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Election violations remain under control

WORLD France may agree to fight with the United States against biological and chemical weapons

While the French have remained adamant about their antiwar sentiments, recent banter sug-gests that the country may agree to help U.S sol-diers fight Iraq if biological and chemical weapons are involved. According to reports, French officials are say-ing that if Saddam Hussein decides to use chem-ical or biological weapons, it would completely change the situation for French President Jaques Chinac, and the French government. Of-ficials say that they would have to decide what to do to help American troops.

Unusual pneumonia surfaces in five other countries

The mysterious form of pneumonia, which has baffled physicians in Asia for the past month, has been found in five other countries, said re-

has been found in five other countries, said re-ports. Tases of this rare disease are currently being investigated by World Health Organization (WHO) officials in England, France, Israel, Slove-nia and Australia. The hostile virus has remained untreatable, said reports. Over 167 new or suspected cases of the ill-ness have been reported to WHO since Feb. 1, and reports sugget that the number continues to grow daily. Officials from the Centers for Disease Control are currently looking for the cause for the illness.

NATION



Operation Liberty Shield announced

After President Bush delivered his monumental speech that ordered the exile of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his cohorts, Homeland Se-curity Secretary Tom Ridge outlined a plan that would essentially beef up security another notch nationwide.

The plan, dubbed Operation Liberty Shield, would provide for tighter security measures at airports, rail stations, and ports. In addition, as part of the plan, the government will temporarily detain some asylum applicants. According to reports, the Department of Homeland Security recently raised the terror alert to orange — the second highest level. Ridge and other intelligence officials believe that the United States is at great risk of experi-encing multiple terrorist acts as the United States draws closer to military action against Iraq.

Wildlife officials ease up on protection of gray wolves

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services announced on Tuesday that it has lowered its federal pro-tection of the nation's gray wolves. The measure comes after the agency's efforts to reintroduce the predator to the Mountain West. The wolves are now considered' threatened" rather than "endangered" in many parts of the country. The switch could allow ranchers to kill wolves that are caught attacking their livestock.

STATE

N.C. farmer subject of D.C. standoff

A standoff involving a N.C. tobacco farmer in Washington, D.C. that began Monday afternoon, continued as late as Tuesday morning. Dwight Watson, 50, of Whitakers, N.C. was still sitting on his tractor on Tuesday. Watson and the tractor were in the middle of a small lake. On Monday. Watson drove a jeep and a trail-On Monday, Watson drove a jeep and a trail-er carrying the tractor and a motorcycle into Constitution Gardens. After driving the jeep into the lake, Watson drove the tractor off the trailer and into the water where he remained overnight. The standoff forced police officials to close streets, creating an increase in Tuesday morn-ing Washington, D.C. traffic. Reports said that Watson is the last persoin from his family on a family-run Nash County to-bacco farm. The farm has been in his family since the mid 1900s. According to neighbors, Watson is an "aver-age" working-class farmer, but when it comes to tobacco, he is a "radical."

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The election commission has received a minimal number of violation complaints against student body candidates since the opening of this year's races.

Nancy Zagbayou

The N.C. State student body will return to the polls April 7 and 8 to elect its student body government leaders for the 2003-2004 academic year. As the elec tion date draws nearer, campaign advertisements continue to increase all over

campus. But in order to ensure fair elec-tion campaigns by all candidates, the election commission, the student governing body of the election's proces granted the authority to revise the elec-tion regulations found in chapter seven of the student body statute. In addition, the authority is permitted to impose proper penalties on a candidate from the time they file for office until the time they are either defeated or sworn for of-

According to the student statute, "vio+ lation refers to violation by a candidate or campaign of the guidelines for cam paigning." According to many involved, elections are running pretty smoothly thus far and the election commission has received few complaints against the student body candidates since the opening of the race

Student Body candidate Tony Caravano was notified with unauthorized postering. There will be hearings of the election commission on Wed., March 19 concerning poster rippage against SBP candidate Cliff Ray and illicit postering in a ticket window by SBP candidate Dustin Choe.

The election commission bases its decisions on chapter seven of the student body statutes, which offers a detailed listing of the rules and regulations that are to govern the NCSU student government election.

When asked about the rules of chapter seven and violations upheld by the elec-tion commission, the student body candidates answered favorably for the purpose of the mandates.

"I served as chair of the Election Board my freshmen year, so I have a sound understanding of the rules," said Tony Caravano, a junior student body president candidate (SBP). "The rules do not appear to be too stringent, but there is great

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Natalie Hecht, freshman in anthropology and English, plays a service projects. guessing game with a young girl at

the Dominican worksite where NCSU students

built homes for Habitat for Humanity during spring break.

N.C. State students prove spring break isn't always just about the beach as they traveled to different parts of the world for

Andrea Deleo

If your idea of a fun-filled spring break involves helping other people, you might want to check the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, and Public Service (CSLEPS) spring break trips next year.

The CSLEPS sponsored three trips over spring break with destinations from Arizona to Honduras and the Dominican Re-public. The goal of the Alternative Spring Break trips is for students to have an opportunity to reflect on the many privileges they have in America and then begin to de

velop an action plan for how we can use these privileges to break down the very systems that afford privilege

Before leaving for the trip, sophomore Hannah Whitaker said, "I sure hope to get something out of the trip. Service always rocks, and learning about another culture and experiencing that culture even more so - it's important that people strive to know and understand one another through personal contacts, especially relatively pow-erful and influential Americans because we bear a grave responsibility towards the world.

Whitaker was part of a 15member team that traveled to Honduras for seven days Throughout the experi-ence, they say they experienced numerous obstacles, but the benefits outweighed the costs

The team left for their journey at 5 a.m. March 7. Upon arrival, they checked into their bed and breakfast hotel in San Pedro Sula to settle in. But there was not much time for relaxation — the students spent most of the week working with a local Habitat for Humanity affiliate to build homes for the less fortunate.

The student's typical workday began bright and early in the morning. Around mid-afternoon, the team would take a break from the sticky weather for lunch. They went back to work until 4 or 5 p.m

The rest of the day was spent showering, getting ready and then jumping See SB page 2



Alpha Zeta shows Ag awareness

The agricultural honor fraternity gives NCSU students the chance to experience different aspects of agricultural education.

News Staff Report

Opinion

goes to Iraq, the woods,

When it founded N.C. State in 1887, th state General Assembly had a distinct goal in mind: to provide education and encourage economic development in engineering and agriculture.

Since then, the university community has grown to include programs in the life sciences, physical sciences, textiles, design and the social sciences, but agriculture has remained at the core of its efforts.

Through research, education and en-

gagement, NCSU faculty and students have helped propel the nation's agricultural efforts and continually lead the way on new developments and discoveries. To help inform the campus about the importance of agriculture, Alpha Zeta, an agricultural honor fraternity, will be hosting its annual "Agriculture Aware-ness Week" on Wednesday and Thursday.

According to Jinny Conley, a junior in animal science, the purpose of the event is to promote and educate students, faculty, staff and the community about the importance of agriculture. The festivities will commence on the Brickyard and will include interactive

games, information booths and exhibits See ALPHA ZETA page 2

Where the land meets the sea



Marine staff sergeant Anderson and NROTC midshipman Guenzler stop to converse on campus. Staff photo by Rian Thomas

WEATHER







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that will include antique and new farm equipment and farm ani-

mals. Clubs within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will be selling chicken and pork barbecue lunches, and agricultural businesses and commodities will be discussing their purposes and

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into the culture of the countryeither by engaging locals in conversation, dancing at local discotecas or shopping the local market.

However, their time was not spent doing all manual labor. The team went to the beach one day and to a waterfall another.

One of their days they enjoyed off, the team traveled south of San Pedro Sula.

Many members were expecting to play around at the bottom of the waterfalls, but they were actually surprised when their young guides led them behind the waterfall and into a small cave.

Once inside the cave, the guides showed them several points

Source: Campus Police

Ad paid for by Wake County ABC

goals Students will also have the opportunity to see demonstrations and performances by campus groups. The country dance team will perform from 3:30-5 p.m. followed by the clogging team from 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday. On Wednesday, a forum at 6 p.m. will feature leading technology

where they could jump off into the falls. Around an hour later, they all stood at the brink of the falls as the water rushed over their feet and looked down on where the water fell hundreds of feet below

A few members of the team were quite worried about the language barrier difference. But to their surprise it was not much of a problem once they arrived

there. The team had several fluent Spanish speakers that helped them through the more difficult times, like ordering food or getting directions. On average, every-one only needed to know general phrases, which they all picked

up on by the end of the trip. Many of the students agreed that the learning experience that they gained will help them in sim-

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A social on the Brickyard from 8-11 p.m. featuring a DJ will round out the two-day event. Events are free and open to all students.

ilar situations in life. Many believe it was definitely a trip worth going on.

"I would definitely go on the trip again," said senior Deborah Kull."I really enjoyed getting to do some hard manual labor and knowing I was helping to build a home for the family.

To be a part of similar trips in the years to come, students should contact CSLEPS. General guidelines to go on a trip, like the one to Honduras, are to submit an application along with reasons for wanting to go on the trip.

Students will be required to pay the installments, attend several group meetings throughout the year, do some fundraising and obtain the required documents for international travel.

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room for improvement for next year; especially dealing with the length of the campaign timeline." Student body president candidate Amanda Devore also asserted her faith in a fair judgment of

the election commission. "As a former elections commission chair I believe that the elections rules are important to ensure a fair election and that they are easy to follow if a candi-

CRIME REPORT

talking

reports issued by Campus Police for Sunday. 11:58 a.m. Check person Officers observed two people sitting in a vehicle in Dan Allen Deck. Both subjects were students

The following is a list of

1:37 p.m. Check point Officers conducted a checkpoint at Varsity Drive and McKimmon

Center. Nine verbal warnings and three citations were given. 1:48 p.m. Traffic stop

A subject was stopped on Trinity Road at Carter Finley Stadium

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Cliff Ray, another SBP candidate, also assures that he has not violated any rules yet and does not plan on it. "I believe that chapter seven is

very well-written and the rules are simple. However, I do feel that as a student body candidate, the regulations are written to allow candidates the opportunity to be-come creative in how they relay

for driving while impaired and for being careless and reckless. The subject was transported to WCPSC for processing.

2:45 p.m. Traffic stop A student was cited for a red light violation on Brooks Avenue.

7 p.m. Special assignment Officers worked a war protest special assignment at the Bell Tower.

9:59 p.m. Suspicious person A student called to report a sus-picious person possibly begging for money in the parking lot of Avent Ferry Complex, Officers were unable to locate the subject.

their message to the student body. As candidates we should be working toward our student body and increase voter turnout on our campus.

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The entire student statute and a list of alleged violations of candidates can be found on the student government Web site.

According to elections commission members, this year's election process has not been stained with any blatant disregard for the election rules and many of the violations to the student statutes have been relatively minor.

11 p.m. Check point

Officers worked a traffic check point at Morrill Drive and Carroll Drive. A student was cited for an expired registration. Thirteen verbal warnings were issued.

11:20 p.m. Suspicious incident A student reported hearing banging noises outside of Broughton Hall. Officers did not notice anything unusual in the area. However, some subjects in the area reported seeing fireworks.

11:34 p.m. 911 hang up

Officers responded to Avent Ferry Complex reference to a 911 hang up. Resident accidentally activated 911.

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WKNC to host ."Bassline Wednesdays" at Club Oxygen

Jana Dunkley Staff Writer

If you are like most students at N.C. State, you are probably unaware of the many organizations that State has to offer students. Among these organizations is WKNC 88.1, the non-profit, student-run radio station that operates out of Witherspoon Student Center. Ever since 1966, WKNC has been a part of NCSU. Different from the ordinary radio stations, WKNC chooses not to play clichÈ music like

pop, country, oldies and classical. Instead, WKNC focuses on alternative, techno, loud rock and hip-hop music, preferring to introduce their listeners to unique genres of mu-

Like many other organizations, however, there doesn't seem to be enough money to go around. In a field such as broadcasting, the need to keep up with technology constantly increases, but due to lack of funds, the radio station suffers by not being able to keep up with such technolo-

For three years now, DJ Spunky has been working with WKNC and stands out as one of 88.1's most popular members. If you tune in to 88.1 you can catch her on Mondays from 10 p.m. to midnight and Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. DJ Spunky is highly aware of WKNC's lack of funds, and has decided to do something about it.

Starting tonight, she will be hosting a weekly event at Club Oxygen called "Bassline Wednesdays," and a good portion of the proceeds will be used to benefit WKNC. DJ Spunky plans to start the event off with a bit of electronica dance music, but she eventually hopes to have hip-hop nights as well.

One of the primary





DJ Spunky, long-time host of WKNC's "Afterhours," will present a weekly dance party at Club Oxygen called "Bassline Wednesdays" starting tonight. Staff photo by Andrew Knop

goals for this event is to promote WKNC. If students realize that our campus actually has a radio station, then maybe they will be willing to support the station by coming out to Club Oxygen on Wednesday nights.

"This will be a great opportunity to hang out with your friends and meet different people while sup-porting the radio station," Spunky said.

If the event is a success there are many long-term goals that WKNC hopes to accomplish. In order to introduce students to the radio station, they hope to eventually have the radio station played on the Wolfline. Currently, WKNC only has the ability to broadcast at 3,000 watts, but with a little extra cash they would like to increase

that to 25,000 watts.

However, these goals are costly, and the

they simply don't

have the money to accomplish such goals without the help of the students.

Club Oxygen is located in downtown Raleigh and offers an upscale, New Yorkish at-mosphere. The ceilings are covered with sheer fabric and the walls are made of brick, giving the look of a contem-porary warehouse. On a regular night at Club Oxygen the DJ's play mostly top 40 hits, and maybe a bit of hip-hop dance music.

However, "Bassline Wednesdays" is going to be something a bit out of the ordinary. The music of "Bassline Wednesdays" is going to be a gathering of different electronica styles of music. Electronica, not to be mistaken for techno music (although it is very similar), is a new style of music with thriving beats and sounds that are truly unique and intriguing. DJ 40 Ounce, a resident of Club Oxygen, explains that not only does he want to support WKNC, but he is also trying to "organize this night in at-

tempt to promote the elctronica vibe in Raleigh." He wants this genre of music to get out there for the public to hear and appreciate this new form of creative music. Considering the time and preparation that the DJs put into their work, he also hopes to help people re alize that DJs aren't just individuals that pop in a song for you to dance to. Instead, they're artists simply trying to introduce the electronica style in a way that will entice more and more people.

"Bassline Wednesdays" will start this Wednesday, Mar. 19 at Club Oxygen. A combination of four DJs will start the night off. DeeJay, DJ Illusionz, DJ Funk Junkie and DJ 40 Ounce will be there to pump up the music and introduce everyone to the electronica style of music. Doors will open at 9:30 p.m. and close at 3 a.m.. The cost is \$5

It's all in the family

Tim Coffield Senior Staff Write

We Coffields are *damn* good-looking. At least that's the way we see it. This kind of attitude plays a large part in our collective inability to marry outside the family. Not that we're ashamed with the proverbial tree's failure to properly "fork;" in fact, we are quite proud of the

pure-blooded aristocracy we've created. There have been relatively few noticeable birth defects over the years, and our collective IQs have not fallen as far through the generations as one might suspect. A few of us exhibit a bluish tint to our skin, but again, this isn't all that uncommon. Besides, the only real problem with blue skin is that it burns easily. We have to use a stronger sunblock. Small price to pay, we say. Don't get me wrong, it's not like brothers mar

ry sisters. My eldest uncle's Garner clan notwithstanding, that's usually not the case. Such sibling marriages are pretty rare, in large part because of the immense financial burden they place on the parents, who (being accountable for both bride and groom) are responsible for both the wedding and the rehearsal dinner. But cousins have traditionally been fair game.

It's easier this way, keeping everything in the family. To us, the sanctity of marriage is not unlike a treasured family heirloom, a thing to be passed down through the generations and denied to outsiders unappreciative of true value.

Weddings are like family reunions. In fact, many of our weddings are actually held at family reunions. This way, we only have to mail out one set of invitations, so it saves paper.

An excellent side effect of marrying within, as we do, is that oftentimes it is not necessary for the bride to change her surname. This saves money on stationary and checkbooks and such. Efficient!

When I was younger, I used to vow that I would be the first Coffield to break the mold. "I," I said, "will not marry a family member." At this my bruncles, brousins, sister-nieces, brephews and my grandfather-uncle-father would laugh heartily, knowing full-well that such a union was my destiny.

But try as I did to find "outsiders" attractive, I could not. I preferred a girl that mirrored myself. Literally. I preferred a girl that looked ex-actly like me. I do not know why, I guess it's genetic. That would make sense, given the makeup of my close-knit family genes.

Like many of the males in my family, I found my first love at a Coffield reunion bar-b-que. At such gatherings, the single males gather around the baked beans and coleslaw and keep an eye out for the single females strutting about in the background. It's not like we plan it this way; really, we don't. It just happens.

She was leaning on a dogwood tree in the backyard when I saw her. She was my greataunt's granddaughter. Her familiar features ra-diated beauty. She sparkled like shiny quartz in the sun. She had a thick bushy eyebrow, meaty calves and a thick flat nose. Just like her greatgrandfather. And my great-grandfather. And my father. And me.

I was captivated, drawn to her by a force far too powerful for my understanding or resistance. I gave in and asked her out. I took her bowling the next night, and we really hit it off. The last three months have been the best of my life.

The best thing about us is we're so compatible. It's like we knew each other before we even met. I gazed deeply into her eyes and had an eerie feeling that my grandmother was watching me, and it wasn't an unpleasant sensation. Comfortable, actually.

One explanation for my family's marriage practices that seems to come up quite often, particularly from outsiders, is that my family developed a deep attraction to itself as a necessary means for survival. In the utter absence of interest from members of other families, our genes apparently convinced ourselves that we were, in fact, attractive people. Confronting probable extinction face-to-face, we took to marrying each other and raising families with-

It doesn't make us weird or anything. I've heard that baboons and salmon do it, too, for life must go on. One can never underestimate the power of the survival instinct. Things being as they are, like I mentioned before, our family tree does not fork. It kind of spoons, I guess

We try to live moral lives; we really do. We find inspiration in the scriptures, and we honestly strive to follow the good ol' Golden Rule. "Love your neighbor as yourself," it says. Well, we're human; we admit we may not be as caring towards others as we probably should. But we are working hard, we really are. Give us credit: we have the "loving yourselves" part down pat.

If you spin yourself dizzy in one direction, simply spin in opposite direction to reverse dizziness. It's like an eraser for your equilibrium! Contact Tim at tlcoffie@unity.ncsu.edu for more tips on dating your third cousins.

ics found the album lackluster, and the latest Folk Implosion album, "The New Folk Implosion CD" almost seems badoh's last album.

If this is true, then it's a successful attempt. The line-ups of "The New Folk Implosion CD" and "The Sebadoh" only differ by Imaad Wasif on guitar, and Lou Barlow, as has been his role for all his bands since leaving J. Mascis' Dinosaur Jr. over a decade ago, assumes responsibility for most of the music and all of the lyric writing. "The New Folk Implosion," the band's third full-length release, is more melodic and accessible than "The Sebadoh," and is the most solid Folk Implosion album yet.

In the early days of Folk Implosion, Barlow seemed to use Folk Implosion as a jokey excuse to release his strippeddown, quirkier and more experimental songs. Folk Implosion got a decent amount of exposure following the video and single for "Natural One" on the soundtrack for "Kids" in 1995 but did little

Prepare for the new Implosion with it.

To the long-time Sebadoh fan, the New Folk Implosion CD represents Barlow's reversion back to his old, faithful songwriting pattern: nervous love songs that alternate quiet, acoustic guitar verses with loud, distortion-filled choruses. But there is a clear difference between this album and Barlow's earlier work: This album takes the high production value that was used on "The Sebadoh," one of the few redeeming qualities of the album, and builds on it, much

like what occurred in Wilco's transition from "Summerteeth" to "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot." Though the album was produced by several different people, it maintains a crisp uniformity that makes for an interesting listen throughout.

This production aesthetic is obvious on "Coral," where a sitar sounding almost identical to a guitar is used to pick a Pavement-esque intro. Yet, at the same time, Coral also observes the tried-and-true quiet, tense verse followed by a loud, distortion-filled chorus. This technique often seems

tired, both in Barlow's music and in rock music as a whole, but here it is effective.

"Brand of Skin," in which Barlow laments discovering his lover is not the person he thought she was, saying, "What brand of skin do you occupy?" has some interesting percussive effects. And in "Leaving it up to Me," Barlow and friends add musical layers and hooky drum loops to the traditional first-person lovers' quarrel. "Pearl" and "Easy," with their slow acoustic strumming, are the closest it gets to folk music and the old Sedaboh, cry-in-your-bowl format on this Folk Implosion album.

The track "Releast" serves two purposes here; it's one of the album's longer tracks that makes great use of dynamics it is easily the best song on the album - and it fulfills the obligatory indie rock quota of having an ironically misspelled song title on each album.

Throughout this album, Lou Barlow's smoke-tinged baritone is at its best. Though there really isn't a weak song on this album, there are few that aren't outstanding, either. The weak-

est song is the creepy "Creature of Salt," in which Barlow and Folk Implosion almost sound like Chris Cornell and the Soundgarden of "Superunknown." In the loud chorus, Barlow sings, "It's easy for me to say it's my fault/ than call you or carry you home." These kinds of lyrics and

Barlow's lovesick romantic mentality are both what make Sebadoh's and Folk Implosion's recordings unique and, at times, tiresome. This album isn't one you'll scratch up from playing too much, but it will catch your attention. There are catchy songs, like the bassheavy groove of the album's leading track, "Fuse," but the album as a whole is more of a solid than a musical revolution. It's a pleasing reassurance to old Barlow fans that he's not forgotten his roots, but knows how to build on them.

Most importantly, though, "The New Folk Implosion" reminds listeners that it's possible to write love songs with acoustic guitars that rock without coming off as completely cheesy.

The Folk Implosion was just one of Sebadoh frontman Lou Barlow's several side projects. Though "The Sebadoh" re-

stream.

bum,

Folk Implosion

As a general rule of thumb,

every self-respecting indie

rocker tries to have at least one

side project at a time.

Throughout the 1990's, Lou

Barlow and his band Sebadoh

stood as indie rock pillars that

teetered on the edge of main-

Up until the last Sebadoh al-

ceived mild radio play with the

single "Flame," fans and crit-

"The Sebadoh," in 1999,

The New Folk Implosion ★★★*/2

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Tractor in reflecting pool remindsAmericans of insecurity

A man wearing camouflage fatigues and an army helmet with a red cross painted on the front is sitting in a tractor, playing military cadence music and driving towards the reflecting pool between the Vietnam Memorial and the Washington Monument. A flag sails behind the tractor, hung upside down, the international symbol of distress. Director of Security Tom Ridge is across town discussing the nation's security elevation to code orange-plus, so close to red as this country is so close to war. It is unacceptable for a man to be able to ride a tractor, which he claims to be laced with explosives, so close to the heart of our country.

Monday, 50-year-old Dwight Watson, a North Carolina farmer, did just that in protest. Police said they were more than willing to wait for him as the man from Whitakers spoke through a bullhorn, telling the nation how agriculture in his part of the country was suffering.

It is unacceptable that this protest got this far. While Watson's message may be worth hearing, the means he is using to be heard are inappropriate. This man should never have been allowed to cor-ner the police like this. Above all else, this proves that as many times as Tom Ridge and the Office of Homeland Security may color-code and warn the American people, there is no way to be completely safe

Any man can find a way around the precautions the government has put up. If a man can drive a tractor into Wash ington, D.C. and begin a power struggle with the police, what keeps another man from renting a van filled with explosives and running it into a building? What keeps a man with a dirty bomb from leaving it in a crowded subway?

The answers will not be found with colors. The American people cannot feel safe when at the same moment the Di-rector of Homeland Security is letting us know how heightened security is and how safe we can feel, a man is driving a tractor he claims to be filled with ammonium nitrate into the reflecting pool between two national monuments

Right now, this nation needs to hear what the government is doing to protect its people. With the news becoming more and more about the coming war with Iraq, the American people need to be reminded that they are safe in their own country. It quite often seems like the government is focusing elsewhere and not always ensuring the safety of its own people in the best way possible.

become realm where free people they might anger than assert-

ing what issues they truly support. It is as if the American public is full of nursery-school children, ready to tattle on any politician who says a dirty word.

Kevin

McAbee

Although it had begun long before, the new wave of America's sensitivity train-ing began in earnest when Trent Lott suggested at an old man's birthday party that if the man would have been made president, we would have been better off. Quite a generous compliment, ordinarily. But before the old man finished blowing out the candles on the cake (no doubt with some assistance), Lott's political career was extinguished.

Closer to home, North Carolina Congressman Paul Coble was heard on the radio saying the internment of the Japanese in camps during World War II was the right thing to do at the time. It took very little time before the media around the country seized the words. Members of Congress soon called for his removal from the chair of the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

In another instance, Sue Myrick, former mayor of Charlotte and current representative, came under fire for recently pointing out that Arab-Americans operate a large number of convenience stores. Not exactly stop-the-press news, but it was in a speech focused on terrorism, and the implication was clear. The latest incident occurred this past week as Jim Moran, a democratic congressman from Virginia, had the gall and political ignorance to say that the Jew-ish lobby has the political clout to prevent war in Iraq if they were to so direct their efforts. The Jewish Community Council has called for his resignation, calling his remarks "poisonous" and saying that they were "deeply offended". His democrat peers in Congress have asked that he not consider running for re-election. The common theme here is the grow-

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ing difficulty of avoiding making "insensitive

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remarks." Our political leaders are having a hard time determining what is and what is not appropriate in public dis-

While that dichotomy is not clear, it is apparently moving quickly in one direction The printer producing the prohibited

list is running low on toner. So what is off limits? It appears to be any statement that can be interpreted as offensive by someone who belongs to a minority group (we're talking race, religion, nationality, sexual preference, etc.). The problem, quite clearly, is the enormity of the comments that encompasses, and the infinite potential of the trend. Not only is the connection between the comments and the offensiveness becoming more and more tenuous, but the classes of people are becoming smaller and more numerous. The road we are heading down is one in which political figures must reduce their public comments to a select small number that they know is safe

Do we really want our civic leaders sounding like professional athletes that are trained to pick out one of the four or five phrases they know to tell the media after the game? I can hear Senator Edwards now, "Well, if I am elected president, I'm going to give it 110 percent. I'm going to take it one vote at a time, and I'm going to leave it all out on that campaign trail." It may soon be too dangerous to say anything of substance. Because once that mistake slips out, hundreds of apologies may be needed to take it back

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This brings me back to Congressman Coble. Unlike his fellow political brethren in this article who crossed the imaginary line between politically acceptable and "divisive" remarks, Coble did not issue a

heart-felt apology for his allegedly thoughtless words. He did something once common, but quickly going the way of Strom himself - he stood by what he said. It was

his opinion, and still is. Call him and ask him. Whether or not you agree with what he had to say, or think it was insensitive to Japanese Americans, is not the point. The point is that our leaders have to

be able to speak freely, and take stances that may be unpopular with certain groups. When that group is offended, the majority has to be conscious that their duty is not to remove the speaker from office, or berate him or her with demands for apologies. It is simply to vote accordingly when the time comes.

When Congressman Coble is up for re-election, those whom he represents in the sixth circuit will have to decide if what he said was unacceptable. As astounded as much of the media was at his "controversial" comments, as with the various insensitive remarks above, they should not be as surprised when the voting public turns out to be less offended.

Kevin wonders how many people will call for his resignation after this piece. Send your comments (or NCAA brackets) to ktmcabee@unity.ncsu.edu.

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The passage of the

Patriot Act of 2001

Editorial Brown Daily Herald Brown U.

has resulted in misguided attacks on personal liberties in the attempt to stem terrorism.

As former Attorney General Janet Reno told a packed house Monday night, the U.S. Constitution has a double mandate to "promote the liberty and the security of both citizens and residents in the United States." The Bush administration

seems to have neglected the former. But the Providence City Council has the opportunity to join a nationwide movement against this legislation. First Ward City Councilman David Segal will introduce a motion on Thursday to explore in committee an anti-Patriot Act resolution. As part of a grassroots movement originating from Northampton, Mass., cities throughout the country from Seattle to Denver - have passed such motions.

Segal's action not only adds symbolically to the movement against the Patriot Act, but also will help educate the public. Within the next few weeks, Segal said, the Council will hold an open forum

to discuss the resolution and the dangers of the Patriot Act. Many Americans remain uncertain or uninformed about the act, largely due to the nature of the legislation itself. The Patriot Act reduces citizen and ju-

dicial oversight of law enforcement activities. Proponents of the act claim increased federal policing powers to prevent domestic terrorism are necessary - but many disagree, and rightly so. For the Patriot Act's effects could be felt in unexpected and unwanted ways. The go ernment has the power to potentially monitor who checks out certain books from public libraries, and an unprecedented ability to use wiretaps, searches and seizures in the hunt for alleged terrorists

With so many pressing issues on the Council's plate, such as the upcoming living wage ordinance debate and city budget, council members must make sure the anti-Patriot Act resolution doesn't get the shaft. Joining with at least 66 other cities will send a powerful message to this nation's citizens and lawmakers, that America must not be only a secure country, but a just one.

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who he was, he should go out and live harmoniously in nature. Now, Thoreau did not stay in the woods every minute of every day. He slipped in and out of civilization to check his mail and all. But his point was to go out and experience nature and get in touch with himself. I followed his example. I went to the woods over spring break and experienced nature in its raw and pure form, from torrential rainstorms to alligators to magnificent sunsets. I relieved a massive amount of stress in a constructive way and got closer not only to myself but also to my fellow man.

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A case for preservation I learned that little land is being pre-"I went to the woods to live deserved and too much land is being developed. I believe this is a major downfall liberately ... to suck out the mar-row of life." This

of humanity, and if kept up, will be our downfall

Canaveral National Seashore, on the eastern coast of Florida, is an area of pristine beaches and rich marshland full of wildlife and artifacts of the ancient Native American civilizations that inhabitmiles long. Bordered by New Symrna Beach to the north and Kennedy Space Center to the south, the seashore is undeveloped and pro-

tected by the National Park Service. It is probably the only beach in Florida that is not developed. Think of the typical beach: condos and

hotels built right there on the dunes, thousands of people clogging the sand, planes pulling advertisements behind them interrupting the blue sky. Now imagine an entirely empty beach, with

nothing but sand and water for miles. That is Canaveral Seashore and it is beautiful. It is also sad that there are not many beaches like it. In North Carolina, there is the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which includes not only Hatteras Island, but also Ocracoke Island. It, too, is untouched. But the point is: there should be more places like these — protected refuges for wildlife to live and for humountains. We should be preserving our natural resources and our little gardens of Eden before they disappear forever.

That is why it is vitally important to develop technologies that will not only allow us to take full advantage of all that the earth has to offer but also not per-

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manently damage the environment we live in. Take the idea of hydrogen fuel cells for cars. Hydrogen is a gas known for its destructive power - for example, the See PRESERVATION page 5

By preserving, we are

ensuring scientific

research for generations

to come.



speech and radical ideas are as rare as sober person at Mardi Gras. Politicians too often must worry more about what issues to avoid and what

American politics

Defending offense

Mainstream musical rebellion



Volk Staff Columnist

Roll Hall of Fame, an organization that often rewards revenue generation more than artistic expression, is the very kind of thing the late Joe Strummer and The Clash revolted against.

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the Rock 'n'

But when The Clash took to the podium, they were nothing short of grateful and gracious. When an anti-establishment band's music goes mainstream, though they may lose some of their more superficial fans, it actually helps their mission of educating the status quo on the ills of society.

Their music would not be effective if only underground fansthe people who are already aware of and victims of society's slight come to know their music, then no change has taken place. Even if people buy one of The Clash's records because they think "Should I Stay or Should I Go," hardly one of the band's more politically charged songs, is catchy, they're still getting somewhere.

The members of The Clash paid tribute to the Sex Pistols. But the ex Pistols merely revolted against the establishment, whereas The Clash dissected and attacked it. The Clash saw an oppressive, stratified, dirty London and made public the underlings' point-ofview. I also want to make sure I stop short of deifying The Clash.

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Wednesday, the

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Unlike any of the inmates be-

fore him, Banks was going to be

remembered — and still might

be unless one of the 10 other in-

goes before him — because he

was going to be the 300th Texas

state-sponsored murder since it

resumed capital punishment in

So far this year, Texas has sent

nine men to death, putting the

state on pace to break its one-year

record of 40, in 2000, when

To put Texas' killing spree in

perspective, the state accounts for

executions in the United States

since the Supreme Court brought

back the death penalty in 1976.

The next closest state is Virginia, which is way behind with 76.

The horrible part in all this is

• more than one-third of the 835

George W. Bush was governor.

1982

• mates on the execution schedule

A lot of what they were doing may have been subconscious, unintentional or drug-induced. Nevertheless, their accomplishments remain.

It's interesting but not surprising that one of the musicians to praise The Clash at the ceremony was Tom Morrello, former guitarist of Rage Against the Machine. There are three bands whose mu-

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There are three bands whose music I really like but whose political views I sometimes strongly

disagree with. other two are Rage Against the they're not advocating these be-

Machine and Public Enemy. When I first heard "Wake Up" as a 12-year-old, I thought "Man, that's a cool riff and song. That rocks." Then, after reading the lyrics, I thought, "These guys are crazy. Blaming the deaths of Mar-

tin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X on J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI?" Perhaps Tom Morrello, Zack de la Rocha and friends believe that these were FBI assassinations - I don't. But that's not the point.

Because we as humans and Americans, especially, like to ignore thoughts and issues that disturb us, sometimes we have to be bludgeoned over the head with them. Take for instance, Public Enemy's "Fight the Power," whose video shoot was intended to stage a protest in South Central Los An geles and developed into a real protest. In "Fight the Power," Chuck D says "Elvis was a hero to most, but he never meant s---- to

300 death sentences in Texas a travesty

that the Texas killing machine has

accelerated over the years. Almost

13 years passed before the state

reached execution number 100

in 1995. It took fewer than five

years to get to number 200 in Jan-

me you see; Straight up racist that sucker was." While many of us may not think Elvis Presley was racist, music's capability just to get us thinking about the issue is a powerful tool for long-term social change.

It's also possible that these musical rebels are playing characters, that the voice of their lyrics, as in Heather Cutchin poetry, is not necessarily their peronal voice.

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haviors - they're expressing the

rage and discontent that, when

left to fester, can manifest them-

When Chuck D came to cam-

pus last spring, he personally did

not advocate the violence and rage

that his music suggests. Rather,

he suggested that marginalized

groups need to channel their rage

calmly into productive channels.

self humming the tune to "911 is

a Joke" as you wait in line at

Wendy's, think about what that

says about the music and about

yourself. Music surely doesn't

knock down any physical barri-

ers, but over long periods of time,

it can put dents in some social

Greg thinks Mr. Rogers was assas-sinated by the FBI. E-mail your

theory to him at dieshus@hot-

against its leader, but the same

logic applies: you break the law,

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So, the next time you find your-

selves in these acts.

Eminem

Pretty soon even Cartoon Net-Thus, when Ozzy Ossings "Suicide Solu-

> are ashamed that President Bush is from Texas." This expression of free speech was simply an opinwar issue. She believes that there are viable options left that have not even been looked at as alterwar could bring, including many, many lives lost.

pulled off the air by many coun-States. Piles of their CDs have been obliterated by tractors, cruel games have been played by radio stations, and all around the people. Personally, I applaud Natalie for commenting on the poyou read this, already started) war. So many people go along with the majority just to avoid being chas-

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hydrogen in such a way that it would safely combust and pow er an engine with a lone byproduct of water, think of the environmental benefits. This and many other technologies are being developed by organizations of scientific research like N.C. State.

for illnesses are derived from the plant life found in these protectones in the horticulture department here at State, do research in medicinal herbs for the treatment of cancer and other diseases. This is all well and good, but this scientific research will not happen

tised, while Natalie and others like her are confident enough to speak their own minds.

Natalie has since apologized to President Bush. She stated: "As a concerned American citizen, I apologize to President Bush because my remark was disrespectful towards him." I have heard numerous comments about Natalie — how she is not being patriotic and

is now a One comment about the horrible person, all president should not be because she stated her opinion in How many

the time of warfare, but I do know of you have not done the same thing? How many of you have not that I do not want to see my friends uprooted from college and said at some time or another something bad about the presishipped off to some foreign coundent or the country? True, it may try that they might not return not have been in the same situafrom. I do not want reports back of those who died heroically in tion as Natalie, but why belittle her for something that we all do? action nor do I want these sol-I do not think that one comdiers to come back mentally unment about the president should stable because of the horrors they reason to ridicule the Dixie encounter. Chicks and take them off the air. Chicks back on the air. They are It seems that everyone is so ready to go to war that any little thing just as patriotic and belong here sets people off into a frenzy about just as much as we do. Natalie

nothing. Is it that easy to judge people by one comment that they make? Is it that simple to label them as unpatriotic because of their dissatisfaction with the government? As far as I am concerned, this is a democratic country that favors five basic freedoms, one of which is the free dom of speech. Natalie did not

if we don't manage and respect the land we have in our possession. Just because there is an abundance of land does not mean all of it should be developed. Preserving the land, wetlands and seashores of the world is essential to preserving our future as a race. Preservation can only help us, not hurt us. By preserving, we are ensuring scientific research for generations to come - research that could one day bring about the cure for cancer and other dreaded diseases. In the end we would be saving ourselves.

John Muir said, "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in,

where nature may heal and give

strength to body and soul alike.' I like to believe we all have a piece of Eden where we can go to get away from it all and renew our spirits and clear our clouded minds. Just for that reason, it is only logical to preserve and save the lands we so cherish. Our survival as a species depends on it.

Radio stations: put the Dixie

made a mistake --- we all do that

at one time or another. Forgive

her for it, and move on to much

Heather expects to get both posi-

tive and negative comments about this article. E-mail her at

more important things.

hrcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu.

Ben hugged trees, flipped his canoe twice in alligator-infested waters and got a tan over spring break. E-mail him at bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu if you can remember what you did over spring break.

the murder of a 16-year-old (or anyone for

that matter) is a heinous crime that deserves punishment, but legally murdering the person who did it doesn't remedy the situation or bring him back to life. All it does is encourage more killing. The state can't be hypocritical by condemning murder and then carrying it out legally in the name of "justice."

Bush has been saying for some time now that Saddam Hussein is an evil man because he gasses his own people, yet the United States does the same thing, along with lethal injection and electrocution. The state doesn't kill someone simply for speaking out

you will die. Hussein's policy really seems no different than ours. Many of the people killed by the state have later been found to be innocent while others have been lucky enough to be proven innocent before an unjust death. Why doesn't Bush speak up about this cruelty here in America?

has sent nine men to death, putting the state on pace to break its one-year record.

but a suggestion from former North Carolina head basketball coach Dean Smith, an anti-death penalty activist, might make them look at things differently.

How the

people of

Texas are so

intent on

baffles me,

revenge

"People should get a letter in the mail, like a jury duty notice, that says, 'You've been selected to carry out the execution of so and so. You'll kill him at noon," Smith said in a Sports Illustrated inter-

It's a powerful suggestion that I bet would turn some heads on the issue of capital punishment.

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seeing something about the upcoming war and the events aff Columnist surrounding it.

work will be overrun with "break ing news" every five minutes. Some of the most talked-about war news has been the hype over

Natalie Maine's comment, "We ion of how Natalie feels about the natives to war. She understands the dangers that the upcoming

As a result of her comment, the Dixie Chicks, the group Natalie is the lead singer of, has been try stations around the United Chicks are getting a bad rap from tential (and by the time many of

Hindenburg. But if we harnessed

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threaten President Bush in any

way; she simply stated she did not

Personally, I would like to avoid

war if possible. There are too

many consequences of war, from

the lives lost during actual com-

bat to the lives lost due to bomb-

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minute stay of execution to Delma Banks, a convicted killer uary 2000. Three-hundred will inevitably occur soon, and when in Texas who has been on death it does it will have been just more row for the last 22 years. It hapthan three years to reach it - an pened about 10 minutes before unbelievhe was about to be put to death for able mark So far this year, Texas There is the 1982 murder of a 16-year-old no doubt



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Sports

Wolfpack ultimate wins first tournament of the year

The men's club ultimate team ended a four-year drought with a first-place finish at the Huck of the Irish Tournament in Maryland.

, Ryan Smith uest Write

For the first time in almost four years, the men's ultimate team returned home from a tournament as champions.

After going through pool play undefeated and rolling through the quarterfinals and semifinals, Wolfpack ultimate carded its first tournament championship in several years by defeating Queens University 15-13 in the finals of the Second Annual Huck of the Irish tournament.

The tournament, hosted by Towson University, was held in Salisbury, Md., and attracted teams from all over the east coast and as far north as Canada. The Pack came into the tournament as the No. 1 seed and proved themselves worthy of that ranking by dominating the tournament.

On Saturday, the team defeated Syracuse, Rochester, Pittsburgh and Queens University -

outscoring their opponents 52-14. Sunday's bracket play had the Pack playing the eighth seeded team from Wisconsin in the quarterfinals, a game the team won easily, 13-1

The semifinal game was played against a tough Delaware team. The tilt started out close, but the Pack kept its composure and

cruised to the finals with the 15-4 win.

The championship game saw a rematch between State and Queens University from Canada. The final rematch started much like the pool-play game - every throw was contested and both teams showed lots of intensity. After a three-goal scoring run by

the Pack toward the end of the first half, the team was able to take the half 8-6.

"We came out a little slow early on," said captain Mike Moore, "but we started making the adjustments and kept playing our game.'

Queens responded with a threescore run to start the second half, and the two teams traded goals to wage a 13-13 tie. Following a big upwind score for State, defensive specialist Gil Elhart got a layout block, and the team moved the disc down the field and called timeout.

A play was then called, and a deep throw from Jesse Overby to Dave Snoke in the end zone gave the Pack the victory, 15-13

"We knew coming in that we were the best team here, it was just a matter of playing like it," said captain Eddie Garmon

The victory brought the Pack's season record to 18-1, a performance that will probably help to improve its already impressive ranking of No. 15 in the country. With four more tournaments left this spring, State looks to continue its improvement in hope of earning a bid to the national tournament at the end of the semes ter

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said. "We need to keep the mo-mentum going into the EAGL Championships.

William and Mary will pose a formidable threat to the Pack's postseason hopes. Consistently a top-50 team nationally, the Tribe

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his lack of a seed. "We certainly had him seeded,"

said Jordan. "[Head] coach [Bob] Guzzo was on the seeding committee. It's a shame that these kids don't get the kind of television exposure that other sports get

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You don't get to see them wrestle.

Kawa majored the kid who is

seeded seventh from Iowa State.

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years representing the Pack, they have been through good and bad times, faced tough injuries, bounced back and competed with desire and heart for their careers. "I enjoyed all the places that we traveled, like the Bahamas and New Hampshire," senior Stephanie Southard said.

son college meet. In their four

Sophomore Cara Doughery relished being a role model for her younger fans.

"I have really enjoyed experiencing the home crowds and serving as a role model to young children and adults," fellow senior Cara Dougherty added. Thursday's meet will begin at 7

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Middleton

Robinson resigned from N.C. State in 1996, every school in the conference has made a coaching change except Duke and Maryland, who coincidentally, are the only schools to win national titles in that time frame.

Today, it seems every school except Clemson made a solid choice in its hire. From Herb Sendek at N.C. State to Skip Prosser at Wake Forest to, yes, even Matt Doherty at North Carolina, every school save Clemson appears to be on the rise.

And to think it was only a little over five years ago that the rest of the ACC feared the Tigers were ready to shed their football-school label and assume control of the league.

At the end of the 1997 season, the fu-

ture couldn't have looked brighter. The Tigers had long been the whip-ping boy of the ACC - the football beacon in the land of roundball giants who had once turned down a bid to the NCAA tournament because it conflicted with spring football drills.

But that year had changed the perception of the Tigers. The hard-working Barnes had come to Clemson from Providence and immediately made it known the Tigers were not going to be a pushover - literally. In his first ACC tournament, Barnes got in a face-to-face confrontation with conference legend Dean Smith; a move that instantly made him popular around the rest of the

league which passionately loathed Smith. He ultimately broke through in 1997, when the Tigers were ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation and came within one point of the Elite Eight.

Clemson would lose just one player off that team and return the league's top one-two punch in Terrell McIntyre and Greg Buckner. Thus, many penciled in Clemson as the ACC team to beat the following year.

As fate would have it, the year that was supposed to turn things around turned out to be as good as things would get

Barnes bolted to Texas a year later af-ter the team underachieved, and the athletic department hired his No. 1 assistant, Shyatt, who had left after the 1997 run to take the Wyoming job.

After winning 20 games with Barnes' players in 1999, Shyatt led his team to three last-place finishes before finishing eighth this year. So in a move that Ray Charles could have seen coming, Shyatt was fired late Monday night.

This puts the Tigers in a transition that will be extremely crucial to their basketball future. Cross-state and bitter rival South Carolina recently hired proven ACC winner Dave Odom, and a year ago, the school most comparable to Clemson in the ACC, Florida State, hired a former collegiate winner in Leonard Hamilton, who made the Seminoles respectable with very little at his disposal.

In short, the clock is ticking for the Tigers. Recruiting season is starting the heat up, and the Tigers are already falling behind. Next year, they lose their best player, best rebounder and most versatile player in the trio of Ed Scott, Ray Henderson and Tomas Nagys

Clemson will be almost a unanimous choice to finish last in the league no matter who it hires as coach.

Possible replacement candidates include Dayton's Oliver Purnell, former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson and Lon Kruger, recently of the NBA.

Whoever the hire ends up being, the Tigers need to make sure they nab the right man for the job, because the rest of the league sure isn't waiting.

Matt finally turns 21 on Friday and accepts opinions and birthday wishes at 515-2411 or matt@techniciansports.com.

national recognition Four Wolfpack wrestlers will participate in the NCAA

Grapplers look for

wrestling championships.

Jay Kohler or Staff Write

N.C. State may have been unable to repeat as ACC champions this past week, but the Wolfpack has a big chance to make some waves in a completely different version of March Madness - the NCAA wrestling tournament, which starts Thursday.

State fell just short of repeating as ACC champions, finishing second last week against North Carolina, Four Pack wrestlers, however, will be making the trip to Kansas City, Mo. to take on the nation's best. Jake Giamoni, Dustin Kawa and Scott Garren all won individual championships in ACC competition and George Cintron, who finished second, will also represent the Pack.

"We really wrestled well," said assistant coach Carter Jordan. "Second is not where we wanted to finish, however, placing nine out of 10 wrestlers in the top three with the other wrestler finishing fourth was a surprise. We actually scored more points this year than when we won last year. Carolina just had a great tournament and got some help from the other teams at the tournament.

The NCAA tournament features brackets in all 10 weight classes, and each bracket features 32 wrestlers. The double-elimination style of the tournament allows some wrestlers a second chance to shine if they slip during the winner's bracket of the tournament.

"This is my third time going," said Kawa. "The first time, it's very overwhelming. You hear about all these guys going who are excellent your freshman year and you're mesmerized. Last year, was still a bit nervous, but this year I know all the ins and outs of the tournament and nothing is holding me

Giamoni, Cintron and Kawa all rep resented the Pack last year in the NCAA tournament. Cintron was unable to notch a victory, dropping two straight to Chris Fleeger of Purdue and Rob Rebmann of Drexel. Giamoni went 1-2, los-

N.C. State finished second at the ACC championships despite having a better score than last year, when they won the league, File,

ing to Justin Giovinco of Pittsburgh and defeating Greg Austin of Rutgers before finally falling to Scott Frohardt of Air Force. Kawa also went 1-2, with losses to Tony Gansen of Central Michigan and Brian Glynn of Illinois and a win over Ralph Everett of Hofstra. "The neat thing about the national

tournament is that everybody is 0-0 sc everyone has a chance," said Collins. "All four of our guys have the capability of placing out there, so I'm really excited about going out there. They all seem to be healthy and rested and I'm looking forward to watching them wrestle.

Kawa felt very confident about his

chances in Kansas City, to the point where he felt snubbed that he wasn't seeded in the tournament. The NCAA seeds 12 wrestlers for each tournament. Those who finish the tournament in the top eight in their weight class are All-American wrestlers.

"I didn't get seeded in the top 12, but all that does is guarantee that you won't wrestle a ranked guy in the first round," he explained, "But I still feel that I can win it. It's a 32-man bracket and even though I'm not ranked, I'm confident." Jordan shared Kawa's feelings about

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Braun in familiar postseason position



Golden Bear Forward Joe Shipp led the Pac-10 in scoring this season. Photo col

California head coach Ben Braun leads his team against an ACC for in the NCAA tournament for the third time in five years.

Matt Middleton

Ben Braun has been in this position before. Despite spending his entire coaching career at least a time zone away from ACC country, the head coach of California has had his share of post-season run-ins with schools from the storied basketball-crazed league. This year it's no different

Braun will bring his eighth-seeded Golden Bear team (21-8, 13-5 Pac-10) to Oklahoma City, Okla. Thurs day to take on ninth-seeded N.C. State in the opening round of the NCAA tournament

The last two years aside, a Ben Braun-coached team has met an ACC team in the NCAA tournament the last three times it has advanced to the Big Dance

In 1991, Braun was the head coach at Eastern Michigan, and his team made a run to the Sweet 16 before being discarded by Dean Smith and North Carolina

In 1996, EMU found itself matched up against Duke in the 8/9 first-round game. EMU knocked off the Devils that year, and Braun promptly bolted to California to take over the Bears. The Michigan native wasted no time by taking his first Cal team to the Sweet 16 before - who else? - an ACC team (Carolina). The injury-riddled Bears led by current All-Pro tight end Tony Gonzalez fell to the Final Four-bound Tar Heels in that game and have returned to the tournament just two

It's no surprise that Braun says he is familiar with the Wolfpack and gave a fair assessment of his first-round foe

"I am familiar with N.C. State, and I know that they are an athletic team that's played very good basketball lately," said Braun in a teleconference on Monday. 'They're a team that really depends on ability to shoot 3 and play in transition

As for Braun's team, they couldn't have had a more different season than its first-round foe. Cal spent a majority of the year ranked in the top 25 and sewed up a tournament bid for quite some time. The Bears flamed out in the Pac-10 tournament be being blown out to sub-.500 Southern Cal and were a bit surprised to find themselves seeded so low, although Braun wouldn't admit it.

"Most coaches would like to see their team seeded higher, but it doesn't really make a difference," he said. Conversely, State was ranked for just one week the entire season, didn't get into the tournament until it knocked off Wake Forest Saturday and ended the season with a bang by racing through the ACC tournament before squandering a 15-point lead against Duke. Thought to be one of the last teams in the tournament, the Pack was seeded relatively high at No. 9 after most experts pinned a No. 11 or 10 seed on the ACC's fourthplace team.

The Pack's tournament play impressed some Cal play-

"N.C. State is going to be a hard match-up; I watched them against Duke," said Cal guard Richard Midgley. They are really good with lots of talent. They have a lot of big guys that seem pretty good."

The Bears will also be an equally difficult matchup for State. The Bears' offense starts and ends with the trio of senior Joe Shipp (the Pac-10's leading scorer at 20.3 points per game), the versatile 6-foot-11 Amit Tamir and senior Brian Weathers. Together, the three combine for almost 70 percent of Cal's points.

Weathers has spend the later part of the season battling tendentious in his Achilles tendon, but must be ready to play Thursday.

"Brian's going to be ready to play whether he's 100 percent or not," said Braun.

But Cal's injuries are not limited to Weathers. The team's defensive stopper, guard A.J. Diggs, sprained his ankle in the Pac-10 tournament and sat out the Bears' last game against USC.

Braun also believes the yearlong grind has finally caught up with his team, which looked tired in the blowout loss to USC.

"We've been fatigued," said Braun. "It's been a long year for us; fatigue has set in. We struggled in the back-toback situations [at the Pac-10 tournament]. They're a lot of tired players in March, but the great ones play through fatigue.

Both the Bears and the Wolfpack arrived in Oklahoma City yesterday and are sharing the first-round site with top-seeded Oklahoma, South Carolina State, Kansas, Utah State, Memphis and Arizona State.

Final meet of the season looms large for gymnastics

N.C. State needs a high score at William and Mary for a chance at the postseason.

Memie Ezike

Thursday marks a day of consequence for the N.C. State gymnastics team. Not only must State travel to William and Mary to end its season, it also most post a high score to raise its season Regional Qualifying Score (RQS) and gain momentum heading into the East Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) championships next week in Durham, N.H.

Doing well on the road is not an easy task, however. Head coach Mark Steven son and his team have faced the pressures of competing against talented teams away from Raleigh, yet recently, his team has responded well by posting scores above 195 in each of its last two road meets

"We've done a really good job the last two meets on the road; we were a bit concerned with that because we haven't been

on the road that much this season," Stevenson said. "But coming off the 195.775 at Utah State, we feel comfortable where we are.' Early in the season, the Pack struggled

away from Raleigh. In its first two road meets, State was twice defeated and did not score above 194. However, State has compete once again amongst the top teams in the country. The early season struggles of the team mean the meet is important for State to achieve a high mark to cancel out its low road scores

"Our first two meets cost us a lot, and in that opening meet we lost two kids, Stevenson said. "If we can store around 196, we can have around a 195.8 average for the season and move into the third spot for the EAGL Championships.' Stevenson is also looking for his team to achieve other goals that they set earlier in the season.

We didn't quite make the 193 at the beginning of the season, but we have made most of our other goals," Stevenson added.



Gymnastics hopes for a strong score in its final meet of the regular season at William and Mary. Staff

The gymnasts themselves realize how important this meet is to the end-of-season RQS. A berth in postseason competition depends on whether they compete to their highest level and achieve a high score or falter and receive a poor score.

"Going to William and Mary is not that far, so it will actually feel like a home meet, but there is a sense of urgency to do well," sophomore Andrea Petrocelli

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