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Impact of cuts increases

Fighting budget cuts is not a new battle, but the university continues to search for new ways to soften the blow.

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

N.C. State is facing one of its most challenging years due to the budget cuts. Although the cut was not as drastic as some administrators had feared this year, the institution has been suffering cuts over the past 10 years. "When you add all these cuts together, it adds up to about \$116 million in the past 10 years," Provost James Oblinger said.

At the beginning of the fall semester, Oblinger explained that the university was asked to make an additional temporary cut. "A 1.59 percent monthly reversion was assigned to us by the state," Oblinger said. "But if the state's economy recovers and we start doing better economically, maybe we won't have to continue that 1.59 percent reduction past [a certain amount of time]."

However, in November, the state took that percentage for the entire year. "We're hoping in the next year they won't need any of that again because it was just for the 2003-2004 fiscal year that we were told to hold that amount," Oblinger said.

Oblinger is comfortable with the spring semester. "We've gotten through spring registration and we've done the best we can," he said. "We've even added some sections of courses to a limited extent due to demand."

Oblinger explained although there were budget cuts to education, N.C. colleges received lower cuts than any other state agency. "That reflects a desire on the part of the government and legislator to do as much as they can for education because it has meant so much for the state - investments for education is an investment for the state," Oblinger said. As for cuts for next year, he says we won't know that until the late spring or early summer.

According to Nino Masnari, dean of engineering, one thing to do before the fall semester is to explore more aggressively the utilization of technology to deliver classes. "I think there are many benefits of online classes, but I also believe very strongly in the face-to-face experience that students need with their faculty members," he said.

Increased enrollment, as well as increased interest in distance education (DE), has surprised many. Louis Hunt, the NCSU Registrar said distance education participation has been increased rapidly and is expected to grow at a very fast rate. As it relates to the budget, "It

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Poised for success

Despite their youth, the N.C. State gymnastics team is ready for another successful season.

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Caught on camera

The next time you decide to speed to catch that red light may result in a \$50 fine with your name on it.

Lucy Tatum
Senior Staff Reporter

Zoom. Click. You've been shot.

You sped through the same red light you've run before, only this time, someone was watching and in a few weeks, you'll get a \$50 fine in the mail.

The red light photo enforcement system has been in place since summer 2003 and the eight cameras at seven intersections issued 4,300 citations from Aug. 11, 2003 to Jan. 7, 2004. The cameras became a part of SafeLight Raleigh after the

Caught on Camera

The City of Raleigh has installed 8 red light cameras to reduce accidents at intersections. The closest to campus is at the intersection of Drive Trail and Hillsborough Street.



Other area cameras

Corner of Morgan Street and Dawson Street and South Street and Dawson Street.

city council approved a 5-year, \$5 million contract with Affiliated Computer Services Inc.

"The cameras were installed to reduce accidents at intersections with the highest rates of angle crashes," Raymond Hayes, SafeLight Program Manager, said.

An angle crash occurs when one car runs into the

side of another car, usually a result of running a red light. Since Charlotte implemented their red light cameras, crashes because of red light running have decreased by 37 percent at intersections with the cameras. Still, some students don't think the cameras are a substitute for real policemen.

"The removal of the

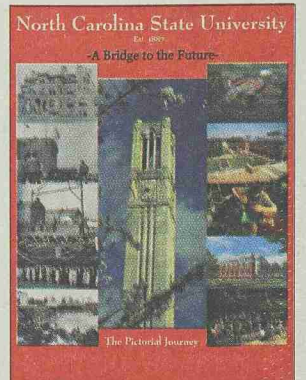
human element from law enforcement is disturbing," Tim Wright, a senior in psychology, said. "Even in something as relatively low-level as red light enforcement, there is a certain amount of intuition on an enforcement agent's part to determine when an actual crime has been committed."

The camera takes two pictures. The first is snapped as a car crosses the stop bar, proving the car entered the intersection while the light was red. The second is taken midway through the intersection to prove the car didn't stop.

The citation, a \$50 fine, is sent to the recipient and an additional \$50 penalty is added to the fine if it is not paid within 30 days of the

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Snapshots of history



COURTESY ADAM SMITH

Adam Smith released a pictorial history showing the past, present and future of N.C. State.

Shannon Holder
Senior Staff Writer

A recent graduate in meteorology decided to bring the history of N.C. State to life with his second book, "North Carolina State University: A Bridge to the Future," a book that chronologically shows the growth of the largest university in the state.

"I wanted to see a book about N.C. State and have something to remember my days here," 22-year-old Adam Smith said. "I thought to myself, 'well, maybe I can create one.'"

In just under a year, Smith created a 165-page, full color, hardcover book that shows the school's first picture, taken in the late 1800s, when the entire campus revolved around Holladay Hall.

"Holladay Hall contained the college classrooms, cafeteria, infirmary, student residential rooms and a small library," Smith said of the beginnings of the school.

The book also shows a glimpse of the future of NCSU, with composite drawings of Centennial Campus in the year 2020.

"I looked and realized that there hasn't been a recent pictorial history done," Smith said, noting one pictorial history that was printed in the 1980s as the most recent. "I wanted to update that book, and see what has happened in the last 20 years."

Smith's first book, "Hiddenite: Land of Discovery," written in 2002, differs greatly from his latest work. "The new book is more of a coffee table book, with more pictures and fewer words."

He noted that there are about 300 pictures in the NCSU book, with captions for each photo.

Using a variety of sources for photographs, Smith searched D.H. Hill Library, the North Carolina State Archives, Agromock, offices in the College of Life Sciences and Centennial Campus. "There are about five photos of my own, the rest are borrowed," he said.

Through his research, Smith learned the history of NCSU, which was founded as A&M College in 1887.

"In 1910, the popular Easter Monday baseball game between Wake Forest and A&M drew an immense crowd. The popularity of this game was so great that area employees would take off work in large numbers, moving the General Assembly to establish an official holiday to compensate employees," Smith said of one of the pieces of history he discovered.

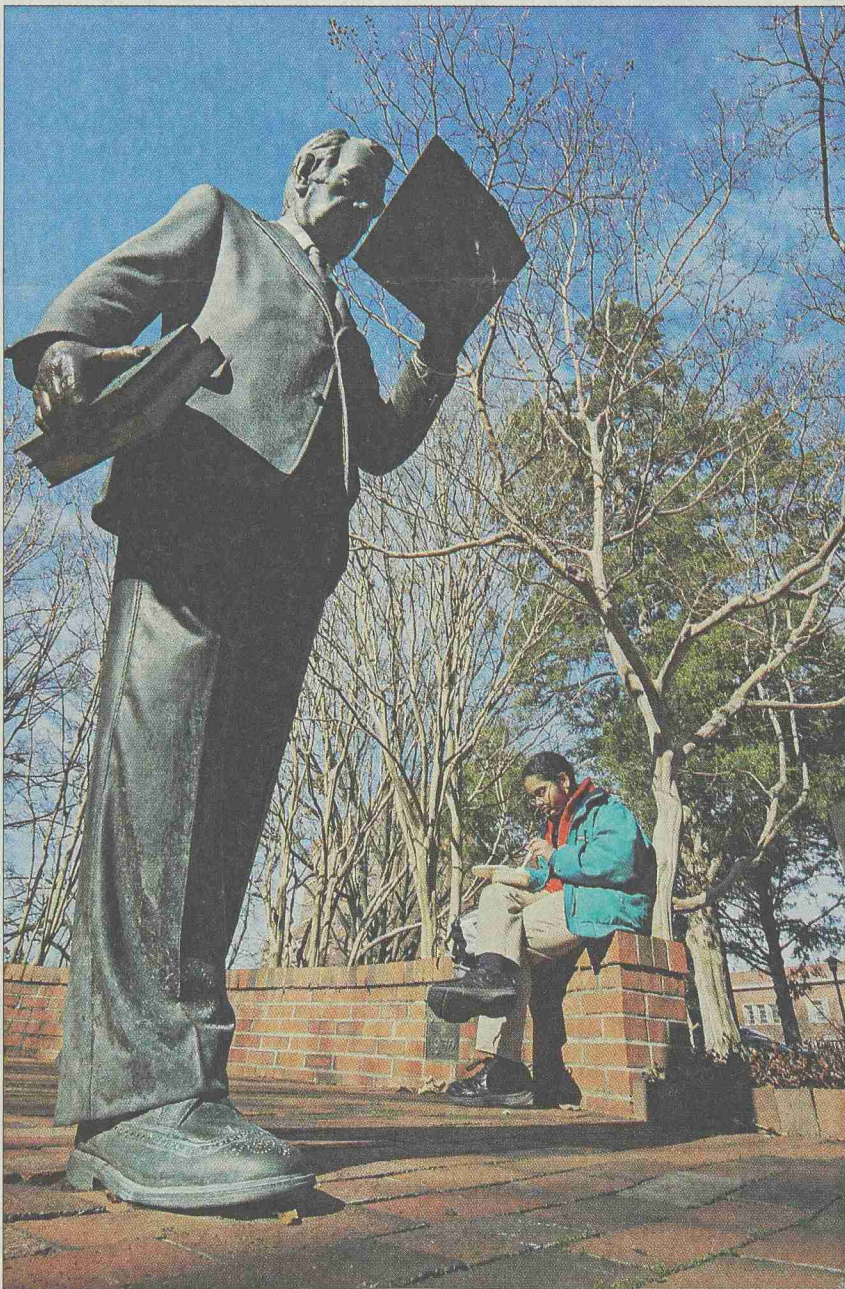
The book details fires that destroyed buildings throughout campus, like Watauga Hall in 1901.

"It would have claimed the lives of many students if not for the heroism of a student named Leslie Boney. Boney found the fire and quickly awakened sleeping students," Smith said, adding that the hall was rebuilt in 1902.

Smith also included famous people visiting the campus throughout the years, including singer Don McLean and musical group Steppenwolf performing

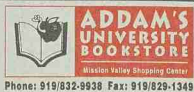
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AN AFTERNOON STROLL

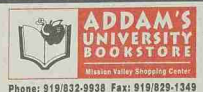


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Late Monday morning, the professor goes for a walk. Not the regular kind of walk that keeps you moving, but rather the kind of walk that perpetually keeps you in the same place. This professor is constantly on the move, but concurrently keeps his same position, day after day. "The Strolling Professor" is a statue located in the M.E. Gardner Arboretum between Patterson Hall and Burlington Labs. Friends and family of Dr. William R. Johnston donated the statue in dedication to the late professor. Shanthi Murali, a lifelong electrical engineering student keeps the professor company as she eats her lunch in the sunny weather.



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AFGHAN MILITARY CAMPAIGN'S U.S. DEATH TOLL AT 100

A U.S. soldier died over the weekend after a traffic accident near Kabul, becoming the 100th American death since the U.S.-led military campaign began in Afghanistan two years ago.

The U.S. military did not name the soldier in a brief statement issued Monday. It said the soldier was involved in a vehicle accident southwest of the Afghan capital on Friday night and died as a result of his injuries the next morning.

"His death underscores the dangers inherent in Operation Enduring Freedom and our condolences go out to his family," the statement said, without giving further details.

-Wire Reports

FOX, BUSH VOW TO WORK ON OPENING BORDERS, EXPANDING TRADE

Mexican President Vicente Fox on Monday embraced President Bush's plan to ease U.S. immigration laws, saying that the changes would improve life for millions of Mexican workers in the United States.

Meeting at the start of a two-day Summit of the Americas, the two leaders agreed to put aside past differences and work together on more open borders and expanded trade. But other tensions remained as 34 leaders from throughout the Western Hemisphere gathered in northern Mexico to look for ways to promote democracy and economic development in the region.

-KRT

NATION

STUDY FINDS CHEMICALS FROM DEODORANTS IN BREAST CANCER TUMORS

A small, very limited new study makes an important contribution to the debate over whether deodorants and antiperspirants may play a role in breast cancer.

British scientists found chemicals from them in tumors, the first proof that they can get inside the body and accumulate after being applied to the skin. The chemicals act weakly like estrogen, a hormone long tied to breast cancer risk.

But don't throw away the deodorant just yet.

Experts say the concentrations found were far lower than the amount of estrogen naturally circulating in the body, and that much more research is needed to say whether there's any connection to cancer. The chemicals also might be found in normal breast tissue, which wasn't examined in this study.

-KRT

CONDOM-IN-SOUP LAWSUIT SETTLED

Seafood restaurant chain McCormick & Schmick's Monday settled a lawsuit brought by a California woman who said she suffered severe emotional distress after she discovered a condom in her clam chowder, a company spokesman said.

The settlement was reached the day the Portland, Oregon-based chain was to go to trial in Santa Ana, California. The settlement terms are confidential.

-Wire Reports

COURT REJECTS APPEAL OVER DETENTIONS

The Supreme Court refused today to consider whether the government properly withheld names and other details about hundreds of foreigners detained in the months after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The high court turned down a request to review the secrecy surrounding detainees, nearly all Arabs or Muslims, who were picked up in the United States immediately following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Many if not most of the more than 700 detainees at issue in the case have since been deported. Some picked up after Sept. 11 were charged with crimes, and others were held as material witnesses. Only Zacarias Moussawi, who was detained before the Sept. 11 attacks, is being prosecuted in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.

-Wire Reports

STATE

UNC ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR'S STUDY FINDS THAT TALL PEOPLE MAKE MORE MONEY

New research shows that the taller you are, the more money you earn -- with each inch of height worth an astonishing \$789 more a year. The study, co-authored by Dan Cable, an associate professor at UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School, will be published in the spring issue of the Journal of Applied Psychology.

Since the initial findings were released in the fall, the study has received worldwide attention, with Cable and his colleague, Timothy Judge of the University of Florida, in demand across the nation and Great Britain.

-The News and Observer

WATER SUIT OPPONENTS FACE OFF

Lawyers for 75 former and current residents of the Neuse Crossing subdivision will begin picking jurors this week to hear the homeowners' water contamination lawsuit against a homebuilder and a water system company.

The residents claims range from negligence and trespass to misrepresentation and fraud and may be as much as \$70 million.

-The News and Observer

Bush, Fox to discuss immigration at summit

-KRT CAMPUS

DES MOINES, IOWA - Iowa's presidential caucuses have a storied history of retail politics amid wintry conditions, but they also have a checkered past for reporting accurate and timely results worthy of the attention they're given.

Computers and telephone lines, not to mention human beings, have failed to deliver the information needed to determine a winner in a prompt fashion for the nation's first step on the road to the White House.

As the world watches Jan. 19, the pressure will bear down on Andrew Brown and Dave Vogelaa, two technology gurus hired by the Iowa Democratic Party to make sure caucus results are funneled from 1,993 precincts to a convention center in Des Moines.

"We took the steps necessary to make this as bulletproof as possible," said Vogelaa, the party's director of technology.

Any serious glitch in reporting results will have consequences not just for Vogelaa's young career, but also for the presidential candidates seeking to capture the immediate media focus that a top finish provides.

Delays in reporting caucus results could affect Iowa's always-tenuous role as the leadoff state for the nomination process.

The prize for candidates on caucus night is massive media attention that generates financial contributions and boosts poll results in subsequent contests such as the one in New Hampshire eight days later.

In 2000, the last time Iowa hosted its caucuses, it took days for the Iowa Democratic Party even to determine how many people attended the caucuses.

"The kids that were taking in the information didn't write the numbers down," Rob Tully, then chairman of the state party, said at the time. "I can't reverse the process."

The lack of attendance figures, which were recorded at the local level but not forwarded to the state headquarters, didn't affect the caucus results. Al Gore easily beat Bill Bradley, but the flap over the attendance figures brought negative media attention.

Conservative radio commentator Rush Limbaugh suggested the figures were withheld because they made Gore look politically weak.

The state's political parties

not local or state election officials run the caucuses. Party leaders say they have learned from the past.

"I am 1,000 percent confident that the caucuses are going to run cleaner than a hound's tooth," said Gordon Fischer, chairman of the Iowa Democratic Party. "We have tested it and tested it and tested it again."

If the computer system fails, Fischer said, there is a backup plan so that results can be reported to people at a call center.

Unlike their Republican counterparts, Iowa Democrats do not simply tabulate votes from individual caucus participants. Instead, the results will be reported using a complicated formula to reflect the projected share of state convention delegates that each candidate wins.

"We have a chance to talk to our friends and neighbors," said Morgan Baethke, a livestock producer from Lacona who supports Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina. "We're going to take that opportunity."

State party leaders say this year's attendance could rival the record set in 1988, when 125,000 Democrats helped narrow a field

nearly as crowded.

To this day, it is in dispute whether Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri won the caucuses that year, or whether Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois was the real winner. Gephardt was declared the victor with 70 percent of the results tabulated, before some strong Simon areas, including college towns, were counted.

"Even though they say Gephardt won, I know differently," said Roxanne Conlin, a former chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Party and a top official of Simon's 1988 Iowa campaign.

As other states jockey for the right to open the presidential nominating process, a position Iowa has maintained for more than two decades, the accuracy of the tally is paramount.

"It's a process that does not permit a recount that counts," said Dave Nagle, a former party chairman now backing Howard Dean. "Because of the (compressed political) calendar, we don't have the time. Whether the results are accurate or not, they become a reality."

The leaders of all of the state's 1,993 precinct meetings have been given access codes to dial into an 800-number system that

will record the information on computer servers in either Orlando or Atlanta, before the data is forwarded to Des Moines.

Caucus results will be presented on a state party Web site. The information will also be made available to the nation's media via a separate, password-protected Web site, in case the public version crashes because of heavy traffic.

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day it was mailed. The citation does not affect driver's license or insurance points. Money from the citations is used to pay for the program and all proceeds go to the Wake County Public School System.

Anyone who receives a citation may make an appeal by filling out the application on the back of the citation. For more information about the red light cameras, visit the SafeLight Web site at <http://www.raleighnc.org/transportation/SAFELIGHT.HTM>.

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can be a cost-effective way to give classes," Hunt said.

Oblinger pointed out that many students who are enrolled on campus are also enrolled in DE classes. Erin Swain, a senior in business, took a business law class online and really liked it. "It saves time having to go to class and you can do your work as it fits your schedule," Swain said.

Hunt mentioned that there are discussions trying to work distance education tuition and fees differently for students who are taking them who are also enrolled on campus. Nothing has

been finalized.

As student enrollment increases, so do class sizes. The budget cut causes some class sizes to increase and students are feeling the "class-size crunch." The Registrar has been able to fulfill demand despite the budget challenge. "We are offering more than 1,300 more seats, but slightly fewer sections for undergraduates," Hunt said.

"The classes are filled to capacity, which is different from a few years ago. Due to the budget cut, classrooms are slightly fuller," Hunt said. "But the Provost has been very responsible in trying to minimize the impact on the classroom."

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in a Woodstock-like concert on campus.

Now a graduate student at UNC-Chapel Hill, Smith is working on a geography doctorate. His attendance at the rival school does not affect his feelings toward his alma mater.

"I have told people that both schools have their pros and cons," he chuckled, adding that he is a member of

NCSU's Alumni Association. "I really enjoyed my times at N.C. State."

Along with his studies, Smith is writing a screenplay he hopes to have finished by March.

"North Carolina State University: A Bridge to the Future" is available through Smith's Web site, www.absmithbooks.com or the University Bookstore starting in late January. He plans to do a book signing at the bookstore on Feb. 3.

For more information about NCSU: A Bridge to the Future, go to: www.absmithbooks.com

POLICE BLOTTER

1.10.2004

12:10 a.m. Arrest - DWI

A non-student was arrested on Dan Allen Drive for DWI. He was also charged with a stop sign violation.

1.11.2004

12:31 a.m. Traffic Stop - Stop Sign Violation

A student was issued a citation on Dan Allen Drive for a stop sign violation.

7:10 a.m. Fire Alarm

A fire alarm was received indicating an activation at Daniels Hall. Officers and RFD responded. No fire was found. Panel indicated a third floor pull station and heat detectors. Unknown cause of activation. System would not reset. Electronics was notified.

10:30 a.m. Special Event

A lieutenant worked the Spring Rush Event at the NCSU Bookstore.

1:00 p.m. Training

A Campus Police Investigations Lieutenant provided in-service training for the squad in first responders duties at a homicide or suspicious death scene.

5:30 p.m. Damage to Property - Accidental

A student advised that during the break a neon light in his room had been damaged. Damage appears to

have been caused by workers replacing window curtains during the break. Incident took place in Bragaw Hall.

7:17 p.m. Fire Alarm

Alexander Hall basement activation. Caused by cooking. No reports of damage. Police and RFD responded.

7:20 p.m. Traffic Accident

An officer was involved in a traffic accident while responding to a fire alarm. RPD took the report. No injuries were reported.

1.12.2004

1:43 a.m. Suspicious Incident

A staff member at E.S. King Village reported that an unidentified caller had made several statements that made her feel uncomfortable. An Officer is investigating.

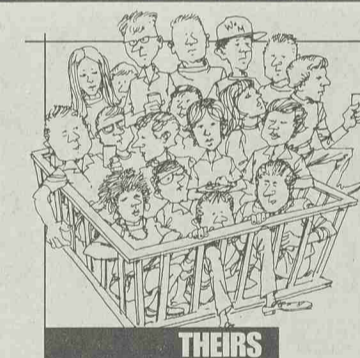
2:56 a.m. Traffic Checkpoint

Officers conducted a traffic checkpoint on Dan Allen Drive at the Central Campus Pay Lot. One citation was issued.

3:25 a.m. Traffic Stop - Expired Tag

A non-student was issued a citation on Dan Allen Drive for an expired tag.

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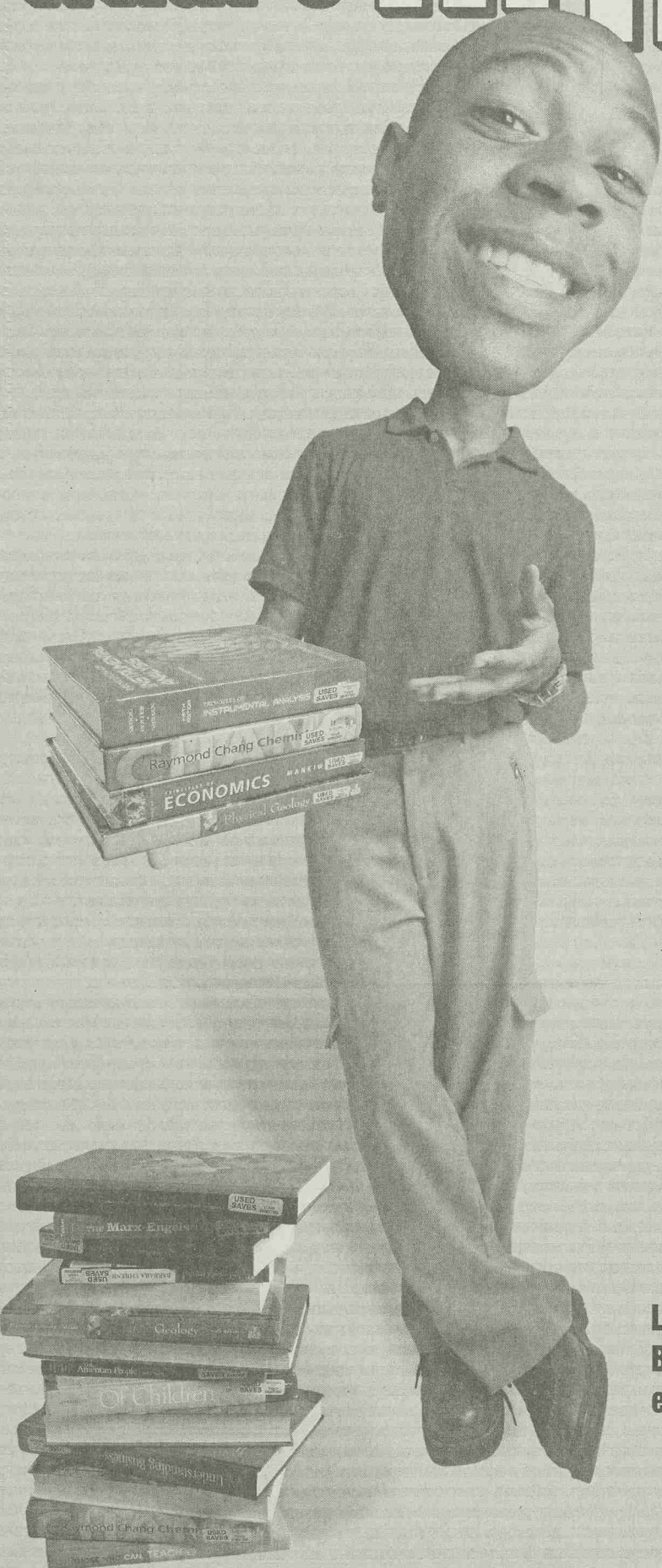
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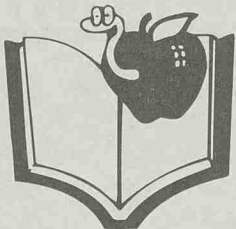
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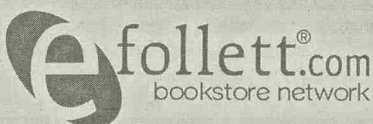
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"Blink 182"
★★★★
Blink 182 (Geffen Records)

With their first release in more than two years, your favorite MTV goons are back with yet another installment of pop-punk mastery.

But apparently they've passed the torch of nonsense and ridicule to God knows whom, while ultimately realizing that life just might not be one big joke.

Tom DeLonge, Mark Hoppus and Travis Barker have been through some stuff man - finally. Nobody liked them when they were 23 (including myself) because of their freshman-like antics; however, Blink might convert a few naysayers with this album.

With their self-titled release, the band already deviates from a Blink 182 standard of sophomoric bad joke album titles ("Take Off Your Pants and Jacket" and "Enema of the State") and, somehow, they also mature musically.

The band does stay true to form in the opening, very catchy single

"Feeling It" with Tom and Mark splitting vocal duties - as they often do - while Travis is predictably steady with the sticks.

From that point, the album takes a turn for vulnerability, insecurity and sweet nothings and still manages to keep my attention. In "Miss You," "Down," "Always" and "All of This" the band captures a sense of hopelessness while somehow not whining. Furthermore, "All of This" features Robert Smith of The Cure, whom we all know is the real King of Pain.

But the forlorn pinnacle of the album is the final track, "Lost Without You," where the band just seems exhausted, save for a splendid Travis Barker drum solo near the end.

The band does rock out in Blink fashion on a few tracks though. "Obvious," "Stockholm Syndrome," "Go" and "Here's Your Letter" all have the typical elements of a Blink 182 song - rudimentary, yet steady guitar

work and awesome drumming from Barker (notice who gets the solos on the album).

Of course, not every song can be a gem. But at least the one bomb on the album is an interlude, which is hardly a song to begin with.

"The Fallen Interlude" sounds like Fred Durst, John Otto, Same Rivers, DJ Lethal and Mike Smith invaded the studio and snuck in an instrumental hip-hop jam, and a poor one at that. "Violence" is a solid track until about the 3:40 mark where an unidentified damsel in distress recites some spoken word prose over a looped piano track...skip this.

Overall, though, the band has grown up a bit and expanded their musical repertoire. Mark Hoppus and Tom DeLonge have something important to talk about, while Travis Barker is slowly establishing himself as one of the best beaters in the genre.

- Joel DeBerry



"Want One"
★★★★
Rufus Wainwright

A first listen to Rufus Wainwright's new album "Want One," even if you've never listened to him before, really gives the listener a sense of how Wainwright uses his magnificent voice to weave the words of his simple tales into beautiful prose. Subsequent listens to this album serve to enhance this feeling as well as display the brilliant interplay between his amazing sound and the plethora of instruments he incorporates into each of his songs.

"Want One" has an incredible flow from start to finish, and although there aren't any tracks that rise above the rest, they're all pretty fantastic. If any track stands out for its sheer brilliance, it's "Oh What A World," perhaps simply because it is the

gateway into Wainwright's amazing album.

This first track begins slowly with the singer humming with background vocals accompanying him.

As the horns creep in and the lyrics begin, the sound begins to pick up gradually. By the song's end, a whole orchestra has joined in and the tune crescendos to an epic sound - which just as quickly dies down again.

In many ways, this song sets the listener's expectations for the rest of the album, and, while it is not all as majestic as this opener, it is a very beautiful album in many respects.

One of the things that make the record so impressive is the realization that Wainwright is not singing about earth-shatter-

ing events. He also isn't trying to use his album as a platform to subliminally shovel his deep-seated political views into the minds of his unsuspecting audience. Wainwright is merely singing about simple things - men reading fashion magazines and talking on cell phones as well as doing it in a way that is light and entertaining.

Although some might pick out certain tracks on "Want One" as filler, all of the songs are generally enjoyable and either fall in the camp of the booming orchestra sound combined with Wainwright's unbelievable voice or else they come in the form of the softer "piano ballads," which draw even more attention to the vocals.

- Chris Scull



"The Instinct"
★★★★
Denali (Jade Tree Records)

Richmond based band Denali returns with their sophomore album, "The Instinct," which echoes the same ethereal beauty that radiated pervasively from their debut.

The band takes its name from Alaska's Denali National Park. The group's name is fitting as it is symbolic of Denali's cold, desolate, yet beautiful texture based aural exploration.

Atypical of many bands found on Jade Tree Records, Denali steps out of the emo revolution the label helped spawn with a complexity that creates its own emotion. One cup trip-hop with a table spoon of rock, the music undulates back and forth with the echoey, distorted guitars swelling and draining back, keeping time with Maura Davis' vocals seem-

ingly pulling and pushing the music to an apex.

Moods jump up optimistically and then pull back, mixing enchanting vocals with lush textures. Denali has a definitely unique sound.

A classically trained singer, Davis' dreamy vocals make up most of the band's sound. She moves the group around from haunting and eerie to evocative and powerful.

Oddly enough, Denali has recently toured with the hard-rock group the Deftones, and thanks Deftones fans on Denali's Web site for being "totally tolerant of our gentle, gentle rock."

If you ever have the chance to see Denali in concert, try it if you like what you hear on the album. It's a truly numbing, trance-like

experience that adds a whole new dimension to the band.

Expect Denali to be going through some serious changes by the time they release a third album. Keeley Davis (bass and synth) and Jonathan Fuller (drums) have left Denali to return to their original band Engine Down.

Despite the loss of half the band, Denali is moving on and expects to continue touring and begin working on another album soon.

If you enjoy the surreal sounds of such acts as Portishead, Rainer Maria, Love Spirals Downwards, Delerium, Claire Voyant or Hooverphonic, further your quest into the trip-hop odyssey and check out Denali.

- Chris Reynolds



"Take a Look in the Mirror"
★★★★1/2
Korn (Sony Records)

For all you haters out there, here you go. Korn has returned only a year and a half after the release of "Untouchables" with an album that is, according to lead-singer Jonathan Davis, "about love, hate and my hate of people and just losing my mind."

That's about it for "Take a Look in the Mirror," minus the love part. From the first track ("Right Now") through the end of the hidden track "One" - a live cover of a Metallica song of the same name - the album kicks, screams and thrashes itself to the position of one of the best Korn albums released.

"Take a Look in the Mirror" slams with almost frightening tracks such as "Break Some Off," "Alive" and "Y'all Want a Single" while it is balanced with more melodic and contemporary tracks such as the singles "Right Now" and "Did My Time." "Let's Do This Now" is opened with a much missed staple in the Korn repertoire - the bagpipes. Rather than the standard original, edgy bagpipes found on previous recordings, the band offers a bagpipe recording that is on the more classical side of Scottish music.

An apparent approval of the modern, metal music scene is heard through the track "Deep Inside." The track's interlude is very similar to that which

is found in TRUSTcompany's catalog, while the bridge of the song offers a spacey change in pace that is suggestive of Incubus' use of ethereal textures in their music.

"Play Me" is an obvious acknowledgement of the fans' approval of "Children of the Korn" which featured Ice Cube. Although it was common for rappers to provide additional vocals to heavy metal bands, "Children of the Korn" proved to be very successful among fans for its toe-tapping power with a slightly sinister edge. With "Play Me" the band enlists the help of Nas but fails to capture the chemistry that is found on "Children." The song has the cutting metal edge but Nas' contribution leaves much more to be desired as his vocals are shallow when combined with Korn's hard-rocking attitude.

The track "I'm Done" is a stand-out song that sounds much like the days of "Issues" well-combined with Davis' contributions to the "Queen of the Damned" soundtrack with its Gothic-like interlude and demon-like chants. The track opens with haunting waves produced by a guitar that sounds like distressed church bells, which pour into a bass heavy song that is laden in crunchy guitar riffs. The lyrical issues that are addressed by Da-

vis are common to his standard "bring me down" poems, but the presentation jars the listener into a fist-pumping sing-along.

Overall, the band accomplishes what they set out to do: create a "heavy" album. They've been claiming that each subsequent album after "Follow the Leader" was going to be the heaviest ever; with "Take a Look in the Mirror," Korn creates their heaviest album ever with very few kinks.

- Jake Seaton

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CAN THE CAMERAS

OUR OPINION: RED LIGHT CAMERAS INSTALLED ON HILLSBOROUGH STREET MAY PROTECT AGAINST ACCIDENTS, BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY FLAWS TO JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE AND HASSLE.

It seems that red light cameras are everywhere now, taking pictures of red light runners and protecting intersections from traffic-stopping collisions. The cameras were installed to alleviate the need for police officers to chase after offenders. It is a nice idea of using technology in law enforcement. Now red light cameras are at the corner of Hillsborough Street and Dixie Trail. Since August, 4,300 citations have been issued. The technology is simple: cameras are positioned near an intersection. Sensors are placed around the intersection and detect cars as they go through the traffic light. Once the traffic light turns red, and a car is in the intersection, the camera will take a picture of the offend-

ing car's license plate and a ticket will be mailed to the driver. The average fine is \$50 and doesn't count against license points or insurance. The City of Raleigh spent \$5 million dollars to contract out to Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. to install the hardware. Charlotte installed red light cameras and traffic accidents have decreased 37 percent. In Raleigh, ticket fines collected go to the Wake County Public Schools. It is an admirable idea to try and prevent traffic accidents at intersections. But to rely on a machine to dispense justice instead of human police officers is lazy and is Orwellian in nature. There has to be some sort of human regulation behind the cameras to ensure that justice, no matter if it is a minor traffic violation, is dispensed in a fair manner. There are certain situations that call for judgment calls to be made by a human. For example, a driver is stuck

behind a large truck and runs the red light because the light was not visible. The red light camera would capture the image and send the driver a ticket. The driver tries to appeal the ticket, but there are flaws in that as well, since most times, a ticket will not be revoked unless a lawyer is hired and the courts are hounded. While there are technicalities that must be worked out, the larger issue of a camera watching every intersection at all times and "justice through the mail" is dangerous. The question is: where will it stop? Cameras are everywhere now, in just about every public place imaginable. The obvious next step is cameras along highways with radar guns that will ticket speeders. Humans are fallible and make mistakes, but machines are unforgiving. It should be left up to police to enforce the law instead of automatons.

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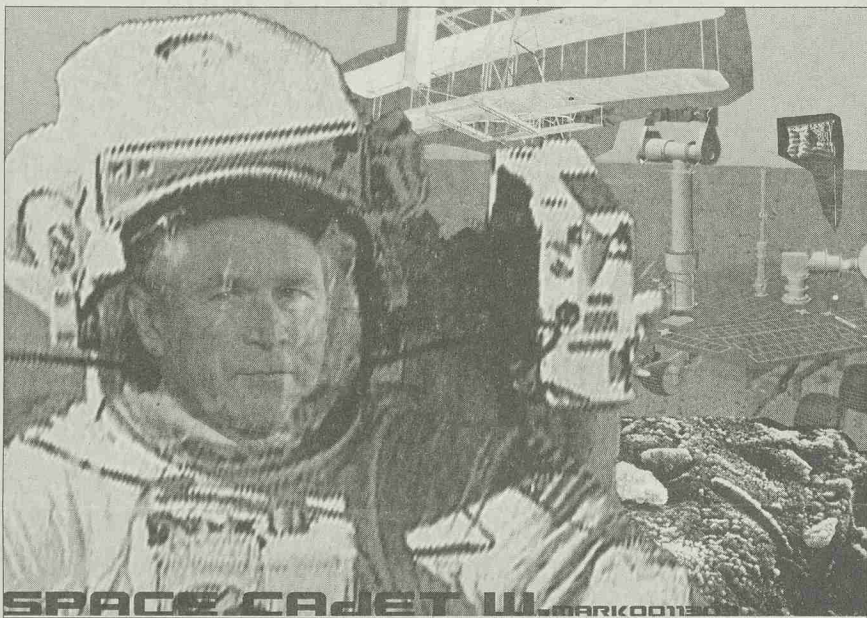
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Is Bush fired yet?

Jason Eder fires back at Bush despite the capture of Saddam Hussein.

This break should have been an eye-opener for you. Amidst the visits, gifts and returns there was one isolated event that should have stood out to you: the capture of Saddam Hussein.



Jason Eder
Staff Columnist

I believe that the world is a better place with Hussein out of power. There is no doubt in my mind that he unfairly ran his government, he was corrupt and he put his shoes on before his pants. The U.S. government is going to put Hussein on trial (stupid technicalities), throw him in jail with Michael Jackson, bread and water and throw away the key. We rejoice. We finally freed the Iraqi people. We nailed the one we have been after since Sept. 11, 2001. You couldn't help but see the irony in catching someone like Hussein in a poor excuse for a vermin-infested wormhole in desperate need of a shower, a shave and a MAD magazine. I'm satisfied, and, like I said, the world is a little bit better. And I bet the world would be an even better place with people like Fidel Castro and Kim Jong Il out of power as well. So let's look for their weapons and free those people. Hussein seems to have been the only powerhouse that we weren't in alliance with and haven't been to war with either, at least among countries with global influence. Well I'm glad we got that out of the way. I'm sure our soldiers overseas would agree with me there. One cannot help but question the integrity of the war when we captured Hussein. After all, our original intention was to invade his country and find his weapons of mass destruction, which, to our knowledge, has not

been done yet. I don't remember it turning into a manhunt. Less to say we never had proof linking Hussein to the ultimate catalyst in our "crusade" on terrorism, the events of Sept. 11, 2001. And if memory serves me correctly, I recall Osama bin Laden claiming that title. (However, I do feel obliged to mention that in a book entitled "See No Evil" by former CIA agent Robert Baer, he reported that Hussein and bin Laden were known to have made contacts as early as 1996.) Bush has either misled or been misinformed in his decision-making pertaining to this war. Regardless, the U.S. is playing what I like to call "Global God." We have ultimately

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believe we are just in our overseas actions. I keep hearing Bush and his administration say they know where the weapons are, what the weapons are and that I should be scared of them. I keep seeing Bush screw with that stupid scale of terrorist alerts, which, by the way, seems to be the way of telling the American people what to expect without telling the American people what to expect. That way, if there really is an attack, they can say, "We told you so." I keep getting the feeling that Bush has no idea what is going on. I have seen no true leadership exhibited by Bush. He appears as a puppet that every government official has a hand in. My instinct tells me that each idea his cabinet presents appears to be a good idea to the Head Honcho, so he goes with it. A good leader, I feel, is to be turned to for guidance in extraordinary times, not someone to go through. A good leader is prepared to think about the people they represent, not always the people around them. And a good leader keeps the focus of their followers at hand. Catching Hussein, though rewarding, was not our focus, and that pushed Bush over the top; and he doesn't deserve our focus either. I can't say that I'm crazy about the next person in line either, but man, I'll try just about anything on. Bush has gone from being wet behind the ears to taking a bath. And it's times like these I think the only thing stronger than a dog's sense of smell is its sense of irony.

"No matter what, the American people have no clue what is going on."

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Hey big spender

Brian Onorio takes a few shots at the Bush Administration's spending - but don't worry, he's still a conservative.

Well liberals, unlike you, I am more than willing to admit that my top guy is wrong in many areas.

Recently, I've been dissatisfied with the policies of the Bush Administration, namely the Medicare overhaul. The plan is a champion of bigger government, socialism and an overall loser for the everyday taxpayer.

President Bush has definitely alarmed many fiscal conservatives, your correspondent included. With discretionary spending up 10.5 percent this year, the country has a growing budget deficit and the president seems to be adding to it with irresponsible increases like the latest overhaul of the Medicare program. Just last month, Congress passed a \$400 billion plan to add a prescription drug benefit to the current Medicare system. Of course, Bush's democratic opponents have been quick to criticize the president's ambitious plans.

"Where is the tax increase to pay for it? We already have a half trillion-dollar deficit. It is not worth bankrupting the country if that's what's going to happen." And as much as I hate to say it, Governor Dean is exactly right, but for the wrong reasons. Instead of tax increases, how about halting huge government expansions and programs that will benefit just a few?

President Bush was on track when he first entered the White House. Coupling economic growth policies and tax cuts have worked wonderfully as we have seen in the recent months. Both the Dow Jones and the NASDAQ have grown tremendously since the end of the recession in 2003, and unemployment is on the decrease. A policy of lower taxes and a fiscally responsible government is the best route for our country. Of course, events such as the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 which forced a huge expansion in both the FBI and the CIA and the creation of a whole new government bureaucracy, the Department of Homeland Security, has caused strains on our economy and national budget. I don't fault the president for these increases and I don't think any level-minded person would either. But the latest expansion of the Medicare program is flat out irresponsible. Under the president's new prescription drug benefit, senior citizens will be entitled to receive medication on the government's tab. Many senior citizens are already insured by third party insurers as a part of a retirement package provided by their employer. If I am an employer who is paying to provide my

employees and retirees with medical coverage then it is a very easy decision for me to drop the prescription drug insurance as a part of the employer-provided plan. If the government is providing drugs, why should I as an employer?

This problem is two-fold however, because the federal plan may not be as good as a private insurance company's plan. This will force some senior citizens to pay for drugs that used to be covered but are no longer under the federal plan. Also, why should you and I as taxpayers of this nation be paying money to provide Bill Gates, Ross Perot and Donald Trump with medical coverage? It makes no sense. What the government needs is a little bit of common sense when deciding on these issues. Yes, provide drugs for the poor and needy, but draw the line there.

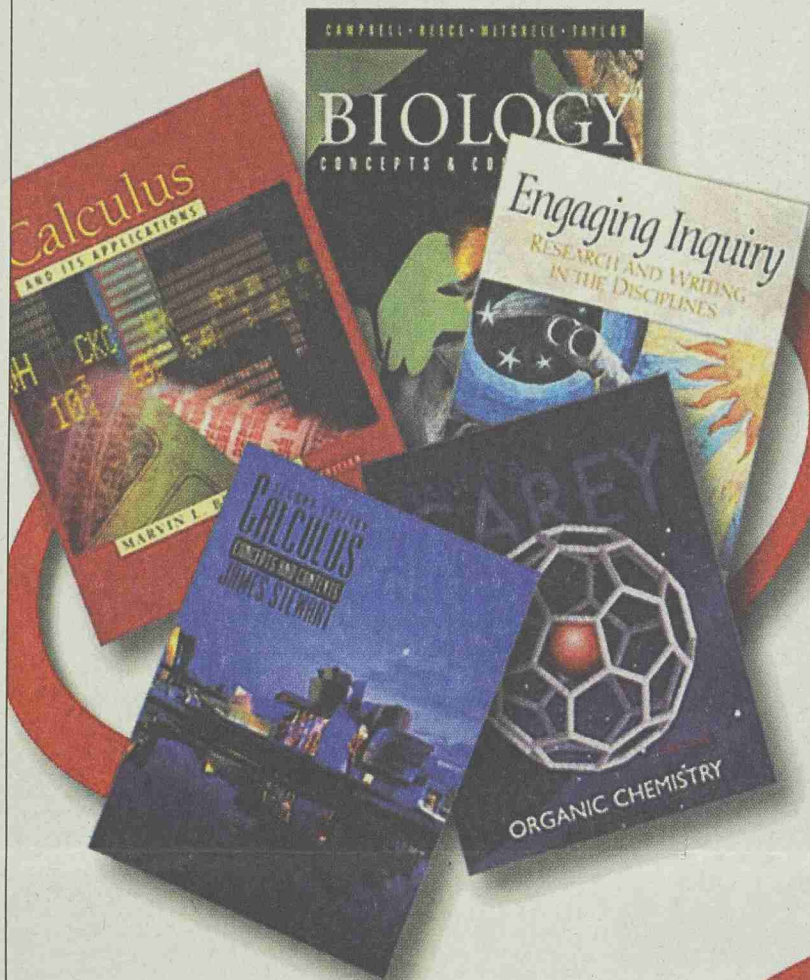
I am very critical of the president in this respect, but I also look at the alternatives. The Medicare overhaul passed last year would have been tenfold under a democratic plan. Many democrats and a few republicans, notably John McCain of Arizona, voted against the president's plan not because of our growing budget deficits but because they believed the plan wasn't big enough. The Clinton Administration tried to pass a socialist Medicare plan back in 1994 (led by First Lady Hillary Clinton) but died a horrible death in a republican controlled Congress. I was under the assumption that my party was the party of fiscal responsibility. Even though George Bush has gone a little crazy with spending, Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt, currently democratic nominee hopefuls, want to repeal all of President Bush's tax cuts and generally increase the size of the federal government. Former House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-TX) sums up socialism in his new book, "Armey's Axioms," by saying "There is nothing so arrogant as a self-righteous income redistributor." And he's right...he's perfectly labeled all of the democratic hopefuls.

Our nation has never been socialist but the lines between capitalism and socialism are being blurred by "compassion." And it's this so-called compassion that is threatening the American system. Help those in need, but also help people help themselves. Our nation shouldn't be a charity, but we're slowly becoming just that. Except the IRS doesn't ring a bell and ask for a donation, they just sue you if they feel you didn't give them their fair share. Every taxpayer should be alarmed and should closely examine your vote this November. While George Bush is not a perfect fiscal conservative, he does beat the hell out of what could be.

"I was under the assumption that my party was the party of fiscal responsibility."

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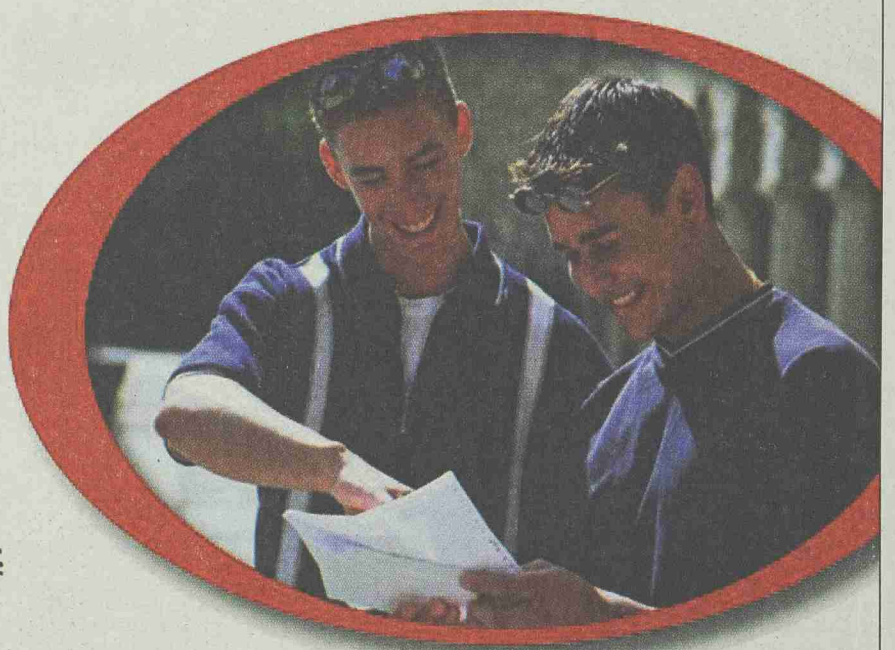
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you're up there," Stevenson said. "They may not look afraid of it, but they're just as scared as everybody else of it. It's just that they've done it enough and worked hard enough at it to overcome a lot of that fear."

Even though the beam is something focused on during practice, it's still just as difficult during the meets when nerves get in the way along with multiple distractions.

"You come up with different strategies and things to think about to calm you down, and the teammates definitely help out with that," Freyvogel said. "I try to block out the whole crowd screaming thing and just do what I do every day in practice."



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vending machine, inside a crawl-space-esque maintenance area home to pipes and gauges. No bigger than a refrigerator box, it probably leaked toxic gas that will kill my friend and me within 10 years. It was perfect. Turned out, too, it was right outside the visitor's locker room. We didn't find that out until around 15 baby blue clad basketball players walked down the stairs and moved in the room to our right. So, for more than an hour, we heard Ademola Okulaja complain of the cold, Ed Cota talk junk and Phil Ford give a pep talk.

When it was time to leave our hiding spot, we ran upstairs and were immediately busted by security — kicked out like Alan Keyes from a political debate. That didn't stop us. Thanks to an elderly couple's ticket stubs, we were able to see the second half and the Blue Devil victory.

Come Thursday, I'll be back in Cameron. And to think, I won't even have to trespass — unless I lose my press pass.

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GYMNASTS

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The outlook for the Pack this season is strong, but Stevenson feels that success does not come instantly.

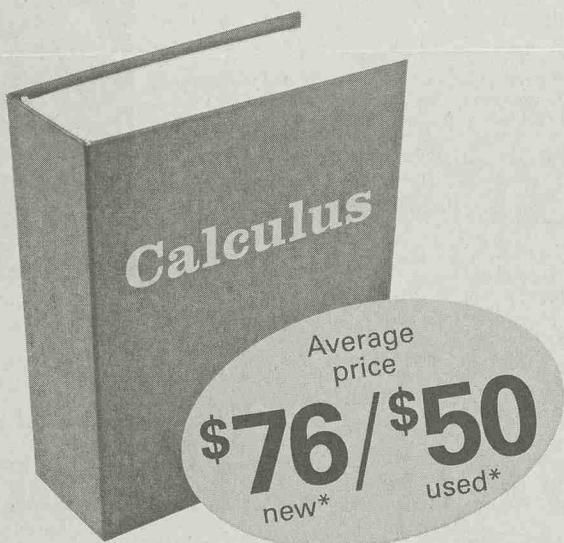
"I think we're going to start out a little slow since we have just started practice," Stevenson said. "But I think potentially this is one of the best teams we've ever had. I'm really happy with how all of these kids are doing."

This season the Pack will play host to a group of top-ranked programs in the country at Reynolds Coliseum. On March 5, North Carolina and West Virginia will come to Raleigh for the Wolfpack Invitational. Also, the Pack will host New Hampshire and Yale on March 14.

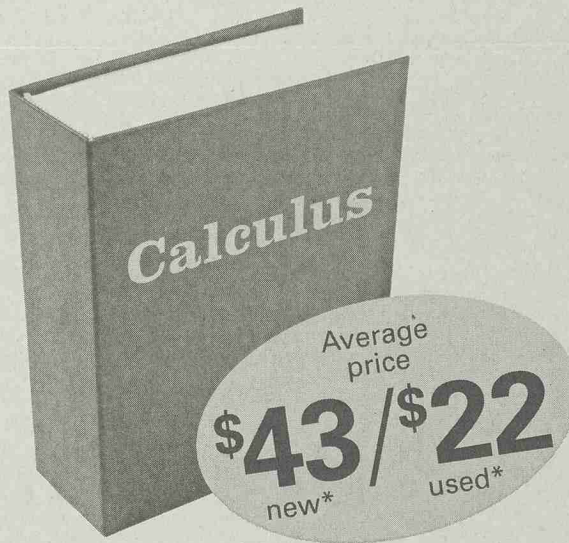
In its away schedule, the Pack will visit West Virginia on Jan. 18 and Florida on Jan. 23, as well as Maryland on March 12. The Pack will compete next on Jan. 16 at Pittsburgh, and its next home meet is on Feb. 13, when the Pack will host the Hearts Invitational.

But the biggest event on the calendar is NCAA regionals, set for early April in Reynolds.

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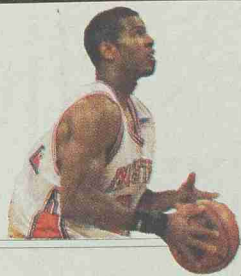
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Hiding out in Cameron

Thursday night's upcoming N.C. State-Duke game got me thinking about childhood — namely those foolish kid errors with which we all look back upon with laughter.



Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

Everyone makes mistakes. America picked Ruben over Clay. Even more Americans have kept that show on the air. Millions of women now in their early-to-mid-20s once swooned over New Kids on the Block. ABC gave Dennis Miller a microphone, North Carolina gave Matt Doherty a clipboard.

It happens — even to me. I grew up a Duke fan.

It came to be sometime in the early 1990s, when three All-Americans led the Blue Devils to back-to-back national championships. When Christian Laettner hit the shot in 1992 to doom Kentucky, I was happier than Pete Rose at a horse track. I remember bouncing up and down, dressed in tacky Duke gear (is there any other kind?) and replicating my hero's heroics on basketball goals over the next few months and years. I'd be Grant Hill — the inbounds passer — and Laettner all in one motion. Toss the ball to myself, dribble, fake right, turn left and fire. Nothing but rim. Rebound and try again.

Young and impressionable, I didn't know any better.

Despite the obvious disadvantages — watching brutal cheerleaders, the feeling of rooting for Hitler, the pretentiousness — growing up a Duke fan had its benefits. For one, because Duke has no football fans, I got to pick a new team during football season. Usually Notre Dame. For another, I always had lots to say to friends who pulled for Carolina or State. But by far the best experience I had as a Duke fan came in late January 1999, when I took in college basketball's best rivalry — Duke vs. North Carolina — from one of the best buildings in college basketball, Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Of course, I didn't have a ticket. Sold-out years in advance, the only ones available are scalped by brokers and agencies and are more overpriced than a Duke education. And for the Duke-UNC game, the price of those tickets could actually buy a Duke education.

So naturally, the only way in Cameron Indoor Stadium for two poor high school seniors is to sneak in. Which is exactly what we did.

Now, sneaking into Fort Knox, or the White House, or your mom's closet around Christmas, is like trying to snorkel up-side-down. Sneaking into old arenas — like Cameron Indoor or Reynolds Coliseum — just involves finding the right cranny. And where there's a cranny, there's a way. Cameron Indoor has lots of crannies.

My buddy and I arrived on Duke's campus around 4 p.m., a good five hours before tip-off, just for that reason. Originally, we planned to dress as maintenance men, pack plungers and pipe cleaners and say we came to fix a fictional toilet leak. Then we'd hide in the bathroom until 8ish, walk around the concourse for an hour and find a seat. It was our plan, however, that really needed a fix. In the end, we decided to find that nook.

Around 5:30, we did. A door on one side of the building sat ajar, and we walked in undetected. Hearts thumping like an LL Cool J beat, we walked down a small hallway and found another unlocked door. We felt as though we'd found the Lost City. Like we were some type of Indiana Joneses, cascading through a Temple of Hope. In this room, we walked through another door, which led us to a staircase, which led to the court, which led to the bleachers of the student section.

Now we just needed a place to hide. We found refuge behind a

Poised for success

WOLFPACK GYMNASTS LOOK FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

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Something noticeable about the roster for this year's Wolfpack gymnastics team is its youth. Of 21 gymnasts, eight are freshmen while only six are seniors. Another interesting fact is that this year's schedule shows that State will host an NCAA regional competition for the first time.

But before then, the Pack is looking for success in the regular season in order to reach its goals in the East Atlantic Gymnastics League Championships (EAGL) and in regionals on April 3.

Last year, the team finished with a 22-6 record, which tied the 2002 total for most wins in a year under coach Mark Stevenson, who has coached the team since 1981. Stevenson isn't worried about trying to break that record; he has altered team goals to revolve around consistency this year.

"Our goal is to walk into competition all season long and hit 24-of-24 routines," Stevenson said. "If we do that and we win, that's great, but if we do that and we lose, we still met our goal. We go to our tournament based on our score averages, so as long as we continue to hit routines and get good scores, we can still make the tournament."

Stevenson's gymnasts have been working hard through the off-season, practicing their routines daily. Junior Kelley Kello, who transferred from Iowa to N.C. State in 2002, has noticed a difference since changing programs, especially in coaching.

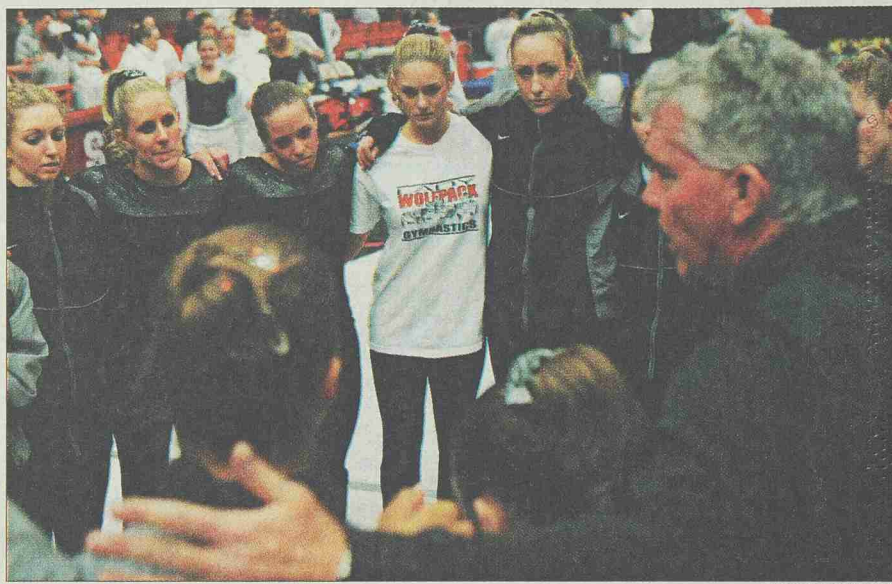
"He is a lot more hands-off when teaching us," Kello said of Stevenson. "He is also allowing us to become our own persons outside of the gym."

Trainers for the team have the gymnasts exercise with strength-training workouts every week and work the athletes to help prevent injuries.

"Injuries can happen, but so far the team has done very well this year," said trainer Scott Stanhibel. "We've avoided all the serious injuries."

Of the competition the Pack will face in the regular season, Stevenson finds the March 5 Wolfpack Invitational to be the toughest home meet. The Pack will host West Virginia and North Carolina, two of the nation's top gymnastics schools. A Jan. 23 meeting at Florida will also be challenging for the gymnasts.

"Florida is perennially a top-10 team in the country," Stevenson said. "And we see Michigan State at the same time, and they



Coach Mark Stevenson, right, addresses the gymnastics team prior to its first meet of 2004 last Friday. Stevenson said his main goal for this year's team is to achieve consistency.

are a top-20 team every year."

Many returning players will be hoping to make an impact this year. Senior Marlyn Madey will continue performing on her key event, the bars, where she finished in second place in the EAGL Championships last year and received a score of at least 9.8 on all but two tries on the bars last season. Sophomore Kylah Bachman will be a major player as well. She was in 10th place last year in the EAGL Championships on the balance beam and was also on the All-EAGL first team in that event.

Also, senior Mary Freyvogel will be continuing to compete in her key event, the vault. While she has had less experience than other teammates, she will be looking to be a force for the team.

"I'll probably keep what I have now, but there's always room for improvement on presentation," she said.

Freyvogel is not too worried about her opponents.

"We prepare for every meet the same way, and we go in and be confident and hit our routines the same way we do in practice," she said.

There will be some freshmen on the team looking for success. One of the top

freshmen for the Pack is Rachel Katz, who was a three-time regional vault champion while at Bloomington South High School in Bloomington, Ind. Also, Amanda Jones, from Samuel Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, Fla., is expected to make a good contribution all-around. She finished eighth in the all-around category in the NCAA National competition in 2001.

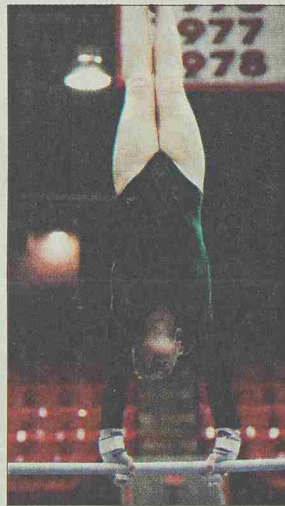
While Katz has had a great amount of success in Indiana, she is becoming more aware of what is needed to be done in collegiate competition.

"The focus in college is the team," she said. "I love learning new skills and having fun with gymnastics."

While many members of the team are hoping to improve their all-around skills, some are trying to get success in certain events. Kello said that she wants to improve on the floor.

"I'm adding a new pass, and I am switching the other passes around, and I had the same passes all last year," she said.

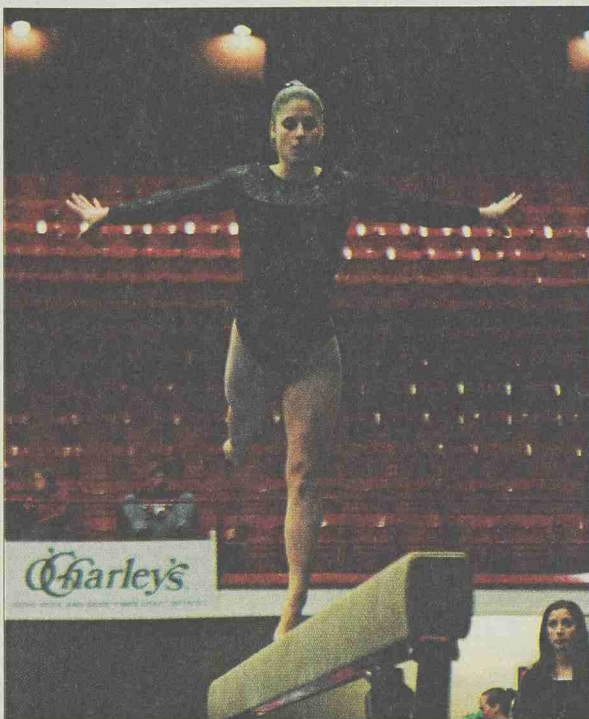
Meanwhile, Madey is hoping to improve her performance on the vault.



Leah Sabo placed third in bars in the Wolfpack's win over William & Mary and Brown.

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Beaming with confidence



Andrea Petrocelli balances herself on the beam. Petrocelli and teammates Cori Goldstein and Leah Sabo dominated the challenging event in the Pack's first meet.

Practice and confidence are two key elements that have allowed the Pack to enjoy success on the balance beam.

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It's as nerve-racking as taking the SAT. It's as tough as hitting a 400-foot home run off of Pedro Martinez. It's almost as narrow as a Slim Jim.

It's the balance beam, a long and narrow plank that's four inches wide and four feet off the ground.

Many gymnasts make the balance beam look simple by not only maintaining balance, but by tumbling and performing difficult mounts onto the narrow apparatus.

But it's not so simple. In fact, it's the most difficult event in gymnastics competition.

"Mentally it's by far the most difficult event to perform on, and if you wobble or fall off, it's a major deduction," N.C. State head coach Mark Stevenson said. "It's probably the event that takes the most confidence, because if you don't believe in yourself, you just can't do it."

Because of its difficulty both physically and mentally, N.C. State spends extra time focusing on the balance beam.

"It's my main event, so I'm there for at least an hour every day," senior Mary Freyvogel said. "But it depends on the assignment that you're given during

practice." Repetitions of one routine are an essential part of practice in order to have a solid performance on beam during competitions.

"It's a repeated routine during practice, and today we have to hit two in a row with no wobbles," Freyvogel said. "You might be over there doing seven or you might hit your first two."

The extra time spent on the beam is shown in the results of competitions. Despite not having a great overall performance in its home opener, the Wolfpack defeated William & Mary and Brown, in part because of the strong performance on the balance beam. State took the top-three spots on the beam, which included a score of 9.825 by Andrea Petrocelli.

"Beam was our best event in the meet, there was no doubt about it," Stevenson said. "We were the most prepared in that area."

Most teams spend about the same amount of time practicing on the beam, but there is another key element that has made N.C. State successful in the event.

"Our kids gain confidence as they hit routines, and as they gain confidence it's easier to hit a routine," Stevenson said. "They gain that confidence and it makes the beam look enormous."

Surprisingly, the most difficult part of the beam isn't the mount or the dismount. It's not even the flips and tumbles.

"The hardest part of the beam is not wandering around on it shaking when

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