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WORLD

Bosnian leader resigns

Mirko Sarovic, a Bosnian Serb who is chairman of the country's three-member presidency, left his position Wednesday when he was implicated in illegally exporting machinery for Iraq's military. International investigators claim Sarovic failed to stop Oro, a Bosnian aviation company, from exporting plane engine parts to Iraq. Dragan Mikerevic, prime minister of the Bosnian-Serb mini-state, stated it would be best for Sarovic to resign "because of the violation of the U.N. Security Council resolution concerning Iraq." In 1991, the United Nations imposed a global ban on exporting weapons to Saddam Hussein's regime.

NATION

Tax cut package may be downsized

White House officials said Wednesday they were prepared to face lowering of President Bush's \$726 billion tax cut plan. Congressional concerns about record budget deficits and the cost of war in Iraq have caused officials to treat the tax cut plan with flexibility.

The House of Representatives included the entire tax cut in its budget while senators are calling for a \$350 billion tax cut. Officials believe final results will be in between the two figures.

White House spokesperson, Ari Fleischer, said the president "believes that the more taxes are cut, the more the economy is stimulated, creating more jobs."

Supreme Court gives choices to HMO patients

The Supreme Court unanimously ruled Wednesday to uphold two Kentucky laws that require health maintenance organizations to open their networks, providing patients with more choices of doctors and medical providers.

The ruling was a defeat for the managed care industry, which believed the law could increase the cost of healthcare and restrict the ability of HMOs to provide high-quality care. However, the U.S. Justice Department and the American Medical Association supported Kentucky's case.

STATE

Edwards campaign finances top \$7.4 million

North Carolina Senator John Edwards announced Tuesday his presidential campaign has raised \$7.4 million in the first quarter of the year.

Other Democratic candidates are waiting to release figures, but analysts say Edwards' total could place him at the top of the fundraising among presidential candidate hopefuls. Edwards spokesperson, Jennifer Palmieri, said Edwards raised \$1 million in North Carolina, with the most productive fundraising night occurring Jan. 4, 2003 at Raleigh's Greenshields Brewery and Pub and an event at the home of Jeanette Hyde, former ambassador to Barbados.

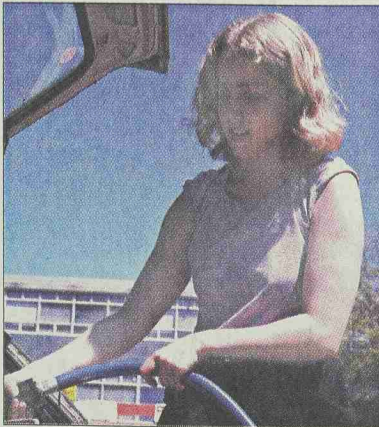
House limits autopsy photo access

The N.C. House voted 94-22 Tuesday to limit the public's access to photographs, video and audio recordings of official autopsies. The debate included comments from representatives concerned about autopsy photographs of military soldiers being released on the Internet.

Under the proposed law, which also must go to the Senate, the public would be allowed to view autopsy results but not make copies.

The bill is based on a Florida law, which originated when newspapers tried to obtain autopsy photographs of stock car racer Dale Earnhardt, who died in a Daytona 500 crash in 2001.

Veggie-fuel



Elena Everett pumps vegetable oil into the "Green Machine," a 1984 Volkswagen Rabbit that was converted to run on vegetable oil instead of diesel fuel. The Campus Greens were trying to raise money to convert a bus to run on vegetable oil. Staff Photo by Ivan Wilson

Gas prices rise as war continues

N.C. State faculty members speak out on the effects of war on our economy.

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

As U.S. troops creep closer to Baghdad, one thing is becoming clear: this engagement will endure much longer than the first Gulf War. With that in mind, analysts have been focusing on the effect a long-term war with Iraq could have on the

American economy, especially the price of oil.

Michael Walden, Ph.D., William Neal Reynolds distinguished professor and extension economist, said, "If the war is short, with few casualties and minimal disruption to oil markets, then the economy will receive a positive 'bounce,' meaning hiring and spending will pick up. Conversely, if the fighting drags on for a long time, with substantial casualties and collateral damage, then pessimism over the war will likely push the economy back into a

recession."

The war and its potential affects on the price of oil have commuting students worried about gas prices in the future.

"Gas prices have been falling, but they are still expensive. I live in Cary, and gas prices are starting to really hurt my wallet," said David Patterson, an N.C. State senior in business management.

Some students are finding other modes of transportation to avoid the high gas prices.

"The expenses in gas has forced me to reconsider my modes of transportation. With

the higher prices, I'm more likely to carpool or take the Wolfline instead of driving by myself. However, if the choice is between lower gas prices and overall peace, I would pay the extra 25 cents a gallon any day," said Leslie Jimison, a sophomore in materials science and engineering.

Walden explained that oil prices are so high right now due to fears of what a war could do to oil supplies. He pointed out that experts think there is a "war premium" currently in the price of oil. Basically, the anticipation

of the reduction of oil supplies after the war is why the price is now higher.

"Once the war is over, and if there was no permanent damage to Middle East supplies, the 'war premium' — which some estimate at \$10 per barrel — would disappear," added Walden.

Thomas Grennes, an economics professor in the NCSU College of Management, echoed Walden's thoughts.

"There was a large price increase in expectation of the war,

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Student Government Elections

Two candidates vie for Union Activities Board president

James Reed and Ted Gellar will face off for control of the UAB on Monday and Tuesday.

Carie Windham
Staff Reporter

Years ago, N.C. State students spent much of their on-campus leisure time watching films in Nelson auditorium. But today, the Union Activities Board (UAB), while priding itself in its Films Committee and its Student Cinema venue, has grown to include many other student-focused activities and events.

According to UAB's Web site, UAB is

"... for [s]tudents by [s]tudents, the UAB and its committees create innovative activities that stimulate, motivate, educate and involve the [s]tudent [b]ody..."

And one of the organization's main goals is to provide a little something for everyone.

In order to broaden their scope, UAB consists of eight committee chairpersons who represent Black Students Board, Diversity, Films, International Activities Council, Issues and Ideas, Leisure and Entertainment, Publicity and Webmaster.

The backbone and overseer of these eight committees is the UAB president. While there are many qualities a UAB

president must possess to be successful, there is one main thing he or she can never be: boring.

In the past, UAB presidents have helped to organize concerts, field trips, charity balls, homecoming events and unmatched guest speaker presentations.

This year, there are two students — including the UAB president emeritus — who believe that they've got the drive to continue the traditions that have already been instilled within UAB and the creative juices to establish new and unique programs for the students. Technician sat down with both of these students to listen to some of their ideas.

Ted Gellar



Senior History and Political Science Student Senate, Parliamentarian and CHASS representative Mu Beta Psi, Pledgmaster and Member Campus Arts Council, Secretary

Technician: Can you sum up your vision or campaign in one statement?

James Reed



Masters Student Textile Engineering Phi Gamma Delta, Correspondence Secretary Student Government, senator UAB President

Technician: Can you sum up your vision or campaign in one statement?

Ted Gellar: It's time for a change in the union — making the programming more accessible to students across campus by using publicity, black music vendor publicity and more programs themselves, as well as bringing art back into the focus of the union and making the union more accountable for its programming choices and the way it spends money. The union can bring students back into focus.

Technician: What sets you apart from your opponent?

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James Reed: Programming body for the university: That's what the students are paying the fee for. As union president, I'm in charge of the UAB and the union as far as the student centers and annexes. I want open communication as a programming body with student organizations.

Technician: What sets you apart from your opponent?

Reed: I think the biggest thing that sets me apart from my other candidate is my experience, not only with the student

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Black Panther Party co-founder speaks at Talley Student Center

Bobby Seale brings message of equality and understanding to N.C. State.

Mary Garrison
Staff Reporter

Bobby Seale, the co-founder of the Black Panther Party, spoke to a devoted audience of N.C. State students in Talley Ballroom on Monday night.

Seale, who co-founded the organization with Huey Newton, communicated the importance of equality and understanding. According to Seale, the world and its people are all "interconnected, interdependent and interrelated." He reflected on his organization, its accomplishments, goals and downfalls.

As the co-founder, Seale addressed the stereotypes and misconceptions people have about the Black Panther Party.

"The media put out erroneous information and total lies about who we were and what the party was about — we were college students," said Seale. "Huey had just completed two years of law school, and I was an engineering and design student, yet they portrayed us as thugs and hoodlums."

Seale also stressed the power of the American youth and the importance of making an impact on personal lifestyle.

He explained, "At the time, most of the people involved in the Black Panther Party were young college students. You are young college students. You can make a difference, and you do have an impact

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Symposium brings sustainability debate to N.C. State

The fifth annual symposium featured four speakers examining ways to balance Earth's resources and humans' requirements.

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

The Park Scholars hosted the fifth annual Park Scholarship Symposium at N.C. State last Thursday, with the address entitled "A Sustainable Future: Challenging Communities to Change."

The event, held at Stewart Theatre, drew a crowd from different areas of the academic spectrum.

Two of the many questions raised at the symposium were: "Can human quality of life be improved without imperiling the Earth's ecosystem?" and "Can communities sustain them-

selves with their won resources and still achieve the goals of economic growth and social justice?"

Faculty, staff and students gathered to hear answers and suggestions from leading experts about each topic.

Four guests presented at the conference: Sister Miriam Therese MacGillis, Michael Shuman, Frances Moore Lappe and daughter Anna.

MacGillis, a member of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, N.J., has published an essay entitled, "The Soul of Nature: Celebrating the Spirit of the Earth."

In her presentation to the audience, MacGillis said, "We alter the basic chemistry, physical structures, geology and physics of the planet without understanding the effects." She also explained, "It is not that human nature is evil or bad, but that we are young and inexperienced in the cycle of life." She advocated a call for universi-

ties and institutes of higher learning to "organize to train skills and moral sensitivities to the future of the world," because she claimed the educated are the most proficient in "extracting the natural world from the physical." MacGillis concluded her briefing saying, "We cannot be sustainable in an extractable economy."

The second guest speaker was Michael Shuman, an attorney and director of the Green Policy Institute. He stressed the importance of the maintenance of local government. He illustrated, saying the use of a local currency, though unpopular in mainstream society, does have its benefits. He recommends each local community keep the wealth and profits of internal revenue circulated within that respective society. He especially promoted the long-lasting, positive effects of a self-sufficient community and keeping the wealth

of the society in continuous circulation for the overall well-being and establishment of each given society.

The mother-daughter team of Frances and Anna Lappe delved into the socio-economics of food choices in both third world, developing nations and developed nations.

The Lappes challenged the audience to engage in an open thought experiment and evaluate the market forces and market economics, in terms of multiple drives and considerations.

Frances Lappe said, "We have no language, no metaphor or no story to explain. What we do have is a language of free market and free enterprise." She ultimately stated it was a question of democracy. In her book "Diet for a Small Planet," Frances Lappe questions the appointments

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organizations but with the activities board and the union as a whole. As president, you have to choose committee chairs, choose events, and you're given the authority from the constitution to veto any programming you don't deem necessary. I also have the knowledge of the union and the way it runs, as far as the upcoming challenges. Our student centers are not up to par, from codes and inspections and things like that, simply because of the way codes have changed over the years. One of the things that I've done is put the UAB back together. I've seen that commitment to publicity.

Technician: A problem that plagues many organizations on campus, including the UAB is di-

versity. Making sure there is a diverse offering of programs and a diverse audience for those. How do you see yourself changing that or working for that?

Reed: The main thing I dealt with this year, is first starting off with a committee and a group of people that is diverse in itself. You can't expect a majority group to be able to efficiently and effectively program for a minority group. First off, you have respect issues. I don't feel like I have the knowledge and understanding to be programming for the Indian Association because I don't know their cultural background. You first have to have a group that understands what the population is that they are programming for. This year the committees are diverse, and we have international, African-American, Filipino, Caucasian and the female voice. But

you must have that diverse body to start programming for the university. I take great pride in being the programming body to introduce people to a diverse group.

Technician: Are you planning to offer new events? Could you offer an example of a new event you would plan?

Reed: Concerts. It's one that the activities board has struggled with over the years as far as money, risks and contractual issues. Other universities bring in an outside promoter. So what I'm doing now, is contacting Reynolds Coliseum. Many students do not realize it but in the early '70s and the first and latter part of the '80s, Reynolds Coliseum was a large concert venue. We had people from Roberta Flack to Van Halen in Reynolds Coliseum. Looking at the concerts — hopefully, the proposal is to have four of them.

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Gellar: I think I'll better be able to institute the sweeping changes that I think are necessary to make the Student Center and the Student Union more student oriented because — although I have less experience in the union, I'm not sort of, I guess, set in my ways. I haven't been there long enough that I'm used to the routine and the status quo and so by bringing change, and with my strong arts background, I feel I can bring new life to the union.

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verse offering of programs and a diverse audience for those. How do you see yourself changing that or working for that?

Gellar: One of my biggest goals is to broaden the union's conception of diversity because right now I feel that it's a pretty narrow diversity conception, and I think that it could be broadened to include things like sexual orientation, gender identification, as well as religious and ethnic things that are not usually part of the standard programming of the union.

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Gellar: Well, one example, this year I think there was about

\$5,000 budgeted for the union for concerts, and none of the money has been expended and I believe that money is being cut out for next year. But I fully believe that with concerts, you don't have to bring a big name group that costs \$50,000 to campus. I know groups that would do it for \$500 or \$700, and those groups are wonderful. They include students and they're from the area. So, I think that's one type of event that could mean that there are more events on campus that students can look at and say "What has the union done for me?" and they can actually point to things. Most people, you ask them "What has the UAB done for you this year?" and they say, "Nothing," "not enough" or "I don't know."

OIL

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but recently the price has dropped from \$40 per barrel to the high \$20s. The common interpretation is that oil traders expect a short war without major disruption of the oil market," said Grennes. "This shows up in the price of oil futures contracts that show people expecting a lower price in the near future. This is what happened in the war in 1991 when there was a brief, but large, price increase."

Grennes added the prices change with new information. "[Early last week] the price dropped by \$2 per barrel, but later when fires at oil wells were reported, the price went up again."

Although small fluctuations occur every day, prices also vary from company to company.

Edward W. Erickson, professor of economics at NCSU, wrote in a piece called "Iraq, Oil and War," "U.S. oil companies search for oil worldwide. They each decide —

individually — when and where to make investments. They weigh many factors. One of them is the stability of the government where oil may be found."

Grennes sees students the change in oil prices may not affect the price of gasoline right away.

"Retail gasoline prices are highly, but not perfectly, correlated with oil prices. There are time lags. Thus, the futures market is also forecasting lower gasoline prices, but not necessarily this week," said Grennes.

Grennes feels students may be affected by more than just the prices of oil. Although the war may have a significant effect on oil prices and the economy as a whole, the war is about more than just economics.

"Terrorism associated with al Qaeda may have a bigger effect on some students than the invasion of Iraq. It is already more difficult for foreign students to come to the United States. Tighter security regulations may reduce future access to foreign born faculty members," said Grennes.

While students around the world are still protesting to this supposed "oil war," Erickson defends America's war with Iraq.

"Today, producing nations sell oil to countries or companies that give them the best financial deal. No countries have absolute control over any oil except the oil within their own boundaries," he said. "There is no reason to believe that a liberated Iraq will automatically deliver up its oil to the United States or U.S. oil companies after Saddam's Baathist regime no longer rules in Baghdad."

"We live in a complex world where oil markets — supply and price — are in constant flux. Simplistic theories about oil companies pushing for war in Iraq do not pass muster," added Erickson. "A more straightforward explanation of our Iraqi operations is that they are a necessary step to keep existing and potential weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of international terrorists who hate America."



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on your reality."

Founded in 1966 and lasting until 1974, the Black Panther Party accomplished numerous goals for many communities. These feats included getting 10,000 bags of groceries to poor communities, free sickle cell anemia testing for African-Americans, registering voters by the thousands and creating a free breakfast program for poor and underprivileged students from grades K-12. All of their efforts were grassroots — the party never received any government funding, despite extensive efforts.

The Black Panthers held a platform that included full employment for all people, improved education and an end to police brutality.

"We stood for something. We believed in better conditions not only for black people, but Asians, Latin Americans and poor whites." The party's slogan, "Power to the People," not only stood for the empowerment of blacks, but for the empowerment of all people explained Seale.

"We did not hate white people, and we did not promote violence. We promoted self-defense," Seale confirmed. "Look at it like this: At the time, racist police officers and KKK members were coming into our neighborhoods and

committing crimes on our people. Violent racism was legalized and socially accepted. We just wanted protection for ourselves and for our families."

"As a political revolutionary organization, there are gonna be problems. There will be racist and avarice people against you," Seale stated. "Racist attitudes die hard. Backwards criminal behavior in adults also dies hard."

As far as negative perceptions of the party itself and problems within the organization, Seale said, "True, we had some problems within ourselves as any other group does. All of our members were not perfect."

Both Eldridge Cleaver, a leader of the party, and Huey Newton had drug addiction problems towards the ends of their lives. To address a rumor that the FBI was responsible for Huey Newton's drug problem, Seale comments, "No, the FBI was not responsible for [Huey's] drug problem. However, they were well aware of the drug dealers within his circle, yet did nothing about it."

Throughout the Black Panthers, the concept of multiple leadership was a constant theme. "There was no one leader for the Black

Panther Party," said a smiling Seale. The party's leadership included Seale, Newton, Angela Davis, Stokeley Carmichael, Eldridge Cleaver and his wife, Kathleen.

Seale closed by highlighting education. "Fifty percent of liberation is education. Education meaning understanding the ideas put towards you and whether or not those ideas correspond to reality."

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of food economics and increase awareness of social movements in fighting hunger and poverty globally.

Both Lappes traveled to cement the validity of their findings in terms of market economics of food supply. Their book "Hope's Edge," vouches for research.

Their presentation was well received by the audience, as it was proceeded by an active question and answer session.

The symposium also incorporated an essay contest award ceremony and a panel discussion.

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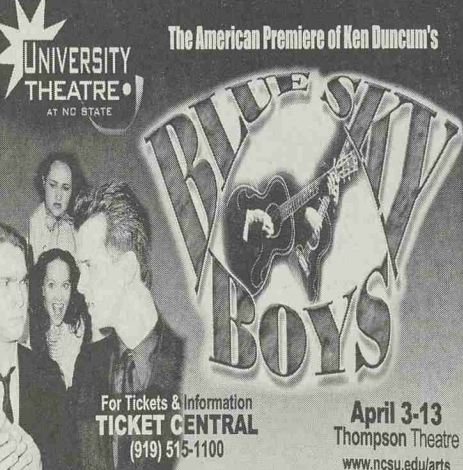
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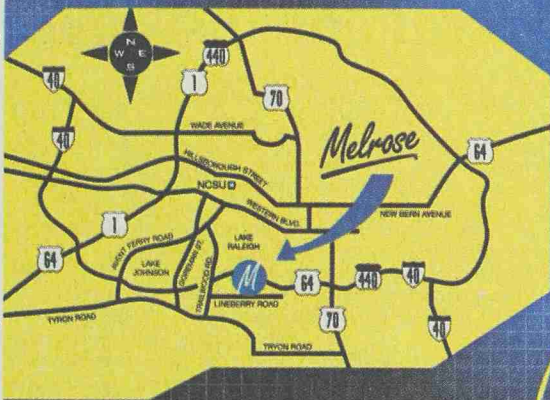
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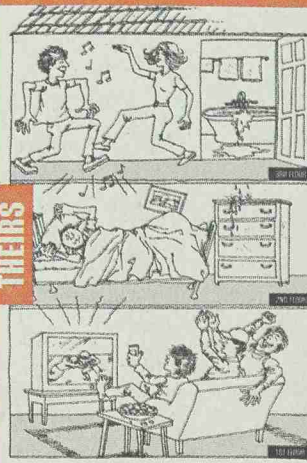


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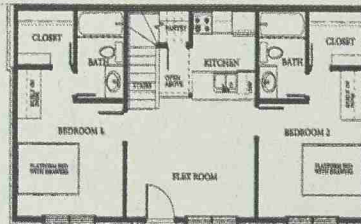
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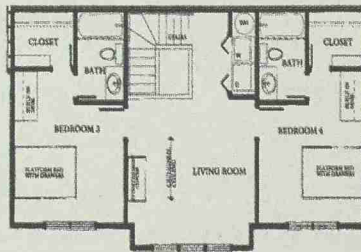


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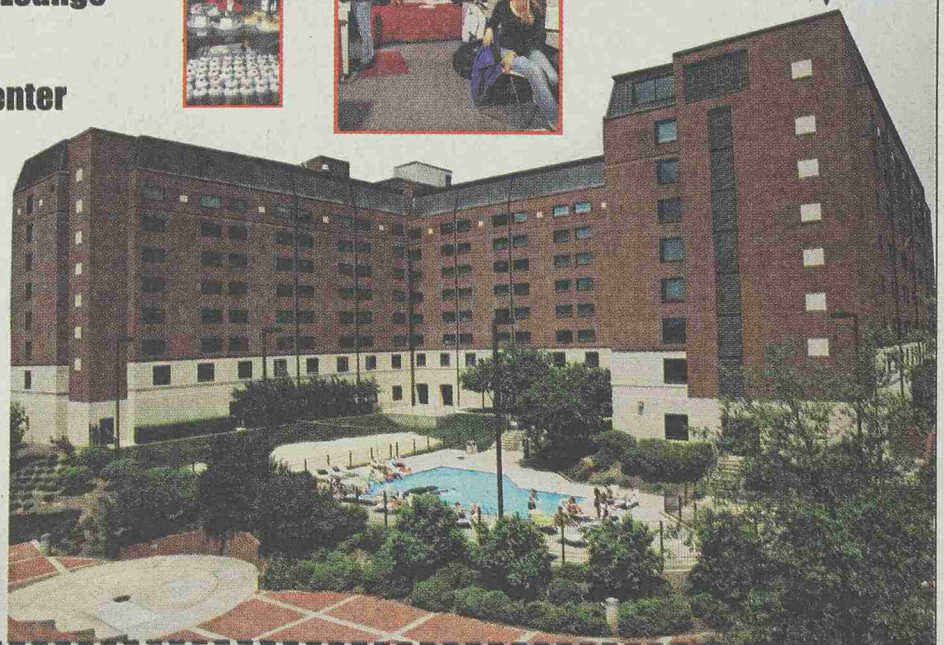
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Time to accept financial woes

Americans should feel lucky to have only felt a few small effects of our war with Iraq, considering the fact that other parts of the world are currently in great duress. The US has had to suffer through much harsher economic climates during its major battles in the first half of the 20th century and its citizens' way of life was impacted by more than high gas prices. We have not had to ration food, change our schedules or stop taking part in activities around N.C. State.

The current average price for gasoline in the Triangle is \$1.57. This is slightly down from its record high at \$1.65 on March 15. National gas price averages are 54 cents higher than they were a year ago. The fact is most Americans have been feeling the economic pinch for many months now and have been anticipating the war to boost our country's struggling economy. However, war will most likely not create many long-term boosts to the stock market, gas prices or consumer confidence.

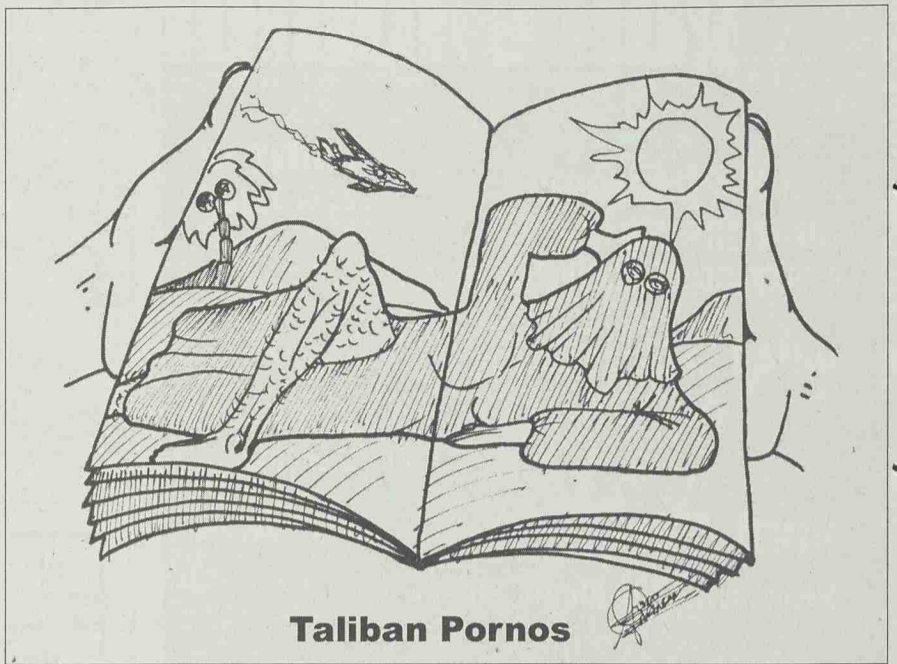
Americans hoped the sudden stock market surge at the beginning of the war marked the end of a three-year bear market, but that surge was based on the idea that the US conflict with Iraq would be swift and decisive. Now that the reality of the war has set in and President Bush has continuously warned Americans this will not be a quick battle, the public has had to come to terms with the fact that any positive turns in the stock market will most likely be short lived.

The US is at war, and this impacts its

economy with every bomb that is dropped, every civilian killed and every prisoner of war taken. A consumer's confidence and desire to spend money also play a large part in the overall economic structure of our country. News sources have reported the price of oil has dropped by more than \$10 per barrel, but gasoline prices have only dipped by two or three cents. Some car owners are taking this information as a sign that they will not benefit from a wartime economy, but they should not anticipate such a turn of events in the first place. American soldiers are overseas dying, and that fact far outweighs how their victories might enable more oil to be sold to the US.

For the most part, the average, non-military American's life has remained the same. Rather than complaining about gas prices or stock market drops, we should accept the fact that our government has taken this course of action, and thereby accept the economic results of war. It would not benefit the US to pass any kind of high tax cut that would push the government into further debt regardless of the potential positive outcomes it could have on consumer confidence.

It is time for American citizens to take a moment to reflect on the weight of what President Bush is trying to accomplish and contend with the fact that there may not be a strong wartime economy to detract our attention from our conflict with Iraq.



Taliban Pornos

War questions still not answered



Andrew Dugan
Staff Columnist

I recently corresponded with Rick Martinez of the News and Observer, and we respectfully exchanged our beliefs on the current war on Iraq. Make no mistake about it; Martinez stands strongly with President Bush and his decision to use force in order

to free Iraq of both Saddam Hussein and the dreaded weapons of mass destruction. Martinez made a thoughtful, if not compelling case, but he wasn't arrogant in his convictions. He understood that others disagreed, not because they are timid of war, but because of the dubious circumstances surrounding this particular war. In fact, Martinez admitted that he watched a British House of Commons debate on the wisdom of war (indeed after the war had already begun), and he thought both sides of the spectrum presented intelligent cases for whatever their respective beliefs happened to be.

It's a shame, however, that Martinez or anyone else like him thirsty to hear some sort of dialogue about what the ramifications might be as a result of this war has to lend his ears to legislative bodies elsewhere in the world and not to that of his own country. The fact remains, however, that even before the months leading up to this conflict, Congress remained curiously silent, afraid to murmur any words that could slightly be considered disagreeable.

Now that conflict has come, to steal a thought from our fearless leader, Americans are wrestling with the uneasy question of when the right time to speak out is and when it is the time to shut up. Historically speaking, the query is not answered in any definitive way, but it can be noted that Americans almost always support a war on the outbreak. It should

also be noted that the supposed causes of some wars, like the Spanish-American War or the Vietnam War, would have easily been proven false had there been some real push to validate the government's claim that some act of aggression took place. No one has claimed Iraq has made a direct act of aggression against the United States in this incidence, but the reasoning stands that Iraq has ignored the United Nations many times over and that war was the only method of assuring that Saddam disarmed.

This argument certainly has its charm, but there were clear beliefs that were misunderstandings the American public had before the battle began. For example, about half of Americans were under the impression that Hussein was directly involved with the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, a thought once entertained by the Bush administration but never articulated. I would think that the media, if not silenced by the fear of being deemed unpatriotic, could have at least been more helpful in informing American citizens. When it comes right down to it, though, war has begun and debating, while I believe is always a fundamentally good thing, is rather worthless at this moment. But there are some elements created by this war that remain a mystery. The Bush administration is still avoiding some valuable questions that the American public has a right to know the answers to. Though Bush finally released the first preliminary estimate of just how much this war will cost, strangely, after the House had approved his tax cut proposal, but the number covered only the first 30 days of war. While we know the United States will have to stay in Iraq to re-build it, I doubt any sane person would claim that this whole transformation of dictator to democracy would take less

than 30 days.

So what does the Bush administration believe the final sum will be? While I am not asserting that the administration has some crystal ball allowing them to see into the future, they must have some estimates. The taxpayers of America have the right to know just how much of their money will be used to aid Iraq. They have a right to know just the plan as to how Iraq will be changed into a democracy, with broad steps outlined. Thus far, Bush has been just as silent about these matters as our congressional members have been about pressuring him to make public

Congress remained curiously silent, afraid to murmur any words that could slightly be considered disagreeable.

this information. Other fair inquiries have been made about the Rumsfeld Doctrine, the idea of using light and scattered forces as opposed to the overwhelming force of the Powell Doctrine, utilized in the first Gulf War. It's not that the strategy was an all and out failure, but it's clear the Pentagon got more than it bargained for in this war. To err is human, but to cover it up and pretend it never happened is politics.

In short, there are still reasonable points to be made about this war, and those making the points are not inherently anti-American or evil. The term "unpatriotic" has been used like the term "witch" was in the Middle Ages. No one wishes America would lose this war — like say a third of the French do (which was released in a recent poll) — but instead wishes that essential questions would be answered by those in charge. If the pursuit of more information and a deeper understanding of this bloody affair is considered vehemently unpatriotic by some, then I wonder if they truly understand what a democracy is.

Andrew welcomes comments about his article. E-mail him at abdugan@unity.ncsu.edu.

Protecting Artic National Wildlife Refuge

Staff Editorial
The Chronicle
(Duke University)

President George W. Bush has rarely shown much concern for the dangers of environmental degradation, and he proved his position again last week as he and Republican Senate leaders again proposed drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Not only is the 1.5-million-acre area of northern Alaska a protected environmental treasure, but the administration also lacks a convincing rationale for setting up oil drilling there. The Senate wisely and narrowly voted down the proposal, but it could come up again this session and, if it does, the Senate should vote similarly.

Proponents of the president's plan downplay the ecological importance of the refuge and the effects oil drilling would have. In truth, the scientific studies that have been conducted suggest that it remains an essential refuge for countless species and a fragile ecosystem that could drastically affect nearby areas. Just this month, a congressionally ordered

study by the National Research Council suggested that oil drilling in Alaska has already had large, negative effects in the more than 30 years since it began. The study details how the existence of equipment, buildings and roads has damaged the health of the ecosystem.

The environmental costs of Alaskan oil drilling are high, and the benefits are low. The oil would not be available for at least 10 years due to start-up costs, any suggestion that it would help the economy any time soon, and the few jobs the drilling would create or move are not enough to justify such widespread drilling. As for dependence on foreign oil, the administration has a point but is going about it the wrong way. The economic and political security of the United States requires that Americans not be reliant on other nations for oil, particularly those Middle Eastern countries that have ties to terrorism. But the oil in Alaska is not enough to make much of a dent in American oil dependence.

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Worse than your HMO



Ben Kraudel
Staff Columnist

America is such an amazing country that a man can come here on a student visa from Taiwan, move to Michigan and train to become a doctor. Of course, he doesn't actually need to be studying medicine. He can even be an engineering student. Shuo-Shan Wang performed a castration on a kitchen table for a neighbor and was promptly arrested when the man was found outside his home hemorrhaging in the yard. There's nothing like a man lying cramped on someone's lawn with blood issuing from his trousers to get the attention of the police ... unless there's a party somewhere in Raleigh.

Wang pled guilty in December to practicing medicine without a license and dispensing prescription medicine without a license. However, he withdrew his plea in February after he found out he

would be sentenced to more than six months in jail by an Oakland County judge. I don't really understand this concept. We're allowed to commit a crime, and then decide how we're going to plea once we find out what our punishment is going to be? How can you say, "Yeah, I'm guilty. I did that," and then change the story when you find out you're going to go to jail?

Steve Reina, Wang's attorney, said his client shouldn't be punished harshly because he has no prior criminal record and performed the castration on a Birmingham man because he requested the operation. Assistant Prosecutor Ken Frazee said consent is not an adequate defense for the procedure.

Wang performed the procedure at his home, and afterward he and the 48-year-old man ate some pie at the same table

where the operation had just taken place. Wang did not charge for the procedure. I can only imagine that scene, as it plays over and over again in my mind. Wang sitting at the table, cutting a slice of apple pie with a large knife. The patient, with only the beginnings of a hemorrhage stirring in his loins, hoping that the knife is clean. "What do I owe you?" says the man, who should rightfully be

While we live in a great nation, stories like this prove that we're not in a nation removed from having crazy people.

dead and thus fed into what I like to call the "natural selection" machine of life. "Don't worry about it," says Wang. "... on the house."

The man seeking the castration said he had a sexually transmitted disease and had hoped the procedure would limit his sex drive. He connected with Wang via the Internet when he searched for someone to do the surgery. I'm fairly certain that the Inter-

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No point to protest



Holly Bezant
Staff Columnist

a couple of mentions of Great Britain and Australia cooperating.

I wonder if these people have their heads in the ground, or if they really think that protesting, especially the manner in which they are doing so, is really going to do anything right now, except cause problems.

For instance, the one severe case of protesting occurred in Indonesia, where more than 100,000 people chanted "America imperialist, No. 1 terrorist!"

They marched the mile from the British Embassy to the U.S. Embassy. Outside of the U.S. Embassy, speakers demanded that the United States pull out of Iraq and said that President Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Australian Prime Minister

John Howard should all be tried as war criminals.

One of the biggest "problems" with this war is people pointing out that it seems to be preemptive. Regardless of how many times Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell made statements on Iraq's weaponry, people still feel this war is something that is against the United States' stance on war in general, that we should focus on defending rather than attacking.

Does the fact that Iraq has sunk so low its soldiers are dressing in civilian clothing to gain ground in the fight against our troops mean anything to protesters? How about the fact that Iraq has launched missiles it claimed it didn't have? Both instances violate the agreements previously laid out in the Geneva Convention. I would say there is plenty of reasoning behind this attack on Iraq.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation. Fortunately though, they are not following in Egyptian protesters' footsteps. In Alexandria, Egypt, more than 15,000 students burned U.S. and British flags and demanded boycotts of goods from both countries. Well, OK,

that's fine and dandy if they want to do that. Americans say we should boycott France, right? The thing that bugs me about the Egyptians is that they called for a jihad (a "holy" war) "to deter the oppressive American aggression."

Do they think we are out to conquer the world? It is our nation and our troops over there in Iraq right now. We know what is going on there (to the extent that the media portrays it anyway). I highly doubt that Egyptians, or Indonesians for that matter, can really understand what is going on. At least these students shouting for jihad must not. They think a war will stop another war, when in reality an added war would merely create chaos. The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center were a result of that sort of thinking: that there should be a holy war waged on the United States. More innocent lives were lost in those two attacks than

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Iraq will likely lose in their civilian population.

I realize I sound bitter. That is because, quite frankly, I am extremely angry. I cannot fathom how there can be people out there that believe in a holy war. Those are things of the past (if you believe in the ones waged in "The Bible," as I do). If you want to protest, by all means do so, but don't make requests for inane solutions.

Also, whether people are against this movement against Iraq or not, I believe everyone wholeheartedly supports the troops that are out there risking their lives. If you want to support them further than with just your heart, thoughts and prayers, please donate items to be sent to them. There are boxes for a short while longer around campus designated for this purpose.

Holly looks forward to the end of this war. Let her know what you think at paz_rata@yahoo.com.

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net, while it is a great tool, should not be used for finding surgeons. Especially given the fact that you might end up on someone's lawn with pie in your belly and blood on your fly. Let this be a lesson to us all

War g said he learned the art of castration from his grandparents, where doctors. He first performed the surgery on a dog, the

dog's owner and three friends in Australia. An early report said Wang had performed the operation approximately 50 times. Who are these people? Are there really this many men looking to rid themselves of their testicles? Are they really ready to entrust that detail to a young, Taiwanese man here on an academic engineering visa? Find another way to decrease your sex drive. Eat more chocolate. Do something.

While the police were search-

ing Wang's home, they found another pair of severed testicles in the refrigerator. This is when I start to wonder if I'm really reading real news or if someone is playing an April Fool's joke on me. Then I look at the calendar, realize it is no longer April Fool's Day and I have to remind myself to breathe again. What was that moment in police work like? "What's in the fridge?" "Well, juice ... purple stuff ... some guy's testicles in a Tupperware container ... Hey! Sunny

D! All right!"

I'm afraid. While we live in a great nation, stories like this prove that we're not in a nation removed from having crazy people. However, they occasionally provide a laugh, I guess.

Ben is waiting for his online plastic surgeon certification to come through so he can start giving at-home face-lifts. It's an underdeveloped market. Talk to him about it at bpkraude@unity.ncsu.edu.

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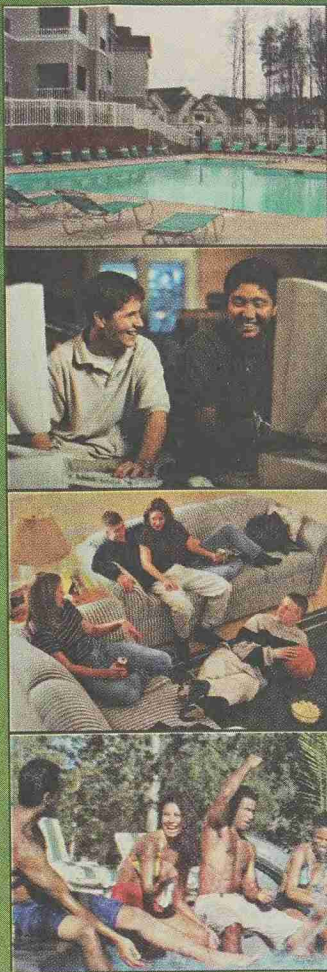
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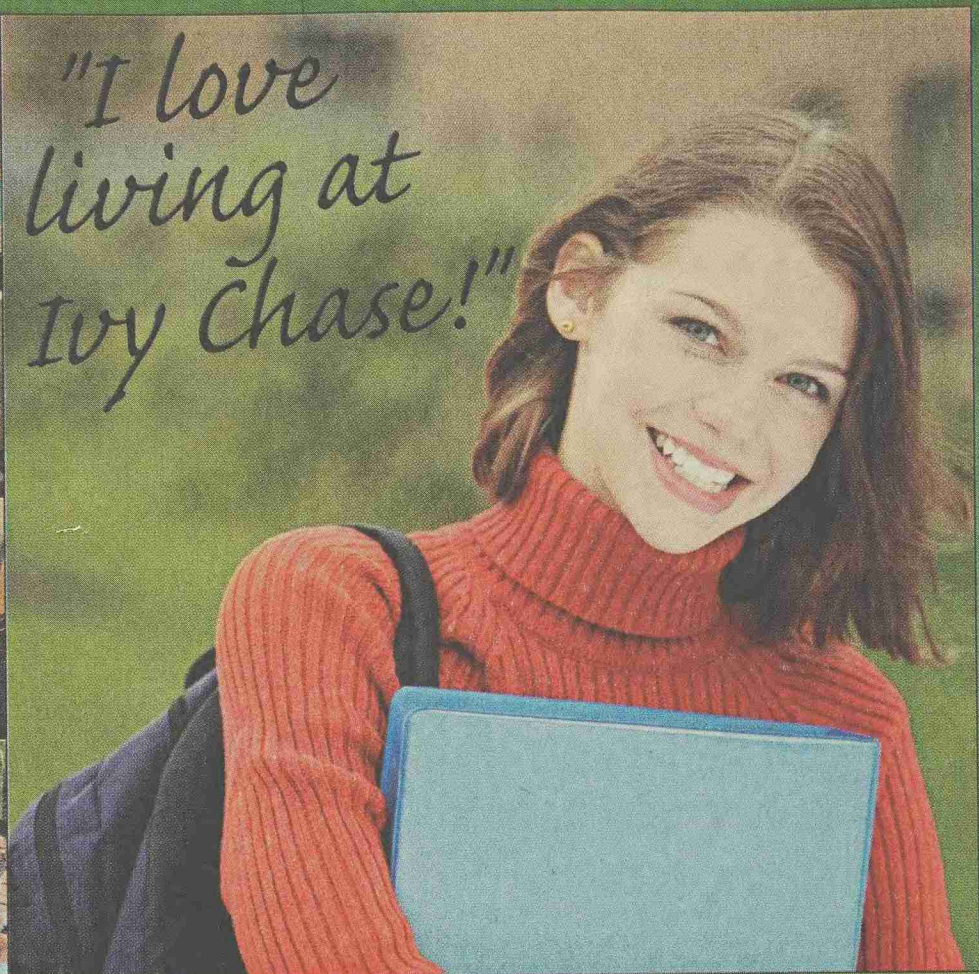
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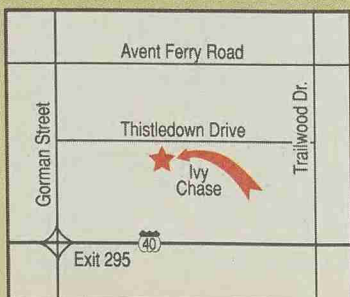
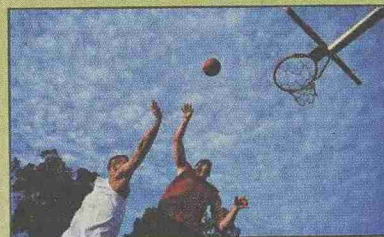
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Tennis club finishes seventh at nationals

The N.C. State tennis club sought its first national championship in Daytona Beach and finished in the top 10.

Mandy Bishop
Guest Writer

The fourth annual USA Team Tennis National Campus Championships was held at the brand new Florida Tennis Center in Daytona Beach, Fla., March 27-29. The N.C. State tennis club was among the 40 teams that met in sunny Florida to compete for the national championship.

Over the past three years, the tennis club has emerged as a regional powerhouse, and their hopes were high entering the tournament.

The tournament began with eight pools, each consisting of five teams. After each pool played a round robin, the top team from each pool would square off for the national championship. State's pool featured Georgia Tech, Western Washington, University of Florida "D" and Penn State "A". Each match consisted of five sets: men's and women's doubles, men's and women's singles and mixed doubles.

In one of the most lopsided victories of the tournament, the Wolfpack easily won their first match over the Yellow Jackets 30-4, but the second match proved to be more of a challenge against the Vikings of Western Washington.

A rain delay postponed play in the middle of doubles, but State came back after the delay and split the match after singles and doubles. In a pivotal moment of the tournament, the Pack was down 3-1 in mixed doubles when Brian Patnode substituted in and stormed back with partner Rebecca Taylor "or a 6-4 win. Riding that momentum, State continued on to easily defeat Florida's "D" team.

The team's final round-robin opponent was the Penn State Nittany Lions. The Pack lost the final set of mixed doubles but led in games 23-17, so the match was sent into overtime. Honza Holy and Rebecca Taylor pulled out the win and sent State to the Gold Bracket.

The Pack was honored to place in the national top eight, but their quest for the title continued. Paired against Michigan early Saturday morning, State's strong play knotted the sets at 2-2, and the Pack was only down three games going into mixed doubles.

However, their opponents would not go down easily, and State would use four players before losing the heartbreaker. In the consolation, a tired Wolfpack squad fought an uphill battle against Ohio University, but eventually lost in overtime.

The University of Florida "A" team won the championship in a close match with Texas A&M. Overall, State was represented extremely well in Daytona Beach, especially considering that this was their first experience at the nationals. The doubles team, consisting of Rob Campbell and Matt Jones (6-0), led the Pack through the tournament undefeated, while Brian Patnode (5-1) and Rebecca Driver (3-3) played excellently at the singles position. Claire Comer and Leigh Johnson (1-5) improved their doubles performance throughout the week, while Rebecca Taylor and Honza Holy (4-2) played some inspiring mixed doubles.

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anything. After not making it last year, it will be that much better to go in and do well."

For the last 15 years, Madey has performed in many competitions and enjoyed her experience as a gymnast.

"I was six years old when I started gymnastics, and I did it just for fun while my mom worked out at the gym," said Madey. "I didn't start competing until I was ten years old, but as a little kid, I liked hearing

people clap. And I think hearing them clap really influenced me to get involved in gymnastics."

Her parents were instrumental in encouraging Madey to continue in gymnastics. Whenever she wanted to feel like quitting gymnastics, her parents insisted she continue. Today, Madey does not regret her parents' resolve.

"My parents were not pushy in making me to do gymnastics, but they would never let me quit," said Madey. "There were times I really wanted to quit, but they knew

that I would regret it. I always went back to gymnastics."

Madey has found the balance between school and gymnastics fairly easy to handle.

"School always came first, so I guess I am used to maintaining that balance," said Madey.

What is impressive most about Madey, beside her skills as a gymnast and her excellence in the classroom, is her perseverance. In the last three years as a gymnast, she has broken her foot three times - yes, three

times.

Yet she has battled through all those injuries and still is able to compete at a high level for the Pack.

"The injuries kind of made me want to compete more; competing in college is much different than in club competition," said Madey. "What I do affects my whole team, and even with the injuries, I have that thought in the back of my mind. Knowing that I affect the whole team made me want to compete more."



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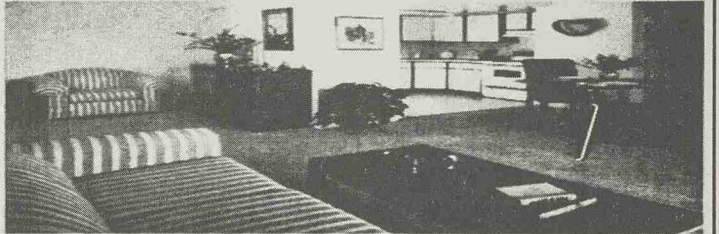
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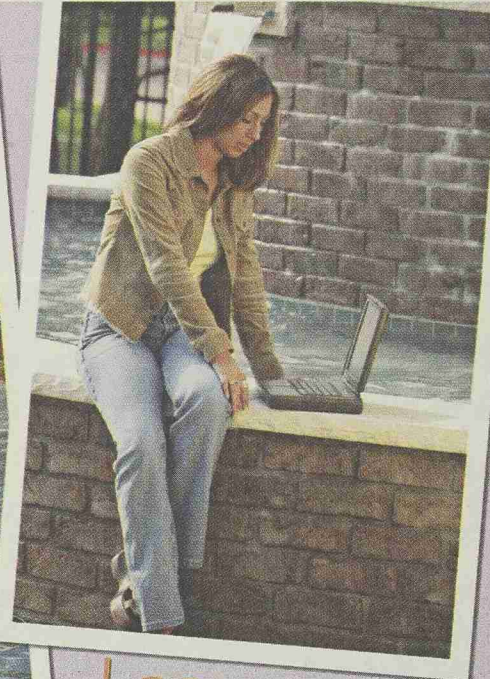
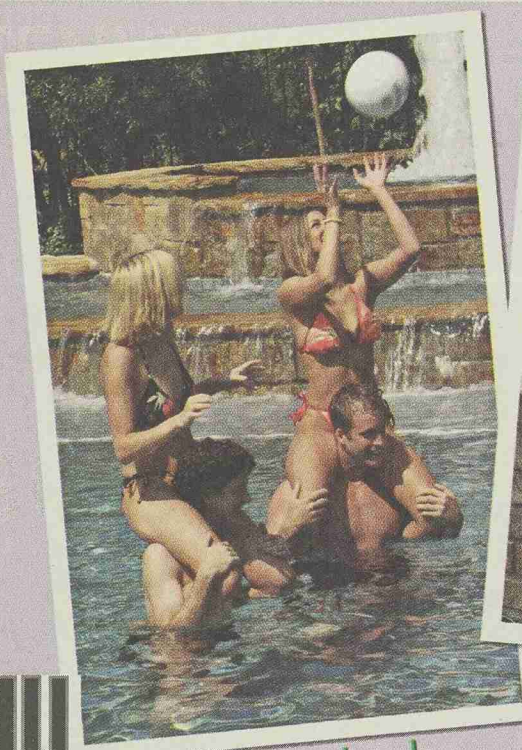
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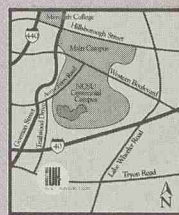
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MUSIC White Stripes return with 'Elephant'

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Ghassan Hamra
 Senior Staff Writer

About this time two years ago, we were experiencing what can easily be called "one of the worst years in music." 2001 showed little promise of being as great as 2000, and in retrospect — considering how great 2002 was — 2001 was a joke. Nonetheless, what we didn't realize around this time in 2001 is that in just a few months we would see the mainstream culmination, the absolute zenith, of what has been dubbed the "garage-rock revival."

The front-runners of this movement are The White Stripes and The Strokes. Each band had that scratchy vocal sound, that weak drum line and that pseudo-panache that distinguished it from all other genres.

The Strokes donned \$400, pre-ripped jean jackets by Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger, while The White Stripes kept with the stripped down white-and-red ensemble. With the nuance, the originality, The Stripes had certainly carved their niche in this movement.

Both bands made way for lesser garage-rock bands such as the French Kicks and the mundane Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, as well as paved the way for mainstream acceptance of some relatively good bands, such as The Hives. Nonetheless, the two icons still remain the focus of the garage-rock revival, and fans have been waiting for something new



from these bands for some time.

Though one must ask: can these bands do anything new? The confines of their genre beg the question: What else can a band in such a relatively inflexible genre do to keep fans surprised and happy?

The answer: Probably nothing. They are destined to recycle the formulas they know best, and that's OK. If you have songs as good as "Fell in Love with a Girl" and "Dead Leaves and Dirty Ground," fans don't mind a little more of the goodness from before. Enter "Elephant." Looks like the White Stripes have won the race to release a new album, and the results are certainly a slight departure from their last album.

Before we continue, we must draw a distinction between Jack and Meg White. Jack White is a musician, a songwriter and a talent. Meg White is a computer, a robot, a drummer playing the same God-awful drum lines over and over and OVER. So when we say "The White Stripes," one must concede this really means "The White Stripes."

With that in mind, let us look at Jack's progress as a songwriter... there is none. Really, as mentioned before, there isn't very much that someone in this genre

can do to change his place in a genre like garage-rock. The niche is carved, Jack is filling it, but that doesn't mean the songs he is writing are bad.

To say that "Elephant" picks up where "White Blood Cells" left off is pretty accurate, if you know a bit of Jack's history. Before "Cells," Jack released "De Stijl," which (in my humble opinion) is possibly their best work to date. A bit more stripped down than "Cells," this album truly embodied garage-rock. Tracks like "Little Bird" and "You're Pretty Good Lookin' for a Girl" are prime examples of what that album achieved.

In some ways, this new album shows more similarity to "De Stijl" than "Cells." "I Just Don't Know What to do With Myself," though it is a cover of a Burt Bacharach song, sounds quite similar to "You're Pretty Good Lookin' for a Girl." Then again, if one tried hard enough, he could probably draw a connection to a few songs on "Cells" as well.

On "In the Cold, Cold Night," Meg White makes her vocal debut with reasonably pleasant results. Her voice, combined with Jack's subtle guitar work, has a smooth, slow-jazz feel to it that is nowhere close to being dis-

agreeable. Perhaps Meg is worth something to this outfit after all.

Many of the album's songs show a more laid-back, mature writing style than the work on "Cells." Not to go back on the earlier point that all the albums are very similar, that fact remains. However, the band has certainly taken a different approach to this album. The energy and grit of their earlier work is still omnipresent, but the band indulges in a few tracks to show a lighter side of their psyche.

This indulgence takes place in the middle of the album, ideal in order to keep the listener from getting bored if he's simply waiting for the rock to ensue. The remainder of the album returns to the rock styling that made listeners fall in love with the White Stripes to begin with.

The album's closing track is a lighthearted conversation between Jack, Meg and Holly Golightly. Jack and Holly discuss their love for one another, while Holly searches Meg for council on the situation. It's nice to see these guys have a sense of humor that they can transform into a great closing track.

Overall, the album is, again, not much of a departure from the White Stripes fans know and love. Most fans can expect to be happy with the results of the album. If you were hoping they were going to change it up for this one, perhaps their ballad-esque middle of the album is what you're looking for. You know, perhaps these garage rockers are just like everyone else, with real problems and a warm heart that needs a little love every once in a while. Oh Jack, you had me at "Fell in Love with a Girl."

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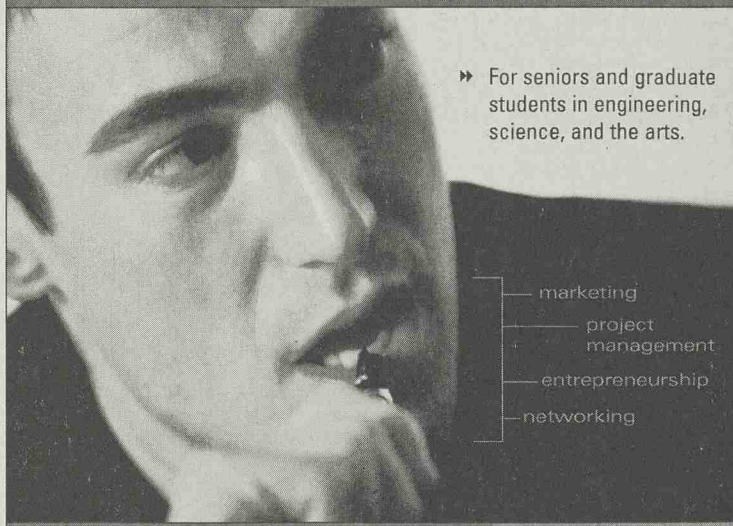
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"Max" plays at the Campus Cinema as part of the Passport International Film Series.

The Dance Visions Spring Concert will be held in Stewart Theatre at 8 p.m.

University Theatre presents "Blue Sky Boys" in Thompson Theatre at 8 p.m.

Chris Rosser plays with Beth Wood at Six String Café in Cary. Jen Chapin opens.

The Jonah Smith Band hits The Pour House.

Undefinable Rekerds will present 6 Pack, Shiver and Five L's at The Brewery.

Melissa Ferrick will play Cat's Cradle with Teddy Goldstein.

The Jazz Mandolin Project plays The Lincoln Theatre.

Liquid Flowz at Kings.

FRIDAY

"Catch Me if You Can" shows in the Campus Cinema at 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

University Theatre presents "Blue Sky Boys" in Thompson Theatre at 8 p.m.

Jazz Anew will make its home at Kings on the first Friday of every month. This week's show will feature DJs Archer, Guile, dj.exe and Nik Fidele.

Umphrey's McGee plays two sets at The Lincoln Theatre.

Edwin McCain will play Cat's Cradle.

Trailer Bride plays Go!

Stratocruiser and Olympic Ass Kicking Team will rock The Brewery

The Recipe will jam it out at The Pour House with a "Benefit for Pat."

SATURDAY

"Catch Me if You Can" shows in the Campus Cinema.

University Theatre presents "Blue Sky Boys" in Thompson Theatre.

Waylandsphere returns to Raleigh with a CD Release Party. Creekside opens.

Shake it like you used to as a British Invasion! pulls into Kings to cover Gang of Four, Joy Division, and Television!

Hobex returns with a set at Go!

Hi Mom! Film Festival #6 will be held at Cat's Cradle. Portastatic will be on hand for a set.

Narsilion, Blatant Disarray, Death Runs Silent and Sanctity all play The Brewery.

NC Fathom presents Luna, Chadwick, Bobby C and headliner Pieter-K at the Lincoln Theatre.

SUNDAY

"Max" plays at the Campus Cinema as part of the Passport International Film Series at 7 p.m.

The New Horizons Choir returns to Stewart Theatre at 4 p.m.

University Theatre presents "Blue Sky Boys" in Thompson Theatre at 3 p.m.

The Mountain Goats will play at Go! With The Moaners opening.

Sol Fiya plays a free show at The Pour House.

Wesley Willis will play Cat's Cradle with Angry Adam in support.

Lucero plays The Brewery. Chip Robinson opens.

Jimmie's Chicken Shack plays The Lincoln Theatre with From Zero.

MONDAY

"Flame" shows at the Campus Cinema as part of the African Diaspora Film Series at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kills will play Cat's Cradle with Ex Models. None the Wiser rocks out for free at The Pour House.

Songwriters Circle at Six String Café.

TUESDAY

Taofe Fanga / Skirt Power plays in the Campus Cinema as part of the African Diaspora Film Series at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The Concert Band performs in Stewart Theatre at 8 p.m.

Raisinhill plays a free set at The Pour House.

Bloodthirsty Lovers, We Regazzi and Valient Thorr will rock Go!

Open Mic Night at Six String Café.

WEDNESDAY

University Theatre presents "Blue Sky Boys" in Thompson Theatre at 8 p.m.

ISOLA and Evoka Project perform at The Brewery.

Kickin Grass brings their acoustic barrage to Six String Café.

The Gamble Brothers play The Pour House.

DJ Spunky of WKNC presents Bassline Wednesdays at Club Oxygen.

Swingin' Utters come to Cat's Cradle.

Denali, Zetamale and the Baptist Generals all play Go!

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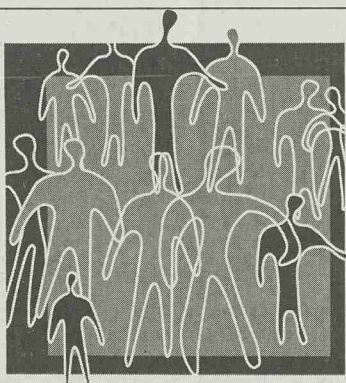
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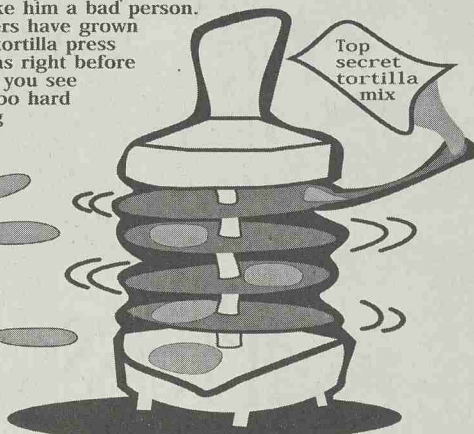
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Head baseball coach Elliot Ament has to look up to consult with Colt Morton (left), Jason Duncan (center) and David Hicks Wednesday night in the Wolfpack's one-run win over UNCG. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko.

BASEBALL

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to let me hurt them much," said Morton. "They just try to keep me off balance with off-speed stuff, and every once in a while I got something to hit.

The seesaw battle continued when UNCG picked up another run on a wild pitch by reliever Colin Brown in the top of the sixth inning. State would fight back in the seventh as Orvella came up with a clutch single with two outs to drive home Riley and tie the game once again.

The Pack, though, got the last laugh when Riley stepped up to

the plate with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

"I knew it was gone as soon as I hit it," said Riley. "When that happens, you're in your own world. It's a feeling you can't describe. It's just incredible."

State was put in the position to win in the ninth by strong pitching from freshman sensation Joey Devine, who came in to pitch the top of the ninth and allowed only one hit while striking out the side. Devine picked up the win to improve his record to 4-0. Spartan reliever Jarrett Santos took his first loss of the season to drop to 6-1.

"I was just trying to throw strikes," said Devine. "That's all

you can really try to do when you go out there in that situation. I had good command of my fastball...it just went my way tonight."

The win means the Pack avoided a fourth two-game losing streak on the year and will ride the momentum into Durham for a weekend series with Duke.

"Right now we need to focus on these mid-week games," Riley said. "We lose to Furman and Winthrop and then come out and beat the top teams in the country on the weekends. It'll definitely be nice to not have to get on a bus and drive an hour. That helps our focus a lot."

Wolfpack swept at No. 8 Duke

The N.C. State men's tennis team fell to the ACC's top team, No. 8 Duke Wednesday in Durham.

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State's men's tennis squad has faced tough opposition on and off the courts this spring. For starters, first-year Wolfpack head coach Jon Choboy has had to practice and coach with no on-campus facility, because the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Complex will not be completed until the summer.

On top of that, only two players returned from last season, and with four freshman to fill out the roster, the Wolfpack has struggled at times against more experienced opponents.

Wednesday afternoon in Durham was no different. The Pack fell 7-0 to No. 8 Duke.

Freshman Will Shaw won his second set against Ludovic Walker 6-4 after dropping the first 6-3. Shaw then fell 10-6 in the ten-point tiebreak in the Pack's best chance at a point on an afternoon when the Blue Devils put together a dominating performance to win their sixth match in a row.

State will look to bounce back against Maryland Sunday, as Choboy looks for his first ACC win as State head coach. The home match against the Terps will be held at noon on Sunday at the Cary Tennis Center.

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carry a meaning.

Or better yet, don't sing it at all during sporting events. Say that sports is a form of entertainment and that politics should be left for CNN and the White House. Because right now, the singing of the anthem at sporting events is more apathetic than it is patriotic.

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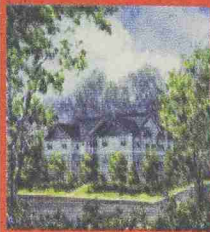
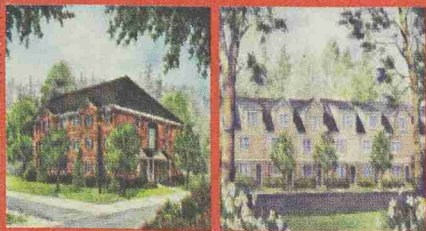
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 Duke 7, M. tennis 0



TECHNICIAN

POLITICS AND SPORTS

Drawing the line



Steve Thompson

What place do sports have in national and international politics?

It's a controversial topic, but one that has been brought into the forefront during the war in Iraq. Last Tuesday, columnist Ron Cook of the Pitts-

burgh Gazette spoke out against the singing of the national anthem at sporting events. His reason: What does the anthem or the American flag or any political/national symbol have to do with the competition? Aren't sports about the events at hand — not the politics of the country? Do Americans want sporting events to be places where political opinions can be shown?

Needless to say, writing a column during wartime about ending the tradition of singing the national anthem before sporting events got a largely negative response. Cook should just move to Iraq if he hates America so much!

But does Cook have a point? The national anthem was first sung at sporting events during World War I. Major League Baseball was contemplating canceling the World Series but decided to go ahead with the event. "The Star Spangled Banner" was to be sung during the seventh inning stretch to honor the troops. The gesture stuck.

Now it's a routine. In a non-wartime setting, the anthem carries little significance. At best, it is sung decently and forgotten — a mild inconvenience. Definitely not a moving gesture.

At worst, the words are mangled or the singer butchers the tune (see Carl Lewis). Words are emphasized out of context for the purpose of supporting (not the nation but) the home team. And the rockers' RED! glare...

During wartime, the anthem conjures up emotions of national pride for those in support of the war and the troops. Whitney Houston's singing of the national anthem at the 1991 Super Bowl is particularly memorable.

But now, it seems the national anthem is not enough to honor the troops. Now, everyone's told to sing "God Bless America" during the seventh inning stretch. Why? Because Americans are desensitized to the national anthem. One just goes through the motions. Stand. Hold one's hand over one's heart. Look at the flag. Cheer for the end. Sit back down and watch the game.

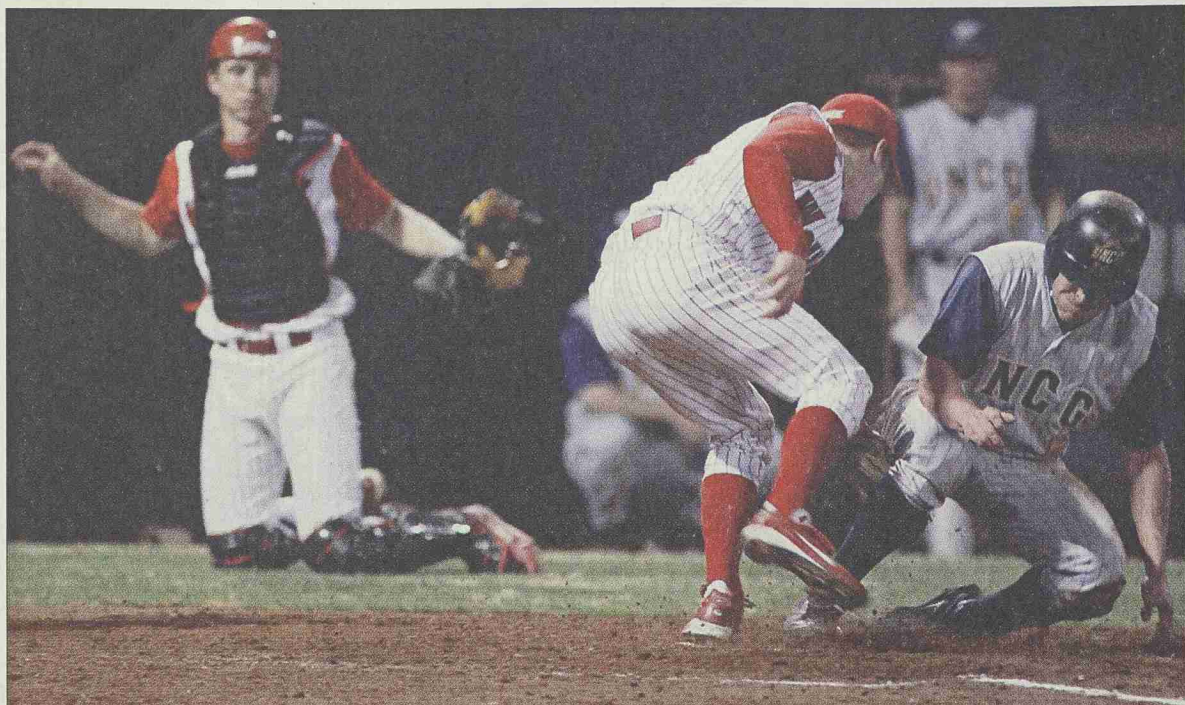
Furthermore, the anthem being sung before sporting events gives those that oppose national politics a forum to show their disapproval.

In 1968, two African-Americans decided to hold up a Black Panther sign during the playing of the national anthem at the Olympics. This year, a Division III female basketball player drew national attention for turning her back during the playing of the anthem to make a statement against American aggression towards Iraq. Students at North Carolina ran on the court during the Duke-Carolina basketball game this year to speak out against the war.

Is this what is wanted? Do people go to sporting events to catch up on politics? Or are people there to watch a game?

Sports are around for entertainment purposes — a distraction from the stresses of modern life. When one goes to see a movie or a concert, the national anthem isn't sung. Why is it sung in sports — for tradition's sake?

If tradition is the only reason the national anthem is sung, then Ron Cook's point is a valid one. Why not eliminate the national anthem from sporting events? Save it for times when America needs to be patriotic — wartime or after a terrorist attack or whenever it will



UNC-Greensboro's Jason Saltalamacchia slides in safely under Wolfpack pitcher Collin Brown in the sixth inning to score one of his team's runs. Staff photos by Tim Lytvinenko

Wolfpack slays Spartans in long-awaited Doak debut

A homer in the bottom of the ninth powers the Wolfpack to a win in their first game at the new Doak Field.

Brian Grossman
 Staff Writer

J.R. Riley launched a game-winning home run with one out in the bottom of the ninth to push N.C. State past the UNC-Greensboro Spartans 3-2 Wednesday night in the first game at newly revamped Doak Field.

Offense was scarce, but the Wolfpack was able to prevail against what State head coach Elliot Avent called "possibly

the best Greensboro team ever." "It was a great game with two real good teams," said Avent. "They played incredible defense and pitched really well. We didn't get many hits, but we got some clutch hits when we needed them."

The Pack (24-7), ranked No. 12 in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll, used stellar pitching to keep the game close with the Spartans (21-7) until the bats started to heat up. Jason Duncan pitched over five innings for the Pack, giving up just five hits and two runs to keep the Pack within striking distance. The Spartans struck first in the top of the second inning, however, getting the first hit of the game, which led to the first run on a sacrifice fly

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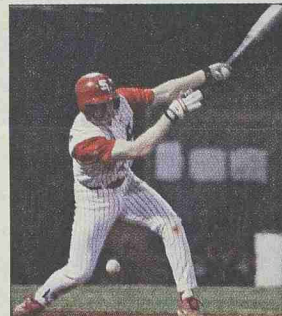
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by centerfielder Kirk Strebien.

Spartan pitching held the lead by keeping the Pack scoreless and hitless until State shortstop Chad Orvella singled to left in the bottom of the third inning. State was finally able to get on the board behind the bat of catcher Colt Morton, who hit a towering 420-foot home run to centerfield in the bottom of the fourth inning to tie the score at one.

"I think they [the Spartans] tried not

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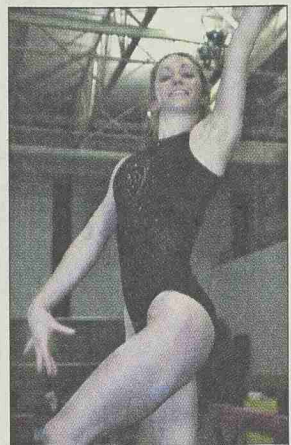
Shortstop Chad Orvella drove in the tying run for the Wolfpack in the seventh inning.

Madey's peaking at the right time

The redshirt junior on the Wolfpack gymnastics team continues her strong performance just in time for NCAA regionals.

Memie Ezike
 Staff Writer

At the East Atlantic Gymnastic League championships last weekend, N.C. State gymnast Marlyn Madey remained qui-



Marlyn Madey is State's best performer on the bars. Staff Photo by Carl Hudson

etly focused before stepping up to the uneven bars and performing the best routine she was capable of.

Excited that she performed up to her capabilities, Madey was rewarded with a second-place finish on the bars at the championships, while her team finished second overall to earn a berth in the NCAA regionals next weekend. For a gymnast who has gone through three separate foot surgeries in the last year, a performance like last weekend's brings a joy to her heart.

"I was really excited; I tried to do the best bar routine that I could," said Madey. "I was the last person up, so I wanted to end the meet on a good note for me and for my teammates."

Even with the pressure they faced at the EAGL championships, Madey and the team never flinched.

"We knew there would be pressure, but we were told not to focus on it and to do what we have always been doing — having fun and correcting our mistakes from the last meet," said Madey.

A feeling of nervous excitement comes over Madey when she talks about the regionals, as she has never attended one during her career.

"For me, this will be the first regional that I have competed in," said Madey. "I am nervous, but I am more excited than

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Athlete of the Week



Jennifer Jassawalla
 Junior
 Women's tennis

Jennifer Jassawalla currently serves as the chair to the N.C. State StudentAthlete Advisory Committee and is in her third year with the Wolfpack tennis program. Jassawalla hails from Houston, Texas, and plays anywhere from the third to sixth singles position for the tennis team. State will host East Carolina today at 2 p.m. at the Cary Tennis Center.

Major: Biomedical Engineering
Favorite professor at State: Dr. Yuan, solid mechanics
Best Houston professional sports team: Houston Texans
Women's tennis: Most overrated women's tennis player: Anna Kournikova

Pre-game ritual: yoga the night before a match
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Better State landmark, Tucker Beach or the Bell Tower? What's Tucker Beach?
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