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## IN THE KNOW

## WORLD

## Guatemala landslide leaves two dead and 20 missing

A sudden landslide occurred on Guatemala's western border with Mexico on Wednesday. Two corpses were found belonging to a 65-year-old man and an 8-year-old girl. There are an estimated 20 people missing in six houses that are buried beneath the mile-long landslide.

The landslide was a result of the Cocol Mountain collapsing. According to officials, rain did not induce the sudden slide.

"Half of the mountain has disappeared," said fireman Julio Fuentes. "It was a natural disaster waiting to happen."

Due to the landslide, 16 houses were destroyed and authorities evacuated almost 60 people. Officials are searching for the inhabitants of a two-story house still buried.

## Bush administration tells Iran to leave Iraq alone

Upon hearing reports that agents from Iran are jouneying to Iraq, Ari Fleischer, White House press secretary, says that this is a major concern.

"We have made clear to Iran that we would oppose any outside organizations' interference in Iraq and interfering with the road to democracy," he said. "Infiltration of agents to destabilize the Shiite population clearly fall into that category."

The Shiite, an Iranian militia, is reportedly trying to set up an Islam-led type government and is demanding that the U.S. coalition forces leave Iraq. Fleischer stated that the United States is working to create an Iraqi government that encompasses "all components of the Iraqi community, not one community versus another, not one community over another."

## NATION

## Mentally retarded killer gets reprieve by appeals court

Robert Charles Ladd, 46, has received a reprieve by the fifth U.S. Court of Appeals Wednesday, the night he was scheduled to be executed.

Ladd's lawyers found juvenile documents stating that Ladd was once mentally retarded. Last year, the Supreme Court ruled that mentally retarded criminals could not be executed.

An IQ below 70 constitutes mental retardation; Ladd's childhood documents state that he had an IQ of 67.

Ladd stated that the IQ data is a "dead issue." "I'm not looking for a crutch," he said.

Ladd was charged for a 1996 killing of a woman whom he beat and then set on fire; he was on parole for a triple-slaying 16 years earlier at the time.

## NASA's shuttle program headman resigns

Ron B. Dittemore announced that he will resign from his head position of the shuttle program after the investigation of the Columbia incident is settled.

Dittemore stated that he is not leaving because of the incident, but because he had already planned to be retired from his 26-year career this spring. But because of the tragedy "all personal plans had to take a back seat."

NASA has a "short list" of candidates who could possibly fill what is the key position in NASA, according to Michael Kostelnik, deputy associate administrator for the space shuttle.

Dittemore joined NASA as an engineer in 1977. He was a flight director in 1985 and was promoted to shuttle program director in 1999.

## STATE

## Boyfriend charged with murder of pregnant girlfriend

Jerry Lynn Stuart, 27, was charged with first-degree murder for the death of April Renee Greer, 20, on Wednesday.

Greer was reported missing on March 8 and was treated as a missing person until Monday, when a farmer found a trashcan containing Greer's body that had floodwater had washed out onto his field.

A high-school class ring with the name Greer engraved on the inside, a scar on the left knee, a metal plate in the left ankle and a fetus helped to identify the body as being Greer's, according to Burlington police spokesman Maj. Randy Jones.

Stuart wasn't initially a suspect in the investigation, but the police received information on Tuesday night that has not been disclosed to the public that gave evidence to Stuart's involvement in the crime.

## Robbery suspect arrested

Police arrested a subject Wednesday in connection with strong-armed robberies near campus.

Rob Bradley

Staff Reporter

On Wednesday morning during routine patrol, Officer Chad Edmunds of the Raleigh Police Department spotted a blue sedan that matched descriptions of a vehicle involved in a string of purse snatchings within the last six weeks. Edmunds pulled over the early nineties Buick Century for routine questioning.

The driver, Rhodrick Leon Walden, 32, of 5415 Penwood Drive, was suspected of stealing purses from four women in grocery-store parking lots and gas stations on Avent Ferry Road, Poole Road and Western Boulevard.

Walden later confessed to the accusations. He was arrested on three charges of felony strong-arm robbery and one charge of felony at-



Police lead Rhodrick Leon Walden, who was taken into custody Wednesday, out of the Avent Ferry police substation. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

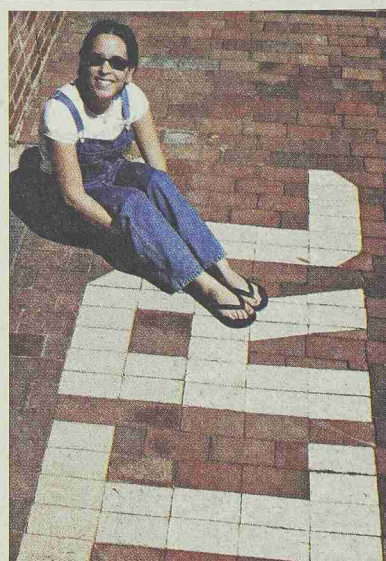
tempted strong-arm robbery.

Walden, who was looking for "quick cash," would approach women and try to take their purses, using physical force if the victims resisted, according to Lt. J.M. Lynch. Speaking of the victims, Lynch said, "One was thrown to the ground, another one was actually punched

in the face."

Walden also has 15 warrants for driving violations, including four for driving with a revoked license.

Investigators say that there might be more victims. They also recommend that people call police immediately if they believe they were victimized by Walden.



Liz Gutierrez, student commencement speaker, is an active member of the Inter-Residence Council among other N.C. State organizations. Staff photo by Tim Lytwienko

## Gutierrez selected to represent seniors

The student commencement speaker Liz Gutierrez, tells students, "Don't drift through life."

Janelle Vadnais

Staff Reporter

Liz Gutierrez was just another N.C. State senior — that was, of course, before one of her friends told her that NCSU was accepting applications from students to speak at graduation.

Gutierrez, a double-major in sociology and Spanish with a minor in business management, said, "I want to challenge people to recognize what they're passionate about and go for it. This concept of waking up to life by graduating won't just be a message to graduates but to everyone in the room — parents, family members and faculty." The slogan that Gutierrez will be reiterating in her graduation speech will be: "Don't drift through life."

As for the application process to be a student speaker at graduation, Gutierrez said that anyone was eligible to apply; it was open to all students. All applicants were required to have two letters of recommendation from faculty or administration, and they had to answer one question (in essay form) as to why they thought they should represent the graduates. In addition to the essay, applicants had to attach a list of all their experiences

and extracurricular activities.

Everyone who submits an application is then invited to give their speech in front of the Commencement Committee, which consists of approximately 12 people ranging from people in the chancellor's office and communications department to college students.

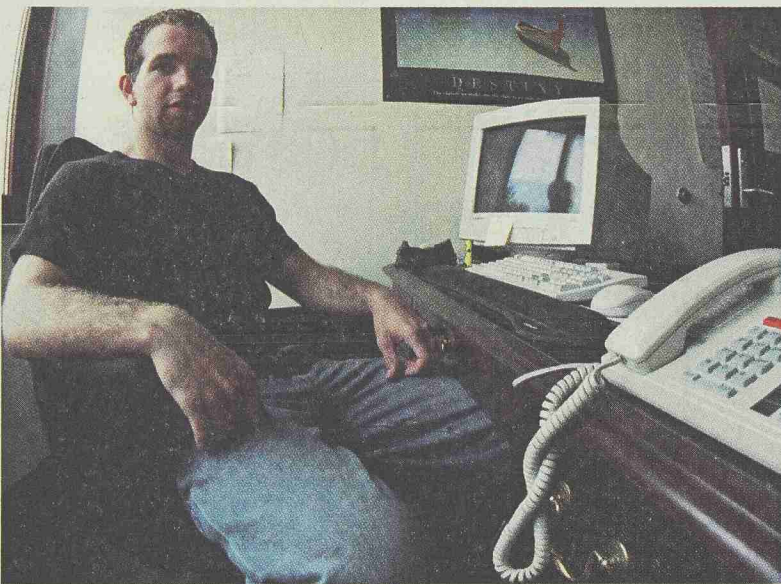
By the time Gutierrez heard about the "student speaker" opportunity, she only had one week to get her recommendation letters and applications. Answering that last essay question wasn't that easy either. Gutierrez said, "I ended up calling a friend the day before the application was due to ask him why I thought I should represent the class." But, all was well that ended well.

Out of approximately eight people, Gutierrez was chosen to represent the student body at graduation. Gutierrez says that her graduation speech will be about a challenge to be active in life because "too many people get settled into the mediocrity of life and forget what it is they are passionate about."

Born in Colorado Springs, Colo., but raised in Raleigh since the age of three, Gutierrez considers herself a real "North Carolinian." An enthusiastic, outspoken and amiable person, Gutierrez made the most of her college experience here at NCSU. After graduation, she will be the second grandchild

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## Casey begins term leading Judicial Board



Sean Casey was sworn in as the new student chief justice on Wednesday night. Staff photo by Austin Dowd

Sean Casey, who ran unopposed, was elected student chief justice and now starts his leadership transition phase.

Jessica Gluck

Staff Reporter

Imagine you were caught cheating in a class and now face a hearing in front of the N.C. State Judicial Board. Does the thought make you want to run away forever? According to the newly elected Judicial Board president, Sean Casey, you should feel the opposite.

"[Judicial Board] is a body created for the students' rights; something that is an incredible privilege

for students to be heard by their peers," he said. Most times, peers will better understand any kind of mitigating and aggravating circumstances surrounding an incident.

As president, Casey, a senior in biochemistry, will preside over the biweekly hearings. Whenever a student at NCSU is charged with an academic or even a non-academic break in student conduct and faces suspension or expulsion, he or she must appear in front of the board.

The student is allowed to present his or her case and can even call up witnesses. The number of students and faculty members at the hearings depends upon the charge the student faces. For example, two students, two faculty members and

Casey will hear an academic break in student code.

Although running unopposed, Casey received 4,305 votes in his favor during the election. The voter turnout this year marked the highest it has ever been.

This coming year, Casey hopes to tackle the challenge of the recreating the image of the Judicial Board. Instead of students fearing the board, he hopes they will understand its importance and ability to greatly help students.

One way he will reconstruct the image is by trying to sponsor a weeklong event next year. Integrity Week will be co-sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership,

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Ethics and Public Service. An ethics bowl will be held, with the winner receiving a cash prize. A mock trial with newly elected Student Body President Tony Caravano will also take place.

"I want to put [judicial] Board out there as something not to fear," Casey said. Another way in which Casey hopes to reach students is through first-year MDS classes, teaching students about cheating and plagiarism. "There's a lot of students who don't know

exactly what plagiarism is. The idea is to protect others' ideas," he said.

Another main goal for Casey for the upcoming year is to transition the board's role from a retroactive role to a more proactive facility. The plans for Integrity Week will contribute to the goal of being more preventative, by reaching more students in an exciting fashion.

For students wanting to become more involved with the judicial process, there is a selection process each spring, which involves an application and a formal

evaluation.

Hopefully, with Casey at the head of Judicial Board, the image of a dark and frightening courtroom-like atmosphere will diminish, and the true colors of the helpful nature of the board will be seen.

## CORRECTION

Monday's fire in the Atrium was extinguished by the Raleigh Fire Department, not the police department. Technician regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

## Coalition to investigate possible war crimes by U.S., Britain

*An international coalition of is looking into possible war crimes by U.S. and British troops.*

Tosin Sulaiman

*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

WASHINGTON - A coalition of lawyers and human-rights groups is gathering evidence to determine whether American and British troops committed war crimes in Iraq.

They intend to use the 9-month-old International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, to prosecute government and military leaders who may have violated international humanitarian law, and point to the dropping of anti-personnel bombs in civilian areas as an example of such a breach.

But taking on the United States will not be easy, since the Bush administration has refused to ratify the treaty establishing the International Criminal Court.

Lawyers with the Center for

Constitutional Rights and the Center for Economic and Social Rights in New York, two groups that had opposed to the U.S.-led invasion, along with colleagues in Britain, say that their investigation of possible coalition war crimes will ensure that both sides in the war are held accountable.

"We don't want a victor's justice," said Michael Ratner, president of the Center for Constitutional Rights. Referring to U.S. plans to bring Iraqi leaders to justice, Ratner said, "If there's going to be an investigation of Iraq, there should also be an investigation of the coalition."

He said the groups are collecting evidence from multiple sources, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International as well as journalists and so-called human shields in Iraq. They plan to investigate reports of 33 civilian deaths following the apparent dropping of cluster bombs on al Hilla on April 1, and the bombing of a marketplace in Baghdad on March 28, where at least 60

people reportedly were killed. They also condemn U.S. strikes on the Palestine Hotel and the destruction of the al Jazeera TV station's office in Baghdad on April 8, resulting in the deaths of three journalists.

Ratner says the process will be as fair and independent as possible. Next month, a panel of five international law experts will convene to debate the issue and produce a final report.

However, Philippe Sands, a visiting law professor at New York University from the University of London, said the United States will not face the ICC. "The (United Kingdom) is a party to the (ICC) statute so all UK nationals are subject to the jurisdiction of the ICC," he said.

Feisal Istrabadi said the activists were lucky they weren't in Iraq. "They can do what they want," he observed. "No one drags them away kicking and screaming in the night." Theirs was the kind of freedom Iraqis hoped for, he said.

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in her family to receive a bachelor's degree.

Two years ago, she was the president of the Inter Residence Life Council, and currently, she is a member of the Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority. This sorority is unique in the fact that it is the first of its kind in the Southeast and is recognized as the only national multicultural Greek organization in the United States. Gutierrez chose NCSU because she has "roots" here. After all, her father, Antonio, earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from NCSU and was the first in his family to obtain a college degree. Gutierrez's older sister, Christina, also graduated from NCSU, and while Gutierrez's brother, David, doesn't at-

tend NCSU, he is still nearby at East Carolina University. Like Cinderella's glass slipper, NCSU seemed like the right fit for Gutierrez, and she's lived "happily ever after."

As for post-graduation plans, Gutierrez was looking in to studying to become a "higher education administrator." She was accepted at University of Georgia and University of South Carolina for graduate studies but didn't feel comfortable with the programs. She ultimately decided that she wasn't really sure what she wanted her master's degree in and didn't want to waste two years studying something she really wasn't passionate about. So, for now, Gutierrez is focusing on getting a job that will last one year so that she can use that time to reevaluate her course of study.

Gutierrez is most interested in

the Ameri-Court Program, where all the work is centralized for the USA volunteer program. Ameri-Court is about community revitalization, where she would work for low-income families (similar to the Peace Corps). In return, you receive a stipend to pay for your college education. Gutierrez claims that the Ameri-Court program will give her the options she needs.

Throughout her life, Gutierrez's mother, Teresa, remains her biggest influence because "she sacrificed going to college in order to raise us." Teresa did eventually go back to college and most recently graduated from Barton College. Gutierrez admires her parents for having such a high educational drive, and reciprocally, her parents are extremely proud of all that she has accomplished during her time at NCSU.

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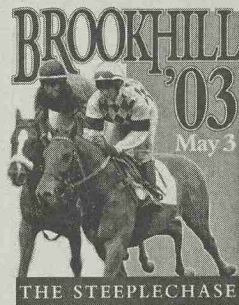
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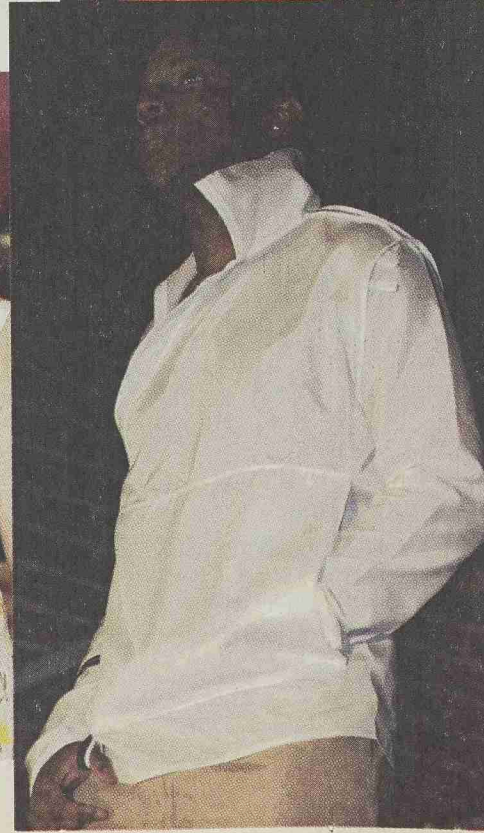
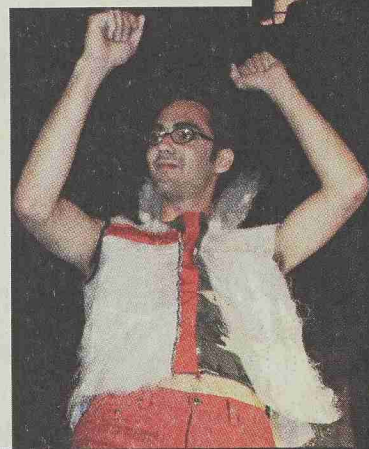
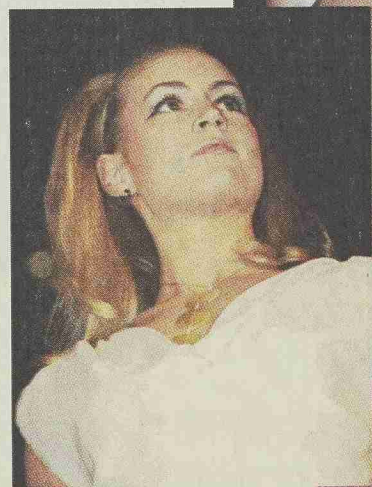
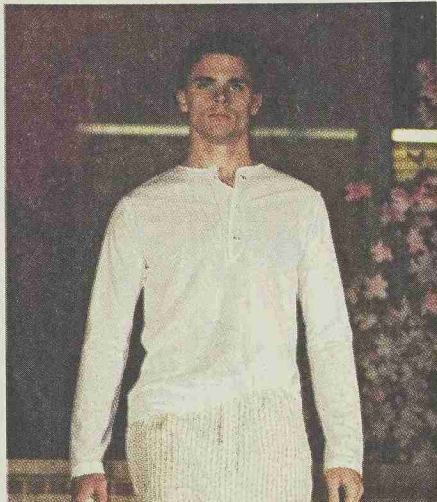
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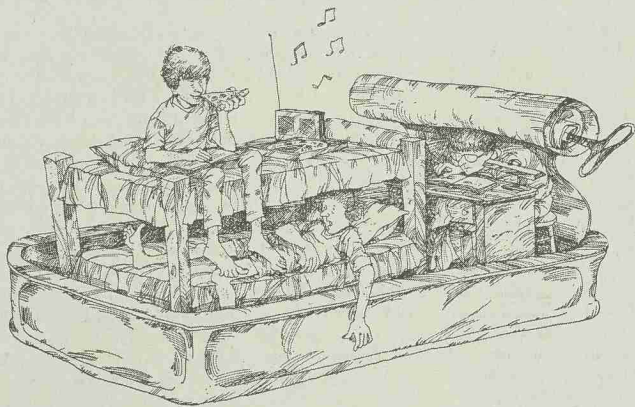
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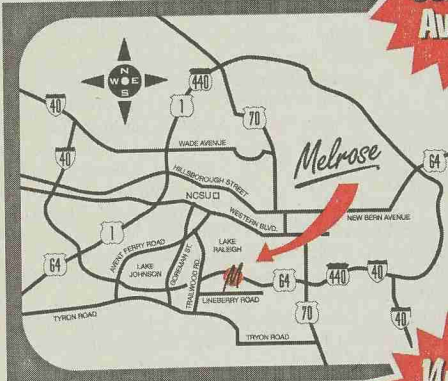
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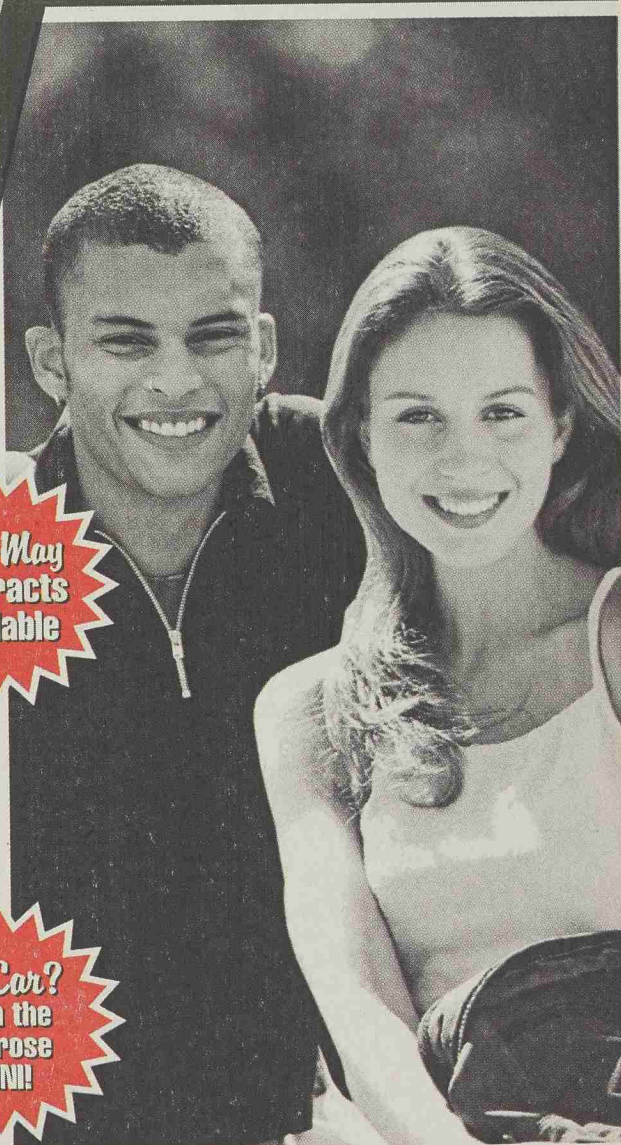
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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## It will take a world community to rebuild Iraq

Now that the war is winding down and the Iraqi people are free from Saddam Hussein's regime, the entire world seems to have an opinion on postwar Iraq.

France came out this week suggesting that economic sanctions against Iraq should be suspended. The White House one-upped them by saying that sanctions should be lifted completely. The United Kingdom defense minister said that he believes that Saddam Hussein is still in Iraq. Agents from Iran infiltrated Shiite populations in Iraq in an attempt to persuade them to push for a fundamental Islamic government in Iraq. The White House told Iran to stay out of Iraq and not to interfere with plans to make Iraq into a democratic state.

But despite the number of countries that are speaking out, much of the massive task of rebuilding Iraq as a democratic, sovereign nation will fall to the United States. The question is how much of the world support will the United States allow? The United Nations should have an active role in rebuilding Iraq and countries that do want to support the effort should go through them.

The United Nations, fractured after endless debate over military action in Iraq, is now trying to find its place in the big picture of the region. With all its humanitarian resources, the United States should take advantage of the United Nations and work through them to set up a democratic government.

Despite our optimistic views, the United States cannot rebuild Iraq alone. Other countries, especially Islamic countries, such as Turkey, should help and be a model of how democracy and Islam can compliment each other. With the popu-

lation of Iraq split among Shias, Kurds and other tribes, a plurality government is necessary to order to accommodate all involved.

A government that has tolerance for all groups of people is what the United States plans to build, but to go it alone only puts an undue burden on the country and would only draw criticism from international organizations, like the United Nations. Nation-building should involve a multitude of countries to ensure that Iraq is rebuilt in a timely and appropriate fashion so as to re-enter the world community as a free nation.

As the interim government is set up, the Iraqi people have to be kept in the loop about the government every step of the way. Economic sanctions should be lifted, as suggested by the French, so the free trade of goods can start flowing to the people who need it. Order has to be restored, and a system of justice must be enforced to prevent looting and other petty crimes.

Iraqi oil fields must stay in Iraqi hands, not auctioned off to the highest bidder or taken over by a foreign oil company. Above all, the United States must not become another occupying regime, bent on erasing the rich history of Iraq in favor of a new Americanized version of democracy. The people of Iraq must set their government up by themselves with our guidance. Iraq has the potential to become a stabilizing force in the Middle East, only if the world shapes and molds it into a proper and legitimate government that embraces freedom and tolerance while respecting the traditions of the Islamic faith. In a region that clings to its past, Iraq is the future.



## It's a sad, sad, sad, sad world



Ben Kraudel  
Staff Columnist

Without fail, the news seems to get stranger every week. For instance, earlier this week, after he was ejected from a bar in Syracuse, N.Y., patron Paul Russell Jr., 33, took a bite out of crime ... sort of. More like a bite out of

crime prevention. While Russell was lying face down on the cement outside of the bar, quite inebriated and bleeding from the head, he was approached by police dog Renny, 3, and his police handler. It was only after being punched twice in the face by Officer William Foster that Russell stopped choking the dog and biting it on the neck.

Russell has been charged with injuring a police animal, resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental administration. He told reporters that he had a broken nose and two black eyes. "I don't really remember," he said. "I was pretty drunk."

Now before we all rush to judgement, which among us hasn't tried to attack a four-legged officer of the law with our teeth and hands, going for the jugular after having perhaps nine too many at the pub? Well, I know I haven't. Though my major curiosity is why this dog was sent to apprehend this drunk causing a disturbance in the first place. He was face down and bleeding on the sidewalk; I think perhaps calling out the dog may have been slight overkill to begin with, though that certainly does not justify the man's canines-first approach at the canine.

As long as I'm discussing news of the

week that involves unwarranted attack, at a celebration of a wedding in New Delhi this week, software engineer and groom Tapes Kumar Singh, 22, was shot in the head at the wedding party. Some madman with a grudge did not shoot him, nor some itinerate hacker upset with some new unbreakable code written by Singh. No, if it had been something as obvious as that, I wouldn't even bring it up. The bullet that penetrated his head and sent the man into a coma left a revolver fired into the air by one of his less-than-sober friends. Apparently, it is a widely accepted practice in parts of northern India to fire a gun into the air in celebration at weddings or the births of sons.

According to Superintendent of Police Vijay Bhusan, the entire incident is on tape and will be used as evidence. Singh's trigger-happy friend was arrested for causing grievous injury by negligence. I think this might be a good time to give the legalese a break and maybe just actually address what happened when this case gets to court. "Your Honor, the defendant drank 14 Jack and Cokes and then shot my client in the head after his wedding. I rest my case."

Perhaps it might also be a good idea for the people of northern India to look into a few conveniences the rest of the world has picked up. Fireworks are fun, but it's also quite easy to aim a bottle rocket at your friends head in a drunken stupor and end up in prison, so perhaps those little pull-snap fireworks you give four year olds would work. I think India should invest in as many of those as possible... or maybe just a few, and the rest of the country can learn how to clap and sing karaoke.

Luckily for others in Asia, you don't even have to get your friend to shoot you

in your head to benefit from your death. In Bangkok, the city that I can't make a joke about in this conservative format, members of the Thai cabinet, (I think I bought a Thai cabinet at Pier One when they were on sale ... My good china is in it now ...) have decided to draw up a plan to give 237,000 retired state employees the ability to draw up to approximately \$4,665 in advance from the payouts their families would receive upon their deaths. Essentially, Thailand is allowing people to advance nearly five grand on their life insurance. Money that would have previously have gone to the family to do things like ... oh, I don't know ... dispose of the body and then try to make a living without a family member can now be spent on whatever the heck the old people want.

This program would not work in this country. I envision small children lining up at grandparents' wakes, looking at the cold, meager pine box and asking, "Where did the money go?" "Well, honey, when Grandpa found out he wasn't going to make it, he advanced on his life insurance for five grand and then spent two weeks in Atlantic City with fast slots and loose women."

In Thailand, the plan is expected to meet little resistance, and the money is being set aside in the budget. You can be sure that when it goes through, there are going to be old people running in the streets, firing their revolvers in the air in celebration ... hopefully none of the bullets will graze any animals working for law enforcement.

Ben wants you to take this column as seriously as possible. Tell him you never even smiled at [bkraudel@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:bkraudel@unity.ncsu.edu).

## Victory — now what?

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The United States and its allies will declare victory in the war in Iraq in the next few days,

according to a MSN.com report.

Meanwhile, Iraqi exile Ahmad Chalabi is back in Iraq, endorsing U.S. military occupation of the country for as long as two years — while some Iraqis have taken to the streets to protest the U.S. presence, according to the report.

U.S. forces are still hunting for Saddam Hussein and other top Iraqi officials and have still not found Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction, the justification for the invasion led by the United States March 20.

Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) thinks it will take at least five years to establish a functioning democracy in Iraq. Lugar dismissed the notion that it can be done "on the fly" in just a scant few months. "And this may require training of a new

type of civil servant in our country, that is really prepared to come in and bring some hope, some cohesion, to peoples after our military is extraordinarily effective in getting rid of the opposition," Lugar said on NBC's "Meet the Press," according to the report.

So with victory assured and the war all over except the shouting, obvious questions remain.

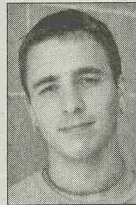
Where is Hussein? Where are his weapons?

And why aren't more people demanding answers?

Victory is wonderful, but remember, the primary reason for the war was to disarm a potential threat. Liberating the Iraqi people was a positive result but not the primary goal. Assuming otherwise is inconsistent with the Bush administration's original drive toward war.

Voters should hold their representatives accountable for the answers to these questions.

## In search of the elusive Myrtle Beach club



Andrew Dugan  
Staff Columnist

Recently, I, with a group of friends, managed to get, well not lost, but misplaced in this small little paradise of Myrtle Beach. The sort of "misplacement" we experienced might be comparable to the misguided traveling of Holden Caulfield ("The Catcher in the Rye"), who — while always knowing where he was — never knew where he was going.

The band of us were on foot, and we were to make a 10-block run (give or take a few blocks) from our lush hotel to some popular club to which we had the good fortune of receiving free admission passes. To add to all this, one of the people I was with was celebrating his 20th birthday, an event demanding that the lot of us go out onto the well-lit Myrtle Beach strip. So, go out we did. We walked down the strip, refreshed by the cool air of the night and talked about nonsense as we headed towards our destination. One of the guys walking ahead of me had a small map that was printed on the back side of the admission ticket we had received; it was concise but provided seemingly enough detail to lead us to the club. But sometimes maps are poorly drawn or too convoluted to understand or, on other occasions, blatantly ignored. Whatever this case may be, (I wouldn't know; I had no vested interest in reading this map and making sure we were fol-

lowing it correctly.), the seven of us soon strayed off the proper course into a most unrecognizable — and therefore most alarming — area of Myrtle Beach.

Lord Grey once said that the "lights of Europe are dimming, and I fear they won't turn on again in our lifetime." Well, for us, the illuminated streets of Ocean Boulevard (Myrtle Beach's main tourist road) had dimmed to a nefarious darkness, and some of us feared the light wouldn't return until morning (meaning no fancy outings for us). Where we were, I still don't know. The streets were ill kept, to put in the most generous of words, and the grass was littered with wrappers and paper cups. I assumed then that the street looked even worse in the daylight, as darkness has a habit of shielding certain objects under its cloak. In any case, we kept walking — we had reached the point of no return. In order to get back to the main roads of Myrtle quickly, we had to go through this unfamiliar area. We walked this uneasy walk spread out and with very little said to one another. Some of us were confident, unscathed by the undesirable nature of our predicament. Others were indifferent, a little too tipsy to really comprehend the fact that we were not where we were supposed to be. Finally, some were scared as hell. What ensued was almost like the "Lord of the Flies." As stress increased — in the form of an old, rusty Chevy pulling aside and yelling intimidating words (All in the name of good fun, the driver might want to add.) — hysteria increased. One of the girls came to an irreversible conclusion that we would never find our way back and that we

would all die this lonely and tragic death.

Once the conclusion was postulated, she began the proper self-pity required when circumstances turn grim. Another of my friends, tired of the girl's defeatism, exchanged some sharp words with her. We all walked carrying some distasteful feeling, expressing that feeling in one way or the other. Hours later — well, I should say three, maximum — we were gladly reunited with the hotel room we were so eager to leave only a short while ago. We rested comfortably, laughing then about what had happened and began to make the best of a bad time. I asked the guy who was celebrating his 20th birthday if he had a good one, despite all the flaws with the night. He admitted it was a fine birthday, and it was certainly more memorable than it would have been if we had made it to the club.

How ironic. Henry David Thoreau lamented that we all too often fall into paths that we follow religiously, sometimes never knowing why we do so. Instead of doing a usual nightly activity, like going to a club, this night of crazed wandering had a far more lasting impression on me (and the others) — so lasting that I decided to devote my column to it. An old axiom says that the best plan is one well executed. Maybe so, but that doesn't imply what the best time will be. Sometimes, you got to leave that up to chance.

To vacation with Andrew at Myrtle Beach next time he goes, e-mail him at [adugan@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:adugan@unity.ncsu.edu).

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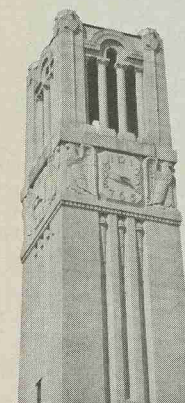
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## FILM

# Burns and co. hit the big time

## Confidence

Starring: Ed Burns, Dustin Hoffman  
Director: James Foley  
★★★★

Joel Isaac Frady  
A&E Editor

We're still in the middle of (well, maybe towards the end of) a period in cinema where films are competing to see who can have the coolest, most surprising twist in the end. Yes, twists can be fun; the experience of a great twist, like those seen in "Primal Fear" or "Arlington Road," can be incredible. While "Confidence" doesn't boast a twist as gutsy or hard-hitting as these, one thing must be said about it...

**It comes out of f---in' nowhere!** Too many times, the twists are just too easy to predict. "Confidence," however, does a wonderful job of diverting so much of your attention to the ensemble cast and the 17.5 different sub-plots they carry. It does such a great job, in fact, that it's not until "Confidence" pulls its guns that you even know that they have guns.

Right now, you may be thinking "thanks for telling me, buddy, now I'll be looking for the twist." I know you're thinking this be-

cause, well, I'm standing behind you ... but don't worry — with only the information given above, too much information has not been given away, even by the standards that prudes would enforce.

Like most heist movies, a strong cast is a necessity. Think of "Ocean's Eleven" or "The Score;" good performances from everyone are needed, and one weak performer can do much more damage than he could in other films. Not that "Confidence" has much to worry about, for it slams us with one of the best ensembles to hit the screen so far this year.

Ed Burns heads it up as Jake, the head of a con operation that also includes Gordo (the hilarious Paul Giamatti) and Lily (Rachel Weisz, back in the sexpot role after her sweet turn in "About a Boy"). After he accidentally cons The King (Dustin Hoffman) out of a large sum of cash, he's forced to work along with The King in the bigger operation of swindling a few million out of one of Los Angeles' most prestigious banks.

Jake is also aided by two cops, Manzano (Luis Guzman, "Boogie Nights") and Donal Logue (TV's "Grounded for Life"), but they start having problems with FBI agent Gunther Butan (Andy Garcia), a man who has been chasing Jake for a long time.

Director James Foley manages the cast with skill, keeping each actor on the right note of giving memorable, but not overbearing, performances. The film's look also stands above other films currently in theaters; Foley and cinematographer Juan Ruiz-Anchia don't hesitate to fill their screen with color, darkness and grit. They're flashy, but only when it's called for. Not many films look this good without causing a distraction.

The only thing about "Confidence" that really feels wrong — and it *really* feels wrong — is the film's final shot. For a film that, for the main part, avoids falling into the typical heist movie clichés that it could, it jumps for the biggest final shot cliché in the book, and it's not even appropriate for the movie. Considering the amount of thought and effort that went into the rest of the script, it seems like there could have been a more appropriate shot to leave a viewer with.

Not that it's going to bother you too much, for it is just a small (if vital) detail in an otherwise impressive film. Considering the other picks out at the moment, it's one of the few films that's *not* trying to con you out of your precious six dollars with promises of action and sex ... this one delivers them both, and a good time in the process.

## GAMING

# 'Golden Sun' returns to finish what it started

Golden Sun:  
The Lost Age  
(GameBoy Advance)  
\$34.99 street price  
★★★★½

Jon Morgan  
Staff Writer

My experience with the original "Golden Sun" went something like this: First, I started the game. I met the characters and found my goal, which was to keep the forbidden secrets of alchemy sealed away forever. The story was good, the puzzles were fun and the combat was challenging — if a bit old-fashioned.

So, I was just playing along, trying to keep the two mysterious villains (think Team Rocket, but, you know, dangerous) from lighting these four lighthouses. You see, when all four lighthouses are lit, alchemy will be unleashed ... and nobody wants that, except the bad guys. And they suck.

It was a pretty standard game convention. You fight the bad guys, who have to do four things to mess things up: Get the crystals, kidnap the virgins, light the lighthouses. And, in most games, the story has you saving the day just before the fourth task is completed. Whew!

A good 20 hours into the original Golden Sun, things were looking all fine and dandy. Two lighthouses have been lit, but no bother — I mean, there's half of the game left, right? Wrong. After the second lighthouse is lit, BAM! Game over.

Now, there is one reason the developers would choose to do this. It makes people buy the second game. It's cheap, and it's transparent ("Golden Sun" has no real ending to speak of), but it worked, for here I am play-

ing "Golden Sun: The Lost Age." What a sucker.

In old-school "Back to the Future" style, "The Lost Age" picks up a few moments before "Golden Sun" left off. Following a rather lengthy explanation of the events in the first chapter, you take control of Jenna, whose brother Felix is down with Saturos and Menardi, who are the enemies of Isaac, Jenna's childhood friend who was the star of the first game.

The convoluted relationships are hard to grasp, but don't fret. An incredibly handy chart detailing every character's story and relationship to the others is included with the game. On the reverse side is a map, which will also come in handy during the course of the game.

The game mechanics of "The Lost Age" are incredibly solid. Featuring a tried-and-true system, characters have three basic offensive moves: You have plain old attacks, like whacking guys with your stick; you have psynergy, Golden Sun's word for magic; and finally, you can call upon Djinn, a creation completely original to the series.

Over the course of the game, you come across various Djinn that will join your party. Similar to the summons from other role-playing games, Djinn can be called on to unleash large-scale attacks that affect multiple enemies. Unlike other games, however, the Djinn have multiple stages they go through, and each stage has a different effect. After summoning a Djinn, it raises your stats in the areas it relates to. Then, after a brief period of rest, it can come back to be used as an alternate attack, one completely different from the original summon. Finally, multiple Djinn can be combined to create massively destructive combo attacks that devastate the enemy.

Although the sound isn't great (what is

through a speaker that tiny?), the graphics of "The Lost Age" are superb. Games that look this good remind us that the GameBoy Advance is a truly viable gaming system, even in the 3-D driven modern market. With vivid colors, fluid animations and great character design, this is as good as 2-D gets.

All the high points of the original game have been brought back. The puzzles are fun and clever, and the combat is very balanced. The only problem, really, is that there's no reason this should be a separate game. If you buy both games and duct tape them together, it's a seamless experience, but it's hard to recommend "The Lost Age" on its own. If you haven't played the original, then buy it first. You can transfer your characters from the end of the first game, so the time you invested will pay off.

After all is said and done, "Golden Sun: The Lost Age" is a very solid game, and it's entertaining as well. The involving story and the compelling characters keep you interested, and the style of game-play puts up few obstacles to the advancement of the plot. While it can't stand on its own, "The Lost Age" is still a great game, and any RPG fan should give it a chance.

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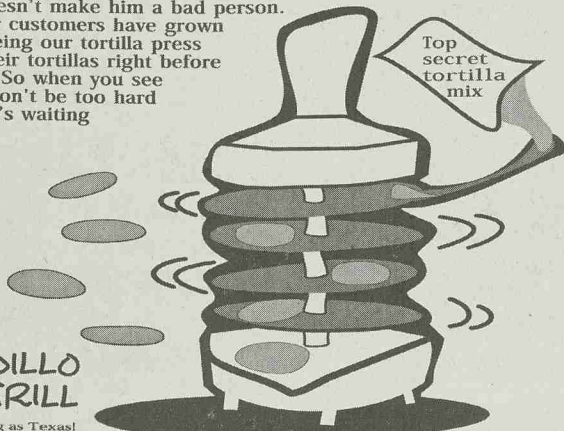
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## TERRENCE

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Terrence. "It wouldn't be a disappointment [if I weren't drafted early]. Whether I go in the first

round or the seventh round, I'm going to make the best of my opportunity."

Many scouts question Terrence's coverage ability and his speed. In addition, some teams

may look at him as a special teams player more so than as a pure safety. Not surprising, considering all he did in four years at State was set the all-time conference mark for blocked kicks with 12.

And that's something his brother says can only help his stock.

"Will he go in there and block four of five punts or eight field goals?" asked Torry. "I don't know that, but I know he will raise the

level of intensity on special teams, and the number ones will have to go hard every day when they see him lined up. That's more of an impact than blocking two or three."

It is an opportunity Terrence can't wait to grasp, but he would rather be known as Terrence Holt, free safety.

He has cut his time in the 40-yard dash down to 4.53 seconds and welcomes criticism from anyone who has the time to dish it out.

"I just look at all that bad stuff and say if there's one person that thinks that then I need to work on it," said Terrence. "All the stuff that I see on the Internet, I keep it on my mind and [remember] who wrote it. And some things I'll print out, put a date on it and put it in my file. It's just added motivation that's going to help me."

Lucky for him, his workout partner for the summer (Torry) happens to know a thing or two about running routes, so Terrence will get more than a fair share of extra practice.

While Torry admits that unless St. Louis drafts Terrence, which seems unlikely due to its needs at cornerback and linebacker, he won't show Terrence his complete repertoire, but he does think he can help his younger brother become a more complete safety.

"I will be able to help him out as far as where he should be, working against my quickness, working against some of the routes that I'll be able to set him up and beat him against," said Torry. "By the time he gets into camp, hopefully he will have seen everything."

Although it's no surprise that Torry expects his brother to prove the critics wrong, his respect for Terrence as a player goes further than blood. Listening to his brother talk about defensive strategy and coverage, Terrence reminds Torry of another great defensive back, All-Pro Aeneas Williams, also of the Rams.

"He's aggressive [like Williams], which is something that you have to have in the NFL," said Torry. "He's smart, has a tremendous work ethic [and] a great deal of pride about how he goes about his work."

Torry is confident himself that Terrence can repay the favor he so graciously bestowed upon his brother after he was drafted by giving him a car.

"I may get myself a Ferrari or something like that," joked Torry. "I've got a list of things that he owes me. I can't wait till he gets drafted so I can get him off my payroll. I have all the receipts with interest."

It's yet another duty the little brother is prepared to tackle. For now, he is simply eager to find out where he'll be spending his Sunday afternoons in the fall. Patiently, he will wait to see his name flash across the screen on ESPN this weekend, knowing that his greatest challenge as a football player is yet to come.



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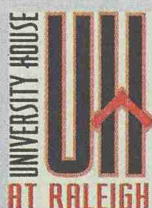
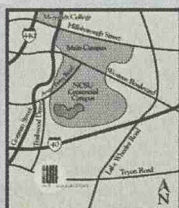
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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Cream of the crop



Matt Middleton

Have times really changed this much?

For the first time since 1996, the ACC didn't place a single team into the Final Four this past college basketball season. Not only was an ACC squad not among

the last four teams left playing in April, there wasn't a single league representative present in the final eight.

Long the patriarch of college basketball, the ACC in reality was probably the fourth or fifth best conference in the nation last year.

Imagine that, Everett Case.

Luckily for the ACC, order should return next year — and for many years to come — in a league that will be considerably stronger in part because two schools went out and made the right coaching hire the second time around. With the current lineup of coaches in the ACC, the league should ease itself back into prominence starting next year.

In the annual coaching carousel that rears its ugly head every offseason, Clemson's Larry Shyatt and North Carolina's Matt Doherty were shown the door following the 2002-03 season.

What happened in the hiring process strengthened the foundation of the ACC's coaching fraternity, building a family of headmen that cannot be matched by any league in the country.

Heading the nine-man group is a Hall of Fame coach (Mike Krzyzewski) and one who is all but a lock to enter the grounds of the same place sometime in the next 10 years (Roy Williams).

Want more?

How about national champion Gary Williams. One of just 43 coaches to ever win the coveted prize, Williams did so at his alma mater a season ago and has turned the Terrapins into a perennial March force in a little over a decade.

Wake Forest's Skip Prosser has seemingly won everywhere he's been and managed to win an ACC regular-season title in just his second season on the job. After flirting with the opening at Pittsburgh, Prosser inked a 10-year deal that will keep him at Wake for as long as he wishes.

Among the nine active coaches, only a third have won the ACC's Coach of the Year award — Krzyzewski, Williams and Georgia Tech's Paul Hewitt, who took the Yellow Jackets to the NCAA Tournament in just his first year on the job.

In fact, only two current league coaches have failed to be on the bench when their school was invited to the NCAA Tournament, Florida State's Leonard Hamilton and Clemson's Oliver Purnell. Purnell built a consistent winner at Dayton, and Hamilton has NBA coaching experience in addition to his successful stint at Miami (Fla.).

That leaves two coaches — the only two holdovers that enjoyed a fair amount of criticism from their respective fanbases this past season. Virginia's Pete Gillen was signed to a 10-year contract following his only tournament appearance with the Cavaliers — a first-round loss to Gonzaga in 2001. Since then, the Cavaliers have risen and fallen more than the Dow Jones, ultimately fading out in March each year. Gillen has never won a postseason game as the head coach of the Cavs, and the natives up in Charlottesville have since turned the heat up.

Likewise, if any observer were to flip on Herb Sendek's radio show this year, they would have heard more than a handful of pundits voicing their displeasure with their coach. Sendek did get the last laugh, guiding his team to the NCAA Tournament and also coming within three minutes from winning the ACC title.

As a whole, the group is peerless compared to any other conference in the nation, which is why the league is in good hands for both the immediate and not-so-immediate future.

Rest easy, Mr. Case.

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## Terrence's



Terrence Holt (top) grew up a basketball star, but he will now try to follow in the footsteps of his older brother Torry (far right) and land a starring role in the NFL.

Technician file photos by Jason Ivester (top) and James Curle

*Terrence Holt is ready to show the NFL that his brother, Torry, isn't the only Holt who can make an impact on the next level.*

### Jon Page

Senior Staff Writer

Two days from now, he will likely call Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Atlanta or Baltimore his second home, and he can start paying back his brother, who will welcome him into the NFL by giving him a car.

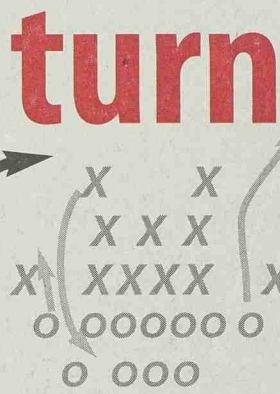
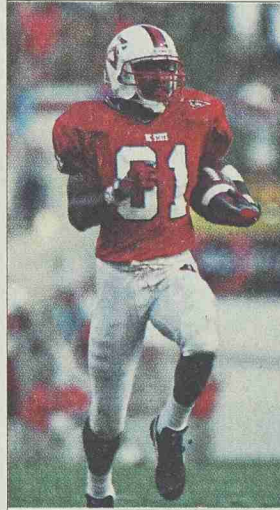
But four and a half years ago, Terrence Holt could hardly dream of making it so far — he was having enough problems proving himself as a freshman at N.C. State.

At East Guilford High School, Terrence

excelled in football, helping his team to a record of 8-3 his senior season, but it was on the hardwood where he really shined. His 1,786 career points for the basketball team broke the school record previously held by older brother Torry Holt, he of Wolfpack gridiron lore and now a Super Bowl champion wide receiver for the St. Louis Rams.

Terrence traded in his high tops to come to State and concentrate on football, but his first season in red and white was not what he had envisioned when he moved from Gibsonville to re-join forces with his brother.

Two days before summer practices completed, Terrence learned that the coaching staff would redshirt him. He remembers hearing the news just before the end of practice and rushing off the



field before his teammates to the showers. There he began to cry.

"I couldn't fathom it at that time," he said. "I just thought it was an embarrassment, not only to myself, but to my family. I thought it would be embarrassing for me to tell [Torry] that I didn't make it that year. I was only thinking about the present, and not practicing with the guys and [not being able to] tell people I was on the football team. I felt totally embarrassed."

But Torry had been through the same type of situation, going to prep school for one year before joining the Pack. Torry explained to his brother that it was better, that he would learn more going against the first team in practice and that everything would be fine.

He was right, and soon after, Terrence began to get over the initial embarrassment.

"Ever since then he's worked his butt off," said Torry. "He's gained weight, he's watched film, he's gotten faster and

## Other Wolfpack draftee hopefuls

### Terrance Martin

The 299-pound defensive tackle who played only two years at State has a chance at being drafted in the mid-to-late rounds in what appears to be a deep year for his position.

### Shawn Price

State's leading sack man at defensive end last year, Price will try to play outside linebacker in the NFL to better suit his speed and lack of size.

### Scott Kooistra

The 316-pound offensive tackle was said to have a strong showing at the NFL Combine, where he needed to show teams his questioned agility and mobility.

### Sean Berton

The Wolfpack's unsung hero on the offensive side of the ball, Berton possesses good NFL tight end size and should be taken in the later portions of the seven-round event.

### Bryan Peterson

Some question his speed, but Peterson has the ability to be a solid possession receiver. Still, he'll probably enter training camps as an undrafted free agent.

### Dantonio Burnette

His speed and size have been questioned all his life, but the only thing Burnette does is keep proving doubters wrong. At worst, he was the second-best defensive player in the entire ACC a year ago, but like Peterson, Burnette will probably enter camps as an undrafted free agent.

quicker and here he is having an opportunity to get drafted in the second or third round of the NFL Draft."

Indeed, most experts predict Terrence will get the call from his new team as early as the late second round to early third, but if the call comes later, Terrence won't be shedding any tears, like he did in the shower a few summers ago, as he watches the draft with family members and a few close friends.

"I'm pretty much at peace with myself and my abilities and what I can do," said

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## What's your Fant-asy?

*In her first injury-free season, Felicia Fant is letting the rest of the ACC know just how good she really is.*

### E. Taylor Francis

Staff Writer

Here's a quick trivia question to test your knowledge of N.C. State athletics: How many times has the Wolfpack women's track team had an ACC champion in either the 100-meter or 200-meter events? Before last Saturday, the answer would have been zero.

Last weekend, junior Felicia Fant became the first member of the women's track team to win an ACC championship in either of those two events in the 20-year history of the program. But Fant didn't settle for just one title, she won both events in impressive fashion.

"I ran much better than I expected — I was the underdog coming in," said Fant. "The girls [who] finished second and third to me had beaten me in the off-season."

Last season, Fant finished eighth place in the 100 at the ACC Outdoor Championships and also finished eighth in the 200 at the ACC Indoor Championships.

To jump from eighth place to first is an astounding accomplishment.

"She cut almost seven or eight-tenths of a second off of her time in the 200, which is an incredible drop for a sprinter," said Terry Reese, the team's sprinting coach.

Part of her success this year can be attributed to her ability to stay healthy for an entire season. The first two years that Fant ran for State, she was constantly hampered by injuries.

"I've been injured every season. This is my first season being healthy," said Fant. "It's had a major impact on my ability to compete better. I was down because I was injured, so being healthy this year really gave me a big boost."

"Early in her career she had hamstring problems," said head coach Rollie Geiger, "She's made some leaps and bounds this year, but I think the fact that she's been healthy has been important."

"I think there would've been more of a gradual progress over the last three years if she hadn't had the hamstring problems."

Although she was still the best sprinter on the squad, injuries prevented her from reaching her full potential. It was this potential and her work ethic that first

attracted the attention of State's coaches.

"She's a competitor," said Reese. "When I talked to her, I could see it in her eyes."

As important as Fant is to the team on the track, her contribution to the team extends beyond her athletic accomplishments. She is a leader amongst her peers and her will to win impacts those around her.

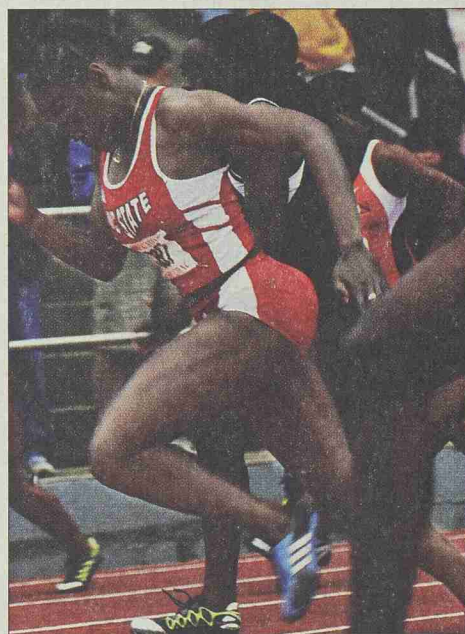
"Her value is both on and off the track," said Geiger. "She's a terrific young lady who does all the right things off the track, and on the track, we've never had someone win the 100 and the 200 in the history of the university."

Fant has proven herself to be one of the premier sprinters in the ACC, but her competitive nature continues to shine through.

She is not content with her current position and strives to better herself all the time.

"Next year, I plan to maintain my championship," said Fant. "I know I'm going to have to work harder, because everyone is going to be after me. I plan to maintain my championship and hopefully be a national champion or an All-American."

"She's made a lot of progress as far as how she's running now," said Reese. "There are still flaws



Junior Felicia Fant downed the entire ACC field in both the 200 and 100 meter sprints. Staff photo by Josh Michel

with [her style], but she can improve on those with work."

If she continues with this improvement, there's no telling how far Fant could go. There is even the potential for a career as a professional.

"If she keeps progressing at the rate she has over the past couple of years, then I certainly think there's a possibility of

post-graduate running," said Geiger.

What the future holds for Fant after she leaves State is uncertain. What is certain, however, is that Felicia Fant will return to the Pack for one more year to lead the women's track team, defend her two ACC titles and continue to re-write the record books at State.