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WORLD

A dozen U.S. soldiers captured, killed

On Sunday, a U.S. Army spokesman announced that 12 U.S. soldiers remained unaccounted for after an attack by Iraqi guerrilla forces.

The ambush, which occurred outside the southern city of An Nasiriyah, is the second in which Iraqi troops have attacked after they signaled their intent to surrender, said officials.

Before the announcement, a Qatar-based news network broadcast a tape that showed what appeared to be the bodies of a group of U.S. soldiers. Some were wounded, and some appeared to have been shot in the head, said reports.

According to President Bush, the recently captured soldiers are expected to be treated humanely by their captors. If that does not happen, Bush said, the captors will be prosecuted as war criminals.

Americans urged to leave Indonesia

A travel warning was issued by the State Department for U.S. citizens who are currently in Indonesia. The advisory suggested that Americans should leave the country, as the potential for terrorism and anti-American violence increases.

According to reports, the warning, which was issued on Saturday, said the U.S. Embassy had credible information suggesting the possibility of terrorist activity targeting U.S. officials.

NATION

Gas prices level off

A national Lundberg survey announced on Sunday that gasoline prices, which have done nothing but rise within the last few months, are now leveling off.

Americans found themselves paying an average of \$1.7282 a gallon during the past two weeks, said reports. This is only a penny over what Americans were paying in the previous two weeks.

Tulsa, Okla., boasted the lowest gas prices over this time frame at \$1.48. San Diego, Calif., has had the highest gas prices during this time at \$2.18.

Visa restrictions affect research studies

According to reports, over two dozen research studies at 20 different universities have been affected since the enactment of tighter restrictions on Visa processing for foreign scientists.

The research that the reports say is getting delayed includes studies on diseases such as AIDS, cancer, the West Nile virus, leukemia and bioterrorism.

Officials from the National Academies have said that the heightened security and backlog of Visa processing has caused problems and consequences for American science.

STATE

Iraqis in North Carolina not a threat, say FBI officials

Friday marked the last of a series of FBI interviews with Iraqis who moved to the United States after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, according to news reports.

The interviews occurred last week across the country, with approximately 100 interviews taking place in eastern North Carolina and 11,000 interviews nationwide.

According to reports, the FBI agents were looking to speak with people who may have been planted in the United States by the Iraqi government.

The FBI agents found no suspicions of possible threats in any of the eastern N.C. interviews.

N.C. study: multivitamins could prevent common colds and infections in diabetics

A year-long study, organized by researchers in North Carolina has found that taking a multivitamin every day has the potential to prevent or lessen the frequency of the common cold and other infections.

While healthy patients in the study saw no significant change in their health, the study found that the health of diabetics in the study seemed to benefit from the multivitamin-a-day prescription.

The supplement was given to 63 people, while another 67 people received a placebo. All of the people involved in the study took a pill every day for a year and kept track of illnesses. After the study was complete, the researchers found that the group that received real multivitamins recorded fewer colds and other common illnesses.

FORCES PUSH ON DESPITE RESISTANCE; U.S. SOLDIERS CAPTURED



U.S. forces lead surrendering Iraqi troops through the desert over the weekend. Photo courtesy of Department of Defense.

Patrick Peterson, Andrea Gerlin and Steven Thomma
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) NASSIRIYAH, Iraq — Allied forces pushed to within 100 miles of Baghdad Sunday, but saw the first Americans captured by Iraqi forces and faced stiffening resistance. Fighting continued along the front lines of American advances, and also behind them as fast moving U.S. and British forces encountered unexpectedly sharp resistance in several towns and river crossings they'd seemed to control.

The biggest battle of the war so far took place Sunday at the southern Iraqi town of Nassiriyah a day after much of the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division rolled through.

On a day when bad news threatened to overshadow good news of allied advances, President Bush and his top military advisers all warned that more tough days lie ahead.

Iraqi forces captured at least 12 Amer-

icans and Iraqi television later aired videotapes of dead and captive soldiers. Two British fliers were killed when an American Patriot missile battery mistakenly shot down their Tornado attack jet.

At Nassiriyah, Marines fought through the day against dug-in defenders, believed to be Iraqi Fedayeen — a paramilitary force of Baath Party enforcers. The Marines suffered about 60 casualties, with as many as nine killed, according to U.S. officials.

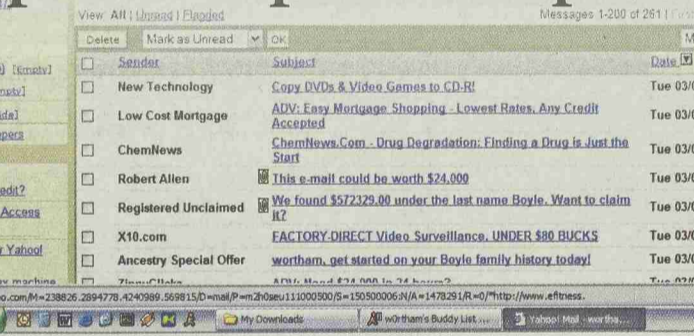
U.S. officials denied Iraqi claims that an allied warplane had been shot down over Baghdad.

But hopes for widespread surrender by Iraqi commanders faded as U.S. Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, conceded that the Iraqis, while destined to fail, "are not a beaten force."

"Some who think this is going to go on for those who are right," Myers said dur-

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N.C. State works to prevent spread of spam



Computing Services helps protect students from spam with developments like block lists.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

From a small, stuffy office in the Computing Services Building on Hillsborough Street, Tim Lowman, systems programmer III for N.C. State, monitors the amount of e-mail received or sent on campus every day. He is in search of spam, the four-letter word denoting unsolicited e-mail on the Internet that typically sends chills down the backs of all PC users. And while the word is short and sweet, it is a large problem for students with on-campus e-mail accounts and personal accounts.

"I get mail from so many different places, and I didn't give anyone my address," said Crystal Currie, a senior in pulp and paper and chemistry.

Despite what many students think or have heard, the university does not sell student e-mail addresses. NCSU maintains block lists and closes on-campus open relay machines, and the university is currently creating SpamAssigns, a spam filtering service, according to Lowman.

Although most students know what spam is, when they receive it, most wonder how the person or organization spamming them obtained their e-mail address. According to Lowman, e-mail addresses can be obtained by mining off open lists, mining off Web pages, free e-mail groups, opt-in e-mail lists, get-paid-to-surf programs, shareware, free e-mail accounts not related to Internet service providers and free Web-hosting companies. A spammer's resources are unlimited.

To show the ease of spamming, Lowman demonstrated how the e-mail list of the entire

Technician staff could be obtained in a matter of minutes, placed on a CD, and distributed.

In another example, Lowman showed how, after he completely rebooting his PC, six companies had obtained his information in less than 24 hours.

On an average day at NCSU, 1.5 mail messages are received per second and approximately 45,500 e-mail instances are blocked.

What many students don't know is that they can stop spam. According to Lowman, students can contact the spammer's ISP, setup e-mail filters in their mail-reading software, use a free account somewhere else to sign up for information or use services like SpamCop.

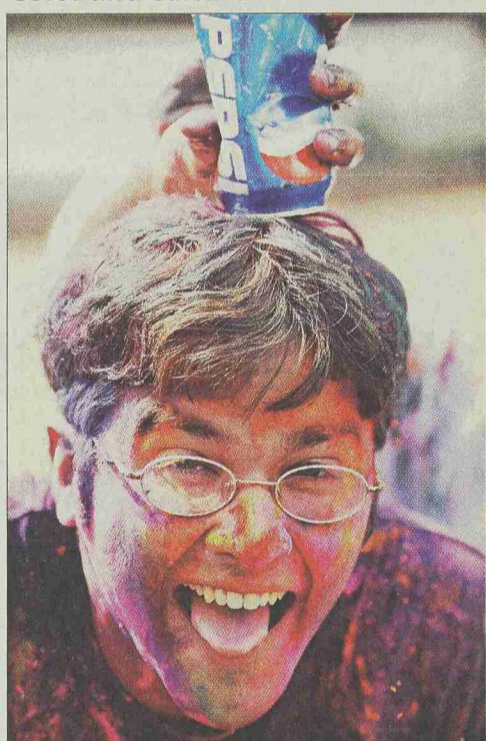
Students also run into the problem of having their PCs hacked and unknowingly sending spam themselves. According to Lowman, complaints are received daily about spam sent from campus IP addresses and, quite often in the incidents, the student who owns the PC has no idea.

"NCSU, like many other universities, [has] high-speed connections, which make our PCs prime targets for spammers to hack and send spam from because it only takes a matter of minutes to reach millions of people," said Lowman, who is currently developing a CD for students, faculty, and staff that gives information on spam.

To prevent this from happening to your PC, students should use the Windows Update regularly and stray from passwords that can be easily guessed.

Regardless of how much PC users may dislike spam, the reality is that spam is a multi-million-dollar business that is here to stay. Still, there is a lot that NCSU community members can do to protect themselves and each other against spam.

Color and culture



Pallav Sudarshan, 3rd year graduate student in Electrical Engineering, gets Pepsi poured on his head Saturday during "Holi," the Indian Festival of Color. Staff Photo by Carl Hudson.

Breaking down the color bars

An interracial dating forum was a part of last week's UAB-sponsored Unity Week celebration.

Mary Garrison
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, the Union Activities Board provided N.C. State students with a chance to discuss and ask questions about a topic that often goes undisclosed — interracial dating.

The discussion was held at 7

p.m. in the Talley Student Center Ballroom and included UAB members; students; and individuals involved, or previously involved, in interracial relationships.

In addition to discussions on interracial dating, discussions branched off to include other topics concerning race relations in America, as well as outside the United States.

"Most students' choices are dependent upon their rearing, peers

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WEATHER



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Student business team will promote new Honda SUV

NCSU was one of 29 campuses to be selected to participate in the Honda Element College Program.

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, 28 students from N.C. State's College of Management hosted a Professional Marketing Strategy meeting to advertise and launch the emergence of the new Honda sport utility vehicle — the Honda Element. Over a 13-week period, one of the students' tasks was to create a functional marketing agency. Pack Promotions is the name of their agency, in which they are not only representatives for the project, but they also facilitate research in demographics, target market, solicitations, advertising schemes and other marketing techniques. This program, spearheaded by American Honda and Ed-Ven-

ture Partners, is an efficient way not only to promote the new vehicle, but also to give students a taste of real-world work in business and industry sectors. "Today's college students are in a catch-22 when entering the job market; they lack experience and find themselves in a situation where they cannot find a job due to their inexperience," said Kelly Flaviani, a senior in business and the public relations head for the program. "This program effectively bridges the gap between industry and education and provides students with the hands-on experiential learning necessary to find employment." But the partnership is not limited to the NCSU campus. NCSU is one of 29 campuses that were invited to participate in the industry-education program. The highly competitive program allows each campus to contend for the opportunity to present its research to the chief Honda executives in Torrance, Calif. In ad-

dition, two schools that emerge on top will receive \$5,000 scholarship awards. The goal and objectives of Pack Promotions are to increase awareness, measure attitudes and measure interaction. Thus far, they are on their way to launching what they consider a strong advertising campaign on the NCSU campus. Jennifer Moore, the student coordinator for Ed-Venture Partners, will evaluate their performance and the outcomes of their work. The planning team for Pack Promotions has contacted various media, including local radio stations WDCG 6105 and WRDU 106.1. They have also contacted The News & Observer, News 14 Carolina and NBC 17 to raise support for the project. Through print outlets, radio, fliers and giveaways, Pack Promotions has a set goal to reach more than 450,000 people with information about the new vehicle. One of the biggest strategies

that Pack Promotions is undertaking is a Summer Bash, which they hope will generate student participation and support. This "Summer Bash" is scheduled to take place on April 7 at the Brickyard and Tucker Beach. Pack Promotions is under a strict budget that will facilitate the growth of their plans. However, they also have created a solicitation list, in which they are asking for donations and sponsorships from local and corporate businesses. Members of Pack Promotions' executive team include: Stephen Raul, student co-ordinator; Wes Carnes, budget co-ordinator; Kelly Flaviani, public relations head; Boonie McCormick, campaign development head; Merritt Atkins, advertising head; Brad Lassiter, Web design; Freddie Sexton, marketing research; and Brooks Deaton, public relations head.

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and value systems," said Tomeca Sloane, UAB coordinator. "Many international students, as well as those from the U.S., base their decisions upon their family and background." Despite the differences in background, other students make choices based on their personal preferences. "I always chose whichever type of music I liked, and dated whomever I wanted," said IRC President Vernon Hunt. "It wasn't about race; it was all about what I liked." The students and community members who engaged in the forum came to an overall consensus very similar to Hunt's — personal preference, lifestyle, family traditions and geographical location contribute to people's perspectives on interracial dating. NCSU Transportation Planner Claire Kane, a white woman who was married to a black man for more than 10 years, shared her own perspectives.

"Many people are surprised to see an interracial couple stay together for a long time," she said. "People fail to realize that what keeps them together is love. Race can't break them apart because race is not what brought them together." Though most people seemed to be open-minded about interracial dating, prejudice was a common topic throughout the forum. Michael Cobb, a professor of political science and public administration, states in his 1995 essay, "Many whites, for example, might strongly endorse equal rights laws and school integration but disapprove of interracial dating." He accredits this to the values systems and childhood develop-

ment of many people. "For so many years, it was considered morally wrong to date outside of your race ... Many people still feel that way, either blatantly or subconsciously." "I do not like to be called black. People of Asian descent aren't called yellow people," said Sam Edwards, UAB treasurer. "I should be defined by myself, not by a color or a particular group." Asked how he wished to describe his ethnicity, Edwards said, "Well, my mother is of Caribbean ancestry and my father, an African-American. Ethnicity should be based on ancestry, not on color." Kane's 10-year interracial marriage produced a biracial son and an eye-opening experience. "Raising a black man in America has been the most astounding thing I've done in my life," she said. "If we hadn't been able [to wager] everything we had to support him, he would not be doing well at all — but by no fault of his own."

Diane Cordova, a junior in mass communication, described living as a minority in an overwhelmingly white population. "I knew I was different in the back of my mind, but I didn't really realize it until I was older," she said. "If you take a mixed group of pre-school children in one room, they will play together and show no regard to race," said Edwards. "If you place that same group together 15 years later, they will separate themselves by race or gender." Edwards sees that as a result of social influences. "We are taught to group ourselves socially, not by our own personal feelings," said Edwards. "It's the same thing with interracial dating; we are so socialized that we cannot see past our differences."



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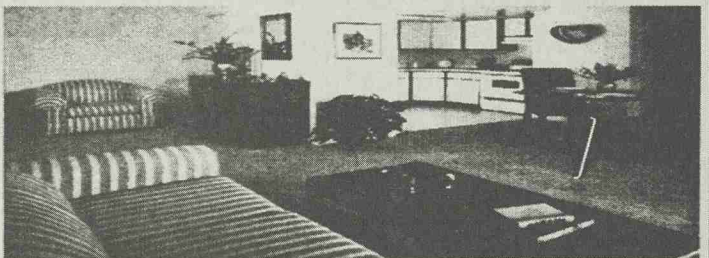
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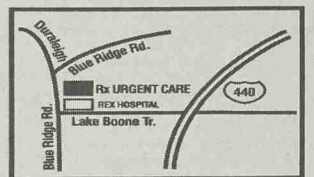
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ing an appearance on ABC's "This Week" program. "The hardest part is yet to come. We expected the reaction we've gotten so far. The future will be a little bit tougher."

In a troubling new tactic, Iraqis used ruses to get close to allied forces and attack them, U.S. commanders said.

In one encounter, Iraqis appeared to be surrendering under a white flag before opening fire. In another, they acted as though they were civilians welcoming allied forces before attacking instead.

"Today was a tough day of fighting for the coalition," said U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks at the Central Command headquarters in Doha, Qatar. "But we continue our attack to remove the regime and to destroy the forces supporting it."

President Bush, returning to the White House from the presidential retreat at Camp David, said he was pleased with the progress and noted that it was sufficient enough that humanitarian aid would soon start flowing to Iraq. But he also cautioned that much fighting lies ahead.

"We're slowly, but surely, taking control of that country," Bush said. "I can assure the American people we're making good progress, and I also can assure them that this is just the beginning of a tough fight."

He said "massive amounts of humanitarian aid should begin moving within the next 36 hours" to the Iraqi people.

He also warned Iraqis to treat American prisoners of war humanely. "If not, the people who mistreat the prisoners will be treated as war criminals," he said.

American officials complained that videotaping and televising the questioning of the captured Americans violated the Geneva Conventions governing treatment of prisoners.

"It's illegal to do things to those prisoners," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program.

U.S. officials later reminded American news organizations not to violate the same rules by broadcasting or publishing the faces or names of any of the 2,000 Iraqis now held as prisoners of war. The casualties at Nassiriyah, where Marines fought to secure a bridge over the Euphrates River, occurred a day after it had been declared in U.S. control.

The Army's 3rd Infantry had marched through Nassiriyah on Saturday, leaving at least one Patriot missile battery behind and 16 Americans to man it before they pushed farther north, according to Marine commanders. Marines on Sunday found the missile batteries destroyed and the 16 Americans missing.

Soon, the Marines were under attack from small arms, rocket launched grenades and anti-aircraft weapons. An estimated 5,000 Marines from Task Force Tarawa, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., fought throughout the day against the stubborn Iraqi resistance.

"It made me realize the reality of it," said Lance Cpl. Brent Rishel, a crew chief from Long Beach, Miss. "Every day it gets more real."

Fighting for the bridge slowed the northward march of a column heading toward Al Kut, about 40 miles south of Baghdad.

"They're extremely anxious to get things going," said Platoon Commander Capt. Dan Schneider of Springfield, Mo. "Our fight is supposed to be farther north."

Farther north, the Army's 3rd Infantry Division met determined resistance at Al Samawah, not far from the Shiite holy city of Najaf. At the same time, an elite guard unit deployed to stop the 3rd Infantry appeared to be pulling back for a defensive stand near Baghdad.

U.S. intelligence picked up indications Sunday that elements of two Iraqi Republican Guard divisions, the Medina around Karbala and the Baghdad around al Kut, started pulling back toward Baghdad, according to a senior U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Medina had been positioned to stop the 3rd Infantry. The Baghdad division had been deployed to the east to block a parallel advance up the Tigris River valley by U.S. Marines and British troops.

"If they want to take Baghdad,

they will have to pay a heavy price," said Iraqi Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Sultan Hashim Ahmed in Baghdad.

Also Sunday, allied officials said they were investigating how one of their Patriot missiles shot down the British Tornado GR4 as it returned from a mission in Iraq. Electronic signals that tell the missile operators whether incoming aircraft are friend or foe apparently failed.

"We must also recognize that we're working at the edge of the operational envelope," said British Major Gen. Peter Wall. "The risks will never be eradicated, but we're always working to ensure they are minimized."

And officials identified the soldier killed by a hand grenade while he was sleeping Saturday in a tent at Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait. He was Army Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert, 27, of the 1-101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

In addition to Seifert, 15 others were injured, three of them seriously.

The suspect was identified as Sgt. Asan Akbar, an American engineer, according to George Heath, a spokesman for the 101st. He said Akbar was a "loner" with an "attitude problem."

He has not been charged with a crime.

Al Jazeera network criticized for airing images of U.S. dead, POWs

Carol Rosenberg
Knight Ridder Newspapers

JERUSALEM — Iraqi television on Sunday broadcast the first images of captured and dead American soldiers from the four-day-old war, showing five anxious-looking POWs saying they were only following orders and at least one dead American soldier who appeared to have been shot in the forehead.

The grim images were beamed across the Middle East by the Qatar-based Al Jazeera news network, and also broadcast on state-run Israel Television. But television networks in the United States and Britain declined to air them, at the Pentagon's request.

Lt. Gen. John Abizaid, briefing reporters at coalition headquarters in Doha, Qatar, angrily blasted Al Jazeera for airing the images when one of its reporters asked an unrelated question.

Abizaid said he does not consider Al Jazeera — which broadcasts to 55 million people in Arabic — as "hostile media." But, he said, "Those pictures were disgusting."

"I regard the showing of those

pictures as absolutely unacceptable."

After the briefing, the Al Jazeera reporter, Omar al Issawi, 36, said Westerners should realize that Arab media often show such scenes because they are more accustomed to dealing with violence.

"Barring the events of Sept. 11, your society has been isolated from this. We have been exposed in this region to violence right next door."

"How come nobody said anything about the dead Iraqi civilians that we showed today that were even worse? Nobody said a peep."

In the tape, the POWs were asked to identify themselves, but there was no official confirmation of their identities from the Pentagon. U.S. defense officials said that an Army maintenance company based at Fort Bliss, Texas, had been overtaken by Iraqi forces, consistent with what the POWs said.

"How do you see Iraqi people?" an interviewer asked a shaken-looking soldier who identified himself as "PFC Miller" of Kansas. He did not give his first

name.

"They don't bother me, I don't bother them," the spectacled soldier said. In response to another question, he said he had not come to the Gulf to kill Iraqi people, but "to fix broke stuff... I'm told to shoot only if shot at... I don't want to kill nobody."

One of the five POWs was a woman soldier who gave her name as Shawna, said she was 30 and from Texas with the 507th Maintenance Company. It panned down as she sat on a sofa, licking her lips, revealing that she was bootless and had a bandaged left ankle.

Like all the captives, she was wearing an Army issue T-shirt but not her camouflage overblouse, which might have spelled out her family name.

None of the POWs looked critically wounded, but the images of the dead, all men, some sprawling on the floor, showed the signs of battle, and perhaps more. One American soldier clearly had a bullet through his forehead, blood pooling in back on the floor. The dead apparently were on the floor of an Iraqi morgue.

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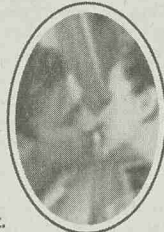
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Dissections critical part of animal education

The Student Senate votes Wednesday on Resolution 50, the Student Choice Act, which would form an alternative research committee to investigate equitable alternatives to the use of animals killed for dissections. Passing such a resolution would settle the outcries of a few students while severely compromising the value of N.C. State laboratory classes and forcing unnecessary expenses on a university already financially struggling.

NCSU does not hide the fact that certain laboratory sections involve the dissection of animals, and students who disagree with the stated outline of activities in a class should not enroll in it. A student in English could not protest to avoiding writing any papers and, as absurd as this analogy may seem, students in animal science courses protesting the use of animals is equally ridiculous.

There are certain things that NCSU is not designed to give students. For example, there are several majors not offered by the university, such as genetics or journalism, that many students would like to have. However, the university does not offer them; therefore, students should either deal with it and find a new interest or change universities. NCSU cannot spend every moment — and every last penny — trying to change each policy for minuscule groups of students who may disagree.

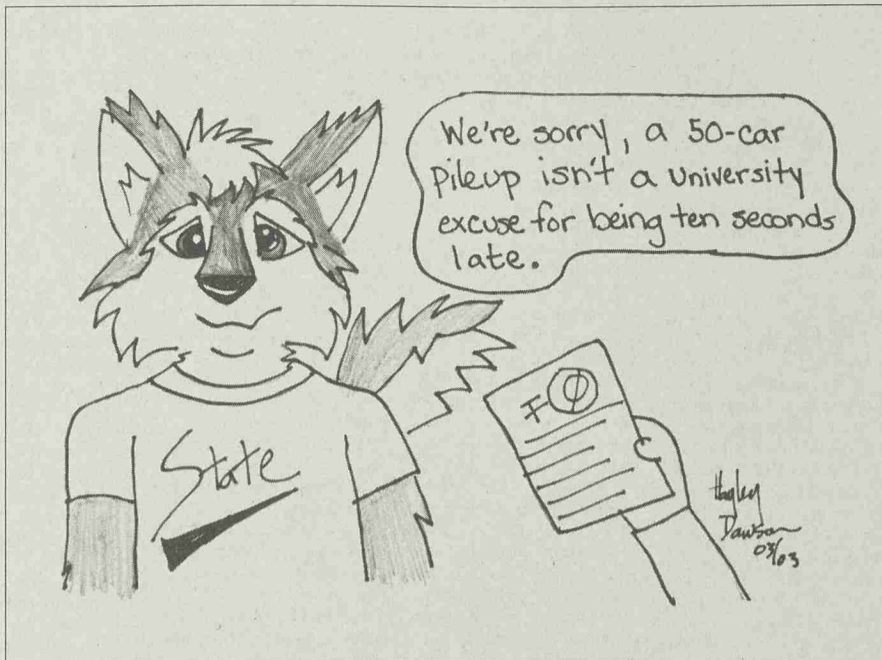
The students sponsoring the Senate resolution would like to see alternatives such as the use of animals that died of natural causes or computer simulations. The only way the university should consider such demands is if animals that died of natural causes could be obtained

at exactly the same price as those used now.

The use of alternative learning sources such as online resources and CD-ROMs, however, brings into question the uniformity of an NCSU degree. If a student majors in the life sciences and never dissects an animal, the student is at a tremendous disadvantage for future studies and may not be as prepared as his or her classmates. CD-ROMs cannot recreate the unique internal morphology of animal cadavers, and students who never experience these differences will not have a learning experience equivalent to those of their peers.

Obtaining new sources for natural-death animals and installing new computer programs for students will clearly bring the university unneeded expense. With tuition rising and budgets being cut, justifying a major laboratory science change such as this one is not a responsible use of limited funds.

Chancellor Fox and James Oblinger, the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, are moving forward with developments to utilize non-animal learning methods or the use of animals that died naturally. We urge them to reconsider, because the money used to implement such a program to appease just a few students is not worth the substantial cost of restructuring countless laboratories and compromising the uniformity of an NCSU degree. Students protesting should recognize the clear requirements of NCSU science courses and recognize the limitations. If they disagree with NCSU policy, they should search for a different program or different school altogether.



'Official policies' do more to hurt students than help



Joel Isaac Frady
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Rnate enough to miss a required lab for a class due to unexpected complications with my car. There was nothing malicious on my part; it's not like I skipped the lab because I didn't feel like going. But problems arose and I couldn't make it to the lab. Naturally, my first response was to race home as fast as I could and e-mail the instructor, tell him about my situation and find out if I could take the quiz at a later point in time. The other quizzes in the class were all relatively simple, each taking somewhere between 10 and 15 minutes to complete, so simply asking to make up the quiz during the next lab session seemed like a perfectly reasonable request.

My lab instructor never replied to my e-mail that contained the request for the make-up quiz, so I figured that no news was good news and didn't give the matter any thought until it was time for my next trip to the lab. Unfortunately, I was totally unprepared for the news that I was about to receive. As it turns out, "complications with a car" is not a *University Accepted Excuse*, so instead of simply taking the missed quiz, I was instead told to suck it up and accept the fact that I was going to get a big, juicy zero on the assignment.

Once I was able to think past my own little existence for a moment, it suddenly hit me that zeros of this kind bring down the grades of thousands of students each semester, for no good reason. Students in the same shoes as me —

whether their car broke down, a personal issue came up, or any of the other thousand things that can go wrong did go wrong — are given penalties on a daily basis that don't match the "wrong" they have "committed."

According to university policies, there are only two "accepted" excuses for emergency absences: illness or injury "when certified by an attending physician" and death or serious illnesses in the family "when documented appropriately." While I'm thankful that the university is *understanding enough* to permit these "emergency absences," they don't seem to understand, or even care, that every student is affected by one of the rules that we all have to respect in life ... S— happens!

Traffic jams occur, airplanes get delayed, people get depressed, people forget to set alarm clocks, pets get hit by cars ... the list of things that can come out of the blue and get in the way of the perfectly organized lives we lead is endless.

To make this worse, I look around campus and see thousands of people who are sweating blood trying to make the grades and get that *precious* diploma that our society demands we have in order to succeed. Many students on campus work a job — or more than one job — so they can make ends meet while they're in school. Some people push themselves so hard to make good grades and avoid bankruptcy that they're out there, right now, sacrificing things like sleep, food and friends so they can go to their classes and work their eight-hour shifts before going home to find 100 pages to read, a 10-page paper to write and an exam to

study for. Not that I'm complaining about this part, for we all knew exactly what we were getting ourselves into before we ever came to college. We knew it would be hard, and we knew that it would take work to keep the grades up.

But we also know exactly how damaging a zero can be. In my case, that one zero counts for almost 2 percent of my final grade in the actual class — not the lab — and while many people shrug at 2 measly percentage points, that 2 percent can easily be the difference between a "B" and a "B-." If the grade in question has more significant weight than "2 measly percent," it could be the difference in passing or failing.

And what the people who make these policies don't understand is that when we're giving it all that we possibly can, it *hurts* to get these immensely damaging grades because an unforeseen, unavoidable force kept us from getting where we wanted to be. This type of unfair penalty only manages to damage the morale of students, even depressing or angering them.

In the end, it all works against the learning environment that a university is supposed to protect.

If you're one of the many, many students who are sick of having your transcript damaged by silly rules, let those in power know how you feel by contacting the Department of Registration and Records at 515-2572. And if you think Joel put too much thought into this, let him know at da-Joel@hotmail.com.

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Iraq must be rebuilt right

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — With the invasion of Iraq seemingly inevitable, an important question is, what happens when the fight is over? America cannot afford to continue its less-than-stellar track record of state-building when the time comes to rebuild Iraq.

The Bush administration has suggested significant resources will have to be invested in rebuilding Iraq and fostering democracy, but similar promises were made after removing the Taliban from Afghanistan. However, the United States has done little more than leave troops as police officers, send a few hundred thousand dollars of foreign aid and cross its fingers.

This kind of failure to follow through on pre-conflict promises must stop. The United States has to formulate a real plan for encouraging democracy and keeping the peace once it is established.

In the past, post-war state-building efforts have not been effective, with recent examples including Kosovo, Bosnia and

Haiti. The end results of these experiments have left much to be desired, and the circumstances in Iraq mean the failure of any government that comes after Saddam Hussein would be particularly nasty.

Iraqi citizens are mostly Shi'ite Muslims, as is the majority of the population of Iran — another country that doesn't exactly love the United States. The possibility of a Saddam-free Iraq and Iran allied with one another is not a happy one, so the failure of any replacement government could be dire.

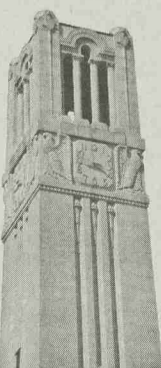
The American push to rebuild Iraq after the removal of Saddam must be less disingenuous than similar efforts elsewhere in the past. A sincere, effective effort to rebuild infrastructure and help the Iraqi people find order will also improve America's battered image in many parts of the international community.

An honest rebuilding effort will demonstrate to the world community that the United States truly doesn't have a problem with the Iraqi people and that this war is truly about liberating Iraq.

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Kill early registration privileges



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TRACS books are appearing around campus in C-Stores and Bookstores, and returning students are working hurriedly to meet with their sometimes-absent advisors. Unfortunately, this campus has a practice that allows certain groups to register early, even before seniors. This is a tradition that I would like to see killed. But first, in response to my last column on traditions, I would like to share an excerpt of an e-mail I received from an alumnus about Wolfstock.

"I agree 100 percent with you that N.C. State needs its traditions, now maybe more than ever. In your column, you mentioned Wolfstock as one of the traditions that were killed by the administration. Did you know that Wolfstock

itself was a tool used to kill another tradition? Prior to Wolfstock, a series of three parties took place near the end of spring semester. The first party started on East campus followed by Central Campus Craze the following weekend. The last celebration was called West Campus Jam. Sure we had too much to drink, but we were contained on campus and, more importantly, on foot. The administration of NCSU took away the celebration at East, Central and West Campuses in return for one big event called Wolfstock.

The event was held on one of the intramural fields that allowed police to keep everyone fenced in, and they even limited the amount of alcohol that students could bring in. The beginning of the end — spring semester 1986."

Before I start, let me first say that I have taken advantage of early registration as a University Scholar. But after the initial

stint of selfishness, I see why that early registration for select groups must end.

What groups receive early registration or priority registration — students with disabilities, student athletes, Park and university scholars?

Before telephonic registration (or TRACS), students had to stand in lines at Reynolds Coliseum. A student might stand in line for an hour to find out that a given section was full and go stand for an hour in another line. Because it took so long to register, certain groups felt they deserved to register before the rest of the student body. Soon every group on campus had some sort of priority registration; few followed the registration times set by hours passed.

After TRACS was implemented, few groups had access to the registration process before doctoral students and sen-

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A reality show built on revealing too much, flaws occur with news coverage of Iraq



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rounding the war have taken a reality-show approach.

Like the fat people who sued McDonald's and still eat there, I may be against the coverage of the war, but I am still glued to it.

I was watching the news the other day, and on the show one of the "on-site" reporters commented, "Here you see Stealth fighters headed to fly bombing missions over Baghdad." I didn't pay attention to the statement until my friend said, "Deck, aren't stealth fighters supposed to be 'stealth' in their movements? Where is the stealth in that report?"

These reporters seem to be closer to the action and inside sources than Carolina fans talking about firing Matt Doherty. The increased access the media has seems almost like "Real World" in that the camera is likely to pan off here or there to catch the action. In this case, the action just happens to be the shock and awe effect of bombing runs by the U.S. military.

I understand the need to support our troops and how people here in the U.S. want to know how their loved ones are doing, but sometimes the news can overkill it. I think we all have turned on MTV just to see a "Real World" marathon or an old episode of "Cribs" playing on loop for the entire day. During this war, news sources have done the same thing.

During the beginning stages, I saw Aaron Brown from CNN saying the same thing hour after hour but cleverly adding something to it each time. The news will hit you with a statement like "live update" or "breaking news," only for some young reporter to tell you in a non-audible frantic tone, "Well, the troops are eating well and we are tired, and that's about it." That is just like Fox telling me the "Joe Millionaire" finale was coming up, only to show a rerun with deleted scenes.

I was pissed; yet I kept watching because I didn't want to miss anything. The same holds true for the war now — we watch knowing at certain times that nothing new is happening, just to make sure

we didn't miss the shock and awe. It's no wonder the news stations were so ready and elaborate with their coverage and planning. We are Americans and our time is precious; thus, you must entertain me if you want me to watch, so the news becomes entertainment, even when it's about war.

The funniest part of the war coverage is the actual people bringing us the news from over there. These people are standing yards away from the bombing and some are even placed within the fighting regiments, yet they maintain composure. I am sorry; you can call me wimp, sucker or even a sissy-boy, but I would never sit there while bombs are going off down the street. I would run myself to Syria or Turkey so fast!

News reporters sit there and try to act like all the carnage isn't shaking them. One Fox News reporter was talking to the camera, and when a loud blast went off you could hear the guy drop the mic and run. It was the highlight of my war viewing. He then came back and apologized for something that — to me — is completely sane

and logical. I hear a car backfire on Dan Allen Drive, and I jump behind a bush. I can only imagine if I hear a 2,000-pound bomb drop across the street from me. I would definitely be a walking Depends commercial.

Protests are throwing an even more entertaining spin on the whole deal. Now we have pro-war and anti-war marches combined with pro-American and pro-Saddam marches. The news channels have so much juicy material, they don't know what to show. In all this, these professionally run stations start to look like Raleigh closed-circuit television. They miss their cues, they stutter or they flat out give b.s. for 15 minutes until another bomb goes off or someone in "the field" has a report.

War is tragic and I am in no way trying to trivialize the sacrifice of the soldiers and civilians in Iraq who live through this tumultuous event. But throughout our coverage of this war, the news has done just what many reality shows inadvertently do: In their rush for reality, they increasingly disconnect the viewers from the things they are seeing.

This war has been so hyped and so covered, it is hard to really understand the magnitude to which our troops are in there or the destruction being caused. Whether you are pro-war or anti-war, don't let your zeal cause you to violate the very thing both sides advocate — liberty, thought, action and expression.

Decker calls for peace in the Middle East, and he wants you to holler back like Iraq. Talk to him at dtnonga@unity.ncsu.edu.



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erating all of the events in Iraq. However, that doesn't mean that every time I turn around I want to see the details of this attack or surrender repeated every five minutes.

I want to know what is going on, but I believe that many of the major networks are going overboard in the mass coverage of the war, and I guarantee there is not breaking news every minute, as many of the banners on some of the networks say there is.

I realize technology has made it easier to communicate with the journalists reporting the events of the war, and what we get to see on TV is a far cry from what we were able to see during the Gulf War. However, being bombarded with the images of different attacks and deaths can be detrimental to our country's morale. Honestly, I would almost rather listen to Ari Fleischer and Colin Powell give me the rundown of events from the press room in the White House, because I think it is more humane.

I firmly believe the "less is more" approach would be very beneficial to the soldiers' families and friends sitting at home by their television sets. I am not saying we should not know everything going on, because we should. However, the regular citizens of the United States are never going to hear the full story on anything.

So when it comes to reporting the news of the war, give me the basic details; tell me how many were injured or killed and then show me a few photographs. Do not dump hours on end of air raids and bombing strikes on me and then have a running commentary from generals or military analysts who seem to all say the same thing, yet explain not very much of anything.

Every time I start to watch the news to see what is going on with the war, I get a little more confused.

How can we be running such a wonderful campaign that is supposedly going as planned, yet manage to make the mistake of shooting down an ally helicopter?

There is news going on in our country, too, but unless you are on a local station you are hard-pressed to find out about anything going on in our own society. Even when I turn on MTV for an escape from all the war coverage, I see more war news. I do not think the news of the war needs to rule every media outlet for the duration of the conflict.

Yes, the war is extremely important, and Americans have not only the need but the right to know what's going on. But, we have our own battles at home to fight. I am also sure some of the families who have loved ones in Iraq, or

who have already lost their sons do not want to see every detail and every bombing attack that occurs.

I think Friday's airing of the "shock and awe" attack was in very poor taste. When did it become suitable to air the bombing of another country and the death of their citizens? We all know what is being done in Iraq; we don't need to watch it in our living rooms.

Our country's fascination with the bombing on Friday in Baghdad and the rest of the violent air strikes and ground warfare is grotesque. I want the news, not the hype that goes along with it in many cases.

On another note, I do applaud the journalists and camera crews in Iraq and Kuwait who are doing their jobs in the face of extreme danger. The sacrifice the journalists are making in order to bring us the news, however it may be packaged in the end, is remarkable. Just as I hope the soldiers come home safely, I hope the journalists and their crews do, too, because it would be a tragedy if any of them were killed due to the fact that our networks feel the need to broadcast the violence of war.

Abbie would love to hear your comments. E-mail her at pabyrom@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Images of different attacks and deaths can be detrimental to our country's morale.

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Baptist column displays racism

Since I have been at N.C. State, I have heard the African-American community — in particular Najja Baptist — voice concerns of white racism on campus, in the administration and in the admissions process. Yet, after reading Najja Baptist's March 4 column in the Nubian Message, titled "Study war no more: the Nubian sacrifice," I feel that an unjustified and unfair double-standard exists on campus.

Baptist's column, if a white student re-

placed the words "African" and "black" with "European" and "white," would have been viewed as being racist, but no one makes any qualms about the Baptist column that characterizes white people as "European savages."

Racism is wrong and shouldn't be fostered in any shape or form, including when people such as Baptist characterize other races and peoples with derogatory labels. For those fortunate enough not to have read Baptist's column, I would like to bring light to some of the derogatory remarks he made through-

out the piece.

He referred to the founders of this great nation as "wretched and manipulative forefathers" and characterized white people as "inhumane European savages." Further, Baptist uses the phrase "when we fought with America against the Germans" to illustrate that he doesn't consider people of African descent to be Americans. I do, and I feel confident a large majority of African-Americans proudly consider themselves Americans. He also states, "The African-American troops' greatest fear was not the Ger-

mans, but the white American soldiers," which, for the lack of a better word, is absurd.

NCSU is an institution that fosters an environment that places a premium on debate and students voicing their opinions. I agree with this 100 percent, but material like Baptist's column that openly and unjustly labels a group of people as "savages" and uses derogatory language toward a group of people shouldn't be tolerated — regardless of the author's race or the race being attacked. Had a white student written a column

similar to Baptist's, he would have been chastised for being racist by students, professors and administrators. Our goal as a student body should be to eliminate racism wherever it exists. We are all Americans, and as students we can't change the past, but we can help shape a future for Americans in which labels such as "black" and "white" are replaced with "American."

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iors. Now, students can not only register through the telephone; they can also log onto their computers and register through the World Wide Web.

Why are we allowing certain groups access to registration before the outline set in the TRACS book? It is not Registration and Records' fault; they are probably receiving pressure from top university administrators. I am sure it would make the process more simple if all students registered according to their classifications.

I personally feel freshmen registering before seniors is not exactly fair, no matter who you are. The arguments for early registration from the Scholars groups (Park and University) are vague and more or less amount to recruiting and retainment tactics. They argue that their students enter with "so many" credit hours that if they did not register early all the classes they need would be

full. This logic is flawed because the current system is based on credit hours, so a second-semester Park Scholar who has the hours of a junior would register with juniors. However, because these students are special, they register even before seniors.

Some might argue that student-athletes have justification for registering early; they do have to fit their schedule around practices and away games. What about students — especially in the agriculture and life sciences — who compete in competitions in their major, practice and travel to games on a regular basis?

The only group of students who I feel should be granted early access to registration is students with disabilities. If all these special-interest groups have so many reasons for early registration before normal seniors, then when will the "single mothers returning to school to finish their degree at night with a child in daycare" group be granted the same privilege?

This topic is definitely a subject not openly discussed by the university administration, or it would be printed in the TRACS book under the heading "TRACS Window Access Dates." The university should return to a system where students only have access to the registration process, which is dictated by total hours passed.

This isn't the first time I have raised the issue about early registration preferences. The decision to grant a group early registration privileges lies with the provost. It shall be interesting to see what the candidates for provost have to say about this issue. It might be helpful to know that I sit on the Provost Nominations Committee, not that I am biased about the issue one way or another.

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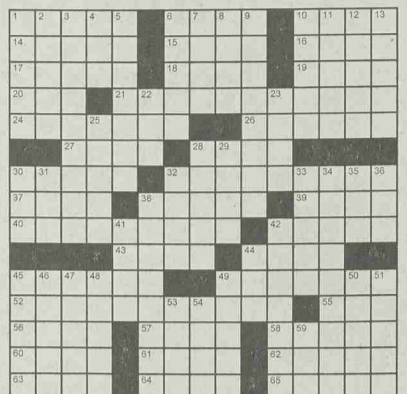
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Taurus April 20-May 20
Today is a 5. It's OK if you're feeling slow and deliberative. You're good at that. Let others race around and do whatever needs to be done. Hide out.

Gemini May 21-June 21
Today is a 7. Discuss your plans with your partner before making a big purchase. You may have to decide quickly in order to get the best deal, so decide what you want ahead of time.

Cancer June 22-July 22
Today is a 5. Your workload is getting to the point where you should be thinking of specializing. Do what you do best, and let somebody else do the rest.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22
Today is a 9. Work may place a few constraints on your time, but don't despair. There'll be plenty of energy left for fun when it's done.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Today is a 5. You may have to invest money, as well as time, in a complex household project. Be frugal, but do it right.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Today is an 8. You seem like an easygoing person, but you hate being ordered around. It's smarter to go along with things now rather than complain. You'll get your chance to be in control later.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Today is a 5. Make calls and negotiate big deals early. Study up so that you can do a different kind of job. Practice is also required in order to achieve perfection.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Today is an 8. Your enthusiasm can easily lead to a new source of revenue. Put your imagination to work, too. Meanwhile, stick to your budget. You don't have to overspend.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Today is a 6. Go ahead and finish the job you've already begun. Completion is sometimes elusive, but getting there sure feels good.

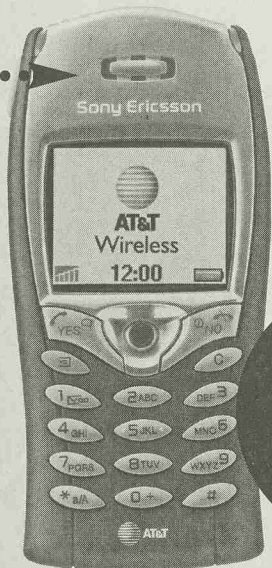
Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Today is an 8. New developments give you lots of new things to think about. Make time for some contemplation before making a big decision.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Today is a 6. Don't let somebody's brusque manner throw you for a loop. With a little help from your friends, you can adjust and do what's required.

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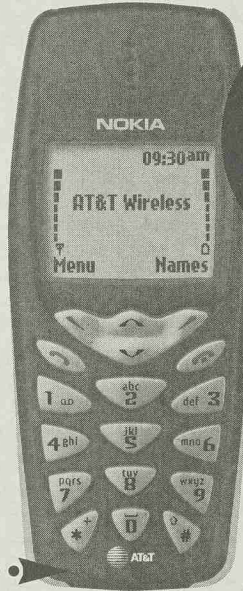
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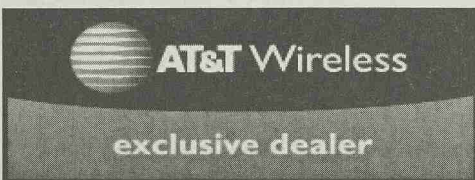
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Florida State 3, Baseball 1
Florida State 6, W. tennis 1
Virginia 7, M. tennis 0

TECHNICIAN



State plays host to women's NCAA tourney

Duke advanced past Georgia State and will face Utah Tuesday in Reynolds Coliseum for a trip to the Sweet 16.

Jon Page

Senior Staff Writer

Pacing back and forth down the sideline in front of the home bench, she crouched down to survey the scene before her. With less than two minutes left in the first half, her team up by only two, she barked commands at her players, demanding they pick up the defensive intensity.

But reduced to the role of a spectator on Sunday, it wasn't N.C. State head coach Kay Yow directing this basketball game at Reynolds Coliseum — it was Duke head coach Gail Goetseniors.

The No. 1 seed out of the Midwest Region in the 2003 NCAA women's basketball tournament, Duke (32-1) regrouped in the second half to knock off No. 16 seed Georgia State (20-11), 66-48 while Utah (24-6) shut the door on DePaul (22-10) with a 73-64 total.

This season marked the first time that tournament sites were predetermined before the season started. Under the old rules, Duke would have played its opening round games at home. While Duke needed not travel too far to tip off, some coaches have complained that predetermined sites create a disadvantage for higher-seeded teams.

Utah head coach Elaine Elliott felt differently though.

"Up until this time the disadvantage was to the lower seed because the higher seeds always got to play at home," said Elliott. "So, you just have a different set of people who are in some way disadvantaged."

Duke definitely benefited from the local site, however, as the majority of fans in attendance wore blue and exhausted their vocal chords by game's end.

But Elliott doesn't expect that to hinder her team's performance when the Devils and Utes square off Tuesday night.

"I don't pay attention to [the crowd]," said Elliott. "I guess we had our 25 people behind us. They were loud and our band was there. Everybody loves a full

house but none of our kids played harder or less hard because there weren't 15,000 people there."

Indeed Utah's Kim Smith didn't need a capacity crowd to rack up 35-points, good enough to tie a Midwest Region opening round record.

But after Smith shot the lights out in the first game, Duke struggled to light up the scoreboard in round two of the day's action.

The Devils shot a lowly 34.4 percent from the field and the Lady Panthers trailed by as little as eight points with 10 minutes to play.

"They were not a 16 seed," said Goetseniors. "You can tell that from watching tape on them. They do a great job. They're very athletic, very well-coached, they execute well and they do a good job on defense. I knew it was going to be a tough game for us."

ACC Player of the Year Alana Beard took it upon herself to make sure Georgia State didn't sneak by the Devils with

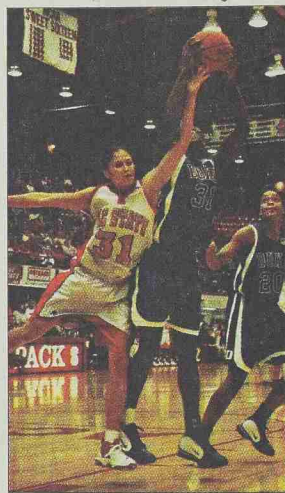
some much-needed hustle in the second half.

Beard, who connected for a game-high 19-points and eight rebounds, sacrificed her body on both baselines, first blocking a Patechia Hartman jump shot from behind. Beard then raced to pick it up and dished it to Lyndsey Harding behind her back as she ran out of bounds and bumped into a table. A few possessions later she pulled down an offensive rebound and kicked the ball back out to reset the shot clock as she was knocked out of bounds onto a cameraman and landed at the base of the goal.

Such determination is exactly what Goetseniors expects to see against Utah.

"Early on I felt like Alana was one of the only aggressive players on our team," said Goetseniors. "That's not good for us. But she did a great job."

"I thought we did a much better job in the second half. We just attacked more. I think you need that [attacking mindset on both ends of the floor] this time of the year so I'm happy to come away with the win."



Michelle Matyasovsky and the Duke women's basketball team returned to Reynolds Coliseum for the first round of the NCAA tournament Sunday.

File Photo by Josh Michel



R.J. Murray and the men's tennis team remained winless in ACC play with a 7-0 loss to Virginia. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

ACC struggles continue for Pack men's tennis

Unforced errors hurt the Wolfpack in a 7-0 loss to Virginia.

Taylor Francis

Staff Writer

Coming off a 5-0 victory over UNC-Greensboro last Wednesday, N.C. State's men's tennis team was hoping to carry the momentum into its home contest Sunday against ACC foe Virginia.

Despite a valiant effort by the Wolfpack, it was not to be, and the Cavaliers left the Cary Tennis Center with a 7-0 victory.

"I thought we did a good job of coming out and competing," said head coach Jon Choboy. "I would like to see them believe in themselves a little more, but that comes with winning. The more you win, the more your confidence increases."

Virginia (16-2, 3-0) started the day by handily defeating the Pack (4-11, 0-4) in all three doubles matches.

Freshmen R.J. Murray and Val Banada, playing as State's No. 1 doubles team, fell 8-2 to the No. 33-ranked doubles team in the nation, Virginia's Michael Duquette and Doug Stewart. Duquette and Stewart jumped out to a 6-1 lead before Murray and Banada decisively won the eighth game. Though still down 6-2, it looked like the momentum was

swinging in State's favor. Unfortunately, the Cavaliers kept their composure and lost only one point in the next two games.

State's No. 3 team also fell 8-2. The closest doubles match came at the No. 2 spot, where the Wolfpack's Jon Davis and Rehman Esmael lost 8-4. The tandem trailed by only one game at 5-4 before the Cavs reeled off wins in three straight games to seal the victory.

"We just didn't take advantage of enough of our opportunities," said Murray. "If we win a couple of points here and there it could've changed the match."

"We controlled what we could control," said Choboy. "But we need to improve on some things. There were a lot of points that should be ours that we're making errors on."

The Cavaliers continued their winning ways in the singles competitions, sweeping all six singles matches. The Pack fought throughout, however, and did not give Virginia any easy wins.

"We're definitely improving," said Choboy. "It doesn't necessarily show on the scoreboard, but we're getting better at the things we're working on — our decision-making and our focus point-in and point-out."

"Everyone is giving their all," said Murray. "There's no lack of energy or focus. Overall, we're

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Baseball continues to roll

N.C. State took the weekend series from No. 2 Florida State, winning two of three games in Kinston.

Sports Staff Report

KINSTON — N.C. State's baseball team continued its solid play of late, taking two of three from No. 2 Florida State over the weekend.

The Wolfpack swept Saturday's doubleheader to push its winning streak to 16 games — the second longest streak in school history — before falling Sunday. The Pack will return to action Wednesday night against Winthrop.

In the first game of the series, Justin Riley drilled a three-run homer, and Mike Rogers and Joey Devine combined on a five-hitter to propel State to a 4-2 victory in the first game of a doubleheader at Grainger Stadium.

Rogers (6-1), a redshirt-freshman righthander, was wild early but settled down to work eight innings. He allowed two runs on five hits, walked three and struck out six. Freshman righthander Joey Devine pitched the ninth inning, striking out the side on 14 pitches, to pick up his ACC-lead-

ing eighth save of the season.

FSU starter Matt Lynch (6-1) worked eight solid innings but was victimized by a pair of home runs. He pitched seven innings and allowed four runs on nine hits. He walked four and struck out four.

State picked up its second win later that day. Colt Morton belted home runs in the seventh and eighth innings, and Vern Sterry scattered three hits over eight innings, as State won 5-2 in the second game of a doubleheader.

Sterry (6-0) allowed two runs on three hits, walked three and struck eight. He retired the side in order just twice but ran into trouble just once in the top of the sixth inning. FSU reliever Rhett James (0-2) took the loss after allowing three runs on three hits in two-thirds of an inning. He walked none and struck out one.

Sterry and FSU starter Trent Peterson had a double no-hitter through the early innings. Peterson retired the first eight men he faced and did not allow a hit until outfielder Marc Maynor's scratch infield single with two away in the bottom of the fifth. Maynor went all the way to third on an errant pickoff throw, but the Wolfpack stranded him there.

FSU did not get its first hit until the top of the sixth but cashed it in for two runs. With one away, Stephen Drew broke an 0-for-15 slump with a single to right field. Drew stole second, and Tony McQuade worked Sterry for a walk.

Tony Ritchie followed with an RBI single to center, and McQuade and Ritchie moved to second and third on the throw to the plate. Jerrod Brown's sacrifice fly to center field got Ritchie home to give the Seminoles and Peterson a 2-0 lead.

The Wolfpack tied the game in the bottom of the seventh, using a Morton home run and another manufactured run.

Morton struck again in the bottom of the eighth, a towering two-run blast with Justin Riley aboard, and Tim Coffield followed with a solo shot that was nearly as long as Morton's to give the Pack a 5-2 win.

On Sunday, however, the Seminoles finally broke through with a win. Ritchie drove in two runs, and Daniel Davidson worked more than six innings Sunday to lift FSU to a 3-1 victory.

With the win, the Seminoles salvaged the final game of the three-game Atlantic Coast Conference series and improved to 25-4 over-

all and 4-2 in the ACC. State, which had its 16-game winning streak snapped with the loss, fell to 21-5 overall and 2-1 in the ACC.

FSU starter Daniel Davidson (3-0) allowed one run on four hits to get the win. He walked two and struck out six. Senior left-hander Daniel Hodges worked the final two innings, allowing one hit, to pick up his sixth save of the season.

Wolfpack starter Phillip Davidson (2-2), experiencing uncharacteristic control problems, and allowed two runs on two hits in under five innings of pitching. He struck out two and walked four.

The Seminoles essentially won the game in the top of the third, despite hitting just one ball out of the infield, and that one cleared the infield only by a matter of a few feet. Matt Sauls led off with a bunt single, and Stephen Drew walked. The runners moved up to second and third on Tony McQuade's grounder to first base, and Sauls came in to score on Ritchie's ground ball to third base. Brown followed with a bloop single to very shallow left field to chase home Drew and give Florida State a 2-0 lead.

Seminoles down women's tennis

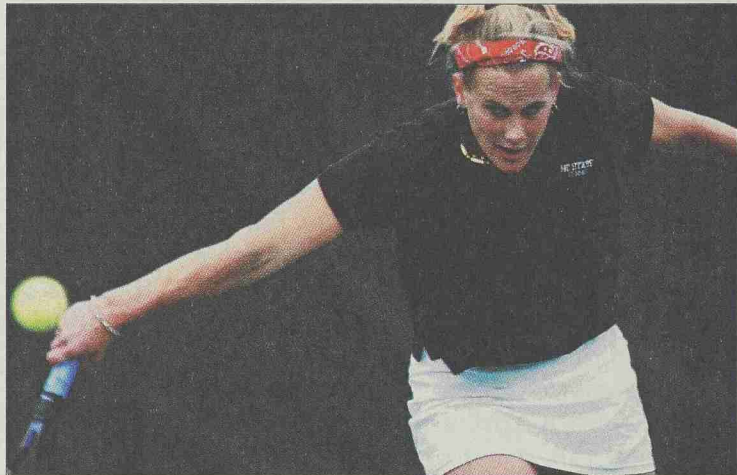
Jennifer Jassawalla won both of her matches, but N.C. State fell 6-1.

Sports Staff Report

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida State women's tennis team defeated N.C. State Sunday by a score of 6-1 at FSU's Scott Speicher Tennis Center. With the win, the Tribe improves to 12-5 on the season and 2-1 in the ACC, while State drops to 5-6 overall and 0-4 in conference play.

The Seminoles earned the first point of the day, as they were victorious in two of three doubles matches. Mihaela Moldovan and Beth Lawrence, playing at the No. 2 position, knocked off State's Carmen Torres and Danielle Stadelmann by a score of 8-0.

In No. 1 doubles, FSU's Amber Tantee and Daniela Gheorghe defeated Kristin Lam and Loni Worsley, 8-6. The Wolfpack earned its only doubles win at the No. 3 position, as Brooke Cordell and Christina Denny fell in a tiebreaker to Jennifer Jassawalla and Myrna Bawono, 9-8 (5).



Danielle Stadelmann lost 6-0, 6-3 to Florida State's Christina Denny. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

The Seminoles carried the momentum gained in doubles action into singles play, as they won five of six matches. FSU's Cordell knocked off Torres in No. 6 singles by scores of 6-1, 6-0. In No. 3 singles, Anca Dumitrescu defeated Worsley of State, 6-1, 6-2.

Gheorghe clinched the match for FSU, as she overpowered State's Bawono, 6-0, 6-1. Moldovan, playing at the No. 1 position, added to the Seminoles' lead, defeating Lam by scores of 6-4, 6-3. Denny was successful in No. 2 singles, as she defeated

Stadelmann, 6-0, 6-3.

The only FSU loss came at the No. 5 position, where Alina Mihailescu fell in a battle to State's Jassawalla, 6-4, 5-7, 10-8.

State returns to action Saturday against Old Dominion at 10 a.m. in Raleigh.