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IN THE KNOW

WORLD

France wants an end to Iraqi sanctions

The French ambassador to the United Nations joined the United States today in a call for the suspension of trade embargoes to Iraq, which could mean relief for the nation's struggling economy.

Russia, however, insisted U.N. that arms inspectors first verify that the country harbored no additional weapons of mass destruction before lifting the trade embargo, first initiated in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait. United Nations chief weapons inspector Hans Blix has stated he will return a team of inspectors to Iraq if that is what the U.N. votes to do.

France's decision to support the United States follows a phone conversation between U.S. President George W. Bush and French President Jacques Chirac last week.

Shiite Muslims march into Karbala

For the first time in approximately 25 years, hundreds of thousands of Shiite Muslim pilgrims marched into the Iraqi holy city of Karbala on Tuesday. Approximately 2 million Shiite Muslims came from Iraq, Iran and surrounding Middle Eastern countries to partake in religious rituals that were previously banned by the Saddam Hussein regime and the Sunni-dominated Baath Party.

While Iraq Shiite leaders came to express their anti-Hussein sentiment, some also expressed their disagreement with America's current occupation in Iraq.

NATION

Government officials investigate possible theft of Iraqi artwork

During the past week, government officials seized artwork that was possibly stolen from at least one Iraqi museum. The artwork was seized at the Washington Dulles International Airport and the Logan Airport in Boston.

According to one source, before arrests are made and criminal charges are filed investigators must determine the value of the artwork before further action is taken.

Officials said they are seeking the assistance of art experts to better understand the significance of the seized items.

After the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime led by the U.S., looters took thousands of antiquities from several Iraqi museums.

Prosecutor in Peterson case builds evidence

Laci Peterson, a pregnant young mother, disappeared last December. Remains of Laci's unborn son were found April 13 along a trail at Point Isabel Regional Park, and Laci's body was found washed up on the San Francisco Bay a little over a mile away.

Before DNA results could confirm the identities of the bodies, police arrested Scott Peterson, Laci's husband, last Friday in San Diego, California.

Peterson pleaded not guilty on two counts of murder at his arraignment hearing on Monday.

STATE

Body of Burlington woman found

Police found a dismembered body in Alamance County Monday, and autopsy reports revealed it to be the body of April Renee Greer, 20, of Burlington who was eight months pregnant.

Jack Willis, a local farmer in Alamance County, found the body sealed inside bags in a trash can. Greer had been missing since March 8, 2003 and investigators believe recent heavy rains and floodwaters washed the trashcan onto Willis's property.

Before the autopsy results were released, the body was speculated to be that of missing Durham cellist Janine Sutphen, who has been missing since January.

24th MEU to come home

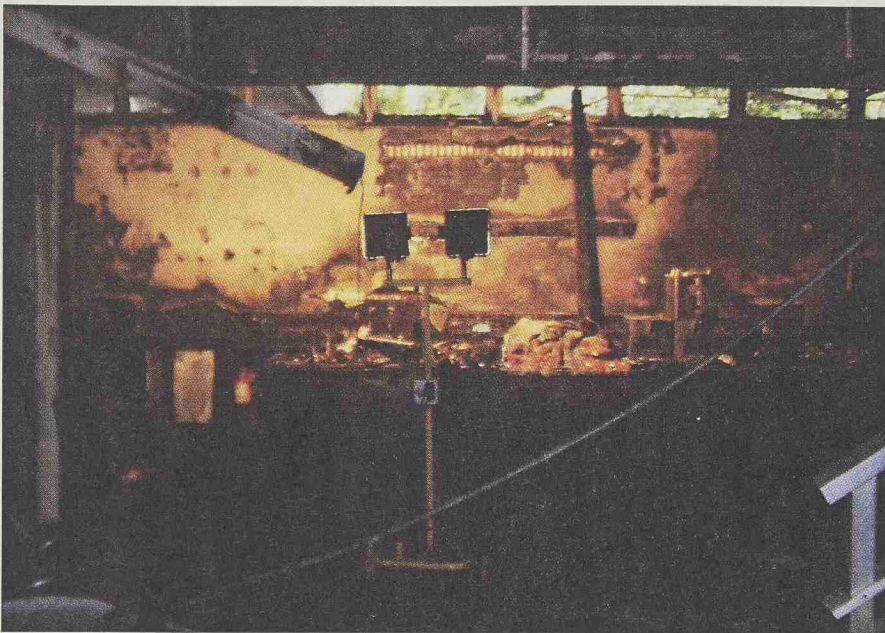
The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Lejeune received orders to return on Tuesday. The unit consists of 2,300 marines and sailors all on three ships.

The unit was deployed in August of 2002 to sail to the Mediterranean Sea, then they moved to northwest Africa to assist anti-terrorist searches in Djibouti and other countries in the Horn of Africa.

The unit was told in February that their stay would be extended, and after preparing in March to return home, the unit had orders to move to Kuwait.

Fire closes Atrium

Early morning blaze destroys coffee shop, smoke damages rest of building



Tuesday's fire caused major damage to the Coffee Shop inside the Atrium food court. Photo courtesy Randy Lait

Damage from the fire will leave the Atrium closed for at least two weeks.

Carie Windham and Jessica Horne
Staff Reporters

When students poured out of class and headed to the Atrium for lunch today, they were met with a big surprise.

The mobs of hungry students were there, the Brickyard preacher was there but the Atrium was deserted — roped off by yellow police tape.

"I was planning to go eat at the Atrium before class, but because of the fire, I went to class on an empty stomach," said Andrew Throneburg, a freshman in civil engineering.

An early morning fire ripped through the coffee shop in the Atrium, causing severe damage in that area and smoke and heat damage to the entire complex. Though the fire, which began at 3:36 a.m., was quickly put out by the Raleigh Police Department, the Atrium will remain closed for at least two weeks, according to officials.

"It could've been worse," said Randy Lait, business officer for University Dining. "It's bad enough but it could have been a lot, lot worse."

Shah settles in as senior class president

Anup Shah will begin meeting with contacts this week to start his plans for the position of senior class president.

Anna Edens
News Editor

Anup Shah, a senior in electrical engineering, ran unopposed for the position of senior class president two weeks ago.

"Since I wasn't opposed, the election basically focused on getting the word out about what I want to do as president," said Shah, who swept through with 1,743 votes. "But I do want to say thanks to



Sarah Desantis, Justin Recchion and Chris Duffy discuss where they are going to eat lunch now that the Atrium is closed for a while. Recchion said, "I guess I'm going to be eating across the street more." Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

No injuries were reported from the fire and most of the dining facilities outside of the coffee shop were spared from significant damage.

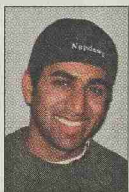
The exact source of the fire is still unknown, according to Campus Police Officer Jon Barnwell, but authorities do know that the fire was the result of an electrical malfunction in the coffee shop. Any foul play has been ruled out.

Lait said that the coffee shop was "de-

stroyed" in the blaze and will have to be rebuilt from scratch. Outside of that area, extreme heat melted several light fixtures and the Li'l Dino's awning but the most prevalent damage appeared to be from smoke. The entire ceiling, Lait said, is totally black.

"It would take a miracle to get us back open by Monday," he said. In addition, the

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everyone who helped."

Technician spoke with Shah about his vision for next year's senior class and the progress started on the major goals of his campaign.

Technician: Now that the election excitement has calmed down, how will you start working on the position of senior class president?

Shah: One of the first things I have started doing is working with the outgoing

senior class president, Decker Ngongang. I've pretty much been working with him and figuring out some things I may not have been familiar with about the job.

I'm sitting down with him, and he is giving me ideas, because right now there isn't a clear relationship with the student body president, so we plan to talk to Tony [Caravano, student body president-elect] and help future senior class presidents figure out their role.

Also, next week I am sitting down with the senior class vice president and the director of constituency for the Alumni Association, and I am going to take

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Andrea Hernandez, a sophomore in mathematics, accepted the Deborah Moore Service Award on behalf of Mi Familia. Staff Photo by Ben Austin

Awards dinner highlights leaders in service

One individual and one group were presented the Deborah S. Moore Service Award at Monday's "Celebrating an Engaged University" ceremony.

Anna Edens
News Editor

N.C. State officials are very clear about our goal to become a premier Research I university, but by being a land-grant university, NCSU clearly faces unique challenges.

"The challenges that you will face in making this a number-one land-grant research university are enormous ... because it means a major mid-course correction," said Dr. Edward Zlotkowski, a senior associate with the American Association for Higher Education. Zlotkowski added that this is a challenge all land-grant universities face and "for NCSU to be successful, it probably does represent a rethinking through all the levels of the university, of all sections, that is a far cry from a simple extension mission. I already sense there are mechanisms in place that will help take NCSU forward."

This topic was the focal point of the Office of Extension and Engagement's "Celebrating an Engaged University" ceremony on Monday night at the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

The department believes part of achieving this goal lies in a commitment to service and fostering an academic community, and as a part of encouraging this commitment, awards were presented to students, faculty, organizations, NCSU departments and community members.

The most notable award, the Deborah S. Moore Service Award, was presented to Mary Catherine Brake, a senior in zoology, and to the student organization Mi Familia.

Both winners received \$100 cash and a plaque with this memorial, which is designed to recognize exemplary service in honor of Moore, who was an NCSU graduate and made contributions to volunteer activities such as educating non-English speakers and working with the handicapped and underprivileged.

Brake said that winning the award "was an emotional moment, reflecting on my

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AWARD

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service and dedication to individuals and organizations during the past four years, and being so grateful to my nominators and the selection committee who recognized my passion and found me worthy to receive such a honor."

"I think my happiness surged at three points: when receiving my award and hugging Mike Giancola, with whom I traveled to the Dominican Republic on a service-learning trip with, when I came back to the table and saw the tears in my dad's eyes and the big smile from nominator and mentor Patti Clayton, and when my nominator Lauren Welch came by my apartment later that night to congratulate me," said Brake.

Brake has participated in service activities through the Caldwell Scholars, pre-medical program and SATELLITE (Science and Technology Enriching Life Long Leadership in Tomorrow's Endeavors). She volunteers at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind and Western Wake Medical Center.

Other student finalists for the individual awards were Jessica Horne, a freshman in biological sciences, and Jennifer King, a senior in environmental design and political science.

Andrea Hernandez, a sophomore in mathematics, serves as the current president of Mi Familia.

"It was a huge honor for us to be able to compete with the other organizations nominated, who have been here for so long," said Hernandez.

She describes the project as "a group effort. Everybody is on the same page, and it's important to

work together. Service can't be done alone."

Mi Familia was started in fall of 2002 to "provide cultural experience for people of Hispanic and Latino background and to educate the NCSU community. There are a lot of stereotypes out there, and one of our goals is to break them down," said Hernandez. The group also strides to encourage high school students to pursue higher education.

Members have actively tutored students at Athens Drive High School, and within, NCSU members served as mentors to freshmen, led five cultural awareness programs and participated in the Hispanic Student Summit for over 900 people at the McKimmon Center.

Other finalist groups nominated for award were the Air Force ROTC - Arnold Air Society, Circle K International and Habitat for Humanity.

"All the groups were fabulous, and the committee had a hard decision," said Tierza Watts, Associate Director of the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service. "But the committee was so touched by the depth and breadth of service Mi Familia provided to NCSU, the Raleigh community and the Hispanic community after only their first year."

The event also included a speech by former N.C. Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., an NCSU alumnus.

"The real truth is that NCSU, for well over 100 years, has been extending knowledge and engaging with the people of this state, and learning about their problems and sharing what we have with each other," said Hunt. He encouraged students to take their service involvement to higher levels and he congratulated the university for recognizing those who

engage in these activities.

Other events highlighted during the evening were the NCSU Service-Learning Program, which is a collaborative teaching and learning strategy designed to promote academic enhancement, personal growth and civic engagement. Four students, Brake, King, Taymour Hammoudi — a sophomore in biomedical engineering — and Erin Possell — a junior in Spanish — shared their experiences with the program.

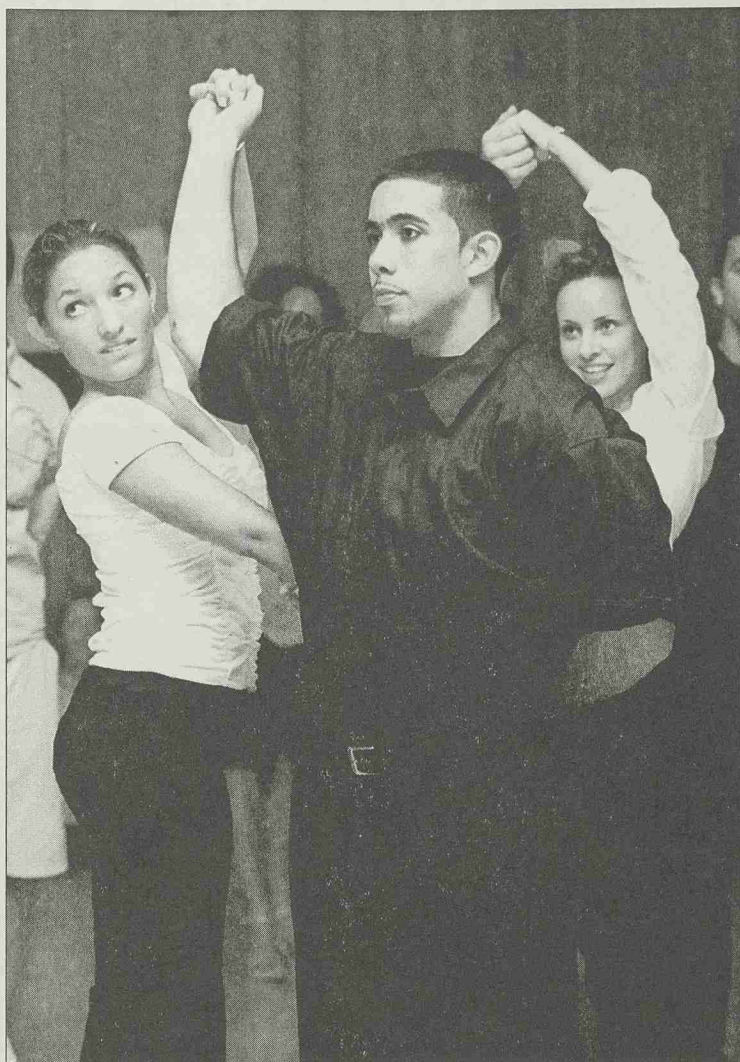
Hammoudi is involved in a program with Advanced Placement Biology students from Leesville Road High School in Raleigh. The high school students are engaged in service projects, and "We are helping students implement their projects, which concentrate on preserving and enhancing biodiversity, building community-reflecting programs and improving water quality," said Hammoudi.

"Among our objectives has been inspiring initiative and civic responsibility within the students," said Hammoudi.

"The very concept of service learning, community-based teaching and learning started in North Carolina," said Zlotowski, and he congratulated the university for "taking the time to salute the people it is saluting tonight."

"I think sometimes all of us in higher education — students, faculty, administration — find ourselves losing the energy that allows us to function at our very best and substituting for that a sense of task management. The people who are being saluted tonight are those people who have succeeded in harnessing their individual expertise," said Zlotowski.

Grains of Time, an NCSU A Capella group, and Allyson Brake, a nine-year-old violin player who is heavily involved with activities through her local 4-H group, pro-



Mi Familia was created to be a cultural group oriented toward Latin American students. Technician file photo

vided music for the event. Allyson Brake's presence "helps to acknowledge the fact that this uni-

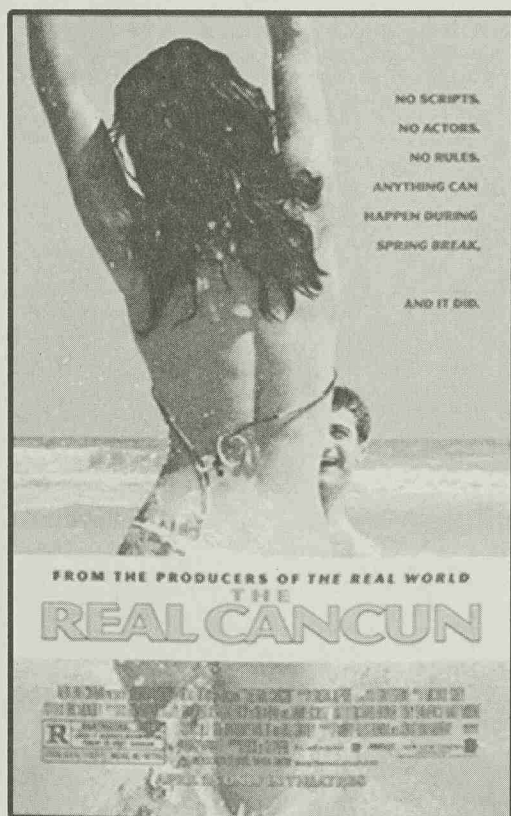
versity is providing opportunities for engagement for people of all ages across North Carolina,"

said Vice Chancellor Stephen B. Jones, who served as master of ceremonies for the event.

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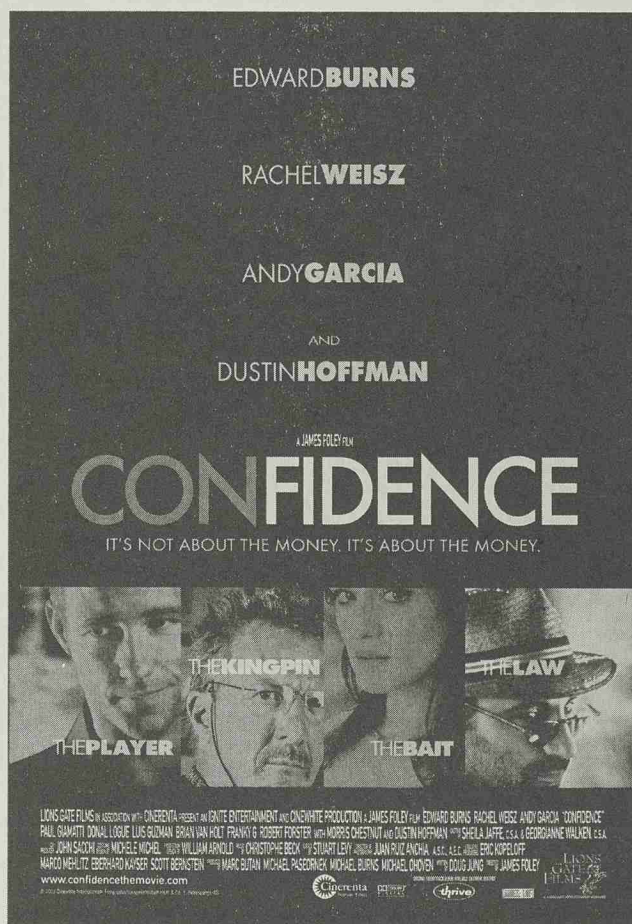
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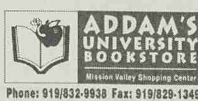


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everything that I plan to get accomplished for the year to the meeting. I want to sit down and get their input as to what is feasible, what timeframe is reasonable to get it all done, and what is and isn't important.

Technician: When will you begin working on your first major duties?

Shah: This summer is going to be when I start working on the yearlong things that I plan to do as far as building relationships with senior councils and the venues on Hillsborough Street. As far as my role as the head of the [Senior Class] Board of Trustees, I

plan to make it a more defined group and work on the Constitution. I plan to start attacking that at the end of this year.

Technician: When can students expect to see the e-mail list for all seniors formed?

Shah: We've talked about different ways to get that done, and I need to work with Registration and Records, so I am thinking I will find out more about that in the summer and we will have that when we get back to school.

Technician: Are there any recent developments on the senior class trip to Atlanta that you'd like to share with students?

Shah: That's something that will be discussed later and is still in the works.

Technician: In the meantime, how are you working with getting students involved in the planning process?

Shah: Right now we are encouraging any senior to apply for a position on the Board of Trustees, start working with us and coming to meetings. Besides people I know and those who approach me, that is the only form of input I can get from students. That is the big thing I have been encouraging people to do to get involved and be representative of their friends and various groups' input. I want to encourage anyone who is interested to please e-mail me at anshah@unity.ncsu.edu.

Technician: How are plans going on the formation of Senior Night,

which was one of the ideas you pushed in your campaign?

Shah: I am going to be in Raleigh this summer, and I will talk to different venues on Hillsborough Street to get their ideas on how to run it. That again will be definite as soon as we get back so people will know.

I am going to try to go anywhere that State students go. I want to vary it. One of the things Tony [Caravano] talked about on his platform was revitalizing Hillsborough Street, and I want to do this to see who will accommodate us an let us advertise for them. I am pretty certain seniors wouldn't want to go to place A compared to place B, and I will use this summer to get that ready.

FIRE

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Erdahl-Cloyd wing of D.H. Hill library is temporarily closed for smoke damages.

But Lait did not rule out the possibility of the other shops in the Atrium being open by the first summer session.

"Everyone's really jumping on it," he said.

Lait, who received word of the fire around 6:30 a.m., said that officials have already begun the process towards reopening. Workers have already begun to remove the burnt material from the coffee shop and have begun to take the necessary hazardous waste precautions. That process should be completed in three days.

The next step will be restoring the facility. A fire restoration contractor walked through on Tuesday and estimated that, optimistically, the rest of the Atrium could be open in two weeks. Another walkthrough will be held today and should yield more concrete predictions.

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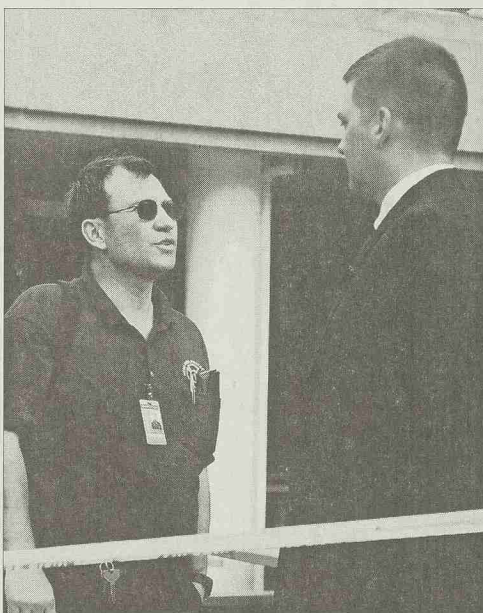
In the meantime, Brickyard lunch seekers will have to look elsewhere. Atrium staff will be moved to Talley Student Center this week and an extra register will be set up in Taco Bell for the expected increase in student traffic.

"We're trying to gear up to accommodate more people and planning for alternative ways for students to get food on the Brickyard," Lait said.

Those alternatives, which University Dining is currently working on with the state health inspector, could include meal carts set up in the Brickyard area.

Many students are hopeful that an alternative for dining will be available soon.

"I have grown accustomed to eating at the Atrium because my classes are near it," said Hansen Murphy, a sophomore in mechanical engineering. "It was quite an inconvenience to have to walk to Fountain [Dining Hall] when I could have eaten there instead."



NCSU Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Russell Bisbee discusses the fire at the Atrium with Assistant Director of Public Safety John Daily.

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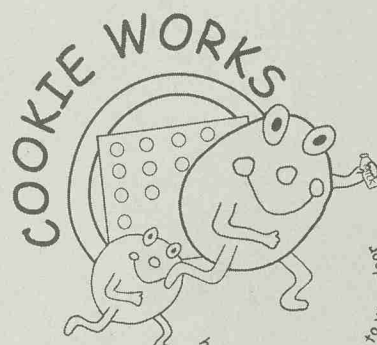


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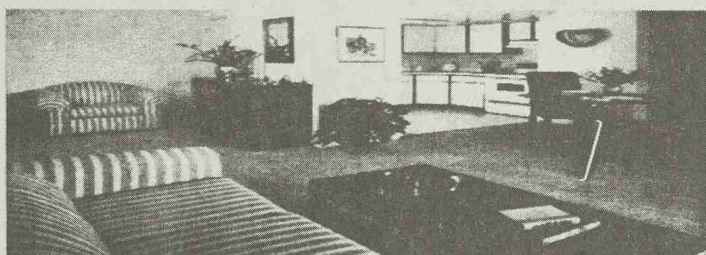
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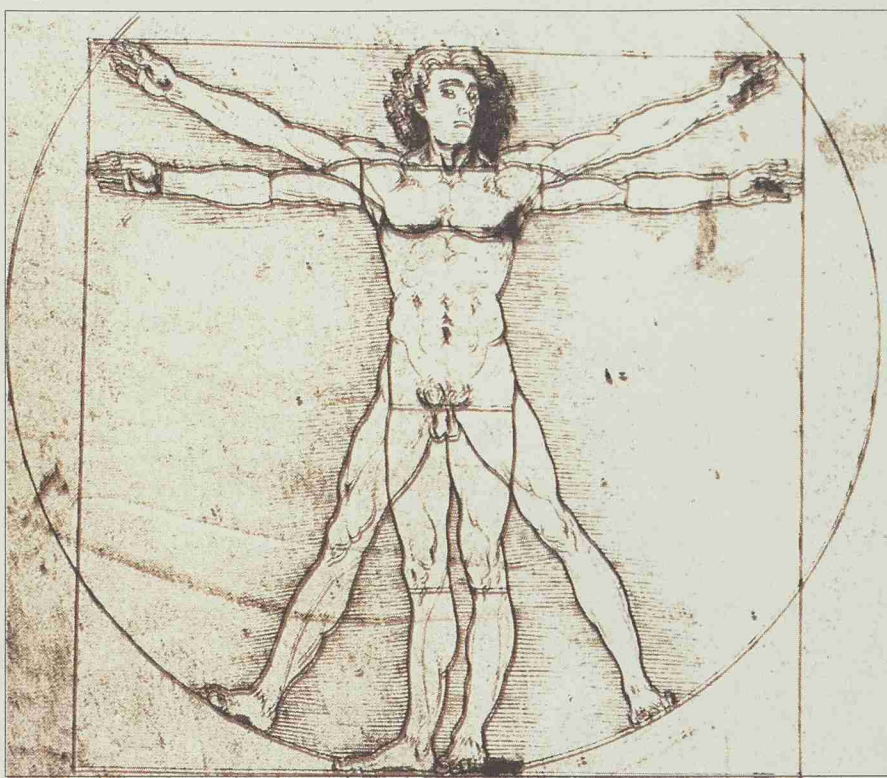
As of Monday, I was able to look ahead to the year's end with newly hopeful eyes. This is primarily because I had reclaimed the hope that I had given up for Lent. Trust me, it is not easy being hopeless for 40 days. In fact, it was extremely hard, kind of like diamonds (but without the shininess).

Without hope, scouring the Internet for saucy Avril Lavigne pictures wasn't nearly as rewarding as it once was — not by a long shot. I developed a newfound respect for the Chicago Cubs, third-party presidential candidates, horn-tooting Canadians and other entities with no light at the end of the proverbial hope-tunnel. I doubt that I could have gone even a day longer. Well, perhaps a day — but no more.

With my renewed hope, I gained a fresh appreciation for life and for myself. I decided the time had arrived to celebrate my existence and rejoice in my own beauty. At the suggestion of my helpful mother, I made an appointment with an artist to have a portrait painted of me. It would be a flattering depiction, bringing out my most outstanding features, such as my singular full, thick eyebrow and prominent Adam's apple.

I simply picked a name out of the Yellow Pages, called the guy up and made an appointment. His name was Stanley. He spoke with a heavy lisp and requested that I pay in advance for the job. I obliged and mailed him a check (one of my new designer checks with dolphin pictures), against my better judgment.

I planned to make copies of the artistic rendering of me and pass them out



Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn/Leonardo Da Vinci

around campus with my phone number on back, along with a little note: "If you like what you see, call me," it would say. I planned to receive many phone calls from many attractive girls. My chest ballooned with new hope.

Stanley called himself a "sensual artist," a term plastered below his name on the sign out front of his homely Garner studio. I hadn't noticed this description in

the phonebook, but I let it pass. I took it to mean he was simply a particularly sensitive artist, perhaps with a temperament similar to that of weepy new UNC coach Roy Williams. But oh! How woefully mistaken was I!

Stanley greeted me warmly and led me to a room with an easel and a paint board, much like the one that the afro-ed, bearded guy on TBS with the paint-

ing show used to have. (My aunt loved that guy ... I mean, she really loved him. They eloped to Sarasota seven years ago. He later left her for the mailman.) He offered me a glass of warm milk. I declined, impressed with his friendly nature. Then he asked me to take off my clothes.

I had not anticipated this. I was taken back by his forward nature, and insisted

that the fact I was wearing purple stretch pants and a Little Richard T-shirt did not make me gay, only fashionably hip. I tried to swat him with a copy of Southern Living magazine (which I carry with me everywhere). He dodged. I demanded an explanation.

Turned out, I hadn't done my homework. Apparently, a "sensual artist" paints nude portraits. I never pictured myself as a candidate for a nude portrait. I don't think many people picture someone with multiple inches of back flesh lopping over his belt a candidate for a nude portrait. I was appalled. I was also tired, but that was primarily due to my failure to eat a complete breakfast that morning.

All this put me in an unenviable position, because I had already paid Stanley for his work. I felt my fresh hopes deflate — the week was not looking as rosy as planned. Stanley refused to give me a refund. The situation stunk like Chancellor Fox at a seafood buffet, but really I had no choice. It was either let a few bucks go down the drain, or pose for hours in full-on pasty nakedness for a strange man with a paintbrush and a lisp. So I sucked it up and chalked up my mistake to carelessness and haste. In hindsight, I don't feel so bad about the whole thing, really. It's just another life experience.

It took Stanley six and a half hours to finish the portrait. He had me crouch naked atop a large wooden rocking horse under a bright fluorescent light the whole time. The heat made my skin slimy. I must admit, the final product was not as flattering as I had hoped, but it will have to do. The prints will be ready later this week, and I will be distributing them around campus shortly.

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Staff Writer

Svelte - if there was any word that embodied this tool of procrastination, that would have to be it. The compact Nintendo Game Boy Advance SP not only one-ups its predecessors, but also easily earns the title of the perfect portable gaming machine.

Enclosed in a slick platinum finish frame, the SP folds open like a mini-laptop to reveal the screen. Closed, the Game Boy easily fits in a pocket with its diminutive dimensions of 3.33 inches square and a depth of a mere .96 inches, along with weighing less than your average wal-

let. The screen, which sports the same 240x160 pixel resolution of its larger brother, the GBA, is ample and displays 32,000 colors.

The crowning feature though, as current Game Boy owners will notice, is the inclusion of a backlit screen - enabling the use of the device in less than ample light (like a dimly lit classroom, for example).

Amazingly, regardless of the backlit screen and the power requirements that it places, the encased lithium-ion battery powers the system for 10 hours of continuous play. If you opt to turn the backlighting off, it jumps up to 18 hours of running time and recharges in a short three hours with the included power adapter.

Admittedly, the small frame has its drawbacks, namely the need for somewhat of a cramped hold to access all the buttons. The configuration of buttons is similar to that of the original Game Boy, and is found on the bottom half of the

fold-out design. The L and R buttons are controlled by the index fingers, while the thumbs handle the directional pad and A/B buttons.

All the buttons are solid and have responsive feel to them. I guess the 20-something child isn't exactly the direct target audience, as the device seems perfect for the nimble hands of my 11-year old brother and his cohorts. It's a minor inconvenience, but one that can be generally disregarded.

The 32-bit processor and screen combine to produce some incredible graphics. Playing "Super Mario World," an almost identical port of the SNES version of the game, brought back memories of bumbling in elementary school. Its abilities to render quasi-3D environments, like those used in "Mario-Kart," is nothing but commendable. Linking up to other Game Boys with an optional adapter is a breeze as well, a feature that throws "Mario-

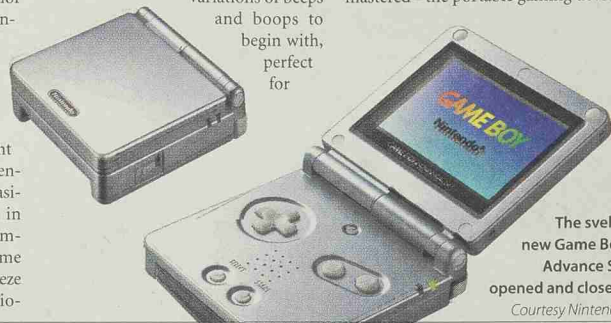
Kart" to another level if the kid sitting next to you has one as well.

The library of games for the SP includes those from the original system, Game Boy Color and Advance - so gamers will not come across the problem of buying a new device with a lack of games, as new system owners often do.

Sound is pumped - if one can say that - from a small mono speaker in the center of the device. Like all petite speakers - it sounded very tinny, but the range of sounds from most of the games were variations of beeps and boops to

begin with, perfect for speakers of that size. Volume is controlled through a small slide bar on the left and is easy to find and shut off. The ability to connect headphones is doable with an adapter, but it's optional, of course.

Overall, the Game Boy Advance SP is an impressive gaming device that will soon find its self flying out of the pockets of bored college students everywhere. Perfect in size, abilities, design - and finally the inclusion of a backlit screen - it will be hard for Nintendo to beat themselves at a game they've long mastered - the portable gaming device.



The svelte new Game Boy Advance SP, opened and closed. Courtesy Nintendo

HOROSCOPE

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Today's Birthday (April 23). Recent experiences have made you stronger and brought you up to new challenges. These take more than persistence and willpower to overcome. Also use your inquisitiveness and imagination.

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Today is a 7 Your practical insight may be too advanced for a scholarly type to comprehend. If you're persistent, the person who thinks he's smarter than you are might eventually understand.

Gemini
May 21-June 21

Today is a 7 You deserve a nice reward for a battle you've recently won. Where would you like to go, and whom do you want to go with? When there's a will and a win, there's a way.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Today is a 6 When you and your partner and/or teammates set your goals, the next step is setting your budget. Talk it over and start forming a plan.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 7 It may initially look as if your dreams are being thwarted. Hang on - it looks like help will come from an unexpected direction.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is an 8 As you get into a new routine, your efficiency improves. It may take more time, however. Have faith in yourself and in others.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Today is an 8 Friends provide a lot of good ideas, but they can't make your savings grow. You're going to have to do that yourself.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6 You're starting to come up with good ideas, but you need time to think them over. You worry that one of them won't really work, and with good reason. Fix it.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 7 Ever feel as if you're doing your job the hard way? Maybe you are. More education might help, but how to squeeze it in? Start with a basic plan.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 7 If you have to make the choice between love and money, choose love. You can always find more money.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is an 8 The more of your old tasks you complete, the better prepared you'll be. There's a new challenge coming your way, so continue clearing the decks.

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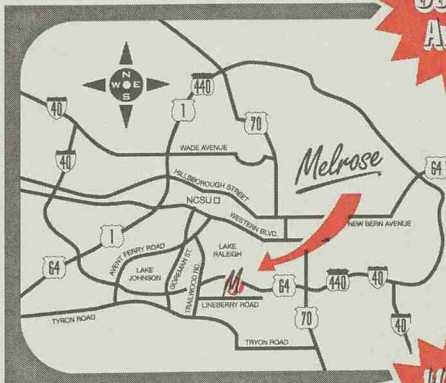
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Professor/student dating not just rules, regulations

A university is a place where people come to explore themselves and the world around them before they are thrust into the "real world." The exploration that is a part of college life is necessary in order for college students to prepare themselves for life in general. This includes dating. College relationships sometimes turn into lifetime commitments but teacher/student intimate relationships fall into the gray area on the ethical spectrum.

The University of California at Berkeley is considering adding a measure to their faculty code of ethics banning professor/student relationships entirely. This comes after the dean of the law school resigned amidst a sex scandal involving a student. Berkeley does not have a formal clause directly banning such dating, but many faculty members have stayed away from getting involved with their students.

N.C. State has strict policies against such practices. The policies adopted by the Board of Trustees forbid faculty and staff from establishing intimate relationships with students they have academic responsibility over. The policy states that a faculty or staff member can receive disciplinary action by engaging in an amorous relationship with a student. A department head or superior would determine if and what such action is appropriate. This policy is necessary to protect the academic working relationship

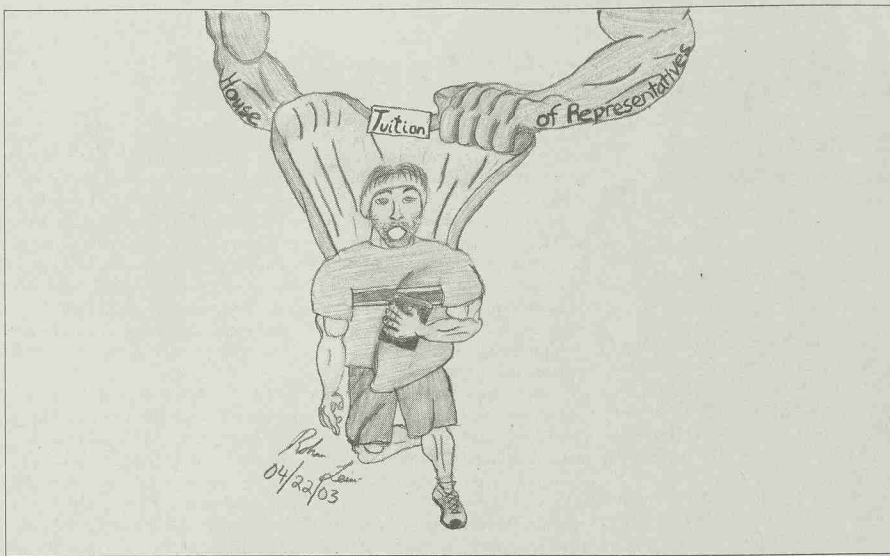
and the university from any litigation that may arise from such relationships. Nonetheless, human nature must be taken into consideration.

We are all adults, legally and maturity levels differ from person to person. The university is trying to protect themselves from potential scrutiny and protect all people on campus. But they should not meddle in the affairs of their faculty and staff.

Graduate students and teacher's assistants are all close to the age of undergraduates. This policy also applies to them as well, but what happens if a TA dates one of their students? N.C. State policy says that is wrong. The best course of action for these "mixed couples" is to wait until the professor or TA is no longer academically responsible for the student.

As for Berkeley, the faculty should vote and pass a resolution that does not completely ban professor/student dating. The resolution needs to be very specific, delineating what is appropriate and what is misconduct. Disciplinary actions should be laid out ahead of time to let faculty know what can happen to them if they break the code.

Ultimately, people cannot help whom they fall in love with and that applies to professors and students. A certain amount of maturity, discretion and objectivity is expected of faculty, but the heart cannot be ignored.



Annual, one-time tuition hikes



Greg Volk
Staff Columnist

to listen to the B of G because the B of G does not support tuition increases this year.

But in years passed, we, students and Technician, screamed bloody murder at the Board of Governor's suggestion of tuition increases. We demanded the board give voting privileges to the president of the UNC Association of Student Governments. But, strangely, this time, we're on the same team, united against the General Assembly.

Just this week, the General Assembly repealed a tuition-increase freeze they passed last year. Last year, they thought the UNC system could get by on the same amount of money (or less, as a result of budget cuts) and still be fine. Apparently now they think what they thought then was wrong.

Well, kids, start clipping coupons and using the powdered laundry detergent. As much as I hate to admit it and as much as we need to fight it, yet another tuition increase is inevitable. With our economy like it is, higher education is just too

easy a target.

When the state has three consecutive years of budget deficits exceeding \$1 billion, it has three options: one, cuts resulting in people losing jobs and services, two, tax increases resulting in people paying more for those same services, and three, a combination of cuts and tax hikes.

With the General Assembly possibly postponing planned tax cuts, it looks as if the legislators will choose option three. Some people call postponing tax cuts raising taxes (this is ridiculous politispeak), but rest assured, there will be broad, deep cuts, including higher education, in North Carolina, this year.

This is my prediction for how this year's tuition increase will go: The General Assembly will tell UNC schools to prepare for about a 15 percent across-the-board budget cut. The individual schools will blow way out of proportion the possible impact of 15 percent budget cuts by saying they'll have to lay off scores of faculty and staff and take drastic measures like closing the library early. This will prompt students and other community members to raise hell. We'll shout, scream and make signs until we appear to get the General Assembly to back off its 15 percent cut.

Then the General Assembly will appear to be forced to settle for the lower cut they really sought in the first place. Then, to make up for the cuts, schools will raise tuition about another \$500. The legislators will come out looking like semi-good guys, resulting in further student debt and cancelled classes and serv-

ices on campus despite the increase.

There's nothing wrong with asking higher education to undergo cuts, provided all other aspects of state government undergo similar and comparable cuts. What is wrong is surreptitiously raising tuition each year under the guise of a one-time necessity. We're adults; at the very least, be honest and tell us what the costs will be long term. North Carolina's public universities used to be some of the best values in higher education nationwide. If we continue on our current path, two years from now, North Carolina higher education will be a mediocre value at best.

Part of the problem is simple bureaucracy. The General Assembly can pass on cuts to the schools because it knows the schools will have to raise tuition. Thus, the General Assembly has "solved" a problem without raising taxes. But the story would be completely different if N.C. State and other UNC schools were private corporations.

You see, corporations operate with principles like long-term planning according to projected growth and profit margins. They can't just decide to charge their customers or clients more each year when they end up in the red.

But our schools and our government are not run nearly as efficiently as corporations. Fight tuition increases alongside the ASG and NCSU Student Government but prepare for some sort of tuition hike because it's coming.

Is Greg wrong? He hopes so. E-mail him at dieshus@hotmail.com.

CAMPUS FORUM

Response to Sex and Religion

I agree, sadly, that some churches run from the issue of sex. But, for every church that keeps the subject in the closet, there are several who take it out of storage, paint it and hang it from the ceiling. Believe me — in church I've been given, and have given, an earful on sex. I've listened to a Sunday morning sermon entirely on the beauty and necessity of sex at one of the most conservative churches in the Bible Belt. My husband, a student at a Southern Baptist seminary, and I have spoken quite openly with youth on the subject. I would invite you to visit the "Marriage" section in most any Christian bookstore, where you will find numerous books on sex written from a Christian perspective that would make even Hugh Hefner blush. Or, I'd invite you to attend Pastor Tommy Nelson's conference on the "Song of Solomon." If you haven't heard a church leader talk about the power or beauty of sex, you're probably just looking in the wrong places. I would also disagree with Decker [Ngongang] that, "In the church, sex is not advertised as a feeling; it is mentioned as an act devoid of feeling until you are married." His point, that the church condemns sex outside of marriage, is well made. However, the fact that

premarital sex is saturated with feeling is exactly the point. We are, indeed, sexual beings, but not animals. Feelings are there before and after marriage; Christian doctrine asks only that we channel these sexual emotions into a marriage relationship, where these feelings rest securely in a sacred commitment. If Decker is having trouble finding a voice from the Christian Church who addresses sex, maybe we should be trying harder. God knows, if kids today aren't hearing about sex at their church, those magazines and billboards Decker refers to will tell them all they want to know. Maybe that's the problem. Yes, it's time for the church to speak louder about sex; but not in the way Decker proposes: "Just because you instruct a young person on the safe way to have sex, that doesn't mean you advocate it." When you convince a Holocaust survivor that society should dictate how the church "instructs" moral issues, let me know. Until then, our message will not change. The church will continue to advocate the only effective "safe sex": abstinence until marriage.

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Get a glass of milk, that's a big ol' cookie!



Ben McNeely
Staff Columnist

the world's largest cookie. That's right: the world's largest cookie. According to CNN, local baker Scott Blackwell, of the Immaculate Baking Company of Flat Rock, came across the idea as a fundraiser for the Folk Artists Foundation. This cookie will be 100 feet in diameter and take in upwards of 12,000 pounds of flour, 6,500 pounds of butter, 5,000 pounds of sugar and 6,000 pounds of chocolate chunks. The project has required the building of a special oven built beside the baking company's bakery. When finally cooked, the cookie will weigh around 40,000 pounds. (That IS a big ol' cookie!) The current record holder is New Zealand, whose cookie was only 81 feet in diameter. As always, American pride that has brought us through many wars will not allow us to stand idly by and have the world's-largest-cookie record held by another country, especially New Zealand. They have enough to be proud of, like wallabies. C'mon people! This is a matter of national pride! Tourism is the main industry of the

North Carolina mountains. So the whole reason behind baking the world's largest cookie is to draw people to Flat Rock and hope they spend their money — specifically to support the building of a Folk Art Museum. People come year-round to ski the slopes of the Appalachian, gaze at the brilliant fall colors and build their hideous, tacky summer "log cabins" on the side of mountains, thus totally altering the beautiful landscape. Pretty soon all the summer homes of the rich and the old will cover the hillsides and valleys of the region, all in the name of rest and retirement. But that is another rant altogether.

Now, North Carolina already has a lot to be proud of. We are the Tar Heel State, blessed with the first public institution of higher learning in Chapel Hill, I mean, Hill. NASCAR traces its roots to the moonshiners running through the hills of western North Carolina in their souped-up cars. High Point is the furniture capital of the world, and Thomasville has the world's largest chair. My hometown of Asheboro is home to the North Carolina Zoo, the second largest zoo in the country, right behind the San Diego Zoo. It also has the largest Wal-Mart on the East Coast, right smack-dab in the middle of U.S. 64. Asheboro is also the largest dry municipality east of the Mississippi River — that's right — we ain't got no booze. How do we stand it? We go to Randleman. (You Randolph County folks know what I'm talking about) So it is good to see Flat Rock doing something that puts them on the map. It brings people together to work on

a common goal that takes their minds off the harsher realities of life. It gets depressing listening about the war all day. Although one could ask the question: are they so bored in the mountains that they are actually baking a 100-foot cookie? Hey, it gets cold up there and cabin fever sets in pretty quickly.

Personally, I don't blame them. I say go for it, Flat Rock, bake that cookie! Bake it and eat it with pride! If you can't finish all of it, cut it into pieces and sell it to the tourists that flock to the mountains like lemmings to a cliff for an excruciatingly painful price, a price that no sane person would even dream of paying for a cookie. They will pay for it; they want to experience real, laid back Appalachian life. (Like mountain people get together every other weekend and say "Hey, let's bake a giant cookie!")

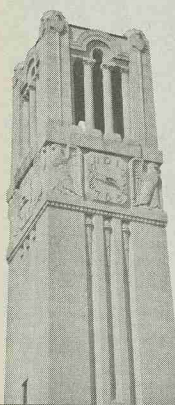
Let other countries think what they will about America and our behemoth cookie. France wouldn't even dream of undertaking such a feat. Their culinary contribution was cooking snails; they should be happy with that. The world's largest cookie should be in America, if for no other reason to give CNN something to report on a slow news day. I mean it's not like there is a war going on or anything. Now what if I wanted to collect the world's largest ball of string? Hmm...

Ben is skipping out of graduation May 17 to go and eat a piece of the cookie. E-mail him at ben@technicianstaff.com if you want to carpool.

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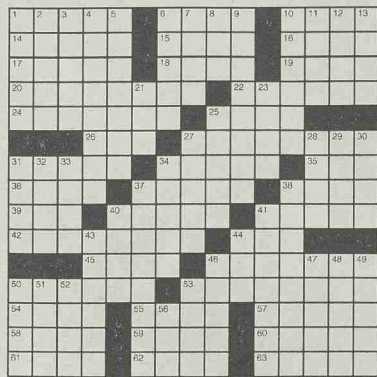
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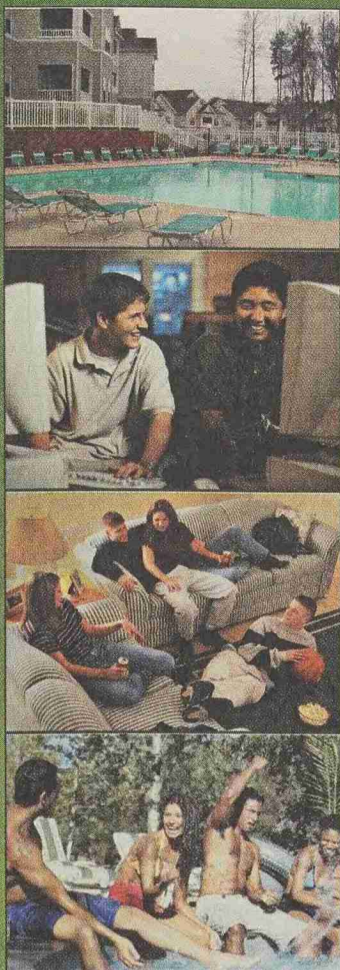
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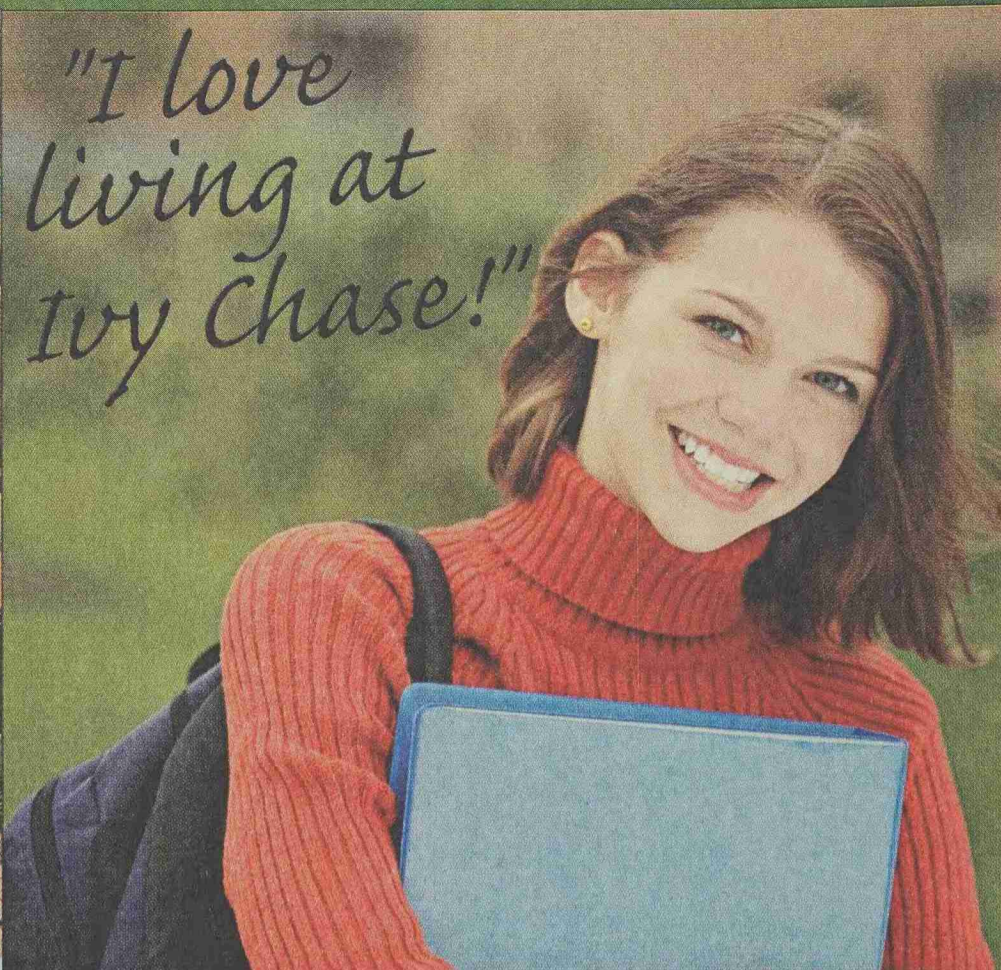
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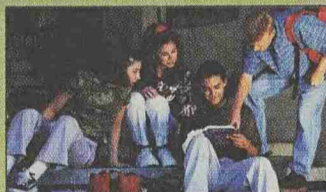
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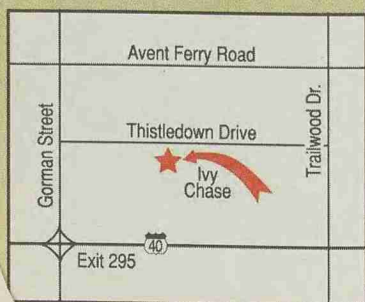
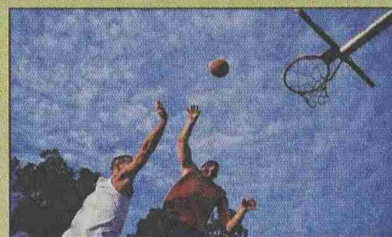
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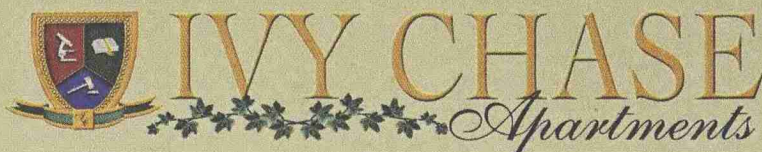


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1998. The last time State made the NCAAs, which it is virtually assured of doing this season, was 1999.

"We came out hungry," said Morton. "Hungry for a good season. I think the big thing for me was when we got into ACC play and took two of three from Florida State and had a chance to sweep them. Then we took two of three from Clemson and had a chance to sweep them as well. For a bunch of guys, that really opened some eyes, like 'Wow, we've got the talent, we're doing it, and we're going to keep doing it.'"

Avent, in his seventh year as skipper, has been most impressed with the intangibles. The hustle. The toughness. The intelligence. "I get personal satisfaction from the players, and I'm personally satisfied for them," said the coach. "This has been amazing, and it's as great a group of guys as I've been around in 23 years of coaching. The satisfaction comes from seeing the success that they're having, and they richly deserve it."

Especially considering the route the Pack has taken to success. Early in the year, the team played its home games in places like Zebulon, Kinston, Clayton and Wilson. Long bus rides and late nights were the norm for State's "home" games, but the Pack never frowned. In fact, at least one member of State's team relished all the mileage.

"I love to travel," said Sterry, who transferred to State from Cypress Junior College in California. The right-hander even found a lucky seat on all those rides.

"I always sit in a certain seat on the bus," said Sterry. "It's the second seat behind the first TV on the left. It's about six or seven spots back - it's a good seat."

Apparently so. Such luck might not have been born if renovated Doak Field would have been ready to start the season. As it was, the Pack didn't play its first game in the new - yet still unfinished - friendly confines until April 2 in a 3-2 win over UNC-Greensboro. The Pack never lost focus, despite having never found a permanent home in the early months.

"It doesn't matter where we play, it matters how we play," said Avent. "Anytime you've won 34 games and you're only 43 games in, no matter what we've gone through - if we had every game at home - I'd still say that's pretty doggone good."

"But when you look at what we've done and how we've done it, it's pretty incredible."

Also incredible is the fact that

the Pack lost its top three pitchers from a year ago, and suddenly turned into one of the best pitching teams in the ACC this season. Why hasn't the loss of the drafted Prochaska and injured Caldwell and McKee been a factor?

"That's what I don't know," said Avent, whose teams have been decimated by injury the last two seasons. "Maybe the last two years showed them you can put it together and overcome everything - that's what this team has done."

When all's said and done, the coach believes this pack of wolves might be one he treasures the most. Avent fondly savors some special moments at New Mexico State, like when his team once beat top-ranked Cal-State Fullerton two out of three.

"I've had a lot of clubs that were very, very special," he said. "This group of players, the things they've done and how hard they've played, will probably make them the most special group I've ever had."

The Pack's goals are only higher, too. With a few more key ACC series left, including this weekend's against rival North Carolina, State is gunning to put itself in position to win its first ACC crown since 1992. And after that? Who knows? A trip to Omaha, Neb. and the College World Series might be in order. More than a few Pack players may have made reservations already.

"I personally think we have," said Sterry, laughing. But then the easy-to-smile righty got serious. "I think we're well on our way to getting there."

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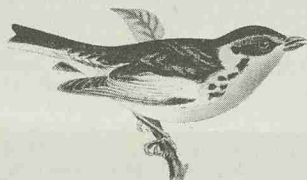
"My plan was for him [Devine] to pitch in the seventh and eighth and get Chad Orvella in there in the ninth, but he got through the seventh and eighth pretty quickly, so I sent him back out there in the ninth inning, and he looked like he lost his location a little bit," said State head coach Elliot Avent.

Orvella did eventually come on for Devine after the freshman surrendered his only run of the night and got the last two Seahawk outs before the Pack scored to win the game in the bottom of the ninth, giving him his first victory of the season.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Who's at fault?



Steve Thompson

Sunday morning on the ESPN program "The Sports Reporters", Mike Lupica of the New York Daily News got on his soapbox and lashed out against Roy Williams and all other coaches who abandon their players in pursuit of a better job.

Such coaches are despicable people — the lowest of the low. They recruit players who are under the assumption that these coaches will stick around for all four years. They are liars and hypocrites who cry "crocodile tears" on national television and expect us to sympathize with them.

Lupica, whom I normally trust to deliver a relatively sane viewpoint, said all of this with a straight face — no sign of sarcasm whatsoever. I was floored.

Commitment? Commitment?? Does Lupica seriously think that word means anything in major college athletics anymore? If so, he's more out of date than short basketball shorts, wooden tennis racquets and the mullet combined.

If a commitment still meant something, Mike O'Connell would still be coaching football here, Marshall Williams would have just finished his senior season playing basketball, and A.J. Davis would be playing spring ball at North Carolina.

The breaking of such commitments doesn't seem to bother Lupica, but dare a coach leave his players? String him up!

Lupica and others criticized the meaninglessness of 10-year or lifetime contracts given to coaches. If the coach just up and leaves, what use is the contract?

What they failed to mention, however, is the fact that seemingly every day a coach is fired despite the fact that he has years left on his contract. Jim Valvano had a "lifetime contract" here at State. What good did that do him?

But it's OK for administrators to renege on their end of a bargain. If a coach wants to do it, however, he's a traitor. After all, the coaches have promised recruits four years of solid coaching. To break this promise in pursuit of a lifelong dream is not excusable. Shame on you!

Oh wait, what's that? Players these days often don't stick around for four years? They transfer or threaten to transfer if things aren't going their way? They bolt for the NBA or NFL as soon as they can?

That's odd. I thought there was a commitment there. Obviously, there is not. Commitments aren't one sided. Lupica and his cronies can't sit around and criticize coaches for leaving and then give players free reign to up and leave whenever the situation presents itself.

In fact, the players can commit to a school and then go to another school entirely. Oral commitments mean nothing. Or the players can sign and then bolt for the NBA, a la Kwame Brown committing to Florida.

None of what I am saying here is a criticism of any administrator, player or coach. It's just the way things are. If a school can get a better coach, fire the coach on contract. If a player can make \$5 million a year in the NBA, don't stay in college for four years. (I sure wouldn't.)

Similarly, I see nothing wrong with a coach leaving one school for another. Roy Williams felt for his players at Kansas. He hates himself for ditching them.

But he was ditched by Paul Pierce for the NBA. Did Pierce come out and hold a press conference to apologize to Williams and Kansas fans? I'm sure it sucked for them. They had counted on having him around.

In a world where they can be double-crossed by their bosses and abandoned by their players, who could fault any coach for leaving?

Why are coaches held to a higher standard? Answer that Mike Lupica.

Steve can be reached at 515-2411 or sthompson@unity.ncsu.edu. Look for his final Technician column next Wednesday.

State escape



Catcher Colt Morton tracks down an errant foul ball in N.C. State's one-run win over UNC-Wilmington Tuesday night at Doak Field. Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

Senior Adam Hargrave drove in the game-winning run Tuesday night to help N.C. State remain undefeated at Doak Field.

Ryan Reynolds
Staff Writer

The N.C. State baseball team got a game-winning RBI double from Adam Hargrave in the bottom of the ninth inning to down UNC-Wilmington 5-4 in dramatic fashion Tuesday night at Doak Field. In the

process, the Pack surpassed its win total from last season.

With one out and Matt Camp on at first base, Hargrave ripped a hit into right-center field, sealing the 34th victory for the sixth-ranked Wolfpack.

"I don't know if it was so much the hit, but the win as a whole was important,"

said Hargrave. "It's good to have a big win like this with a huge series against UNC coming up. It gives us momentum."

The win over the Seahawks was the third one of the season for State, giving it the unconventional sweep over UNCW. The Wolfpack (34-9, 11-4 ACC)

Pack just keeps on rolling

For the N.C. State baseball team, which eclipsed its win total from last season with its win over UNC-Wilmington, goals are lofty.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

In the beginning, N.C. State's baseball hopes were a lot like its home. Back then, in early February, Doak Field sat a muddled mess in the western part of the NCSU campus, almost a symbol of the very team that calls it home. The pristine, bright red seats that now line the third base side existed only in the blueprints. The plush green grass that now covers Doak like a carpet was a mud-wrestlers dream.

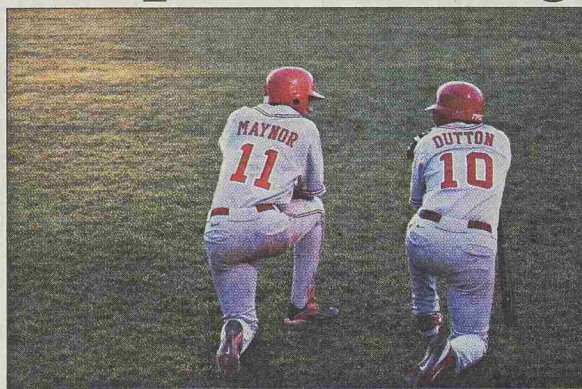
And much like the field, the Wolfpack nine seemed hardly poised to compete for a top spot in a loaded ACC. Not with the loss of stars Brian Wright and Mike Prochaska from the year before. Not with injuries from two of its expected top pitchers this season in Derek McKee and Daniel Caldwell.

Of course, that was then. And now?

Well, now the Pack is 34-9 (11-4 ACC), ranked as high as No. 6 in the country by one national magazine and has already eclipsed its win total from a year ago with Wednesday night's 5-4 victory over UNC-Wilmington. Not bad for a home-less gang that was picked a solid sixth place in the preseason ACC baseball poll.

"If you would have asked at the beginning of the season if we would have been at this point, I would have said, 'Yeah, I hope so,'" said Wolfpack catcher Colt Morton, who leads the Pack with 14 home runs. "But I probably wouldn't have believed it."

Now, Morton and teammates are turning the doubters into believers by the day. And who would have thought that the biggest turnaround would have tak-



With the hitting of batters like Marc Maynor and Jeremy Dutton, the Wolfpack's future looks to be extremely bright. Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

en place after the team's worst loss of the year, a 14-1 setback to Furman on Feb. 25. After that embarrassing loss, State reeled off 16 wins in a row, culminating in a series win against Florida State, which was ranked No. 2 in the country at the time. It was during that dominating 16-game streak that the Pack developed its true, nasty personality. Starting pitchers Vern Sterry and Mike Rogers combined for nine wins during the marathon of victories, which was the longest Pack winning streak since it won 19 in a row in 1990. Talk about a confidence boost.

"What really got us knowing we were good is when we competed with Florida State," said Sterry, who is 10-0 with a 2.67 ERA. "They were the so-called best team all around, and we kicked their butt pretty good. The way we competed against a top team like that, we knew we could compete against any team in any conference."

It only got better for State. The Pack has since taken two of three from tough ACC foes Clemson, Wake Forest and Virginia, and swept Duke in Durham for its

defeated UNCW (29-15) 8-4 on March 5 at Brooks Field in Wilmington and 6-2 on March 15 at Five County Stadium in Zebulon.

Despite the stiff competition State received from the Seahawks, the Pack was not overlooking its opponent for this weekend's rivalry series against North Carolina.

"At the beginning of the season, we made the decision that UNC-Wilmington is no different from UNC. Of course this is a big weekend, probably the biggest weekend I've had in my four years of college, but in order for us to go as far as we can there's no way you can look past anybody," said catcher Justin Riley. "UNC-Wilmington's in our way of going to the championship just as much as UNC and anybody else we play."

Pitcher Phillip Davidson got off to a shaky start for State, giving up two runs on a two-run home run to UNCW pitcher Matt Sutton in the first inning.

The Pack also had a quick bat in the first inning with a lead-off single by Marc Maynor, followed by a one-out home run off the bat of Riley to tie the game at 2-2.

"The key to our season is spurts," said Riley. "So many times it's like clockwork. If a team goes up, it's automatic we're going to come back and score. When teams score, we have to answer back and score as many or more runs in a spurt to show them who we are."

Davidson gave up another run in the second inning but followed with four straight scoreless innings. While UNCW's hitters cooled off as the game progressed, the Pack took advantage and took its first lead of the game in the fourth inning.

Riley and Colt Morton led off the bottom of the fourth inning with consecutive walks, and a double by Dustin Knight scored Riley to tie the game at 3. Two batters later, a RBI groundout by David Hicks scored Morton, giving State its first lead of the game at 4-3.

Closer Joey Devine relieved Davidson in the seventh inning and pitched two no-hit innings but was tagged for the tying run in the top of the ninth. Devine gave up a one-run double with one out in the inning that scored John Raynor to tie the game at 4-4.

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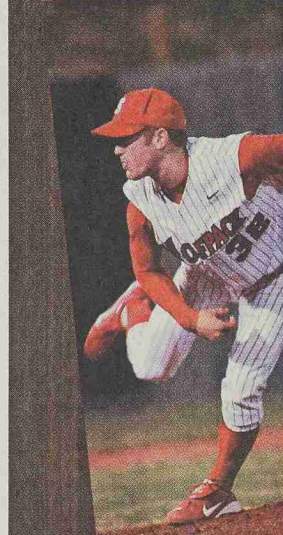
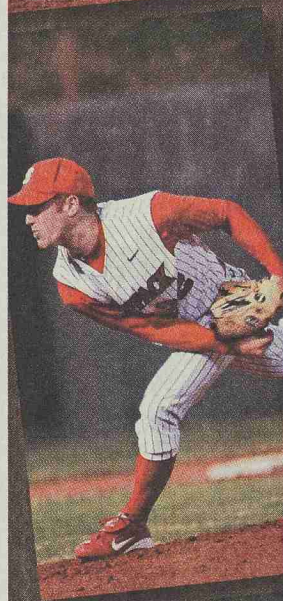
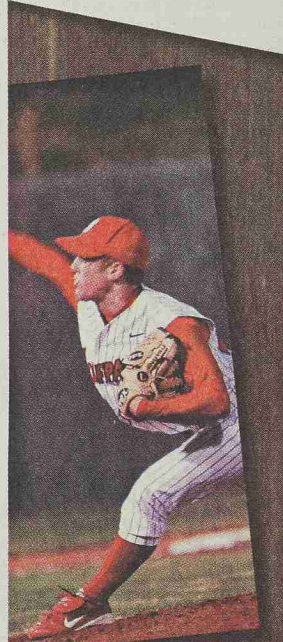
N.C. State vs. North Carolina baseball series

When: Friday 7 p.m.,
Saturday 1:30 p.m. and
Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Where: Doak Field

Due to the continued construction and the seat limitations at Doak Field, there are various constraints that apply to these games and differ from the norm. Only the first 200 students will be admitted free with a valid campus ID.

All faculty and staff must purchase tickets from the N.C. State ticket office in advance for \$7 each.

General public tickets are \$7 and available as pre-sell only. To purchase, call the N.C. State Ticket Office at 1-800-310-PACK. Gates will open 1 1/2 hours prior to the first pitch, and all seating is general admission.



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