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WORLD

* Bush estimates cost of war at \$75 billion

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On Monday, President Bush and the administration offered high-profile lawmakers their first estimate of the cost of war with Iraq — approximately \$75 billion. The estimate includes \$62 billion used for war defense, \$3.5 billion used for homeland security, and between \$5 billion and \$10 billion for foreign and humanitarian aid.

But the estimate does not include the cost of Iraq's reconstruction, thus the estimate will probably the first of many, according to reports.

Some lawmakers have also suggested some money should be reserved for items such as aiding the airline industry and additional homeland security measures on top of what has already been proposed by the Bush administration.

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According to reports, Bush will disclose the spending request on Tuesday at the Pentagon.

At least 100 drown in ferry sinking

According to a Burundian army spokesman, approximately 111 people drowned late Saturday after an overloaded ferry sank in Lake Tangaryida off the shores of Burundi.

The people on the ferry were traveling on the W.V. Kashombwe. The ferry sank near Nyanza Lac, 68 miles southwest of Bujumbura, said officials.

The ferry was reportedly traveling from Kalemie, a port town in Congo's Katanga province, to Uvira.

Ivy League university gets pricier

gets pricier

Harvard University recently announced that the cost to attend the prestigious institution would increase by 5.5 percent. According to reports, the tuition hile is the schools largest in a decade.

Attributed by university officials to the faltering economy and its need to maintain a certain standard, the cost of tuition, fees, and room and board for the 2003-04 academic year will be \$37,928. This year, Harvard undergraduates paid \$35,950 in tuition, fees, and room and board.

According to reports, in conjunction with the tuition hile, the university will be increasing its financial aid budget by 7.3 percent.

Dow sees biggest sell-off in months

On Monday, the Dow experienced its worst one-day sell-off in approximately six months, said re-

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The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 3.5 percent and more than 300 points. In addition, the Nasdaq composite and the S&P 500 index both dropped 3.5 percent.

The sell-off is being attributed to the fact that investors are abandoning stocks on signals that the war could last longer than previously thought.

The drop comes days after one of Wall Street's The drop comes days after one of Wall Street's biggest rallies in years. Last week the Dow ex-perienced an 8.4 percent increase last week — making it the best weekly advance since 1982.

Toddler accidentally shoots grandfather

After being shot by his 3-year-old grandson, Jef-fery Tobias Shaw, 40, of Wilmington, died on Sat-urday, said reports.

In what family members are calling a "freak accident," Shaw had placed a loaded handgun in his vehicle as he got ready to go to a gun range on Friday. The young boy found the gun and shot Shaw, who was standing in the yard, once-in the head.

in the head.

According to family members, the boy has several toy guns and has not yet learned the difference between toy guns and real ones.

Shaw, who was declared dead at New Hanover Regional Medical Center after being taken off of life support, was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Two N.C. soldiers killed

The Department of Defense announced on Mon-day that two Camp Lejeune marines were killed in two separate events in Iraq. According to reports, Lance Cpl. Eric Orlows-

According to reports, Lance C.pl. Eric Orlows-ki of Buffalo, N.Y., was killed in an accidental dis-charge of a .50 caliber-machine gun and Sgt. Nicolas M. Hodson, 22, of Smithville, Mo., was killed in a vehicle accident. Orlowski was assigned to the 2nd Tank Bat-talion of the 2nd Marine Division, and Hodson was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regi-ment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade. No further details were disclosed about the two soldiers' deaths.

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Allied forces near Baghdad



Bombs continue to fall on Baghdad as U.S. troops move closer to the city . KRT photo by Mammar Abd Rabbo

Strikes by Air Force, Navy and Marine jets targeted the Guard on the southwest outskirts of Baghdad on Monday and early Tuesday.

Patrick Peterson, Juan O. Tamayo and Martin Merzer

Knight Ridder Newspap

NEAR AL KUT, Iraq – Both sides girded Monday for the coming battle of Baghdad as U.S. armored columns advanced from two directions. They came within 50 miles of the capital before sandstorms -- and a formidable Iraqi army -- forced a delay.

Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders vowed re-

sistance, and U.S. and British leaders warned that the contest for Baghdad could be bloody. Two divisions of Saddam's elite and loyal Republican Guard troops – about 20,000 fighters - were believed to stand between allied forces and the center of Saddam's regime.

Saddam has given his hardened Republican Guard the authority to use chemical weapons, U.S. officials

Strikes by Air Force, Navy and Marine jets targeted the Guard on the southwest outskirts of Baghdad on Monday and early Tuesday, preparing the battlefield. Some bombers shifted from precision-guided bombs, used mostly against buildings and other high-value targets,

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Food Bank to benefit from **Red & White Ball**

The Union Activities Board will hold the second annual Red and White Ball on April 4.

Anna Edens

Students interested in attending "A Night Out on the Town," the second annual Red and White Charity Ball, can now bring their N.C. State identification cards and two nonperishable food items to the Union Activities Board Office in 1200 Talley Student Center to receive a free admissions voucher.

The Red and White Ball will be held April 4, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Arena Club of the RBC Center. NCSU Faculty and Staff members may purchase a voucher for \$5 by presenting two non-perishable food items, and vouchers for the general public cost \$20.

The event will feature a DJ, live music by a local jazz band and champagne glass giveaways, along with a silent auction of items from Best Buy and possibly local dining es tablishments such as the

Angus Barn, Outback Steakhouse, Lonestar, 42nd St. Oyster Bar and Amedeo's.

This year's focus, according to UAB Vice President Tim Teel, is to bring more community involvement through other community members, not just NCSU students." Seven hundred individuals attended last year's event, and UAB has reserved the RBC Center for 1000 guests this year, said Teel.

The non-perishable food items required for admission will all be donated to the Raleigh Food Bank because "we realize food banks are always [in] need, and this went over so well last year that we thought we would be suc cessful again," said UAB President James Reed.

Reed hopes the enthusiasm achieved after the Feb. 25 "Beat Hunger, Beat UNC Food Drive," will propel more students to recognize the importance of the food donation as pect of the Red and White

Last year UAB collected 2,200 pounds of food, and this year the group set a of 2,700-2,800

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Students nominate best of advisors

Students will have the opportunity to nominate their advisors for various

Natalie Hecht

As students sit down to plan their classes for the 2003-2004 academic year, they realize the value of a good advisor.

'My advisor is the sweetest lady," said Julia Freshcorn, a sophomore in psychology. "She's always a great help in recom-

mending classes and teachers, and she is able to point me in the right direction for extra assistance.

Now, as the N.C. State Advising Awards begin accepting nominations for the third year, Freshcorn and other students will have an opportunity to show their appreciation to outstanding advi-

"I think that promoting excellence through recognition of advisors like mine would really make a difference," Freshcorn

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Discussion to focus on idea of 'privilege'

Peggy McIntosh, author of "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack," will address the N.C. State campus Thursday as part

of Human Rights Week.

News Staff Report

When Peggy McIntosh sat down to think about the privilege in her daily life, she realized that privilege was one thing she never really took the time to consider but one thing she certainly had as a white woman in America.

Since then, McIntosh, who is associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, has been taking her discoveries around the globe, garnering a reputation as a world renowned lecturer.

On Thursday, McIntosh will bring her message to N.C. State in two public lectures. The first, "How Privilege Systems Under mine Democratic Ideals" is part of the Human Rights Week celebration and will take place at 3 p.m. in Witherspoon Student

The ASG president has organized a letter-writing campaign to show student support for a bill that would allow a student vote on the BOG.

Ayren Jackson

For some it's "three strikes, and you're out." But for the rest, it's 'third time's a charm.

Jonathon Ducote is the third UNC-system Association of Student Governments president to come up to bat for the admission of a student vote on

the UNC-system Board of Governors — an idea that has been on the table since 1995.

Jonathon Ducote, ASG president, supports a student vote on the BOG. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

BOG student vote gets

pitched to N.C. House

And while Ducote has a team of credible legislators behind him and has the optimistic, "third time's a charm" outlook to boot, he believes that ASG will need a much larger support system that includes students, faculty and staff to get the bill passed.

On March 17, Alma Adams and Earl Jones, who are both Guilford County democrats, introduced the bill to the BOG. This is the third time that Adams, a stark supporter for a student voice on the BOG, has

introduced the bill to the N.C. House that would allow a student vote on the BOG.

"I've found students to be quite responsible; they deserve an opportunity to not just sit and participate but to vote and be heard," said Adams in a Daily Tar Heel report.

Several other states agree with Adams stance

According to Ducote, 21 states currently allow a student vote on their Board of Gover-

'People who don't support a student vote, cite all kinds of

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examines the need for more breakfast choices on campus. p.3 A&E

investigates Gucci ads and the Oscar ceremony. p. 4

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looks at N.C. State's newest athletic program — softball. p. 8



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Tomorrow Isolated T-Storms 78°/43°

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Money collected from ticket sales will help fund the Wolfpack Student Initiative, a need-based scholarship started by Student Government. The scholarship is a worthy cause, according to Reed, because "currently they are \$8,000 shy of their \$25,000 minimum endowment." Between money received through tickets and the silent auction, Reed hopes

and \$4,000.

Although money will be collected through ticket sales, the event will not bring money to the UAB. Reserving the RBC Center cost the group \$7,500, but Reed believes this cost is in keeping with the UAB's "for you, from you," philosophy, since the cost per student in attendance will be

This philosophy is in effect because of the UAB's goal to bring NCSU innovative activities that

UAB will raise between \$3,000 stimulate, motivate, educate and involve the student body, which sometimes requires the spending of funds.

The group has been planning the Red and White Ball since October 2002, and although the UAB is planning the event, Reed says, "it is really a student-body

Any student interested in more information or planning next year's event can contact Tim Teel at the UAB Office at 515-5918.

BAGHDAD

to MK-83 air-burst bombs deployed mostly against infantry

"We're about to put the 1st Marine Division in scoring position ... and swing for the fences," said Col. David Pere, of the 1st Ma-

rine Expeditionary Force. Meanwhile, 30 AH-64 Apache attack helicopters engaged in a frenzied battle with Republican Guard units outside Karbala, about 50 miles southwest of Baghdad. One U.S. helicopter was downed and others were riddled with bullets, officials said.

Two Americans aboard the lost helicopter were listed as missing in action; Iraqi television showed videotape of what it said were the two crewmen, who appeared uninjured.

At least one other U.S. soldier died in action Monday, and separately the bodies of two U.S. soldiers were recovered. They had been among 12 officially reported missing Sunday; the others apparently were either killed or taken prisoner by Iraqi forces.

Also, the first British death from enemy fire was reported Monday, and an unknown number of U.S. soldiers suffered wounds.

"It's the wild, wild west out there," Marine Capt. Joseph Bevan said near Nasiriyah, as combat raged in nearly every region of

On one road in central Iraq, U.S. forces in M1A2 Abrams tanks, M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and countless support vehicles reached Karbala; along another, they reached al Kut, about 100 miles southeast of the capital.

In the north, U.S. warplanes pounded Iraqi positions around the oil-rich cities of Kirkuk and Mosul. Local officials said that many Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded. For the first time, U.S.

things that aren't true," said

Ducote. "People say it will throw

off the size of the Board of Gov-

ernors and effect the vote.... Peo-

ple say that students don't have

In fact, N.C. Sen. Tony Rand,

who is a Cumberland County de-

mocrat and the chairman of the

Senate's Rules Committee, has

verbally expressed his concern

with a student's expertise and

ability to have a vote on the BOG.

17 percent of the BOG's budget is

provided by students, he also says

that the BOG makes a lot of de-

cisions about student's money.

Also, "SGA has a good track

record of having experienced

members on its board," said

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enough experience.'

planes based on carriers in the Mediterranean Sea flew over Turkey, taking advantage of shorter routes to northern Iraq now that the Turkish government has opened its airspace

In the south, allied ground troops attempted to consolidate their positions, but ferocious skirmishes still erupted.

Sometimes civilians were caught in the crossfire

At the Pentagon, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal apologized for an incident in which a U.S. bomb hit a passenger bus carrying Syrian civilians. Syrian officials said five were killed and 10 wounded when the bus was bombed on an Iraqi bridge about 100 miles from Syria's border.

Saddam spoke on Iraqi television, wearing a battle uniform, appearing vigorous and attempting to rally his people. 'Those who are believers will be victorious," he said. "Iraq will strike the necks" of its enemies.

U.S. and British officials said the message might have been taped before the war began and that Saddam's actual condition remained unknown following last week's missile strike that targeted him and other leaders of his

regime.
Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, whose condition also had been questioned, appeared at a news conference on Iraqi television and said he, Saddam and the rest of the Iraqi leadership were in good shape and "in full control of the army and the country."

In Baghdad, Iraqi forces dug defensive trenches in the heart of the city and set more oil-filled trenches afire around the capital in an attempt to conceal key targets from U.S. and British air at-

Marine officers said there were early reports that Saddam was redeploying some troops from

greater Baghdad to defensive positions farther from the capital

"That's exactly what we want him to do," said Pere. U.S. forces would rather take on Saddam's best troops in open terrain than in an urban setting such as Baghdad, a sprawling city of more than 5 million people.

At the same time, U.S. and British leaders attempted to prepare their troops and other citizens for difficult days ahead.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair warned that coalition forces soon will encounter the Medina Division of the Republican Guard, which is positioned between Karbala and Baghdad.

"This will be a crucial mo ment," Blair said. "These are the closest to Saddam that are resisting and will resist strongly."

In Washington, the Bush administration finally estimated the financial cost of the war. President Bush asked congressional leaders to approve about \$75 billion in emergency spending for military action in Iraq and the war on terrorism.

Bush and Blair were expected to meet in the United States on Wednesday or Thursday.

Though Iraqi military resistance seemed stubborn and wide-spread, U.S. and British officials framed the hostilities as isolated and expected confrontations by small forces.

'You can expect that our cleanup operations are going to be on-going across the days," said U.S. Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the allied commander, at his Qatar headquarters. "As our troops fight, even in these isolated areas, there will be casualties.

He said allied forces have captured about 3,000 Iraqi prisoners of war and that American officials are holding surrender talks with leaders of several units.

ADVISORS

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The awards are given each year by the university through the vice provost for undergraduate affairs and the Advisors Roundtable. They seek to recognize excellence and contributions in undergraduate academic advising.

Chris Chafin, who is in charge of receiving nominations, is try ing to get more students involved in the nomination process. He thinks that student opinions would be useful in recognizing outstanding advisors.

"Historically at NC State, the student voice has been a catalyst for change and progress," Chafin said, adding that this voice has often helped improve advising initiatives

"As students are the ones who benefit directly from effective, quality advising, it is imperative that they have a say in who is recognized for such," he said. "By recognizing those advisers who do such outstanding jobs, it is our hope that the shift towards promoting effectiveness in advising

The second, "Five Interactive

Frames of Mind for Thinking

About Life," is co-sponsored by

the College of Education and the

College of Humanities and So-

cial Sciences and will take place at

6 p.m. in 216 Poe Hall. McIntosh has authored a num-

ber of articles on curriculum

change, women's systems and systems of unearned privilege and

and colleges on creating multi-

In addition to her work at

Wellesley College, she is the founder and co-director of the

National S.E.E.D. Project on In-

clusive Curriculum (Seeking Ed-

ucational Equity and Diversity).

"White Privilege and Male Priv-

ilege: A Personal Account of

One of her most famous works,

cultural and gender-fair curric-

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There are three categories for award nominations: the Barbara Solomon Advising Award for individuals whose primary role is academic advising; the Faculty Academic Advising Award for those primarily involved in teaching but who also provide advising services; and the Academic Advising Administrator Award for individuals whose primary responsibility is as an administrator or director of an academic ad-

vising program. The Barbara Solomon award has been given the past two years, but this will be the first year the

latter two are given. Any individual serving as an academic adviser, faculty adviser or advising administrator employed by NCSU is eligible for the awards, provided that they have not previously received Outstanding Advisor awards.

The Selection Committee will evaluate nominees on evidence of qualities such as strong interpersonal skills, availability, frequency of contact with advisees, evidence of a student success rate, a caring helpful attitude, mastery of institutional regulations, policies, and procedures, participa-

Coming to See Correspondences

through Work in Women's Stud-

ies" has been instrumental in discussing privilege in a context of

gender, race and sexuality at the

"White Privilege: Unpacking

the Invisible Knapsack," the arti-

cle's shorter version, has been

widely circulated and regarded

for its unique and insightful take

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turned out to be an elusive and

fugitive subject," McIntosh writes

in the article. McIntosh's article

goes beyond realizing what she

sees as her privilege to question-

ing the systems that support those

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takes many decades, there a

pressing questions for me, and I

imagine for some others like me

if we raise our daily conscious-

ness on the perquisites of being light skinned," she writes. "What

will we do with such knowledge?"

on unearned privilege.

privileges.

academic level.

tion in and support of adviser development programs, ability to engage in, promote and support developmental advising and other pertinent qualities.

Jordan Massey, a freshman majoring in biomedical engineering, thinks these awards are a great

"I think that the advisors do a lot above and beyond what they are required to do and for that reason they deserve to be rewarded for their efforts and commitment to students," she said.

Students who are interested in nominating an advisor should submit a letter of nomination that speaks to the individual's contributions as an academic adviser, faculty advisor, and/or advising administrator, using some of the aforementioned qualities.

Nominations must contain adequate factual or descriptive material to describe the extent to which an individual meets the awards criteria.

Students can submit letters of nomination by April 11, and awards will be given on April 24. Please submit letters to Chris Chafin at Chafin@ncsu.edu or to Campus Box 7925.



Campus Police in search of car thief

According to Campus Police offihicles on campus were broken into. day in and around East Campus, velop a composite sketch from wit-

Jon Barnwell, noted that several of the vehicles that were broken into were equipped with after market stereos and CD players

Anyone who may have information on the car thefts is asked to call Campus Police at 515-3000.

For him, it makes no sense not to have a student's voice heard on the BOG.

"If [students] are not willing to support this, then they are not concerned about how their money is used," said Ducote.

But a batter needs a team to not only support him but to also

heckle the others.
So, in addition to showing up to meet with legislators every week to discuss the idea, Ducote is currently planning a fax/email campaign where students, faculty and staff who support the idea can express their advocacy.

While Adams, Ducote and others admit that the bill will probably pass in the House, they are unsure of its future within the hands of the Senate.

But where there is uncertainty in the final passing of the bill, there is certainty that with student, faculty and staff participation from all 16 UNC campuses, at least a statement will be made. And for Ducote, for now, that's

enough for a win.

For additional information on how to submit a letter to legislators to show support for the BOG student vote bill, visit uncasg.org.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Start off the day right

• Most people understand the need for a good breakfast — it starts the day off right and helps the body adjust the needs of the upcoming day. Health studies show a difference in alertness, irritability and weight gain in those who eat breakfast regularly and those who are habitual breakfast-skippers. Recently the Weight Control Registry found that only four percent of 3,000 Americans, who have lost and kept off 30 pounds or more, skip breakfast.

However, even with the knowledge of what breakfast can do for the body and mental sharpness, few college students get the nutrition they need in the morning. Many different things contribute to the breakfast-skipping student body in-cluding poor eating habits and unbe-lievable schedules. It is a shame that students leave for a class fifteen minutes before they need to be there, leaving themselves no time to stop and enjoy a hot breakfast at one of the three dining halls on campus.

This problem is the reason why the Atrium and C-Stores should try to focus more on healthy things that students can grab on-the-go. It is unrealistic to think that suddenly young adults are going to get up hours before their first class to catch Fountain Dining Hall's breakfast. But if there were more options for break fast on campus, maybe students would tote something good for them to their 9 a.m. class instead of a Wild Cherry Pepsi and a Snickers bar.

C-Stores were headed in the right direction by adding fruit to their stores, however it would be nice if the fruit was fresh and didn't look like it was always the last banana left in the supermarket after everyone else has picked through them. Many times the fruit is damaged or overly ripe, which means it just goes to waste. Also, there are other fruits besides apples and bananas. Grapes, oranges and pre-cut melons in containers would be outstanding. While many C-Stores have yogurt, it would be nice to have a variety of yogurts in all the stores and in the Atrium, along with the option for fresh-

er bagels or English muffins.
The dining halls offer a terrific breakfast, but there are a limited number of upper classmen who have a meal plan. Something added to the Atrium would be a wise incorporation because there is nowhere to eat breakfast on campus besides Chick-fil-a, which stops serving breakfast at 10:30 a.m. Many people do not want chicken sandwiches and waffle fries at 10:35 a.m.

We propose that the island, near the soda fountains, in the Atrium be expanded. While bruised bananas and Rice Krispies Treats are an alternative to nothing, it would be a step in the right direction to add different sorts of well taken care of fruit, yogurt, pastries and bagels to the food sources there. By doing so, the university would allow students, who don't have the time or energy to bother with breakfast, an option besides fast food or the dining hall.

Another major problem is the lack of places on East Campus to eat breakfast, besides the dining halls. Students in Poe, Tompkins, Winston, Caldwell and those who are in the design school have even fewer options than students who spend their days in the Brickyard. Setting up a small stand, even if it was run by a student organization or two, would have a positive impact of the health and energy of those who spend the majority or their mornings on East Campus. A prime place would be at the bar in Caldwell Lounge. On the way to class, many students pass through the lounge area and would be delighted to stop and buy a bagel or muffin on their way to the dreaded 8:05 a.m. classes.

University Dining and student organizations should take into consideration the rules of supply and demand. If breakfast is the most important meal of the day and professors want alert, ready-tolearn students, then breakfast should be a top priority on each end of the campus. There is plenty of money to be made on this idea and the health and well-being of students would be the beneficiary of



Looking past the headlines



Matt Campbell

It's March Madness time and seeing as how we are in the month of March, it isn't just clever name. Neither is that fact that there's madness, some more serious than others. In the heat of war with Iraq, NCAA Tournament games and

"Rock, Paper, Scissors" championships, we are in a frenzy. Now, you may be saying, "They have a 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' championship?" Well, kids, they sure do. In the town of Healdsburg, Calif., just north of San Francisco, 20-year-old Ana Martinez showed her opponent's scissors who's boss when she threw down a rock and won the \$1,000 prize and the respect of many.

This tale of athletic talent and skill brings me to my point: We need more of this. Though there was not aroundthe-clock coverage of this competition and probably very few office pools, this story holds a very important place in our society. Every week, when I sit down to write a column, I look past the headlines. These are stories covered by the news and other columnists. Instead, I look for a story that will make people laugh, cry or even dance. The perfect story makes a reader do all three. It's stories about giant Cheetos or beer you can bathe in that

will take a reader away from the headlines and maybe even make him or her

Recent events have changed this, though. Some of my favorite sources of ridiculous news stories have been swallowed up for endless war coverage. With no disrespect to our troops overseas or to the reporters and other news media working around the clock here at Technician, at major news networks and over in the Middle East, I must say that we

can only take so much. Some of us have been provided the refuge of college basketball games still being shown despite breaking news and other war coverage. But in the event of a late-night blowout, we have

few other options. We all know what's important, regardless of your stance on the war. Most of us probably know someone in the military. These aren't the people making the decisions, however. These are the people putting their lives on the line, fighting for a country they love and for the people they love. Even still, we can only handle so much. We need NCAA basketball, the Oscars and "Rock, Paper, Scissors." We need to sit back once in a while and ask ourselves, "I wonder if Ted Koppel picked Duke but his hair picked Cen tral Michigan." We have to wonder if Dan

Rather sits in front of the TV, praying that his Oscars picks can bail him out of the money he lost in basketball.

However crude this all may seem, it's all true because the world is still turning and the show must go on. The worst way to handle any tragedy or serious event is to wallow in it and let it consume you. I like that Cartoon Network doesn't show President Bush's addresses and that the only "Bam!" on the Food Network is coming from Chef Emeril Lagasse

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By viewing, listening to or reading something that is not war-related, you will not become ignorant of what's going on overseas. At the same time, though, there are still issues and stories right in front

of us. Some of those stories will make you laugh, some will make you cry and there are others that will really put that boogie in your step and you will be dancing. Regardless of what these stories are about, there is no reason to completely overlook them, no matter what the headlines read.

Matt is busy honing his "Rock, Paper, Scissors" skills, send your tips or comments to folksdamanishere@aol.com.

Something to anticipate

Students seem to have somber hearts and are dragging a little from the terrible news invading our TV screens, newspapers and chat rooms. However, the reason the nation's troops are overseas is to protect this beautiful country and to stand for American rights and values. We urge all of you who are feeling a little down — whether it because of the war, because school is stressful or for any reason at all — to go outside and enjoy the wonderful weather.

Turn the TV off, pull the battery-op-

erated radio out of the closet and take a breath of fresh air in. Put on some comfortable clothes; bring a towel with you to spread out on the plush green grass and just chill in the Court of Carolinas. Take a Frisbee to the park with you and meet some new people, or haul your friends out to the Brickyard with you for a game of catch. Ask your teacher to take you to the outdoor classroom across Poe Hall on the Court of Carolinas.

Enjoy the weather. With April right around the corner days and weeks may become dreary and soaked. Take advantage of the blue skies and blossoming flowers. N.C. State has beautiful places on its campus, you just have to get outdoors and look for them. Spots come in all different shapes and sizes, some where you sit on the grass, on a bench or even in the Whispering Ears in front of the library. There are some in the shade, which are a little more private or out in the sunshine with fellow Wolfpackers. Either one you choose is fine, just be sure to take advantage of the good things NCSU students have at their fingertips.

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Use of animals in Agriculture Week cruel and unnecessary

The good people of Alpha Zeta, the Animal Science Club and others who held Agriculture Week last Wednesday and Thursday are just that — good people with good intentions. They provided information about agriculture, its history and allowed organizations to encourage involvement in upcoming events. Unfortunately, however, organizers brought animals along for the ride.

If holding cows, pigs, goats and sheep on the Brickyard for nearly 48 hours was designed to reveal the wonders of agriculture and its practices, then we have little to be proud of. Onlookers watched as sheep were dragged to their cages, pigs huddled and shivered together for hours in the wind and rain and "Milking Booth" cow number 5108, immobilized by two metal bars on either side of her neck, groaned as volunteers pulled and prodded at her nipples. I doubt these creatures, if given the choice, would have volunteered for their Brickyard "display"

Our attitude towards these non-human animals is not surprising, however. Over the next few hours, millions of cows, pigs and chickens will be killed on American soil alone. Farm animals, as their market name "livestock" suggests, are prodded and crammed and downed until their deaths by the thousands. How could we shout "abuse" when commodities are only restrained for hours by cages or metal bars or the occasional passerby comments to the pig, 'I had you for breakfast'?

The animal participants in Agriculture Week, cute kids, calves and all, will someday be killed, too. N.C. State will decide that number 5108, with her innocent eyes and light brown tuft of hair, no longer has "productive value" to the humans who consume her calves' milk After all, these are numbers on a checklist,

Under the guise of education, "awareness" and service, our practices towards animals are justified. Of course, the dairy cow, constantly impregnated and without her calves, is "uncomfortable" when not milked. Our children only learn that she is as good as her milk; never do we suggest that the creatures are actually alive, that they have faces, eyes, mouths and consciousness.

In its current state, Agriculture Awareness Week touts awareness of abuse rather than awareness. It is obvious that the animals that participated did not do so willingly, and that real grass with open space is preferable to small cages. Educaté others about agriculture and its history but leave innocent creatures out of the dis-

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How far is Washington willing to lead anti-terrorism crusade?

The manifestation of Senator Joseph Mc Carthy's post WWII anti-Communist witch-hunt represented just how far our representatives can trip on power propelled by fear. Our trusted officials are merely men — and women, of course. And these men of power are humanly fallible and known to conveniently lose sight of democratic ideals in tense times. For example, note the U.S.-/British-sponsored overthrow of the suspected communist, nonetheless democratically elected prime minister of Iran in 1953. (He attempted to nationalize the country's oil industry soon thereafter - standard practice for OPEC members.) In exchange, Iran enjoyed 25 years of liberal or 'anti-Communist' repression, torture and forbearance on foreign ownership of its oil, thanks to the Western-backed Shah. Some may recall the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979 - '80 — that was a result. Foreign military intervention in the name of democracy contradicts a constitutional tenet of self-determination; moreover, it stokes anti-Western backlash.

Disconnect between international terrorism and Iraq is irrelevant for all practicable purposes now. I just hope President Bush opens his mind to the more peaceful, moral, foresighted, sensible diplomatic alternative that exists when confronting North Korea and Iran now that a third of his "Axis of Evil" is on its way down. Otherwise, if not already, our country may be on a runaway freight train of impatient, fear mongering foreign policy. By the way, what good is an orange terror alert? Are you wrapping your duct tape faster? Washington wants to think they are in control of a situation that is essentially uncontrollable. That is not to suggest that we do nothing to combat international terrorism only we manage it with democratic sensibility that necessitates international cooperation and goodwill.

The president's own words validate his departure from sensible democratic foreign diplomacy. During his presidential campaign in 1999, he said, "American foreign policy cannot be founded on He also warned against drifting from crisis to crisis. "America must be involved in the world," he said, "but that does not mean our military is the answer to every difficult foreign policy situation - a substitute for strategy," which is a quote taken from the 1999 USA Today article, "Bush warns against Isolationism.

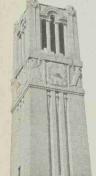
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Oscars branch out with winning choices



Steve Martin played host to this year's Oscars, even without the important red carpet. KRT photo by Mindy Schauer

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The Oscars present a unique opportunity to see some of the best actors of our time nominated for awards, along with some of the worst. With this combination, complemented by some of the stupidest judges in history, any intelligent movie viewer had better be ready for a letdown. Given the fact that Mario Van Peebles showed up, something was bound to suck.

This article is less of a wrap-up and more of a study. More often than not, this type of award show ends up awarding artists who certainly don't deserve the credit they receive. For instance, Queen Latifah is nominated for an award this year. Is this a joke? Well, this article aims to determine just how bad the Oscars are.

Of course, one must comment on the preshow event, hosted by Melissa and Joan Rivers, or — as I like to call them — the human skeleton sisters. Watching the preshow, one can't help but think, "Why haven't these two been regaled the way of 'Hollywood Squares?" Needless to say, their commentary was just as useless as the food in their refrigerators, and their interviews with Sean Asten and other celebrities addressed questions that viewers didn't care to have answered.

The first 15 minutes show promise, thanks to the comedy stylings of Steve Martin, one of the truly hilarious men in Hollywood. His joke about sleeping with a bunch of different women and animated characters was simply hilarious.

Right away, the show had promise. The best animated feature went to a film that truly deserved it. "Spirited Away" somehow beat films like "Lilo & Stitch" and "Ice Age." "Spirited Away," which is described by many as a Japanese version of "Alice in Wonderland," certainly deserved this award.

Best supporting actor had quite a few good nominees. For example, Christopher Walken was nominated for his role in "Catch Me If You Can." The winner, Chris Cooper, deserved the award for his role in "Adaptation," a film thought by many to be one of last year's best.

Things began to look bad when "Chicago" beat "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" for best art direction. Obviously, someone got paid off. If

not, someone should be shot. Did anyone else notice the winners rubbing one another? Hmmm ...

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah performed a track from "Chicago," which was nominated for 13 awards. No matter who you were, you were probably thinking how funny it would be if Zeta-Jones' water broke. The veritable immobility of each actress made the performance somewhat dull. Where as Zeta-Jones' movement was impaired by her pregnancy, Latifah was held in place by her gigantic breasts.

Can anyone tell me what the hell "Chubb Chubbs" are? A short film about these odd creatures won the best animated short film award, beating a bunch of other short films that only 0.5 percent of the population may have heard of, perhaps while passing a coffee shop of pretentious film students.

Costume design was a joke. "Chicago" won its second award of the night that it didn't deserve, beating the more deserving "Frida." Seeing Richard Gere at this show was bad enough, but knowing that he might win an award ... terrible.

The next 20 to 30 minutes were pretty boring. Awards for the soundtrack artists and the nerds who made animation programs were presented. Sean Connery showed up in what Steve Martin described as a Red Lobster bib. Folks, he wasn't far off

Best foreign film went to "Nowhere in Africa," which was actually made in Germany. The real tragedy is that "Hable Con Ella (Talk to Her)" wasn't even nominated. It's a shame that these movies rarely come to Raleigh. It would be nice to actually have the opportunity to see the films that are nominated for Oscars.

"Chicago" won another award for sound, beating "Lord of the Rings" again. At this point, the

hope was that "Rings" would win best picture; but let's face it, its nomination is nothing more than a formality.

Adrien Brody's winning the best actor award was a delight. Though the competition was stiff, especially from Nicholas Cage in "Adaptation," one has little reason to complain, and Brody's stopping the "get off the stage" music so that he could speak longer was great.

Nicole Kidman beating out the "Chicago" team was a shock. Though "Chicago" certainly ran the show, it was nice to see that the academy wasn't blind to the fact that Kidman is a much better actress than all the actresses in "Chicago" combined.

It was nice to see the academy recognize "Hable Con Ella" for best original screenplay, even though it really deserved best foreign film of the year. And Roman Polanski certainly deserved credit as director for "The Pianist." His winning of the award for achievement in directing was well earned.

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The real treat of the night was watching Michael Moore's diatribe about the war. Following his reception of the best documentary award for "Bowling for Columbine," Moore quickly went off on the Florida recount and the war in Iraq. This may seem expected, but it's nice to see that some people in Hollywood are willing to use their fame to speak their minds on such important issues, no matter which side that individual is on.

One can conclude that the awards show was not the atrocity that features editor Joel Frady and myself were expecting. A number of deserving films won awards, giving us hope for a traditionally frustrating awards show. And even though "Chicago" won best film of the year, on the whole, the awards show honored a number of truly deserving artists and visionaries. For that, they should be applauded.

Oo-la-la! Is Gucci ad simply gratuitous?

Wendy Navratil

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(U-WIRE) TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — G-rated, it is not. But a G, for Gucci, certainly marks the spot in an ad from the March issue of Interview magazine.

azine.
With his hand on her thigh, a kneeling man is poised before the nether regions of a standing woman. She's draped in a kimono-style minidress, which flows open to expose a shaved "G" monogram just below his eye level.

"Wow, oh my God, wow," said Kate Schaefer, 23, of Chicago upon being introduced to it while browsing through Borders' periodicals. Hers was one of several gut reactions tending toward the monosyllabic or silent.

"Phew, that's too hot, too hot," said George Baker, 46, a photographer from Chicago.

"Awful. Dreadful," said Constance Nīlsson, 77, also of Chicago. "You know, my sister came [to visit] from England, and she said this is the most puritanical and most pornographic nation on Earth. I'm not a puritan, but this just goes too far."

Of course, she knows Gucci is Italian. Relatively tamer ads ran in most other American magazines here, including Vogue.

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The racier one did run in British Vogue, drawing 16 complaints to the Advertising Standards Authority there, which considered banning it. But recently, the authority opted against censorship, calling the ad "intimate rather than aggressive."

And, of course, we know the laissez-faire reputation of many other Europeans when it comes to intimate imagery.

"I like it," said Borders customer Jean-Pierre Albouy, 33, visiting the United States from France. "I got the brand right away."

Americans may be prudish "on the outside,"

he said, "[but] on the inside ..."
His sentence trailed off in a half-smile.

"It plays on the fantasies people don't speak of," said former city-dweller Kit Bernardi, 42, leafing through shelter magazines to find ideas for the suburban home she just moved into with her husband and 3-year-old. "They're going for the geisha look — the male version. I like it, And I like her shoes."

There's the rub.

What's the aftershock value for advertisers — do risqué ads sell the shoes, the beer, the perfume?

"You couldn't put a meter on this particular ad and say, 'Oh, wow, look at that [sales] spike that occurred because of that ad,'" said James Twitchell, professor of English and advertising at the University of Florida in Gainesville. "But this is what Gucci 'owns,' in advertising jargon. They are raunchy and edgy and slightly vulgar, which is an intriguing position for a luxury supplier to take".

Shock's value may be debatable. Gucci Group's earnings soared during the last several years, then third-quarter results for 2002 dropped. Of course, other luxury purveyors are hurting, too. And regardless of economic recession, sex-centric imagery seems to be expanding following the

mini-age of innocence after the World Trade Center attacks.

Under the vision of designer Tom Ford, Gucci became cool — or hot — enough for hiphop lyrics. Ford now is taking another Gucci Group brand, Yves St. Laurent, to a similar level, with full frontal nudity in ads for YSL's M7 men's fragrance, which appeared in some European magazines.

ropean magazines.

Pony shoes' latest campaign will feature porn stars. Victoria's Secret, with its primetime runway shows and pink peek-a-boo lingerie ads (peek-a-boo on the back side) in March magazines, just published a limited-edition book, "Sexy," with images it reports were too provocative for ads or catalogs. (Not for sale, guys; it was sent to a select few.) Miller Lite commercials feature a Playboy Playmate bunny-fighting her way into a pool with another woman.

"If anyone is willing to watch 'Joe Millionaire,' why not the Gucci ad? We can have a discussion on what's more tasteless," said Irene Wilson, a marketing consultant who formerly was vice president of corporate marketing at Spiegel. "The American public is truly ready for any lows."

That was less the case a few years ago, when Abercrombie & Fitch caught flak for sexually suggestive scenarios in its quarterly catalogs aimed at teens, which, judging by sales, were an immense success.

That reveals the split between a few malcontents and the masses, said Sam Shahid, president and creative director of Shahid & Co., an agency in New York that has handled Abercrombie advertising.

"People are much more accepting than [many] realize," he said.

They notice and appreciate the theatrical quality, he said, "as long as it's in good taste."

He's quick to say that the risqué isn't always in taste. He cites ads for Candies shoes a few years ago, featuring Jenny McCarthy on a toilet.

"That was just grotesque," he said.

The recent Gucci ad rises above that, he and other experts say.

"It didn't bother me because I didn't think the woman looked like a victim," said Laurel Wentz, international editor for Advertising Age. "She looked pretty much like she was in control of things. It wasn't gratuitous nudity — it was almost a pun on G spot and G-string. There's a message there."

Another message here is that one group's decency is another's depravity.

A Swedish advertising industry group earlier this month formally frowned upon a McDonald's commercial that showed a woman helping a man get ready for work in the morning, serving him coffee and straightening his tie, with their children imitating the behavior in the background.

Such a scenario, the group said, conveyed stereotypical roles and was belittling to men

Therefore, they ruled it was gender discrimi-

"So," Wentz said, "go figure."

The 'Boat Trip' less taken



Boat Trip

Starring: Cuba Gooding Jr., Horatio Sanz Director: Mort Nathan

Director:

Lori Miranda Osgood

Staff Write

The growing trend the past few months in movies has leaned toward the emotional, with dramas such as "The Life of David Gale," "The Hours" and "Tears of the Sun," sending women out the theater crying and men on the verge of getting emotional. "Boat Trip," starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Vivica A. Fox, is a polar opposite of what has become the norm.

After Gooding's Oscar-winning performance in "Jerry Maguire," moviegoers everywhere expect high caliber acting from the actor, but in "Boat Trip," he does not hit this mark — in fact, he misses the mark completely. Gooding plays Jerry, a dimwitted straight guy who is looking for love when he sets sail on a Caribbean cruise with his best friend, Nick (Horatio Sanz, "Saturday Night Live"), only to find out too late that all of the passengers are gay. Although Jerry is a sweet guy, he's also a flake and it's hard to relate to all the dumb choices he makes throughout the film.

The film's introduction is quite indicative of what is to ensue for the next hour and a half, with Gooding strutting his stuff and dancing his butt off like he's Tom Cruise from "Risky Business."

The first stint of uncontrollable laughter occurs when Jerry wrecks his relationship with his icy fiancé, played by Vivica A. Fox, by blowing chunks all over her during his "romantic" hot-air balloon planned proposal. It isn't all laughs for Jerry, however, for he sinks into deep depression, and only after his six-month recouping period does he decide to make an attempt at finding romance. What ensues is nothing less than a debacle.

mance. What ensues is nothing less than a debacle. The less-than-brilliant Nick botches his less-than-brilliant plan to find Jerry and himself a woman by going on a singles cruise when he angers the travel agent. The agent schemes to exact his revenge on Nick by booking the straight pals on a gay singles liner.

Not atypical of the movie, Nick is so desperate to get off of the ship that he uses a flare gun to alert a passing helicopter but blunders by hitting it and shooting it down. It is not a total failure, however, for the next

morning, Nick awakes with the surprise of 12 hot, Swedish tanning team members who were in the helicopter he shot down and are now stranded on the boat. Unfortunately, Nick only makes "headway" with the less than feminine — but horny — coach.

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The key element to the movie is that Jerry doesn't lament his situation on the cruise. Instead, he decides to embrace homosexuality. No, he isn't that easily influenced by the homosexual nature of the other passengers, but the beautiful female dance instructor does catch his eye when she rescues him from drowning in one of the ship's swimming pools. But how does falling for her lead to his homosexuality — or the ploy thereof? Jerry lets her believe that he's gay because Gabriella (Roselyn Sanchez) is known as a man-hater, and if he's gay, she'll put her guard down (with such notable events as undressing in front of him and showing how she gives a good blow job).

The highlight of the movie, and perhaps Gooding's shining moment, is when he sings "I'm Coming Out" in a sequined thong to the ship's onlookers.

The movie is not short in its exchange of sexual humor. Viewers are left in stitches after knocks on heterosexuality, homosexuality and solo acts of gratification. It's even hard to watch the bare-butted, thongwearing men and not get turned on.

Unfortunately, "Boat Trip" is like "The Love Boat"

Unfortunately, "Boat Trip" is like "The Love Boat" gone wrong. It is all aboard with non-P.C. references, homophobia and some of the worst intra-male and female instances that could be imagined.

Nick is a prime example. All the poor fool wants is to get a little action from a hot, Swedish tanning beauty, but he's always thwarted and hit on by the teammates manly coach who enjoys showing him her deep-throat skills with a baseball bat. Getting past the perverse, this and the preceding scenes are hilariously funny.

The most ludicrous part of the film does not equate with the cast and crew's sense of humor. The movie actually tries to teach morals to the populace. Not following the same mold of slapstick comedies such as "Dumb and Dumber," "Boat Trip" doesn't turn out to be funny just for the hell of it. Nick and Jerry try to teach underhandedly that straight men can be friends with gay men. And that they are not always just cross-dressers but can also be professionals. Who doesn't know this already? Sometimes it's just better to leave funny at funny.

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Today is a 7. Tuesday isn't usually date night, but for you it could work out just fine. Plan a special evening, snuggly and inexpensive. That's the very best kind.

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motivated, you acquire new skills quickly. Don't waste this talent, or your



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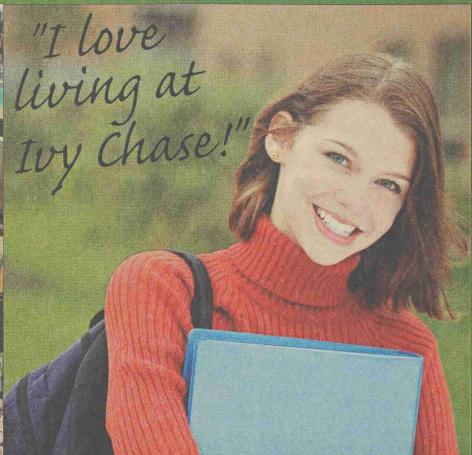
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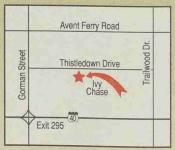
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This is the NCAA tournament," Sherrill said. "We felt coming into the tournament we were playing our best basketball. And to come out and not play as well as we can? Now we have to go home and watch the rest of the tournament."

The Pack was surely able to identify with UNC-Wilmington

hit a prayer of a 3-pointer from deep right. It was only a few weeks earlier that a Nicholas shot put away the Pack in Raleigh.

But that's sport, especially in the NCAA tournament. And the Wolfpack's last game of the season was essentially a blue print for what March Madness is all about. The game was as close as Bert and Ernie and was full of memorable plays. It was the type

Friday night, as Drew Nicholas of game that developed its own personality, one of those rare events in sport when being there in person and trying to describe it live is like trying to describe cal-culus to a kindergartner.

But for State, like the 30 games before, it was just plain madden-

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In the high jump, Joanne Jackson and April Goolsby tied for sixth, clearing 1.55 meters. Sheena Dawkins was third in the long jump, clearing 5.74 meters. Kelly Smoke finished second in the shot put with 12.86 meters, third in the hammer with a 49.90-meter throw and fifth in the discus with a 45.06 meter

SOFTBALL

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team stands.

"The most exciting part is get-ting it going," said Navas. "It just seems like this whole year has taken forever. It's fun to plan and everything, but I'm ready to go I get excited just to go see a high school game and actually see softball. It's tough not having practice every day and not having interactions with the kids."

Navas got some of that interaction yesterday at the tryouts at Jaycee Park, and she's looking for some athletes to help the team.

"I want to be open to whoever's going to help us," Navas said. "A lot of these kids play on the club team and they may offer us some things. If they're quick, we're going to get them. We always need pinch runners. We need kids that are going to make things happen.

"There are a lot of kids that came to State knowing there wasn't a softball program but always wanted one, and now here's their chance?

Nine recruits have been signed to scholarships for next season, and Navas hopes to sign more depending on the needs that arise throughout the course of the Pack's first season. Also, the Pack can expect a junior college transfer and another sophomore student who plans on transferring to State.

The team will hit the field together for the first time in June for some practices and scrimmages.

"I'm just so excited about next year," said Navas. "Once they start on the field, we'll see how it goes We'll get some practice games and try to get everything going. It'll be really exciting come fall."

There will be an additional tryout session in September for those students who are graduating from high school this year, and also for any students who may transfer to State.

WRESTLING

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Tournament as well just weeks after getting his knee scoped after a late-season injury. Such was the story for the Pack wrestlers for most of the season.

"For the most part, we had injury problems," said Guzzo. "We had a really good team coming back and then one thing hap pened and another thing hap-pened, and the injuries built up. George Cintron had his knee scoped and Kevin Gabrielson had surgery on his thumb. He actually had to wrestle the ACC tourna-

ment in a cast."
"Dustin Kawa was hurt most of the year with a knee and back injury, and Scott Garren had knee and head problems most of the year. Right off the bat, we had problems. But we got strong efforts from kids who were in backup roles, and the kids who were injured wrestled well when they got into the lineup.

The Wolfpack ended the season 8-10 overall and 2-3 in the ACC. This year's schedule included tough matches against frequent national contenders Iowa State, VMI and Lehigh. At the ACC championships, State finished second with 82 points while Carolina won with 104.5 team points. Now Guzzo, his staff and the wrestlers are looking to next

"[Cintron] is really the only guy that we lose," said Guzzo. "We're bringing in some freshmen who are pretty good. We just need to continue to work hard, and the NCAA Tournament should be a good learning experience for these guys. They need to work harder to have success at NCAAs. We had a lot of kids this year that we red-shirted, and we did well recruiting. We recruited Scott Garren's brother, who will wrestle 184 lbs. or 197 lbs. We're still in the recruiting process so I think that it really looks bright for the

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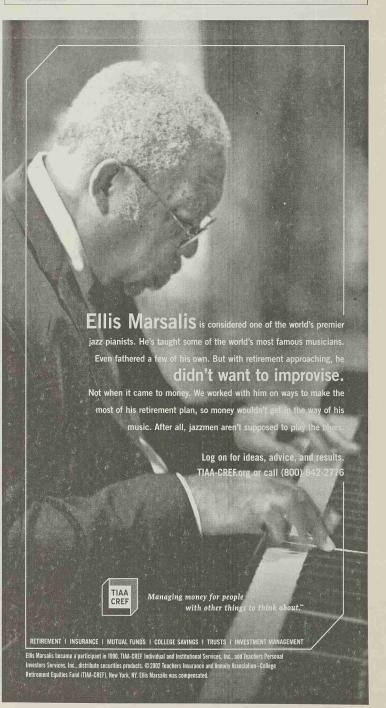
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Madness defined



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It was shortly after N.C. State's loss to California when someone said it. "Well, if the shot fell," the statement started, "it would have gone down as the best final sequence in the history of the NCAA tournament.

At first, I thought about all those who might have something to say about such a bold claim. Guys like Lorenzo Charles or Christian Laettner or Tyus Edney. Guys like Bryce Drew, even. But then I realized how true it all was. If Scooter Sherrill's shot had fallen — it would have been his second 3-pointer in less than 13 seconds - N.C. State's "win" over Cal might just have to be considered one of the great moments, if not the greatest of all moments, in tournament his-

Think about it: that would have meant a final 13 seconds involving three lead changes, all on one shot each. It would have involved a buzzer-beater, perhaps the most exciting play in sports. And, of course, Sherrill would have been mobbed on court like Justin Timberlake at an allgirl middle school, which would have been the final ingredient for the "Great March Madness Moment" recipe.

But only in sports can such a moment go from being a potential best to an immediate bust. Take the business world, for example. If you're a CEO, and your company develops a product that nets almost \$100 billion, you've still got around \$90 or so billion. If you're a movie star, and you just miss winning an Oscar, you still get "Academy Award Nominee" plastered all over the DVD box.

But what does Sherrill gets

A teary eye, a locker room full of statuelike teammates. The solace in knowing that maybe a little right and a little

"I had a good look," he said after the

Before his good look, Sherrill calmly nailed a 3-pointer to put State up by one with 12.8 seconds left. It appeared the Wolfpack would finally be the one sending a last-second dagger through the heart of its opponent.

"It was excitement," said Sherrill of the atmosphere after that shot. "You think you have the game won ...

An inch or two shorter on that lastsecond heave, and Sherrill would have gotten a lot more than a long, delayed flight home from Oklahoma that didn't leave until Friday morning instead of Thursday after the loss. His efforts would have been played and replayed on the road to the Final Four in New Orleans. CBS would have given him all the show that's reserved for those classic, last-second postcard moments.

As upset as Sherrill was about missing the shot — he repeatedly said he should have knocked it down afterward - the overall play of his team had to be more disappointing. In seeing him the moments after, the soft-spoken junior — a guy who has bided his time in the program after two tough seasons flected on what could have been. If only State had made a few more layups. If only the Wolfpack could have boxed out. If only a few more loose balls had gone

"A lot of opportunities," Sherrill said. "We felt like we were the better team, but we didn't play our best basketbal We had a lot of opportunities to take the lead, but we couldn't get stops. We should have gotten more stops.

Really, Sherrill's comments were a kind of description of State's stock-marketlike season. Fans were at the high of highs after midseason wins against Duke and North Carolina but hit bottom after losing to Temple a month later. Even when the Pack was playing its best ball — at the end of the season — it always seemed like State's opponent was just one step

State had hoped that would change in the madness that is March - that maybe, just maybe, the breaks would start falling its way.

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Softball eager to take the field

The burgeoning softball program fielded tryouts Monday afternoon for its first team,

Brian Grossman

Wolfpack fans everywhere will have another team to cheer on starting in the spring of 2004. The women's softball team will start practicing in the fall and will leave the dugout for its first game the following spring.

win over Florida State, N.C. State

Following a big series win over then second-ranked Florida State, the N.C. State

baseball team has taken a big jump in

the national rankings. Collegiate Base-ball magazine has bumped the Wolfpack

from No. 25 a week ago to No. 16 in its

latest poll, which was released on Mon-

day. The No. 16 ranking is the highest that State has been ranked since USA To-

day Baseball Weekly ranked the Pack No.

In addition, Baseball America maga-

zine has ranked the Wolfpack No. 17 in

its latest poll, also released on Monday.

ed Florida State twice in the weekend se-

ries, winning 4-2 and 5-2 in a Saturday

doubleheader before falling to the Semi

noles 3-1 on Sunday. All three games

were played at Kinston's Grainger Sta-

dium. The Sunday loss snapped a 16-

game winning streak for the Wolfpack, the

second-longest winning streak in school

history. State won 19 consecutive games

The jump in the rankings makes this

coming weekend's series with Clemson

a headline event. The Tigers (16-3) will

enter action this weekend ranked No. 10

by Collegiate Baseball and No. 14 by

Baseball America. The Clemson series

State and Clemson are just two of six

Atlantic Coast Conference teams ranked

this week by Collegiate Baseball. Georgia

Tech (20-2) is No. 2, right behind top-ranked Rice, and Florida State (25-4) fell

just one spot to No. 3. Wake Forest (15

7) is No. 19 and North Carolina (16-7)

Jesse Williams posted a regional qualifying score in the high jump at

the first outdoor track meet. File photo by Rob Bradle;

also will be at Grainger Stadium.

State, now 21-5 on the season, defeat-

moved into the top 20, and Colt

Morton won ACC Player of the

Week honors.

9 on May 5, 1997.

Excitement fills the air around head coach Lisa Navas as she awaits the beginning of the first of two tryout sessions. She will tackle the challenge of building a successful program from scratch but is undaunted.

"I'm fortunate because I've had a lot of years of experience as a head coach, so I know what needs to be done, and I've done that," Coach Navas said. "It's just exciting overall to see how you put everying to come together starting next year."

Wolfpack baseball ranked,

What is the toughest aspect about building the program?

"Patience," said Navas. "I'm a highly intense person, and softball has been in my life in some form or another since I was 8 years old, so I'm really excited to get moving, and you have to be very patient for something like this.

The main goal for the first season will be to put the team together and build some sort of camaraderie among the players so Navas can assess where the

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NCAAs. Photo courtesy gopack.com

State wrestlers wrap up season

State finished the NCAA championships tied for 48th with the Citadel.

The N.C. State wrestling program closed out its season this past weekend at the NCAA wrestling championships in Kansas City. Four Wolfpack wrestlers made the trip west, but all came back empty-handed as the Pack finished tied for 48th overall out of 70 teams at the tournament.

Three wrestlers, George Cintron, Jake Giamoni and Scott Garren, all made it to the third round of the tournament before being eliminated. Dustin Kawa was eliminated after his first two matches.

"I felt that all of them had an opportunity to make All-American," said head coach Bob Guzzo. "It's a very difficult tournament. There are returning national champions that compete the first round, and I don't think we had our best day but that's the way it goes. Fortunately, we have lots of those kids coming back and next year is looking very, very

Giamoni had the best showing for the Pack, going 2-2 overall in the double elimination tournament. He defeated both Jacob Harris of UT-Chattanooga and Tony Hook of Oregon State, 6-3, but lost to Jake Percival of Ohio University, 8-1, and was finally eliminated, 6-0, by Jody Giuricich of Pennsylvania.

Cintron, in his final matches of his N.C. State college career, went 1-2 in the tournament. He started out with a win over Aaron Suranofsky of George Mason, 7-3, but then lost back to back matches to Luke Eustice of Iowa and Heath McKim of Air Force

Cintron wrestled in not only the NCAA Championships but the ACC See WRESTLING page 7



Jeremy Dutton and the Wolfpack moved up nine spots to No. 16 in this week's base-

The spoils for defeating second-ranked Florida State continued to roll in for State when junior catcher Colt Morton was named the ACC's Player of the Week on Monday for the week ending March 24.

Morton - who went 7-for-15 with a double, three home runs and five RBIs in four games last week - spearheaded the Wolfpack's doubleheader sweep of the Seminoles this past Saturday. In game one of the twin bill, Morton hit a solo homer to lift the Pack to a 4-2 lead. In the nightcap, he stroked a leadoff home

run in the seventh inning to get the Wolfbroke a 2-2 deadlock in the bottom of the eighth with another homer to left field, a two-run shot that put State up 4-

For the season, Morton is hitting .283 with eight doubles, nine home runs and

Previously, junior right-hander Vern Sterry was named ACC Pitcher of the Week for the week that ended March 17, and Joe Gaetti was ACC Player of the Week for the week that ended March 10.

Pack track opens season in Queen City Four athletes earned Kurtis Marlowe also recordregional qualifying marks ed an NCAA regional time of in the first meet of the

year for the outdoor track team.

Sports Staff Report

CHARLOTTE — The N.C. State track and field team kicked off its 2003 season this past weekend by participating in the 49ers Classic held in Charlotte. Derrick High, Kurtis Marlowe and Jesse Williams all earned NCAA regional qualifying marks in the first meet of the season for the men's team, as did Ebony Foster on the women's side

Derrick High brought home a first-place finish in the 400meter run with an NCAA regional qualifying time of 47.12 seconds, and he was also second in the 200-meter run, finishing with a time of 21.58 sec-

3:49.26 for second place in the 1,500-meter run. Freshman Jesse Williams, who earned All-American honors during the indoor season, won the high jump by clearing 2.17 meters.

the 200-meter run (21.72 seconds) and sixth in the 100-meter run (10.93 seconds). Monterrio Adams took sixth in the 400-meter run with a time of 48.54 seconds. In the 400-meter hurdles, Andrew Kerins was 12th (55.84 seconds) and Jeff Baird took 13th (55.95 sec-

Michael Hill was 10th in the high jump (1.92 meters). In the triple jump, Hill placed second (14.50 meters) and Jason Vieira was fifth (14.24 meters). In the pole vault, Eric Hoverstad was fourth (4.60 meters) and Justin Farmer sixth (4.45 meters). Se-

nior Randy Cass had a busy day, finishing second in the hammer (53.16 meters), seventh in the shot put (13,49 meters), and 10th in the discus (43.69 meters). James Rowell heave of 49.93 meters.

On the women's side, Ebony Foster earned an NCAA regional qualifying time in the 100-meter hurdles, running a time of 13.67 seconds and finishing first. Foster also ran the 200-meter run in 24.37 seconds for a second-place finish. Felicia Fant won the 100-meter run with her time of 12.04 seconds. Fant was also fourth in the 200-meter run, finishing in 24.60 seconds. Nasheena Quick was fifth in the 100-meter run (12.62 seconds). In the 1,500meter run, Janelle Vadnais was seventh (4:38.76), and Renee Gunning took 10th (4:45.10).

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