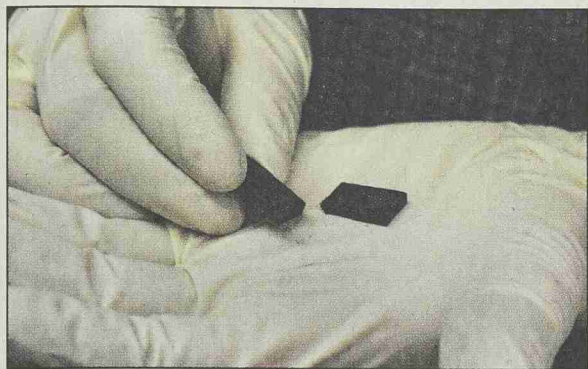


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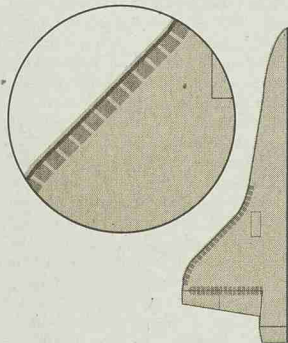
Raleigh, North Carolina



Tiny fragments extracted from recovered debris of the space shuttle Columbia were sent to NCSU for analysis. Staff photo by Thushan Amarasiwardena

NCSU aids Columbia probe

Thushan Amarasiwardena
Staff Reporter



NCSU nuclear laboratories were involved in the shuttle Columbia investigation to determine where sections of reinforced carbon composites gathered from the debris came from. The carbon composites form the left leading edge of the wing, and protect the craft during reentry. It is believed that these composites were damaged shortly after launch when a piece of foam struck the left wing. Technician/NASA Graphic

NASA investigators leading the space shuttle Columbia probe have called upon the resources of N.C. State's nuclear laboratory to help find further details about the cause of the shuttle's breakup in February.

From the earliest stages of the investigation, speculation has been directed to an event seconds into the shuttle's 16-day mission. Video analysis of the liftoff showed that a section of insulating foam broke off the shuttle's accompanying external liquid fuel tank and impacted the craft's left wing leading edge where vital heat shields necessary for a safe landing are situated.

In a search for further details in the cause of the breakup, investigators are attempting to rebuild as much of that section of the craft with recovered debris. The problem is that some fragments of the craft were so distorted by the disintegration that there are no identifying physical features to discern where pieces originated.

But NCSU resources may be able fuel that search.

With the aid of the university's nuclear reactor, Manager of Nuclear Services, Scott Lassell, used a technique called neutron activation analysis to help determine the chemical makeup of fragments recovered from the shuttle in hopes that this information can be used to pinpoint the location of the particular piece.

During the manufacturing process of shuttle components, trace elements are inadvertently included.

"Each piece comes from a known lot with its own trace signature," said Lassell. What they have to do is "match up

known trace [element] levels with the unknowns."

The lab received 20 half-inch samples of various sections of reinforced carbon composite material that compose the left wing leading edge in mid-May. The composite is comprised of a sandwich of layers enabling the craft survive the searing 3000 degree plasma that encircles the craft during re-entry.

Neutron activation analysis, a process long used for forensics analysis, entails dropping samples into the 20-foot deep pool of de-ionized water that NCSU's reactor core is housed in. The fragments were then exposed to neutrons emitted from the core during the fission process

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In-state tuition debate revisited

N.C. debates on passing Senate Bill 987, a bill that would grant in-state tuition to illegal immigrants that meet specific requirements.

Diane Cordova
Deputy News Editor

With one of the fastest growing immigrant populations in the nation, North Carolina could soon witness new legislation to accommodate for this influx of new residents.

One of the largest of these groups - Latino immigrants - accounted for nearly five percent of the state's population

in the 2000 Census. And now they are using their collective voice - over 400,000 strong - to lobby for more benefits and services in the North Carolina legislature.

More than 900 Latino advocates gathered on May 27 for the first ever Latino Legislative Day in Raleigh's Legislative Building. They came to discuss and encourage support for bills that would benefit North

Carolina's Latino community.

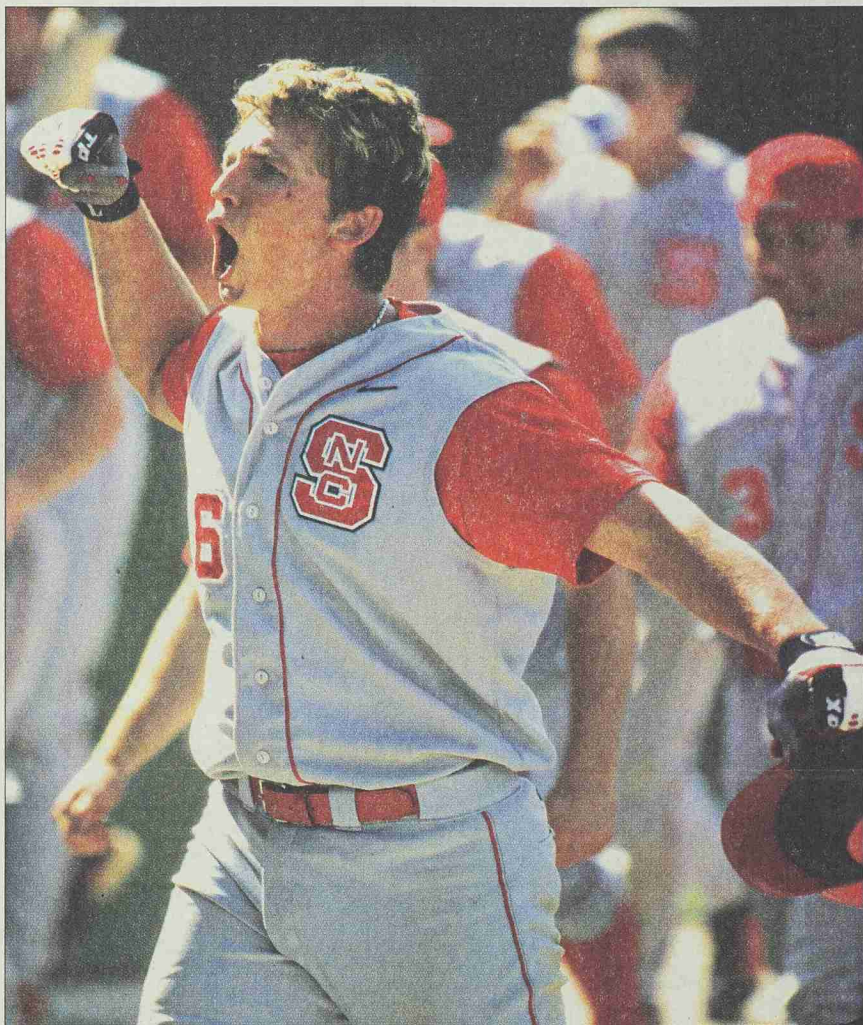
Among the bills they are pushing for is Senate Bill 987, a controversial piece of legislation that would offer in-state tuition to illegal immigrants. If passed, North Carolina would join the ranks of a host of other states, including California and Texas, that have extended in-state college tuition rates to qualified illegal immigrants.

In North Carolina, Senate Bill 987, which has bipartisan support

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Home Run Derby

N.C. STATE ADVANCED TO THE SUPER REGIONALS - THE FURTHEST THE TEAM HAS ADVANCED SINCE 1968.



Colt Morton celebrates his 14th inning and eventual game-winning homerun. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

WILSON - Roughly three miles away from historic Fleming Stadium in Wilson sits - inappropriately enough - a street named Wolf Trap. But what could have been a telltale sign for the Wolfpack baseball team as it hosted its first ever NCAA Regional turned out to be nothing more than a common road sign.

Behind the strength of its entire pitching staff and the powerful bat of the regional's most outstanding player, catcher Colt Morton, the Wolfpack won three games - two in extra-innings - to clinch a spot in the final 16 of the NCAA

baseball tournament. It's the furthest the baseball team has advanced since 1968 when it went all the way to the College World Series.

Now, it stands just two wins shy of a trip to the site of the CWS, Omaha - which is the one word that every college baseball player dreams of hearing.

"It's within our grasps," said Morton, the native Floridian who will now return to his home state to try and lead the Pack over its next opponent, Miami.

The trap was laid, so to speak, as the Pack was paired with not a single team from the major, big-money conferences; instead, its

three opponents were a hodgepodge of two second-rate athletic programs and a tiny liberal arts school in Syracuse, N.Y. On paper, it looked like the three overmatched teams that could easily be taken lightly riding into eastern North Carolina for a collective pounding.

That prognostication turned out to be both right and wrong.

State swept through each team of its regional without dropping a game - but not without a healthy dose of resistance from each team. Nevertheless, the Pack still advanced to face four-time national champion and potential new ACC member Miami this weekend in

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Campus recycling rises

During the 2002-2003 academic year, N.C. State recycled over 56 tons of material.

Eli Addison
Staff Reporter

For the past two years the amount of recyclable waste coming from campus has been steadily increasing, largely in part to increased efforts by the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling.

This year alone, NCSU avoided over \$73,000 in

landfill costs and recycled over 56 tons of material. It's nearly twice as much as UNC-Chapel Hill recycled in the same amount of time.

"The long term effects to our environment and community are priceless," said Sarah Ketchem, program manager for the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling. "When we look at the world from a resource based perspective and attach real value to the cost of manufacturing, transportation, habitat destruction, etc. you can see that recycling materials today can have long-term

benefits for future generations."

With that in mind, the university has focused on making recycling more accessible to students and staff.

Last year, some dorms were given recycling baskets to get more student involvement. Because of the increase, more bins and recycling stations will be set up in high traffic areas around campus.

"The baskets they gave us made it easier to recycle. I just threw my empty bottles and newspaper in there until it was full," said John Han-

sen, a campus resident and junior in computer science.

Even on campus construction sites, waste is taken to a local facility to be reused.

"To increase recycling, [We give] presentations to faculty, students and staff, and there is also Earth Week and monthly installments in Residence Halls," said Ketchem.

But she also stressed the importance of paying attention to the labels on recycling bins.

"One problem we have is

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In-state tuition not the answer

On May 27, hundreds of Latinos came together on Jones St. to discuss a few issues with legislators on Latino Legislative Day. While the day may be over and the advocates gone home, their concerns and proposed legislation still linger in the General Assembly.

Most of the bills are stuck in committees, but Latinos continue to push for more interpreters in government agencies and health departments as well as certain privileges being extended to immigrants without commonly required forms of identification.

One of those bills, Senate Bill 987, could have a tremendous impact on public colleges and universities like N.C. State because it will allow students, including illegal immigrants, to pay in-state tuition if they have gone to school in the state for four years and obtained a diploma or GED here. This measure would allow low-income, non-naturalized students to go to college after high school. At NCSU, that difference would mean paying \$2,800 a year for tuition instead of \$14,100.

The public school system in North Carolina must already admit any student who wishes to attend regardless if they have a green card, birth certificate or social security card. On the other hand, public colleges will admit students from other places but they are charged out-of-state tuition.

Something needs to be done for the young people who have been brought to our country and cannot afford to change their way of life by going to college. However, this bill is not the answer to this problem. It would better for the Latino community to have easier routes to becoming naturalized citizens than to extend a North Carolina resident benefit to people who are not citizens of this country.

Every U.S. citizen must pay federal and state taxes to support our country

and our state respectively. The latter monies eventually make their way into the public university system in North Carolina. The north Carolina constitution states that the state must provide an education to its students at the lowest cost possible. However, our state grants North Carolina residents this privilege because they themselves pay into the system. Illegal immigrants do not pay federal and state taxes, and therefore they are not entitled to state benefits.

Also out-of-state students, despite the fact that they spend nine months out of the year in North Carolina, pay out-of-state tuition costs and they are U.S. citizens. Therefore many of these students might have a problem with illegal immigrants earning benefits that they are not entitled to. We must look after our own citizenry before we look after those who come into our country to pursue a better way of life. The naturalization process, while difficult, is open to people from other parts of the world who wish to become legal citizens in our country. By making this process more available to immigrants, we will give them the chance to become tax-paying residents and thereby earn benefits such as in-state tuition at their respective state's colleges and universities.

The Latino community's desire to push forward this legislation shows that they care about the next generation's future, and our state legislators need to listen to their concerns and find ways to help them give their children every opportunity to succeed in the United States. But giving in-state tuition benefits to illegal immigrants is not a part of our state's mission, nor should it be. A North Carolina resident would not expect to get lower tuition in other countries if they had lived there for a few years, and the immigrants who are pushing for this legislation cannot expect our country to do differently.



WMD's: Where did they come from; where did they go?



Ben Strickling
Staff Columnist

Over the past several months there has been much excitement in the news over the possibility of finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. In fact, that was one of the Bush Administration's favorite justifications for the war in the first place.

The fear of WMD's is a great tool for vilifying another nation - especially after 9/11 and the anthrax scares - and inspiring patriotic support for one's own nation. No doubt the Bush Administration has been very adept at doing just this.

However, as Americans we should be more careful of blindly denouncing Iraq's possession of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. After all, we supplied Iraq with much of its weapons in the first place.

Think back to before the war actually started. The administration continually claimed that they knew that Iraq had WMD's, but they never coughed up the proof. Well, as one Iraqi official quipped during a recent interview with National Public Radio, of course our government knows Iraq has these weapons, after all we still have "all of the receipts" for them.

Iraq is consistently depicted as the "bad guy" now, but few Americans today seem to remember that twenty years ago that same nation under the same "evil" dictator was seen as one of the only nations standing in the way of opposing the radical Shiite - not to mention anti-American - Iranian government. During the Iran-Iraq war, the United States supplied Iraq with valuable military information, an array of conventional weapons and raw materials

for chemical and biological weapons. All of this was pretty common knowledge in the 1980s, but seems to have been conveniently forgotten today.

In fact, the head of the special presidential envoy to Iraq during the Reagan administration, who helped to pave the way for improving relations with Iraq in the 1980s, was no other than Donald Rumsfeld himself, who now days seems to be most adamant about attacking Iraq rather than supporting it. Keep in mind that in those days not only did the world know with certainty that Iraq possessed WMD's, but we know for a fact that he actually used them as well. We currently have no proof that Iraq has recently done either of these things.

It always amazes me that whenever we hear about Iraq and WMD's we hear accusations of Iraq "manufacturing" chemical weapons, and yet no one in the public steps to consider where a country like Iraq gets the raw materials necessary to make these weapons in the first place. Well, in an investigation by the Senate Banking Committee in 1994, the Commerce Department in the 1980s was found to have shipped dozens of biological agents to Iraq, including anthrax, as well as mass quantities of insecticides used to manufacture chemical weapons.

According to a Washington Post investigation, the Dow chemical company also was allowed to ship a suspiciously large quantity of pesticides (\$1.5 million worth) to Iraq, even though government officials at the time suspected that these chemicals were being manufactured into chemical weapons. UN inspectors in Iraq after the Gulf War also found mass quantities of chemicals provided by American suppliers that were being used for military purposes. Likewise, Iraq's December 7, 2002 Arms Declarations documents over twenty-four U.S. companies guilty of providing parts, chemicals, and training for the manufac-

ture of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons. The Reagan administration also routinely ignored suspicious shipments to Iraq, such as mass quantities of a particular type of aluminum tubing -- exactly like those found there recently -- that are used to enrich Uranium for nuclear weapons.

The facts are simple: in the past, the United States has routinely supplied and assisted in Iraq's development of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons.

I'm not making this point to try to paint Iraq as an innocent country betrayed by a monstrous and hypocritical ally. I don't doubt terrible things have been happening in that country for the past many years, but American opinion remains terrible one-sided nonetheless. We consistently depict ourselves as saviors and heroes fighting a foreign villain, and we often forget that we are not as innocent as we claim to be. It is my hope that we will let neither cynicism nor patriotism stand in the way of seeing the world a little more clearly.

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Trusting students and faculty

Staff Editorial

The Georgetown Voice (Georgetown U.)

(U-WIRE) - In the coming months, faculty at the University of California will vote on whether or not to institute a ban on professors dating their students. The ban will only apply to relationships between students and professors who have an academic relationship; the idea is to prevent a possible abuse of power by faculty members who find themselves responsible for turning in their date's grades. Georgetown's policy, like California's, is ill-defined. The University should clarify its policy so students and faculty alike are aware both of restrictions on their behavior and of their rights, but should not attempt to actively police relationships.

Writing a policy for student-teacher relations is no easy task. An across-the-board ban is a deep infringement of the right to privacy, and implies a deep

distrust of students and faculty alike to conduct their private lives in an appropriate manner. It's also unrealistic; students and faculty spend far too much time with one another to expect that some won't become involved, and there are plenty of undergraduates who are as old or older than their professors.

Simply requiring professors and students to report their relationships would infringe on the right to privacy even more than a ban -- it's hard to imagine something more humiliating than having to detail your love life for the administration -- while providing little in the way of protection.

Still, the potential for abuses of power is too great to be ignored. It's important for the University to have a firm, clear policy that informs faculty of more than whether or not it's ethical to sexually harass their students. But they should trust its faculty, and preserve their and students' right to privacy.

Unite against the language police!



Michele DeCamp
Staff Columnist

I have been labeled as a bookworm my entire life. That title has never bothered me, so I was surprised to find out that it had been banned from some school textbooks. In fact, a book just came out that "spells out" 500 terms, titles, phrases, etc. that have been banned by textbook publishing companies. The book *The Language Police* by Diane Ravitch is a thorough but extremely disturbing account of how politically correct the publishing industry has become to ensure that no student ever has a chance to question what writers have included in their textbooks.

The banned terms include bookworm (it's offensive), courageous (when used to describe a person with disabilities), egghead (offensive), old wives' tale (sexist), and images of yachts (elitist). Writers cannot refer to God, a boy as intelligent, women sipping hot chocolate in a ski lodge and Hispanics who are emotional.

I could go on, but I think you can get the general idea. Textbook publishers are starting to question stereotypes, and I am not going to argue about that, but they are also making a point to block out some standards that aren't hurting anyone. Publishers want writers to avoid writing "Adam and Eve." They

would prefer that "Eve and Adam" is used instead. I once had a professor tell me to use "women and men" instead of "men and women." I guess that means that everyone should call my husband and I--Michele and Bryan instead of Bryan and Michele.

Who cares what order the names come in? I do not feel like more of a person because my name is first on the checks. I also don't look twice at the expression old wives' tale. I am definitely conscious of sexist language, but I think that there comes a point when we are just too scared of upsetting someone.

I can see how we got to this point. With people suing school systems for having students say the Pledge of Allegiance, you can see why some publishers are scared about facing throngs of angry parents and students.

We already endure a lot of stress making sense of different racial terminology because no one can agree on what to call themselves much less other races or ethnicities. Language has gotten us in trouble because it can apparently hurt people much more than a jab or direct right hook into your eye.

The "freedom fries" issue is a great example. Our government was mad at France, so they decided to rename our little potato sticks into something less French. They weren't made in France! Congress actually passed a law that renamed them "freedom fries" in government eateries. They tried to make a statement, all be it an incredibly pathetic one, by changing an un-American word into something seething with red, white and blue power.

High school students will start to realize that their books feature stories that avoid all stereotypes, assumptions or "offensive language" that put down or negatively portray certain races, genders or classes. However some Native Americans do perform rain dances, a lot of boys are intelligent and some older people do live in nursing homes. They want to show that women can do other things besides be a nurse or teacher; however, I am going to be a teacher. I don't care if a textbook portrays a woman as a teacher because the person teaching me in that classroom could be a woman. Stereotypes, as real or unreal as they might be, will only be broken through real changes not through a change in language. My dad is a nurse; he has broken that stereotype for me, and so no matter how many times I may read about female nurses in books, I know that men can be nurses too.

Language is only as powerful as we let it be, and I think it is time for us to experience a nice reality check regarding textbooks. Give us math examples, literary passages and science experiments. Bombard us with real life analogies for the difficult ideas we have to learn. But don't limit yourself to austere references and terminology that will not disturb our delicate sensibilities. Stop the language police because there won't be anything left to say if these written restrictions continue.

Michele dares you to write her at michele@technicianstaff.com and call her a bookworm. In fact, she double-dog dares you!

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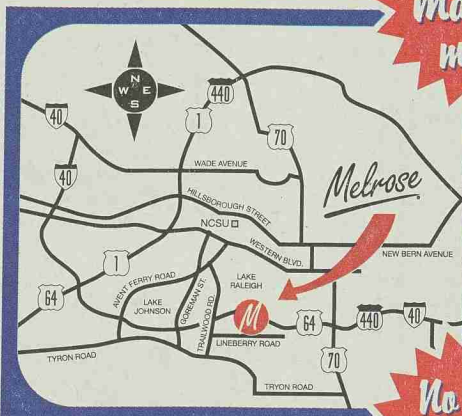
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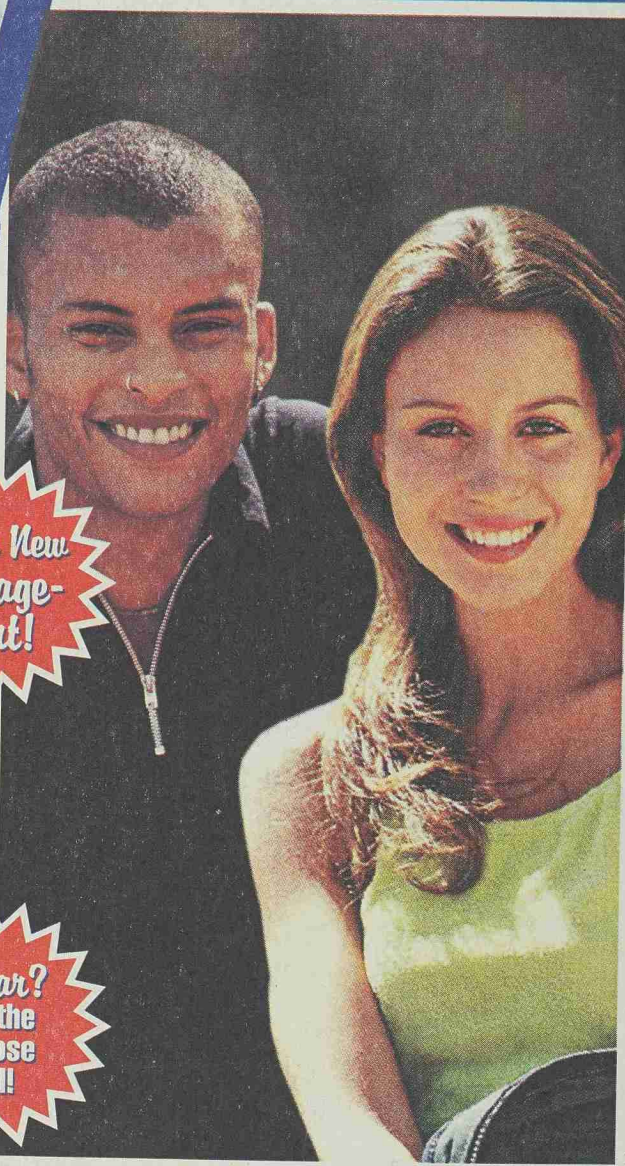
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Nation's Alert lowered to yellow

Though the nation's terror alert only stayed at orange for a few days, N.C. State and North Carolina were prepared.

Christin Liverance
Staff Reporter

Just as law enforcement agencies across the nation began taking additional measures to protect against homeland security, the national terror alert level was lowered again on Friday, from a "high" orange alert to an "elevated" orange alert.

The alert level had been raised to orange on May 20 after Homeland Security officials received information which led them to believe that al Qaeda had entered an "operational period worldwide" and may attack within the United States.

In a statement released that day, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge explained that while there was no "credible specific information about specific targets or methods of attacks," intercepted communications of suspected terrorist had led U.S. defense officials to raise the alert.

The elevation marked the fourth time the nation has been elevated to orange alert. The most notable being on the one-year anniversary of the September 11th attacks.

The threat level was once again lowered to yellow on Friday after information indicating possible terrorist attacks had subsided.

Financial concerns also played a large role in the nation's decision to lower the alert from orange to yellow. Being on orange

requires both state and local governments to implement costly security procedures. New York City for example, has allocated an estimated \$5,000,000 a week for security due to the heightened threat alert level.

Despite the short duration of the alert, officials in both Raleigh and on the N.C. State campus were prepared, taking several actions to ensure the security of students.

Some of these measures include increasing patrol units in and around residence halls, increasing driver checkpoints around the university during the day and at night and meeting on a regular basis with the State Bureau of Investigation and the Raleigh Police Department to assess any concerns or threats, which may arise.

Students can also play a part in minimizing the threat at NC State.

"The most important thing students can do at this time is be an extra set of eyes and ears," said Jon Barnwell of Campus Police. "They should report any suspicious behavior immediately and keep themselves informed."

Barnwell also said that Campus Police are taking extra measures to maintain a visual presence around campus that will deter any terrorist activity. They are always vigilant no matter what the nation's threat level.

It's not just the NCSU campus that has changed in the days of terror alert levels following Set. 11.

In North Carolina, Gov. Mike Easley implemented the Terrorism Task Force, which brought together the state's experts in law enforcement, rescue, envi-

ronment and military. These experts work together during times of heightened alert to identify vulnerabilities and assess the threat of potential terrorist attacks.

If and when the alert level is raised or lowered, the news usually comes via a conference call with the Department of Homeland Security, according to information provided by the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

The governor and Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety Bryan Beatty are typically the first to be advised and the appropriate state agencies are notified immediately.

When the alert level hits orange, State Emergency Response Team representatives are put on one-hour call back, which means that they must be able to be at the Emergency Operation Center with one hour's notice.

To prepare for the additional precautions taken during orange alert and if the nation went to red alert, local emergency responders and those at the state level have received additional training on possible terrorist threats and the proper response.

There has also been ongoing communication between state authorities and those in the federal government, including the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI.

In March of 2002, the color-coded threat advisory system was unveiled by Homeland Security Chief, Tom Ridge.

The system has five levels, green (low), blue (guarded), yellow (elevated), orange (high), and red (severe).

Green indicates a low risk of

terrorist attacks. During this time people are asked to simply refine and exercise preplanned protective measures.

Blue denotes a guarded condition where the public is provided with necessary information so that they may act accordingly to any threats.

Yellow, or elevated condition, signals a significant risk of terrorist attacks. During this time, there is an increase in surveillance of critical locations and people are asked to implement emergency response plans.

During orange, or high alert, there is a high risk of a terrorist attack. Citizens are asked to especially take additional precautions at public events.

Red, or severe condition, signifies a severe risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the measures taken during the other threat levels, public and government facilities may be closed and transportation systems may be redirected or constrained.

The red alert status has never been used.

To help everyday citizens prepare their own responses to the various levels, the government created a Web site, ready.gov, that lists various responses and safety precautions.

For many students, however, the terror alerts haven't disrupted their everyday activities.

"I honestly can tell no difference in the United States' alert systems," said Brett Walters, a junior in chemistry.

But he does feel that the Sept. 11 attacks should be a reminder that, "We aren't always guaranteed a tomorrow and we shouldn't always have the attitude that there is more time."

A better brew

Better barley today makes for better beer tomorrow, says Oregon State professor.

Brenna Doheny
OSU Daily Barometer

(U-WIRE) - Barley, beer and human civilization have a long mutual history. Humans began cultivating barley in the early days of civilization in the Fertile Crescent, and began using barley to make beer soon after.

Oregon State University crop and soil science professor Patrick Hayes is combining traditional breeding techniques and new genetic research tools to improve barley to meet the demands of modern society.

Hayes is the coordinator of a collaborative research project known as the North American Barley Genome Project.

With only seven pairs of chromosomes, barley is a relatively simple model to work with, Hayes said, as compared with wheat, which has 21 chromosomal pairs, or humans, with 23 pairs. Surprisingly enough, the barley genome is bigger than the human genome, meaning there is more DNA in barley than in people, Hayes said.

By mapping the barley genome to find the genes responsible for important characteristics such as malting quality, disease resistance and tolerance to stressful conditions, plants bearing the desired genes can be selected. Better quality barley can be created by breeding the plants with the desired genes.

His department is conducting research to determine the genes responsible for malting quality. "If you know where they are and what they express, you can determine what to do to increase malting quality," Hayes said.

According to crop and soil science online lecture material

prepared by Jennifer Klinger, the malting process involves the degradation of complex molecules stored in barley grains into simpler compounds and sugars that yeast can use to perform fermentation reactions.

Malting controls the plant's normal germination process, which makes nutrients available for the sprouting plant.

The object is to allow the plant to sprout to a stage at which the nutrients have been broken down by enzymes and are available for use, then to stop the process, remove the sprout, and feed the new malt to yeast for fermentation into beer. The more available the nutrients are for the yeast, the better the malt.

Barley can be classified into two groups based on the number of seed rows per head, either two or six. Two-rowed barley has historically been regarded to have higher malting quality than six-rowed barley.

However, Hayes explained, two-rowed barley is cultivated in Europe, six-rowed in the North American variety, and the popular perception that European beers are higher quality than American beers has fueled the idea that two-rowed barleys are better than six.

Hayes' research has found that the genes responsible for malting quality can be separated from the genes responsible for row numbers.

According to Hayes, the real culprit behind the disparity in quality between European and American beers is the use of adjuncts in American brews. Adjuncts are fermentable nutrients that are not derived from malted barley.

In other words, American brewers often make use of other grains, such as wheat or corn, in the fermentation process instead of relying solely on the touchy process of malting barley.

TUITION

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and was introduced by Wake County Senator Eric Miller Reeves, would open up in-state tuition to illegal residents and immigrants who have finished a minimum of four years of school in North Carolina and earned a diploma or a GED.

If the proposed bill were to pass, it would make college more affordable for illegal immigrants. If not, they will be treated as out-of-state foreign students.

El Pueblo, a non-profit North Carolina Latino advocacy group, helped organize Latino Legislative Day. Members of El Pueblo include Andrea Bazan Manson, executive director of the group, and Nolo Martinez, the governor's director of Latino affairs.

On the whole, supporters argue that cheaper, in-state tuition for illegal immigrants will help them to become productive citizens of society, whereas opponents argue that it will encourage illegal immigration and legal residents will be cheated out of an education.

NCSU students voiced their opinions on the matter.

"I think [illegal immigrants] deserve equal opportunity for

education," said Grace Whitehouse, a senior in communications. "They should be able to pursue higher education, and cost should not be the factor that prevents them from continuing their education."

"I have conflicting feelings about it. On the one hand, they are illegal and use up government resources, but if they obtain a college education they can pay back society," said Joey Moe, a senior in electrical engineering.

"I'm against the idea because there should be a way for [the illegal immigrants] to pay it back. Not enough standards are put into [the bill]," said Michael Lee, a junior in computer engineering.

Joni Worthington, special assistant to the UNC system President Molly Broad, said that the UNC Board of Governors has not taken any position [concerning Senate Bill 987]. However, Worthington said that the UNC B.O.G. would abide by any position that the General Assembly would make.

Oregon is among other states also taking a similar bill into consideration.

Currently, a bill offering in-state tuition for illegal immi-

grants is pending in the Oregon legislature where it passed in the Senate and seemingly could pass in the House of Representatives.

If the bill passes in Oregon illegal immigrants could pay in-state tuition provided that they meet certain conditions including graduation from an Oregon high school, a minimum of three consecutive years of residency in the state and the demonstration that they are moving toward getting legal permanent residency in the United States.

According to the 1996 federal immigration-reform law, states are not allowed to offer in-state tuition to illegal immigrants except if they also offer it to all legal U.S. residents from all 50 states.

Some states, however, have passed bills permitting illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition.

These states have bypassed the 1996 law through their in-state tuition policies, which are based on the graduation of illegal immigrants from an in-state school after a certain number of years of attendance.

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for 24 hours.

Through gamma spectroscopy, a procedure that allows the determination of chemical elements in a sample subject by the levels of radiation emitted as the newly created isotopes decay, Lassell was able to gain key data that detailed the make up of each fragment.

In one piece that the lab received, the analysis showed that there were levels of Europium and Uranium, trace elements unique to that fragment and no others. With this information, NASA analysts would merely need to look for the batch of

carbon composites with this know signature, knowing this they could determine what section the fragment came from and thus aid the placement of the recovered segment.

The project ran for duration of two weeks, ending last week, and cost the government \$4,000. The analysis thus far has only been qualitative, suggesting what elements exist in a given sample and not how much occurs. This further quantitative analysis may be necessary if NASA deems that it could further help the investigation.

The one mega-watt PULSTAR reactor used in the study, recently turned 30, is the fourth in a series of reactor projects that have been on campus since the 1950s

and is used for experiments and projects such as this along with training students about reactor operations with a newly added course, NE 235, Nuclear Reactor Operation Training.

The project is among one of the extension services that the nuclear engineering department provides to the scientific community, Lassell said.

In the past, Lassell and his department have been called to analyze forensic data including evidence that Raleigh AIDS scientist Eric Miller was poisoned with arsenic.

But high profile projects like the shuttle inquiry come "once in a blue moon," Lassell said.

RECYCLING

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contamination," said Ketchem. "This is when people put the wrong item in the wrong place. We commonly find fast food wrappers and cups in the beverage container and paper bins causing the entire bin to become contaminated and not fit for recycling."

The Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling is also working to get people to realize that in addition to recycling they must also buy and use materials that have gone through recycling.

Despite this year's increase, the university is still searching for more involvement from students and staff.

"We are looking for people interested in the environment and recycling to start a student based recycling collection program," explained Ketchem. "Duties will involve collection of materials from specific locations on campus as well as program development. This program will help us expand collection points within the academic buildings."

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(Top) Matt Camp steals third base while sliding safely under the tag of Western Carolina's Chris Davis. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko. (Left) Michael Rogers pitched eight innings of three-hit baseball as the Pack routes Le Moyne 8-2. Staff photo illustration by Thushan Amarasiriwardena. (Bottom) Joe Gaetti is thrown out at second base after being picked off at first base. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko.



HOME RUN

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the Super Regionals. The Super Regional will start Saturday afternoon in Coral Gables, Fla.

For awhile Sunday afternoon against Western Carolina, it was no sure thing the Pack would be making the trip south. Having to lose two games on Sunday if it would be denied a trip to the Super Regionals, State relied heavily on its pitching staff that surrendered just 16 hits in 33 innings over the weekend.

"Our pitching staff has been one of the strengths of this club - but we've been very multi-dimensional," said State head coach Elliot Avent.

Perhaps the biggest facet of the team other than pitching has been remarkable success in close games. With an extra-inning win over Virginia Commonwealth over the weekend, State improved to 12-2 in one-run games and 5-1 in extra-inning affairs.

"We know that we are good in the late innings," acknowledged Avent.

Tabbed to finish sixth in the ACC preseason, State has been more than just good in the late stages of a tilt. Just one of three ACC teams left, joining Florida State and North Carolina, the Pack now must travel to Miami while trying to maintain the focus that many of the players have glowingly talked about.

"Our guys are playing with so much focus - we have one goal in mind and that's to not only be in Omaha, but to be a contender," said Morton.

Considering that Miami is undefeated in the Super Regionals since the NCAA went to the format in 1999, it will be no small task just to make it to Omaha. But with a pitching staff in the groove and an unexpected season full of momentum-building, the Pack may be ready to set a trap of its own in the Hurricanes home.

WCU

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tandem of Brandon Shipwash and Collin Brown. Brown and Shipwash combined to pitch six shutout innings and gave up just two hits; Hawk surrendered just the Morton homer in eight innings.

"I just wanted to go out and put zeros on the board," said Brown, who picked an appropriate time to notch his first collegiate win. "I didn't really think about much; I just wanted to do what Colt told me to do."

The Pack jumped on WCU starter Seth Foster right away - but not in its conventional manner. Ever the proprietor of using the long ball to score, State manufactured three runs in the top of the third with a two-run single by Matt Camp and a fielding error by WCU third baseman Chris Davis.

State held a 4-2 lead until the bottom of the sixth when Catawba outfielder Matt Nelson sliced a single off State starter Nate Cretarolo into the outfield to drive in two runs. That was all the scoring the team's pitchers would yield until Morton's blast.

But in between, the Pack had its share of scares.

In the bottom of the 11th, Davis led off the inning with a single, but on the next play, Shipwash made a spectacular diving catch on a bunt attempt to thwart the rally. Shipwash, who entered the game with an ERA of 6.95, struck out five in four scoreless innings.

Shipwash yielded to Brown in the 12th, and he gave the Pack two more scoreless innings.

Morton then led off the inning with his game-deciding blast to right field.

"I think everyone knew it was gone immediately," said State shortstop Chad Orvella.

State added an additional run in the top of the 14 when Joe Gaetti scored on a wild pitch. Pack closer Joey Devine pitched the bottom of the frame for his 14th save of the year.



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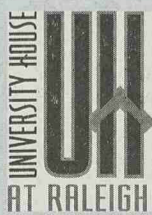
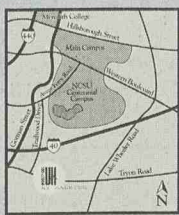
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Leading for the first four innings due in part to Knight's second-inning homer, the Dolphins closed to within 3-2 in the top half of the sixth when outfielder Jeff Justice scored on a sacrifice fly.

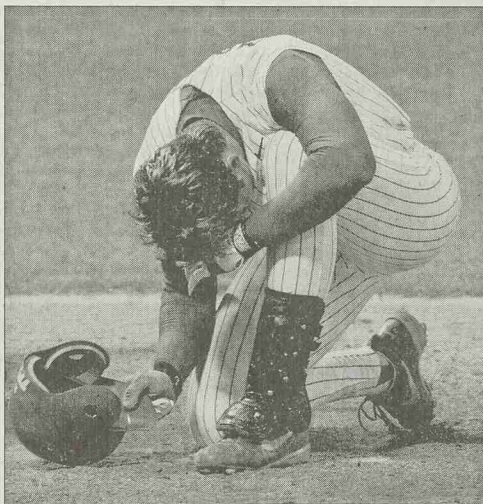
That would be all the runs State would surrender. In the bottom half of the frame, Knight led off with a double and scored on a Matt Camp single. After Rogers retired the Dolphins in order in the seventh, State tacked on another run on a RBI single by Knight.

"I put him in the lineup because he's a good hitter," said

Wolfpack head coach Elliot Avent about Knight. "I thought he would do a good job against a left-handed pitcher [Matt-toon]."

Rogers put the first two runners on in the eighth, but got out of the jam by inducing two pop-ups and a strikeout. From there, the Pack blew the game open once Matttoon was relieved by Chad Sidmore. With Chad Orvella on second, Joe Gaetti homered to right field, and two batters later, David Hicks followed with an RBI double to drive in Lee Mezistrano.

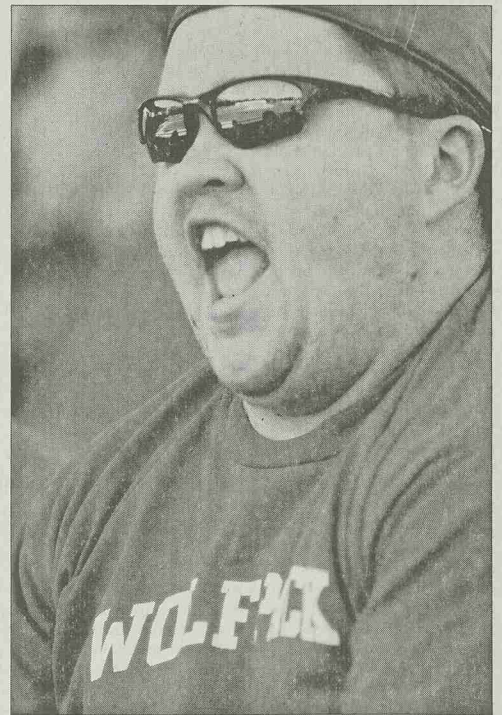
Rogers finished the night with eight strikeouts and just one walk, and the performance earned him a spot on the all-tournament team.



Colt Morton kneels on home plate after his solo home run tied the game in the eighth inning against VCU. Staff photo by Joshua Michel



Todd Orvella chucks the ball to first base in Sunday's game. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko Wolfpack fans turned out to cheer on the State's win over Western Carolina. Staff photo by Joshua Michel



VCU

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coming around the bases."

Freshman closer Joey Devine picked up his sixth win of the year, pitching two innings of scoreless relief after starter Vern Sterry was pulled. Sterry pitched a solid eight innings, striking out eight and giving up all three of his earned runs on homers by VCU catcher Jeff Parrish.

Cla Meredith, the nation's ERA leader coming into the game, pitched two innings for the Rams, giving up a game-tying home run to junior catcher Colt Morton.

"I was looking for a fastball and for some reason I just didn't think he wanted to walk me," said Morton,

It was Morton's second home run of the game, the first coming off Sean Marshall two innings

earlier.

Third baseman Jeremy Dutton, who had been out with a hamstring injury and was noticeably slower around the basepaths, also contributed two doubles. He scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the first on a fielding error by VCU shortstop Paul Swack, his 16th error of the season.

"[Dutton] kind of signified what kind of team we stand for," said head coach Elliot Avent. "A lot of heart, a lot of guts and truly competitive."

This game was no different. Though Riley hit the home run to win the game for the Pack, he was given a hint by a player on the State bench.

"We had an individual that came up to me before the at bat and gave me a slight tendency," said Riley, "and that tendency fell and he was dead right." Dead right just in time.



Designated hitter Dustin Knight went 3-for-4 with a homer Friday night sparking an 8-2 win. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

COMMENTARY

Another face in the crowd



Matt Middleton
I can't remember where I was, but three or four months ago my eye happened to catch a nearby television showing an afternoon game from the National Basketball Developmental League.

I heard the names - Luke Recker, Terrell McIntyre, Jeff Trepagnier; I saw the faces - Rod Grizzard and Corey Benjamin.

Recker, McIntyre and Trepagnier were all good, if not great, four-year college players. Grizzard and Benjamin were both young phenoms who foolishly left school early. Benjamin even wallowed on the Chicago Bulls' bench for three years before falling out of the league.

Now, the five are linked by the common bond of playing in the NBDL in places like Asheville, N.C.; Columbus, Ga.; and my favorite, North Charleston, S.C.

What is the point to all this besides the question of what in the world was I doing watching the NBDL?

Simply put: There is a plethora of incredibly talented players out there that don't have a prayer of landing a steady job as an NBA player.

So in related news, N.C. State forward Josh Powell declared for the NBA Draft last month and recently reaffirmed this decision by telling *The Sporting News* he will not be returning to the State basketball team.

No initial word if the Riverdale, Ga. junior-to-be plans on starring opposite Eric Christian Olsen and Derek Richardson in the new film "Dumb and Dumber."

But that's the Catch-22. Powell is the furthest thing from a non-intellectual; his GPA of 3.45 earned him a spot on the ACC academic honor roll. Now, he will try to become the first Wolfpack player taken in the draft since stellar student-athlete Charles Shackelford.

The misconstrued Shackelford was best known for his line describing his post play as amphibious, when he meant to say ambidextrous. Powell has yet to make his mark on the State program other than carding a sensational performance against Duke in the ACC Tournament final last season.

It appears, however, that performance has gone to his head.

For starters, Powell is not an effective rebounder for a man his size. At 6-foot-9 and just over 200 pounds, his NBA position would be small forward, which means he will have to be able to shoot the 3 and handle the ball.

Not good news for Powell considering his ball-handling this year was limited to taking two dribbles at the high post before handing the ball off to a guard in the Pack's Princeton-style offense.

This problem, of course, could have been avoided had Powell stayed in school and added bulk to his frame, worked on his jump shot and improved his ball-handling.

That solution is so simple, it's hard to believe a headstrong guy like Powell would foolishly defect to the NBA. It doesn't take a genius to read between the lines: Is their some sort of ruff between Powell and head coach Herb Sendek? Was there a situation that brought into question Powell's eligibility?

We may know. We may never know. The only thing we know for now, is that Josh Powell will not be back in Raleigh next year. The only remaining question is will he call North Charleston, Asheville or overseas home?

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Two of a different kind

MIAMI AND N.C. STATE HAVE BOTH TAKEN DIFFERENT JOURNEYS TO THEIR MEETING THIS WEEKEND.



Brandon Shipwash makes the diving grab and pitches four shutout innings from the 8th to the 12th inning. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko



Jeremy Dutton leaves the game as he hurts his hand while trying to break up a double play at second base. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko



Lee Mezistrano scores in the 8th as the Pack cruise to an 8-2 victory. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

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WILSON - In the week preceding the NCAA baseball tournament, LeMoyné pitching ace Brian Mattoon told the local papers in Syracuse, N.Y. that he wished his team was

N.C. State 4, Virginia Commonwealth 3

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WILSON - The N.C. State baseball team took control of its regional Saturday night by defeating Virginia Commonwealth in dramatic fashion.

With the score knotted at 3 in the bottom of the 10th inning, senior first basemen Justin Riley planted a 0-1 pitch from VCU reliever Brian Marshall in the grass beyond the left field wall, giving State a walk-off 4-3 win.

Riley had been struggling until that at-bat, going 0-3 with a walk before his game-ending blast. To focus and relax himself during his final at bat, he called on his own method - a little 70's theme song.

"I know everyone of you are laughing, but I started singing Dukes of Hazard on deck and was singing it the entire time I was in the box," said Riley, "I finished the song as I was

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Before stating the obvious, Elliot Avent couldn't help but laugh at the question.

When did you know this team was going to be Super Regional caliber?

"I think we've known it for a little longer than most people," said Avent, with a smile.

Indeed, as one of the final 16 teams remaining, the team the Wolfpack draws next couldn't be more different.

While virtually no one thought the Pack would be here at the beginning of the season, Miami is no stranger to Super Regional play. This is State's first NCAA Tournament since 1999. The Hurricanes have not only advanced to a Super Regional ever year since the format debuted (1999), they have won the national title the last two odd-

numbered years.

But this year, the two teams are as close as it comes performance-wise. The national No. 8 seed, Miami just edged the Pack - who was the last team not to receive a national seed -- for the bid to host the Super Regional.

The Canes managed to beat ACC regular-season champion Florida State - a team State beat in their regular-season series - just once in six meetings this year, but does the Pack, who beat FSU in their regular-season series feel a bit slighted?

"Not really. We don't really pay attention to that stuff," said pitcher Nate Cretarolo last week.

Although the difference between the two teams performance this year may be razor thin, the means by which they win their games is much different.

Miami has nine players hitting above .300 and its games routinely soar into the double digits on both sides. State

has just four players hitting above .300, but has three pitchers -- Michael Rogers, Vern Sterry and Joey

Devine -- with an ERA under 3.05, compared to just one for the Canes.

No better example of this was the last game for each team. After getting shelled by Florida 15-5, Miami was forced to play an elimination game to advance, and the Canes prevailed 13-10.

The Pack, on the other hand, gutted out an extra-inning win over Western Carolina, 6-4 in 14 innings.

"This game [against WCU] is just like the rest of the season has been, hopefully in the end it will end up just like today's game - with a win," said shortstop Chad Orvella.

But that result won't come without a fight, because there's not a team with more Super Regional success than the one the Pack will see this weekend.

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traveling to a big-name school and not having to play in Mayberry.

Friday night, N.C. State welcomed Mattoon and the rest of the Dolphins to Mayberry-clone Wilson with an 8-2 opening-round win in NCAA Regional action.

Little-used utilityman Dustin Knight homered and went 3-for-4, while Wolfpack starter Michael Rogers didn't surrender a single earned run in eight strong innings of work.

It was a bizarre game to say the least; one marred with balks (3), hit batters (5) and unusual rulings from the umpires. "At one point, I had no clue what was going on," said Mattoon, who saw his 10-game winning streak snapped.

One thing that was consistent all night was the steadiness of Rogers (12-3) and the bats of the Pack. State pounded Mattoon for 13 hits and broke the game open in the eighth inning after pesky LeMoyné hung close nearly the entire night.

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Matt Camp advances to second base on a passed ball in the fourth inning. Two batters later, he was driven in by a J.R. Riley single. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

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WILSON - For a large portion of Sunday afternoon's game in Fleming Stadium, both N.C. State and Western Carolina stood outside their dugouts with their respective red and purple hats turned backwards -- the universal symbol of a rally cap. But for seven innings, it seemed like a useless tool, as neither team could manage a single run after the game became knotted at 4 in the sixth inning.

On and on the game stretched, reaching the ninth inning, 12th inning and finally the 14th frame before one team's prayers were finally answered.

Wolfpack catcher Colt Morton broke the eight-inning scoreless streak by taking a high fastball from WCU hurler Derrick Hawk over the right-field fence to give State (45-16) a 6-4 win over the third-seeded Catamounts (43-21) and a date with Miami in the Super Regionals of the NCAA Tournament.

Morton's home run ended a superb pitching duel between Hawk and the little-used Pack relief

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Justin Riley, helmeted, celebrates after hitting the game winning home run in the bottom of the 10th inning on Saturday night. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko