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IN THE KNOW

WORLD

Saddam Hussein urges Arab clans to join war

A statement, attributed to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, called for Arab tribesmen and clans throughout Iraq to join in the fight against the U.S.-led coalition.

Broadcast on Iraqi TV, the statement, which was read by a broadcaster, requests that tribesmen damage coalition forces, including American and British soldiers, through surprise attacks.

Still, Tuesday's announcement comes after several reports questioning whether Hussein is actually alive or dead. According to reports, what was believed to be one of Hussein's compounds was struck by armed forces on Thursday.

Russian tycoon arrested by British officials

Boris Berezovsky, the Russian tycoon, was recently arrested for alleged fraud, said reports.

According to officials, Berezovsky, he fled Russia in 2000 to elude corruption charges that he believed were politically motivated.

Police officials say that Berezovsky, who was once an adviser to former Russian president Boris Yeltsin, defrauded a local Russian government.

NATION

Man charged with starving girlfriend's teen

On Monday, Paul Hoffman was charged with murder for starving his girlfriend's 18-year-old son and then kicking the starving teen out of their home.

According to reports, while Hoffman was aware of Chester Miller's low mental capacity, he put the teenager on a two-day bus ride from Hazleton, Pa., to Florida to find his estranged father.

Miller died on Sept. 25, 2002, in a hospital after being found weighing 62 pounds.

According to reports, Hoffman and Lyda Miller, the teen's mother, starved Miller regularly after he turned 18. In addition, the teen was confined to one room and beat regularly.

Hoffman was charged with third-degree murder.

Officials fear nation ill-prepared for attack

Officials have recently started expressing their concern regarding the toxin botulinum, which is the most poisonous natural substance on Earth, getting into the hands of bioterrorists. These officials believe that the United States is not prepared for a botulinum attack.

While officials from the National Institutes of Health say they are making the issue their "highest priority," the toxin is easily poisonous and has the potential, if leaked into a food supply, to sicken thousands.

According to reports, the government only has enough antitoxin to treat a small attack of about 1,000.

Because of the fact that in 1995 Iraq told the United Nations that it had over 5,000 gallons of botulinum toxin that was loaded into bombs and warheads, the United States has become even more concerned as war continues to wage in the country.

U.N. inspectors believe that Hussein actually has the ability to produce twice that amount.

STATE

N.C. bill calls for more disclosure from solicitors

A bill was approved on Tuesday by a state Senate panel that would ultimately require that paid solicitors for charities immediately disclose how much of the donation they would be cut.

The bill states that, if the donor asks, the solicitor must disclose immediately how much of the money they raise will actually be going to charity.

The current law allows this disclosure to take place up to 14 days after the solicitation of donations.

Meteorologists predict six hurricanes this season

While researchers are predicting that this hurricane season will produce fewer named storms than average, they say that it will still produce the same amount of hurricanes.

On Monday, the Weather Research Center forecast eight tropical storms, with six of them turning into hurricanes. The average for a given season is 10 tropical storms and six hurricanes.

According to the Orbital Cyclone Strike Index, the East Coast above Florida is the most likely to be hit by a major storm this year, with a 64 percent chance.

Communications professor discusses media role in war

Robert Entman, professor of communications, says the extensive coverage of the war has a significant influence on the public's opinion and the development of foreign policy.

Bess Futrell
Staff Reporter

With constant coverage on television, the Internet and in newspapers, the media have established their important role in the war with Iraq, as well as their longtime influence on public opinion and foreign policy.

Even before the war began, news channels, such as CNN and MSNBC, were keeping the public well-informed of the happenings in Iraq.

Now that the United States is officially at war, not a day goes by when the phrases "Showdown with Saddam" or "War with Iraq" do not appear on television screens or newspapers throughout the country.

"We've probably had too much coverage," said senior Sandra Broome, an English major.

"It is overwhelming with it on all day, every day."

Such extensive coverage of events and news does have a significant influence on the public's opinion, as well as the development of foreign policy.

In his book, "Projections of Power," Robert Entman, professor of communication at N.C. State, argues that the media have become more powerful in the United States' foreign policy process and public opinion over the past 20 years.

"It's not so much that the media necessarily determine real public opinion, but that the media influence what our leaders think public opinion is," said Entman. He thinks that there is quite a bit of evidence that proves our leaders consistently misinterpret what the public really thinks as a result of the me-

dia's coverage.

Entman thinks that the significant pressure created from media's handling of prewar coverage delayed immediate action in Iraq. In Entman's opinion, their emphasis on countries that opposed the United States' intervention forced President Bush to return to the United Na-

tions several times for more resolutions and, as a result, delayed action.

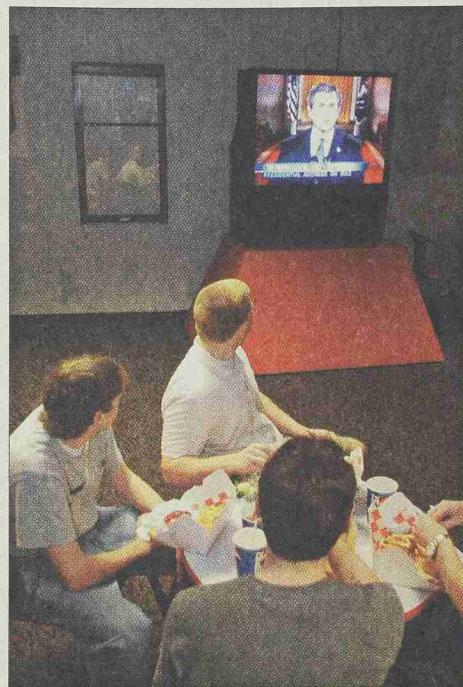
"They really have to worry about how the media are going to play it, and that might alter the way they construct the policy," stated Entman in reference to the govern-

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ment. According to Entman, the government would be much less concerned about precision bombs if, there were no televisions.

"They don't want pictures of hospitals being blown up, so



Students watch war news while eating in the Wolfe's Den.

File photo by Matt Huffman

they are going to be very precise," said Entman.

When it comes to foreign policy, some question whether or not it is a good idea for the public to play an influential role in

the decision making.

Although, as a democracy, the United States agrees on domestic policy, it is unclear if the same is true for foreign affairs. Ent-

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Instant distraction

College students use AOL Instant Messenger and similar software to keep track of relatives and friends, but the programs can become addictive.

Andrea Deleo
Staff Reporter

The familiar sounds that have many students racing to their computers to see who has instant messaged them, signed on, or signed off AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) are quickly becoming a part of everyday college life.

AIM, an online messaging system, is a communication link between friends, family, co-workers and long-distance relatives. The service is free and the restrictions that are in place are lenient, thus many college-age people use this quick tool as a part of their daily lives.

All students meet the age re-

quirement to utilize the program. The only other step people must take is creating a screen name that they want to be known as online.

AIM allows users to talk to as many people as they wish simultaneously. It is an easy way to be productive and social at the same time.

"It is a good way to find out about things quickly," said Anna Friend, a freshman in communications.

The convenience of AIM is a key factor to its growing popularity among young people. Many people like to look at their friends' away messages and see what they are up to at the moment.

"When I come back from class, it's nice to be able to chat with a friend real quick and see how their day is going without using my cell phone minutes," said freshman Kelly Schwartz.

The question of whether many

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Homecoming changes in the works

Changes for next year's Homecoming festivities include increased publicity, greater availability of tickets and holding the entire event a month earlier than usual.

Natalie Hecht
Staff Reporter

Each year, the Homecoming committee and the N.C. State Alumni Association Student Ambassador Program works towards making Homecoming the best possible experience for students and alumni.

"The goal of the Alumni Association and the Homecoming committee is to have the entire N.C. State community participate in Homecoming week and we hope to offer as many opportunities as possible to

make that a reality," says Brooklyn Winters, a staff member of the Alumni Association.

Although Homecoming usually takes place in mid to late October, Homecoming 2003 will be the NCSU vs. Texas Tech game on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003 — approximately a month earlier than usual.

There are several reasons Homecoming has been moved earlier for next year including a more convenient planning interval, ticket availability and a more convenient time for students planning to attend.

There is a large amount of planning and preparation that goes into Homecoming and the related activities, and the Homecoming committee has already had their first meeting.

"It's really better that we've moved up the date for September this coming year, be-

cause in past years it seems the bulk of the planning got done only several weeks before the main event anyway," said Jodee Ruppel, head of the Homecoming committee. "It's like a big school assignment, nobody buckles down if the date is so far away."

The goal of the committee is to have Homecoming and all the necessary resources planned before the end of the spring semester.

But one of the most challenging tasks is to publicize the event.

Jonathan Greene, the 2003 Homecoming chair, said that, "Starting now will give us ample time to begin promoting what we expect to be the largest and most extravagant Homecoming the Wolfpack has yet

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HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK 2003

The following events are scheduled to celebrate Human Rights Week. All events are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, March 26

12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Readings of Human Rights in Literature and the Media Class of 1998 Greenspace (right next to the Brickyard) Rain location TBA.
Sponsored by the NCSU Libraries Diversity Committee.

12:30 p.m.

Film "Africa I will Fleece You," African-American Cultural Center Multipurpose Room.
Sponsored by the African-American Heritage Society.

4 p.m.

Speaker Stephanie Frances, Domestic Violence: A Human Rights Issue, Witherspoon Cinema.

Sponsored by Interact and the Office of the Provost.

Thursday, March 27

12:30 p.m.
Film "Constitution: A Delicate Balance" at Witherspoon Cinema.
Sponsored by African-American Heritage Society

2 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Park Scholars' 5th Annual Symposium, A Sustainable Future: Challenging Communities to Change Stewart Theatre. Featuring Sister Miriam Therese MacGillis, Michael Schman, Frances and Anna Lappe and a panel discussion.
Sponsored by Park Scholarships and the Kenan Institute.

3 p.m.

Keynote speaker Dr. Peggy McIntosh, "How Privilege Systems Undermine

Democratic Ideal." African-American Cultural Center Multipurpose Room.
Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs and the Office for Equal Opportunity.

6 p.m.

Speaker Dr. Peggy McIntosh, "Five Interactive Frames of Mind for Thinking About Life," 216 Poe Hall.
Sponsored by Office for Equal Opportunity, the College of Education, and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Tunnel of Oppression: Students will journey through a series of sensory experiences relating to oppressive situation. Sullivan Residence Hall.
Sponsored by Sullivan Hall.

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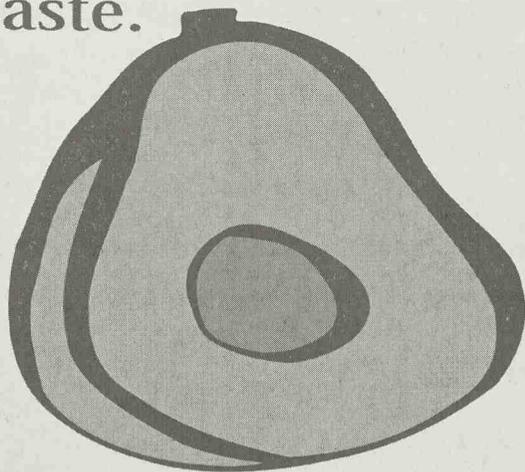
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man thinks that the public's democratic presence in foreign policy-making enhances citizens' ability to protect their own interests.

"Public exposure and deliberations actually helps," said Entman.

For example, he believes that it even had the potential to stop the Vietnam War much earlier.

However, many times the public is exposed to a carefully developed package that is built to attract audiences and maintain their interests, rather than to simply inform them.

"Since everyone is competing with everyone else, there is a great push to [make it jazzier] and more entertaining," said Entman.

Entman also believes that, although the media are bringing us closer to the war than ever before, their coverage is still misleading.

He said, "It remains a very selected portrayal of what is going on — one that is packaged to be entertaining. And that sort of brings it down from reality." According to Entman, the media does not show the real reality, which includes pictures much more unpleasant than armored tanks moving across Iraq.

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to see."

Another reason Homecoming has been made earlier is because of football ticket availability. Due to the performance of the NCSU football team, ticket availability is a bigger issue than in previous years. In an earlier, non-conference game, the university hopes more tickets will be available.

"In order to invite alumni back to Homecoming, we need to be able to offer football tickets. Over the past two years, we have only had 250 tickets for alumni to purchase. This year, we expect to have 1000 more," said Winters.

Due to the schedule change, the Homecoming Committee believes that Homecoming 2003 will be more convenient all around.

The temperature will be more predictable and pleasant and will allow for more participation in outdoor activities which include Wear Red-Get Fed, the parade and pep rally, Pack Howl, and game day activities.

The new Homecoming date will also be better financially because there will be less expenses in the way of rentals of tents, heaters, and other materials required for cooler weather.

The parade and pre-game day activities will not start until 6 p.m. this year, unlike previous years in which events have been planned at a time when students are still in class, and faculty, staff and alumni are still at work.

Another benefit of an earlier Homecoming is that students will have a lighter workload and be much more likely to participate in activities, say committee members.

Overall, Greene thinks moving up the date will be a positive change.

"We expect the early Homecoming date to be beneficial to the participation and overall success of Homecoming," he said. "We are anticipating a huge increase in student body and alumni participation and we expect to set precedence for many more years to come."

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college students are addicted to AIM is an interesting one. When asked, many responded that they had never pondered that question before. But when they actually thought about the several

hours they sometimes spend on the program, some agreed that they could be addicted. However, a few people said that when they go home, they do not get online as often.

"When I'm home in Charlotte, I usually only get online to check my e-mail," said Schwartz.

When students go home for a weekend or a holiday, they want to visit old friends and family. The friends that would be online would be the friends from school, which they see all the time.

"I will admit I do miss talking to everyone online when I'm at home," said Friend.

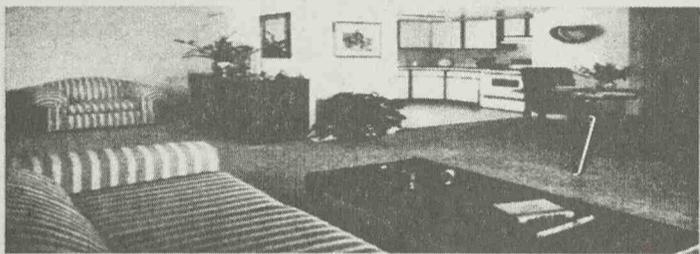
The average user talks to buddies online at least 10 times a day. Users agree that they just like to chat whenever they are bored and have nothing to do. Some even check various away messages of the people they consider "important" when they have nothing to do.

Some might argue that these people need to find more useful things to do during their spare time. But users retort that if you have never used AIM, then you may not understand the addiction of the technology.

One compared it to a bite of a candy bar — you cannot just have one bite, and you want the whole bar. Users cannot just talk once a day, check one away message, or talk to one person. They want to talk all the time, check many people's away messages, or talk to more than one person.

AIM is a growing addiction among people, especially college students. It will be interesting to watch in the future.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Oscars not a place for soapbox speeches

This year, the celebration of motion-picture greatness was cut back a few steps because of the ongoing war with Iraq. Celebrities each found different ways to make their statements about the war, some, like Elizabeth Taylor, making a statement by shunning the awards altogether. Even with the split attitudes concerning the war, America needs Hollywood and the media to keep on a strong face and to not allow terror to come too close to home.

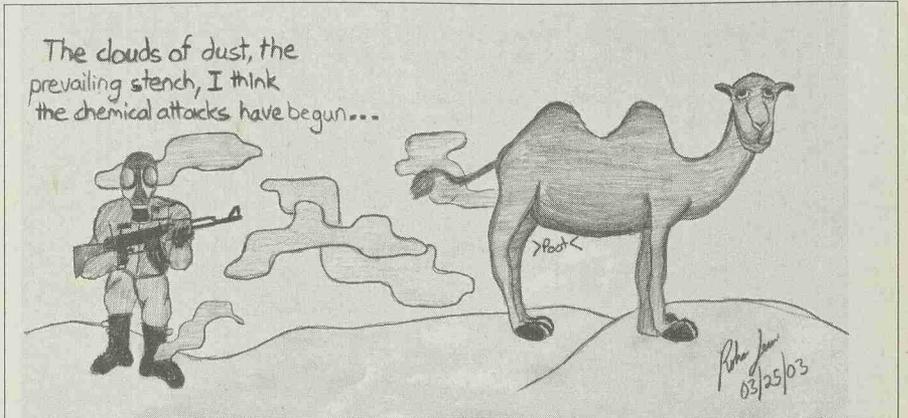
Steve Martin, while hosting the show made a remark about cutting back on all the "glitz," especially the red carpet where America is normally allowed to watch the celebrities enter with fashion and poise. "That'll show 'em," said Martin, his voice dripping with sarcasm. He's right, though. When Hollywood shows fear instead of showing determination, they set an example for the rest of the country. While it is their right to do whatever they like during the Academy Awards, it is our right to criticize them for letting terrorism and war do damage to the occasion.

This year's Oscars had the lowest ratings of the past several years, and one of the least impressive audiences as well. A full list of stars decided to give the show a miss this year, finding better things to

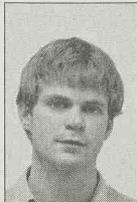
do. The show went off without incident, but that doesn't do much for America, the majority of whom didn't even watch the show.

Among the celebrities who made the proceedings uncomfortable, Michael Moore, who won an Oscar for his documentary "Bowling for Columbine," made a speech in which he flamed President Bush and the war with Iraq. While his comments were treated with both praise and discontent, they weren't appropriate for the Oscars. The Oscars is not watched so America can find out what the political views of their favorite celebrities are. America watches the Oscars to escape.

That's right, America needs someplace where they can go and forget for a bit that a war is going on and America's sons are fighting and dying. America needs a place to hide without calling it hiding. One of those places was taken away this year. As a country, we go to the movies to get away from reality, to suspend our disbelief and allow ourselves to be absorbed in a fantasy. When Hollywood and the media forget that, it shouldn't be a surprise when the ratings drop and America would rather pick up a good book.



Catch 22: Iraq



Greg Volk
Staff Columnist

allegedly threw grenades into a U.S. military tent in Kuwait. This "War on Iraq," which, technically, isn't even a war yet, is quickly becoming messier than the American government and American public had hoped it would be.

There are several factors that make this war so complicated (as if there were ever simple wars), but the first is that we won't get Saddam Hussein. President Bush and his top military officials know this and are content only to strip him from power and force him into exile. I think most Americans know this as well. In order to get Hussein we might have to violate our promise to avoid killing innocent civilians.

But even in our desire to protect the innocent and treat the surrendering Iraqis with dignity, Americans are dying. On at least two different occasions, Iraqis have waved a white flag to surrender and then have attacked U.S. soldiers as they have come to intercept them peacefully. This is a blatant violation of the Rules of Engagement for war. The

fact that war would have rules sounds contradictory, but this just shows once again that we are fighting a mad man and his mad regime.

All the anti-war protesters who compare this war to Vietnam are proving to be right in at least one sense; we don't know who we're fighting, and it's literally killing us. The soldiers who seem to surrender may fire on us, and the civilians who we want to protect may pull guns out and fire on our soldiers. As we know, Iraqi soldiers may force the residents of entire towns to leave so that the soldiers

and the coalition soldiers. We cannot, however, apply a utilitarian logic to the conflict and decide to concede a percentage of Iraqi civilians' lives for the good

of the whole like we did when we dropped the atom bombs in Japan. We are far from that and yet nowhere near a clear-cut, viable plan.

We've heard a lot about the Geneva Convention recently. When Iraqi forces captured U.S. troops and broadcast images of the captives they were interrogating, they violated Article 13 of the convention. This article states that "prisoners of war must at all times be protected, particularly against acts of violence or intimidation and against insults and public curiosity." President Bush has warned that after we seize Iraq, and he's confident we will, the United States will seek prosecution for war crimes in cases like these.

The more we try to protect the Iraqi people, the more we endanger the lives of our soldiers.

We are in that sticky situation those anti-war activists warned us about — it seems we have to risk killing innocent Iraqi civilians to save innocent Iraqi civilians. I hope President Bush and his military advisors know which end is up in all of this. I certainly don't. We will overtake Iraq and Saddam Hussein's regime, but the question is how and at what cost.

Greg likes to relieve stress from the war with a good WB sitcom. E-mail your favorite one to him at dieshus@hotmail.com.

CAMPUS FORUM

Regarding sidewalk advertising by Americana

The Americana staff has received numerous questions and complaints regarding our painting of the Brickyard and other areas. The announcements were, in fact, painted with spray chalk, a product used by work crews for temporary marking; it will deteriorate with traffic and weather much like regular chalk.

In fact, standard chalking done by other student groups on vertical surfaces (a violation of regulations) will remain long after our advertising has worn away. We tested the spray chalk in small areas a month ago, and the markings disappeared. Our publicity coordinator got permission from the facilities department to use it in exposed areas, and public safety has been vigilant in making sure our activity falls within campus regulations. We avoided using the chalk on concrete, which has a porous nature that makes the chalk stay longer.

In short, we have taken great care in ensuring that our publicity announcements have no permanent detrimental effect on our campus. I certainly understand the concern many of you have voiced. Unlike many of my fellow students, I think this is a very beautiful campus — bricks included — and I would not condone its vandalism by any member of my staff. The Americana staff prides itself on delivering a unique, thought-provoking, and sometimes controversial publication, but it takes even more pride

in its role as a member of the N.C. State community. Americana is, after all, the university's official online student magazine, and it would be counterproductive for us to act in a manner that antagonizes our constituents.

I hope I have put your concerns to rest and that you will now be free to devote your thoughts and pens to more important topics for discussion, like the war in Iraq — for such, after all, was the original purpose of our announcements. Enjoy our new issue! (<http://americana.ncsu.edu>)

Nathaniel Horner
Editor-in-Chief,
Americana

English paper analogy absurd

Comparing a student's refusal to write an English paper to a refusal to do a dissection is indeed, as the author admits, an absurd analogy. Students who, for a variety of reasons, have a moral opposition to dissection may not constitute a majority at N.C. State, but (to use a much less absurd analogy) neither do physically disabled or learning disabled students on campus. Neither do women. Still, the university has the responsibility to accommodate the needs of its students when feasible.

Obviously, there are practical considerations — one of which is cost — but the article's argument that using alternatives to dissection would be prohibi-

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Oh, to be in Baghdad, now that war has come



Ben McNeely
Staff Columnist

coalition forces to enter the streets in tanks and troop carriers. In the capitals of the world, protesters are taking to the streets and speaking out violently and vehemently against the nearly unilateral action taken by the United States. Michael Moore, in an inappropriate, shameless and tasteless acceptance speech at the Oscars, blasted Bush and denounced the war amid cheers and boos from the audience of celebrities. It seems the entire world has been thrown for a loop, yet deep down we all knew this day would come. So it begs the question: what do we do next?

First, and most importantly, end the war as quickly as possible. The soldiers, sailors and pilots that are fighting and flying are in harm's way and have volunteered to go in and protect our nation. Some have died and others have been wounded. It is time to get behind the service men and women who are fighting and dying for our safety and the safety of the world. The common foot soldier living, fighting and dying in the desert of Iraq and Kuwait needs our support more than anything right now. While they are fighting, we at home must press our leaders to get on with their plans, finish the job that has dragged on for too long now and get the troops home. It

may take a while, but the sooner the war is over, the sooner we get to the business of reconciliation with the rest of the world.

The United Nations is fractured and fragmented, but the time for debate is over. There is a great humanitarian mission that the United Nations must tend to. It is time for the nations to come together and tend to the war-weary people of the Middle East. It is time for the French to stop stalling the humanitarian aid that the people of Iraq so desperately need in favor of their own arrogant

and wounded pride. Jacques Chirac needs to step back from the impossible situation he has put the French people in, swallow the bitter pill of American unilateralism and stand up as an honorable leader of the world and help rebuild Iraq for the Iraqi people. The time for action is here, and the aftermath will be great. Cooperation from all the member nations of the United Nations is the only way to rebuild Iraq with a democratic government for the Iraqi people, by the Iraqi people. Strong leadership from Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the Security Council is needed now more than ever if the United Nations wishes to recover credibility and avert a mass humanitarian crisis.

Our government and our leaders, when the war is over, must learn to play ball with the rest of the world. While there are a great many countries that support us, there are just as many that do not support us and are angry at the action we have taken. A little slice of humility would be appreciated not only by the American public, but the world com-

munity as well. We have shown that we can take military action and handle ourselves on the battlefield. However, when the battle is over, the United States needs to lead the humanitarian effort and allow other countries to help. A military occupation of Iraq is inevitable, but we should be ready to face major challenges, such as fundamental Islamic groups that are, and will, wage war on the occupation force. We need to plan for sending food, medical supplies and other essentials needed to get a society back on its feet. At the negotiating table, Colin Powell

needs to stand up for what is right, not just what Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld want. Powell has the most difficult task of repairing the decimated U.S. foreign policy and many stubborn nations, such as France and Germany, are not as forgiving as other countries are.

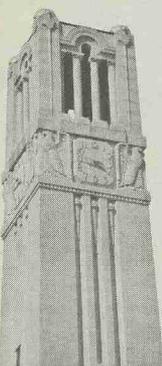
There is a long road ahead after the war is over. I hope for the sake of the world that the leaders are thinking about the future and what needs to be done. We cannot just attack Iraq and run. We are a part of the world and must act accordingly. With the threat of terrorism plaguing all corners of the globe, with other regimes like North Korea that rock the boat of world peace and stability and the voluntary, yet precarious position of the United States as the "world's police force," it will be interesting to see how the next 50 years of history will play from this point on. We can only hope that it is filled with peace and prosperity.

Ben eagerly awaits a response to this article. E-mail him at atbmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Diversion from the war talk



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

In this time of trouble, it is no surprise that most of the news media is covering the war and leaving the rest of the world behind, well, except the Oscars. If the media had pushed this out of view, the country wouldn't have known what to do. However, it is nice to pick up a paper or look on the Internet and see different stories that aren't related to the war, no matter how bizarre.

One such story was about a new tradition in New Mexico. It seems that

Rep. Daniel Foley (R) believes that if there is life on other planets those beings must surely have their own set of cultures, and we should thus celebrate that as a sign of peace and friendship. Rep. Foley is from Roswell, N.M., the famous town of the 1947 supposed UFO crash known as the Roswell Incident. Coincidentally, New Mexico is the state with the most UFO sightings, and has inaugurated the Extraterrestrial Culture Day. Therefore, my alien-believing friends, mark your calendars for

every second Tuesday in February as Extraterrestrial Culture Day. Celebrate however you would like, dress up like a little green alien, throw a party, or even shoot off fireworks. Show our outer-space neighbors we care.

Another story dealing with space concerns scientists guessing the weight of a black hole. Using math that I will never have the ability to fathom, simulations of black holes, and a really big telescope, a team of astronomers spent quite some time figuring out that a black hole weighs a lot. To be more specific, a black hole weighs about 3 billion times as much as the sun. Scientists believe that black holes are huge "gravity wells" that constantly suck in matter around them. But a black hole can only consume matter at a certain rate. If this small hole that the scientists measured tried to consume matter any faster than it already does, it could exert too much radiation and actually force things away from it, not into it. In addition, black holes are also

thought to collapse into stars. Once the smoke clears from that ordeal, galaxies like our own Milky Way are formed.

It is stories like these and many others that keep people like me from going crazy during times of war. It is mind numbing to hear something about the war every time I turn on the radio or the TV or read a newspaper article. I agree that it is important to our country to be patriotic and stay up to date on all that is happening overseas,

but sometimes I just want to put it all aside and read silly stories about celebrations for aliens. Every part of the newspaper, from the entertainment section to the health section, has some tidbit of information about the war filtered into it. The science section talks about the biological warfare that could occur, entertainment focuses on entertainers that state their opinion on the war, and the living section even talks about how the war affected the Oscars. I needed a distraction.

The last story I came across ac-

commodating the diverse needs of its student body.

ually deals with the war in a roundabout way. In fact, it said that the newest soldiers to fight for the United States couldn't wear the traditional camouflage or carry a gun. And why is this? Our new soldiers are dolphins, and dolphins do not have fingers. So instead of using traditional weaponry, they will be using their natural sonar abilities to seek out mines. Then, they will place a flag a small distance away from the mine, to alert U.S. soldiers of the danger. These specially trained dolphins have been well taken care of; they are fed "restaurant quality" food and were transported to Umm Qasr in a fleece-lined sling, submerged partially in water. The dolphins will have wells to stay in when not on duty, and can accept mail and packages.

If you find yourself getting bogged down by all of the war news, just search around, the world is full of funny little stories like these that will keep you amused or bemused for hours.

Heather is now on her way to Florida. She really wants to see some of those dolphins before they head off to war. If you would like to join her, E-mail her at hrcutchi@untiy.ncsu.edu.

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tively expensive isn't particularly consistent with the facts. In reality, there are numerous resources available for universities that offer alternatives — the Humane Society, for instance, will loan state-of-the-art materials (models, videos of live dissections and computer simulations) for students who participate. Compared to the cost of animal cadavers, equipment, etc. used in traditional dissections, that could equal enormous savings. Further, even if the university chose to buy rather than borrow, the cost would likely still be thousands of dollars less — especially in the long term since the materials are reusable. Check out the numbers at www.hsus.org/ace/15305. This isn't a financial issue.

The article also implied that no education could be complete

without dissections and that any student who skipped the "real thing" would be at a huge disadvantage. Strangely enough, Harvard, Yale, Columbia and John Hopkins don't agree — they are among the growing number of top institutions that offer humane alternatives or have eliminated the use of animals in labs completely. And yet I personally don't consider these sub-par programs.

As far as the argument "if you don't like it, get out" goes — it's been done. It's the same argument made against minorities who face discrimination, against women in male-dominated fields who face harassment, against anyone who dares to challenge the status quo. And it's nonsense. We all have the responsibility to do what we can to improve what we can. I'm not the only one who would see this as an improvement.

In the end, this isn't really about dissections. After all, the Resolution doesn't aim to stop dissec-

tions altogether, only to create a committee to investigate how the university might give options to those students who request it. Rather, it's about students and the university's dedication to ac-

commodating the diverse needs of its student body.

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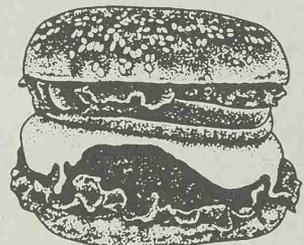
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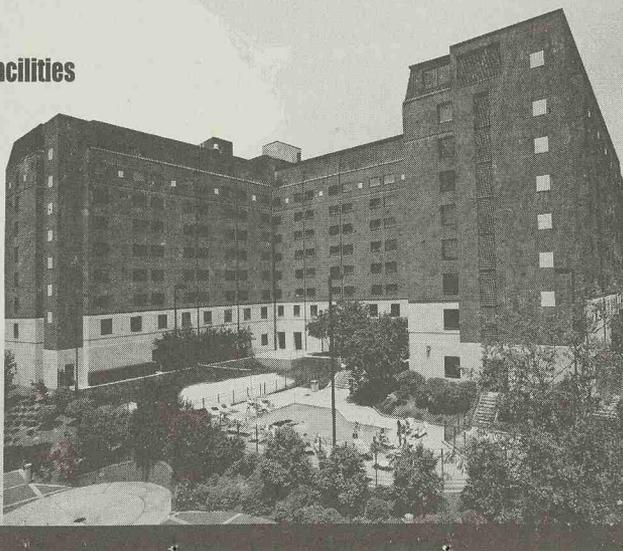
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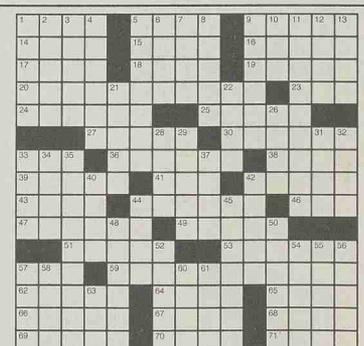
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I was talking to mother on the ol' telephone yesterday about how deeply it infuriated me that TNN had moved its daily "Knight Rider" reruns to 3 p.m. — a time slot in direct and flagrant conflict with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" on USA. I told her I was seriously considering writing a letter to TNN expressing my deep concern over what I fear may be the beginning in a turn towards less-than-stellar afternoon programming. But sadly, I couldn't reach a pen from where I was sitting on my futon, so obviously I couldn't write the letter.

Then, for mysterious reasons unknown to me, mother informed me loudly that I needed to do something with my life.

"You need to do something with your life," she said loudly. "All you do is sit on that nasty futon, eat Doritos and watch TV all day." Quickly, I hid my bag of Doritos under the futon. "No I don't," I said. I am so sneaky!

Then she asked if I had received the hemorrhoid cream she'd mailed me. I hadn't, but I really wished I had. Itchy.

But anyway, how her words stung like tomato sauce on canker sores! Was her biting criticism valid? Was I wasting my life away under the soft glow of the television? I doubted that much, but she did have a point. I did need to get out and do something with my life. I am far too stellar a person to keep myself all to myself. I need to share me a little bit.

It is for this reason that I am officially declaring my candidacy for student body president. My name will not be on the ballot, so a vote for me will require a write-in. Why should you, the wary student, take the extra time to cast a write-in vote for me? Allow me to list the reasons.

1) I will never have a good job.

Many candidates run for office for no better reason than to pad their already-extensive resumes. With these resumes, they will go on to get good jobs. You, the common students, will probably work for them one day. Consequently, it is likely that they will fire you one day.

Do not stand for this, Wolfpackers! Save your jobs! Do not support these go-getter types! Me, I have no resume, or any desire to ever have an honest job. I will never fire you. A vote for me is a vote for job security!

2) I will lead a revolution to oust Chancellor Marye Anne Fox from power.

The fight will be long and hard. There will undoubtedly be much innocent bloodshed, perhaps culminating in an epic battle in the Brickyard. But mark my words, I will lead a heroic coup d'état

against the current regime. After my successful war, I solemnly vow to hand the throne over to more a deserving and popular leader, such as Chuck Amato or Preacher Gary.

3) I will plow down Harrelson Hall and build a giant parking lot.

Classes in Harrelson's closet-like rooms induce the kind of internal pain typically reserved for castration or deep stomach wounds. Statistics show that schedules heavy on Harrelson classes are responsible for more student suicides than any other catalyst, save listening to numbing speeches by the above-mentioned Chancellor Fox.

Additionally, I personally have gained over \$700 in parking tickets this year. These I have avoided paying only because the university does not know my address, phone number or full name. I suspect other students experience similar parking troubles. I will take care of that with the new giant parking lot. Park for free! Vote T.C.

4) I will bring the buffaloes back to N.C. State.

Three hundred years ago, burly buffaloes may have roamed the brick-strewn grounds on which our campus now stands. I will not let the tragedy of their disappearance go unaddressed. By means of an aggressive breeding program, I will bring the buffaloes back to N.C. State, and buffaloes breed very aggressively. Kind of like Dennis Rodman and Carmen Electra. Kind of like arena football.

5) I will eliminate attendance policies (if I make it to the meeting).

It is our innate right as college students to not go to class. We are paying to be here, dammit. Professors penalizing students for missing class is like the Yankees banning season ticket holders from the ballpark for excessive absences. Many students use drugs to an extent that makes consistent attendance near impossible. I will not allow for such blatant discrimination against these innocent, if incoherent, young people.

Sadly, I have heard that pushing such legislation may require my attendance at certain government assemblies. I apologize, but that may not be possible.

In all honesty, I will probably not do much else for you, fellow students. I don't make it onto campus very often; my futon is far too comfy. And these hemorrhoids make it hard for me to get up and walk around; I prefer to lie on my stomach — I have a medical excuse, darn it.

Wolfpackers, write-in your vote for me for president — because you can.

Tim needs someone to come over and take down his Christmas lights. Contact tcoffie@unity.ncsu.edu to help



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Malin perfects his fine art

Jesse Malin

"The Fine Art of Self Destruction"



Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

Don't ever tell Ryan Adams a guy named Jesse Malin has just made a record better than anything he has made in the last three years. He'll probably cuss you out. You may even hear words you didn't know existed. In fact, he may even hit you if he's had enough to drink, if you happen to be Jack White or if you are wearing a "So Far, So Good" shirt.

But Malin — a 20-something songwriter who first made his mark as part of the mid-'90s punk stronghold D Generation — has indeed made a record that sounds better than anything Adams has put his name on since his 2000 sad-eyed opus "Heartbreaker."

Well, almost anything. Ironically, Adams — the former Whiskeytown frontman turned alternative-country/ pop heartthrob and inevitability crotchety pout-box — produced Malin's solo debut, the brilliant, daring and ambitious "The Fine Art of Self Destruction." The disc finds Malin quickly establishing himself as one of the best "new" things to come out of New York in a while.

Adams and Malin met seemingly by musical fate at a 1996 D Generation gig at The Brewery in Raleigh. A friendship quickly developed when they spent the night talking about music on the band's bus after the show. The pair of like-minded musical eclectics kept in touch over the years before Adams was spotted backing vocals for Bellvue's "To Be Somebody" in 2001. When Malin headed to the studio to wade through the heap of material he hoped to translate into his solo debut, Adams was a natural choice to be behind the boards.

"Ryan really taught me to be fresh and not to rehearse the music," Malin, speaking quickly with a thick northern tongue, recently told Technician from a tour stop in Cologne, Germany. "He put all of us in a room together, and we'd be warming up and all of the sudden he'd say, 'That's a take.'"

With the record, Adams seems to have finally conquered his own weakness of album editing. The disc — 13 tracks that all fall tightly under five minutes a spin — doesn't linger unnecessarily in the Adams tradition of excess and volume (see "Gold"). There isn't a wasted note — let alone a wasted track — to be found. The sessions, which were condensed from an original weeklong schedule into an action-packed five days, were unrelenting and intense according to Malin, nearly reminiscent of "a great Sun recording or an early Ramones record from the '70s."

Over the course of "Self Destruction," Malin roars with an energy that welds staccato, punk-punch verses ("T.K.O.") to nearly perfect melodies spanning the dangerous gap from Rufus Wainwright's beautiful melancholy ("Cigarettes and Violets") to Neil Young's expansive, careful doodling ("Downliner").

He controls a chameleon voice like a seasoned veteran as he shifts effortlessly from a wrecked, weary mope into a battle-scarred yell. Malin rifles through his emotional garbage with wild defeat on the title track, but he belts it out like a post-Beatles Paul McCartney with "Queen of the Underworld." Ripping through hooks like a trans-Atlantic Mick Jagger, Malin expertly alters inflections to fit a line, or shifts otherwise predictable rhyme schemes to keep the listener in a warranted state of intrigue.

For a one-time punk rocker from New York, Malin pulls off verifiable twang with Jay Farrar tenacity and Hank Williams depression. The quaking "High Lonesome" sounds impressively like something diehard Tupelo fans would hope for on a retrospective, though the next track — the smartly underplayed analogy "Solitaire" — reluctantly drags itself onto tape in emotional shackles.

The record is perfectly played. Joe McGinty's (The Psychedelic Furs, The Ramones) keyboard and organ work falls right into place, and the guitar duo of Malin and Adams surprisingly avoids overplaying it.

Malin's songwriting is truly something bold and dramatic, cutting tangible cityscapes in metered rhyme and sly allusions. He captures the quintessence of New York City, smartly sweeping his audience from a girl-spotting subway ride and into a late-night bar.

"The great thing about New York City is that you just walk out of your door and life happens. So I always carry a pen with me," Malin laughs, admitting the level of constantly intriguing unfamiliarity that a city like New York can give a songwriter. "I'll write on my hands and on napkins and things when I'm just walking around. I'll put them in a drawer, but then I have to search through them when I start to write."

If a pen and a few napkins can always lead to songwriting this keen and literate, Malin may have solved every lyricist's problems. His words seem as intense and involving as nearly anything in recent memory, expunging demons and kneading out heartache one nostalgic-drenched verse at a time.

"My mother's ashes went into the ocean / Scattered on a windy day / She used to like Frank Sinatra / Cigarettes and JFK," Malin sings during the image-prone, hard-luck narrative "Almost Grown." "Some retired some expired some were meant / To be admired for a moment at a young age / But I don't care

what they say others went and got away / I just wan' to see her again."

Despite the oft-moody proceedings, Malin manages to squeeze in the wit that marks his conversations edgewise. He mocks Bono (maybe) and himself (quite often), and he takes the incumbent pro-rock star step of disavowing fame on "High Lonesome."

"I'm dropping out of circulation / Going to change my occupation / Become a small-time operator / Or another lonely painter," sings Malin to the half-tune of The Eagles' "Take It Easy."

He captures the glory of the grit and fascination of sheer beauty like his hero Jack Kerouac, and he paints stabbing portraits of saints and sinners alike as if he were a modern-day, post-Nirvana Walt Whitman. He celebrates the hidden promises behind the heckled eyes of damaged-goods city women on the gorgeously broken "Brooklyn" and "T.K.O.," and he bleeds with real compassion on a break-up poem that Adams convinced him to record, "X-Mas."

"Now that I'm always writing solo, I can be as personal as I want to be. Songwriting becomes an exorcism of sorts," said Malin, who admits that Tennessee Williams plays, Martin Scorsese films and Mick Jones songs drive him to write.

"The Fine Art of Self Destruction" — a record beaming with ghosts of rock 'n' roll history from start to finish — sounds amazingly original. It is vibrant and new at every turn, far enough alienated from the retro-rock sounds pouring down the Hudson River to be different, but raw enough to be part of the "new cool."

Perhaps Ryan Adams alleviated some of his chronic problems when he produced the album. If he's lucky, that may even manifest itself on his upcoming "Love Is Hell."

For now, Jesse Malin deserves more attention than Raleigh's favorite lost boy.

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MATT

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son — IUPUI, UNC-Asheville, Vermont and South Carolina State — posed a threat to the four top seeds.

M is for the Mormons of Brigham Young, who saved the tournament a huge headache by losing in the first round. If BYU, which isn't allowed to play on Sundays, had won its first two games, it would have been moved to a different region and caused chaos in bracket pools across the nation.

N is for Nicholas, as in Maryland's Drew Nicholas, who hit the best shot in the tourney since Valparaiso's Bryce Drew in 1998.

O is for odd Oregon. Just when you think the Ducks are poised to make some noise after winning the Pac-10, they don't even survive the first round against Rick Majerus and his overmatched, injury-ridden Utah team.

P is for Billy Packer, the great

television voice of the tournament for as long as I've been alive. Despite the perception that Packer is hated by legions of ACC fans, there's not a better announcer on TV that can analytically describe the college game.

Q is for the Quakers of Penn. A very trendy pick to upset sixth-seeded Oklahoma State, the Ivy League champions hung around but never really threatened. I think I speak for everyone here: Please bring back Princeton and the back-door cut.

R represents the resiliency of the Auburn Tigers. Their inclusion in the tournament was disputed by many, yet the Tigers rallied in the final five minutes in both of their wins to reach the Sweet 16. Enjoy your crow, Dick Vitale.

S stands for the shaved heads of Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish shaved their heads as a sign of unity before the tournament and survived underrated Wisconsin-Milwaukee before up-

ending red-hot Illinois.

T is for the heartbroken Tulsa Golden Hurricane. After it barely sneaked into the tournament, Tulsa defeated Dayton and had its ticket punched to the Sweet 16 before Wisconsin hit a 3 with one second left after coming from 13 down in the final four minutes.

U is for the unsung heroes. From Maryland's Byron Mouton to Duke's Nate James to Michigan State's A.J. Granger to UConn's Ricky Moore, all the recent champions have had a non-star upperclassman play a key role on its way to the title. Who will it be this year?

V has to stand for Jimmy V. It's the 20-year anniversary of the most remarkable post-season run ever. Valvano's team won the hearts of America in 1983, and Valvano did it all over again 10 years later in his fight against cancer before succumbing to the disease in April 1993.

W is for Wilmington, UNC-Wilmington, who proved their

worth as a program by nearly knocking off Maryland. The Seahawks easily suffered the worst heartbreak of the early stages of the tournament.

X is for Xavier, which flamed out in the second round to defending champion Maryland. A sexy pick for the Final Four, the Musketeers fell way behind against the Terrapins and were never fully able to catch up.

Y is for the overall youth in the tournament. Of the 16 teams remaining, six of those have the distinction of being led by an underclassman.

Z is for Pittsburgh forward Donatas Zavackas, who does all the little things for Pittsburgh, which looked very impressive in its first two games. His Illian-Evtimov-esque game could be the deciding factor if Pitt is to knock off tournament-favorite Kentucky.

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GOLF

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ior varsity is not really a true junior varsity team, but just five individuals that can compete together and win tournaments. If they did compete as an actual team, then we would be playing more people than are allowed."

The Pack competed in five tournaments in the fall and has completed two this spring, so the team

has already faced competition from some of the best college teams in the country.

"We played a stronger schedule than we played last year in the fall, so while we may not have any wins, we have posted good scores that have kept us where we need to be in order to go to Regionals," Marsh said. "This team wants to go to Nationals, so we have to learn to handle ourselves mentally."

KELLO

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same high school, had the same friends, everything," she said. "I wanted to be as good as her."

In her short tenure at State, Kello has already made headlines with her talent. In the team's last road meet at William and Mary, Kello won the balance beam title, and in the previous road meet at Utah State, she placed first in the uneven bars. In addition to her skills, Kello has brought a new personality and competitive spirit to a team that struggled last year.

"Kelley's got a quiet confidence, I would say," said assistant coach Colleen Johnson. "She doesn't work herself up at meets or practice, and she has made a huge difference for this team not only in terms of talent, but in her personality as well."

Not only is Kello successful at the meet, she also strives for ex-

cellence in the classroom. In high school, she was an honor student all four years and is maintaining that same excellence in the college classroom while studying to earn her degree in sociology. She has also been a great friend to the rest of her teammates.

"She is a good person, and she has been a real team player this year," said junior and fellow transfer Leah Sabo. "Transferring isn't easy, but I think she has done a phenomenal job handling it."

Kello will compete two more years for the Wolfpack after the end of this season — enough time for her to confront the many challenges she will face as a student athlete and achieve the goals that she sets for herself.

"I have been balancing gymnastics and school all my life," Kello said. "I hope that I can graduate in four years, and as a gymnast, I hope to upgrade my routines a little bit for next year, especially on bars."

Men's club volleyball returns to winning ways

The N.C. State men's club volleyball team came from behind and won its conference championship.

Lance Hatch

Guest Writer

The men's volleyball club traveled to James Madison University this past weekend for the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) Division II Southern Conference Championships. After several frustrating seasons with little success, the team practiced and trained hard all year — a philosophy that ultimately paid dividends when the team won the Southern Conference Division II title.

Facing tough opponents like Virginia Tech, James Madison, Appalachian State, William & Mary and UNC-Charlotte, the team had its work cut out for it. In pool play the Wolfpack fared well and split most of its pool matches. After pool play State received a No. 2 seed and had to play third-seeded Virginia Tech in a best-of-three match for a chance to face James Madison in the finals.

After a disappointing loss in the first game to the Hokies, the Pack looked to senior leadership from Robert Belz and Bobby Henn. The team found itself down 24-18 late in the second game, facing elimination if the Hokies received one more point.

During a timeout, Henn motivated his teammates with the famous words of former Wolfpack head basketball coach Jim Valvano: "This is not over! Don't give up, don't ever give up!"

The team returned to the floor, and on the back of middle hitter Sean Ramach, scored eight straight points to win game two in dramatic fashion 26-24. In the third game, State rode the emotion of its thrilling comeback and won handily, 15-6.

"I have been playing volleyball for almost nine years now, and I have never witnessed or been a part of anything as amazing as that comeback," said Belz.

In the finals, the men faced a well-rested and talented James

Madison team that had lost only three games in pool play.

The Pack started the match with five straight points off serves from Henn in the next game, and the deficit proved to be too much for JMU to overcome, as State won the championship with a 25-21 win in game two.

The win was the first conference title for the team in more than six years, and the first title ever from the Division II EIVA Southern Conference. State players Mike Propst and Ramach were awarded for their fine efforts by being selected to the all-tournament team. With the win, the Pack earned a spot in the EIVA East Coast Championship Tournament hosted by Maryland.

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Scores
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TECHNICIAN

BASKETBALL

Tourney ABCs



Matt Middleton

In case you missed any of this weekend's basketball action, here's an alphabet-inspired rundown of the best four-day stretch of the sporting year.

A is for Butler guard Darnell Archey. Cut in the mold of past

March heroes like Bryce Drew and Steve Alford, the undersized Bulldog guard led his team to two straight wins over national title dark horses Mississippi State and Louisville.

B is for the buzzer beaters that have become the trademark of the tournament. Pontiac is even running a series of commercials asking fans to vote on the tournament's all-time best buzzer-beating finish. It may need to amend its ads after what Maryland's Drew Nicholas did and what Gonzaga guard Blake Stepp nearly did — twice.

C stands for Carmelo, as in Syracuse's Carmelo Anthony. The most talented amateur player in America not named LeBron, Anthony helped lead Syracuse to the round of 16, which will be played roughly 150 miles away from its home court in Albany, N.Y.

D is the letter grade that should be given to the performance of Alabama — and I'm being generous. Since earning the No. 1 spot in the nation back in December, 'Bama's stock has plummeted worse than Dustin Diamond in his post-"Saved by the Bell" years. A plodding, first-round loss to equally woeful Indiana was a fitting end to its season.

E is the first and last initial of Oklahoma guard Ebi Ere. While he battles a nagging wrist injury, his team just keeps winning. The health of Ere must be a top priority of the Sooners with games against Butler and potentially Syracuse in Albany.

F is for the first-round flops that showed they didn't deserve their seed. Yes, that means you Dayton, Memphis, Mississippi State and Creighton.

G couldn't stand for anything else but Gonzaga. What's not to love about this team? Sans last season, every year since 1999 the Bulldogs have been a major player in the tournament despite being stuck with a double-digit seed. All they did this year was play the most memorable game of the tournament and come within a six-foot bank shot of beating the nation's most talented team.

H as in how? How is it that since making the national title game in 2000, Florida hasn't even returned to the Sweet 16? If Billy Donovan wants to be the next Rick Pitino, he might want to mix in a little post-season consistency.

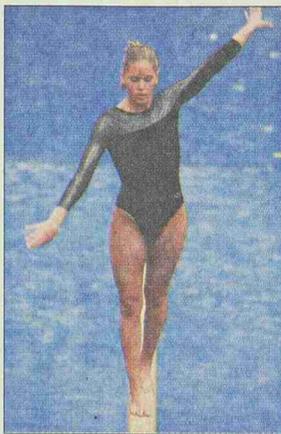
I is for Izzo, Tom Izzo. The head coach of Michigan State's only recent post-season slip-up came last year against N.C. State. Izzo's team has made at least the Sweet 16 every year since 1999 with the only exception being a first-round loss to the Wolfpack a season ago in Washington, D.C.

J is for jobbed. There's no other way to describe Southern Illinois's first-round loss to Missouri. The Salukis' Jermaine Dearman (or was that rap mogul Ludacris?) was called for a game-deciding blocking foul in the waning seconds of the game when it appeared he cleanly drew a charge on Mizzou's Ricky Paulding.

K is for Kaman, Central Michigan center Chris Kaman. The Chippewas surprised much of the nation with a first-round upset of Creighton. Then reality came in the form of a 26-point loss to Duke. Kaman had 25 points against Duke and will be a NBA lottery pick if he decides to leave school early.

L is for the lovable losers. Each year four No. 16 teams enter the tournament just tickled to be invited, and each year they are promptly sent packing without a win. None of the four teams this sea-

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Transfer Kelly Kello excels on balance beam. Photo courtesy Jeff Camarati

Kello flies high for N.C. State

The transfer from Iowa has made a difference in her first year as part of the Wolfpack gymnastics team.

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N.C. State sophomore Kelley Kello approaches a meet the same way every time she steps onto the floor to compete.

"I enjoy gymnastics for the self-satisfaction of working hard," said Kello. "When I step into a meet, I get really nervous, so I wait until I become calm before I compete."

It is with this attitude that the gymnast from Virginia Beach, Va. has enjoyed a career of success from the moment she

first stepped into a gym to learn how to tumble. And throughout her life, she has faced and triumphed over many challenges. State head coach Mark Stevenson attributes Kello's perseverance to her hard work and dedication to achieving success.

"She has a great mental attitude in terms of getting done what she needs to do," said Stevenson. "As the year has gone forward, she has gotten even stronger, because she has found a point where she has been successful."

Kello originally attended Iowa and competed for the Hawkeye gymnastics team her freshman year. She had a no-miss season on the balance beam that year and placed in the top 10 at the

NCAA Regionals on the balance beam. This season, she has brought her talents to Raleigh to represent State.

"I am from Virginia Beach, so I wanted to be closer to home," Kello said. "I had worked with Mark (Stevenson) three summers ago, and he recruited me before I decided to go to Iowa."

Kello has been involved in gymnastics since she was three years old. A large influence in her life was her best friend, Tammy Harris, who is currently a gymnast at Nebraska. They became friends when Kello was about eight-years-old, and Kello strived to be as talented as Harris was.

"We were very close. We went to the See KELLO page 9

Steering toward success

Right-hander Vern Sterry has played a huge role in the early success of the N.C. State baseball team

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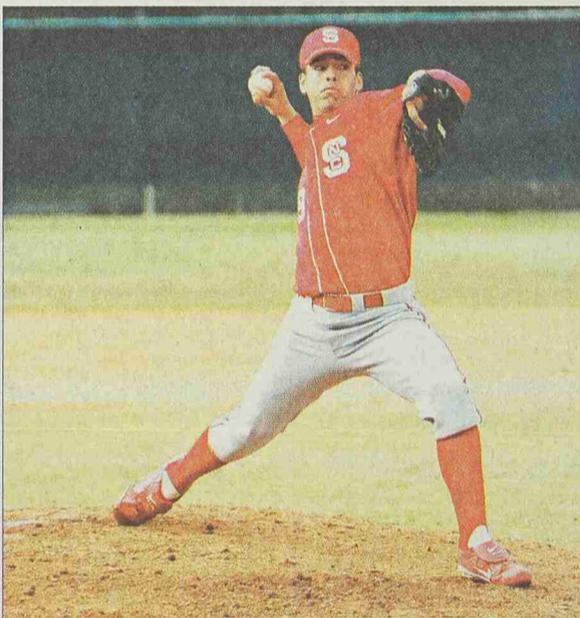
Many baseball experts consider California's Cypress Junior College to be one of the better junior colleges in terms of producing quality baseball players. Furthermore, many of those players find themselves recruited by major Division I schools, where they go on to have successful careers.

"It's one of the top junior colleges in the country," said N.C. State head coach Elliott Avent. "Cypress has a tremendous reputation, and part of that is because of the consistency of coaching they've had over the years. Scott Pickler is one of the top coaches in the country and he's been there for a number of years. A great number of players have come to this conference [ACC] have come from Cypress; unfortunately, most of them to Wake Forest."

But this season, one former Cypress player, Vern Sterry, seeped through the hands of the Demon Deacons and onto the Wolfpack roster. Sterry, a junior right-handed pitcher, has become State's most pleasant surprise of the season. Through Sunday, Sterry is tops on the team in strikeouts (65) and sports a flawless overall record of 6-0.

"We were fortunate to land Vern, and he's very typical of a Cypress player from what I've seen playing against guys at Wake [Forest]," said Avent. "[They are] very competitive, very good players and very well-coached."

In order to gain more experience, Sterry played summer baseball for West Warwick of the New England Collegiate Baseball League and finished the summer with a 3-1 record and 2.26 ERA to go



Vern Sterry has been State's most consistent pitcher. Photo courtesy Tom Miller

along with all-star honors. It was while on West Warwick's roster, however, that Sterry wouldn't just improve on his game, but also he would meet and play with some future State teammates, including first baseman David Hicks, outfielder Tim Coffield and fellow pitcher, Phillip Davidson.

"It was great getting to spend some time with those guys before actually coming to N.C. State," said Sterry. "They all represent different personalities on the

team, and it was a perfect example of what to expect when I got here. All the guys on the team are their own selves, but the best thing is that we all get along. It was a great opportunity."

While Sterry's play during the off-season was certainly beneficial to him as a player, the true dividends wouldn't be seen until he started hurling on the mound for the Pack.

With the 2003 season at about the midpoint, No. 16 State is coming off a 2-out-

of-3 series win over then second-ranked Florida State; while also sporting a 21-5 overall record. While the team as a whole has proven itself worthy of respect around the country, it is the Pack's pitching — especially the hurling of Sterry on the weekend — that has been at the forefront of its recent success.

"Vern means a great deal to our program," said Avent. "He obviously gives you a starter that can go deep into the ballgame, which isn't what we've had in the past. With guys like Daniel Caldwell and Derek McKee on the shelf with injuries, this is a situation where our starters know they've got to step up and get us late into the game, and that's what they've done."

"Vern probably has epitomized that better than any starter we've got. He's been the most consistent starter we've had all year. Every out has been impressive."

And impressive only begins to describe what Sterry has been for the Pack all year.

Against the Seminoles on Saturday, he pitched eight solid innings; giving up only three hits and striking out eight on his way to grabbing his first conference win of the season.

"Pitching against Florida State, I had a little bit of butterflies when I first got out there," said Sterry. "But after I started pitching and got settled down, I was OK and started believing that we could beat those guys. Not to discredit FSU, but I think we are just as good as they are right now, and we proved that."

Sterry and State will get another chance to prove they belong in the top echelon of the league when they host a three game series against ACC power Clemson this weekend in Kinston.

Experience key for young women's golf program

Women's golf at State enters its second spring season with high hopes and hard work ahead.

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Last year was the first time in 15 years that N.C. State had fielded a women's golf team. Experienced amateur golfer Page Marsh was chosen to head a team of young, talented women and build a competitive program from the ground up. Naturally, the team had its share of first-year challenges, as any program in its first-year encounters.

This year, a team comprised of a mix of experienced college golfers and new talent looks to raise the bar one more step in achieving the success that established college golf teams around the country have already.

"We have to keep focused so we can achieve all that we want to do this year,"

said Marsh. "We also have to practice well and look at the things that we need to accomplish."

State was the youngest team in the conference last year, fielding four freshmen and one sophomore en route to a third-place finish at the ACC Championships and a berth in the NCAA Regionals. The 2002-2003 season will bring a wealth of experience, as three sophomores and two junior transfers will headline the Pack varsity lineup. Marsh is looking for her team's newfound experience to play an advantage this upcoming spring season.

"Every year you face different challenges, and this year we do have experience," Marsh said. "We have to continue to allow ourselves to perform well. We can't put pressure on ourselves from past performances."

The fall season was a time for old and new players to get acclimated to college competition once again. Although the varsity and junior varsity teams change

depending on the players' practices, two junior transfers headline the varsity team: Briana Vega, a transfer from UNC-Greensboro, and Courtney Pomeranz, a transfer from UNC-Wilmington. Three returning State sophomores — Sarah Bonner, Colby Cobb and Erica Wein — round out the varsity team and will use their experience from last year to contribute to the success of last year's team.

The junior varsity team is headlined with a mix of experience and new talent as well. Freshmen Lorraine Ballerano and Molly Birmingham join letterwomen Leslie Stubblefield, Gwen Watson and Marguax Hennessey on the junior varsity squad.

Marsh worries that the title of junior varsity could be misleading.

"Because of the number of people we have on our team, I have the luxury of giving everybody experience in tournament play," Marsh said. "So, in truth, the jun-



The women's golf program begins just its second year. Staff photo by Josh Michel

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