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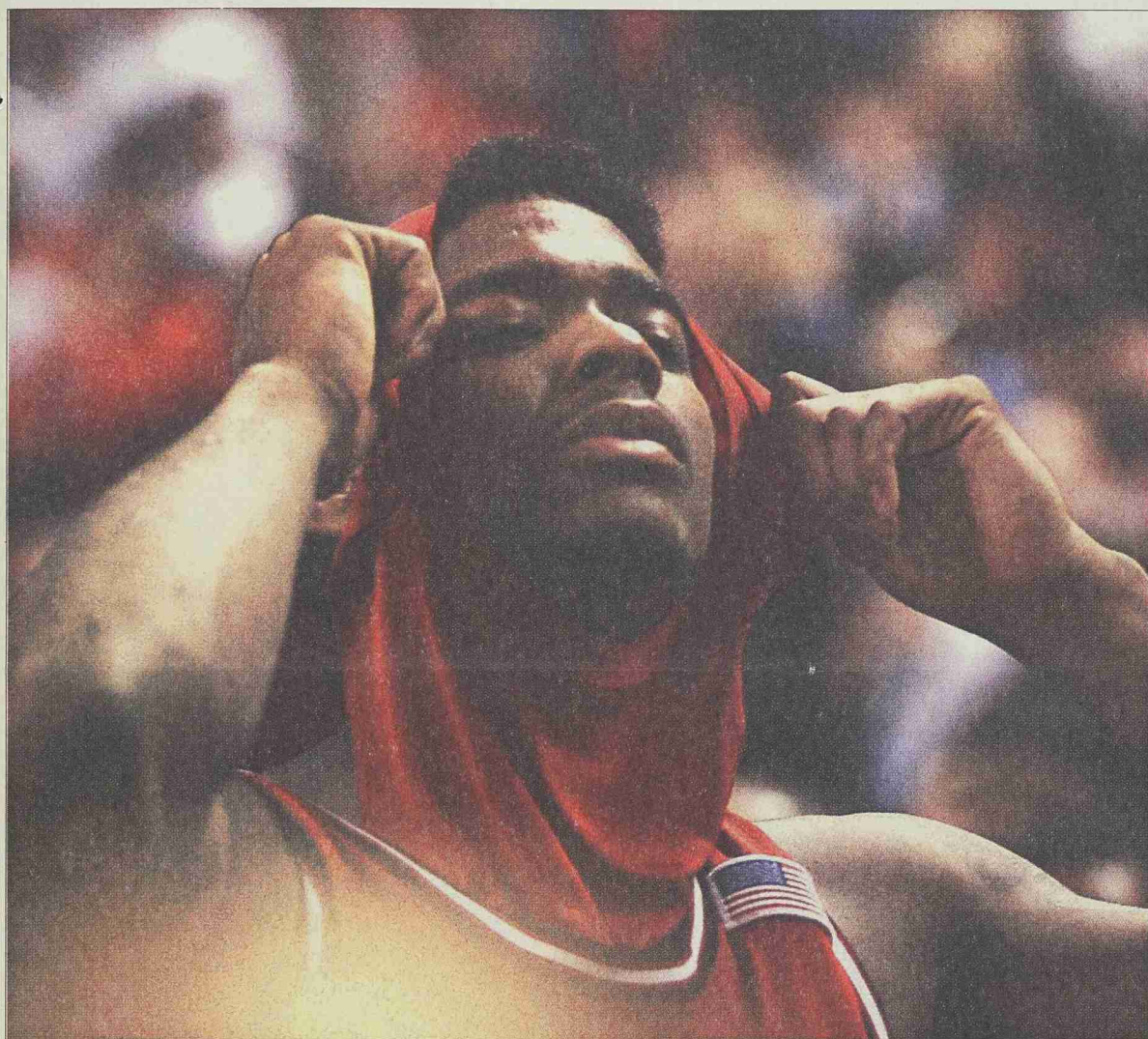
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Josh Powell, who scored 26 points to lead the Wolfpack, reacts as his team's lead slips away in the waning minutes against Duke. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

PACK LOSES CROWN, WINS DANCING SHOES

N.C. STATE WILL TRAVEL TO OKLAHOMA CITY TO FACE CALIFORNIA IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE NCAA TOURNAMENT.

Jerry Moore
Staff Writer

Four days ago, N.C. State stood in the corner of the dark but decorated middle-school gym, staring at its muddy Chuck Taylors and praying the pretty girl would ask for a dance.

But in one weekend at the ACC Tournament, the Wolfpack took matters into its own hands, ventured to the middle of floor and volubly requested an invitation.

With 12 minutes remaining in Sunday's final against Duke, it appeared the Pack would actually demand the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, but Duke ate through State's 15-point lead like the crusty kid at the Cheese Doodle dish.

Coach Herb Sendek and his players had inquired about the Big Dance, but they couldn't take the spot at will and had to wait for the at-large version.

Even so, with a wink and a nudge — and wins over Georgia Tech and Wake Forest — the Pack wooed the NCAA Tournament selection committee, which eventually obliged when the official brackets rolled out Sunday evening.

State's run to the ACC championship game propelled it to Oklahoma City as the ninth seed in the East Region, where it will face eighth-seeded California Thursday.

"I knew with each game we improved our chances," coach Herb Sendek said. "It's also a function of what's happening around the country as well. Every time there's an upset around the country, that makes you a little more anxious. But I felt the way we played down the home stretch of the regular season, and the way we played here, we were really moving in the right direction."

After watching the NCAAs from the splintery bleachers for 10 years, State will sway beneath the disco ball for the second straight season. Twelve months ago, the Pack beat Michigan State before bowing out in a gut-wrenching loss to Connecticut.

"It's a great moment for us," Sendek said. "I couldn't be happier for our team. This team has defeated a lot of odds, been resilient and gritty all season. This is a very joyous moment for all of us. And we're all happy for the Wolfpack fans."

California enters the tournament after falling to Southern California in the semifinals of the Pac-10. The Golden Bears also reached the second round of the NCAAs in 2002, stumbling over their feet against Pittsburgh. Joe Shipp leads the team in scoring at 20.3 per game,

AFTER LEADING MOST OF THE GAME, N.C. STATE CAME UP AGONIZINGLY SHORT IN THE FINAL MINUTES OF THE ACC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST DUKE.

Andrew B. Carter
Assistant Sports Editor

GREENSBORO — N.C. State has suffered tough losses before. But not like this.

With four minutes left in Sunday's ACC Tournament championship, the Wolfpack had its first title trophy since 1987 and was on its way back to Raleigh. It was all so perfect: State fans rocking the Greensboro Coliseum in unison, chants of "Wolf ... pack" spilling down from the rafters. Herb Sendek, the Wolfpack's beleaguered leader, about to win his first conference crown. The Wolfpack had it, all right. A tad less than four minutes showed on the clock, and State hadn't been closer to such a win in 16 years.

And then, Duke happened. And when the Blue Devils were done doing what they've become so good at doing, they were the ones celebrating an 84-77 championship win.

Like a car wreck, it came so quick. Up 69-63 with 3:45 remaining, State appeared on its way. But Duke's next six possessions went like so: A J.J. Redick 3. A Dahntay Jones dunk after a steal. Two Redick free throws. Another 3 from Redick, this one from Winston-Salem.

With 1:10 left, it was Duke 75, State 69. A 12-0 run straight out of the Devils' playbook, it led to just another conference crown for the boys from Durham, their fifth in a row.

"We always knew that run was going to happen," said the Wolfpack's Josh Powell, who shined brightly in the tournament. "Our coaching staff told us that run was coming and just to stay focused."

It was tough for the Pack. Noted for its aggressive pressure defense, State found itself in extraordinary foul trouble Sunday. There'd been games before where

one or two of State's players would be in trouble, but on Sunday, State had four players with four fouls — including its big three of Julius Hodge, Marcus Melvin and Powell. A fifth, Clifford Crawford, fouled out with 2:50 to play. The officiating left more than a few people scratching their heads.

"I was playing him the whole game the same way," said Crawford, who was whistled for holding Redick. "For that to be my fifth foul — I don't know if [the official] was aware of it or not — I thought it was a little touchy."

With many in its arsenal in foul trouble, the Pack couldn't afford to be as aggressive as it was earlier in the game, when it had built a lead as high as 15 with just

less than 12 minutes to play. Instead, State was forced to play more passively than it wanted.

"Our foul trouble was really crippling," said Sendek. "Guys were trying to play good, hard-nosed defense without picking up their fifth foul. During that time in the game, we did not have the same defensive stopping ability that we had at other points of the game."

Until the foul trouble set in, State dominated as much as a team can dominate Duke. Powell, who was named first-team all-tournament, was unstoppable down low, finishing with 26 points in a brilliant cap to his gaudy

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Scooter Sherrill looks on as the Devils make their free throws down the stretch. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

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ACC TOURNAMENT

POWELL TURNS IN
A TOURNAMENT
TO REMEMBER

N.C. STATE CENTER JOSH POWELL ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A DOMINANT, MULTI-FACETED PLAYER IN THE ACC TOURNAMENT.

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Assistant Sports Editor

GREENSBORO — Look at Josh Powell's numbers during the ACC Tournament, and it's hard to figure how the 6-foot-9 inch package of hops and muscle didn't even garner All-ACC honorable mention during the regular season.

He's quick enough to blow by most big men in the conference; he can spot up from 3 or post up and drop a sweet turnaround jumper. But for most of the regular season, Powell's game was as up-and-down as his vertical. He had 23 points against Boston College, then a combined 13 his next two games. He scored 17, 12 and 17 in one three-game run, then

hit for double-digits just once in the next five outings.

But in the ACC Tournament, Powell was rock-solid. It started against Georgia Tech, in which he out-dueled super freshman Chris Bosh while scoring 18, grabbing eight rebounds and setting a career-high with five blocks. It continued Saturday, as Powell had 16 against a strong Wake Forest front line. Powell saved his best for last, though, scoring a career-high 26 points against Duke in the ACC Tournament final.

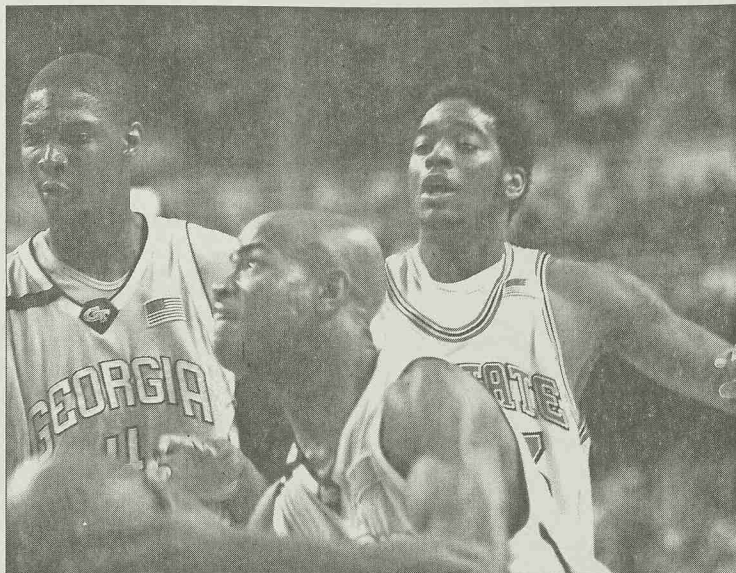
After his team had been dealt a nose-punch defeat in the tournament championship game, Powell sat in State's locker room and tried to put his performance, which landed him a spot on the all-tournament first team, in per-

spective.

"I was just staying confident," he said. "Each game, I was able to step it up. We've been dealing with a lot this year, and the more games you play, it's a learning experience."

If it's a learning experience, consider Powell a graduate of whatever his program of study might have been on the court. Posting up, passing the ball — even hitting clutch jumpers and 3s — Powell did it all in the tournament.

"He's done a great job," said Clifford Crawford, another State player who emerged this season. "We've been preaching to get the ball inside, and it's been paying off. He's been getting guys open looks and making shots himself, both in the paint and 3s. He's just



Josh Powell did more than hold his own against the ACC's best big men. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

done a really great job for us."

If the brilliance of Powell's tournament could be condensed to only a few minutes, his run against Duke in the second half on Sunday would be the perfect example. The Blue Devils had just cut State's lead to 40-38, and a patented Duke run seemed imminent. Enter Powell. The big man scored the next eight in a row for State, including two three-point plays. Later in the half, with

11:44 to play, Powell hit a 3 from the top of the key to give State its largest lead of the tournament, a 55-40 advantage over Duke.

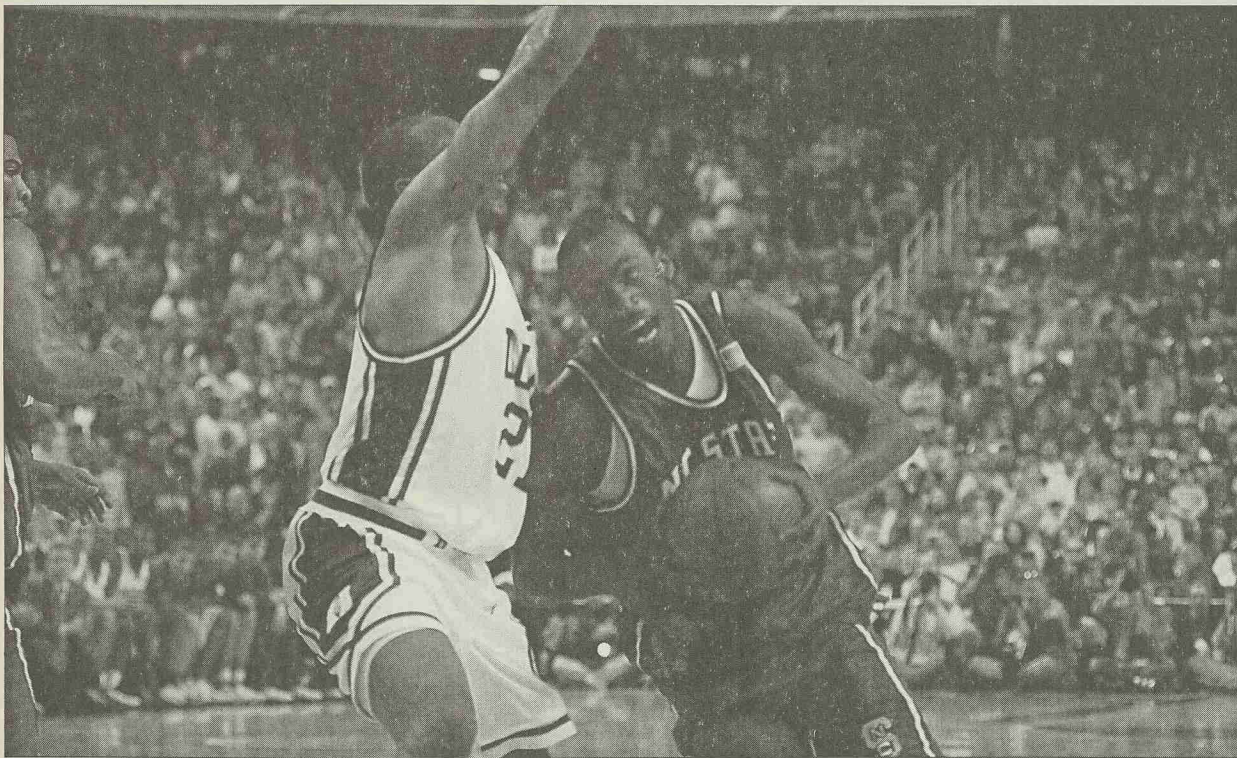
"We just wanted to throw him the ball and let him make plays," said teammate Julius Hodge. "He really played his tail off the entire tournament — emotionally, defensively, offensively. This is the best I've seen him play."

If Powell is consistently as good as he was in the tournament, his

appearance on the tournament's first-team is likely just the beginning of his potential list of honors. Powell, always humble and soft-spoken off the court, thanked his teammates for their motivation.

"I owe a lot to my teammates and coaches," he said, "because they've been hard on me all year."

And Powell was hard on the opposition for an outstanding three days in Greensboro.



(above) Julius Hodge drives to the basket before foul trouble limited his playing time late in the game. (below) Young players like Cameron Bennerman, here scrapping with Duke's Chris Duhon, stepped in when the Pack's veterans had to spend time on the bench. Staff photos by Matthew Huffman

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and Amit Tamir and Brian Wethers also average in double-figures.

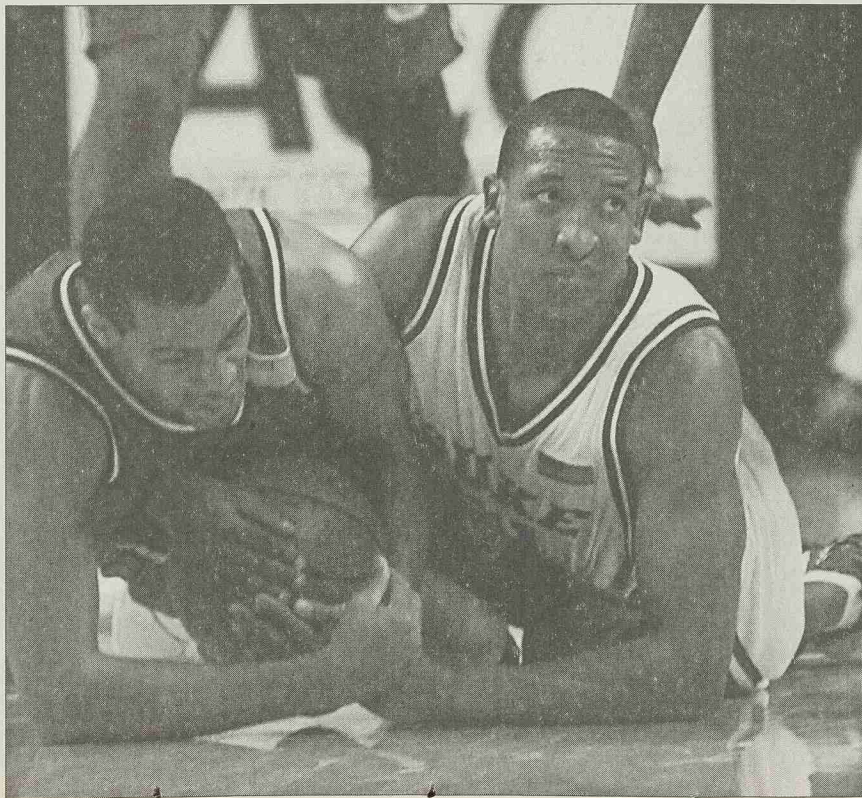
The Pack will get ready for the next challenge as soon as it catches its breath from Sunday's excitement, heartbreak and relief.

"This right here is much better than I was expecting this afternoon," said State swingman and leader Julius Hodge. "We're going to start our preparation, and hopefully we'll go out there, play well and get a big win."

In the 50th anniversary of the ACC, three other conference teams will join State on the lacquered parquet. As No. 2 in the East, Wake Forest will face East Tennessee State in the first round. Duke, the Pack's tormentor in Sunday's final, has a date with Colorado State as the No. 3 team in the West. And Maryland, the South's sixth seed, will tangle with UNC-Wilmington.

Before the Pack's impressive showing at the ACC Tournament, nobody — not even the team — could guess about its postseason prospects. Certainly, State would have rather not left anything to chance. But as the band launches into the next number, State is glad to have a spot to maneuver in the crowd of 65.

"We're happy about playing the eight seed, California," Hodge said. "Still, it doesn't take away [the pain] of the loss this afternoon. That was for the ACC championship. That was a classic game, and we really wanted to win. But right now we're happy with our situation, and we're going to make the best of it."



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tournament numbers. Hodge and Melvin, who joined Powell on tournament's first team, had 17 and 14, respectively.

It was Powell's play that sent the State faithful in a frenzy midway through the second half. With State clinging to a 40-38 lead, the sophomore big man scorched Duke for eight straight points, including two three-point plays.

"He really showed that when he's playing well, we're a much better team," said Hodge. "He got it done."

But somewhere in the middle of Powell and Pack's spectacular play, the fouls slowly crept into play. Hodge picked up his fourth with 12:11 remaining when he was called for a hold on Chris Duhon. Forty seconds later, Powell picked up his fourth.

Both went to the bench, and the Pack's 14-point lead wasn't so big in Duke's eyes. All Hodge and Powell could do from their courtside seats was watch as Redick, who had a game-high 30 points, bombed in two long 3s to cut the State lead to 55-49.

Back came Hodge and Powell. "I had to sit out a couple of minutes and I tried to keep in the game on the bench," said Hodge. "When I got back in there, I didn't want to get my fifth foul, but I was playing aggressively. [Foul trouble] is no excuse. Duke just made some great shots."

Redick especially. The freshman sharpshooter keyed Duke's comeback with 23 points in the final 10 minutes. The Devils' rally from a 15-point deficit was the largest ever overcome in a tournament final. Despite his hot shooting, State still had a chance and trailed by only three with 27 seconds left. Duke, though, wouldn't falter on the free throw line. In addition to Redick's outpouring, Duke was led by Dahn-tay Jones' 18 points and tournament MVP Daniel Ewing's 11.

Scotter Sherrill had 11 for State as the Wolfpack outshot Duke 44 percent to 42.9 percent.

For Sendek and the Pack, it ended a wild three days that saw State rise to the crest and fall to the depths of an emotional seasaw. Nobody was more proud of his team, though, than Sendek.

"I couldn't be proud of this basketball team," he said. "I can't express well enough in words how privileged I am to coach these guys. It means more to me than I can adequately describe."

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IN THE KNOW

WORLD

Pneumonia outbreak deters travel

On Saturday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that Americans try to avoid unnecessary travel overseas due to an outbreak of a severe form of pneumonia that is rapidly spreading across several countries around the world.

According to reports, the unusual form of pneumonia is not responding to typical treatments for the disease.

The form of pneumonia has since been called severe acute respiratory syndrome, and has been reported in Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

As of Sunday, no reports of the disease have been found in the United States.

World allies hold summit

On Sunday, President Bush and other top U.S. officials met with officials from Britain, Spain and Portugal for an emergency summit. According to reports, the goal of the meeting was to make a final push toward a diplomatic resolution in Iraq.

The meeting's main players included Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Durao Barroso.

Officials stated that they were unsure if the summit would lead to a withdrawal of a U.S.-British-Spanish resolution that would ultimately urge the U.N. Security Council to authorize a war against Iraq.

But according to Secretary of State Colin Powell, the goal of the summit was not to develop a war council or set "ultimatums." Instead, Powell said the issue of the meeting was how the "diplomatic track" has functioned thus far.

NATION

U.S. life expectancy reaches all-time high

The CDC announced Friday that the life expectancies of men and women in the United States has increased by two-tenths of a year since 2000, marking an all-time high. The average life expectancy for Americans is now 77.2 years.

The life expectancy of men increased from 74.3 years in 2000 to 74.4 years in 2001. The life expectancy for women increased from 79.7 years to 79.8 years.

The life expectancy increase has been a result of a decrease in deaths from certain diseases, said reports. Deaths from heart disease and cancer dropped by 4 percent for men and 2 percent for women. In addition, stroke deaths dropped by 5 percent.

According to the CDC, the largest drop — 7 percent — was in influenza and pneumonia deaths.

Anti-war flier finds critical note in luggage

Seth Goldberg, 41, of Cranbury, New Jersey recently reported that after a March 2 flight from Seattle to San Diego he opened his bags to find a note that criticized his anti-war sentiment.

According to reports, Goldberg had two "No War with Iraq" signs in his suitcase. Goldberg believes that the federal security agent who opened his luggage at the airport wrote the note, which read "Don't appreciate your anti-American attitude!"

The federal Transportation Security Administration is currently investigating the incident and has announced that the TSA employee who placed the note would be properly reprimanded.

STATE



Hospitals prepare for war injuries

Civilian medical centers in North Carolina have recently begun to mobilize with other hospitals across the nation in hopes of preparing together for the treatment of war injuries.

There are 78 North Carolina hospitals and 2,000 hospitals nationwide that will participate in the mobilization.

Also known as the National Disaster Medical System, this civilian network began in the early 1980s and is set to aid during times of catastrophic casualties due to war, earthquakes and other disasters.

While the network was in place during the 1991 Gulf War, the service of civilian hospitals was not needed because government hospitals were capable of handling the 500 or so combat injuries.

Instructors strive to improve student engagement issues

N.C. State professors have devised unique teaching methods to engage students' interest.

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Senior Staff Reporter

George Kuh, chancellor's professor of higher education at Indiana University-Bloomington, defines student engagement as "the extent to which students take part in educationally productive activities that are linked to desired out-

comes of college."

"The central goal for all higher education institutions, be they public or private, two-year or four-year, is student learning," said an information sheet given to first-time instructors who attended an annual conference organized by the National Resource for the First Year Experience and Students in Transformation. "Because engagement is central to learning, a key question for institutions is whether they are engaging students and promoting their success."

Several instructors at N.C. State are

striving to engage students in a wide variety of ways — some silly, some serious, and always memorable.

Dana Lasher, director of student services and instructor in the computer science department, teaches the architecture and assembler programming course required for many computer science students. He said that he tries to make the class as objective as possible. In addition, Lasher places an importance on teaching students the value of time management and respect for deadlines.

In the "goals" section of his grading

policy, Lasher lists three primary objectives. The first is to emphasize that in the business world, products need to be delivered on time. Second, that while in the learning mode, students should be allowed to recover from the pressures of life that create difficult situations. Third, that there should be no surprises in the grades each student receives. Students know their grades as soon as they submit the assignment via computer. Students are given multiple chances to submit as-

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Cho to visit N.C. State

This Wednesday, actress and comedian Margaret Cho will visit the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

As part of her "Revolution" tour, Margaret Cho, a mainstream comedian, will stop by N.C. State Wednesday at 8 p.m. The Union Activities Board, along with the Women's Center, invited Cho to perform for students during the annual Unity Week (March 17-21). UAB officials said that Cho was a perfect fit for Unity Week because her performance addresses such a wide variety of issues, including race relations and gender equity.

"The Issues and Ideas Committee is bringing Margaret Cho, [a] famous actress and comedian, as part of Unity Week to provide a highly entertaining program where individuals with diverse backgrounds in the community can come together," said Carol Nee, a member of UAB and the chair of the Issues and Ideas Committee.

Cho, the daughter of Korean immigrants, grew up in San

Francisco. She started performing stand-up comedy when she was 16 years old. She is best known for poking fun at her own ethnicity and sexuality to send a positive message to her audience. On Wednesday, she will touch on many issues, all of which she has personally had to deal with.

"Cho was chosen for Unity Week because she reaches out to a variety of audiences, being a female, bisexual Asian-American, making her a great figure to promote diversity," said Nee. "She's not afraid to speak her mind, and during her performance she will be offering a little something for everyone and then some."

According to several reviews, Cho "speaks her mind" to people of all ages. In addition, she shares her experiences in hopes that people will become more open to certain controversial issues.

"I spent so many years being very unhappy with myself, with the way I looked, with my race, with my body," said Cho in a recent article in People magazine. "I was so upset that I was not white or blonde or all of these things that I wanted to be. I have actress friends who got jobs left and right because

they were what the media and advertisers were looking for. I kept getting passed over for jobs because of my appearance and not my talent. I spent years with a sense of inferiority to these other people who didn't really have anything over me except for the way they looked."

And now?

"I'm really at an age where I can't do that anymore," said Cho. "For having placed such a high value in looking a certain way, I really destroyed a large part of my life. But now I've lost my taste for self-destruction. I learned that I have no idea who I was without that self-hatred. Besides, all that self-hatred got so boring, I decided to let it go. And as I let it go, a whole new world of opportunity opened for me, and it allowed me to guide other people to let go of their self-hatred."

Tickets can be purchased at Ticket Central located on the second floor of Talley Student Center. Tickets are \$7 for NCSU Students with an ID and \$15 for other college students with an ID. Tickets are \$20 for the general public. For more information, visit uab.ncsu.edu.

Campus community to celebrate Human Rights Week

This week's events will feature films, speakers, workshops and more.

News Staff Report

The widely celebrated Human Rights Week kicks off next Monday and lasts through March 28. Various student groups will have tables on the Brickyard during the week.

Highlighted events start Monday at the Witherspoon Cinema with a lecture by former Colombian governor Luis Gilberto Murillo titled "Fighting for Columbia." Murillo will discuss human rights problems in Colombia and offer his views on U.S. policies toward his country.

Another event taking place Monday is the Pro-Choice Religious Leaders Panel, which will take place in the Blue Room of Talley Student Center. Speakers on the panel will discuss how being pro-choice intersects with their religious faiths and explain how the two do not have to conflict.

On March 25, keynote speaker

and filmmaker Brent Scarpo will present his film, "Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium," at Stewart Theater; a reception will follow. Scarpo is the founder of New Light Media, a production company dedicated to bringing about discussion and change concerning hate in the world. Discussion will follow the film, and there will be time for audience interaction and suggestions for how people can begin to tackle the topic of hate in society today.

Human Rights Week concludes with the event "Tunnel of Oppression," taking place on Thursday at Sullivan Residence Hall. Students will have the chance to discuss various "-isms," such as racism, sexism and body image. They will also have the opportunity to view images and stereotypes portrayed by today's media surrounding various forms of oppression.

Other events will be held this week in addition to those mentioned.

For more information, visit www.ncsu.edu/news/2003humanrightsweek.htm.

ASG survey supports transfer students

While the UNC General Administration disagrees, the Association of Student Governments says that there are problems with the process of transferring credits between UNC System schools.

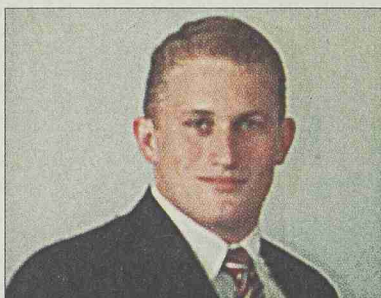
Christina Shackelford
Staff Reporter

In 1999, the General Administration took a survey concerning difficulties students experience when transferring credits between schools within the UNC System. The results showed that only three students within the entire system, which consists of 16 university campuses in North Carolina, had experienced any problems. Based on this information, the General Administration refused to accept that there is an ongoing problem.

Nevertheless, Jonathon Ducote, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, believes that this is not the case. According to him, students all across the state have voiced an overwhelming amount of concern to ASG about problems they have faced while trying to transfer credits within the system.

But before ASG and these students can make their argument against the current process of transferring credits, they must be able to produce facts.

The source of this evidence will be the results of a survey called the Common Course Transfer Survey. It is available to students past and present who have had difficulty retaining transfer credits within the UNC



N.C. State's Jonathan Ducote serves as president of the UNCASG. File photo by Carl Hudson

System. ASG officials hope the survey will serve as proof that there is a problem with general education requirement courses, not major courses, being accepted as transfer credit within the 16 state universities.

The survey will produce two sets of results: one set pertaining to transfer credits from university to university within the UNC System, the other pertaining to transfer credits from community colleges to universities.

"It is time we take a serious look at this issue and do something about it, and that is what this survey will hopefully accomplish," said Ducote.

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FIND YOUR PLACE

The following is a list of campus events that will take place the week of March 17-23.

Second Annual African Diaspora Film Festival: African Women and Film

Sponsored by the Department of Africana Studies and The Africa Project, the film festival will feature films that highlight the experiences of African women.

March 17 - April 15 (Mondays and Tuesdays only)
7 p.m., Witherspoon Cinema

Interracial Dating

Brought to you by the Union Activities Board Issues and Ideas and Diversity committees.

Those who are currently in interracial relationships will discuss what they think and their personal experiences. A chance to ask questions will follow.

Tuesday
7 p.m., Talley Student Center Ballroom

World-class animator to speak at N.C. State

Chris Landreth, an award-winning and globally recognized computer-generated animator will deliver a lecture sponsored by the Film Studies Program.

Friday
3:30 p.m., G107 Caldwell Hall

N.C. State College of Design 55th Anniversary Celebration

Events for the celebration will include panel discussions, receptions and a silent auction. For more information go to www.ncsu.edu/news/press_releases/03_03/76.htm.

Friday - Sunday
Times vary, Brooks, Leazar and Kamphoefner halls

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War with Iraq imminent but still preemptive

When President Bush ended his brief summit on Terceira, an island in the Azores in the Atlantic Ocean, it became clear that the most likely outcome to disarming Iraq highly differs from the most optimistic hopes of a peaceful resolution.

This weekend's "coalition of the willing" involved Bush and the prime ministers of both Britain and Spain, and it left little doubt that President Bush will seek warfare with Iraq within the next week. Bush officially declared Sunday that today would be "a moment of truth for the world" and a "last chance for diplomacy," meaning our worst fears are melting into a harsh reality: War with Iraq is nearly unavoidable.

Thousands of troops have already been deployed as part of a "rolling start" (to allow troops in place to begin fighting before all of the other troops have arrived), which is obviously a wise move to allow a quick beginning to any military action. Acknowledging the wisdom of the rolling start does now, however, amount to condoning the deployment of troops or the apparently inevitable invasion.

Currently, we do not have enough support to justify beginning a war that could lead to years of involvement in the Middle East. Spain, Britain and Bulgaria are a nice start for backup support, but major countries like France, Germany and Russia still are against us, posing problems for future involvement. The administration needs to prove that this war is not only winnable, but that regime change and achieving a stable Iraqi nation are possibilities when we are in the world's minority.

Our citizens are confused as to the reasons for our rush to involvement — are we after disarmament, regime change or simply any reason to fight the "War on Terror?" To urge citizens to back a war that many cannot even explain will lead to difficulties in gathering even homeland support. Too many citizens are skeptical of Bush's motives, whether they be true concern about Iraq's hidden weapons, a fanatical desire to control more oil or just an initiative to finish what his daddy started. As American people, we don't understand the motives, and we certainly don't share the passion to attack.

When a war is declared, it is our only hope that other countries who are now quietly in support of the United States will openly join forces to provide assistance. And maybe those American citizens riding the fence about the rightness of war will experience a surge of patriotism and rally around Bush. But these things have not happened yet, and while we can hope for the best, we are wary of sending our own family out to die.

France claims to be in support of a 30-day timeline for weapons inspectors to forestall war in Iraq. The United Nations agrees Iraq should be disarmed, and on Tuesday the chief weapons inspectors will present an outline to the U.N. President Bush's push for today to be the deadline is needlessly preemptive, considering the view of other major countries, and although the administration may believe action is necessary now, we urge caution before beginning such a major military endeavor.

Economic worries grow

Staff Editorial
Minnesota Daily
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(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — "The [American] economy is not well," Economist Sung Won Sohn's recent

statement hasn't received much attention. However, once the nation begins to refocus on the U.S. economy, it will discover our current leadership has no vision and no plan to resolve our current economic conundrum.

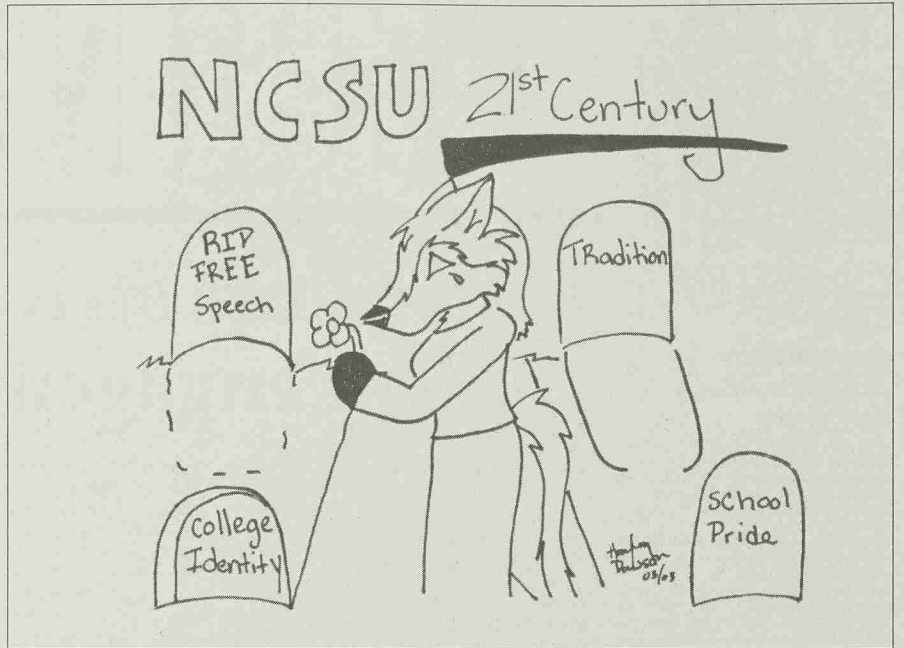
The economy is slumping in several important ways. The U.S. Department of Labor reported 380,000 payroll jobs were lost across the nation in February. Although many corporations invest in job creation, it appears imminent war has caused these businesses to postpone job-creation spending. A war in Iraq could disrupt the job market even more. Once the immediate crisis is over, businesses will begin to invest again. Whether corporations choose to emphasize capital or employment investment after a war is unknown. For the time being, the sluggish job market will slouch on.

Besides job insecurity, consumers are

also being zinged by a slight rise in the cost of essential raw materials. Current gasoline prices have reached a 17-year high. The slight uptick in the cost of several raw materials, such as cotton, has forced the prices of many goods to rise.

Job insecurity and rising prices have eroded the relative wealth of many Americans. These trends have shaken the confidence of many consumers, and consumer spending is showing signs of slowing down.

The George W. Bush stimulus package, as designed, will not stimulate immediate job creation and consumer spending, the two positive shocks most urgently needed in our economy; instead it would delay most tax refunds until at least 2004 and give a vast majority of tax returns to the investment-minded wealthy. Therefore, in order to get our economy moving in a more positive direction, Congress must formulate an alternative economic stimulus package that stimulates the base of our economy — lower- to middle-class consumers — to begin spending again.



Traditions abound — unless the administration kills them



Andrew Payne
Staff Columnist

As student body elections approach, I hope the candidates will focus on a topic dear to my heart — school spirit and traditions.

Tradition — what does that mean on our campus? To me, we have some traditions at N.C. State,

but we will fall short of our peer institutions.

What traditions do we have at NCSU? The first one that probably comes to mind is the Brent Road block party. Thousands of people flock to Raleigh for one night of partying to signify the start of a new school year. It is no longer entirely an NCSU party, as most of the attendees are from other colleges, universities and Raleigh high schools.

Another tradition, lighting the Bell Tower red, is a practice initiated by a new chancellor from Texas — Marye Anne Fox — started only a few years ago.

How about Delta Sigma Phi's Lawn Party, an event that benefited charity? It was killed by the university administration for underage alcohol use, even though the event was off-campus. The fraternity is attempting to revive the event, but it will be on campus and alcohol-free, and it probably won't be of the same caliber.

Homecoming with its queen and king,

Miss Moo U, a parade and pep rally — this tradition has come a long way, but only because of the hard work of students and a few dedicated administrators. Up until three years ago, Homecoming was just a label on the football schedule, and a few awards were given out during halftime of the game.

Maybe you have heard about Wolfstock, an alcohol party on campus that occurred in the '60s and '70s. Wait, it was killed by the administration as well.

There once was campout, an event actually on campus, but no more. And I don't mean the current system of setting up a tent and sleeping outside for a night.

How can we instill tradition if it is not the first thing freshmen learn when they come to school? Do they learn the fight song? Maybe if they are lucky and their orientation counselor teaches them. But they are commanded to teach the politically correct version — "Come o'er the Hill Caroline." Why not teach them the original words and the words we all have come to cherish — "Go to Hell Carolina!"

For example, at Georgia Tech, the first thing freshmen learn about is campus traditions. Not only traditions that involve alcohol, but also those involving interesting items on campus that evoke school spirit.

Do students on our campus know that

the initials of the first class at State College are carved into a windowsill in Holladay Hall? Why does E=mc² appear on the sidewalk outside the Free Expression Tunnel, and why is the Free Expression Tunnel there?

There are many interesting things on our campus that few students know about. Also, there are no traditions on campus, like stealing bricks out of the Brickyard or dyeing the Talley Student Center fountain red.

Without traditions, NCSU is no more than a glorified community college. I

don't want to be accused by outsiders of attending a sub-par university when it comes to tradition and spirit.

So this is what I am going to do. I

am going to start a new tradition on campus. I don't exactly know yet what it will be — maybe "rolling" the chancellor's residence during Dead Week — but I will let everyone know what I am going to do, and when and where it will be.

As of right now I don't plan on doing anything drastically illegal, but I am sure it will involve something that students are not technically supposed to do.

To learn more about Andrew's great scheme, e-mail andrewpayne@wknc.org, and listen to "The Andrew Payne Show" on WKNC 88.1 FM every Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m.

Without traditions, N.C. State is no more than a glorified community college.

Art poorly reflects violent lives



Abbie Byrom
Staff Columnist

I chose to go to Miami with several of my friends for Spring Break, and I expected to return with great car-ride stories, a tan and pictures that will remind me of how much fun I had. I did return with all of these things, but I also returned with

the most frightening experience I have ever had.

My second night in Miami, as my friends and I were walking to a nearby club, we noticed a commotion at the end of the street. Only about 10 yards away from this commotion, my roommate's boyfriend announced to our group that there was a guy with a gun.

Upon hearing this we turned to run, but we were too late. Within seconds the man holding the gun had shot another man. We kept running but turned to look at the man who pointed the gun at the man he had just shot, now down on the ground. We kept running and heard the second shot as we rounded the corner of the block.

For the 10 of us traveling to this club together, our world stopped for about half an hour. As we found an empty ice cream shop to sit in, most of us were in

shock. I personally had a very hard time dealing with what I had just seen. For the rest of Miami frequenting the strip that night, however, life went on within seconds of this violent crime. People kept shopping, continued to eat and hailed taxis to get to their evening destinations.

Our group decided we had unfortunately been in the wrong place at the wrong time, and we could have just as easily experienced the same thing here in Raleigh. We made up our minds not to let it ruin our night or the rest of our trip and continued to walk to the club where we had planned to go — we just took a different route.

Not too long after entering the club and starting to relax, a rap song came on, and the first thing I heard was a gunshot in the song. After hearing two gunshots just yards away from me, this was a little too much. Aside from the panic I experienced that night in Miami, I realized how sensationalized violence is in our lives.

The best rappers seem to be the ones with some sort of violence in their lives. Fifty Cent says, "I've been hit with a few shells, but I don't walk with a limp; I'm all right," referring to the fact that he has been shot nine times.

Tupac Shakur is a rap god today be-

cause he is dead, and most of his songs revolved around violence — same with Biggie Smalls, P. Diddy was immediately propelled into notoriety after a night club shooting event a few years back.

Action movies are usually the blockbuster movies at the theaters, and the most-watched shows on television are crime dramas. The viewer watches with amusement and enjoyment one character getting killed in some type of brutal, horrific fashion and then waits until the end of the show to see it all resolved.

The shooting I saw in Miami wasn't resolved that way. Someone was shot twice, and all went on with their lives. The cops did show up, and they did arrest someone, but chances are that someone will be out on the streets again sooner, rather than later.

I don't think the world should have come to a standstill because of this event that I experienced, but it seems as if no one noticed it. It seems like no one thought that the boy who was shot had a mother somewhere, who was about to find out her child was the victim of this violence.

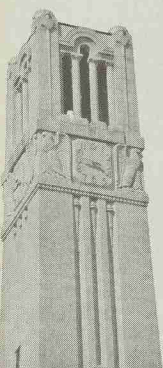
I listen to the rap songs, and I love Fifty Cent. I watch all the action movies, too. However, now that I have seen the vio-

Now that I have seen the violence firsthand ... it makes me think twice.

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My reconnection to the motherland



Decker Ngongang
Staff Columnist

For black people in America, the term African-American has become almost synonymous with our official classification as "black." Often we use African-American as a term recognizing the ancestry, which gives us the complexion that we term "black." Some people have a hard time classifying themselves as African-American because they feel their ancestry isn't of African decent, and therefore shouldn't be blanket-labeled by the term. Then we see schools where some kids will comment that we are all from Africa and they should be able to use the term.

I was of the impression that I am African-American because of my family's overall descent and also because of the fact that my father is from Cameroon, West Africa. Until this Spring Break I hadn't really thought much past

the above understanding of my classification. Upon meeting some relatives on a trip to Chicago, I became aware that I am not really a mainstream conception of an African-American. After this trip, I almost want to refer to myself as an Americanized-African.

I have never really known my father very well and have been without a lot of information on that side of my family.

The "African side" of my family's existence was always a given due to my father, but I didn't really know very much about them. Aside from talking to some of them on the phone or meeting them when I would visit my father as a small child, I had little contact with them. I was cut off from a significant amount of information as to my history and information about who I am. Often a lot of the traits we have aren't passed down from our parents but skip

generations. On my trip to Chicago I found out just how true that really is. I had never met my cousin Theo, and we didn't know of each other's existence until he saw one of my columns on the Internet after searching for "Ngongang" — our common last name. After exchanging several e-mails and later talking on the phone, we realized we were cousins sharing a significant amount of history. I flew up to Chicago to see him, and all of a sudden there was a man who looked like me, had a smile like me and was almost dressed like me, yet we had never met before.

As we got acquainted and talked about "our" family, I was taken back. The "African" in African-American was taking shape — full of faces, names and history. I was able to understand where exactly I come from — everything

from the tribe to the village we lived in for hundreds of years.

I learned where the traits my mother says, "I don't know where you got that from," actually came from. I learned leadership is only the norm in my family. My grandfather is the king of the Bamileke tribe, the largest in Cameroon, and if I were to go to Cameroon even today, no matter how American I may seem, I would be treated as a prince because I am the grandson of the king.

I have always been a big boy, but my hind region has always stood out more so than those of others my age and size. I never knew why my bottom was so large until I saw my cousin and his little son. We all looked the same in this sense. I looked at pictures and there it was — a bunch of dudes in Africa with big, high bottoms and tree-trunk-like calf muscles. Much of who I am could be found in what they are — African. Though I have lost contact with my father, my connection with this land is almost cosmic and much deeper than the title "African-American."

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The Africa in me isn't this mainstream classification it has become for a lot of people.

CAMPUS FORUM

TAs should not be fired without prior notice

We, the teaching assistants with the ECE department for the past three semesters, have been laid off without prior notice in spring 2003 for no known fault of ours.

The main issue we would like to raise is the laying off of TAs without any prior notice. Since all of us are international students, this is a huge concern. Only after Jan. 13, we realized we had possibly lost the assistantship because the tuition for spring 2003, which had been paid long before by the sponsor, appeared again in our account as unpaid. At the same time, the department was still issuing offers to some students, and we got no notification regarding the assistantship.

Unfortunately for our international students, no teaching assistantship means:

1. Many of us have to terminate our Ph.D. programs on which we have spent a lot of time and effort.

2. We are unable to apply for Ph.D. study for the coming fall semester because the application deadline for most graduate schools has already passed.

3. Money for our tuition, fees and health insurance is raised with very short notice.

We do respect the decision the department has made, but the department is obliged to let us know their decision in advance according to our offer letter.

The feedback from the department is that we don't have a dissertation advisor. Actually, we have been looking for advisors ever since we came here, but the department admitted too many Ph.D. students with financial aid for fall 2001 and continued taking in new students in the following semesters. As a result, it was very hard to find professors willing to support us as Ph.D. students. However, some of us, who had found advisors as required by the department, were still cut with no other reasons given.

We have been TAs for the past three semesters and have contributed in the successful completion of many graduate and undergraduate courses at N.C. State. Though we do understand the situation in the department, it is causing us a lot of discomfort, and we sincerely hope that this problem will be resolved in a mutually beneficial manner.

Yu Lu
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Coalition urges responsible consumption of alcohol

I read with interest Elizabeth Welch's article on March 7, titled "County cracks down on underage drinking." One student was quoted as saying underage drinking in college is a fact of life and that perhaps emphasis should be placed on responsible consumption. The N.C. State CAMPUS Community Coalition, of which (as mentioned in the article) Kevin Lawrence of Wake County ABC belongs, is doing just that — placing emphasis on responsible consumption.

We encourage any interested persons — especially students — to become involved with the group. The CAMPUS Community Coalition is a task force of N.C. State staff, faculty and students, along with community members, businesses and organizations interested in addressing high-risk drinking behaviors and their consequences that occur on campus as well as in the surrounding community. One of our biggest goals is to reduce alcohol misuse among NCSU students.

Last year our group surveyed 505 students, and we found some interesting results. We found that while most NCSU students do drink, they drink more responsibly than they think they do — most students have 0-4 drinks when they party. Unfortunately, most students think that other students typically consume more alcohol than this. Also, 70 percent of NCSU students reported they support the enforcement of the legal age restriction on alcohol, yet they also reported that most students would think the campus alcohol policy is too strict.

The coalition welcomes diverse opinions on the subject of alcohol and how it affects the lives of NCSU students and the community. If you have any interest at all, please contact me at 513-3295 or chris_austin@ncsu.edu.

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Resist the ruling forces in the United States

This is a reply to the Ohio State University wire editorial "UAE takes a stance against Saddam Hussein." I think it provides a decent example of the kind of massively warped perspective now being reflected in the U.S. media.

The editorial states, "They know Saddam is a threat to the Middle East region. However, none ... have had the courage ... to do something." This is ridiculous distortion. Saddam Hussein is not a threat to the region. Saddam Hussein has no capability to invade anybody in the region. Israel is a far greater threat to the region with hundreds of nuclear weapons, not to mention a stockpile of the chemical type.

But in fact the greatest threat to the region is the United States. With a military budget some 280 times that of Iraq and almost seven times that of its nearest competitor, Russia, the U.S. government has for a long time stated that international law simply does not apply to it. The United States charges Iraq with violating UN Security Council resolutions. This would be a wonderful joke if it were not so very serious because the planned United States invasion of Iraq is a flagrant violation of the UN Charter, even if there is a resolution authorizing the use of force.

If this attack goes forth, then George Bush and Tony Blair, if tried under Nuremberg, would be major war criminals. Even not considering that, for various reasons, they already are. The justifications used for this invasion are not all dissimilar from those used by surviving Nazis to try to justify the invasion of Poland — to them, it was merely "preventative war."

The question is not whether the world will have the strength to resist Iraq — this is a joke at best. It is, rather, whether it will have the strength to resist the ruling forces in the United States — and that applies to us, the American people, too.

Alexander Sheppard
Lifelong Education

Tragedy brings attention to role of organ donation in society

The recent tragedy of Jessica Santillan brought world attention to organ donation in America. Yet with all the news articles and stories surrounding the event, organ donation remains mysterious and misunderstood.

Organ donation contributes to our society in a variety of ways by providing direct benefits to individuals and indirect benefits to the community at large.

Like Jessica, most organ transplant recipients have immediate health needs. Disease may

threaten their lives, or an accident or illness may render traditional therapies ineffective. Often their last hope is for replacement of the sick organ or tissue through transplant surgery. Both organs and tissue can be transplanted, including the heart, lungs, pancreas, liver, kidneys, skin, bone and eyes.

Eye donation in particular provides unique benefits to the community at large. The first benefit is improved understanding and treatment of eye disease. With the aging of the baby boomers alone, age-related eye disease and vision impairment are expected to double in the next three decades. Blindness caused by diabetes and glaucoma is increasing as well, threatening the African-American community in great numbers. Because it is not easily simulated in the lab environment, human tissue is required to find cures and treatments for these vision-related afflictions.

Second, eye tissue is used in research to treat other non-eye-related diseases through the creation of biologics. Biologics are derived from living tissue (such as the eye C to be used therapeutically to treat human disease. Retinal pigment epithelial cells from the eye are used to develop treatments for Parkinson's and related central nervous system diseases.

Lastly, doing something good for the benefit of someone else builds the social capital of the community. There is increasing evidence showing that social cohesion is critical for societies to prosper economically.

Despite these benefits, the greatest obstacle to organ and tissue donation remains receiving permission from family members. While more than half of all Americans say they have signed a donor card or indicated their wish on their driver's license, family members have the final say.

Anyone can be an eye donor — even if you or your loved one has had eye disease, LASIK surgery or just plain poor vision. But if you want your organs to be donated for the benefit of others, you must tell your family — today. Because on the day Jessica Santillan died, 15 other people around the country died awaiting organ transplants. And that number repeats itself every day.

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Means of looming war meet no ends

Sam Lane

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — We're only a few days away from war

now. Is it a war that will end a serious threat to us and the world? No. It will be one that will likely do more harm than good.

Those opposing war have no sympathy for Saddam Hussein. He is known to have used chemical and biological weapons and, for that, deserves to be dethroned. Rather, we are concerned about the deaths this action will cause. Americans tend to have faith in smart bomb technology to surgically remove threatening structures and leave nearby buildings unharmed. But numerous examples of failures can be found in the past few years. During the NATO bombing campaign in former Yugoslavia, in early May 1999, a cluster bomb aimed for an airfield hit a hospital and killed 10 in the city of Nis. To be fair, this was not a smart weapon. But how much life was lost in this town because of the loss of a hospital cannot be known.

Even if the bomb is flawless, it can only be as good as the intelligence on the target. This point was hammered home on May 7, 1999, in Belgrade, the same time as the Nis fiasco. A B-2 launched three satellite-guided bombs, the latest smart weapons, which use global-positioning systems to find their targets in 3-D space. Two of the three bombs scored direct hits on what they thought — because of a CIA blunder — was the Serbian Federal Directorate of Supply and Procurement. It was actually the Chinese Embassy.

This is especially relevant in Iraq because Hussein has weapons of mass destruction. We know he has anthrax, for example, because Uncle Sam sent him some from a lab in Maryland back when the United States was more worried about Iran. And any bomb, no matter how smart, that detonates over an armory with a hundred pounds of anthrax spores will only spread a hundred pounds of anthrax spores to the wind.

The difficulty of identifying targets in Iraq is further compounded by Hussein's intermingled civil and military facilities. Bombing and other destructive acts cannot avoid civilian damage, and military

I found out it is much of who I am and what I will become. It explains my mannerisms. It gives me a history of achievement and a history of struggle to inspire me.

I am truly an African in America, and even though I was born here there are things about me that find their birthplace in a land half a world away. Within my African heritage are doctors, ambassadors, kings, princes, chiefs and me, the lowly old senior in college.

I have a connection point that was unknown to me before, and it makes a world of difference to me now as I proceed to the next stage in my life. I have a long way to go to become fully in touch with the culture, the language (French-bamileke) and the people, but I have already learned so much in one simple meeting.

Decker hopes to travel to Africa soon, and if you want to help pay for his first-class plane ticket, e-mail him at dngonga@unity.ncsu.edu.

intervention exposes our troops to the possibility of being hit with these weapons.

The chaos of war introduces the possibility that such facilities could get lost in the confusion. To ferret them out, we need tough, thorough U.N. inspections with military backing. Inspections cannot be effective in the heart of a war zone. Hussein cannot use unconventional weapons against inspectors in a city, an Iraqi city, the way he can against troops on a battlefield.

Sending troops to Iraq is the only way Hussein can seriously harm our country. It is true he has chemical and biological weapons and is probably close to having nuclear weapons. But he has no delivery mechanisms to hit a country half a world away. The Al Samoud missile, capable of hitting targets as far away as Israel, is the edge of his attack range and has no chance of hitting the United States. Even he can't be insane enough to smuggle such weapons into this country using suicide bombers because the United States could nuke his whole country. But the threat of war looming over his shoulder could push Hussein to do something desperate he otherwise would have sense enough to avoid.

If dethroning Hussein was our intent, we would have done so in the Gulf War. We cannot guarantee his successor to be any more U.S.-friendly. In any case, war is not the best means to any of our ends.

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lence firsthand, rather than in the movies, on TV or on the radio, it makes me think twice. It makes me think about what I deem good music or what kind of shows and movies I find amusing.

Let me be the first to tell you, that boy lying on the ground in Miami after being shot twice was hit with a few shells, and he wasn't all right. Think about what you listen to and watch that is violent. Violence isn't packaged as pretty in real life, and maybe it shouldn't be on TV, the radio or in the movies, either.

If you have any questions or comments about the more lighthearted parts of Abbie's Spring Break, you can e-mail her at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.



Campus Police crack down on illegal left turn

Students will soon receive citations for making illegal left turns into the Central Campus Pay Lot.

News Staff Report

While a sign in front of the Central Campus Pay Lot behind the Student Health Center announces that no left turns are allowed, many times students traveling from Hillsborough Street look for an opportunity and make the left turn regardless of the sign enforcement.

But beginning on Wednesday, Campus Police will crack down on students who make this illegal turn.

Officers suggest that making this illegal turn is a huge safety hazard, a cause of traffic conges-

tion that has already resulted in accidents along Dan Allen Drive.

On Wednesday, the Transportation Department and Campus Police will start a two-week campaign to deter students from making this turn. During the two-week period, officers will give warning tickets and let students know that they really are not permitted to make left turns at the intersection in question.

Following the campaign, officers will issue citations that include fines and court costs for students who make this turn.

"We will continue to enforce the violation thereafter," said Sgt. Jon Barnwell, Campus Police officer. "We don't want students to get whacked with this \$100+ fine."

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signments. Students can submit their work and find out their grade as many times as they want before the deadline of the assignment.

In addition, students who turn in work at least a day before the deadline receive 10 extra points on the assignment grade. If students turn in work one class period late they lose 15 points. If the assignment is two class periods late, 30 points are deducted. The penalties get more severe the longer students wait to turn assignments in.

While the underlying objective of Lasher's teaching objective is time management, Mindy Sopher, a visiting lecturer in communication, uses interpersonal techniques and get-to-know-each-other exercises to engage her students inside the classroom.

Sopher is currently teaching COM 110, a public speaking course. Sopher has a list of expectations that she hopes her students try to follow. But these expectations are a little different than merely following the Code of Conduct or studying every night for an hour.

Sopher wants her students to sit in a different seat each class period in hopes that all of the students learn each other's names and get to know everyone in class, beyond face recognition.

During the first day of class, Sopher does an exercise in the class to motivate the students to learn each other's names. Sopher says she walks into class on the first day and asks if any of her students can name off everyone in the class. She says no one is ever able to do this.

"I hold up a piece of money, it depends on my financial situation and how many classes I'm

teaching on what monetary value it will have, but I ask who can name off everyone in the class," said Sopher. "Usually someone is up to the challenge."

After students give their required speeches Sopher has "showers" for them.

"This is where the student speaker is bombarded with positive praises by the class about the speech," said Sopher.

She says that this makes the class members much more comfortable with one another and keeps the speakers from being nervous.

"I have never met someone who is so completely devoted to her students, and I have never been so completely inspired by a professor in my time here at N.C. State," said Tara Zechini, a sophomore in mass communications and one of Sopher's former students.

Sopher, a cancer survivor, en-

courages her students to draw material for their speeches from their personal interests and experiences.

"What really made me realize how unique this experience was going to be was the first line she used to address the class after removing her hat — 'So right now you're all thinking that I'm either a cancer survivor or a bad ass. Well, I'm both.' From that moment on I enjoyed Mindy's class," said another of Sopher's former students.

Sopher said she draws strength from her students in order to live with and survive cancer.

"For Ms. Sopher, her teaching method may be quite common," said Keon Pettitway, a First-Year College junior and another of Sopher's students. "For students, her teaching method ... intertwines learning and interest. Her enthusiasm is contagious, which affects the entire mood of the class."

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The survey allows students to take part in a major university issue, but without their participation the transfer process will remain unchanged, said Ducote.

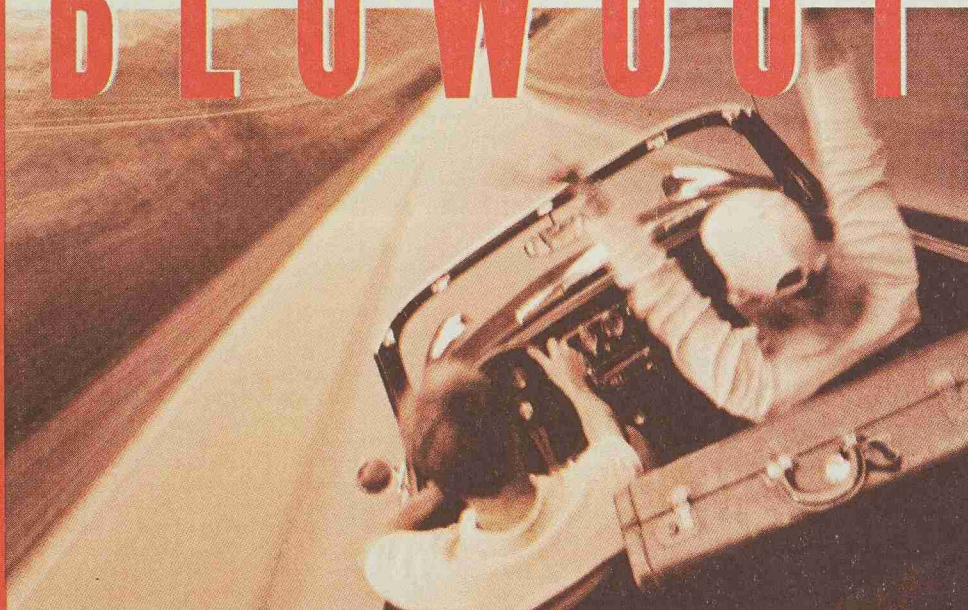
The most important aspect of the survey is that it will help students and people in continuing education get on with their lives and get through with the graduation process in a much more timely manner. And according to ASG officials, it will ultimately

save money for students, their families and the state of North Carolina.

Reduction in class size and an increase in availability of courses are also anticipated results.

The Common Course Transfer Survey was available to students on Feb. 17 and will continue to be available until March 30. The survey can be reached at www.un-casg.org. Questions may be directed to the ASG office at (919) 715-2431 or by contacting Michael D. Anthony, student body president, at sbp@ncsu.edu.

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FBI, police investigate anti-Muslim graffiti at San Jose State

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Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Menacing anti-Muslim graffiti found at San Jose State University had some students on edge Monday and police and the FBI investigating it as a potential hate crime.

"Muslims will be shot on San Jose State University campus on March 10th," read the threats scrawled in indelible felt pen in four restrooms late last week in separate buildings on campus.

Police reported no problems Monday, but the threats prompted university officials to warn hundreds of Muslim students as well as every academic department at the school.

"We're in a situation where we cannot afford to ignore it," said Bruce Lowe, a captain with the San Jose State University Police Department.

The department had several extra officers patrolling the campus Monday.

Professors were encouraged to show appropriate consideration for Muslim students, some of whom decided not to attend classes for the day, just as the school was gearing up for midterm exams.

University officials weren't sure how many students stayed away. SJSU President Robert L. Caret cautioned in an e-mail sent Friday to more than 300 Muslim students to "be aware of your surroundings and other people who may be around you."

"I'm a little bit more scared than I realized," said Sameena Usman, a political science major and Muslim who had initially brushed the threats off as the work of a prankster. But a loud boom made by construction workers on campus Monday nearly had her diving for the ground, she said.

"I'm a bit more visible than everyone else because I wear a scarf," the traditional Muslim hijab, Usman said. "I'm definitely an easy target."

Campus police said they do not have any suspects in the case, although they believe one person is responsible, probably a male because the graffiti appeared only in men's restrooms. Vandalism, such as defacing bathroom walls, is usually considered a misdemeanor. But the FBI and San Jose Police Department were asked to assist with the case given the nature of the threats.

"This is particularly hateful and very specific in its target," said FBI special agent LaRae Quy. "You just never know if they're going to make that step from free expression to actual violence."

The threats are just one in a series of anti-Muslim incidents that have taken place across the country in recent weeks. Muslims have been physically attacked in California, Georgia, New Jersey and South Carolina, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations. But many people said they were surprised that such odious statements, which have since been painted over, would pop up on a campus known for its open-mindedness.

"I was very much shocked something like this would happen. San Jose State University is one of the most multicultural and tolerant universities in the United States," said Mohammad Naaman, president of the campus's Muslim Students Association.

Naaman knew some Muslim students who chose to miss class Monday. Even though he didn't have any classes to attend, he felt obligated to show up on campus.

Otherwise, the person making the threats would have succeeded at frightening the Muslim community, he said. Some students who showed up for class as usual were treated to frank discussions about the graffiti, with professors stressing the importance of remaining calm while being cautious.

Comparative religious studies professor Jennifer Rycenga, who was teaching about religious pluralism for the day, said "a ripple of surprise went through the room" when she mentioned the threats in class.

She told students the hate messages are "a disappointing example of religious intolerance but not something they need to be wearing flak jackets for," she said.

At SJSU, bomb threats during finals or midterm are a common occurrence, said Jack McKellar, a retired chemical engineer at IBM who now teaches at the school of engineering.

"It might be malicious or it might be a prank," McKellar said. "But you have to acknowledge it seriously."

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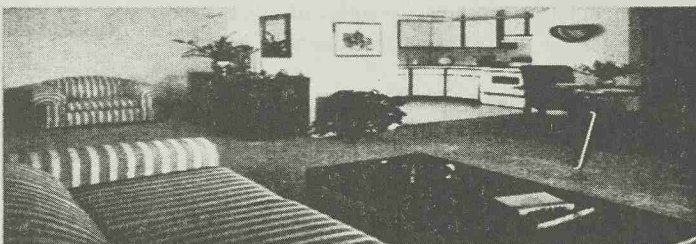


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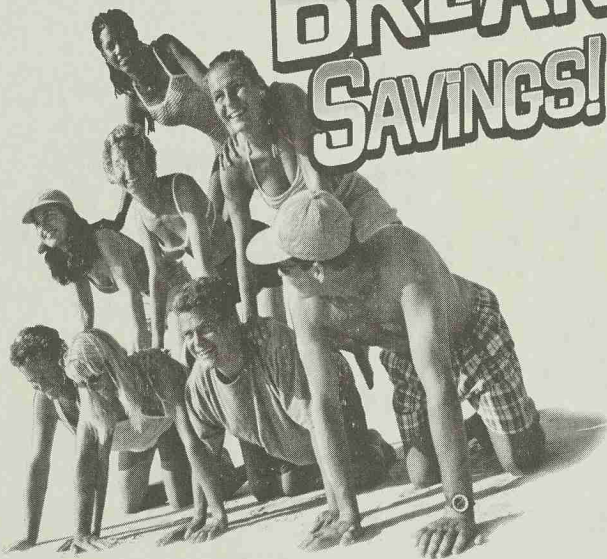
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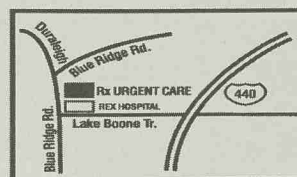
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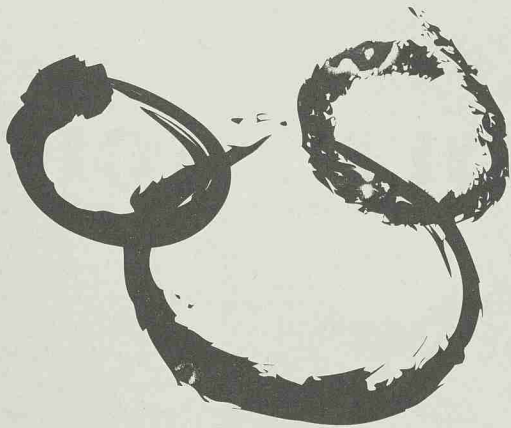
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COMEBACK PACK

N.C. STATE ADVANCED TO THE ACC TOURNAMENT FINAL WITH A STONG PERFORMANCE THAT ALSO ENDED AN EIGHT-GAME LOSING SKID TO WAKE.

Andrew B. Carter
Assistant Sports Editor

GREENSBORO — Julius Hodge's smile was as wide as his wingspan, his two gangly arms waving like flags of victory. They may as well have been flags because they stood for something an entire Wolfpack nation could relish.

In a 180-degree turnaround compared to its late regular season, fourth-seeded State bounced back in the greatest of ways with an 87-83 triumph over top-seeded Wake Forest on Saturday in the ACC Tournament semifinals. When it was over, after the Pack had rallied from an early deficit, stormed to a large lead and been tested to the brink of insanity, Wolfpack players and coaches could have caused a hurricane with the force of their collective sigh of relief.

It should have been called Hurricane Hodge — named for the sophomore star who shined brightly in scoring a career-high 31 points and grabbing nine rebounds. Or maybe Marcus Melvin could have taken honors, because he did, after all, finish with 23 points while making the types of baskets in the types of situations that most players simply won't or can't.

A classic that lived up to its billing to the start, State-Wake Part III was every bit as good as the previous two — but with a different ending. The Demon Deacons twice escaped the Pack's grasp in the regular season, the last time a week ago when Wake hit six free-throws in the final 1.8 seconds for a 78-72 win.

But something like that wouldn't happen again Saturday. State wouldn't let it. "We came out and just wanted it more," said a grinning Melvin.

Melvin and Hodge, all smiles after the contest, looked the opposite on the court. The pair hit big shots like businessmen get up in the morning, putting on suits and going to work. The duo combined for 54 points and both connected on 4-for-7 from behind the 3-point line. The two were the definitive gas for the Pack's engine.

"At this time of year, your best players have to be at their best," said State coach Herb Sendek. "As many years as I've been privileged to coach, I always have a certain respect and awe with the way these guys are able to perform with ice water in their veins."

Ice water? It may as well have been anti-freeze coursing through the Wolfpack, as it responded to its gaudy challenge. Thanks to Josh Howard's 14 first-half points, Wake led by as many as eight with under two minutes left in the first half. But the Pack was able to cut that in half before intermission, as Melvin and Hodge each hit 3s to bring State to with-

in 37-33.

The two huge shots were a precursor to the type of second half the Pack would enjoy. State, which shot just 37.5 percent and went 3-for-11 on 3s in the first half, hit at a 62.5 percent clip in the second 20 minutes, including 7-for-8 from beyond the arc.

"Coming out in the second half, we just wanted to refocus," said Melvin. "We had been in a position like that before when we haven't scored on a lot of possessions and going through droughts. We wanted to refocus everything and come back in the second half and run our offense, get open shots and knock those down."

If it were a test, State would have gotten 100 percent. The Pack did come out after the break refocused, ran its offense to perfection and knocked in the open looks. State's first four possessions of the half went like this — a Melvin 3, a Scooter Sherrill 3, a Clifford Crawford pull-up jumper in the lane and a Hodge 3 from the right baseline. Timeout, Wake. A throng of red-and-white clad fans, meanwhile, stood and howled with delight. The Pack led 44-39 at that point and never trailed again.

"In the second half, we just wanted to run our offense," said Hodge. "We know we're not going to make every shot, but as the game progresses, you're going to start making tough shots. And we did that in the second half."

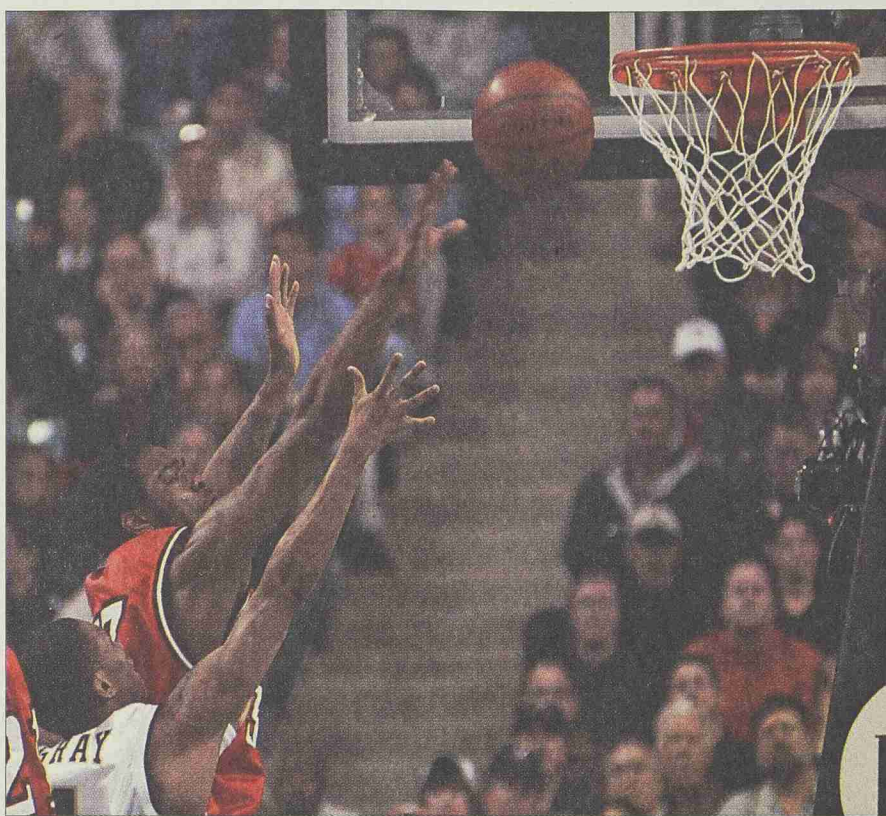
One of those big shots came from Hodge, whose 31 were one better than the 30 he dropped on North Carolina on Jan. 26. After Taron Downey nailed a 3 to cut the Pack lead to 52-48, Hodge responded with a 3 of his own from the left arc. The ball hit nothing but net, and Josh Howard, who was guarding Hodge on the play, hit nothing but Hodge's arm. As Hodge hit the free throw to complete the rare four-point play, Howard sat down on the Wake bench with four fouls.

Howard, considered the best player in the ACC, scored a tough 21 points. The consensus first-team All-ACC senior didn't get an open look the entire game and made just 6-of-21 shots. Slowing Howard was paramount for State, which advanced to the ACC Tournament final for the third time in Sendek's seven seasons and second in a row.

"Josh Howard is a great player who is very good on the offensive boards," said Hodge. "We were sending two guys at him, and he was still getting offensive rebounds. I didn't stop him by myself — he still got over his average and played a very good game."

The strategy coming in wasn't to shut down Howard so much as it was to limit his close chances.

"What we tried to do was eliminate the easy baskets [for Howard]," said Sendek.



Less than a week after losing to Wake at home, Josh Powell and the Pack stretched for revenge. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

"We may have done that a little better today."

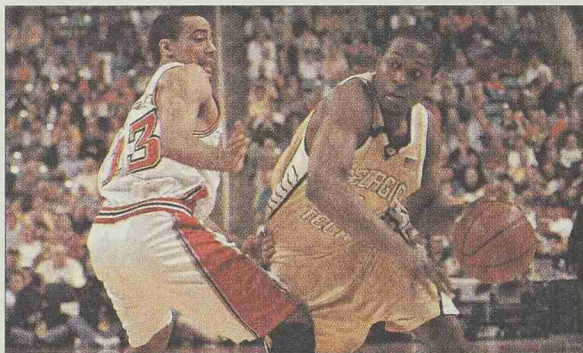
The Pack again received a brilliant effort from Josh Powell. The sophomore center scored 16 on Wake's much-bally-hooded front line and essentially locked up the game with a three-point play that gave State a 75-62 lead with 2:42 to go. Wake didn't go down quietly, though, as freshman point guard Justin Gray con-

tributed half of his 14 points in the game's final two minutes in effort to keep the Deacons alive. As has been the case all season, though, State got the job done at the line. The Pack nailed 12 of its 16 attempts in the final two minutes and made 29 of 35 for the game.

It was the kind of blue-collar effort that has come to be a trademark of State teams this season.

"This is a special team, it's a great group of guys," said Sendek. "They've been as gritty, and crusty and resilient as a team in college basketball can be this year. When we had some really bad news with [Ilijan] Evtimov, some tough losses here and there, they've always managed to get back up."

TOTAL TEAM EFFORT LEADS PACK PAST JACKETS



Cameron Bennerman plays physical defense. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

N.C. STATE RECEIVED DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORING FROM FOUR OF ITS STARTERS AND OVERCAME A SPIRITED TECH COMEBACK.

Andrew B. Carter
Assistant Sports Editor

GREENSBORO — At times this season, N.C. State might have been better off quitting at halftime and saving itself the trouble of going through hardship of a crushing, last-second defeat.

In the ACC Tournament quarterfinals on Friday, it seemed the No. 4 seed Wolfpack was destined for familiar territory — the same which doomed the Pack in agonizing losses to Maryland and Wake Forest the last week of regular season — against a feisty fifth-seeded Georgia Tech squad. Only this time, Marcus Melvin, Josh Powell and others wouldn't let an opponent's strong second-half rally get the best of them.

After trailing by five with just over eight minutes left, coach Herb Sendek's team put it together in a crucial 71-65 win. Six points hardly justified the margin, as the game went down to the final, nail-biting seconds in front of an energized crowd of 23,745 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

"Georgia Tech came out in the second

half and imposed their will on us," said Melvin, who finished with 15 points and seven rebounds. "For a while, they scored on every possession. As a team we came together and said that we weren't going to lose this basketball game."

With State down five and the momentum clearly in the pockets of the Yellow Jackets, Melvin hit what might have been the biggest shot of the contest. The junior spotted up at the top of the key, took a pass from Julius Hodge and drained a laser-beam 3 that hit nothing but net.

In the snap of a finger, the Georgia Tech faithful sat in unison while a throng of red and white stood and roared. The cheers grew louder a minute later when Powell scored two of his game-high 18 points to tie the contest at 56. With 5:53 left, Melvin struck again — this time a mid-range jumper from the left baseline — to put State up for good at 58-56.

Pressure? Melvin didn't feel it all. "It is hard to block everything that is going on in your mind, [but] it motivates you and makes you want to give another dose of effort," he said. "For the most

part, we put the pressure behind us. We can just play hard."

Hard play was everywhere for State on Friday afternoon. There was Cliff Crawford, playing dogged defense on super Yellow Jacket point guard Jarrett Jack. There was Cameron Bennerman, skying for an offensive rebound, missing a follow, rebounding again and finally getting the basket. And most glaring, there was Josh Powell, going toe-to-toe with the Jackets' Chris Bosh, holding the freshman sensation to a quiet 14 points. Powell also had a career-high five blocks and ripped down a team-high eight boards.

Despite the gaudy numbers, the best thing Powell did was stay out of foul trouble and stay on Bosh.

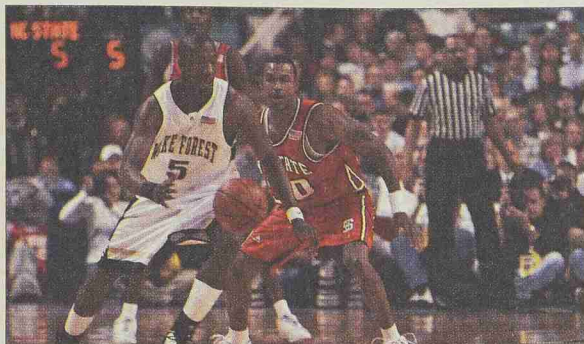
"The biggest thing was to not let him catch the ball," said Powell. "It was a tough task. He is a good player, and my teammates helped me out to get the job done."

The Pack got the job done when it mattered most, hitting enough free throws and making enough stops defensively to preserve the win. Georgia Tech cut it to four with 32 seconds to go, but the Pack didn't falter on the free-throw line.

"I was particularly proud of our guys the way they got back up and responded after we had the lead at halftime, and when Georgia Tech came back and took over the lead," said Sendek.

Once again, the Pack got the job done in the first half. State never trailed in the game's opening 20 minutes, but the action was tightly contested.

The Jackets trailed by four with just over a minute left, but Sherrill, who had 15 points — all on 3s — nailed a 3 from the right wing to stretch the lead to seven. After Crawford hit one of two free throws, a Bosh dunk with 13 seconds left in the half cut it down to six. The Pack called a 30-second timeout with seven seconds left, and Hodge, who finished with a quiet 10 points, found a wide open Crawford for a 3 at the buzzer to give State a 34-25 lead at the break.



Clifford Crawford and teammates held Wake's Josh Howard in check enough to beat the Deacons. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

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FLORIDA STATE 72, CLEMSON 61

GREENSBORO — For one half of Thursday night's ACC Tournament play-in game, Clemson played like a team that didn't belong in the contest reserved for annual conference bottom-feeders.

And in the other half, the Tigers played like a team that didn't belong in the tournament, period.

It was the latter half that doomed No. 8 seed Clemson and sent a defensive-minded Florida State team to a 72-61 victory in front of 16,135 at the Greensboro Coliseum. The ninth-seeded Seminoles advanced from the play-in for the second time in as many years, led by junior Tim Pickett's 22 points and 12 rebounds.

FSU point guard Nate Johnson, mired in a prolonged shooting slump late in the season, came alive to score 18.

The real story of the night for the Seminoles was their ability to recover from a 36-28 halftime deficit. The eight-point Clemson advantage, however, couldn't survive a 20-1 run that gave Florida State a 48-37 lead just over six minutes into the second half. The Noles didn't look back.

"We regained our composure at halftime," said FSU coach Leonard Hamilton. "We put a run on them in the second half, and we sustained it. We had good ball movement, and played real well defensively."

FSU also played with a sense of urgency.

"We weren't ready to go home," said Pickett. Clemson did start strong, overcoming an early deficit to lead by as much as 10 in the game's first



20 minutes. Shawan Robinson keyed the first-half surge with three 3s, and finished with a Clemson-high 14 points.

Edward Scott, a first-team All-ACC player, ended his collegiate career by shooting just 3-of-18 from the field with 11 points. In fitting fashion, Scott dished out 11 assists.

NORTH CAROLINA 84, MARYLAND 72

GREENSBORO — When the final buzzer sounded on Friday's ACC Tournament quarterfinal between No. 2 seed Maryland and seventh-seeded North Carolina, Maryland fans sat in stunned disbelief.

The North Carolina faithful, meanwhile, stood in stunned disbelief.

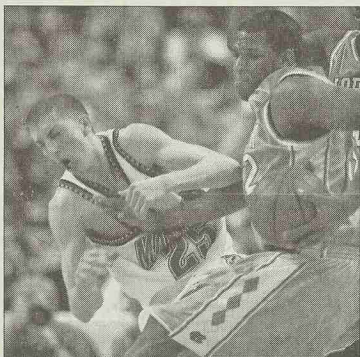
Maybe the only group that wasn't in shock at the Tar Heels' 84-72 victory were the Heels themselves. Embarrassed by a 40-point loss at Maryland three weeks ago, Carolina played with unmatched fire in gaining sweet revenge. UNC got career-highs from Jawad Williams, who had 25 points, and Melvin Scott, who came off the bench to drop 19.

Freshman point guard Raymond Felton blitzed the Terps for 20 points and 10 assists, leaving countless Maryland defenders in his dust.

"I want to thank my team for their effort," said UNC coach Matt Doherty. "They've never quit. And tonight, having lost to this team by 40 and to win by 12... I don't think anybody gave us a chance here."

And for a while, it seemed the doubters were right. Maryland held leads of 11-2, 24-15 and 40-33 in the first half. Yet, each time, Carolina fought back. UNC took the lead for good on a Felton 3 with 10:23 to play, putting his team up 53-50. The Heels extended their lead to as much as 12 with 5:05 to play and hung on down the stretch for the win.

Maryland, led by Drew Nicholas' 18 points, shot



only 42 percent for the game and allowed Carolina to shoot 53 percent. UNC's hot shooting offset its 23 turnovers.

"We didn't take great care of the ball, but we took some good shots at the end," said Felton. "In this game, we just shot better."

Steve Blake had a double-double for the Terps, finishing with 12 points and 10 assists. He also turned the ball over seven times.

The win marked just the sixth time in the 50 year history of the ACC Tournament that a No. 7 seed defeated a No. 2 seed. It last happened in 1993 when Clemson beat Florida State.

DUKE 75, NORTH CAROLINA 63

GREENSBORO — Duke-North Carolina showdowns are rarely decided at halftime.

But that was the case Saturday in the ACC Tournament semifinals, as the No. 3 seed Blue Devils blitzed the seventh-seeded Tar Heels in a 75-63 win at the Greensboro Coliseum.

It wasn't even that close, though, as the Devils easily avenged their loss in Chapel Hill a week ago. The game was all but over at the half after Duke shot its way to a 54-33 lead.

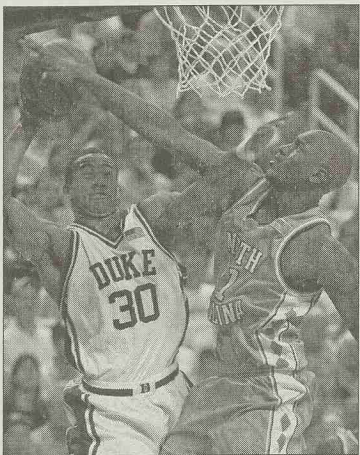
"I thought our kids, after playing the late game last night, seemed to have a lot of energy," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Our defense was outstanding. We got one of the best halves we've had all season, and I think that carried over to the second half."

The Devils might have put 100 on the scoreboard but elected to slow down the pace late in the game and rest their legs for the final.

Daniel Ewing was again sensational, nailing 7 of his 12 shots for 19 points. Carolina kept it close in the game's first few minutes and trailed by only one after a Dahntay Jones free throw put Duke up 9-8 four minutes into the contest.

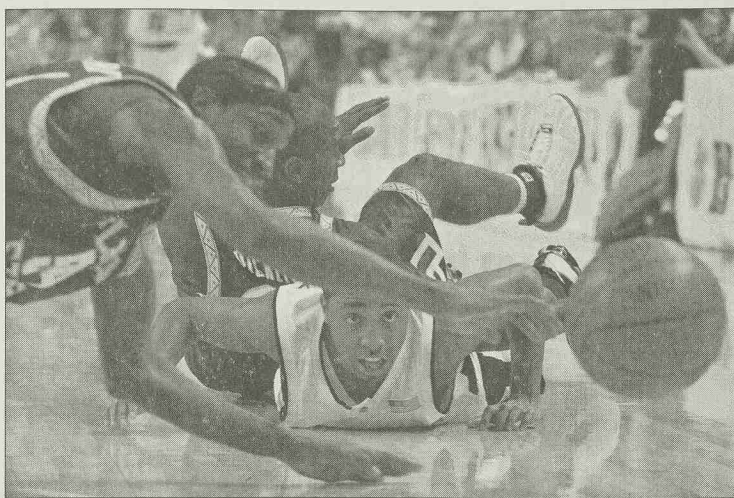
The Heels, though, would never get any closer. In the first half alone, Duke had two 7-0 spurts and closed the half with a 13-4 run.

UNC welcomed the return of freshman center Sean May, but not even the presence of their best low-post player — who had been sidelined since late December with a broken foot — could save the Tar Heels. May finished with four points and three rebounds in 10 minutes.



This game — highly anticipated by the fans in the Greensboro Coliseum — hardly lived up to its billing. UNC's Raymond Felton, who penetrated with ease the night before against Maryland, couldn't create the same way against the Devils. But Felton, who finished with 18, was the least of Carolina's disappointments. Rashad McCants went only 3-for-11 with 11 points, and UNC didn't get the production it needed from Jawad Williams or Melvin Scott.

The victory marked the third year in row Duke has beaten North Carolina in the ACC Tournament.



WAKE FOREST 69, FLORIDA STATE 61

GREENSBORO — The result was expected. The means were anything but.

Top-seeded Wake Forest defeated ninth-seeded Florida State 69-61 Friday in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament, but the Demon Deacons had to be glad it wasn't a beauty contest.

As it was, the Deacs barely had enough to defeat the Seminoles on the basketball court. Wake trailed by as many as 11 in the first half and didn't secure its first lead of the game until going up 31-30 on a Vytas Danelius tip with 18:16 to play.

Josh Howard's 17 points, eight rebounds and three blocks led Wake, which advanced to the semifinals despite turning the ball over an uncharacteristic 18 times. Danelius chipped in 14, including some timely buckets, and Jamaal Levy pulled down 12 rebounds. Justin Gray came off the bench and sparked

the Deacs with 15 points.

But nothing came easy for Wake.

"Every time we've played Florida State, they've played us tough," said Gray. "They are a good on-the-ball defensive team. They help each other, and they just did a great job of shutting us down in the first half."

The Seminoles, playing on less than 24 hours rest, led 30-29 at the break, and played with tenacity throughout. Tim Pickett scored 17, Trevor Harvey 14 and Anthony Richardson 14 to lead FSU.

The Noles trailed by four with under a minute to go and twice had chances to cut the deficit to a one-possession game. They couldn't capitalize, however, and Wake hit its free throws in the final minutes to secure the victory.

DUKE 83, VIRGINIA 76

GREENSBORO — Virginia and Duke combined for 59 points in an ugly first half of their ACC Tournament quarterfinal match-up on Friday night. No. 3 seed Duke scored 54 by itself in the second half though, as both teams came to life in an 83-76 Blue Devil win.

The sixth-seeded Cavaliers, who shot 57 percent for the game, couldn't overcome a career-high 32 points from Duke's Daniel Ewing. Ewing was inserted into the starting lineup, replacing Casey Sanders, as the Devils tried to go up-tempo.

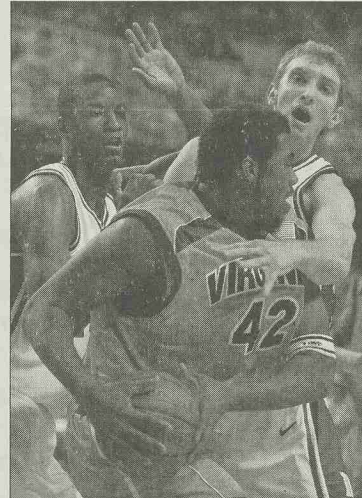
For the second half at least — in which Duke shot 57 percent — it worked.

"We thought we would try to go faster," said Blue Devil coach Mike Krzyzewski. "We wanted to try to get Daniel in there more. However we try to do that, it's a good thing. We need to keep him on the court longer."

That wasn't a problem for Duke, as Ewing played 35 minutes and hit 11 of 16 from the field, including a 5-for-7 effort from behind the 3-point line. He scored 21 in the second half as Duke turned a 30-29 halftime deficit into the seven-point win.

"I just wanted to be a spark plug and it carried over to my teammates," said Ewing.

In a tightly contested game that featured seven ties and 11 lead changes, Virginia never got the spurt it needed to put itself over the top against the Devils. Devin Smith's 19 points led the Cavaliers. Sec-



ond-team All-ACC center Travis Watson scored just eight, and the Devils held sharp-shooter Todd Billet to just seven points. In a stat that evidenced the beauty of the game, Duke and Virginia combined for seven more turnovers (34) than assists (27).

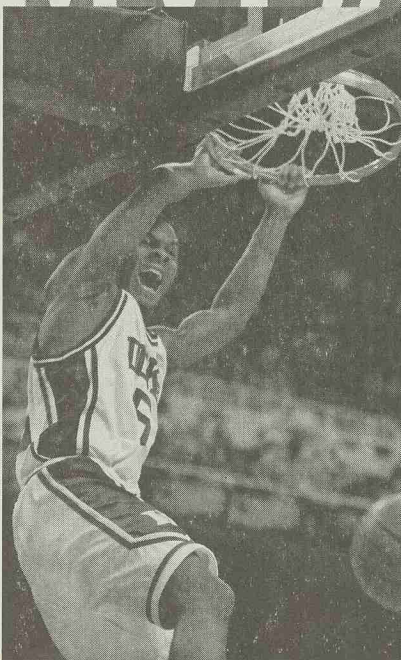
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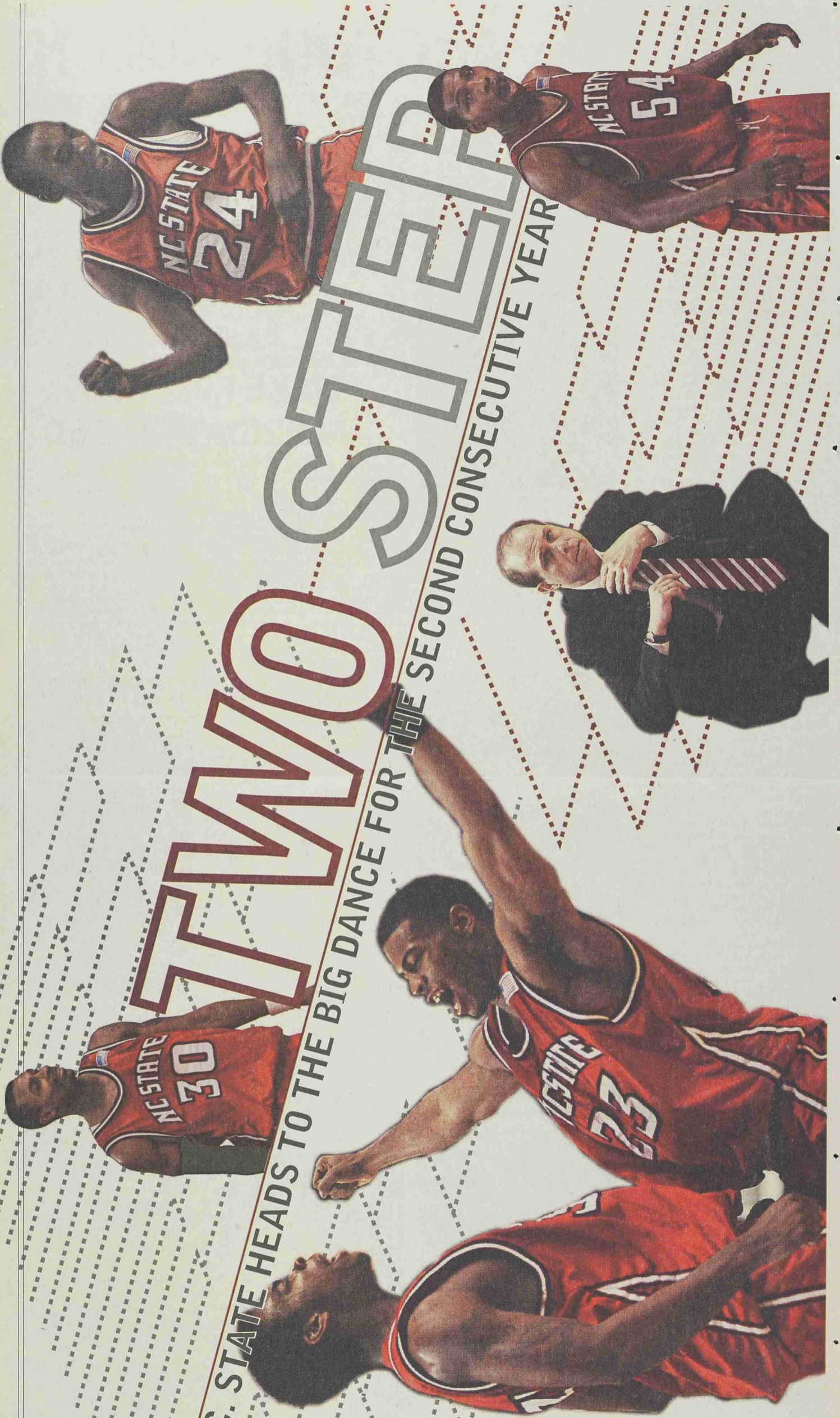
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