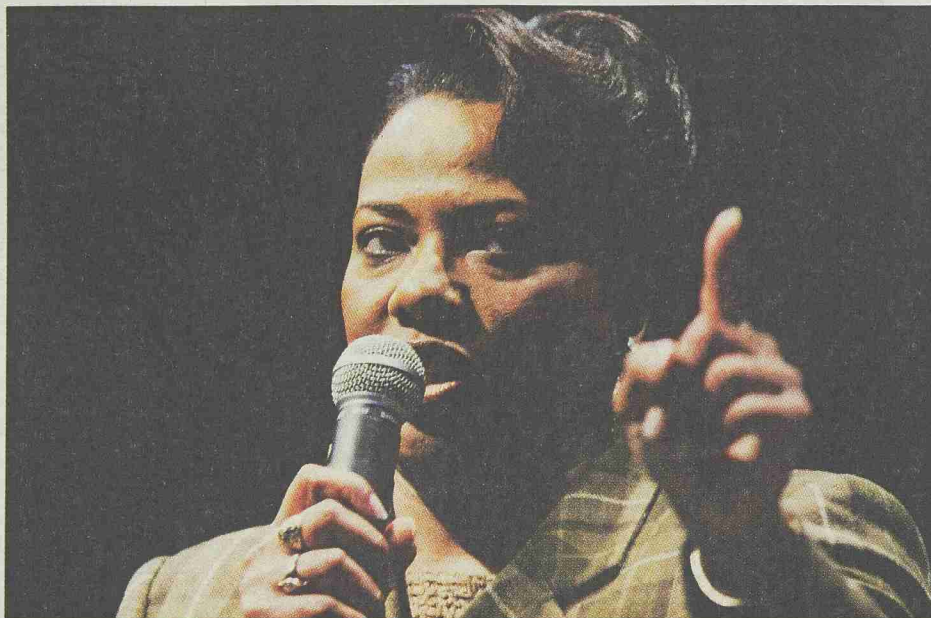


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Raleigh, North Carolina

MLK COMMEMORATION



Bernice King speaks to an audience at Stewart Theatre Thursday on what would have been her father's 75th birthday. She urged the audience to use their lives to "contribute to the betterment of society."

King urges students to change

Reverend Bernice A. King was the keynote speaker at the commemoration in honor of her father's birthday Thursday.

Jessica Horne
Deputy News Editor

Reverend Bernice A. King warned her audience she was unconventional, more so than anyone else in her family.

So, when she began the program by giving a "shout out" to her father on his birthday and to God, the audience laughed

and applauded.

King served as the keynote speaker during N.C. State's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration on Thursday in Stewart Theater.

Early on, King noted that although the program was intended to celebrate her father's legacy, she would use her time to help guide the audience by telling them about God's purpose for their lives.

Foremost, she wanted the audience to know that they weren't at the program by accident - it was God's plan for each person to be there.

After mentioning this, she said it was her responsibility to change the lives of

each person in attendance at her father's commemoration.

"When you leave here, you must leave here changed," King said. "You cannot leave the same way you came."

Cassandra Adams, a freshman in business management, said she left the commemoration as a changed person.

"As I reflect on the words of Rev. King, I have resolved within myself to take the challenge of discovering the purpose in my life and dying empty, having successfully finished what God put me on this earth to do," Adams said.

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Tuition increase decision nears

Editor's Note: This is the fourth and final installment in a series of articles on where the potential CITI monies will go next year.

Tyler Dukes
Staff Reporter

With this semester's tuition checks barely in the mail, it's hard for many students to look onward to a possible tuition increase next fall, even as it draws closer to becoming a possible reality.

The current proposal for the Campus Initiated Tuition Increase (CITI) calls for consecutive \$300 increases for the next three academic school years. In addition, a tuition increase of \$4,000 is being requested for both the Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Accounting programs.

The Tuition Task Force, co-chaired by Student Body President Tony Caravano and Provost James Oblinger, drafted the initial proposal for the increase in October with an eight to six vote. This recommendation, sent to Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, called for 46 percent of the revenue generated from the CITI to go toward Financial Aid.

This percentage was calculated in order to offset, or "hold harmless," students whose expenses are currently being funded by need-based scholarships and grants.

At most colleges and universities, the meaning of the phrase "hold harmless" is simply that if tuition is raised, all students who qualify for financial need are compensated for the exact amount of the increase. Julie Rice Mallette, director of Financial Aid, explains that this process is not used at N.C. State.

"The reason is because we [the Financial Aid Office] started with

Time line for Campus-Initiated Tuition Increase

October 27, 2003: Tuition Task Force votes 8 to 6 for a three-year \$300 tuition increase.

November 2, 2003: Chancellor holds Tuition Town hall meeting to address student concerns about campus initiated tuition increases.

Mid-November, 2003: Chancellor submits tuition proposal to the NC State Board of Trustees.

November 21, 2003: Board of Trustees approves the three-year \$300 tuition increases.

January 9, 2004: Board of Governors receives NCSU's proposal for increased tuition.

February 13, 2004: Board of Governors will make a decision regarding tuition increases.

so little money to begin with and we had such a great demand for it."

Instead, the Office of Financial Aid uses its flexibility to award larger "chunks" of money to larger need students.

Many students with lower amounts of need can apply for need-based loans through various banks and organizations. However, students with a large amount of need, for example \$10,000, do not have the ability to take out loans sufficient to cover their costs while attending the university.

"It's a consistent theme to offset costs for those with financial need," James Oblinger said.

Although the Chancellor did not recommend the percentages to the Board of Trustees, the board approved the proposal in late November with the provision that

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Libraries cancel Elsevier contract



NCSU Libraries Head of Collection Management Suzanne Weiner comments that the libraries have already experienced a tremendous freedom in their budget which allows them to subscribe to more relevant journals.

Some journals will no longer be available electronically.

Kenneth Ball
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty using electronic journals for research this semester may find limited accessibility. The NCSU libraries, along with the rest of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN), have decided not to renew their contract with Reed-Elsevier, which provided member universities with electronic access to journals published under the Elsevier Science imprint.

Since 2000, the TRLN purchased access

to a bundled journal package from Elsevier Science that included electronic versions of all the subscriptions held by all the network's member universities. The former contract, which provided all of TRLN's affiliates with approximately 1,300 electronic journals, expired Dec. 31.

The TRLN, which includes Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill and NCSU, opted not to renew their contract with Elsevier after months of contract negotiations. A memo from Peter Lange, James Oblinger and Robert Shelton - provosts of Duke, NCSU and UNC-CH respectively - said that Elsevier did not offer TRLN a pricing model responsive to the needs of the member universities.

According to the memo written to fac-

ulty members of all three schools, a new contract with Elsevier would have locked the TRLN libraries into an inflexible collection policy, because Elsevier insisted that the individual libraries commit to a policy of zero cancellations over the life of the license. The financial constraints of such a contract would have required the universities to cancel subscriptions to journals from other publishers and in alternate disciplines.

Ravi Shah, a senior in chemical engineering, recognized the need for the libraries' decision. But he says he is still worried that the cuts will make his studies more difficult.

"Last semester a majority of the articles I used came from Elsevier," Shah said.

According to Greg Raschke, assistant head of collection management, the libraries want to ensure that researching and teaching at the university are not negatively impacted in any way.

"We're still going to have access to over 400 titles electronically, and those titles account for about 86 percent of electronic downloads in the past year," Raschke said.

For titles previously available electronically through Elsevier, Raschke said faculty can initiate a request and have it delivered to their desktop, as well as grad students and students.

Despite the possible repercussions, Danny Leung, a master's student in electrical engineering approved of the change.

"I respect the decision made by the library administrators, simply this has been their job for many years and I'm sure they have carefully evaluated the pros and cons of this decision," Leung said.

AROUND THE BEND



Bryan Boyle and Mahesh Kommareddi walk and talk about their Ph.D. project concerning leaf recognition using neural networks. "That, and pondering what a nice day it is" said Boyle.

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WORLD

Shiites back cleric's call for elections in Iraq

Shouting "no to America!" thousands of Shiite Muslims took to the streets Thursday to protest a U.S.-backed formula for choosing Iraq's new legislature.

The protest came as an aide to Iraq's foremost Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, warned that he might issue a fatwa, or religious edict, rejecting a U.S.-backed government if his demands for direct elections are ignored.

The turnout in Basra, estimated by British soldiers at up to 30,000, was the biggest protest organized by Shiite clerics against the power transfer plan.

-Wire Reports

Al-Qaida camps found in Saudi Arabia, official says

Saudi authorities have discovered a number of camps outside Saudi cities used for training al-Qaida militants to carry out terror operations, an Interior Ministry official said Thursday.

Two militant figures killed in terror sweeps last year - Turki Nasser al-Dandani and Yusef Salih Fahd Alayeer - commanded the camps, the official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. More camp leaders are being sought, the official said.

Saudi authorities had previously acknowledged that there may be al-Qaida training facilities in the kingdom. In July, Interior Minister Prince Nayef said most of the Muslim militants arrested or killed in a government crackdown were trained in al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan, but said "a small number perhaps were trained on farms and the like inside the country."

-Wire Reports

Australia should join U.S. missile programs, prime minister says

Prime Minister John Howard met with the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Friday morning during a visit aimed at boosting military ties between the two allies.

During a brief appearance with Gen. Richard Myers, Howard told reporters he supported Australia joining U.S.-led ballistic missile defense programs.

"I can't understand why anybody would be against it," Howard said.

Some in nearby Indonesia have suggested Australia could start an arms race if it pursued such programs.

Myers said he expected to discuss developments in Iraq, Afghanistan and North Korea, as well as ways to improve cooperation between the American and Australian militaries.

-Wire Reports

NATION

Tests show Washington, D.C. still vulnerable to air attack

U.S. and Canadian military aircraft have scrambled nearly 1,700 times to intercept or divert suspicious aircraft since Sept. 11, 2001, but routine drills illustrate how terrorists could penetrate the airspace around the nation's capital.

Officials said the exercises conducted in early- and mid-December are the latest to show that the best prevention against another terror tragedy in the skies is thorough pre-emptive intelligence and screening, not a last-minute intercept or shootdown of a hijacked commercial airliner.

-Wire Reports

2003 tied for world's second hottest year since 1880

Last year tied for the world's second hottest year, according to new federal government data released Thursday.

In what meteorologists say is new evidence that global warming is real and worsening, the world's average temperature last year was 58.03 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. That's 1.03 degrees warmer than the 124-year world average.

-Wire Reports

STATE

Voters in poll oppose center

A survey released Wednesday says that most voters in Wake County oppose a new convention center and want the chance to vote on it.

The survey also says most voters do not think the convention center is a "good investment."

Someone who heard the results took issue with the wording of the questions. And Mayor Charles Meeker reiterated statements that a public vote isn't applicable.

"A referendum is only when [general obligation] bonds are to be issued," the mayor said. "That's not the case here." The city intends to sell certificates of participation, a form of borrowing that doesn't require voter approval, to finance the convention complex.

-N&O

Churches mix faith with fitness

The Wednesday morning Bible study at Bethlehem Baptist Church starts like any other, with a group of church members gathering around tables to sing hymns, "Yield Not to Temptation" and "What a Friend I Have in Jesus."

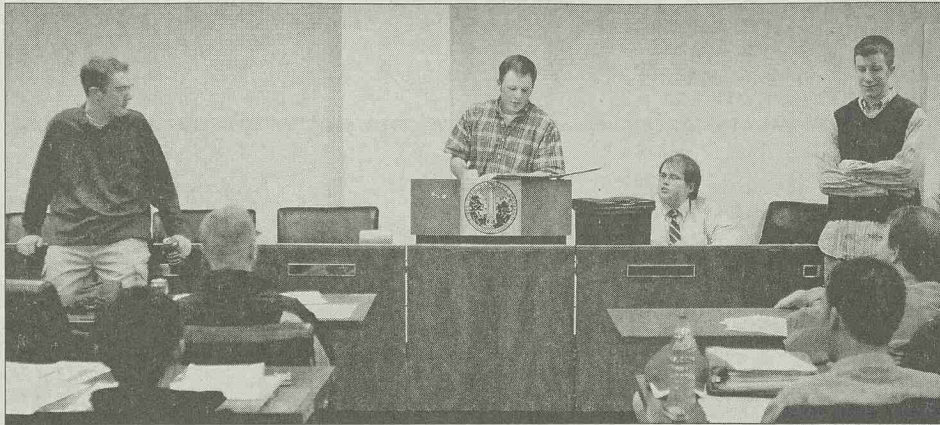
But 10 minutes later, they begin shedding coats and sweaters and walking briskly around the fellowship hall. After three laps, they settle down, breathe deeply and move on to neck stretches and balancing exercises.

This Bible study is for the body as much as the soul.

Concerned about the growing incidences of diabetes and obesity, many congregations such as Raleigh's Bethlehem Baptist are retrofitting their buildings to accommodate aerobics, weight training, even tai chi.

-N&O

Senate focuses on changes



Forrest Hinton and Patrick Cleary give short speeches as they are appointed to the rules committee during the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

At its meeting Wednesday night, the Student Senate attacked many proposed changes to quick start the semester.

Sam Stern

Staff Reporter

The Student Senate started its new calendar year on Wednesday night with comprehensive changes in its membership.

The Office of the Student Senate President had received a handful of senatorial resignations that were approved during the meeting.

Erich Fabricius, senate president, said, "If you look at the best year in the past, this may seem worse [number of resignations] but there's nothing unusual about it. It is better for the people to resign rather than just not showing up because it opens up new seats." He also added that he is expecting more attrition due to punishment for

poor attendance.

The resignations were followed by senatorial approval of two key positions within the Executive Branch, led by Student Body President Tony Caravano.

Crystal Young, a senior in political science and Spanish, is now Caravano's new Chief of Staff. "I'm excited about the new position and as chief of staff I'm eager to bring more accountability to the executive branch," she said.

Jennifer Crutchfield, a sophomore in biochemistry, was also made his special assistant.

Crutchfield was very excited about her new job. She said, "I look forward to being more closely involved in the executive branch and working to further improve the experiences of students at N.C. State University."

Caravano has long had his eye on Young, commenting, "Upon winning last year, it was always understood that Crystal would take his [Joe Overby] spot, as she was an integral part of the

campaign and worked closest with me last semester."

Business afterward focused on amending future student issues. Senators had a first reading of A Dead Week and Final Examination Act (R109), which expressed concern about a student's freedom from dealing with professors who inadvertently assign tests and quizzes during the penultimate week of school.

Senators were also successful in adopting GB 76, the Election Reform Act, and postponed indefinitely GB 78, an act to dissolve the senate's Rules Committee.

Fee Resolution Act SB 110, sponsored by Senator Will Quick, a freshman in biomedical engineering, proposed changing the voting process for fee proposals. The bill mentions that the chancellor used the senate's approval of this year's fee proposal in her recommendations to the Board of Trustees as a show of strong student support for fee increases. The bill then noted that the senate was

divided, passing the increases with a vote of 13-11-8.

Senators then switched gears and debated the Election Campaign Reform Act, GB 76. The bill centers on changing and improving the process by which candidates can spend their money. Senators were most concerned with section 20. The section prohibited student organizations from giving candidates supplies in their campaign effort.

"The bill in its original format discouraged organizations from endorsing a candidate because they wouldn't be helpful, effectively taking them out of the process," Quick said.

Senator Tracy Hutcherson said, "If you want a bill that micromanages student organizations, this is it. It's telling them, you can't manage your money unless we [the senate] approve." The section was struck by a vote of 13-11. Other minor amendments reworded the bill before its final adoption.

Whimsical donations to colleges grow with economy

Diane Suchetka

Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Quirky donations.

It's hard to find a college that hasn't gotten at least one.

At University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill there's the gift of 26,000 comic books.

Appalachian State University had bestowed upon it, years ago, a chair that former President Nixon once sat in.

And Winthrop University in Rock Hill? It would be a tossup between a 5-foot python and more than 200 tuxedos. When you hear what happened to the tuxedos, they win.

A drama professor sat down and wrote a musical comedy they could be used in. He called it "212 Tuxedos."

More donations have come into colleges and universities in December than any other time of year, most schools say, in time for end-of-year tax deductions or holiday gifts. And, now that the economy is showing signs of picking up, the gifts are getting bigger and arriving more often.

"Some of the largest gifts that I've been involved with have come between Christmas

and New Year's," says Jerry Hutchens, senior associate vice chancellor for development at Appalachian State University. "We tend to get surprised at this time of the year."

Among the surprises:

A restored Thunderbird convertible to the University of South Carolina, four cemetery plots in Virginia to Appalachian State in Boone and a sawmill and bull semen to Warren Wilson College near Asheville, N.C.

It happens all across the country.

An entertainer named "Bunny" asked to start a scholarship fund at the University of Las Vegas, Nevada, for showgirls.

And there are reports of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus giving a dead elephant to Oglethorpe University in Georgia in 1941 and future royalties from the song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" going to St. Lawrence University in New York.

Sometimes it's the story behind the gift that makes it interesting. A few years back, Don Locke, director of the Asheville Graduate Center at UNC Asheville, and his wife set up a scholarship at the school

with Locke's winnings from the TV game show "Wheel of Fortune."

Those are the fun stories in an otherwise serious business, in which many donations help needy students earn a degree.

Donations have dropped in the recent past at many schools because of a troubled economy.

In fiscal 2001-02, donations to higher education fell by 1.2 percent, according to the Council for Aid to Education. That doesn't sound like a lot, but it was the first drop since 1988. Some experts attribute that to a change in tax laws and consider 1975 the year of the last real dip.

The recent decline came at a time when schools were most needy, faced with state budget cuts, rising costs and students who expect campuses to provide them with the amenities they grew up with.

But in the past few months, with the stock market turning and other good economic news, colleges and universities are seeing more money.

"We're starting to see donors give some stock again," says Laura Simic, associate vice chancellor for development at

UNC Charlotte.

"We'll finish this calendar year better than where we were last calendar year," she says.

And at Davidson College, donors are setting up scholarships as holiday gifts for their parents or other relatives.

"I'm seeing more of that kind of thing," says Kristin Hills Bradberry, Davidson's vice president for college relations.

Study results released earlier this month by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University show that all non-profit fund-raisers are more optimistic about donations as the year ends. And educational fund-raisers, according to the study, are more optimistic than all others.

"We're definitely seeing an upturn recently, within the last couple of months," says Nan Perkins, vice president for institutional advancement at Elon University at Greensboro.

"For a while some of our loyal donors were saying, 'Come back later, I'm not comfortable making a long-term commitment right now.'"

"We're not hearing that as much. I detect a mood of optimism."

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According to King, her father was a man who lived for a purpose. He didn't live to meet the "status quo," she said, but rather lived to fulfill the purpose that God had set forth for him.

"We all have a dream and a vision," King said. "We are here on earth for a purpose - God has destined all of us to do great things."

She reminded the audience that it's important not to try to duplicate and copy other people, especially her father, because there will never be another Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Don't set yourself or your children up to be like [my father] because everyone has a unique purpose and assignment by God," King said.

King also pointed out the dangers of allowing "trivial pursuits," such as money and reality television shows, to get students off track.

According to King, these trivial pursuits robbed the rest of the world because people that got off track are not fulfilling the purpose that God has for them. King said that many people have lost a sense of vision and purpose for life.

She pointed out that most people have stopped living for a purpose because of something that happened to them, something that they went through.

"What if Rosa Parks decided to stand up on that bus one day and oblige the bus driver?" King asked the audience.

According to King, that's what made her father so special. He was "focused on what he was going to do instead of what he was going through."

"It's not about how long you live, but how well you live," King said. "It's what you do to contribute to the betterment of humanity. It's not the duration of your life, but the donation of your life."

King concluded by telling everyone to die "empty," meaning fulfilling God's purpose for their lives and dying with nothing left to offer to the world.

Students in attendance felt that King had made an impact with her speech.

"I thought she was very intriguing. She challenged me to make a change for the better in my life," Latoya Price, a freshman in biological science, said.

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"priority consideration" would be given to the areas outlined by the Tuition Task Force.

The current destination for the proposed CITI is the UNC Board of Governors, who received the proposals from 15 of the 16 UNC campuses on Jan. 9. The board will make their decision for or against the increase at their February meeting.

In the past, campus initiated tuition increases have significantly raised the revenue for need-based financial aid. The first academic year of the tuition increase in the 1996-97 school year raised tuition revenue by \$4.2 million dollars. This trend continued until the 2003-04 school year.

The student perspective is highly varied on the tuition increase and its impact on financial aid.

Matt Holt, a freshman in political science who works as a manager for the football team, has a financial aid package that fully covers his attendance at NCSU. Despite this fact, he disagrees with the current allocation of CITI funding.

"I think they should use the money to benefit all of the students, especially if all of the students are paying for it," Holt said.

Matt Barry, a junior in history, has funded his education by taking out loans.

"It will probably affect me after I graduate," Barry said. "I might be in debt for a while."

Student Body President Tony Caravano, however, is happy with the current percentage.

"I would definitely like to see that 46 percent remain the same if not increase," Caravano said. "That office could always use more money."

POLICE BLOTTER

Jan. 14, 2004

1:24 a.m.

Larceny

A student reported that his bike was taken from the bike rack at Nelson Hall.

7:03 a.m.

Dispute

A staff member called to report that an ROTC runner struck her car window while she was parking this morning. No damage was done, but she wanted to report the incident. The responding officer contacted the runner, who advised that the contact was accidental.

10:47 a.m.

Traffic Accident - \$1,000

Two non-students were involved in a traffic accident on Varsity Drive. One was issued a citation for no insurance. No report for injuries.

11:48 a.m.

Larceny

A number of vehicles belonging to construction workers were broken into at the construction site on Partners Way at Centennial Campus between about 6 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. this morning.

1:09 p.m.

Liaison Program

An officer presented a liaison program at Tucker Hall.

2:21 p.m.

Fire Alarm

A fire alarm was received from Grinnells Lab. RFD was notified. It was an accidental activation by a subject. Electronics forgot to call Campus Police.

3:41 p.m.

Traffic Accident

A student called to report a traffic accident at the Motor Pool area. He ran over a piece of concrete in the

parking lot. Minor damage was noted. NCSU Transportation was notified about removing the concrete.

6:36 p.m.

Traffic Accident - Hit and Run

A student reported that her vehicle had been damaged while parked on Cates Avenue.

9:05 p.m.

Check Person

An officer reported a suspicious vehicle parked near the tennis courts across from Doak Field. The vehicle belonged to a contractor

working late. Everything was OK.

10:32 p.m.

Traffic Checkpoint

Officers conducted a traffic checkpoint on Morrill Drive at Warren Carroll Drive. Five verbal warnings were issued.

10:57 p.m.

Noise Disturbance

Report of several subjects making loud noise near Bragaw Hall. Subjects left the area prior to officer's arrival.

Undecided voters create 4-way race

With just days left, undecided voters tuning into campaign in Iowa.

James Kuhnhehn and
Matt Stearns
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT DODGE, IOWA - Undecided voters, the last hard sell in politics, are tuning in here four days before the presidential caucuses and opinion polls suggest that they may be giving Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry a lift and scrambling the Democratic field.

Kerry, whose campaign has never gotten much traction in the polls, much to the surprise of many party professionals, is

back to basics.

Kerry is seeking support by stressing his seasoning as a gun-boat skipper in the Vietnam War and as a 19-year veteran of the U.S. Senate.

An overnight tracking poll Thursday commissioned by Reuters and MSNBC had him leading for the first time in Iowa, in a virtual tie with former Vermont Gov.

Howard Dean and Rep. Dick Gephardt of neighboring Missouri, with N.C. Sen. John Edwards closing in fast.

Polls, however, are notoriously uncertain in a caucus state such as Iowa, where participants must devote their entire evening Monday to selecting delegates for the candidates.

The outcome has more to do with the organizing skills of the various camps on caucus night than it does with the current sentiments of the electorate.

But the polls suggest Kerry and Edwards may be gaining, while Dean and Gephardt appear to be static or in a decline.

For the past year, candidates have worked to solidify their bases of support - men and women motivated more by a visceral feeling than by careful study of character and issues. Dean benefited early.

But undecided voters evaluate late. They probe. They question. They demand attention.

Voters who say they're giving Kerry a second look cite his experience and grasp of foreign

affairs.

Nonetheless, many voters here still harbor doubts about his energy and his ability to connect with the public.

Kerry may have lost Virginia Dress, a 53-year old patent agent at an event for undecided voters Wednesday night in Des Moines.

She bristled when Kerry interrupted an answer to her question to greet Christie Vilsack, Iowa's first lady and a Kerry backer.

"What it says to me is that her being here is more important than me being here," she said.

"He's got her vote. He didn't have mine, yet. I'm not sure that he does."

Iowans are known for being hard to poll and late to decide,

giving campaign strategists fits.

All a candidate can do at this point is beg and hope the message gets through.

After a campaign stop at the Elks Lodge in Mason City, Gephardt dashed across the street into the caboose-like, nine-seat Suzie-Q diner.

In traditional Iowa fashion, Brad Lindeman sipped his coffee, unmoved.

"I like him," Lindeman said. "I'm just undecided. I like to listen to them all right up to the end."

Gephardt's core is the elderly and, especially, those in unions - he's been endorsed by 21 international unions.

Hundreds of union members are making member-to-mem-

ber contact via phone banks and door-to-door visits around the state.

Dean has labor on his side as well, namely the sizable and well-organized Service Employees International Union and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

He also has caught the imaginations of young people - a more unpredictable bloc in caucuses.

Kerry has the backing of veterans and firefighters and has made successful pitches to farmers and older voters. His field organization is attracting large crowds to his events.

But it's the undecideds that will put someone over the top.

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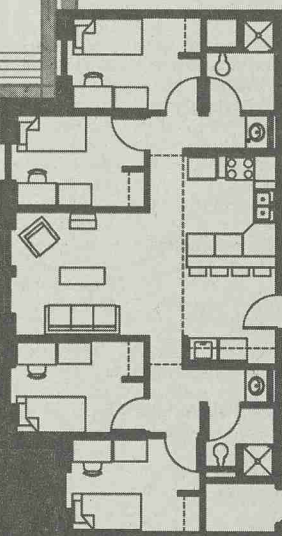
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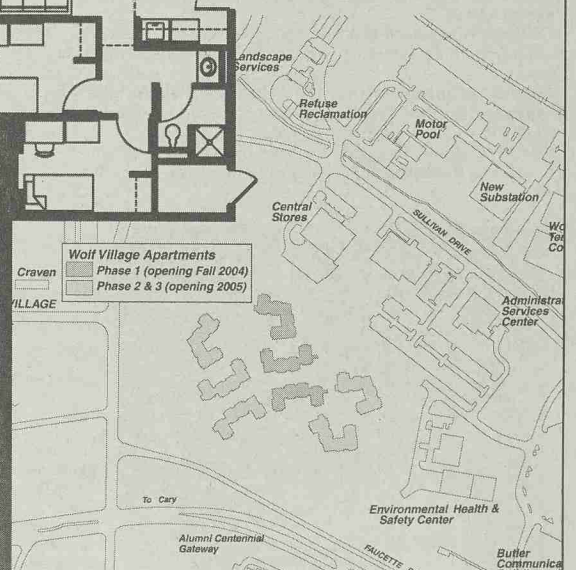
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TICKET MOVIES

"The Last Samurai"
★★★★Director: Edward Zwick
Starring: Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe

I went into the film without much historical knowledge of the Samurai, or much interest in Japanese history. However, upon leaving, I had a newfound respect for Japan, despite the fact that my respect was invoked by an entirely contrived narrative.

The film, as the early voice-over announces, is about honor. Unfortunately, "honor" is one of those overused, tired words that is often haphazardly thrown into cinematic trailers via a menacingly deep voice. Honor is everything to a dying faction of warriors who fight against gunpowder with swords.

Tom Cruise plays Nathan Algren, a disillusioned and bitter Civil War captain, who is soon hired by the Japanese government to suppress a rebellion led by a Samurai named Katsumoto (Ken Watanabe). Early on, a poorly prepared assault leads to the slaughter of Algren's native Japanese conscripts, resulting in Algren's confinement in the isolated village of the opposing side, as a prisoner of war.



After Captain Algren discovers that "samurai" translates into "servant," he begins to find redeeming qualities in his captors and the situation soon becomes mutually beneficial.

The film's powerful acting is testament to Zwick's experience with big-name actors (having worked with Denzel Washington and Brad Pitt in the past). Both Algren's and Katsumoto's on-screen emotions feel genuine, aided by tightly framed shots of facial expressions.

Diehard action fans may,

however, frown upon the pacing choices made by the director. The majority of the film rolls along at a soothingly slow pace, allowing time for soaking in the richness of mountainous 19th century Japan. This same controlled speed provides credibility for the growth and understanding of the relationship between Katsumoto and Algren. The calm before the storm, though, soon gives way to bloodshed in such quantities that rival any contemporary war epic.

A film about old Japanese

heritage centered on an American hero at first sounds like traditional American egotism (and perhaps it is). Yet, the white male protagonist is most likely not to perpetuate feelings of cultural superiority, as much as it is an opportunity for Hollywood's traditional audience identification (American viewers).

While it may not be the most truthful or cheerful story told, it is difficult to avoid emotional investment in "The Last Samurai," making it worthy of your two and a half hours. - Andrew Nicholas

"Mona Lisa Smile"
★★★★Director: Mike Newell
Starring: Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst

Julia Roberts is one of those stars that brings a lot with her to a film: both good and bad connotations. It's generally safe to bet that (more often than not) she will play a loveable protagonist that fights for a good cause while simultaneously falling head over heels in love with a scruffy gentleman.

I may as well stop dancing around the two-word label of her genre of choice: the chick flick. Yes, it is a sexist label; however, in the literal sense, "Mona Lisa Smile" is an emotional film about women and femininity of yesteryear.

The setting is the prestigious, all-female Wellesley College during the 1953-54 school year. Wellesley prides itself with maintaining traditional values and social traditions, as do the other private New England schools.

Katherine Watson (Roberts) steps off a train from California and into an uninviting art history teaching position. The progressive-thinking Katherine



soon finds herself confronting and challenging both the conservative syllabus and then the overall societal expectations for women.

She attacks the jokingly named "MRS degree." This modern day slang phrase is the career plan that involves attending college simply to land a successful husband, become a housewife and never putting her higher education to use. And yes, we all see it, even today.

In the '50s, especially in this

narrative's environment, divorce is unheard of. The woman's place is the kitchen, having dinner on the table at exactly five o'clock. Director Mike Newell includes many television and magazine advertisements to reinforce the dominance of these stereotypical roles.

Betty (Kirsten Dunst) represents the oppositional student voice to Katherine's disregard of tradition. For example, Katherine goes against unspoken rules by continuing to expect at-

tendance from Betty despite her mid-semester marriage.

The performances feel genuine, but not quite enough to write home about. The structure is also equally standard: cinematography and editing remain invisible, in the name of Hollywood continuity.

In the end, "Mona Lisa Smile" is an evenly paced, engaging tale of women slowly crawling over the tall barriers of traditional gender roles. - Andrew Nicholas

Calendar of Events

Friday:

"Roger and Me" will be shown at the Campus Cinema at 7 p.m.

The Campus Cinema will be presenting "Malcolm X" at 9 p.m.

"Along Came Polly" is opening at local cinemas along with "Line of Control," "Torque," "Teacher's Pet," "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!," "Monster," "The Cooler" and "To Be and to Have."

"If These Hips Could Talk" will be performed at the BTI Center.

General Johnson & the Chairmen of the Board will be performing at Lincoln Theatre.

Kristin Cifelli will be opening for Dana Robinson at Six

String Cafe.

Network Records presents the "Capricorn Birthday Bash" at Cat's Cradle with Dibiassi, Sonja, Ras Mello and Hotta Fiyah.

Legion of the Fallen will be performing at Go! Room 4 with Crusader, Antagonizers and Dead Money.

DJ Mark Grant will be at the Comet Lounge.

The Pour House Music Hall is hosting Cast Iron Filter.

Saturday:

"Malcolm X" will be screened at the Campus Cinema at 9 p.m.

"If These Hips Could Talk" will be performed at the BTI Center.

Downfall will be performing with Rebel Son at Lincoln

Theatre.

Vaughan Penn and Sam Shaber will be at Six String Cafe.

Cat's Cradle is presenting Acoustic Syndicate.

Belafae, Schooner and Kahoots will be performing with The Rosebuds at Go! Room 4.

Phil Vassar will be performing at The Longbranch.

NCSU alumna Jaclyn Turner will be performing at The Pour House Music Hall with Something So Far

Sunday:

Cat's Cradle presents an eight band benefit for the Carnivore Preservation Trust starting at 4 p.m.

RULE OF THUMB



Britney Weds

During the holidays, singer Britney Spears married longtime friend Jason Alexander in a union that lasted only slightly over two days. Dennis Rodman and Carmen Electra agreed, "We knew they wouldn't last...man...these kids today."

The not-so-final frontier

President Bush announced that he wants to reinvest in the space program in hopes of new lunar landings and a manned mission to Mars. When asked why, Bush passed the question on to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld who said, "I don't know when, I don't know how. I don't even know why, but something horrible is going to happen...with Martians."



Cell phones won't kill you

Scientists announced that long-term mobile phone use does not cause cancer. Sadly, on their way to the press conference where their findings were to be announced, the entire research team was killed when they were hit several times by drivers who were talking on the phone.

Cigarettes still will

A new report showed that about one in four Americans currently smokes, but more than half of them tried to quit in the last year. Moments after this announcement, Nicorette stock skyrocketed.



Gay rest home announced

Construction will soon begin in the Santa Fe area on a retirement and assisted living community for gay and lesbian seniors. A spokesperson for the developers said, "Yeah, it's only a matter of time until you breeders take this and run it into some reality TV show called 'Queer Eye With Cataracts Guy' or some nonsense."



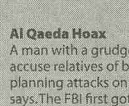
Thieves say cheese

Two Chinese thieves captured more than they had bargained for when they took pictures of each other with stolen digital cameras, the China Daily newspaper said on Wednesday. They might have still gotten away with it, if they hadn't accidentally slipped the photographs into a slide show of their vacation they were showing to their friends at the police precinct.



Saddam caught

Also over the break, Saddam Hussein was captured and interrogated. Before interrogation, Hussein said, "Man...I've totally changed my mind about America...I think you guys are great...So...um...what's that car battery attached to that metal bed frame with attached restraints for?"



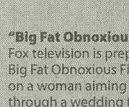
Al Qaeda Hoax

A man with a grudge called authorities to falsely accuse relatives of being Al Qaeda members and planning attacks on Chicago landmarks, the FBI says. The FBI first got the idea that the accusations were a hoax because the man reported his relatives' names as Hasint bin Layd and Hiwana Tucha Yboobys.



90-year-old man stops intruder

A 90-year-old New Zealand man grabbed a carving knife from his kitchen and chased away a masked intruder who had threatened his wife with a butter knife. The intruder was promptly arrested and charged with trying to "butter up" the elderly man's wife. Zing!



"Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance" sure to be both

Fox television is preparing to air the show, "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance," a show that focuses on a woman aiming to win \$1 million for getting through a wedding to a big jerk without any of her family or friends objecting and stopping the ceremony. Critics are saying they liked the show more when they saw it the first time, when it was called, "Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman's wedding video."

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Over the summer, Coke red replaced Pepsi blue. A snazzier design and ATM features at Wachovia replaced the old AllCampus card. The Royal Bank of Canada, who bought out the American bank Centura, purchased the naming rights to the Entertainment and Sports Arena. Ads line the arena, many from companies that are official sponsors of N.C. State, whether it is Alltel, the official wireless service provider of the Wolfpack, or House of Autrey food products. Professors partner up with corporations to receive research grants. Don't forget Centennial Campus, which is the partnering of academia and corporate America. Everywhere you look, universities are partnering, begging

and just plain selling themselves out to provide services to their students and faculty. N.C. State is no different.

The most recent examples are the deals with Coke and Wachovia. Every few years, the soda vending machine contract expires and Coca-Cola and Pepsi bid on who will be the official soda provider of N.C. State. This time around, Coke won out. Then came the installation of new vending machines. At the end of last semester the AllCampus cards were changed and Wachovia, the official bank of N.C. State, now offers banking services with the new cards.

It is sad that in order to offer students basic services, like snack vending and a debit card system, universities have to contract out to corporations. Then the university is obligated to allow advertising in the sports stadiums. There is something shady about selling out to corporate America just for soda pop. And that is not all universities contract out for. Textbook companies are always

looking to make deals with faculties to get textbooks specific to the curriculum published and then sell them to students at outrageous prices. Computer and technology companies are making deals with universities to have their technology in the many computer labs on campus. Just look at Penn State and Napster.

All this is happening while student tuition is rising and faculty salaries are falling. There really isn't any connection to corporate sponsors and faculty salaries. Professors are state employees; their salaries paid by the state. But the priorities are somewhat mixed when we can get a contract with Coke, but can't give our faculty raises.

With over 30,000 students on campus, who each pay tuition and have to buy books, there is plenty of money to be made in higher education. Coke, Alltel, and Wachovia are making it. And the state budgets keep shrinking.

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King's dream in my words

Johnathan Brunson reflects on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s impact on American culture, and what we haven't quite learned from him yet.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is approaching soon and he will again be remembered solely as the man who wrote the "I Have a Dream" speech. He was more than just a man with a dream, but I wonder if people really understand that. How far have we in America gotten with King's dream? Not far at all. As the people of America, we have taken two steps

backwards rather than made one step forward for equality in this country.

Lynne Cheney, Vice President Dick Cheney's wife and in the Reagan-Bush years, the chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, commented, "We have created one nation from many."

Just as King had his dream, I take heed to his dream with a dream of my own. I have a dream that one day I can be with my friends standing around in a parking lot without police negatively profiling us as troublemakers because of our race, and then proceed to tell us "You all cannot be standing around and must leave the premises." I have a dream that one day I can walk in a clothing department store and a white manager not rush up to me as soon as I enter the store saying, "Can I help you?" when he is only assuming I am going to steal something. I have a dream that one day when a predominantly white college accepts black students, it would not be quickly said that it was only to fulfill some sort of quota. I have a dream that one day African-Americans can go in for a job interview and their job experience, not their hairstyle, will be the primary qualification for them getting the job. I also have a dream that one day America will really treat us all equal and that blacks, Native Americans and history of other ethnicities will be celebrated yearly and not just one day or month.

Bob Geary commented in his online article "The specter of color: Reading America's history in black and white" from Independent Online, "The fact that slavery and the mistreatment of blacks and other minorities throughout history is one major reason why we should have Black History Month in our schools." We get black history in one month, which is February (the shortest month of the year). During this month we hear the exciting and common stories of King's "I have a dream" speech, Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus, Harriett Tubman's Underground Railroad where she led slaves to freedom and Jackie Robinson hitting homeruns as a

black man playing baseball with whites on the field for the first time. But we do not get any answers to why our nation of America, "the land of the free," remains free of equality. I would like to find out from America who killed King and Malcolm X.

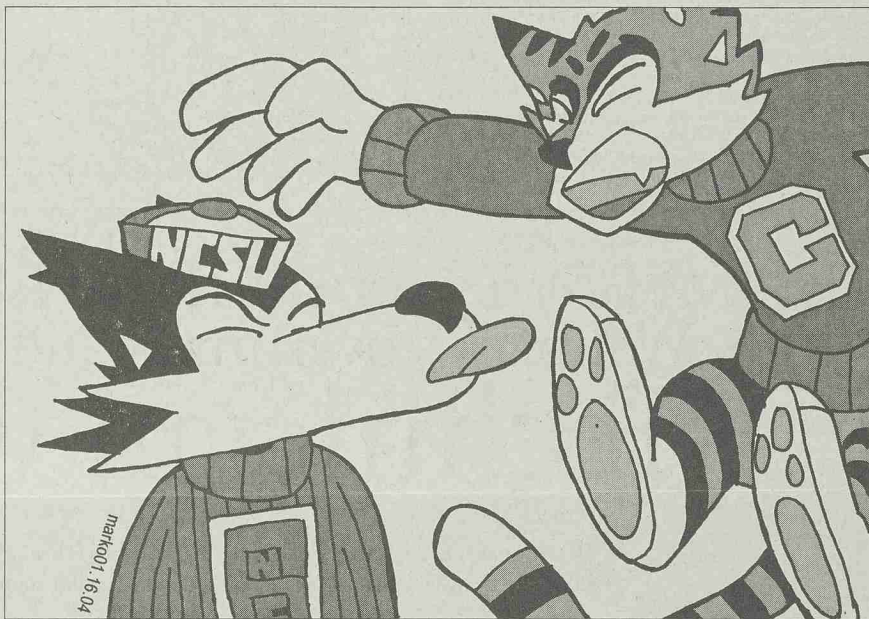
In January and February 2003's journal *The Other Side*, an article titled "Journeying Toward the Promised Land" it stated, "In December 1999, a 12-person, mixed race circuit court found that Martin Luther King Jr. was 'murdered by an intricate plot that included government agencies.'" It is so ironic to me that my government, which says that its constitution is about equal justice for all, instills fear in me that as a black man if I question and fight for real justice and equality, there is a huge chance that I will end up dead, like King, for standing up for equal human rights. I would also like to

know why the greatest concentration of wealth continues to remain in the hands of a few. According to the book, "The American Directory of Certified: Uncle Toms" (Chicago: Lushena, 2002), "Blacks constitute only 13 percent of the total population, but 30 percent of America's poor, while only 11 percent of whites live in poverty."

I am tired of being overwhelmed with European culture in school. I am tired of hearing stories of Thomas Jefferson being one of the greatest thinkers who wrote that "All men are created equal," when, as Professor Kessler told our PS 362 class, "From the day Thomas Jefferson was born and died, he was a slave owner." He wrote about equality, but never lived it. I am tired of being taught in school that Abraham Lincoln was "Good 'ole Abe who freed the slaves," when according to historian Howard Zinn in "A People's History of the United States," "Abraham Lincoln before the Civil War, felt Congress could not act to ban slavery in the South because of the 10th Amendment."

As readers of this column, no matter what race or ethnicity, I would like you to be a follower of King's dream. King dreamed of equality and colorless society with love among all races, but in order for us all to achieve that, we must take the initiative to learn all that we can about our history. No matter what our school transcript says our major is, we all must major in history. As Dr. Floyd Hayes often quotes to students, "We all must think critically." Just because history professors have Ph.D.s and teach what they view as history does not mean that we should not take the initiative to find out what history really could be. Ignoring the facts doesn't mean they cease to exist.

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Another year, another page

2004 is shaping up to be an exciting year and Ben McNeely looks forward to the big news stories of the year.

I hate "what's in, what's out" columns at the beginning of a new year. They irk me because they attempt to predict the most useless and inane



Ben McNeely
Minister of Opinion

most people over the period of 12 months.

First, let's review: 2003 turned out to be a generally down year. On Feb. 1, the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated on re-entry, killing all seven astronauts on board, one of which was the first Israeli in space.

The recession ended slowly, but there are still a lot of people out of work. Many have given up at finding jobs and are forced into menial part-time and temporary positions in order to survive. Investors and consumers are weary of corporate scandals that have wiped out many bank accounts. But, by far the biggest news story of 2003, and the continuing saga of the decade, was the war in Iraq and the all the hoopla surrounding that. It began with the State of the Union speech back in January 2003, when President Bush stood up and said that Iraq attempted to obtain uranium from Africa for its secret nuclear programs. In April, the war began, with its shift "shock and awe" campaign that led to the fall of Baghdad. On May 1, major operations were considered over, but troops remained in Iraq to help rebuild the country, amid continuous terrorist attacks and mounting casualties. Saddam Hussein was

captured in a hole in the ground.

On the home front, the Board of Trustees, at the recommendation of Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, passed a \$300 campus initiated tuition increase, with another system-wide tuition increase coming from the UNC Board of Governors. Philip Rivers graduated and his number was retired, but was not even considered for the Heisman Trophy. Wolfpack football defeated Kansas in the Tangerine Bowl.

Got it all? Good. Here we go for 2004:

1 - The biggest ongoing news story: the presidential election. Already the Democratic nomination campaign has seen its first casualty, as former ambassador Carol Mosley Braun dropped out of the race yesterday and threw her support behind Howard Dean. John Edwards found a new breath of wind in his campaign sails in Iowa and right now, it is anybody's race. **My prediction for Democratic candidate:** Howard Dean. He may be a politician, but he is not a Washington politician, and there is a big difference. Remember, Joe Lieberman, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt and John Kerry voted for the war in Iraq. **My prediction for presidential winner:** George W. Bush.

With the Democratic Party coming apart at the seams and the Republicans stealing traditional liberal issues, like Medicare, from the Democrats, Bush has a solid foundation to stand on.

2 - The biggest social story: legalization of gay marriages. The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that homosexuals have the right to be married and ordered the legislature to fix the statutes to reflect that. This comes on the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned sodomy laws, a big victory for the gay movement. In a flurry of polls taken after these court rulings, a majority of Ameri-

cans disagreed with gay marriages. On Wednesday, President Bush announced he is starting a billion-dollar initiative to keep the legal institution of marriage between a man and a woman. **Prediction:** A full legal marriage right will not be given to gays, but many states will enact civil union legislation. Meanwhile, the battle will continue in the courts.

3 - The biggest science story: Mars. NASA has successfully landed a robot on Mars and it is roving around. It also confirmed what we already knew about the red planet: it has a lot of rocks.

Seriously, the Spirit rover has brought new notoriety to NASA, still reeling from the Columbia tragedy. Also, the president's bold new mission for NASA to build a permanent moon base and a manned trip to Mars has started the gears rolling again at Cape Canaveral. Meanwhile, the International Space Station continues to orbit Earth half-built. **Prediction:** As much I would like to go to Mars for my next vacation, this program will be tragically cut when the bill is sent to the taxpayers.

4 - The biggest campus story: tuition increases. We all have felt the pinch of the latest budget cuts, i.e. cancelled class sections, capacity filled classrooms, poorly paid faculty members. And as usual, the students are being stuck with the higher tuition bill. There are only two institutions that spend money like high rollers, yet are always broke: religion and education. **Prediction:** College will only get more expensive. (Big surprise there!)

Those are my predictions so far. Of course, there are stories that will pop out of nowhere and surprise us, like the possible capture of Osama bin Laden. But who's holding their breath on that one?

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down Hodge, caused the majority of State's problems, especially during the first half.

"With our offense, we opened things up and it was easy [to penetrate]," Hodge said. "They did a good job defensively."

After Melvin's free throw, it took another minute for the red and white to convert an actual field goal, with Engin Atsur putting a merciful end to the pain with a lay-up at the 4:29 mark.

It wasn't just the Pack missing shots, either. More than the misses, State couldn't position its offense against a havoc-wreaking Duke defense. The sight of a player in red displaying shaky ball-handling, nervous passes and flustered facial expressions was a common one on this night, as the Blue Devils turned Wolfpack miscues into a flurry of points.

"Just one of Duke's runs," said Sherrill, who stayed mired in his 3-point slump with an 0-for-2 long range performance. "That's typical Duke, that's what they do. We couldn't do anything to stop it."

During State's cold spell, Duke went on a methodical 11-0 run. The Blue Devils didn't look as overwhelming during its run as State looked overwhelmed on offense. Sherrill admitted that the Pack altered its approach during in attempt to counter the Devils' pressure. It didn't work.

We really changed a lot of things up tonight, tried to go against what Duke was doing

defensively," Sherrill said. "A lot of the guys weren't used to running what we were running. It was the same, but it was a little bit different."

What the Pack tried to run was an attack built on penetration and passing. The strategy backfired, though, leading to 20 Wolfpack turnovers. In its last two games, State had a combined 14 turnovers.

"We've been making great progress in that area," said State coach Herb Sendek said. "But obviously the pressure that we faced tonight was at another level and we did not respond the way we would have needed in order to fare better."

Instead of patience, State tried to force its offense. Time after frustrating time, Hodge attempted ill-fated drives against double or triple-teams that often resulted in turnovers or poor shots.

"He was trying to make things happen," Sendek said of Hodge. "It didn't go in our favor tonight, but that's the nature of the way Julius plays — he does make things happen for us."

By the time Duke had more than doubled the score at 31-15 with 6:30 to play, Hodge nor anyone else could make anything happen for the Pack. Few teams come back from such deficits on the road, especially at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"At a place like Cameron, it's real hard," Sherrill said of rallying. "When you're playing Duke at Cameron, you've got to be at your best. You've got to take care of the ball and do the little things."

Little things like scoring.

Wolfpack Weekend

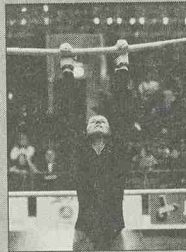
Swimming and diving

The swimming and diving squads have a busy weekend of action ahead. The squad will travel to Charlottesville, Va. on Saturday for a 1 p.m. showdown with the nationally ranked Virginia Cavaliers, then head to James Madison University, where the men's squad will squad off with the Dukes; the women will challenge the Richmond Spiders. On Sunday, the Pack will be in Harrisonburg, Va., the home of James Madison, and former home to N.C. State head coach Brooks Teal. Teal was the coach of the Dukes from 1993-2000. The Pack will conclude its three-day road trip on Monday in Durham against the Blue Devils in a meet scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Taishoff Aquatic Center.



Gymnastics

Fresh off a season-opening win, the gymnastics team hits the road for the first time this year to Pittsburgh for a three-team meet with Pittsburgh and James Madison. It will be the first of five straight meets on the road for the Wolfpack (2-0), who won't return home until Feb. 13. 2003 All-EAGL performer Leah Sabo picked up right where she left off, winning last week's all-around competition against William & Mary and Brown. Tonight's meet begins at 7 p.m.



Men's tennis

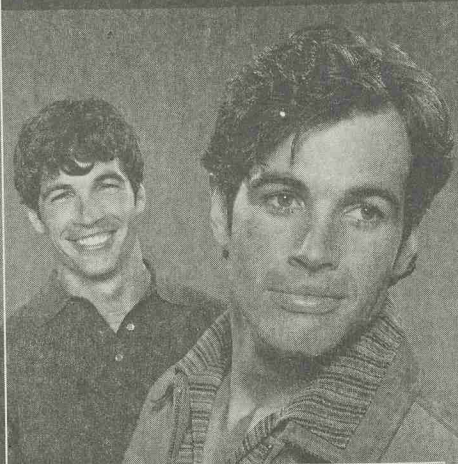
Men's tennis coach Jon Choboy will take eight players to the 2004 ACC Indoor Championship Friday-Sunday in Winston-Salem. Val Banada, Conor Taylor, Andre Iriarte, Will Shaw, Jon Davis, Dennis Myers, Ryan Johnson and William Noblitt will compete for the Wolfpack. The event kicks off the spring season, with N.C. State's first dual match of the year slated for Jan. 31 at 9:30 a.m. against High Point at the new J.W. Ikenhour Tennis Complex.



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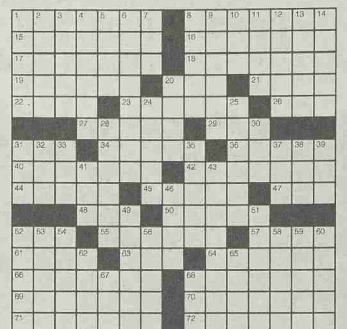
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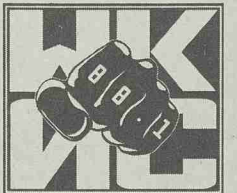
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The Cavaliers almost pulled away from the Pack with five minutes remaining in the contest until freshman guard Marquetta Dickens took over for State.

On a possession after Prilla-man netted a jump shot to give Virginia a three-point lead, Dickens took a charge on the defensive end which led to a pair of State points on free-throw shots from senior center Kaayla Chones.

On Virginia's next possession, Dickens took another charge from Cavs guard LaTonya Blue, which led to another free-throw scoring opportunity for the Pack. This time, Chones only converted one-of-two from the line, but she tied the score at 56-56. After two layups off the glass by Dickens and Chones, senior forward Alvine Mendeng corralled an errant State shot and scored an easy putback to give the Pack a two-point lead with two minutes remaining in the game.

It marked the first stretch of minutes in which Mendeng played alongside Chones.

Yow instrumented a platoon system early in the game, starting freshman Keisha Brown, Ashley Key and Dickens, as well as seniors Terah James and Chones. After the first official timeout, Yow substituted five fresh players at once and continued the pattern for most of the game.

According to Yow, her team displayed extra enthusiasm before the game about the new system, but that enthusiasm failed to carry over into the second half.

"We've been in a rut," Yow said. "We've been trying to get out of this rut, so to try something else to jolt us and give us a new energy. I decided to try platooning. But I don't know where in the game it just started to slip for them."

"If something starts to go wrong, it's like disaster for them. If a wheel falls off the wagon, put it on and keep going. But for them it becomes so major."

Virginia coach Debbie Ryan did not expect Yow to platoon her players, but she said it did not affect her team's strategy.

"We just match up," Ryan said. "We knew that State has a lot of players, we were prepared for about 12 of them tonight so it didn't matter who they played."

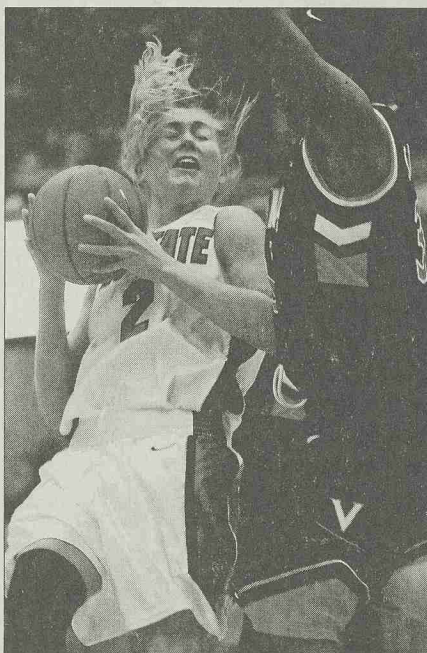
State made five 3-pointers in the game, but had to fire up 22 shots from behind the arc to do so. The Cavaliers only made one 3-pointer, but on fewer attempts (five) and they also out shot the Pack from the free-throw line, where they were 15-of-22. State connected on 7-of-12 from the line. Virginia also outrebounded State, 39-28.

Yow called State's absence from the free-throw line a result of her team's poor decision-making throughout the game.

"The game is much more mental than anybody can ever imagine," Yow said. "I'd even say maybe 80 percent of the game is mental, so you really have to be thinking on both ends of the court and in everything you do. ... Shooting the ball up from the three point line like that when that's not your strength is not the right decision."

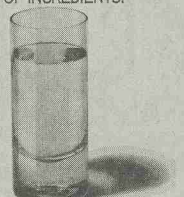
Yow did not, however, blame the lapse of judgement personally on her players.

"I take the blame for it," Yow said. "I'm the person that's got to figure out a way to help them understand the game better and prepare them to make better decisions. That's my job."



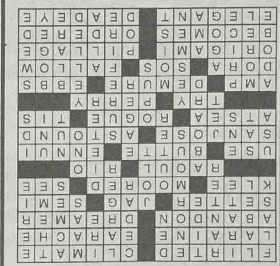
A Virginia defender deflects N.C. State guard Rachel Stockdale's view away from the basket.

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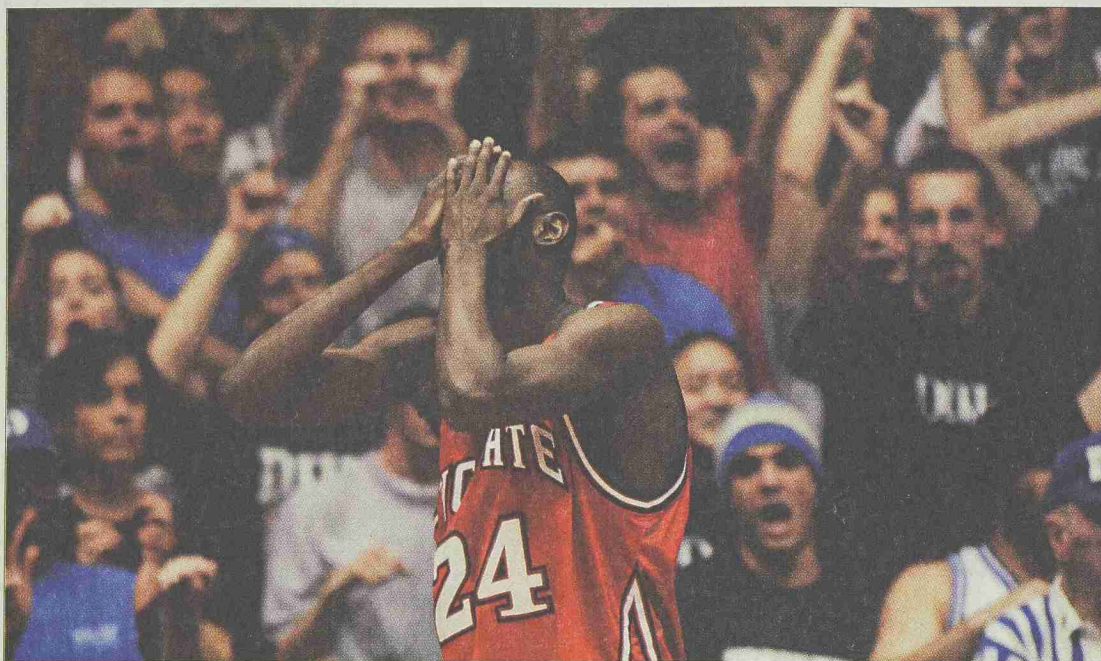
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Devils rattle Pack

DUKE'S TORRENTIAL DEFENSE AND BOISTEROUS CROWD WILTS BOTH JULIUS HODGE AND THE WOLFPACK FOR A 76-57 WIN.



Julius Hodge puts his head in hands after being called for a first-half offensive foul. After the game Hodge said "We knew coming into the game it wasn't going to be as fair as we wanted." The junior finished with seven points and seven turnovers.

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

DURHAM - Julius Hodge had been mocked, ridiculed and molded into the object of the Cameron Crazies' spite all evening. But with 4:31 left in a blowout Duke victory, even more ill will awaited the ACC's leading scorer.

Hodge had just fouled out of the game, and almost as soon as his disqualification was announced, over 9,000 blue-clad fans rose to their feet, extended their arm straight out to remind Hodge of his awaited fate—a spot on the N.C. State bench. Ever the defiant one, Hodge sat down for just a split second, then rose to his feet in jest, encouraging his teammates who were now down by 27 points.

But the Cameron Indoor Stadium crowd would get the last laugh, as Hodge finished the night with as many turnovers as points (seven) and seemed to force his play on many occasions en route to a 76-57 Duke (13-1, 3-0 ACC) win Thursday night in a match-up of ACC unbeatens.

Hodge contended after the game that the pro-Duke crowd had no bearing on his poor play.

"There's no way I can let a guy some kid with a 4.5 GPA, acne and bad breath decide the way I'm going

to play on the court," Hodge said.

Duke, on the other hand, fed of its fabled crowd's emotions, shooting over 50 percent for the game and nailing 58-of-14 shots from behind the 3-point arc. The Devil's defense also forced 20 turnovers and held the Pack (9-3, 2-1) to 25 percent shooting from the bonus sphere.

"We all just watched a sensation performance by Duke; they were really hitting on all cylinders both ends of the floor," State coach Herb Sendek said. "Their defensive pressure was typically outstanding."

It may have been a little too outstanding, said Hodge.

"We knew coming into the game it wasn't going to be as fair as we wanted," he said. "We knew we were going to have to play outnumbered physically."

So outnumbered that only one State player managed to score in double figures—freshman Engin Atsur, who, despite facing defensive pressure he had never seen before, had 14 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

"It was definitely unusual, something we're not used to seeing," Atsur said of the Blue Devils' defense.

State had been making progress in the turnover department recently, netting just seven a game in the previous two outings, but the Pack had

surpassed that number by halftime Thursday night.

"The number that jumps out is the 20 turnovers," Sendek said. "We've been making progress, but what we faced tonight was another level [of defense]."

J.J. Redick led four Duke players in double figures with 20 points, including four 3-pointers.

Duke's 17-point halftime lead quickly swelled to 20 with a pair of Redick jumpers, and it would continue to hover above the 20-point mark until the final seconds of the game. As Duke fired away from all over the court, Hodge would notch just a single point in the final 20 minutes of the contest.

"He wasn't himself," said Duke senior Chris Duhon, who finished with nine points and nine assists. "He wasn't jumping around, talking [being] excited like he usually is."

State actually weathered the initial Cameron shock, opening the game with several dunks and a 3-pointer from Ilian Evtimov to trail by just three points at the first media timeout. Hodge was issued a technical for hanging on the rim on State's first basket.

Then the turnover plague struck.

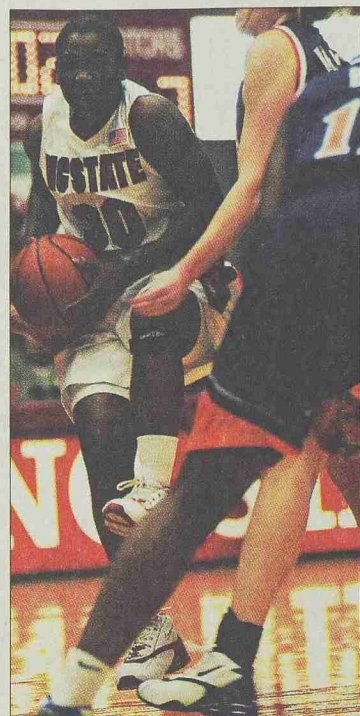
State turned it over on back-to-back possessions before a Levi Watkins



Levi Watkins throws down a dunk as Daniel Ewings fouls him.

dunk and a Scooter Sherrill backdoor layup with 12:10 left cut Duke's lead to five.

Sherrill's layup would be the last State field goal until Atsur made a tough leaner in traffic with under five minutes left. By then the Blue Devil lead was hovering around 15 points, and State would trail 42-25 at intermission, turning the ball over 10 times and connecting on just one of 10 attempted 3-pointers.



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Virginia's defense stifles N.C. State guard Kendra Bell from driving to the basket in the Wolfpack's 65-62 loss to the Cavaliers.

Cavs outlast slumping Pack

Virginia hands N.C. State its fifth-straight conference loss on a late 3-pointer by guard Anna Prillaman.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

In a game with 11 lead changes, 11 ties and in which the largest lead either team owned was only eight points, Virginia guard Anna Prillaman finally separated the Cavaliers from N.C. State with just over one minute remaining in Thursday's game.

With the score tied, Prillaman's 3-pointer from the wing with 1:25 to play was the final bucket of the night, lifting Virginia (8-7, 2-2 ACC) to a 65-62 victory over State (8-10, 0-5).

The loss is the fifth straight for the Wolfpack, which has yet to win a conference game this season. The Pack's last victory was an 82-42 thumping of Appalachian State on Dec. 31.

State started the game strong, pulling out to a 17-9 lead when junior Kendra Bell sliced through the lane for a layup. But Virginia battled back thanks to 11 first-half points from junior center Kate Kreager and State's lead at the half was only a one-point advantage.

"In the first half we were doing some good things on both ends of the court," State head coach Kay Yow said. "But in the second half we just weren't in our system. We can play in streaks, but [sustained] hard play and smart play on both ends of the court is eluding us right now. We have our streaks and we look really good, but then we have other streaks that you wonder what we're doing."

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TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Duke's Chris Duhon drops in two of his nine points over Levi Watkins (21).

Drought does in Pack

A first-half scoring drought of almost seven minutes turns a close game into a blowout as the Wolfpack loses its composure.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

DURHAM—Bad passes, turnovers, missed shots. A hostile home crowd relenting none. Shot after shot, clank after clank.

The drought.

For N.C. State, it happened again Thursday night at Cameron Indoor Stadium, the rim shrinking, the ball enlarging, the shots falling awry.

With 12:10 to play in the first half, a Scooter Sherrill backdoor-

layup cut Duke's lead to 20-15. It was a sign of hope for the Wolfpack as the senior Sherrill, who didn't start for the first time all season, cut quick to the hoop, made the score and pumped his fist in the air.

State wouldn't get closer.

One minute after Sherrill's bucket, the Pack still searched to cut into the Blue Devils' lead, which now stood at seven. Two minutes after, Herb Sendek's team still hadn't made converted a field goal. Three minutes... four minutes... five minutes... six minutes.

Finally, with 5:36 to play in the first half, Marcus Melvin hit tow foul shots. Of course, Duke had already stretched its lead to double-digits by then and Cameron Indoor rocked with delight at the Devils' 31-17 lead.

During the Wolfpack's drought, one of many it has suffered on the road this season, the Pack's possession chart read like an emergency room disaster list: miss, turnover, turnover, miss, miss, turnover, miss, miss, miss, miss, turnover.

"It's hard to explain the drought in the first half," said State's Julius Hodge, who fouled out with seven points in his worst performance of the season. "We were going hard to basket like they were, playing tough man-to-man defense like they were and we were played hard like they did."

Hodge, who seem flustered by the officiating, couldn't blame all his team's miscues on calls. Duke's pressure man-to-man, led by the job Chris Duhon did in shutting

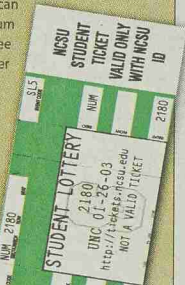
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