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Hussein's message calls for jihad

for Jihad

The Iraqi information minister released a message alleged to be by Saddam Hussein Tuesday, which calls for Iraqis to engage in a jihad, or holy war, against U.S. troops entering the region.

Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf appeared on national television saying, "Those who are martyred will be rewarded in heaven. Seize the opportunity, my brothers."

The statement also criticized U.S. personnel involved in Iraq calling them "aggressors, evil, accursed by God. You shall be victorious and they shall be vanquished."

Saddam Hussein has delivered two television addresses since March 20, but it is unclear why he did not deliver Tuesday's statement.

Suspect arrested after hijacking Cuban plane

A Cuban passenger plane, with 32 on board, landed at an airport in Key West, Fla. on Tuesday, after being hijacked by a man on Monday. The suspect was reportedly carrying two hand grenades and was detained and sent to Key West International Airport's federal customs building. Federal authorities interviewed the passengers, and they were all found to be in good health.

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Affirmative Action argument goes before Supreme Court

The Supreme Court heard arguments yesterday concerning the affirmative action admissions policies at the University of Michigan undergraduate and law schools.

The case tackles the issue of allowing race to be a factor for considering admission to a public university. Experts say this is the largest challenge to affirmative action since the Supreme Court's 1978 decision to outlaw race quotas at public universities.

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The suit is lead by two women, Jennifer Gratz
— who was denied admission to University of
Michigan's undergraduate program — and Bar-bara Grutter — who was not admitted to Michigan's law school. Both women believe the uni-versity discriminated against them in order to obtain a more racially balanced admission class.

Doherty resigns as UNC head coach

JNC-Chapel Hill held a press conference at 8 p.m. Tuesday to announce Matt Doherty will no longer coach the men's basketball team. Doherty officially resigned with three years left of a six-year contract that paid \$855,000 each season to coach the Tar Heels. In two of his three years at UNC-CH, Doherty's team failed to make the NCAA Tournament, and last year the team finished 8-20 — the worst record in team history.

Possible successors include Kansas head coach Roy Williams — who said he was not interested

Roy Williams — who said he was not interested in the job at a conference Wednesday — Stan-ford head coach Mike Montgomery and Michi-gan State head coach Tom Izzo.

Two new cases of SARS suspected in N.C.

Public health officials announced Tuesday that two new cases of a mysterious new disease are suspected to be in North Carolina, one in Wake County and another in Mecklenburg County.

The disease, severe acute respiratory syndrome, is a lethal respiratory infection. Over 1,600 cases have been reported worldwide. Including the new cases, there are currently four cases under investigation in North Carolina.

Authorities believe the disease first appeared in mainland China, Vietnam and Singapore, where cases have been reported mentioned to the control of the country of the

Student Government Elections —

Student Senate president candidates share their visions

organizing senators and running the day-to-day functions of the legislative branch of Student Government. Three students are campaigning for that responsibility.

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Junior Biological Sciences Student Government Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Allies (BGLA) University Theatre/Black Repertory Theat

Student Government, senator Engineering College Council, president Student Center Union Board of Directors

Ayren Jackson News Editor Emeritus

While other students are studying or hanging out with friends on Wednesday nights, for one group of about 60 students, Wednesday nights have became synonymous with one thing, and one thing only "senate meetings.

Though their night begins early, it rarely ends that way. For student senators, senate meetings, held every other Wednesday, can sometimes stretch into the wee hours of the

But few would complain. At their biweekly senate meetings,

Erich Fabrcius

would you combat that image

Jamie Pendergrass

Lock Whiteside

student senators learn about issues of concern around the university and debate ways to address them. They pass legislation pertinent to the study body, allocate student body funds, approve an annual student body budget, confirm or reject Student Government appointments and suspend or remove officials from office.

They are also responsible for working with the athletics department to determine ticket distribution policies. Their core responsibility, however, is to represent the student body as the legislative branch of Student Government.

a number of committees designed to address various areas across campus and bring the concerns of the students to the attention of the senate and the university

At the helm of student senate is the Student Senate president.

Elected each spring, the senate president is also considered the executive vice president of the student body. They are the presiding and administrative officer of the senate and are responsible for conducting meetings and running the day-today operations of the senate.

This year, three students are prepared to battle for that position on April 7 and 8 during student body elections. Technician sat down with each of them to learn more about their vision for the student govern-

Erich Fabrcius: The first thing that needs to be done is to combat the reality of any type of inefficiencies. The important thing about getting rid of any real inefficiencies is to make sure that all the people have all the information that they need. They need to work on their individual things. Like in the Student Senate itself, one of the greatest inefficiencies is the fact that you have these 64 senators, and they don't necessarily know everything that's going on and it makes it very diffi-

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Lock Whiteside: I do agree to a certain point that that statement is true. Within the Student Senate we have a lot of political games that are going on, however the work of the student body isn't getting done. And as a Student Senate leader, I will put people in the senate that are there for the student body and not for their own political purposes. That's one way that I would combat that

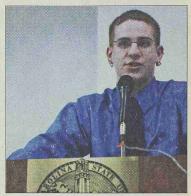
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Jamie Pendergrass: First, as part of my platform states, I would encourage every senator and pretty much try my best to make them — which I really can't do but so much — but I would really try to encourage them to go out and work with the college councils, constituents one on one, hold office hours, so forth and so on. So that [the senators] find those problems with their constituents and they bring them to senate and get them addressed with administration instead of taking leg-

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Election hopefuls debate on WKNC



Ted Gellar introduces himself and his platform to a panel of listeners at the Student Government Debate held Tuesday in the Student Senate chambers. The debate was broadcast live on the Andrew Payne show. Ted Gellar is running for UAB president and would like to see the university's student centers become more student-oriented.

N.C. State's radio station, WKNC, hosted a debate Tuesday night for candidates running for various Student Government offices.

Shannon Holder Staff Reporter

Student Government candidates debate on WKNC for the upcoming Student Government elections had the opportunity to tell students their platform and answer questions from the audience at Tuesday night's student debate in Witherspoon Student Center. Greg Volk and Brad Dixon moderated the event, which was broadcast live over

WKNC 88.1. Candidates from several upcoming elections were given two to three minutes to introduce themselves and their platform. After that, the moderators, audience

members and callers to WKNC's "Andrew Payne Show" were able to ask the candidates questions. The candidates were given one minute to answer the question.

The four candidates running for Student Body President - Anthony "Tony" Caravano, Dustin Choe, Amanda Devore and Clifford Ray -all spoke of tuition increases and other topics relevant to students.

Caravano spoke of new traditions he would try to implement on campus, such as a Wolfpack walk of fame on Hillsborough Street.

Devore, the only female candidate speaking, talked of the progress she wants to see in campus safety and trying to freeze tuition costs.

Choe, who has only placed two fliers on campus in support of his campaign, spoke of "sus-tainable development"

you combat that image Break it down



Student Body President canidates Cliff Ray, Dustin Choe, and Tony Caravano perform the Electric Slide in the Brickyard on Tuesday along with Andrea Hernandez . Staff Photo by Rob Bradle;

'White privilege systems' should be dismantled, says McIntosh

Peggy McIntosh, an administrator at Wellesley College, gave a presentation during Human Rights Week that explained what she dubbed, "white privilege."

Cetty Abraham

Peggy McIntosh, associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on

privilege. The presentation was held at the Witherspoon Student Cinema in front of a full audience as part of Human Rights Week events.

In addition to her work at

Wellesley, McIntosh has authored a number of articles on white and male privilege and heads the National S.E.E.D. Project on Inclusive Curriculum — a program that brings teachers from around the world to participate in seminars. Teachers learn how to di-Women, in Wellesley, Mass. versify school curriculum to gave a presentation on Thursday on the system of white multicultural and fair to both

McIntosh began her presentation by explaining how she came to personally understand white privilege. While at Denver University, she noticed how faculty seminars dissolved into disputes regarding efforts to make research on women available to the introductory liber-

al arts courses. "The men said it couldn't be done at the introductory level; the reading list, they believed, was already full," said McIntosh. This essentially left

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"Under the Blue Lights"

The original rock stars take the stage

The Everly Brothers are staging another comeback, literally, as Ken Duncum's "Blue Sky Boys" makes its N.C. State theatrical debut this Thursday. The play sets Don and Phil Everly in Wellington, New Zealand, in 1964 during a time of war, the unveiling of the first Ford Mustang and sadly for the brothers, Beatle-mania. With hopes to play in Wellington in front of a frenzied crowd, "Blue Sky Boys" come to the realization that their popularity is waning. And to make things even worse, the Beatles are playing in the very same town on the very same night.

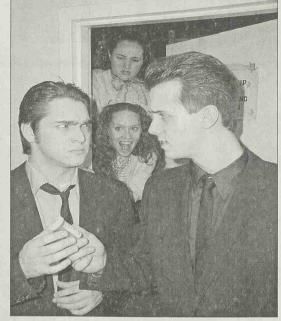
"Boys" chronicles the events that take place that night both onstage and backstage as Don and Phil cope with the recent changes in rock 'n' roll culture and their own tempers and frustrations.

Onstage, the pair delivers enthused renditions of their classic hits, such as "When Will I Be Loved" and "Wake Up, Little Suzie," which will be sure to get the audience at Thompson Theatre singing along as if it were a real

Backstage, the brothers are turning against each other and acting like true rock stars.

"The Everly Brothers were one of the first to invent the rock star," said the show's director, Jon Pheloung, recalling the behavior of the duo at a concert in the '70s." They had a fight onstage, and Don smashed a guitar on his brother's back, and they never played again for 10 years. We begin to see the seeds of that in this play. It is almost like VH1's 'Behind the Mu-

Pheloung, a New Zealand native, fell in love with the play when he saw it performed 12 years ago in his home country. However, directing such a play in North Carolina requires him



Ken Duncum's "Blue Sky Boys" will debut at Stewart Theatre Thursday night .

to pay special attention to details that would be otherwise insignificant.

"The interesting thing to me is that in New Zealand the play is about two American stars coming to a local town," Pheloung noted. "Here, it is about two local guys going to an exotic land where people speak with a different accent

Under these circumstances, Pheloung had to spend extra time teaching his actors how to speak and transpose the play so that places and words in the script would be understandable to both New Zealanders and Americans

"It's nice to get to throw in much more New Zealand detail, like the language, mannerisms and names of places," the director said. "At home they were just part of the script."

Another obstacle presented in producing this play was that the actors had to be able to play instruments and sing. Luckily, N.C. State is home to several multi-talented thespians, who are able to recreate an Everly Brothers concert in a convincing fashion.

A small cast of only six actors perform the show. Don and Phil Everly are played by Frank Sarnie and Jeramy Blackford, who impressed Pheloung by their work in such plays as "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "A Midsummer

Kate Isley play Fran and Jillian, two schoolgirls that find their way into the Everly Brothers' dressing room on their way to the Beatles' show. Pheloung was interested in casting them as young teenyboppers, a role they

do not often get to play.
"They get cast quite often as women much older than they are," he said, "I thought it would be fun for them to play women much younger than they are. Plus, they get to use the New Zealand accent that, they've been making fun of me for the past 18 months!" he joked.

In addition, Ben Kraudel plays Pete Fontaine, the promoter of the concert. His character is most comparable to Dick Clark in his American Bandstand heyday. Reid Beaver plays Carl, the young drummer that the brothers have hired for this concert. He is dealing with his own personal qualms of being in the spotlight and around the tumultuous duo.

"Blue Sky Boys" is Pheloung's first production at NCSU, and he is enthused about how everything has turned out.

"We [the cast] had many moments of sidesplitting laughter over the smallest things," he said. "I'm stunned at how fun it has been."

He invites theater regulars and newcomers alike to come out and see this

"It's a play about young people, and it's got the energy of a rock show," Pheloung explained. "If students haven't been to see a University Theatre production yet because they thought it wasn't for them, then this just might be right up their alley."

"Blue Sky Boys" runs from April 3-5 and 9-12 at Thompson Theatre. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Two matinees, on April 6 and 13, will also be presented at 3 p.m. To order tickets, call N.C. State Ticket Central at (919) 515-1100.

A classified response



Coffield

My roommate's latest girlfriend . had been spending far too much time at the apartment. It's not been completely her fault, for her parents cut her off years ago and she's had nowhere else to stay. But I had trouble feeling sorry for her.

The kitchen counter was stacked high with feminine products and diet ginger ale. I felt uncomfortable lounging naked in the living room (as I often used to) in her presence. The refrig-

erator grew emptier as she gorged herself on our snack food (she even helped herself to my Swiss cake rolls!), and she would puke it all up in the bathroom afterwards. Bulimia is so smelly!

She would show up at all hours of the night and talk loudly, unfazed by the fact that no one was listening. The TV always seemed to be playing "Sex in the City reruns, and she seemed to think it was acceptable to make condescending comments about the piles of trash in the kitchen. She made the couch smell like Virginia Slims cigarettes and gas station perfume. Twice I caught my roommate running out in the middle of the night for tampons. My sinus problems intensified; she brought out the worst in my allergies. I plummeted further into

that dark hell of nasal spray dependency.

I became angry. She had awakened a giant deep within me. I had to get her the hell out.

I was just about to have the locks changed when I came across a classified ad in Technician.

Room and board, in exchange for big sister to 13-year-old girl. Private bedroom and bath in N. Raleigh home. Additional pay negotiable. 848-0959.

Queasy parents wanted a live-in role model for their teen-to-be daughter. I saw my opportunity — a long shot, but worth trying. I could shake her off onto this hapless and child-incompetent family in north Raleigh.

I called the number. A tired man answered the phone. I'll call him Roger. In hindsight, the plan's only down-

Roger: Hello?

Me: Hey I'm Tim. I'm calling about your classified ad.

Me: I've got a girl for you. She can live at your place. Don't worry, she's not that hard to take care of. She has an eating disorder, so she usually doesn't eat much. When she does she pukes it up, but she almost always does it discreetly in the trashcan. It's not much of a problem. She'll be great for your daughter, I promise!

Roger: What? Who are you? I would need to talk

with the girl...

Me: It's okay, she wants the job. Trust me. Now, she will probably bring home guys late at night from her job, but that won't be a big deal, Mr. Smith. Just cook breakfast for them in the morning and they'll be on

Roger: Where does she work?

Me: The Dollhouse, but she only works nights, so she can be with your daughter all day. It won't be a

Roger: I don't think this is a good idea. She just doesn't sound like the kind of girl I want my daughter to be

Me: No, really, there's nothing to worry about, sir. We're pretty sure she finally kicked her drug habit. I'll admit, it got pretty bad for a while, but she's almost certain she didn't contract any diseases from the needles. It wasn't that big of a deal, really. She's pretty good about making it to the methadone clinic three times a week. Still, just in case she does relapse and overdose, it might be good to know how to give an adrenaline injection. I'm sure she can show you how. She can show

Roger: Are you being serious? I'm hanging up the

Me: Give her a chance, sir! You won't regret it! Ever since the auto-theft conviction was overturned, it's like she's been a whole new person. She hardly ever even shoplifts anymore. She's a good person, really. She even wears a WWJD bracelet! Your daughter will love her, she really will.

Roger: I don't know who you are, but this isn't funny. I'm hanging up!

Me: She's got some great qualities. I mean, she can dance really well. How else do you think she got her job? She could teach your daughter to dance too. I bet she could show her some moves your daughter's never seen

Roger: Leave my family alone! I don't want you to ever call this number again!

Me: Hey buddy, this was your idea. It's not my fault you can't handle your own child. Anyway, there's only one more thing. This girl, she's looking for a little extra money to pay off her last abortion. Is there any way you can give her a signing bonus or something?

Roger: click

My attempt to pawn her off was unsuccessful. The girl continues to sprawl in my apartment like it's her own personal dog mat. And that poor guy, Roger, he's never going to find a "big sister" good enough for his daughter. Some people, there's just no pleasing them.

Tim is stuck under a heavy rock. To help free him, bring a sturdy shovel and contact tlcoffie@unity.ncsu.edu



Jerry Moore

It started with a scarf. A full year before the release of Miranda Stone's first full-length album, "7 Deadly Sins," the energetic Canadian singersongwriter began experimenting with ways to present the lyrics for the project. As her small but fiercely loyal group of followers (affectionately dubbed the "Grassroots Army") waited, the visually inclined Stone

While laying the audible tracks striking in their own right - she transformed the words of "Sins" into panoramic snapshots of text. Lyrics appear woven in cloth, painted on bedposts and dirty sinks, etched into tree trunks and scrawled on bodies, rocks and mousetraps.

The liner note presentation hints at both Stone's personality and the sonic qualities of her music. She has called her own work everything from "gentle folk punk" to "passionate nonlinear music for the modern age." But the labels seem to be more for promotional packets than to build

fences around creativity. Balanced and cohesive elements of rock, blues, azz and country come together for Stone with "Sins."

She's shared the bill with Victoria Williams, Pedro the Lion, Bruce Cockburn and Over the Rhine to name a handful, selling more than 10,000 copies of her first two discs out of the back of her van and off her kitchen table. Through her own Earthdress Productions label, Stone sells CDs, shirts, homemade neckthe Internet.

She's also played everywhere from bars, to cornfields, to basements and churches - and brings her inimitability to the Carolinas this week. With Toronto's Mary Simon, Stone will play Guilford College in Greensboro Thursday, Jammin Java in Columbia, S.C., Friday and The Church of the Good Sheppard in Durham on Saturday night at 7 p.m.

The set list will feature plenty of whispers and shouts from the new album. The vibrancy brewing in Stone's first two releases — the "Brave" EP and the live collection "1, 2, Trash a Few, 99, 100" — bubbles over on "Sins." Unlike slickly produced generic studio albums, she and producer Andrew Horrocks emphasize the kinetic enthusiasm of the band. Both the raucous, funky cuts (like "Remedy") and the subtler acoustic tracks (like "A Prayer") punch through with the right loosebut-not-quite-live tenor and volume.

In the end, though, it all comes back to the words. Stone's confidence lies behind her bright eyes and wide smile, even when the songs tackle The last lines of "Sins" opener "20/20 in the Morning" set the stage for the album's 12-song progression ("Dollar store lady help me out a bit / I've got \$3.95, what can I do with it / Looking for rhymes that are bittersweet / No you sold out of all your regret songs last week").

That last line is a somewhat tongue-in-cheek, and some of the writing is a little touchy in that sense,' Stone said. "It's very much about vices, and it's almost a conceptual album from beginning to end about both vices and redemption. It didn't set out to be that, but it very much does end up like that.

The song titles alone - such as 'Non-dysfunctional Lovesong" and Emotions are a School Bus with a Drunkard at the Wheel" — provide a glimpse into the songwriter's playfully pensive sensitivity

The ominously titled track even gives way to hope in the end. After enduring the painful process of losing innocence, Stone turns the phrase on its head ("And you'll find out how to give love / The secret spots to shine in and / My lips will grin and say

The album closes with the intimate "Rest" - if not a tidy resolution to all the questions, certainly a statement of faith ("You can beat my body, you can break my bones / Wait till my back is turned and then throw stones / But I never shall walk this world alone, And my spirit is at rest").

"In a lot of ways, it's a spiritual album. You can see that from the beginning to the end," Stone said. There's a lot of dark, and there's a

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cult for them to take any initiative because they don't know, 'Is someone else working on this.' It's very important, and the leadership side helps them to get together and work in a collaborative manner so that they can be efficient in that regard. As far as the appearance of inefficiency to the campus community, I think that one thing that is important is that there are some things that are more efficient in student government than others. There's the executive branch and it has grown greatly in recent years. It has the president, and the vice president is also involved in the executive branch. And the other units in there are the Department of Government Relations that works on lobbying and keeping on task with the different governmental groups. There's the Community Service Department that's supposed to help to build up a better student-run structure with all the community service groups so that they can work together in even more effective ways. Those sorts of things are inherently efficient because there's not a whole lot of conflict with them. And I think accenting those aspects of student government can help us appear more efficient. Instead of saying that there is more than just the Student Senate because the Student Senate always...there has to be some amount of inefficiency for it to be able to be what it is - a body that can take two different sides of an issue, discuss them and come to a conclusion at the end.

Technician: Sum up your vision in one statement.

Fabrcius: The Student Government needs to find a way to work together with all of the other governmental advisories and different information-gathering bodies to form short-term and longterm goals for the student body while involving the opinions of different constituency groups to make the most progress as they can in any given period of time Technician: What sets you apart from other candidates?

Fabrcius: I think more than anything else, I have a breadth of different experience. I've worked on

a lot of different things. I've been heavily involved with the different college councils as they are heavily connected to the Student Senate through the delegations within senate as a relationship between senators and their college councils. It's something that's been building up in the recent years and is pretty important. And I got the opportunity to work with most of the senate committees. I've served on three of them and provided them with assistance...on certain issues. I think getting out knowledge about all these different parts and different things we are working on, different elements of the university is very important. And figuring out how to best help everyone kind of get exactly what they want out of their offices as student senator. I believe it is fundamentally one of the most important roles of student senator to be an officer who can make sure the student senator has the re sources and information available to serve his or her con-

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for N.C. State.

Ray commented on the growth NCSU has experienced, saying students are losing touch as NCSU expands. Ray's platform consists of trying to unite stu-

Other debates occurred among the three candidates running for Student Senate President. Lock Whiteside, Erich Fabricius and James Pendergrass all spoke of their platforms and experience in Student Government.

James Reed, a candidate for Union Activities Board president, used his three-minute introduction to speak about his platform in a comical, yet informative matter.
"We had to hit hard, we had to

hit fast and we had to hit it hot, Reed said when referring to his election to the position last year. I want the student center to be like Tiger Woods. You know who Tiger Woods is!" Reed said when speaking on updates that he would like to make in NCSU's Student Centers

Reed's speech brought the only applause of the evening.

Ted Gellar, another candidate for UAB president, spoke next. His platform consisted of many changes he would like to see in UAB, including a wider variety of programs.

The arts program is drastically under-funded," Gellar said. He would like to see improvements

made in Thompson Theater, Price Music Center and the Crafts

Anup Shah — who is running unopposed for Senior Class President - spoke of several issues, including the job duties of class president, extending current traditions and getting needed information to seniors.

"As a group, seniors need information in terms of graduation and grad school and I would like to set up an e-mail list to keep seniors informed," Shah said.

Sean Casey, a junior in Biochemistry who is running unopposed for Student Body Chief Justice, and Seth Lester, the only candidate for Student Body Treasurer, were also included in the de-

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of the curriculum until the end of the undergraduate program. Introductory psychology courses and critique seminars were suggested in place.

This experience, in McIntosh's mind, revealed the tendency of the education system not to include women, which in turn, she believes shapes the knowledge that is valued and taught.

In 1980, McIntosh came across two essays written by black female professors in Boston, purporting that white women were oppressive to work with. McInsh took this personally and disagreed, believing that "white women were nice, especially if they can work with black

women." It was only then that she realized how overtly racist her thinking had been up until that point, she said.

McIntosh began to recognize what she has coined a white and male-privilege system. After asking herself if she possessed any thing she hadn't earned, she came to realize her unearned advantage as a white woman over the African-American women she worked with.

She later came up with a list of 46 aspects outlining ways that be ing a white woman within this system of privilege affects the life she lives, even though she wasn't taught to see these advantages. McIntosh put her ideas into perspective by explaining that if ome are at an advantage within this scheme, then there must be others who remain at a disad

vantage, shattering the American notion of meritocracy.

After instructing the audience members to pair up and discuss their advantages and disadvantages with one another, McIntosh resumed her presentation.

She explained that any kind of privilege system undermines education by creating a narrow focus, thereby creating a curriculum that doesn't honor everyone equally. McIntosh elaborated further by reminding the audience to pay attention to how cultural and gender groups are treated on a daily basis as well.

"It's important to dismantle privilege systems," said McIntosh.
"Not only as a personally gratifying endeavor, but also because I don't want us to live in hateful, divided communities.

WHITESIDE

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Whiteside: I have a vision of a Student Senate that has a new spirit.

Technician: What sets you apart from other candidates?

Whiteside: My leadership ability. I really think that in order for us to change the tone within Student Senate we need someone that's new; that can actually bring new people, new ideas and set a new tone

PENDERGRASS

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islative action, which bog down cause the inefficiency that senate has seen around campus. If we work with our constituents and address the problems through the administration through active communication then we won't have that inefficiency and we will get things done for the students. Technician: Sum up your vision

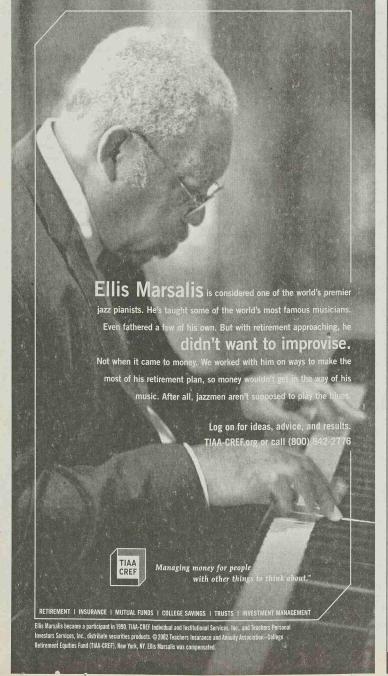
Pendergrass: Commitment to the students.

Technician: What sets you apart

from other candidates? Pendergrass: As I have stated to some people, I'm a two-for-one package. I have the ability to communicate with the administration and the students one on one in a very effective manner — just one of my opponents does. And then I have the experience that my other opponent does. So, I will bring to the table a very effective leadership and communicative skill. And I will also bring to the table contacts and relationships with the administration that I have forged over three years. So, that sets me up to be a two-for-one deal. So, you will get the best of all the candidates in one person.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Living on deadline



As the final month of the 2002-2003 acaear winds down, most of the student body is focused on riding out the final weeks of exams, term papers and early morning

But at Technician, the month of April sig nals a new beginning. On Tuesday, Technician turned over staff for the 2003-2004 school year, welcoming new editors but sadly, saying goodbye to others

goodbye to others.

This week marked the last time co-editors-in-chief Jerry Moore and Matthew Pelland put the newspaper to bed. 365 days of being the driving force behind Technician came to pass in the wee hours of a Tuesday morning, in a back room of Witherspoon Student Center without much notice from the outside ter, without much notice from the outside

But that is the role of an editor. To be the face behind the masthead, and the drive behind the staff.

The legacy of Jerry and Matt within the walls of Technician and the university will

mot soon be forgotten.

Matt, a senior in graphic design, was responsible for the newspaper redesign that built a consistent framework for the paper and brought the standard of quality to a new and brought the standard of quality to a new level. Since April 2002, he has spent every publishing night tucked away in the design room, meticulously ensuring everything was laid out correctly and up to the standards we strive for each and every day. Jerry, a senior in English and recent recip-ient of the Collegiate Journalist of the Year award by the National Society of Collegiate

ient of the Collegiate Journalist of the Year award by the National Society of Collegiate Journalists, has been both a skilled writer and passionate leader. His smile, optimism and encouragement have motivated staff during the hardest days and longest nights.

Together, they have fostered a feeling of family and pride within the Technician office. Their tenure has removed the previously held notion that "It doesn't matter, no one is going to see it in Technician anyway" and prought Technician to a new level of credibility and honor.

Jerry's leather pants and Matt's wry sense of humor will surely be missed in the up-coming year and they have left big shoes to fill. That task falls to us, Thushan Amarasiri-

wardena and Carie Windham.
Stepping into this position, we both share a deep love for Technician and a shared vision for taking it to the next level. By building on the work completed by past editors, we are poised and prepared to continue improving your student newspaper so that it can truly become the voice of N.C. State.

Come the voice of N.C. State.

Luckily, our foundations have been built
by a dedicated staff, many of whom will leave
Technician this year.

Ayren Jackson, a senior in communications, will be leaving the newsroom for the
bright lights and fast pace of New York City
where she is sure to be a success in the magazine industry. Her ouiet dedication and unazine industry. Her quiet dedication and un-matched dependability has helped deepen

and broaden the news department during

and broaden the news department during her year and a half as editor. As a writer, she is unparalleled in her ability to bring color and life to any topic.

Amy Bissinger, the queen of AP style, will be leaving us as well. One of the most skilled at her craft, Amy has rarely been given the byline or the credit she deserves for her diligent work as copy desk chief.

The sports department will say good-bye to Steve Thompson, a senior in biology. His sly sense of humor will be glad to see him go.

The photography crew will miss Matt Huff-

Pigskan Picks will be glad to see him go. The photography crew will miss Mat Huffman's jovial attitude and his ability to capture the moment. And yes, that lens will be coming out of your last paycheck.

There are simply not enough words to express the proper thanks to members of our business office, Dwayne Baker, Krystal Pittman and Amber Daugherty, who have been instrumental in the proper thanks to members of the proper thanks to member the proper thanks been instrumental in turning Technician around financially. Often the only people that see Technician during daylight hours, they have been worked hard and we have them to thank for Technician's continued ex-

istence.

The end of this year will also mark the end of an era as Mark McLawhorn will finally be leaving Technician. Mark, who has been around since the 1920 launch of Technician, has served as co-editor-in-chief for two years and as various section editors. An expert in any area of the newspaper's production, Mark has been the "grandfather" to numerous staff members, who can rely on him for everything from keys, designing pages to little known information about N.C. State sports, history or trivia.

history or trivia.
Filling the spots of these editors will be no easy task but Technician will welcome a host of new editors who share our vision and passion for improving Technician.

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sion for improving Technician.

But to fully recognize the voice of the students, we ask that each of you let us know the changes you would like to see in your student newspaper. We always welcome story suggestions or ideas in our office in 323 Witherspoon Student Center.

And Technician is always looking for new staff. Any student interested in writing, designing physocoraphing or working in the

signing, photographing or working in the business office should feel free to attend an Open House on April 14 at 7 p.m. Or stop by the Technician office in 323 Witherspoon.

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Consumption junction



Kevin McAbee Staff Columnist

Much of the rest of the world see Americans as gluttons, always wanting the biggest foods, the biggest cars and the biggest houses. For the most part we do little to counteract this stereotype. Americans want to be consumers. Not only

do we want to be consumers, but we also want to purchase the biggest, the best and the newest. Modern advertising and economics has created an America in which citizens use material possessions to judge satisfaction, while simultaneously making satisfaction unreachable.

Throughout life, Americans judge each other based on material possessions. Clothes, cars, houses and jewelry are some of the most obvious. Why is it that we define ourselves so much by the material possessions we can accumulate? Are inanimate objects any true indication of happiness, status or personality? It certainly seems that in America the easiest way to make a quick judgment of a person's ideas, interests and individuality is by simply looking at what goods are surrounding them.

The majority of stereotyping is based on appearance and material goods. Advertising campaigns have attached their products with a certain type of person so much that we cannot see past the ads. Or maybe it is that we find it so hard to define ourselves that we must rely on these companies and products to do it for us. A person wearing Carhartt clothing must be a farmer, a person wearing Gucci must be rich and a person with Birkenstocks must be a hippie.

We routinely worry more about the aura of appearance than the practicality of an object. SUVs are the obvious example that has been discussed endlessly. However, getting a new computer every two years and throwing the old one away and having to buy a \$300 prom dress and then never wearing it again are prime examples. Why have owning these items become such an important part of our

The textbook example is an engagement ring. People believe that this rock on a woman's finger indicates the amount of love her fiancÈ

has for her. Women want to be able to show off an expensive ring so that others will think her fiancÈ will go to any lengths to profess his love. But who determined that this was the way to express love? Why are men not proposing to women and then giving her a herd of cattle or a box of pinecones? It is solely because a ring is an expensive and portable way of showing off to everyone else. There are plenty of poor married couples more in love than the Bachelor from TV, but the Bachelor's ring was a lot more expensive

Americans have become obsessed with

price, glamour and facades than we have with real meaning.

A careful analysis of American holidays just reinforces the idea. The current idea of Christmas is the more presents I buy someone, the nicer I am. Valentines' Day has similarly become a mandatory manifestation of love in the material possession form. Kisses and poetry will no longer be a romantic substitute for a diamond ring. Other holidays such as Halloween, Easter, and the Fourth of July are more about the required purchases than the celebration. Whether it is decorations, candy, fireworks or costumes, every holiday has a purchase associated with it

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cement walls.

If America can stop worrying about what we buy, maybe we can start worrying about more important things such as our family, neighbors

and the environment. Rather than buying your loved one a gift for the holidays, spend some time with them. You may find that they prefer you to your present. The cost of a pair of shoes has become more important than their comfort. The label on the inside of the jacket is more important than the warmth it provides. The size of the car has become more important than the performance.

Kevin is just glad baseball season has finally begun. You can find him watching TBS each night in his apartment, or contact him at ktmcabee@unity.ncsu.edu.

A fresh proposal



Greg Volk

of talk lately about what the United States and its allies will do with Baghdad and Iraq should the sacking be successful and complete. Now that we've begun this war, we've got to finish it but don't quite know how. Many people

think the Bush administration will seize Iraqi oil and forget about rebuilding the country. I don't think so, but I'm proposing a plan that could solve everything in one fell swoop: Divide Baghdad into four sections with not one, but two, for-tified, perpendicular cement walls.

Throughout this whole brouhaha we've been fortunate to have the help of the United Kingdom and their equally handsome and savvy Prime Minister Tony Blair. Without their help, we'd probably not be in Iraq. On the flip side, though, our friends over in France and Germany have not been quite as cooperative. Russia hasn't been all that helpful either.

My plan would smooth over international politics by assuring the international community that the United States doesn't intend to keep Iraq, its money and its resources just to ourselves - we intend to share them. After seizing control of Baghdad, here's how it would work: A wall running north and south through Baghdad and a wall running east and west would be constructed. We,

rant. Britain would get its own quadrant too. After all, we are the ones taking all the

Next, as a token of our benevolence, we would provide a quadrant for France, Germany and Russia to share. And, finally, the fourth quadrant would be giv en to Israel. Maybe then they would stop complaining about the West Bank and Gaza Strip. With their very own quad-

rant of Baghdad, Israel would have to be appeased once and for all.

Once the walls are built, the governing country of each quadrant would be left up to the individual rulcountries

There could be anything from a democracy to a theocracy to an oligarchy. This way we wouldn't have to put all of our Iraq-rebuilding eggs in one basket. Just to make sure order is maintained, we wouldn't let people pass freely between the quadrants. It's common knowledge that people moving places can be very destabilizing to a young government. We would set up a gate called "Checkpoint Chanaah" to carry this out.

At an agreed-upon point in time, all of Baghdad and Iraq would be turned back over to one country — the winning country. That one country would be de cided by how well the governing of the individual quadrant has gone. It would be like a reality TV show. We would interview Britain about how they feel about losing and why they hate France so much and stuff. The possibilities are endless,

If I were to place a bet on a winner right now, my money would be on us simply because we're so good at everything. But you'd have to consider Russia as a real contender. They seem to be good at handling walls and things. And you have to consider that three countries ruling one

quadrant could make them pretty strong. The more special interest stakes there are in a government, the stronger it will be.

The only further suggestion I have, it's simply something to con-

sider, would be to give the Lumbee Native Americans of Eastern North Carolina their own reservation in Iraq. They are currently seeking to be recognized by the federal government as a national tribe. Only as a recognized tribe can the Lumbee get land for a reservation. I figure the U.S. government owes them at the very least a piece of the action in Iraq.

And, of course, there's always the possibility that if the United States loses the game, we could invade whomever wins and start anew. It seems to have worked in the past.

fyou take this or anything Greg writes seriously, please E-mail him (dieshus@hotmail.com) so he can assure you he's an idiot.

Apathy is in the air

at N.C. State. The



McNeely Staff Columnist

sun warms the air shed their pollen. The days are longer and the nights are clear. Gary the Brickyard Preacher is out once again trying to save the immoral souls of the student population. Class attendance diminishes, and

professors compromise and have class outside. All in all, springtime at NCSU is a sublime experience when put against the normal hustle and bustle of university

Spring is a time to slow down and enjoy the renewal of life. I often enjoy walk-

ing around campus, taking in the sights, sounds and smells of springtime, until I trip over a sandwich board placed annoyingly in front of the Free Expression Tunnel. As I get up and dust myself off, I look and see this board is trying to entice my interest for a particular candidate in the upcoming student body election. My first reaction was "who is this person that put a sandwich board right in front of the Free Expression Tunnel so that I, and my fellow students, would trip over it? I want to know!" As I walk away toward my dorm, and as the thoughts of bloody revenge dissipate from my mind, I trip over another sandwich board conveniently placed in my way by yet another candidate running for office

By analyzing my observations and this data I have collected about the apparent rise of sandwich boards over the past two

weeks, I have come to the conclusion that it is time for Student Government elections again. It seems the sandwich board population on campus has multiplied greatly in the past two weeks. I have observed them congregating around busy tunnels and sidewalks where students have to walk to get to class. I have also observed the prolific distribution of the campaign flyer. Campaign flyers have been busy like rabbits and have been released from their breeding grounds at the local Kinko's to take up residence on bulletin boards and kiosks all over campus. But that's not all. Sidewalk chalk has been spotted in many places on campus, blasting out messages like "Vote XTC" and "Campusflirts.com" and the everpopular "Read Americana! It's the war

With the actual elections only a week See MCNEELY page 5

CAMPUS FORUM

dishonest phrases This letter is in part motivated by the "Patriotism: a dying value?"

column in Monday's paper, and

also in part by our intellectual culture in general, which is filled

with such concepts as "patriot-

ism,""Americanism," "anti-Americanism," etc. Unlike many people

in the anti-war movement who

believe we should "appease" ac-

cusations of being "un-patriot-

ic" with such slogans as "Peace is

patriotic," I believe we should intead tell the truth for what it is: that such ideas are simply not humanistic or intellectually honest, and they should be discarded. Humanism is a clear idea: that we should respect the lives and as-

pirations of human beings above

any sort of dogma or other idea.

Loyalty to any state or group of

people at the expense of human-

ity as a whole is not compatible

with humanism. Where such concepts as "patriotism," "Americanism," etc. conflict with humanism, when we value human life we will simply discard these concepts. When they coincide, then there is no reason to talk

about patriotism; rather, humanism is what counts. Such

concepts are, as well, not intel-

lectually honest. "Americanism" is not an idea: there is no strict

ideology which can uniquely be entitled the "American" one, and of those loose ideas which have been fairly continuous through-

out our history, why should we want to keep one just because of

that? Anyway, such phrases are

not used in such a definite man-

ner anyhow; they are used, generally, to instill irrational fears

among the population of a cer-

tain group, which, by its "anti-Americanism," supposedly wants to hurt them. People who value human life and understanding of

the real world, then, should discard such concepts. In an honest description of the world, there are no "anti-Americans," rather

there are Muslims, Canadians,

and people who disagree with

government policy. These are

meaningful terms; the former is

Intellectually

Meet your Technician Staff

Every April 1, Technician rolls over to a new staff. Listed here is the incoming Editorial Board staff for the upcoming 2003-04 academic year. They lead our dedicated staff of over a hundred writers, photographers, designers, copyeditors and business reps. who spend countless days and nights together to do one thing - get the news to you. Today, we'll all be sporting our Technician T-shirts. If you see us around campus, feel free to stop us and tell us how we're doing, what we can do better and if you're interested, how you can join our team. We look foward to creating your Technician in the coming year.



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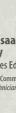
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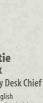
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away, I am wondering how many people actually care about student body elections. With all the annoying flyers and advertisements blanketing campus, I feel a sense of apathy among the student body. I often find myself wondering whom these people are, why they are running and what they can do for me as a senator or president

Elections are not what they used to be. They have become watered down and passive. I have not seen a single candidate out campaigning or informing the student population about their platform. Most candidates have a Web site that tells about their views and what they will do to change NCSU. I visited one of these Web sites, and the color scheme of this particular Web site was Carolina blue. I immediately left this site and vowed not to vote for this person based on the fact that they did not even use the colors of his or her own

school. Since then, I have not visited any other campaign Web sites. I find them useless as a cam-paign tool. The Internet is useful for gathering cold, hard facts. But if I'm going to vote for someone, they had better

inspire me to vote for them. I will never get inspired to vote from a Web site.

I believe what we need is an open debate between the candidates. Picture this: It's high noon in the Brickyard, and there are son leading my Student Government than

several candidates sitting out there mudslinging and actually fighting for votes That is what real politics is about. Get rid of the Elections Committee or whoever controls the election. They are only hold

ing back the real leaders when they impose such exhaustive rules and regula tions on the candidates and when they threaten them with violations that might cause the candidate to be ejected from the race. The

rule that excludes students who have had a disciplinary violation in their past is one that has to go first. We all make mistakes, and I would rather have an imperfect persome perfect, straight-A-making, resumeboosting brown-noser. Come on, Election Committee, let the candidates get their message out there. This is democracy in action. Quit worrying about election violations and let the people speak. Candidates get out there, and make your voice known. Tell us why we should vote for you and maybe we will. Right now, nobody cares and nobody is going to care in the future if this parliamentarian horse-hockey keeps up. Politics are annoying, but so is passivity and non-action.

Ben wants to vote, but does not know who to vote for. Send him your platforms to bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu and after careful consideration, he will vote for whoever has the

Alexander Sheppard Lifelong Education

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Event Results

March 28: Defeated UNC-Charlotte 12-6 March 29: Split doubleheader with

Charlotte, winning 18-10 and losing March 27 - Results of Intercollegiate Huntseat Association horse show hosted by Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Va.: Overall - N.C.

State placed fourth
Erin Pendleton - placed fourth in
open over fences and fourth in open on the flat; Lissa Cannady - sixth in open over fences and fifth in open on the flat; Kevin Chavis - fourth in intermediate over fences and sixth in intermediate flat; Lindsay McCan second in intermediate over fences and fifth in open flat; Jessica Hockney - fourth in novice over fences and third in novice flat;

Rebecca Effron - third in novice over fences and second in novice flat; Ashley Cannady - sixth in novice flat; Lauren Allen - fourth place in walk/trot; Janet Lui - third in walk/trot; and Lindsay McDaniel (competing for the first time) - fifth in intermediate. March 29 - Results of

respective levels, the riders placed as follows: Kristen Roza - sixth, Kevin Chavis - third, Laura Roten fourth, and Laura Heaton - fourth

fourth, and Laura Heaton - fourth Water Polo March 29 and 30 - Results from Spring in the Swamp 2003 hosted by University of Florida: Round robin (2-2): Defeated Florida Alumni 7-6 and Florida "Blue" team 5-74 Let to "Paidere" 15. March 29 - Results of Intercollegiate Dressage Association horse show hosted by Averett College in Danville, Va.: N.C. State placed third overall. In their "Blue" team 8-7; Lost to "Raiders" 15-4 and Florida "Orange" 20-9 Overall - Finished third out of 9

Men's Rugby March 29: Lost to Appalachian State

Women's Rugby

Women's Rugby
March 29 - Results from Division II
South Collegiate Championships in
Myrtle Beach, S.C.:
N.C. State lost to University of
Central Florida in Finals 14-8
Scoring for N.C. State: Tries - Mae
Dorsch (1); Penalty points - Kiki

Rodriguez

Women's Soccer March 30: Lost to North Carolina

March 29 and 30 - Results from sixth Annual Ultimax tournament hosted by East Carolina in Greenville: Defeated national No. 3 University of Oregon 15-11

BASEBALI

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over the weekend. Heading that fire is junior right fielder Joe Gaetti, although his batting average (.241) certainly doesn't reflect that. The Raleigh product has, however, sent the ball soaring over the fences nine times this season, helping him to drive in 33 runs.

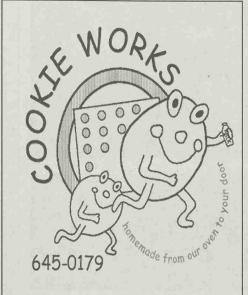
Hitting long bombs has been much like a contagious virus among the Pack roster lately. Ju-nior catcher Colt Morton has knocked the ball out of the park 10 times, while six other batters have tallied at least one homerun thus far.

- Also providing an extra spark to the team's offensive surge is senior third baseman Jeremy Dutton. Dutton, who currently ranks third on the team with a .312 average, recently became State's fourth-straight player to be honored by the ACC as the player or pitcher of the week for his performance versus Winthrop and Clemson.
- During the week of his honors, Dutton batted an amazing .545, recording two doubles, two homeruns and 11 RBIs. His biggest play came on Friday night against the Tigers when he entered the game in the eighth inning and later connected on a long leadoff blast in the bottom of the 11th frame that soared over the right field wall and gave the Pack a dramatic 3-2 victory.

"It was quite an honor for J.D.," said Avent. "He had a great week and just really played well offensively for us. He also was just out-standing defensively in the field and really made some good plays that helped create some oppor-tunities for us. J.D. has had four great years with us, and I'm just glad he had such a big weekend against a top team like Clemson."

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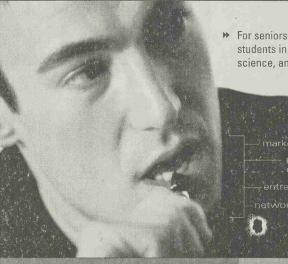
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BASKETBALL

almost two weeks. but I finally got it. I've solved the problem more perplexing than the location of Atlantis; more indepth that the whereabouts of Amelia Earhart; and more capti-

vating than discovering the murderer who killed Biggie and Tupac.

The answer was in fact all too simple. The NCAA selection committee wasn't comprised of university directors of athletics and other officials. Instead, it was made up of the following: Donovan McNabb, Jim Brown, Mike Tirico, Derrick Coleman and Juli Boeheim.

The reason?

Well, how else could you explain the path to the Final Four given to Syracuse? No unbiased committee would ever pave a yellow brick road quite like this for a team that didn't win an outright championship of any kind during the year.

When the brackets were announced over two weeks ago, all the uproar was over the nation's top two teams, Kentucky and Arizona, being on the same of the bracket, the absurdly difficult West region and the inclusion of undeserving teams like Alabama and Auburn.

Perhaps though, there was even more of a problem with the plethora of un-deserving rewards that the committee decided to hand to the Orangemen, such as pairing them with the worst No. 6 seed in the field (Oklahoma State) or letting Syracuse play its regional games in Albany, N.Y., a mere 150 miles from its campus.

Why not just save them further trouble and move the regional to the Carrier Dome?

Teams have enjoyed the same luxury in the recent past-but not to this extreme

The difference is that the teams of the past were champions and actually won something before the tournament. In 1998, North Carolina played its regional in Greensboro and easily advanced to the Final Four. The Tar Heels went 13-3 that year and beat Duke in the ACC tournament final.

Duke is another team that has enjoyed the luxury of playing later stages of March Madness close to home. The 1994 Final Four was played in the Charlotte Coliseum, and the ACC's regular-season champions advanced all the way to the tournament on the back of Grant Hill and Jeff Capel, before falling to Arkansas in the championship game.

Moreover, comparing Tobacco Road to upstate New York is largely unfair. In that part of New York, your blood runs orange for Syracuse, or you can pull for...um...it's coming to me...oh yeah!....Siena. Or how about Binghamton? Didn't they almost beat Carolina last year? Yeah, I know, Broughton could have as well.

The point though, is that there are hordes of Orangemen backers that flocked to Albany to support their team. In those two aforementioned cases of Carolina and Duke, local fans probably showed up at the arena just to root against them.

The NCAA needs to take a long, hard look at the huge home-court advantage certain teams are enjoying. Think about it: Who would you have rather been? Pittsburgh or Syracuse? The Panthers split the regular-season title with Syracuse before rolling through the Big East tournament for their first ever title.

Their reward? A trip to the Midwest, the region of the overall No. 1 seed, a Sweet 16 match-up with a grossly underrated Marquette team and just an overall inferior situation to a team they were clear-

Unfortunately for the Orange, the Final Four this year isn't in New York. There won't be any Auburns, Oklahoma States or Manhattans there.

Which is exactly why they will come and go as fast -and as shady - as they

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The bright red seats are one of the many new plush features of the brand new Doak Field. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

Home at last

The 12th-ranked N.C. State baseball team finally gets to strut its stuff at the new Doak Field tonight against UNC-Greensboro.

Justin Sellers

Home games for the N.C. State baseball team have taken on a whole new meaning this year, but tonight, the team will finally get to experience a game on its home turf — the new Doak Field when it hosts UNC-Greensboro at 7 p.m.

Due to renovations continuing through the season, the 12th-ranked Wolfpack (23-7) has been playing its home contests on the road in places like Kinston and Wilson. Although renovations on the new Doak aren't fully complete, the field is in playable condition. Doak will be the Pack's home field for the remainder of

"I think there's going to be a lot of excitement come Wednesday night," said head coach Elliott Avent earlier in the week. "It's going to be our first game at

the new Doak, and you always want to win your first game on a new field. But we're still going to have to remain fo-cused on the team we're playing. I don't care where you play — at home or on the road — you've always got to remain focused on your opponent, and we're facing a tough Greensboro team.'

Combating the complications of not having a home-field advantage, the Pack has experienced much success away from home, winning 18 of its last 21 games, including two of its three games over previous No. 10 Clemson last weekend.

While the Pack has exhibited great success against ranked opponents, it also knows that it must be cautious of those teams that aren't ranked, as evidenced by its loss last week to Winthrop of the Big South Conference. UNC-Greensboro, with a record of 21-6, poses a similar threat.

With a team batting average of .304, UNC-G has proven itself to be an offensively powerful ball club. Led by the combination of junior Ryan Gordan and seniors Justin Saltamacchia and Jason Sarvis, the Spartans are averaging 7.9 runs per game, while limiting its opponents to just four runs an outing.

Gordan, who serves as a starter on the mound for UNC-G, has also shown worth with a bat in his hands and currently leads the team with a .424 average. So far this season, Gordan has tallied six doubles, three triples and two homeruns to go with 24 RBIs.

Meanwhile, infielders Saltamacchia and Sarvis have consistently set the table for the Spartans. With Saltamacchia batting .355 and Sarvis at .351, the duo has already combined for five homers and 46 RBIs.

'Greensboro is a pretty good ball club," said Avent. "They've got a solid record at 21-6, and they beat a pretty good Georgia Southern team two out of three games. In the past they've always been a solid club, and we're looking forward to our game with them Wednesday night. But we also know that they're going to present a tough challenge."

But UNC-G isn't the only team doing

damage on the scoreboard, as State has turned hot offensively by scoring 25 runs

See BASEBALL page 7

Wolfpack Athletics Responds-

War in Iraq

"I think we have a right to go into Iraq, but I am not a big fan of war myself. It is sad innocent people have to suffer."

freshman Kylah Bachman, gymnastics

"I really don't have much to say, I just stand behind our troops, and I pray for their safe ty. I think our country is well-run and wellgoverned."

- senior Josh Trammel, cheerleading

"I have to say something about the media." I think they are getting too involved. I saw one broadcast where the journalist was interviewing the soldier in the middle of a combat situation.

sophomore Jennifer Gray, gymnastics

"I have a person in my major that's Iraqi, so I've been trying to keep an open-minded perspective. The more and more I hear [about it], I become against it. I'm not saying that I hate Bush...I don't feel like we're going to get the outcome we want. We went in there thinking we were going to blow them away; I still don't think we're going get the outcome. But it's like being on team: Even though I may not think it's right, I need to support the team and its leader. No matter what happens, I'm going to support Bush. I'm an American and I'm going to pray for the right outcome. -junior Jennifer Jassawalla, women's tennis

"I think that myself and my players all are sending our thoughts and prayers to those who are fighting for our country in Iraq as well as to their families. What our armed forces are doing is extremely important and the fact that they are risking their lives by fighting for our country; we're just so appreciative for all that they are do-

- Elliott Avent, head baseball coach



Young Banada finding his niche

It hasn't taken long for Val Banada to make an impact, and he's just started

Austin Johnson

Looking out the window on a cold rainy Sunday, freshman Val Banada of the N.C State tennis team cannot help but make the comparison.

"I like it up here — everything but the weather, it's like 90 there right now," said Banada.

"There" is Miami, Banada's hometown until he came to State this spring. The unpredictable North Carolina weather is just another thing Banada has had to adjust to in the last three months.

Banada has also had to get comfortable with collegiate tennis only after one semester, while his fellow freshmen have had two semesters to adjust. Due to a paperwork problem, Banada was not able to enter school until the spring semester And that downtime away from the court caused him to be a little out of shape when he first arrive - just one of the many facets of his game he has worked on since arriving at State.

'I've got so much more endurance now," admits Banada. "It's not where it could be or where I want it to be, but it's getting there.

Despite the difficult transitions for Banada, he has been perhaps the best of a very young tennis team that includes four freshmen, a sophomore and a junior. He has posted an 8-10 singles record for a team that is currently 4-11, and his record in the No. 3 spot has been a perfect 7-0. Banada begins to prepare for

each of these matches from the moment

he gets up on the day of the match. "Usually when I wake up that day, I start thinking about the match," said Banada. "I try to shut out everything, I try to stay to myself."

Banada gives a lot of credit for his progress to head coach Jon Choboy and his father Salvador Banada. Banada admits that he has trouble getting motivated at times, and his father had been the main motivating factor. Salvador was an assistant coach on his high school team, and Choboy is the kind of coach Banada needs in order for him to play up to his full potential.
"I can do things when I want to do

them, but sometimes it's hard to motivate myself," said Banada. "I need someone to get on me."

Choboy has also stressed to Banada and the rest of the team the importance of having a game plan in never be sure who they are going to face on a given day in tennis, so game plans have to be much more about playing to a individual strengths and not the weaknesses of the oppo-

"It's basically my game plan against his," said Banada, "I'm not that big so I can't really blow guys off the court.

'It's more about angles, finesse and trying to be around the whole court."

Listed at 5-foot-8, Banada often plays much bigger opponents. His ability to move quickly helps to compensate for players that have more power. On the court an observer can usually distinguish him by his quick feet and his NCSU headband, something that he requested at the beginning of spring. Banada used to wear headbands to keep his hair back but after a recent haircut that no longer became an issue.

With the old hair, the hat didn't really fit, so I needed a headband," said Banada. "I didn't want to wear a Jordan or a Nike one, I wanted something with N.C. State on it so I had to ask

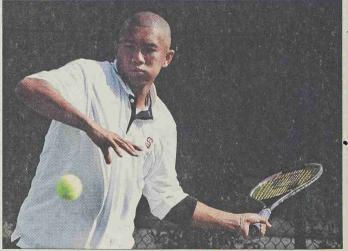
"Now I kind of have to wear them be-

cause I asked for them."

When off the court, you will rarely see • Banada without at least one article of lothing featuring the familiar Jordan logo. What started as an interest has grown into something of an obsession for him.

"I just got a pair and I liked them, so I got another pair," said Banada, "Now it's like I've got to get the new Jordan shoe.

Regardless of his choice of attire, Banada remains focused on getting better and improving on what he considers his subpar play this year. The progress of Banada and his freshmen peers will be vital in turning around a tennis program that has struggled in recent years.



"I like it up here—everything but the weather," admitted the left-handed, Miami native, Val Banada. Banada has shown lots of promise in his first season with the Pack. Staff photo by Matt Huffman