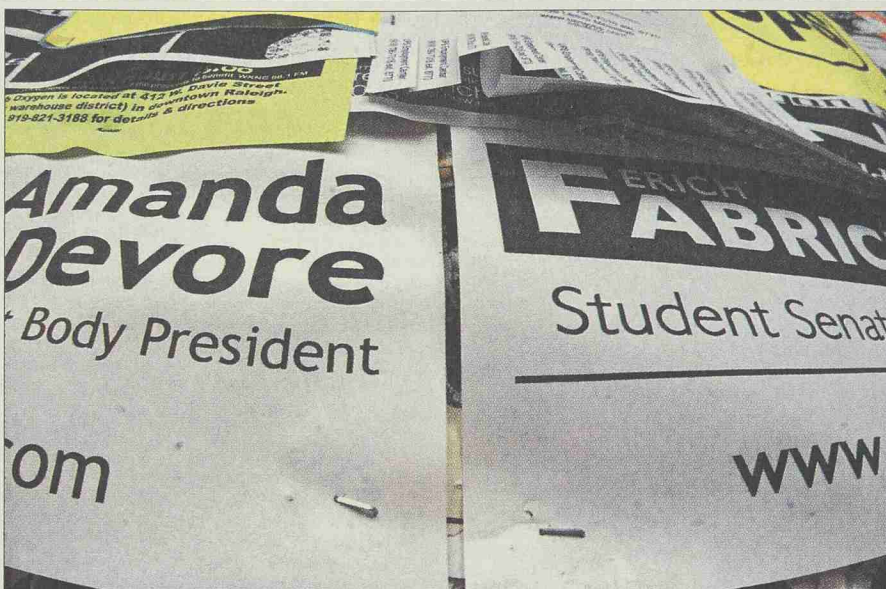
While N.C. A&T administrators have recognized that suspected terrorists attended their school, they say that the alleged terrorist activities that the men are involved in are not related to the school in any way.

State Board of Education chair will step down

Phil Kirk, chairman of the State Board of Education, announced on Thursday that he will resign from his post as of May 1.

Kirk has served in the position since 1997. While Kirk said that he will continue to work as president of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, a state-run business lobby, he says that the two jobs together have been tiring, and he must give one of them up.

While holding both positions, Kirk has received increasing criticism from people who said that the jobs were conflicts of interest — lobbying for schools and lobbying for business.



Fliers on walls and kiosks are a typical sight during student body elections campaigns. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

Fliers cause controversy for election candidates

On a WKNC talk show Tuesday, a group of candidates debated the proper use of election fliers.

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

As the student election season approaches, candidates are trying to introduce themselves to the N.C. State community. The methods that each candidate uses to spread his or her platform are numerous — Web sites, e-mails and fliers, to name a few.

But now that elections books are closed and the competition has begun, there has recently been some controversial discussion among the candidates about whether or not there should be a "limit"

on how many fliers they are allowed to post around campus.

The candidates running for student body president first raised the issue on WKNC on Tuesday night. The candidates were allotted five minutes to talk. During his turn, Tony Caravano, a junior in criminology, openly challenged all other candidates to limit the number of posters and fliers they put up.

"The challenge is being delivered to candidates running for student body offices — that is student body president, student senate president, student body treasurer and student center president. We're asking all of the candidates to establish limits to the number of fliers candidates can post on bulletin boards and kiosks around campus," said Caravano.

Cliff Ray, who is also vying for the stu-

dent body president seat, believes there should not be a limit on the amount of fliers posted.

"As student body presidential candidates, we are presented with a challenge far greater than counting fliers on boards. We are faced with the challenge to be creative through different avenues of publicity to reach the student body and heighten student awareness," said Ray. "I agree that no N.C. State organization should feel threatened by election publicity; however, a 'flier limit' is not the answer. As campus leaders, our goals should ultimately be to unite the campus, both organizations and students."

The issue arose because of what Caravano called "massive fliering" by other candidates.

Caravano says that he feels it is unfair for the candidates to hog posting space — space that any other time would go to other student organizations' publicity efforts.

"This year, campaign 'fliering' has already had an adverse affect on publicity for Nightwalk and the opening of registration for Service Raleigh. In the com-

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County cracks down on underage drinking

Underage drinking and an increase in the use of fake IDs has led to closer monitoring by local law enforcement agencies.

Elizabeth Welch
Staff Reporter

The Wake County ABC Law Enforcement officers have recently begun monitoring local, state-run (ABC) liquor stores and other alcohol retailers in an effort to combat underage drinking and specifically the use of fake IDs. This crackdown is planned to increase even more this week and into the future. Campus Police and other law enforcement agencies say that these efforts are a sign of a more proactive rather than reactive approach by law enforcement to the prevalent dilemma of underage alcohol consumption by college students.

ABC officers will be watching traffic and observing transactions at targeted places in and around Raleigh. Students should expect that any such purchases they make will be monitored. Aside from the underage purchase of alcohol, ABC liquor stores have a policy that 18- to 20-year-olds are not even allowed inside without a parent or guardian.

Last Thursday and Friday alone, several

students were found in violation of state alcohol laws.

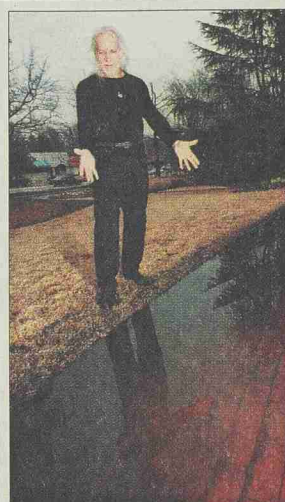
This stepped-up enforcement comes in response to what Kevin Lawrence, an ABC officer and member of the Campus Coalition, calls "a noticeable increase over the last few months of [students] using fake IDs."

Lawrence emphasized the fact that ABC officers are fully sworn police officers with the ability to arrest students they find attempting to use fake IDs. Fake IDs include state-issued IDs that have the birth date tampered with, cards that are entirely bogus with false information, and IDs that have been borrowed from someone who is of drinking age.

If it has always been a bad idea to purchase alcohol while underage, it has recently become a worse one. For 19- to 20-year-olds, being caught even possessing alcoholic beverages is no longer an infraction but a Class 3 misdemeanor. Someone who is over 21 and helps an underage person's purchase or attempted purchase of alcohol is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor with accompanying community service hours and fines.

Since December 2001, it has become a Class 1 misdemeanor crime for someone under 21 to use a fake ID to enter a

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Will Hooker shows one of the problem areas on campus — a soaked building surface. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

Coalition makes N.C. State more sustainable

The N.C. State Sustainability Coalition is an advocate for environmental and sustainability practices on campus.

Thomas Sowders
Staff Reporter

In early October of 2002, Will Hooker, a professor in the Horticulture Science Department, sent out a mass e-mail inviting people to hold a meeting on sustainability on N.C. State's campus. Thus began the N.C. State Sustainability Coalition (NCSSC).

The initial goal of the coalition was to serve as a grassroots advocacy group for sustainability practices and to provide energy to NCSU's commitment to making the campus an environmentally conscious operation.

Sustainability is the preservation of the resources that an ecosystem needs to maintain functionality.

According to Hooker, great ideas were on the drawing board as a result of Governor Hunt's 1998 call for all N.C. pub-

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Identity theft discussed at Student Senate meeting

Student Senate discusses Raleigh Police Department's latest scheme to combat identity theft and other student-specific topics.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

Dennis Poteat, head of the Raleigh Police Department's Southwest District, appeared before the Student Senate Wednesday with a message on how students can better serve the N.C. State community — an appealing idea to a Student Senate that prides itself in community involvement.

Poteat addressed the Student Senate with the issue of identity theft — a topic that has recently become a problem on NCSU's campus and other universities across the nation.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Gary Palin is a master's student majoring in 20th Century African History. In his fifth Student Senate term, Palin is currently serving on the Government Operations Committee. Before graduating, Palin would "like to see the Student Senate reunite the Union and Student Body Constitution to their rightful place as one singular document." To his constituents Palin says, "Please vote in the upcoming elections, as graduate students must voice their opinions at the ballot box."

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Poteat told the senators about a flyer plan that would have police officers place a safety informational flyer on cars along Hillsborough Street. The flyers would target cars that contain valuable materials — CD players, wallets, ID cards — items that would be visible by passing pedestrians.

At first, Student Senate members questioned the plan's feasibility, saying that the plan could advertise these vehicles to thieves rather than deter theft activity.

But Poteat said that the plan has already worked in several cities, and he believes that it could work in the NCSU community.

"Flyers on cars along Hillsborough Street are [already] too common," he added.

Poteat requested that the Student Senate members spread the word about identity theft and its prevalence in college areas where a lot of younger people congregate.

It is important to "protect your identity," said Poteat. "Do not keep your license, social security card and credit cards together — that's like winning the NCAA tournament to a thief."

An additional student-specific topic address came from Joel Harper, executive director of the committee of education, who made a plea to the Student Senate on behalf of the state. According to Harper, North Carolina needs approximately 100,000 new schoolteachers for the state to meet the needs of students.

Harper says the reasons behind this include "bigger population, a push toward smaller class sizes and the 'no child left behind policy,'" Harper directed student senators to www.teach4nc.com for



Service Raleigh reflied a wall after the organization's work was covered with campaign fliers. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

additional information.

Because the senate decided to uphold the vetoed decision by Student Body President Mike Anthony, the run for student body treasurer is now anyone's race. The candidates for the race were determined ineligible by the Student Government's "good standing" policy. The decision to uphold the current policy causes this race to now function as a write-in.

"Students who vote will simply write in a name for student body

treasurer, and the students with the most votes will have a runoff," said Dustin Choe, College of Engineering senior senator.

Other announcements made during the Student Senate meeting included a notice of comedian Margaret Cho's performance at NCSU on March 19. The show will be held at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$7 with a NCSU student ID. Tickets are being sold at Ticket Central. Jason Smith was also appointed to elections commissioner.

SUSTAINABILITY

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lic institutions to commit to adhering to environmentally sustainable practices. Getting the ideas from the drawing board into reality was Hooker's motivation for starting the NCSSC.

The coalition now has one main goal, according to Hooker. "We are calling for Chancellor Fox to hire a full-time sustainability coordinator," said Hooker.

He noted that the coalition believes there is an undeniable need for such a position to be filled. "We need that full-time person now," said Hooker.

"Several years ago, NCSU made a commitment to be more environmentally sustainable, and so far, I don't think we've made much progress toward honoring that commitment," said Becky Bowers, a representative of the Student Organization for Sustainability (SOS) within NCSSC. "That's really why I'm involved in the coalition and the SOS — because I want to see NCSU become a leader in sustainability. I hate to say it, but UNC-[Chapel Hill] is way ahead of us in this realm."

UNC-CH has a full-time sustainability coordinator and is making unprecedented progress in making its campus a leader in environmental sustainability, according to Hooker. There is a pro-

gram in the works with the goal of uniting UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke and NCSU in promoting sustainable practices.

Proponents believe that the need for a full-time sustainability position has several justifications. According to Hooker, there has in the past been a certain level of negligence in actualizing on the many sustainability issues at hand. Centennial Campus, for example, was supposed to be a cutting-edge leader in "green building." There were several swales-drainage areas — wet weather streams — on the future site of Centennial Campus, Hooker said that these swales were supposed to be protected but have since been built upon.

While sustainability advocates believe that there is still work to be done, they say that there have been successes in NCSU's efforts to become a more sustainable campus.

Brad Moore's role in the NCSU architect's office is to focus on "green building" and incorporate sustainable practices for buildings on NCSU's campus. This includes making sure that all buildings are energy-efficient, paying attention to the environment outside and inside the building — everything from the way that water runs and flows over the building's site and space inside the building for recycling facilities.

The special attention given to

recycling on NCSU's campus is another one of the sustainability successes, say proponents.

There are many plans in the works for making the campus more sustainable. One plan seeks to convert all of NCSU's diesel-fueled automobiles to a system that will allow them to run a mixture that is 20 percent vegetable oil, thus cutting diesel pollution significantly. Still, says NCSSC, more energy needs to be spent in making NCSU a leader in sustainability.

"I feel like there are currently a lot of opportunities for NCSU to soar past Chapel Hill and become a leader in sustainability. We have a growing campus and a lot of folks who are interested in these issues," said Bowers. "But I think NCSU needs to put some effort behind the commitment that we've already made. Otherwise, we're just all talk and no action."

Reputation is not the only thing at stake, according to Hooker.

"There is a direct relationship between the health of the environment and the health of humans and all other creatures, and some people don't even consider that. And that is surprising," said Hooker.

On March 27, Park Scholars will be holding a symposium titled "A Sustainable Future: Challenging Communities to Change." It will be held in Stewart Theater at 2 p.m.

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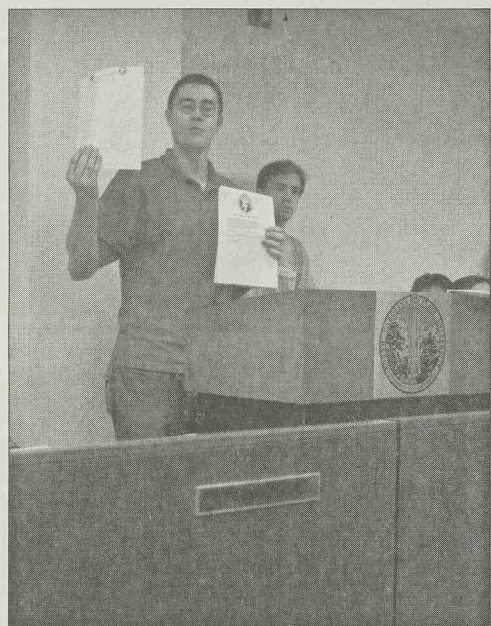
ing weeks, the campus is going to host a lot of great on-campus events like India Nite, the Red and White Ball, Pan-African festival and a performance by Margaret Cho," said Caravano. "Massive 'fliering' by candidates really makes it impossible for student organizations to publicize effectively. Student organizations really fuel the energy of this campus, and we do them a great disservice if candidates continue to monopolize publicity space with campaign fliers."

Caravano says he would like to see a four-flier limit on campus bulletin boards and a six-flier limit on other posting locations such as kiosks and walls.

"Not only will the limit really benefit the publicity efforts of student organizations, but this challenge really presents the campaigns with the opportunity to be more than just a piece of paper," said Caravano. "It'll compel us all to go out and personally interact with individual students and their organizations, and that bodes well for our campaigns and the integrity of the elections as a whole."

Ray expressed his desire to inform students of the elections. "One goal for elections is to create a campus environment that allows all students to be informed of and actively participate in the elections process," said Ray.

Amanda Devore, another student body president candidate,



Garrett Bugg, chair of the Elections Commission, shows Code 7 for filing grievances at an all-candidates meeting. Staff photo by Ben Austin

said she'd follow the rules by the book.

"As a candidate, I must follow all of the regulations listed in Chapter 7 of the Student Body Statutes," said Devore. "These rules were set by the Student Senate and are very important to ensure a fair election."

Dustin Choe just wants elections to run smoothly.

"The rules are plain and simple, and I hope all the candidates

will follow them so we can have a clean race. I'm just hoping this will be a clean election," said Choe. "In the race for [student body president], we are all pretty good friends, and I hope regardless of the outcome, we can all still be friends."

For a description of the fliering rules and other election information, go to the senate website at: <http://students.ncsu.edu/vote>.

FAKE IDS

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place where alcohol is being consumed or to use one to get a wristband that allows them to drink. The same goes for allowing someone else to borrow your ID to purchase alcohol. In both instances, upon conviction, driving licenses will be revoked. The manufacture of fake IDs is also a Class 1 misdemeanor offense, and even someone with no prior criminal record could receive community service hours and up

to a \$1,000 fine. Selling fake IDs is a felony.

The DMV has also recently established an electronic system for retailers to verify driver's licenses and dates of birth. It is up to the individual retailer to decide whether or not to implement the system, as they are responsible for its cost, but many local places do have it in place.

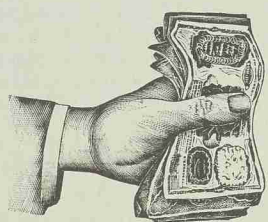
The State Alcohol Law Enforcement Division (ALE) has the ongoing mission of addressing fake IDs and underage drinking in bars and clubs.

Student reaction to the increased enforcement is varied.

"Underage drinking in college is a fact of life," said senior Annette Cook. "Maybe the emphasis should be on responsible consumption."

Junior Jason Meares has a different take on the situation.

"Whether people like it or not, the law concerning purchasing alcohol is on the books and therefore has to be enforced. If someone doesn't like it, they should take it to their representative," he said.



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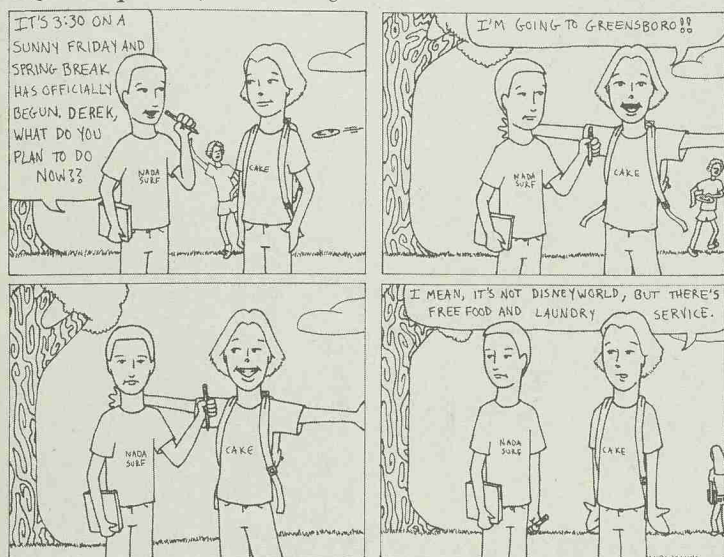
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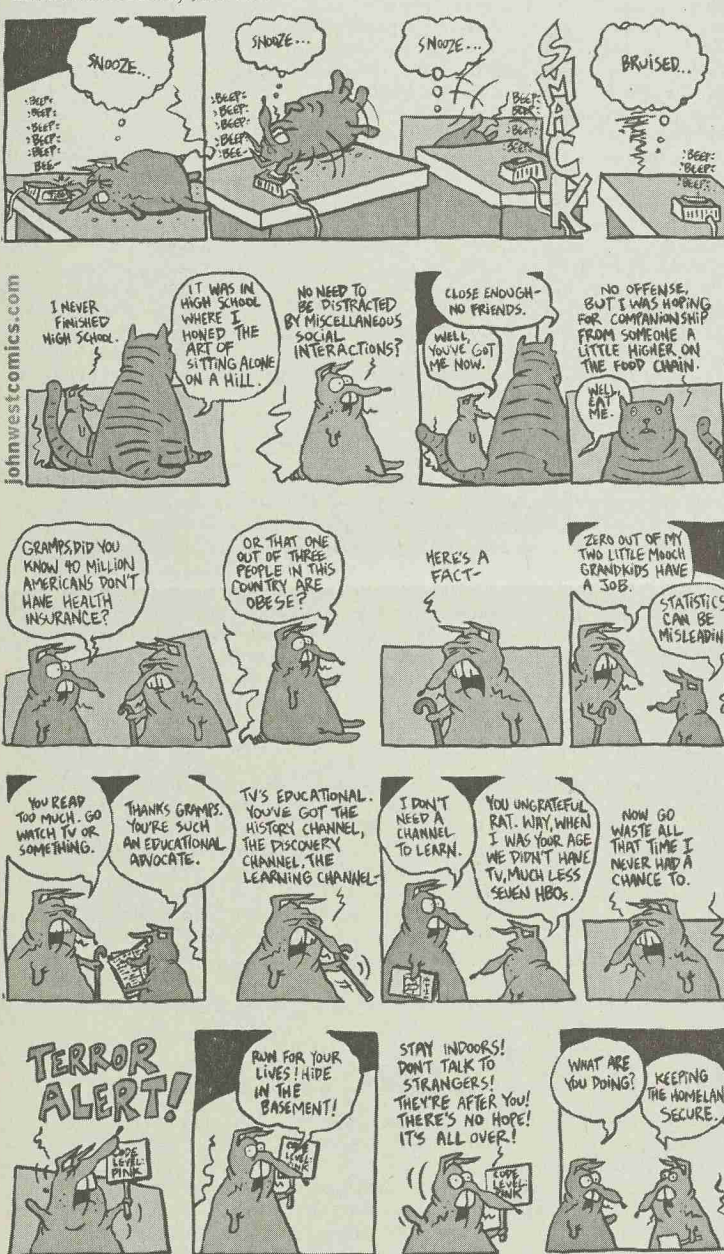
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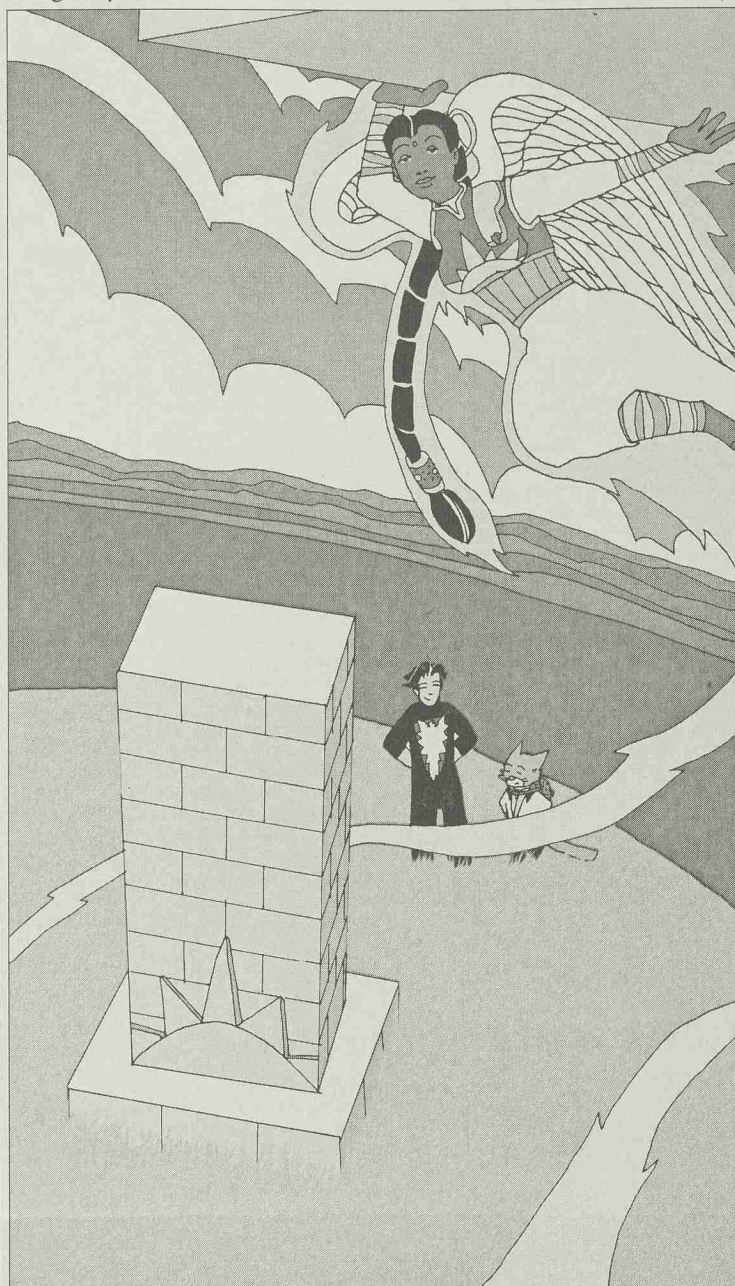
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Zathael and Matajuro watch as Gestalt places the crown atop the monument she built to celebrate their victory over the evil Ja'kaste in the land of Kyphosis. Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn

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 Zathael 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 enchantations 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'KAAAAAAHHHHK!!!" 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.

The demons shrieked in horror as they began to melt and dissipate. Matajuro stood bold and sheathed his sword and bowed to them as they washed away in the wind.

As the Ja'kaste vanished, the land of Kyphosis began to spring to life. Entire fields of golden wheat and green grasses sprang grew at rapid rates from the charred dirt and mud that was under the feline's feet.

The effects of the spell wearing off, Zathael and Gestalt awoke to a newly fertile land under a vibrant blue saturated sky.

"By the beards of the elders," exclaimed Gestalt. "This calls for great jubilation!"

Right away she set out to find a great deal of rock from a nearby quarry and brought it to the hill where they had fought. With a feat of great strength, she chipped, sculpted and polished the rocks into blocks and stacked them into a monumental obelisk. She dug for metals and fused what she found into a magnificent tin sun which she affixed to the base of the pedestal. She crowned her tower with a pyramidion.

Matajuro caught some wild grouse, and the three had a wonderful lunch, rested for a little while and then departed for the territory of Operose, the final destination of Zathael, Matajuro (and now Gestalt's) mission.

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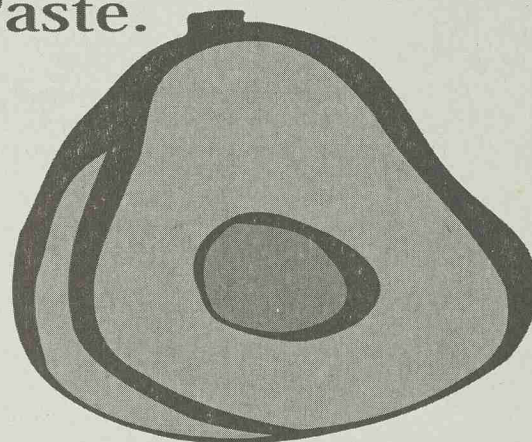


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Election candidates must use flyers to reach students

Web sites, open discussions and radio debates are great ways for Student Council candidates to reach students at election time. These methods provide a more complete perspective of what each candidate represents and can effectively outline his or her goals for the office. However, many students do not take the initiative to actively scour each page of a candidate's Web site and even fewer attend or listen to these public debates. Recognizing the apathetic nature of most students at N.C. State when it comes to Student Council voting trends, candidates must fully embrace the most noticeable form of publicity on campus: flyers.

Flyers are the most effective form of getting a candidate's name across to students, and therefore any attempt to limit the number of flyers placed around NCSU would be detrimental to lesser-known candidates' campaigns.

Tony Caravano, a candidate for student body president, issued a challenge on "The Andrew Payne Show" on NCSU radio station WKNC Tuesday night. He urges candidates to limit the number of flyers they place on bulletin boards to four and on kiosks to six. Caravano does have good intentions — he believes massive flyering covers the flyers for other important events such as Service Raleigh, Nightwalk and future events like the Red

& White Ball and Ran-Akfrican Festival. However, whether it is Caravano's intention or not, he is pressuring other candidates to limit their most important form of advertising. In doing so, he places greater emphasis on personal interaction, which is a form of campaigning that he himself may have a heads-up on the competition.

While it would be discouraging for a group to flyer a wall about their service project only to have it covered by another message, it is equally disheartening when university maintenance crews clean off the kiosks soon after a group posts flyers. No one is guaranteed a specific amount of time for his or her flyers to be visible. Hiding behind the veil of protecting student organizations' interests is an underhanded way for a candidate to limit the mass posting done by the opponents' campaigns.

Caravano encourages candidates to become "more than just a piece of paper," which is important to voters who are truly concerned with the messages and opinions of the candidates. However, not all students are so interested in the Student Body Elections to search for these venues of finding information, and sometimes those little pieces of paper are the best form of advertising a candidate can get.



Legacy admissions may be racist



Michele DeCamp
Staff Columnist

There are some perks to having alumni parents. These students probably know their way around the campus. If they live in the area, then they have likely been going to basketball games in Reynolds Coliseum since they were three years old. And it is possible that their acceptance may have been aided by their family's history with the school.

I am not suggesting that every legacy student at NCSU was admitted because of his or her alumni family. But it can help, just like it can help if you are extremely adept at a particular sport or if you were valedictorian of your high school class. It is an application booster, but it does not guarantee anyone an acceptance. However, some people are starting to wonder if these legacy admissions are racist.

I did a double take when I first heard this theory because while I have always felt that legacy admissions can be frustrating, I never considered race to be an issue. One of my high school classmates applied to an elite private university where both of her parents had attended. When she received her initial information sheet after she turned in her application, it had the amount of money her parents had donated to the school right under her name. Luckily for her, it was a large sum.

This particular situation frustrates me a little because my former classmate did

not have the grades this particular school usually required. However, she did get accepted as an early admission candidate, and there is no doubt in my mind that her parents' donations played a part in her quick acceptance. If a school is receiving thousands of dollars from their alumni and those same former students want their children to attend the school, are the admissions officers really going to say no?

The problem lies in the fact that the majority of college alumni in the United States are white. Therefore, legacy admissions could be considered affirmative action for Caucasians. Occasionally a less-than-competitive student could beat out another non-legacy student for admission, and it is likely that the student who is accepted is white. CNN reported 11 percent of the University of Virginia's 2002 acceptances went to legacy students and that "more than 91 percent of them are white." For public universities, alumni donations can make the difference between being a major force in education to sitting along the sidelines of the university elite. NCSU's research facilities have greatly benefited from outside donations, some of which have come from alumni.

The fact remains that history is against minorities in regards to legacy admissions because there are many students at NCSU who are the first of their families to go to college. This is true for all races, but the statistics tend to favor whites in regard to the number of people who have graduated or attended a college or university in the past 30 years. At NCSU, we currently have over 18,000 white, non-Hispanic students enrolled and that number dwarfs the 2,300

African Americans, 450 Hispanics and 1,100 Asian students also attending this university. It is likely that race will continue to be a problem in legacy admissions for a few more decades. There is still a need for more diversity in college applicants and admissions.

Some of you may wonder what the problem is, and for me, I feel the real issue is that many of the people who are against affirmative action are for legacy admissions. President Bush was a third-generation Yale graduate, but he made it very clear earlier this year that he does

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not agree with the University of Michigan's affirmative action policy. In some ways, affirmative action is absolutely necessary to combat the flow of legacy admissions that may eliminate

chances for diversity at a college or university.

I am not suggesting NCSU or any other school eliminate their legacy admissions policies, but I also feel anyone who is against affirmative action needs to realize there are ways for Caucasians to beat out more academically sound candidates as well. Affirmative action looks at what a student can bring to a university in terms of their socioeconomic status and ethnic background just as legacy admissions look to fortify the school's relationship with families. Both have their purpose, and I think it is important that we realize that affirmative action is not the only factor in admissions that deals with race.

Michele hopes that everyone has fun at Fort Lauderdale while she catches up on her sleep. E-mail mlhagama@unity.ncsu.edu if you want to rub it in that you get to sleep in a sunny climate.

Censoring video games

Staff Editorial
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(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota is considering whether to make it illegal

to sell or rent "mature"-rated video games to minors. The legislation, introduced by Sen. Sandra Pappas, DFL-St. Paul, poses more problems than it purports to solve.

Currently, most retailers require parental consent for minors to purchase video games rated "mature." The legislation does not mention consent. Instead, it seeks to impose a new state control on selling or renting certain games. By eroding parental consent, the legislation recalls long-standing efforts to wrest responsibility away from the parents and censor video game content. While the intention might be good, the legislation is ill-conceived and should be opposed. Government bureaucracy is no substitute for legitimate parental control.

Additionally, the legislation does not acknowledge that the enforcement of the warning labels is already under way. Retail chains such as Kmart, Wal-Mart and Toys "R" Us already prohibit the sale of restricted video games to minors. These self-enforcement policies have already

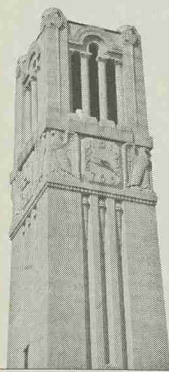
proven successful and have even fueled protests against retailers who do not have them. They have also been successful in other areas. The Motion Picture Association of America rates movie content and, according to the National Association of Theater Owners, the vast majority of theaters enforce these movie ratings. Contrary to popular belief, the ratings system is strictly voluntary and does not carry the weight of law, indicating that the video game legislation is unnecessary.

Moreover, the legislation opens other avenues of limited state-sponsored censorship. It could set a precedent for movements to enact laws restricting television, music, books, software and even evolving forms of media such as the Internet. In the early 1980s, activists charged against the popular arcade game "Pac-Man" for its "violent nature." More recently, an Italian activist led a campaign against the seemingly innocent "Minesweeper" computer game because it "re-victimized land mine victims." Government censorship, in any form, is a dangerous impulse that must be resisted. In this case, the notion of government restrictions on video games is odious. The Legislature should reject it.

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I was at work the other night, waiting on a group of adults, when one of the women in the group asked me if I could recommend a good white wine.

"Something that's not French or German," she said.

The man sitting beside her immediately spouted the words, "those people forgot what we did for them."

I quickly suggested a bottle of wine, one not made by "those people," and walked to the back of the restaurant where I could laugh in private. As my night progressed, I could not forget this encounter, and I decided then and there that selective memory must be a wonderful thing.

To illustrate my point, I'd like to play a little game of true or false.

The Confederate Army did not win the Civil War. True, right?

North Carolina was the first state to join the Union. Obviously false.

Just how do we know these answers? We know because we were taught them during basic history classes. If not there, then we surely could have learned the answers from an episode or two of "Jeopardy."

Now, let's try one that seems to be giving people trouble lately.

France owes us.

For those of you who answered "false," let me applaud the fact that you have not grabbed ahold of this month's catch slogan and gone along for the ride. As for everyone else, I can only shake my head and wonder.

As far as I can tell, the many advocates of the "France owes us" theory tailored their recollection of historical events to accommodate their displays of righteous indignation.

Not being afflicted with this same illness myself, I feel it is only proper for me to respond to the members of the public who think the government of France should roll over and accept the political policy of the United States regarding Iraq because France owes us.

Why? Why exactly is it that they owe us? The most common answer is the United States bailed the French out of trouble with Adolf Hitler. This is undoubtedly the most blatant example of selective memory I have come across.

Although the French had fallen to the Nazi army before the United States joined the war effort, the U.S. government and military did not get involved to help them

out. The country of France joined World War II on Sept. 3, 1939. The country formally surrendered in June of 1940.

The United States declared war on Japan at the time on Dec. 8, 1941.

Why did we choose to involve ourselves at that time? Was it because we felt a driving need to save the people of France and the Jews who were being murdered in mass numbers? Was it a result of our good will?

The answer is the United States did not see any reason to participate in the battles of World War II until our own interests were being threatened.

This was a well-known day, Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. That

day obliterated the U.S. government's resolution not to get involved with the war.

This little history refresher might jog people's memories, even those affected by "they owe us" syndrome. We did not go to war for France, although they were helped by our decision. We went into battle because someone dared attack us on our own soil.

Others in the "they owe us" camp claim France has forgotten what we did for them in terms of monetary aid. These

If we demand gratitude from the French, let's make sure we do it for more important reasons.



Spring break: Raleigh style



Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

Spring break — it happens every year at just about this time. Millions of college students pack up their bikinis, liquor and expensive Gucci clothes and head to one of

the various prime locations to participate in a time-honored tradition. Places like Panama City, Fla., and Cancun, Mexico, turn from beautiful vacation locations to stale beer-smelling, college student party centrals. It's a beautiful thing.

Of course, it's not beautiful to everyone. Just like every year, there are plenty of people who won't be going anywhere for spring break. The expenses are too high for some, and others just don't have the option of leaving the state for a little rest and relaxation time. It may seem unfair when you watch the exodus of the gorgeous, but fear not! As your local spring break guru, I am here to offer you advice.

Now, everyone knows the best part about spring break is the clubs. Since you're not going to be able to party in Senior Frogs or Super Ultra Techno Pop Club, you're going to need an alternative. It's perfectly natural to get those urges on spring break to just dance, dance, dance! Sure, Raleigh has Jillian's and Banana Joe's. Everyone else is gone though, and those clubs aren't go-

ing to satisfy your cravings. If you can't find a bangin' club, you need to bring the club to you.

First, dress sexy — you're not going to impress anyone if you're dancing wearing an old, stretched-out T-shirt and some sweatpants. Put on your tightest outfit and get ready to shake that thing you call a booty. Helpful hints to remember are to "shake what your momma gave you" and to "pull over, that a— is too fat." With this in mind, you may proceed to the next step.

You're going to need to take this

show on the road. Instead of just dancing in front of the mirror, you need to be out among the people. Find a streetlight near your front yard, and get ready to dance the night away! Bring a boom-box that has some cheesy Euro-pop loaded up, and blast that baby till the early morning. People should help add to the club atmosphere by honking their horns as they drive, and some will

probably invite you to the after party. If things need some spicing up,

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just use a popular trick from the clubber's handbook: Bring out a big bucket of ice water, throw on a white T-shirt or an old pair of boxers and let the fireworks begin. Throwing your own wet T-shirt or boxers contest can be both fun and entertaining. If you thought those people were honking before, just wait until you throw that icy water on yourself! Sooner or later, your little street-light is going to be the most happening spot in Raleigh. Make sure

you don't forget to invite me!

On a slightly more serious note, everyone have fun out there this week. Don't sleep with anyone you don't know who is ugly. Never get so drunk that you don't remember where you are or how you got there. (That's how my momma got me.) Always keep your drinks covered — there are a lot of psychos out there. Remember, if you ever drive drunk, I will probably kill you because you're risking your own valuable life — not to mention the lives of thousands of cute little spring breakers.

I hope you have so much fun this spring break wherever you are. Remember, it's a vacation, so give yourself some time to relax. Relaxation is best done sober, but I don't think that's going to stop you. Have a great time, and I'll see you when you get back!

Zack still needs a ride down to Panama City. If you are a bunch of cute girls and can offer him a ride, e-mail him at zack@izack.com.

RULE OF THUMB



Ante septic

N.C. State is helping the Wake County Environmental Services Department to check maintenance and possible dangers in the county's septic systems. A representative from the department said the investigation was preempted by the suspicion that "these systems are probably pretty s—y."

Osama bin livin

After his capture and interrogation, number three al-Qaeda leader Khalid Shaikh Mohammed told his interrogators that Osama bin Laden is alive, healthy and living between Pakistan and Afghanistan. After hearing this news, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld promised to kill bin Laden as many times as is proven necessary.



Juror No. 142

Tapped for jury duty in Manhattan this week, former President Bill Clinton stated he is willing and ready to serve jury duty in a federal murder case. Both prosecution and defense attorneys became concerned, however, when Clinton told them he was just in it for the "dope honeys."

Smallbucks

In an attempt to save its failing initiative to inoculate medical personnel and emergency responders with the smallpox vaccine, President Bush suggested compensation to those made ill after vaccination. Correlating illness to compensation, one in a million vaccinated may die or, as Bush put it, "win the Powerball."



Jordan flies again

After back spasms sidelined him for two days, Michael Jordan returned to play the Los Angeles Clippers Wednesday night. Jordan said he felt limited and was playing on his most basic level. Still, the Wizards came off with a win. Similarly, Sylvester Stallone will begin filming a new Rocky movie soon.

Lawmakers walk out on Allah

While a Muslim religious leader provided an invocation at a House of Representatives meeting, Republicans Lois McMah and Cary Condotta stood in the back, citing a disagreement in Islam and a lack of interest. They said their ignorance and apathy toward other cultures best enables them to lead a nation.



Wells disputes autobiography

New York Yankees pitcher David Wells is in trouble with Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and New York manager Brian Cashman for comments made in his autobiography about being "half drunk" when he pitched his perfect game. Wells now says he was only hung over and plans to sue himself for libel.

Norwegian birth/bladder study

A Norwegian study released Thursday said women who deliver babies through Cesarean section are less likely to develop bladder control problems. A total of 15,307 Norwegian women answered detailed questions about bladder control, allowing Americans to know far too much about Norwegian women's bathroom habits.



Wolfpack gets new line coach

Former Tennessee assistant Mike Barry finally accepted an offer made to him three years ago to be the Wolfpack's assistant line coach. He seemed excited about his possibilities in Raleigh, and when asked about next year's season, he kept his remarks simple: "We're gonna need a lot of goalposts."

ABC man with DWI is SOL

On Monday, Cumberland County's general manager of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission registered a 0.19 on a Breathalyzer, more than twice the legal limit. Neill Monroe Jr. was driving an ABC-issued car with law enforcement equipment. When asked to take the Breathalyzer, Monroe said, "Only if I can use my own."

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people get all riled up when they talk of how the U.S. government forgave billions of dollars of debt owed by the French government. They say the French have forgotten and call them traitorous.

Again, these people seem to be the ones who have forgotten. During the American Revolution, a great deal of the money that supported Americans was French. Some even doubt if we would have made it through without that aid.

For some reason, though, I have not heard much mention of that

as people swap insults about the French and eat their "freedom fries." I'm not saying the French are justified when their foreign policy seems focused on finding out what the American government thinks and do the opposite. But if we are going to demand gratitude from them, let's make sure we do it for more important reasons than the help we gave in World War II.

After all, we gave them Jerry Lewis.

Cheryl welcomes all questions, comments and non-French wine recommendations, so send her an e-mail at clispucini@aol.com.

Minority conservatism

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DURHAM,
N.C. — With
Senate Democrats refusing

the nomination of Honduran-born conservative Miguel Estrada to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, politicians left and right are using race to score political points.

Considered second only to the Supreme Court in importance, Washington's federal court of appeals has been the stepping stone for three current Supreme Court justices. With Chief Justice Rehnquist's potential retirement and major cases concerning affirmative action and abortion looming large on the high court's plate, every lower-court appointment is being looked at with unusual scrutiny. But President George W. Bush's nomination of Estrada — a Harvard Law graduate and former clerk to the Supreme Court — has stirred substantial opposition from what many would call the most unlikely of groups: Democrats and Latinos.

Estrada is Latino, but can he "lose" his ethnicity because of his conservative political views?

While Bush and Republican leaders sincerely hope not, Democrats are betting that he can. Like his father, Bush is using the appointment of a non-white conservative who supports his agenda to curry favor among minorities. For the elder Bush, it was Clarence Thomas. Now it's Miguel Estrada. With Bush's dismal campaign to minorities in the 2000 election — particularly in the black community — this nomination may be his most sincere form of outreach, save the "diverse" cabinet he assembled in the wake of his narrow victory. Senator Orrin Hatch, who criticized the Democrats as being "anti-Latino," demonstrates the key problem with Republicans' use of race: Although Estrada

clearly espouses a staunch conservative ideology, politicians on the right submit Estrada's cultural background as shallow evidence of their weak commitment to civil rights.

But Democrats are most to blame for exploiting Estrada's race. By not fitting some prescribed political mold for minorities, Estrada challenges the very notion that race can be used uniformly as a proxy for viewpoint. Liberals like Representative Robert Menendez of New Jersey assert that Estrada only "shares a surname" with Latinos but that he lacks a certain quality of Latino-ness that should predispose him toward a liberal ideology. Because Estrada comes from a privileged background and does

not fit the stereotype of the disadvantaged barrio Latino, Democrats argue that Estrada loses his authenticity as a minority. It is critical to remember, though, that this authenticity does not come with a disadvantaged background, but only with a liberal viewpoint. (Case in point: Democrats love to see wealthy black liberals in power.)

There should be serious concerns with this logic. Perhaps most importantly, it deals a great blow to the compelling case for affirmative action. By conflating minorities' ideologies with their race in this manner, Democrats do a disservice to affirmative action proponents. Minorities with articulate conservative viewpoints — the Estradas, the Clarence Thomases, the Stephen Carters, the Richard Rodriguezes and the Shelby Steeles — consequently lose their cultural identities in the process, and the vicious cycle of thinking about blacks and Lat-

nos as a monolithic underclass perpetuates itself.

Those who think that minority conservatives are "sell-outs," "worse" than white conservatives or more "white" than whites themselves only give credence to the critics of affirmative action who would argue that race has no standing in merit decisions about qualifications for college admissions or jobs. Further, this knee-jerk characterization of conservatism as white reinforces the prevailing notion that all whites are Trent Lotts in the making. Ascribing a certain political ideology to all members of a particular

ethnic group only serves to deepen racial tensions in America, and it invariably ends up in a loss of culture — for

blacks, for Latinos, for whites, for all.

I venture to say that Duke students can witness this distorted logic first-hand on a weekly basis. Last Tuesday, Randall Robinson, author of "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks," gave a thoughtful, poignant speech in Page Auditorium on the case for black reparations in America. With one sentence in the ensuing question-and-answer session, however, Robinson significantly discredited his whole hour-and-a-half-long speech by quipping, "Everyone knows Clarence Thomas is only biologically black." What is Robinson saying? That to disagree with the "prevaling" viewpoint in one's ethnic group implies the loss of one's own culture or ethnicity?

The civil rights movement was not about giving minorities the freedom to be liberals. It was about giving them the freedom to be whatever the hell they want-

ed to be. It is distressing that jokes like this one come by and large from members of minority communities, but what is most disturbing is the implication that minorities cannot come to their own conclusions when it comes to politics and that they are mindless drones waiting to be convinced into liberalism by the political pundits and pandering vote-getters. I encourage anyone who is reading this column to read Robinson's book and consider his powerful ideas, but consider it with the preceding grain of salt.

Americans may never be able to escape the formidable grasp of race in our daily lives, but we must learn to broaden our perceptions of what it means to be a minority in this country. Particularly with the increasing numbers of Latinos in the United States, the minority may soon become the majority. It will be interesting to see how politicians re-shape and re-formulate their language about race when that time comes, but it is certain that any derivative of the present conversation in American politics will continue to be sorely lacking for a society whose racial wounds run deep. In order for Americans to ever escape from the subtleties of racism, we must visualize blacks and Latinos achieving alongside their white peers in every way that achievement can be measured — whether it be standardized test scores, college admissions, income or intelligence. We desperately need to see those black corporate executives and Latino physicists, the university presidents and scholars of color.

Most importantly, if we want to start addressing race openly and honestly, we have to start conceptualizing blacks and Latinos as multidimensional individuals outside the disadvantaged or liberal box, and we must recognize that with true equality no people bear a burden for being who they are.

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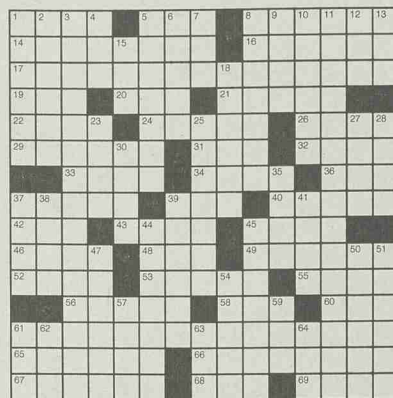
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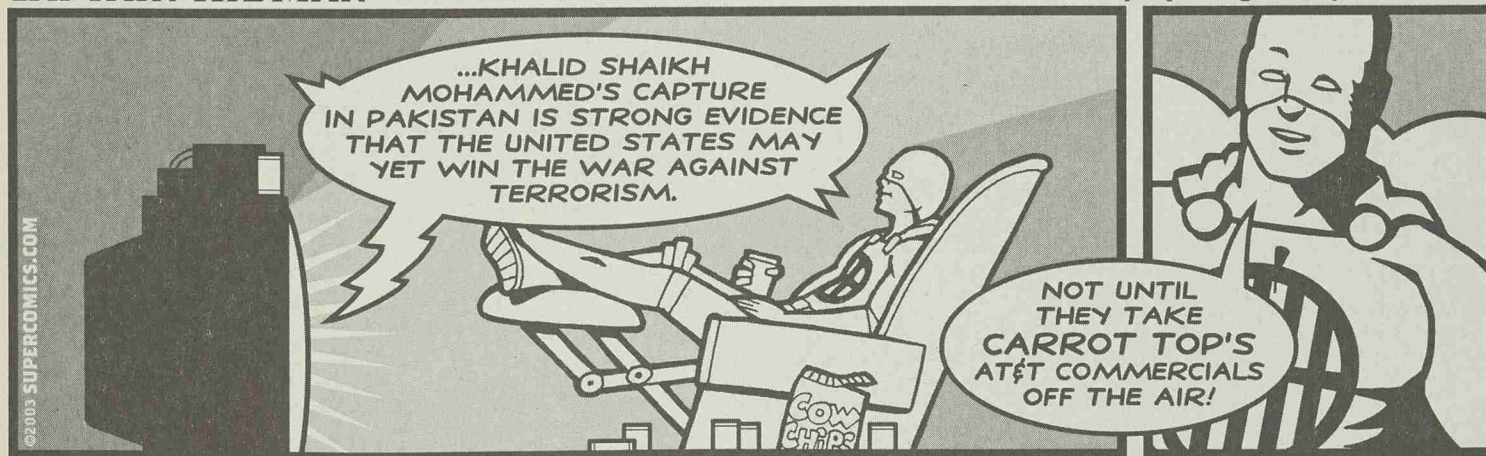
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By Linda C. BlackTribune Media Services

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Taurus April 20-May 20

Today is an 8. A conversation with an imaginative friend leads to a lot of great ideas. They won't all work. Look for the problems on paper before you encounter them in real life.

Gemini May 21-June 21

Today is a 5. You're generally too busy for much contemplation. Take it slow and easy now. Show you're dependable rather than just quick.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Today is an 8. You're one of the best at stretching a dollar while making it look like you're flush. Do it again in order to protect your savings and keep yourself out of debt.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 7. If necessary, dig in your heels to get your point across. Having the facts at your fingertips never hurts, either.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 7. Can you get away and start your weekend early? It would do you a world of good to get a change of scenery as soon as possible.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is a 7. It's time for a reality check. Is there as much in your account as you thought, or are you starting to go in the red? Better find out.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is an 8. You should be calmer now, even though you may still face resistance. Don't argue with one who could be of some help. Make it easier on yourself.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 6. Don't just fret about something you don't like. Get to work. You can make it different. That includes your income level, by the way.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 9. Schedule a fascinating conversation for later on tonight. If you think it's appropriate, you could keep talking all the way through until Sunday. It'd be healing.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is a 5. Managing your money wisely can lead to wonderful things. Travel and more education are only a couple of options. Pick a juicy carrot to dangle in front of yourself.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is an 8. Your problem with learning is that you get distracted, but that shouldn't be the case now. Just settle down, pick up the book, and power past your own resistance.

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Then it happened. Again.

Toward the end of practice, Moody badly sprained her ankle and consequently was forced to miss the Wolfpack's 26-point setback against the No. 2 team in the land. But injuries have been nothing new to the Rocky Mount native, who has pushed aside the pain to become a three-time All-ACC selection during her four years in a State uniform.

"I don't think I ever have," said Hall of Fame State coach Kay Yow, when asked if she could recall coaching a player with the injury history of Moody. "And I hope I never do again."

All together, Moody has missed only six weeks of action in four years, but she's played countless games with the agonizing pain of a particular ailment.

Her freshman year it was a strained MCL. Her junior year it was a badly sprained ankle that was followed by offseason surgery to remove debris from her shin that had limited her mobility nearly all year. Those two injury-plagued seasons sandwiched her most memorable campaign with the Pack — one in which she led State to the ACC championship game and was named to the second-team All-ACC squad.

That year Moody showed how deadly she could be around the basket despite being slightly undersized for post play. She developed a knack for knocking down the 8- and 6-footers over bigger foes, while also drawing countless fouls from her opponents.

Moody attempted 152 free throws in 2000-01 — compared to just four in 1999-2000 — and shot over 71 percent from the charity stripe.

"Getting under [the opposition's] skin and drawing a lot of fouls are things I want to try and do when I go out there," said Moody. "I want to draw a lot of fouls and get them to commit a lot of mistakes to sit them down so we can get an easier game going."

After garnering first-team All-ACC tournament honors and leading State to the Sweet 16 in 2001, Moody became the prime candidate to challenge Duke's Alana Beard for ACC Player of the Year the following season.

Only the injuries surfaced again.

The problems in her shins started in October of 2001, but Moody fought them off and led the team in scoring and rebounding until she badly sprained her ankle in a home win over Georgia Tech in the 14th game of the season.

Those three weeks on the bench taught Moody a lot of things.

"From it I became a stronger person," she said. "Sitting on the bench, I can see different mistakes on both teams — different angles to shoot, better passing lanes and when to be aggressive."

But the pain kept persisting even after she returned to the lineup in late January, so in the offseason, she had a debridement to remove debris from her shin.

"The surgery she had in April, that took so long [to heal]," said Yow. "She was unable to do any-

thing and had to be very careful with that."

So careful, in fact, that Moody lost nearly 40 pounds when her injured leg wasn't where she wanted it to be. The results of the surgery have limited her to just 20 minutes and 8.4 points per game in league play this season, but she was still named honorable mention all-conference for her efforts.

Her leg finally began to come around in early February, and after scoring 20 points in a win over Florida State, Yow handed Moody a full slate of minutes until the ankle injury sidelined her for the last game of the regular season.

"I just started feeling 100 percent maybe two or three weeks ago," said Moody earlier this week. "I could finally go and contest for rebounds, jump and move. Then all of a sudden I turned my ankle again."

After practice this week in Reynolds Coliseum, the senior refused to sulk about her propensity to pick up nagging injuries. She was not resentful that her team's success has gone downhill since her memorable sophomore year. Instead, she focused on the camaraderie of her team and her determination to take her team deep into this weekend's ACC tournament.

Her easygoing demeanor indicates she's anything but the adjective her surname might suggest, and the zoology major hopes to get drafted this summer in the WNBA to help pay her medical school bills.

Until then, however, she has one last request — one that could erase the memory of missing her last game against Duke.

"I really wanted to play against Duke," said Moody. "But I would take winning the ACC tournament this weekend instead. I'll take that any day."

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cles this season with people being injured and redshirting — it's been one obstacle after another," said Moody. "In my four years I've been here, there isn't a team in the ACC that has had as many obstacles as we have."

According to Yow, Moody, who suffered a sprained left ankle prior to the Duke game, hopes to be 90 percent by tip-off against UVA. An All-ACC Tournament 1st team selection two seasons ago,

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same to neutralize Wake's talented backcourt of Justin Gray and Taron Downey.

"We have been so sick this week," head coach Herb Sendek said. "But I couldn't be more proud of this team."

This game is an important chance to build confidence for the Pack, and more importantly, impress the NCAA Tournament selection committee, which will announce the 65-team tournament field on Sunday. State has the comfort of playing a top-10 team in Raleigh to end its season. A win would not only give the Pack confidence going into the ACC tournament, where it will have the fourth seed, but give the team another marquee win for its tourney resume.

"I hope this game helped a lot," Sherrill said. "Every game we need right now."

The game will not be easy, of

Moody practiced with the team this week but had some difficulty moving laterally.

"My goal for the tournament is to have everybody that we have be healthy and play in that game," said Yow. "It will be something that hasn't happened very often for us, so I would like to think that we could go in full strength with what we have."

Despite the record and the injuries, Yow, ever the optimist, firmly believes her team has just as good a chance as any other this weekend.

course. State, which for a time looked like it could beat everybody in the ACC at home, was suddenly humbled by the clutch 3-pointer by Maryland's Drew Nicholas that handed State its first home ACC loss. Now in comes a team that is on top of the ACC standings at 12-3 and looking to secure a high seed in the NCAA Tournament. ACC Player of the Year candidate Josh Howard heads coach Skip Prosser's club. The senior is first in the league in scoring at 19.6 points a game and ranks among the league's best in six other statistical categories. Complementing Howard are freshmen Justin Gray and Eric Williams, two players who have grown quickly to be two of the Deacons' most important players. As a team, Wake has out-rebounded its opponent in 23 out of the 25 games it has played this year and continues to lead the ACC in that category.

In the last meeting between these two teams, the Pack was dominated by the Deacons 34-24

"I really feel we have a very realistic chance," said Yow. "We just have to make better decisions within the game."

And what about Virginia's too-hot-to-handle 7-1 finish? Could that actually play into State's favor with the Wahoos resting for a week?

"I hope so," said Yow. "I think they did what they needed to do to try and insure that NCAA bid, and whether they've got it I don't know, but it looks pretty good. Maybe a week will help them cool off a little bit."

on the boards. As the theme has been all season long, State stayed close with Wake for the first 30 minutes, then folded after a Wake run to put the game out of reach. This time around, the Pack must play consistent, get a lead, and finish the game.

"This Saturday against Wake is going to be a real big game for us," Hodge said. "As long as we make stops we are going to be in the game."

Sendek knows his team will be up for the task. He's seen State rise to challenges all season.

"Every time we've taken a punch in the nose, these guys have just responded like champions," said Wolfpack head coach Herb Sendek. "I don't know if I've ever been around a group as tough-minded as they are. Whether it's a tough loss we're coming off of or some of the injuries we've had to deal with, these guys just somehow keep fighting and scrapping and find a way."

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fect 1600 on the SAT. Besides, the team practices for hours a day, why shouldn't the fans practice too? It would take no more than 15 minutes at the beginning of the season.

The Student Wolfpack Club could expand its seating behind the baskets and work in conjunction with the cheerleaders. At the first SWC meeting during basketball season, members could introduce some of these free-throw distractions. During games, cheerleaders could use signals to alert the fans what action to perform. After a few games, it would catch on and even alumni sitting above the student section would join the fun.

Such a collaboration and the sports marketing department might just get what they want.

But it won't happen overnight and it will take more than flyers. Just like championship teams are built over time, so is a championship-caliber home court advantage.

Already packed your spirit sword for Spring Break? Don't worry, there will be plenty more at the game. Jon can be reached at Jon12Page@hotmail.com.

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derson holding off Shaw 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

The Pack's sole singles victory came when Banada defeated Fillnow in three sets, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

State will look to rebound from its loss when it travels to Charlotte on Saturday for a 1:30 p.m. match.

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Jon Page

Julius Hodge will dunk on Steve Blake in a pick-up game, then graciously hustle back down the court to play defense without so much as even pumping his fists or flexing his jaw.

Chancellor

Marye Anne Fox

will decline a photo opportunity at half-time of a basketball or football game, electing instead to sit at home and watch Golden Girls reruns.

Ozzy Osbourne, upon uttering two coherent words in a row, will be named the nation's poet laureate and Wake Forest head coach Skip Prosser will stop using hair in a can, revealing a bald spot more expansive than Jim Harrick's recruiting violations.

All of these things will happen before a few measly flyers transform the RBC Center into an arena more feared by opposing players than a torn ACL, thanks to a new breed of State fans called Wolfpack Warriors.

Yet, such are the hopes of State's sports marketing department.

During ticket distribution, students have also received flyers urging them to wear "war paint," create an "army of red" and "wave spirit swords." I'm not quite sure when wolves started prowling the forest covered in paint, wielding swords, but that is for another column.

Most notably, the flyers stress the importance of wearing red to games.

In other news, Raleigh is the capital of North Carolina, orange juice is a plentiful source of Vitamin C and George W. Bush smoked crack.

Some things, like wearing red to State games, are just obvious.

I do not mean to direct any offense toward the folks in the sports marketing department. In fact, I applaud them and their efforts to create a home court advantage at the RBC Center that will rival the advantage past generations of Pack hoopsters experienced in Reynolds Coliseum.

Nor do I mean to imply that State fans are not among the greatest in the country as it is. Look no further than the sea of red that flooded Jacksonville and Alltel Stadium for the Gator Bowl.

However, with the exception of lasagna from Amedeo's, there is always room for improvement.

So here are three simple suggestions:

Show some creativity. If you're not going to make a creative poster board sign, don't hold it up in front of me and obstruct my view of the dance team — er, I mean ... the band, during timeouts.

There is a fine line, however, between good signs, bad signs and those that are downright inappropriate.

Bad sign: Shell Shock those Terps.

Seriously, a tree died for that?

Good sign (from the Duke game): J.J.: We love your BACK-NE!

Of course, this is where the line between good and inappropriate comes into play, so just use your better judgement.

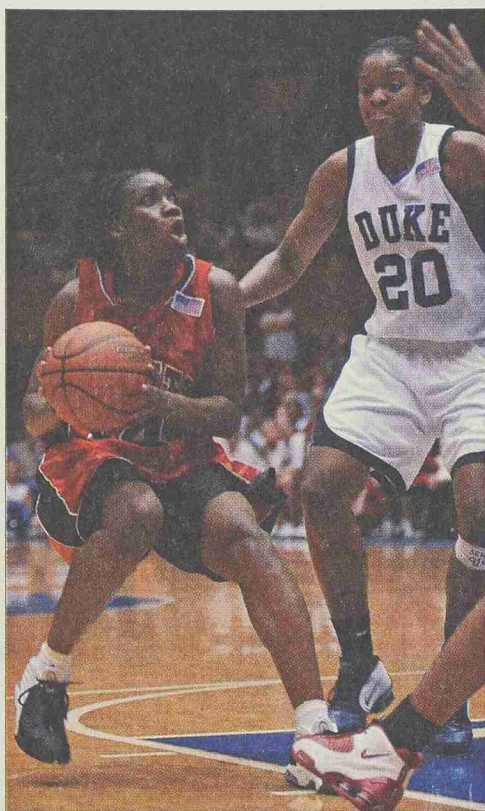
Go the distance. The RBC Center can be so loud sometimes I can't hear myself think, but it can also be as quiet as a cemetery. Creating a home court advantage isn't just about reacting to good plays, it's about screaming through the roof even when the other team is on offense and State hasn't scored in four minutes — that's when the team needs a boost from the crowd most.

Copy the Crazies. I hate to say it, but no fans alter free throw shots better than the Cameron Crazies.

Think about it. You are a college basketball player who has been shooting upwards of 100 free throws a day for most of your life — are a bunch of arms or balloons waving around behind the hoop really going to throw you off? Probably not, yet fans across the country engage in the act as if it were an innate act, like breathing air or hating UNC-CH.

The Crazies mix it up — utilizing different techniques to thwart shooters. Sure, it must take some training to get that right, but I hardly think it requires a per-

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Nanna Rivers and the rest of the ACC will try to take down No. 1 seed Duke in the ACC tournament. Staff photo by Josh Michel

ACC tournament last hope for Wolfpack women

After a disappointing regular season, a new opportunity beckons for N.C. State with an opening round match-up against Virginia.

Jon Page

Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State head coach Kay Yow spent the better part of the week on the recruiting trail. After the Wolfpack's disappointing regular season, it wouldn't be hard to understand why any other coach would be focusing solely on next year at this stage — but don't expect that kind of mentality from Yow.

"I try to focus on the present because I don't have this moment back and I'm not guaranteed the future," said Yow. "We need to get as good as we can get right now."

As good as they can get might not be good enough though when the Pack (11-16, 6-10

ACC) tips off with Virginia (15-12, 9-7) at 7 p.m. in the ACC Tournament on Saturday.

Youth and inexperience dominated the early season for the Cavaliers, who stumbled out of the blocks to an 0-4 start, including a heartbreaker dealt from the Pack on a last-second jumper by redshirt junior Terrah James.

But Virginia's Achilles' heel in January has blossomed into the strong legs of All-ACC second team performers sophomores Brandi Teamer and Cherrise Graham and last week's ACC Player of the Week, LaTonya Blue. The Cavaliers improved upon their sloppy start by closing the regular season with a 7-1 mark, culminating in Sunday's 69-59 upset of North Carolina. Against the Heels, Blue exploded for 25 points and 10 rebounds.

And to think, at the beginning of the year, Virginia head coach Debbie Ryan didn't even have confidence in Blue to run

the point.

"She didn't know enough to be the point guard and she really had to work at learning it," said Ryan. "She had to develop [an understanding] of how to run the offense. She's not a very vocal kid so it's something she had to work on."

Teamer and Graham's initial struggles came in the form of injuries, something Yow has been all too familiar with over the last few seasons.

Yow pointed to several key losses in the form of State's former leading rebounder Adeola Olanrewaju, who inexplicably left the team mid-season, and 3-point specialist Rachel Stockdale, who redshirted this season due to an injured left knee, as reasons — not excuses — for the Pack's demise.

State senior Carisse Moody can't remember a time in her career when the Pack has been healthy for an entire season.

"We've had so many obsta-

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Women's ACC Tournament

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1 Duke 8:00			
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8 Maryland	2 UNC 4:30		
	3 Virginia 7:00	3:30	
	6 N.C. State		

Playing with pain

Senior Carisse Moody hasn't let her tough luck with injuries stop her from achieving All-ACC honors three times in four years.

Matt Middleton

Assistant Sports Editor

The N.C. State women's basketball team was getting in one final practice last Saturday before it traveled to Durham the following day to try and end Duke's unfathomable 39-game ACC win-

ning streak.

There was no player on the team that wanted a piece of the Blue Devils more than senior Carisse Moody. Playing in her last regular-season game and feeling 100 percent healthy for the first time all year, Moody wanted nothing more than to beat Duke in Durham.

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Men's tennis dumped by Furman

State was beaten for the ninth time this season in a 6-1 setback.

Sports Staff Report

GREENVILLE, S.C. — N.C. State found itself on the short end of a 6-1 decision against Furman on Thursday afternoon at the Mickel Tennis Center on the campus of Furman University. The loss drops the Wolfpack to 2-9 on the season.

The Paladins (5-5) began play by winning two of three doubles matches to earn the doubles point. Allen Simmons and Chris Henderson were first off the court after the tandem defeated State's Will Shaw and Chris Mills at No. 3, 8-0. Furman clinched the match's opening point when James Cameron and Patrick Fillnow, the 19th-ranked duo in the country, handed R.J. Murray and Val Bana an 8-3 defeat at No. 1. Furman's lone doubles setback came at the No. 2 position, where Jon Davis and Rehman Esmail beat Andrew Rogers and Ben Pauluhn, 8-6.

Furman then won five of six singles matches to take the victory. After Simmons defeated Mills 6-1, 6-0 at the No. 5 slot, Rogers beat Davis at No. 4, 6-1, 6-1. The Paladins then clinched the victory with a 6-1, 7-6 (5) Ryan McCarthy victory against Esmail at No. 6.

Furman's Cameron and Henderson earned hard-fought, three-set triumphs at the No. 1 and 2 positions, respectively, with Cameron winning his match against Murray 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Hen-

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State ready to bounce off bubble against Wake

State needs a marquee victory to impress the NCAA Selection Committee.

Memie Ezike

Staff Writer

N.C. State has a chance to all but remove itself from the NCAA Tournament bubble completely with a win vs. No. 10 Wake Forest on Saturday.

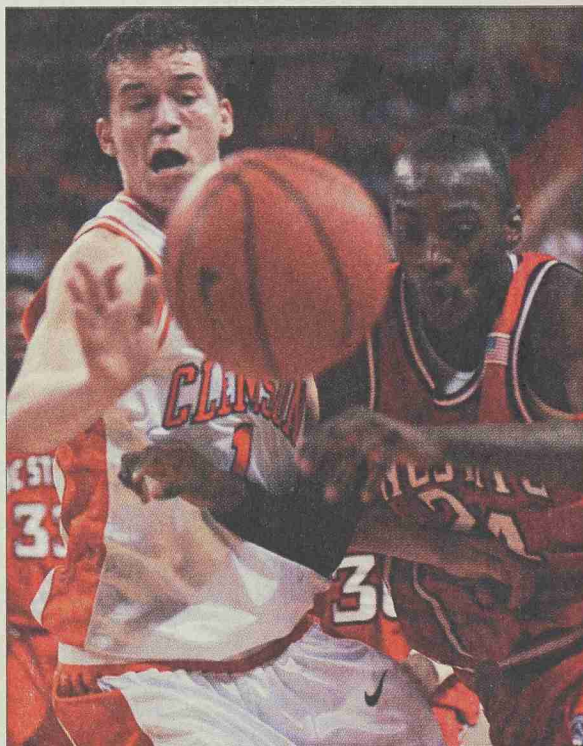
Having come off another close game at Clemson on Wednesday — where it nearly blew a 12-point lead — the Pack must reassert itself quickly in order to claim victory tomorrow.

The Wolfpack's postseason picture could have been drastically different at this point if not for State junior Scooter Sherrill. Against the Tigers, he notched a career-high 24 points, 14 coming in the first half. Although he shot 5-of-8 behind the 3-point line, his driving ability and free-throw shooting were keys in getting State a win. Last year, Sherrill notched 19 points off the bench in State's 80-79 win last year at Littlejohn.

"Guys in the pros talk about their favorite places to play, and in college this is my favorite place to play," Sherrill said. "The rims are just so soft. Any shooter is going to love playing here."

But State has really loved playing at the RBC Center this season, where it has lost just twice, including a last-second setback against Maryland on Sunday.

Against the Demon Deacons, State will have to get better performances from Julius Hodge and Marcus Melvin. Hodge, who leads the team in scoring with 18.2 points per game, was held to only 9 points and 3 assists, and he committed 5 turnovers. Melvin, the Pack's second-leading scorer, was held scoreless for the



Julius Hodge fights for a loose ball Wednesday night at Clemson. On Saturday, Hodge and N.C. State will fight to lock up a tourney bid. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

game. He was 0-8 from the field and missed all five of his 3-point attempts.

"Some nights you are not going to play well, and tonight was an indication of that with my performance," said Hodge.

Guard Cliff Crawford also had a difficult time playing with his injured right

hip, but he made the most of his 31 minutes. The grit and the determination of the senior leader of the Pack was evident when he stripped the ball from Clemson's Edward Scott to preserve the three-point win. He will be expected to do the

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