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Winter Thaw

DESPITE WARNINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR, MANY PEOPLE TOOK TO THE ROAD, RESULTING IN FATALITIES ACROSS THE STATE.

Diane Cordova
Assistant News Editor

Icy conditions may have canceled classes for two days and awarded a few extra days for catching up on sleep or sledding down hills but across the state, Sunday's snowstorm and Monday's freezing rain have been deadly.

Across the state, icy conditions on highways have produced seven statewide traffic fatalities, the North Carolina Highway Patrol (NCHP) reports.

No fatalities have been reported in the Triangle area, Patty McQuillan, a public information officer in the NCHP's Public Affairs Office, said in a phone interview.

According to McQuillan, the National Guard is helping out five counties with stranded motorists along Interstate 95, including Halifax, Johnston, Nash, North Hampton and Wilson County.

Thus far, the state highway patrol has responded to 1,503 calls for service statewide since 12 midnight Monday night, and has responded to 280 calls for service in the Triangle, said McQuillan.

McQuillan said calls from the Triangle have dealt mainly with "property damage collisions" in cars running off the road into fences or other vehicles, for example.

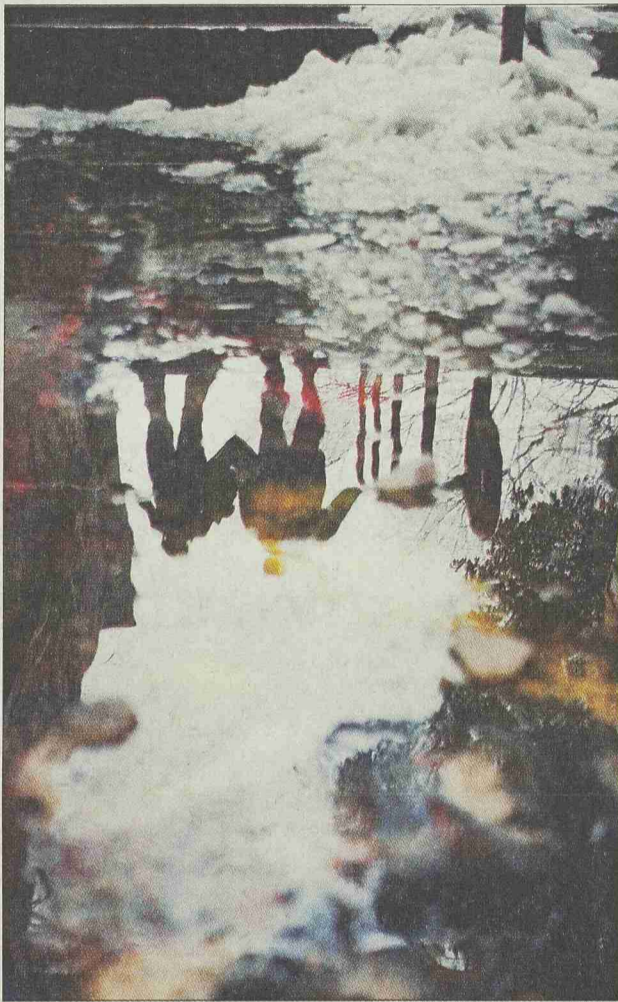
Despite warnings from Gov. Mike Easley to stay off the roads, "cabin fever" took hold of some N.C. State students and they hit the road.

Matt McCarn, a senior in electrical engineering, said he and his suite mates were "tired of being shut in our rooms." The group drove to Triangle Town Center, a mall in north Raleigh.

"I think the roads are fine except for the smaller roads and parking lots. I wouldn't go out late at night, because everything is really wet and it might freeze," he said.

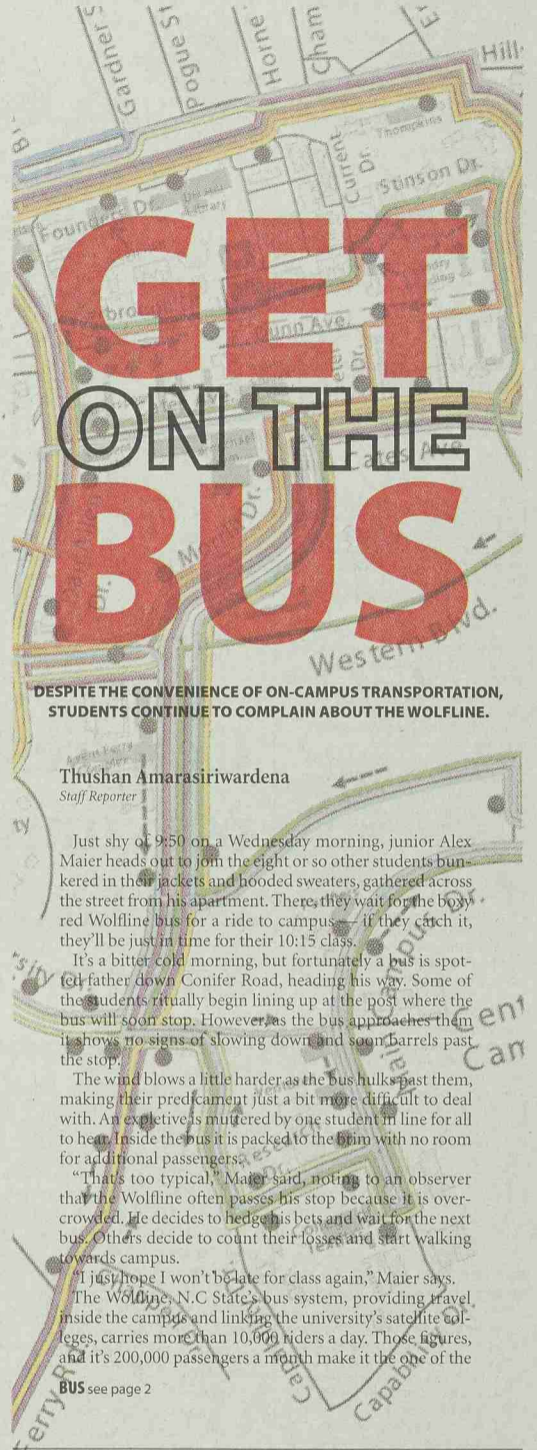
"There were a lot of cars stranded on the side of the road and there was one truck sitting in a ditch at an odd angle near the Capital Boulevard exit," McCarn said.

After two consecutive days of no school, things are starting to get back to normal



TEMPERATURES ROSE ABOVE FREEZING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO DAYS. STUDENTS ON CAMPUS ENCOUNTERED LINGERING ICE DESPITE THE SLIGHTLY WARMER WEATHER.

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DESPITE THE CONVENIENCE OF ON-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION, STUDENTS CONTINUE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE WOLFLINE.

Thushan Amarasiriwardena
Staff Reporter

Just shy of 9:50 on a Wednesday morning, junior Alex Maier heads out to join the eight or so other students bunkered in their jackets and hooded sweaters, gathered across the street from his apartment. There, they wait for the busy red Wolfline bus for a ride to campus — if they catch it, they'll be just in time for their 10:15 class.

It's a bitter, cold morning, but fortunately a bus is spotted father down Conifer Road, heading his way. Some of the students ritually begin lining up at the post where the bus will soon stop. However, as the bus approaches them, it shows no signs of slowing down and soon barrels past the stop.

The wind blows a little harder as the bus hulks past them, making their predicament just a bit more difficult to deal with. An expletive is muttered by one student in line for all to hear. Inside the bus it is packed to the brim with no room for additional passengers.

"That's too typical," Maier said, noting to an observer that the Wolfline often passes his stop because it is overcrowded. He decides to hedge his bets and wait for the next bus. Others decide to count their losses and start walking towards campus.

"I just hope I won't be late for class again," Maier says. The Wolfline, N.C. State's bus system, providing travel inside the campus and linking the university's satellite colleges, carries more than 10,000 riders a day. Those figures, and its 200,000 passengers a month make it the one of the

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Kerry takes New Hampshire

The Massachusetts senator topped his come-from-behind victory in Iowa with another in New Hampshire.

Wayne Slater
The Dallas Morning News

MANCHESTER, N.H. — With nearly 60 percent of precincts reporting, news outlets projected Sen. John Kerry victor in the New Hampshire Democratic primary Tuesday night.

As the votes were counted, Kerry held strong with 39 percent, followed by former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean at 25 percent.

N.C. State alum John Edwards and retired Gen. Wesley Clark trailed in a fight for third placed, followed by Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and the Rev. Al Sharpton rounded out the rest of the Democratic hopefuls.

Kerry's win signified a turnaround in polls taken prior to the primary in New Hampshire which showed Kerry behind Dean by 17 percent.

Even before New Hampshire's votes were counted, Democratic presidential candidates were turning their eyes toward the next round of primaries, next Tuesday, where suddenly no state looms larger than Missouri, with the biggest catch of delegates at stake.

Favorite son Rep. Dick Gephardt's withdrawal from the campaign last week means Missouri is wide open, and candidates are

scrambling to make an impression there. A new Kansas City Star poll of Missouri shows Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts off to a big early lead with support from 25 percent of likely voters and no other candidate in double digits, but it reflects only Kerry's win in Iowa; the poll was taken before New Hampshire. (It has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.)

South Carolina's Democratic presidential primary next Tuesday will be the first in 2004 with significant voting by blacks, the party's most loyal constituency.

In the first two contests, in Iowa and New Hampshire, blacks constituted about 2 percent of the population. In South Carolina, they'll be the dominant force; some estimates say blacks will make up a majority of the state's primary voters. Clark and Edwards, both Southerners, must do well in South Carolina's primary to be seen as credible.

The Rev. Al Sharpton — who was in South Carolina, not New Hampshire, on Tuesday — could influence the race as the only black candidate.

With Democrats still picking a nominee, George W. Bush's re-election team was at work punching holes in the opposition and touting reasons the Republican president deserves a second term.

At a downtown taqueria, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani served notice that the GOP ground forces had arrived to counter the Democratic assault on the president.

"We're here to set the record straight,"

Giuliani said Saturday. "The last two or three months, the emphasis has been 'attack the president.' We Republicans feel the president's case deserves to be laid out."

Giuliani was followed in recent days by New York Gov. George Pataki and Sen. John McCain, whose insurgent campaign undercut Bush four years ago in the snows of New Hampshire.

President Bush has scheduled a New Hampshire visit on Thursday, two days after its primary.

"There is going to be an election in November, and it is going to be close," said Giuliani, declining to identify which Democrat the president would most — or least — like to face this fall.

"They're all pretty much saying the same thing. They're against the way he's waging war on terrorism," he said. "Each one of the Democrats wants to raise taxes; the only disagreement is how much."

The Bush re-election effort, under the coordinated command of White House political chief Karl Rove and campaign manager Ken Mehlman, has been preparing for months.

Teams of GOP researchers have sifted through the challengers' backgrounds to find lines of attack. And Bush backers have been dispatched to early primary states with instructions to praise his tax cuts and handling of the war on terrorism and to dismiss the Democrat field as too liberal.

Other KRT wire reports contributed to this report.

Carolina game will be broadcast in Reynolds

The Big Event will offer a free viewing of tonight's match-up between N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill.

News Staff Report

Tickets to tonight's match-up between N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill at the Dean Dome may be scarce but students looking for a good seat to the action can make the trek for free — and most won't even need a car.

Tonight, at 6 p.m., doors will open at Reynolds Coliseum for the Big Event, an annual big screen viewing party hosted by the Advocating Choices Through Increased Options Now Committee. The event is free and open to the public.

Besides the game, which tips off at 7 p.m., attendees will be

entered in drawings for a variety of door prizes. The grand door prize, courtesy of Wolfpack Sports Marketing, will be two round-trip tickets to any destination in the continental U.S.

A host of local celebrities, the pep band, mascots, cheerleaders and the dance team will also be on hand to recreate the game-like atmosphere.

Lin Dawson, a former NCSU athlete and pro-football player, will speak to the crowd about his life experiences.

Students can also register to compete for a mountain bike package in a "hot shots" contest.

The Big Event has been held for 7 years, attracting more than 1,000 people at each showing on the 16-by-20-foot screen.

The event is offered free of charge, thanks to corporate and university sponsorships.

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WORLD

ANNAN: U.N. WILL STUDY IRAQ ELECTIONS IF COALITION GUARANTEES SAFETY

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday that he would send a delegation to study elections in Iraq if the U.S.-led coalition could guarantee its safety.

But underscoring the difficulty of providing a safety guarantee - for the mission or for eventual elections - six American soldiers were killed in bomb blasts in Khaldiya, about 50 miles west of Baghdad, and in Iskandariyah, south of the capital, on Tuesday.

The U.N. team would assess whether open elections are possible this spring. Many Iraqis have threatened to revolt unless elections are held for a transitional government that's scheduled to take power June 30. American officials in Iraq say the lack of a census, election laws and security would make it impossible to have safe and open elections.

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NATION

IRANIAN PRESIDENT REFUSES TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Iran's president has refused to accept the mass resignation of top government officials, state-run media reported Tuesday. Reformists spoke of a compromise to resolve the country's worst political crisis in years.

The crisis began Jan. 11 when the Guardian Council, a powerful, unelected body that supervises elections and approves legislation, disqualified more than a third of the 8,200 candidates registered for the Feb. 20 vote. That included more than 80 sitting lawmakers.

Last week, the government announced that most of Iran's six vice presidents and 24 ministers had tendered their resignations to protest the disqualifications. They were not identified, and the resignations needed President Mohammad Khatami's approval.

Khatami, refusing to accept the resignations, called on the ministers and vice presidents to "proceed with their services to the people," according to the Islamic Republic News Agency.

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CANDIDATES KEEP FOCUS AHEAD

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SUPREME COURT TO CONSIDER ENDING EXECUTION OF JUVENILES

The Supreme Court said Monday it will consider whether executing young killers violates constitutional protections against cruel and unusual punishment, continuing the justices' substantial review of death penalty practices in this country.

The high court already has eliminated executions of the mentally retarded, insisted that juries - not judges - impose death sentences, chastised lower courts for ignoring death penalty appeals and significantly raised standards for capital defense counsel.

Now the justices will take up the case of Missouri death row inmate Christopher Simmons, who was convicted and sentenced to death at age 17. Simmons tossed Shirley Crook off a railroad trestle into a river after a botched robbery in 1994.

The Missouri Supreme Court overturned Simmons' sentence, relying heavily on the high court's 2002 ruling in *Atkins v. Virginia*, which outlawed executions of the mentally retarded. The "evolving standards of decency" the high court justices cited in that case should be extended to make executing young killers unconstitutional, the Missouri court wrote.

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STATE

COOPER UNVEILS RECOMMENDATIONS TO FIGHT METH

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - As methamphetamine manufacturing burgeons in North Carolina, state Attorney General Roy Cooper said Tuesday that the state needs to take steps to stay ahead of the problem.

While the state dug out from a winter storm, Cooper said he wanted to talk about "a different kind of ice" - a reference to the street name for methamphetamine's highly pure, crystalline form.

"Here in North Carolina, we have a huge problem," Cooper said.

-Wire Reports

TWO WHOOPING COUGH CASES REPORTED

Brunswick County health officials have confirmed two cases of whooping cough, their first since 1997.

An 11-year-old girl from Bolivia was diagnosed Tuesday, said Fred Michael, a spokesman for the Brunswick County Health Department.

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most used public transportation systems in the state, according to Claire Kane, the university transportation planner.

Running 20 buses at its peak, and two nightly, the vehicles cover more than 1200 miles a day combined. Over those miles, as it picks up the hordes of students, it has picked up its fair share of complaints.

Frequent riders tick off lists that included inefficient routes, over-crowded seats and bus routes that change often, without little notice. And, they say, it's always late.

Kane and Pat Mitchell, the university's transit manager, together oversee the system, acknowledge that they hear these complaints regularly and that they work to accommodate these issues.

During the daytime hours, Kane says, buses run on 30-minute loops, with most routes having two buses running concurrently to increase bus frequency to every 15 minutes. Near the library, where the majority of buses converge and share a portion of the same path, as many as 26 buses an hour travel by, giving riders an opportunity to catch a bus nearly every 5 minutes.

Even with the high frequency of buses, the vehicles can be late, Kane acknowledges. One increasingly growing issue has become a speed bump for both the buses and transportation around cam-

pus, says Kane - traffic. "I would ride a bus around campus," John Heitman, a professor of wood and pulp sciences, said at a transportation department feedback forum last month. "However it takes 30 minutes each way - making it an hour long round trip. That affects my ability to my job."

Bounded on its northern and southern sides by two major thoroughfares, Western Boulevard and Hillsborough Street, campus traffic is constricted by even the smallest of tie-ups on either road.

Dan Allen Drive, the university-owned street that connects Western and Hillsborough streets together, is, as student driver Tommy Lynch says, marred with "hellacious traffic."

"It has seven crosswalks and three stop lights - it doesn't make things easy," he says.

Dan Allen, along with providing a link between the two streets that define campus, the road gives access to seven parking lots and three of campus' major interior streets, burdening Dan Allen with a large amount of traffic on a short swath of pavement.

And on that short swath of pavement, eight of the 10 peak-time routes must travel on some portion of the street.

Invariably Dan Allen's bumper-to-bumper traffic slows those buses down leading them to get off schedule Kane said.

Similar issues once existed on Hillsborough Street, where the vehicles would once again be controlled by the whims of city traffic. Six stoplights manage

traffic over the mile long section of the street parallel to campus, and at one point the buses were under its calling.

In 2001, the transportation department redesigned Founders Drive to be exclusive to bus traffic, "taking the buses off Hillsborough St. and onto our own streets," Kane said.

Where buses were once constrained to minute long stops to load and unload passengers on Hillsborough Street, the reworked Founders Drive/D.H. Hill Library bus staging area has also become a "time-point."

Time-points, Kane says, allows buses to realign themselves and get back on schedule.

Buses are not allowed to leave a time point until the schedule permits, a luxury only afforded by keeping the buses off Hillsborough.

Defending himself and other bus drivers, Lynch says that drivers are "contentious about staying on time [and sticking to time points] - its just traffic and the volume of people that have to get on and off the bus."

Like the gating of Founders Drive, Assistant Director of Transportation, Slade McCalip, said that there have been proposals to gate a portion of Dan Allen Dr. to exclusive use of buses to dissuade the use of the street for through traffic.

Claire Kane says that there is another constraint that leads to less than efficient bus flow: the buses in ability to make left turns with ease.

Part of the driving force behind Founders Drive was for

a means for the buses to have counter-clockwise routes.

"We're constrained on this campus by the narrowness of the roads, which makes it difficult for the vehicles to make left turns [because the buses are large]. We need to stick to the larger vehicles because, well, there's a lot of you guys," Kane says with a grin.

Currently, users have to ride a great portion of a loop if they wish to head in the opposite direction.

With the ability of left-hand turns, the Wolfline will be able to reroute buses in directions previously not served and thus easing both scheduling and capacity issues Kane said.

Tommy Lynch, a senior in criminology, said that since beginning driving a shift two years ago, he has noticed a spike in the number of times he's had to drive by waiting students in the past year.

Noting that this often happens on the routes that veer off campus, Lynch believes that it can be attributed to more and more students living off campus.

"I think the greater number of students living off campus is a contributing factor [to the overcrowding of buses]. There are more kids trying to get on the same number of buses on these routes," Lynch said.

Lynch also said that the riders may be at fault as well.

"I've heard other drivers say that students should be out a little earlier - when you've got tons of kids out for the bus at 11:10 a.m. for their 11:20, what do

you expect?" he queries. Pat Mitchell, the university transit manager, acknowledges that buses passing students due to being filled has become an issue, yet she said that student's fears of being late to class should be allayed by the fact there should be another bus right behind it that will be able to pick the remaining riders up.

"If drivers have to pass by a stop, they will call the dispatcher to inform the next bus that there are riders waiting," Mitchell said. Buses are then either rerouted or take shortcuts to dynamically reallocate the available buses she said.

As a driver, Lynch says that Wolfline buses also get stuck behind each other quite regularly.

"At the busiest time of the day, the first bus will be picking all the passengers and will have to stop and unload at each stop. If it catches the wrong stoplight, it can be slowed even further.

However, the next bus which doesn't have to pick or unload anyone begins to get closer, compounding [the problem] at each stop," Lynch says.

Mitchell said that the time points dotting the route help keep buses spread apart by forcing them to stick to schedule.

"It's just as bad for a bus to be early as late," Kane adds.

This article is part of a two-part series focusing on the Wolfline system. Read tomorrow's Technician to find out more about current and future changes.

Congress keeps maximum Pell Grant amount equal

Emma Fitzsimmons
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, TEXAS - Students will be able to receive the same maximum Pell Grant amounts as last fiscal year as part of a spending plan Congress approved Thursday.

The plan also eliminates a proposed change in the formula that determines a student's financial need. More than 80,000 students would have lost their Pell Grant eligibility if the change had occurred, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported Friday.

Some lobbyists are frustrated that there was no increase in the \$4,050 maximum Pell Grant allotment in a year when many colleges have raised tuition or lost state funding. Pell Grants are given to students with financial need and do not have to be repaid.

"With the Pell Grant maximum grant frozen for three years and most other student aid programs frozen this year, college is becoming less and less affordable for more students each year," said Becky

Timmons, director of government relations for the American Council on Education.

"We are always appreciative of extra grant assistance that can be provided, but the failure to increase the grants, while disappointing, is not unexpected," Urlick said. "I would have been pleased if they had doubled the amount, but unfortunately, they could not find the funds for some modest increase."

Annie Clark, public relations sophomore, receives a Pell Grant each semester that serves as a substantial part of her financial aid package.

Even though she has three scholarships and the grant, she still has to take out loans, she said.

"I'm grateful for what I receive, because if I didn't, I'd have to take out extra loans or work much harder for scholarships," Clark said. "The grants are really helpful to people in my situation."

The spending bill also included increased funds for the National Institutes of Health and the AmeriCorps program.

Part of Patriot Act ruled unconstitutional

Ryan Meehan
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

TAMPA, FLA. - A federal judge ruled Friday that a provision within the Patriot Act is unconstitutional, information made available Monday revealed.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins said the wording of part of the act - which has given the government unfettered power in fighting terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001 - is too vague.

Constitutional rights attorney David Cole - who is the former attorney of former University of South Florida professor Mazen Al Najjar - argued the case on behalf of The Humanitarian Law Project.

"I'm obviously delighted, and I think it underscores what many people have said about the Patriot Act," Cole said in an interview late Monday. "Congress in its haste to act after 9/11 failed to consider constitutional rights issues presented by the statutes."

The part of the act in question made it illegal for anyone to offer advice or support to groups the government has in the past designated as "terrorist" organizations.

The plaintiffs in this case, five organizations and two U.S. citizens, were seeking to provide aid and advice to peaceful Kurdish

refugees in Turkey, Cole said.

The groups said the government threatened them with 15 years of jail time if they were to lend support to the Kurdistan Workers' Party and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

In a 1997 report, then Secretary of State Madeline Albright issued a report that listed both groups as "foreign terrorist groups."

In Sri Lanka, the Tamil Tiger rebels have been engaged in a two-decade civil war that has killed more than 65,000 people. Turkey's military has been battling Kurdish rebels seeking autonomy since 1984, a fight that has left some 37,000 people dead.

Under the Patriot Act, the U.S. prohibition on providing "material support" or "resources" to terrorist groups was expanded to include "expert advice or assistance."

But Cole said the groups he represented were looking to provide "assistance in human rights advocacy and peace-making."

"It's unconstitutional to criminalize speech that encourages human rights," he said.

Added Judge Collins: "The U.S.A. Patriot Act places no limitation on the type of expert advice and assistance which is prohibited and instead bans the

provision of all expert advice and assistance regardless of its nature."

Cole, a professor at Georgetown University, also consulted Sami Al-Arian on the former USF professor's application for citizenship in the United States. Al-Arian was arrested Feb. 20 on a 50-count federal indictment that alleged he was involved with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Prior to Al-Arian's arrest, Cole spoke at USF and criticized the administration for moving to fire Al-Arian after his appearance on The O'Reilly Factor in 2001.

Information from The Associated Press was used in this report.

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on campus. Provost James Oblinger, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Vice Chancellor of Finance and Business George Worsley announced that classes will resume at 11 a.m. today. They based their decision on the most recent forecast from the National Weather Service and the Triangle's driving conditions.

Before 11 a.m., the university will operate under the Adverse Weather Policy.

"Things will be back to normal by 11 [a.m.]," Tim Lucas, director of News Services, said.

Lucas said he wanted to emphasize the importance of university staff in maintaining services for students during storms.

"Residence Life, [University] Dining, Campus Police and all other staff work hard to make sure services are continued when adverse weather strikes and I think that makes a huge difference," Lucas said. "Hopefully a storm like this won't happen again."

POLICE BLOTTER

1:25.04
11:30 a.m. | Special Event
The NCSU Women's Basketball team played Maryland at Reynold's Coliseum. The crowd was estimated at about 175; there were no problems noted.

12:05 a.m. | Medical Assist
A non-student fainted in the lobby area of Talley Student Center. The subject received transport.

1:08 a.m. | Traffic Stop - Speeding
A student was issued a citation on Fraternity Court for speeding 37 in a 20 MPH zone.

1:41 a.m. | Police Information
The RA at Alexander Hall was concerned for a student who was having problems with the ex-boyfriend of a female he met. An officer escorted the student to his vehicle. Investigation to continue.

2:16 a.m. | Disturbance
Stop on Morrill Drive. Officers responded but were unable to locate any affray, but noticed several angry subjects. All subjects were advised to leave the area.

2:47 a.m. | Affray
Report of several subjects engaged

in an affray on Dan Allen Drive near the deck. Officers responded and spoke with several subjects. Each of the subjects stated that the other had attacked them. Officers advised them of their options in filing complaints with the judicial system. None of the subjects wished to seek any warrants at this time.

11:42 p.m. | Fire Alarm
Lee Hall- 9th floor smoke detector. Unknown cause of activation. Police and RFD responded.

12:15 p.m. | Suspicious Incident
A student reported an incident involving the ex-boyfriend of the girl he is seeing. The ex-boyfriend showed up at his girlfriend's room and would not leave. The subject left before responding officer arrived. Housing personnel in the hall were notified of the incident.

11:00 p.m. | Suspicious Incident
An anonymous caller reported three subjects throwing snowballs at the doors on the west side of the "A" Building at the Aventura Ferry Complex. Subjects left before officers arrived.

1:31 p.m. | Traffic Accident
An Officer witnessed a minor traffic accident on Dan Allen Drive at

Hillsborough Street. Neither party wished to file a report. Damage was less than \$500. Cause was driving too fast for existing conditions of snow/winter storm. Information exchange only. No injuries.

1:54 p.m. | Traffic Accident
A non-student reported an accident at the entrance to the Aventura Ferry Complex involving a white Nissan and a blue Buick. Property damage only; no injuries reported.

4:42 p.m. | Damage to Property
A student called to report her vehicle was damaged while it was parked in the Dan Allen Parking Deck. A hole was made in the hood of her car.

4:46 p.m. | Medical Assist
A student called to report he had broken his collar bone while playing football in the snow at Derr Track Field. He was transported to Rex Hospital by EMS.

4:50 p.m. | Suspicious Vehicle
A staff member reported a vehicle spinning around in the Aventura Ferry Parking Lot. Responding officer was unable to locate; vehicle had left the area prior to officer's arrival.

5:42 p.m. | Suspicious Vehicle
A staff member reported a subject riding a motorcycle on a hill near Aventura Ferry Complex. Subject had left the area prior to officer's arrival.

6:19 p.m. | Suspicious Vehicle
A student reported several subjects driving 4-wheelers and performing spins in a lot. Subjects had left the area prior to officer's arrival.

7:38 p.m. | Suspicious Vehicle
A student reported an ATV pulling a sled in the Aventura Ferry Complex Lot. Subject had left the area prior to officer's arrival.

9:21 p.m. | Welfare Check
A student was concerned for the welfare of his girlfriend. He had not heard from her after meeting her ex-boyfriend. Officer checked with the RA and RD. The student advised a telecommunicator that his girlfriend had made contact and that everything was okay.

9:52 p.m. | Suspicious Incident
A student reported that an unknown subject had left a disturbing message on her answering machine. She just wanted Campus Police to be aware of the situation.

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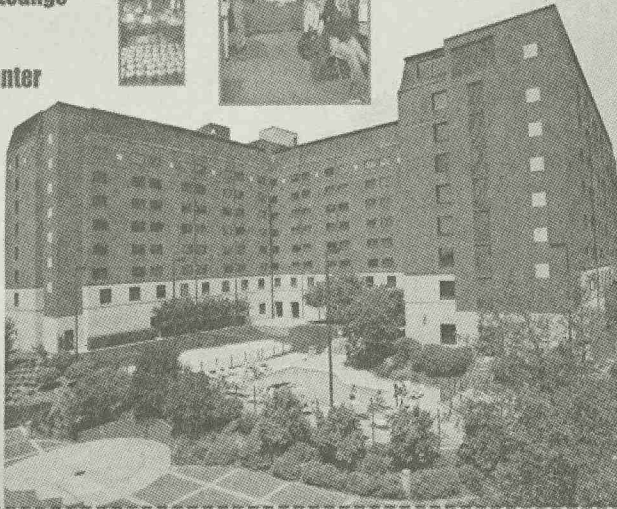
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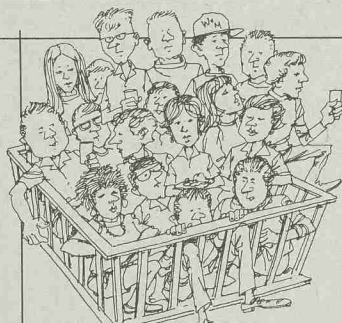
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What's it all about?

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What is college all about anyway? When I found myself wondering this question, I asked many friends hoping to find a legitimate answer. However, I was quite disappointed with the notorious response that I received. Many agreed that this was supposed to be the time of our lives. Sadly, though, the majority felt that it was the last time to have as much carefree, irresponsible fun as possible. These people believe this is the time that we are "allowed" to drink excessive amounts of alcohol and experiment with drugs and various sexual partners.

So many people unaware that college is the time that we can attain and retain knowledge, while discovering who we are and what we want out of life. Life is a long process and college is just one of the milestones. This is the time that we can take advantage of all the many opportunities to experience all of the wondrous things available. It is not a time to do anything in any sort of excessive amount.

College students should not rely on anything or anyone that creates a false confidence. Whether this means classes, physical appearances, attitudes or "partying like it is 1999" every day of the week. If we rely on superficial beliefs or objects then we can never expect to be ourselves. What we choose to do with this precious time will be in the back of our minds forever. Some will live to regret and others will live to remember.

I know that I will have some regrets but I know that I cannot live the rest of my life regretting. No one Earth should choose to waste his or her life, time or youth. I have decided to take control my actions and become involved in as many excellent opportunities as possible.

I used to be on the other side of the tracks and I was out of control. If I did anything, I went all out. I chose to be excessive. For me this meant experimenting, binge eating, drinking, dating (please note... I did not say hooking up), arguing and, shockingly, even schoolwork. I have an addictive personality and might be a little bit of a control freak. However, at the beginning of last semester I realized that I was losing sight of who I was, I was trying too hard all the wrong ways and I was miserable. My grand point average dropped and my friends were dropping to acquaintances like flies, all because of my bad decisions. Some days I just felt like a lost piece of a marvelously grand puzzle.

I chose to understand my flaws and do something about them. I only had to change one thing... everything. However, this change scared me, just as any change of this caliber would, so I kept putting it off. I now try to build my reputation with my honesty, integrity and self-worth. I now value my time, body, mind, and life to the absolute fullest. Everyday that appreciation grows. The point of this column is not to point any sort of finger; nor am I trying to say that everyone is like me. I am only promoting taking time to do a self-evaluation. If you walk away learning anything from this column, readers, it is that I wish and hope that it is that no one has control over anything except his or her own actions and mentality. No one can afford to maintain destructive habits and patterns or live in fear of rejection. If you try, things will work out for the best.

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AND JUSTICE FOR ALL : CHAPTER 3

Westward Ho!



"With the speed of a striking rattlesnake, Blackwood drew the rifle and, turning in the saddle, brought the weapon to bear."

STORY BY: Jonathan Hamilton
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Stone lashed the reins, urging his horse to speed as he chased the masked rider westward across the plains. He'd been following rumors for days, tracking the smuggler known only as Blackwood along the Mexican border. The day before, he'd plied an unsavory cowhand with drink in a local speakeasy. The man drew Stone a crude map of one of Blackwood's routes out of Mexico, and with that uncertain lead, Stone leased a horse and lay in wait on the bank of the Rio Grande.

Shortly before dawn, Stone had spotted the slim figure he now chased crossing the river at a shallow point astride a dark horse.

The rider was disguised in a long duster, with a bandana worn like a mask over the nose and a wide hat with

the brim pulled down low.

Besides the dark horse, the only detail distinguishing the stranger as Blackwood was the long, dark brown hair. Stone knew that, for good or ill, he couldn't let this opportunity slip. He'd mounted his horse and rode toward the stranger with a cry. Alarmed, the rider bolted along the bank, and the chase was on.

Though the alleged Blackwood was the better rider, Stone's horse was fresher, and the open plain afforded no cover or easy route of escape. The gap between the two was slowly closing as the morning sun rose, painting the sky in orange and purple. Experience told Stone that his quarry would try something desperate soon, and in the morning light he saw Blackwood's gloved hand reach for the rifle slung by the saddle.

With the speed of a striking rattle-

snake, Blackwood drew the rifle and, turning in the saddle, brought the weapon to bear. Stone could barely hear the rifle's report above the thundering hooves, just a quiet crack and a pinprick of light. Ahead, the smuggler methodically cocked the repeater, firing at a deliberate cadence.

The bullets buzzed like angry insects by Stone's head, and he realized with grim humor that Blackwood wasn't missing.

Stone would not be intimidated. He kicked at his horse's flanks and shouted for more speed as he bore down on his prey. Blackwood's nimble fingers were reloading the rifle as fast as possible, but they were not fast enough.

By the time Blackwood was ready to fire again, Stone had caught up. Their horses galloped alongside each other, neighing in protest and frothing from exertion.

Blackwood swung the butt of the rifle around, intending to knock Stone from his mount, but Stone dodged the blow and reached for the dark horse's reins. With a mighty pull, he forced both the animals to suddenly stop, their hooves skidding and stamping in the dirt. The smuggler's horse reared, and Blackwood lunged at Stone. They hit the ground with a great thud and grunts of surprised pain, and both lay caught up in each other's limbs.

"Jesus, Annie," Stone groaned. "Why'd you have to run like that?"

Blackwood pulled down the bandana, revealing the smirking face of a young woman from America's heartland.

"Oh, sorry, Mr. Stone," she said. "Didn't recognize ya."

To Be Continued in Chapter 4: Better Living through Science.

THE COFFIELD FILES

Finding peace, one pill at a time

It goes without saying that every one of us is born extremely flawed and in dire need of medicinal assistance.



Tim Coffield
Senior Staff Tim

If you doubt me, readers, just turn your attention to your local television set, where at least 87 percent of the commercials will

stress this fact. Lucky for you, folks, I am here as evidence of the magical powers of pills in helping people escape the pitiful creatures we "naturally" are.

By carefully identifying my various personal defects, often with the aid of those helpful television advertisements and my prescription-happy family doctor, I have been able to medically nudge myself towards that golden human standard for which everyone should strive.

I will now, for the benefit of the health-conscious reader, unveil the chemical program that maintains me as the slick-functioning flesh mound that

I am:

It is clear that all self-respecting males must have a full head of hair, lest they risk certain rejection by the thicker-haired gender. For this reason, Propocia-E, hair re-growth treatment, is an integral part of my supplement. I frequently invest several minutes examining the vertex of my scalp in the mirror, searching for evidence of this product's success. I suspect that I may be experiencing some new hair growth in some spots.

On a side note, I have found that this particular drug tends to give a blue tint to any object that enters my field of vision.

For similar reasons, I place much value on the slimness of my figure. In addition, I possess strong disdain for "jogging" and "vegetables," which is understandable given how inconvenient each is. My solution: Phentermine-E, appetite suppressant. On days when I'm feeling overly pudgy, or when I'm trying to shed a few pounds before attending class near an Actual Attractive Female, I take a couple of these babies and I can go all day without eating anything. Except for Bugles, which of course are too powerful for

any existing chemical compound.

To these I add a regular dose of Minocycline-E, which works to maintain both the ruddy complexion of my face and the smoothness of my back and shoulders. The result is one flawless hunk of masculinity, at least compared to what I fear I would be without these, my personal cosmetics.

I anticipate that very soon my hard work will pay off and real females will begin flocking to me. They will coo and comb their sultry red nails through my stellar head pelt, as the women do in the Propocia infomercials. They will find themselves hypnotized by the flatness of my Phentermine-fed belly, which I expect any day now to climb its way back behind my belt. They'll stroke my silky cheeks and shoulders and whisper in my ears things like, "Ooh, baby, it's so hot that you collect 'Star Trek' action figures!"

I am currently preparing myself for this looming attention. This is why I also take Enzyte-E, a once-a-day tablet for Natural Male Enhancement. I'm not entirely sure what precisely this "Enhancement" means, but I certainly

could do with some of it. I was convinced of this pill's worthiness by the testimony of the Very Happy Guy on the commercial: "I have improved confidence and feel better about myself. With Enzyte, everybody wins!" Yes, indeed.

Of course, I also need to control some other facets of me that might hinder my success with the ladies. Such as: my tendency to perspire heavily on my stomach and face when nervous. For this, I take my Propantheline-E, which dries me up nicely.

I ingest all of these in one lump dosage each morning with my blueberry frosted Poptarts.

I admit this regimen performs a small hell on the old digestive system. It makes my stomach go: grrrrrrllllllgrrrrrr. grrbl. grrp-grrp.

However, a little tummy trouble is laughably trivial when compared to the certain repercussions I would suffer should I fail to stick to my program. Besides, my combo of Nexium-E for indigestion, MiraLax-E for constipation and Bispectin-E for diarrhea is proving relatively effective.

And for the dizziness and sleeplessness I often experience courtesy of my friendly

meds, I take Sonata-E, a sleep aid so powerful the bottle insists I not attempt to drive a car or operate a blender for six hours after ingesting. Believe me, this is not a problem.

Frequently, I even have to take my Provigil-E, anti-narcoleptic, to wake me back up. In the unlikely event that my med program should fail me, I would be totally devastated at what I would become. I'd contact my doctor at once for a prescription for Zoloft-E, the potent anti-depressant.

Truly, I say: I do not know what I'd do without my medications. I certainly wouldn't be the person that I am. In all likelihood, I'd probably be well on my way to dying poor and alone, perhaps in the gutter behind Sylvia's pizza, desperate and bald, wishing (oh, wishing!) I'd been more committed to ingesting my daily chemicals.

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FIX ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

OUR OPINION: COLLEGE ADMISSION POLICIES NEED TO BE CHANGED TO BETTER REFLECT THE APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC STRENGTHS AND NOT HOW WELL THEY PAD THEIR RESUMES.

The Supreme Court upheld affirmative action this summer, but struck down the "point system" the University of Michigan was using that gave automatic points based on race. They held that college admissions based on race are constitutional, but that cannot be the sole factor for admissions.

Since then, colleges across the country have been reexamining how they choose their new freshman classes. College-bound high school students spend most of their senior year submitting applications and hoping their top choices will send an acceptance letter their way. Many students meet the admissions requirements, but with professionally done resumes crammed with extracurricular activities, teacher recommenda-

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tions and legacy admissions, the university does not get a true idea of how well the student does in school.

At N.C. State, admissions are based on grade point average, SAT scores and Advance Placement test scores. Other items, like race, socioeconomic status and legacy admissions are considered, but the main emphasis is on academics. At UNC-Chapel-Hill, however, major emphasis is put onto legacy admissions, as well as high academic marks. But that is still not good enough in choosing quality applicants to admit for the new school year.

First, a state exit requirement for seniors should be considered. North Carolina has an exit project program for seniors. They research a job they would like to make into a career. This allows the senior to better choose the college to go to fulfill their goals. Second, the writing requirement in the SAT would give colleges a better sense of how the student writes and comprehends

without the luxury of editing over and over again. Third, race and gender are important, but socio-economic status should weighed more, especially when distributing financial aid. Teacher recommendations are only effective for personality considerations.

Legacy admissions are a touchier situation. Families have their favorite colleges, usually based on where the parents and grandparents went.

Legacy admissions should be in the equation, but not as a last resort comparison between two worthy candidates. Above all, academic performance in high school should be the main deciding factor.

A demanding college-prep curriculum, laced with AP courses and decent SAT scores should be enough to get someone into college.

College admissions should be geared to accept people that are worthy enough to arrive at college and be productive and successful.

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Political payoff time for Gov. Easley

Gov. Easley is trying to appease state employees with money. Andrew Payne sees through the futility of it all.

Recent newspaper headlines have touted North Carolina Governor Michael Easley's efforts to increase the wages of some of the states lowest paid workers. Most of these workers labor as house and grounds keepers on campuses in the University of North Carolina system including N.C. State University. Governor Easley's goal was to ensure that all state workers had salaries above \$18,300 - that salary is 20 percent above the poverty line for a typical family.

Before you get all wound up and think that Governor Easley was doing this because of great passion for our lowest paid state workers, think again. It is an election year and Easley wants to woo the over 90,000 state workers and their votes. Knowing that he and the General Assembly have failed to reward state employees with a raise in the past two years, Easley hopes this move will improve his popularity among the workers.

"Excellent political move Governor," I said to myself in a haughty British accent. "But why in the world did you let the UNC Board of Governors and UNC President Molly Broad offer the UNC System chancellors bonuses?"

That's right; it looks like Easley's brilliant political move will be muffled by the recent knowledge that 11 out of 16 chancellors in the UNC System, including NC State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, will be receiving one time bonuses ranging from over \$12,000 to almost \$26,000. Let me quickly remind you that Governor Easley wanted to increase the salaries of over 900, that's 900, of the state's lowest paid employees to \$18,300. If I do the arithmetic correctly six of the 11 chancellors receiving bonuses will make more money this year with their "thank you gifts" than 900 state employees with their full income.

Our chancellors deserve wage in-

creases, just like almost every other state employee (I say "almost" because I can think of a few to get rid of) warrants an increase. Having served on the Board of Governors I know first hand the amount of hard work and devotion these men and women put into their jobs but you don't have to be a "rocket scientist" or even a university president, for example Molly Broad, to know that the timing of the bonuses is horrible.

Everyday university administrators nag and whine about the impact of budget cuts, "We just don't have the funds to offer another section of that course you need to graduate on time, senior what's your name?" or "Our world renowned professor of ancient medieval classic haikus is getting so many job offers from other universities we need to raise your tuition to keep him from leaving." The Board of Governors must have conveniently stumbled across a pot of state money just lying around. Students have to sit on the floor for classes they need to graduate and a residence hall housekeeper can't feed her kids but chancellors can make that much needed down payment on that house they always wanted. Wait - the university provides them with a free house and a car and a lot of free meals.

I am proud that our chancellor is going to give her bonus back to the university to the NC State Annual Fund. Because if there is a single chancellor who deserves a bonus at this time, especially after last years' events, Chancellor Fox is the one. As the Bud Light Beer commercials sing, "Chancellor Fox, (dramatic pause) you are a real American hero."

In an era and I do mean era, of budget cuts, tuition increases and state workers living in poverty, let's re-think the bonuses to the UNC System chancellors; besides Governor Easley is struggling to get reelected and we don't want to mess up his well planned scheme.

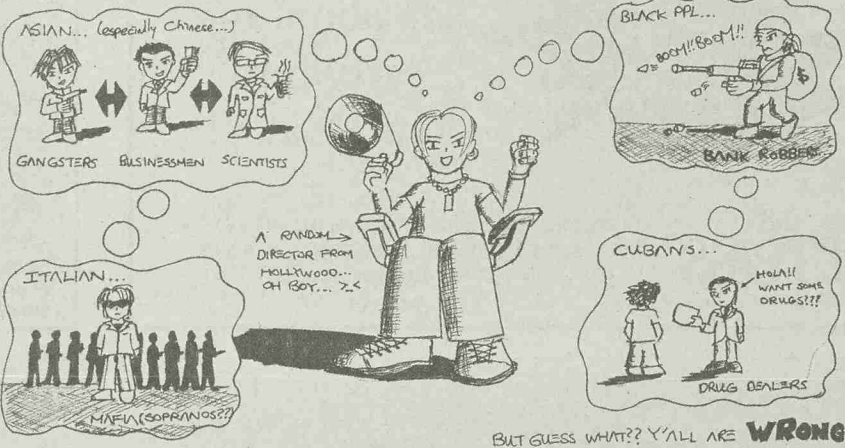
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 ARE THEY ALL BAD PEOPLE?? OF COURSE NOT!! SO PLEASE DON'T STEREOTYPE THEM!!

Political parties: about the people or just a front?

I often wonder what really are Republicans and Democrats about in politics. Sometimes, I would say that I am not associated with any party in particular and other times I would say that I am a Democrat.



Johnathan Brunson
 Staff Columnist

I often referred to myself being a Democrat simply because that was the party most African-Americans in America considered themselves. My parents told me growing up that they were Democrats and I should be Democrat if I would like to be a part of a party which supports African-American people. I thought to myself, let me go ahead and examine the history of both Republican and Democrats in history and decide for myself.

From 1870 to 1901, there were 22 African-Americans serving in Congress; two were senators and most were Republicans. Today, there are 39 African-Americans in Congress and they're all Democrats. There are a few events in history which contributed to this change as follows:

During the 1876 presidential election, in exchange for many disputed ballots, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes cut a deal guaranteeing that all federal troops would be removed from the South. The result of this deal was that many African-Americans were vulnerable to white Southern retaliation. Hayes was elected president by one electoral vote and once the deal was solid, a blood bath targeting African-Americans occurred throughout the South. Republican Hayes lied to his fellow Americans and in exchange for a presidential po-

sition; he put the many lives of African-Americans in danger for his own political gain.

In the late 1940's, President Truman, a Democrat, racially integrated the armed forces. During this time, the racial integration did create problems for blacks, but later in 1948, the Democratic Party publicly declared its support for the civil rights movement and activities such as the voting rights legislation. This change by Truman was one in which gained much support from African-Americans to be a part of the Democratic Party. Later when Republican Ronald Reagan came into office, he was totally insensitive to the plight of blacks. He never met with black leaders and cast blacks, particularly women on welfare in the worst possible light they could ever be placed in.

Now in present society, we have Republican President George W. Bush who in his January 28, State of the Union address commented "This country has many challenges. We will not deny, we will not ignore, and we will not pass along our problems to other Congresses, other presidents, and other generations. We will confront them with focus, and clarity, and courage."

I am curious on what real problems Bush is confronting. He spoke a lot on social issues: education, prayer in schools, and the most popular for all Presidential candidates—same sex unions.

Do me a favor Bush and talk about racial issues in America, because that is the main challenge in America today. I would like to hear more about what he plan to do about affirmative action (which he said that he did not support because he feels it is a form of a quota), reparations, and the fact that many minorities constitute most of the underpaid garbage men, custodi-

ans, and housekeepers of today. Bush called a \$15 billion program to battle the AIDS epidemic in African and the Caribbean, but I have not seen that money taking effect, much less helping African people. It is ironic to me how he did not hesitate to cut an \$84 billion check in Iraq. As I examine the past of the Republican Party until now, I see a trend of African-Americans being abandoned by the Republican Party.

I notice that white as well as black Republicans of today declare a level playing field, where discrimination and race no longer cause problems; they speak of established black leadership and a capitalist, "every man for himself" society. Democrats, from the time they supported Civil Rights in the 1940's until now, generally feel the race playing field is not even and openly support affirmative action. In the 2000 election, 91% of African-Americans voted Democratic.

The problem I see with the Democratic Party today is that they understand that African-Americans will support the party, therefore they will make promises and do whatever it takes to gain the black community votes, but after elections, they come up short in doing things which will uplift the black community.

I see African-Americans are anxious to vote Democratic today due to the broken promises and mistreatment of our people by the Republicans. This negative treatment of blacks by the Republican Party has made African-Americans feel alienated by the Republican Party. How will Democrats act towards African-Americans in future campaigns if our votes will eventually not make a significant impact as far as votes in presidential elections.

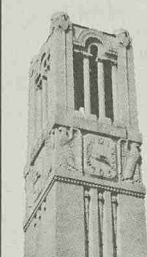
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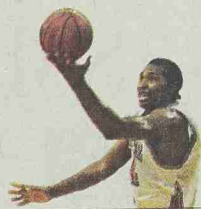
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Herb vs. Roy

N.C. State and North Carolina will renew their hoops rivalry tonight for the 203rd time.

Both teams just bounced back from losses. After an embarrassing collapse at Florida State, the Tar Heels returned to action on Saturday to slam Virginia 96-77. Four days after losing at Boston College,



Jon Page
Staff Writer

the Wolfpack defeated Georgia Tech at home, setting up a key conference contest among rivals.

But tonight's game is about more than Julius Hodge vs. Raymond Felton, Pack vs. Heels or good vs. evil. It's about the men in charge of the two teams.

Now that UNC coach Roy Williams is settling down on Tobacco Road with State coach Herb Sendek and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, Sendek faces a daunting task in recruiting future players with two heavyweight coaches in his backyard.

For that reason, Sendek desperately needs victories over Williams and the Heels, especially after losing to the Blue Devils this season. Sendek needs to show prospective players and fans that he can compete with improved competition or he needs to find a new team to coach.

Pretend you can fly like Michael Jordan, shoot like Larry Bird, dish it like Jason Kidd and you're only 17 years old. You can go to college anywhere and play for any coach. Are you really going to choose Sendek over Williams or Krzyzewski? Probably not.

But Sendek deserves his crack at Williams, first. So let's compare the two.

Williams' all-time record is 430-105, Sendek's is 201-128, meaning Williams has won over 80 percent of his games while Sendek has only won slightly over 60 percent.

This season, their teams' records are similar, though Sendek has the advantage in ACC play as the Pack is 4-1 and the Heels are 2-3. But State has only won once on the road and Carolina owns a victory over then No. 1-ranked Connecticut.

Though he never won a national title with the Jayhawks, Kansas was a regular at the Final Four thanks to Williams. A Sendek-coached team has never made it past the second round of the NCAA tournament, though Sendek has directed the Pack to the finals of the ACC tournament on three occasions.

Williams produces NBA players like Greg Oden, Drew Gooden and Kurt Hinrich. Since Sendek took over, not a single State player has landed on an NBA roster.

But all these numbers and one too many spills on my icy parking lot are making my head spin. Let's look deeper.

Williams has a baby-blue nation of supporters who hailed his return to Chapel Hill in higher regard than dweebs everywhere praised the final installment of "The Lord of the Rings." Sendek supporters, however, are few. Among State fans, it seems that some love him, others can't stand him, and around 95 percent of them wish Sendek would hop inside a box without bread and water, ship himself back to Pennsylvania, and never return to Raleigh (unless maybe he's coaching the

FRESHMAN YEAR 2000-01
Games-starts: 29-0
PPG: 3.1

Synopsis: Highly touted guard sees over 13 minutes a game during a season when "everything was bad."

SOPHOMORE YEAR 2001-02
Games-starts: 32-0
PPG: 5.7

Synopsis: Team gets back to NCAAAs for first time in over a decade: Sherrill shoots 50 percent from the field in ACC play, but sees his minutes per game slightly dip.

JUNIOR YEAR 2002-03
Games-starts: 31-31
PPG: 10.5

Synopsis: Finally comes into his own, starting every game and playing vital role in return trip to the NCAA Tournament. He plays 38 minutes or more 11 times.

SENIOR YEAR 2003-04
Games-starts: 15-12
PPG: 10.8

Synopsis: Sherrill's mid-season swoon conjures up memories of the frustrating first two years. Scores 18 points, leading team to upset Georgia Tech.

Scooting right along



Scooter Sherrill's career has been averaging 10.8 points per game this year.

TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

SCOOTER SHERRILL'S SENIOR YEAR HAS BEEN AS UP AND DOWN AS HIS CAREER; NOW HE HOPES HIS PRESENT STELLAR PLAY IS HERE TO STAY.

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

It had been awhile since Scooter Sherrill felt like facing the media. A long time since he talked in that trademark, rushed tone, as if each question was a race to the finish line, all the while flashing that golden smile along the way. Usually a fixture in N.C. State post-game interviews, Sherrill was noticeably absent over the past month and a half, wallowing in frustration instead, while he searched for the cause of a slump that left him 1-for-26 behind the 3-point line over the course of eight games.

"After every game [during the slump], I've been hurt," Sherrill said. "We might have a win, but at the same time I wanted to contribute. Being a senior, being a captain, I want to do that."

Saturday afternoon he got

both — a win and some contribution. Against No. 11 Georgia Tech, Sherrill, starting for the first time in four games, poured in a game-high 18 points in 34 minutes, the most playing time the senior had logged since early December.

Then, he wanted — and got the chance — to talk about it, a trend he hopes to continue tonight when the Wolfpack travels to Chapel Hill seeking a fifth consecutive win over North Carolina.

"I sensed it coming; it was just a matter of time," he said. "Hopefully I won't go into a [slump] like I was. "I had a lot of confidence; I had been shooting the ball real well all week, that's what gave me the confidence, it wasn't just the start."

Or was it?

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UNC

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COACHING

The first bullet on Williams' bio stands proudly as winningest active coach in America. The former UNC assistant and Kansas head coach led the Jayhawks to back-to-back Final Four trips before matriculating to Chapel Hill in the offseason. Williams has a lifetime winning percentage of .805, which is third-best in college basketball history. State coach Herb Sendek has won four in a row against the Tar Heels.

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INTANGIBLES

Although the N.C. State players have insisted this isn't a road game because of its close proximity to Raleigh, it's still a place with unfriendly fans, and State has a record of 1-4 away from the RBC Center this year. Carolina also hasn't lost at the Dean Dome this year, a streak that includes a win over former No. 1 Connecticut.

Slight advantage: North Carolina

PREDICTION

North Carolina 74, N.C. State 68

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AROUND THE ACC

STANDINGS

Team	Conference	Overall
Duke	5-0	16-1
N.C. State	4-1	11-4
Georgia Tech	3-2	15-3
Florida State	3-3	14-5
N. Carolina	2-3	12-4
Wake Forest	2-3	11-4
Maryland	2-3	11-5
Virginia	2-4	12-5
Clemson	1-5	8-9

WEEKEND RESULTS

North Carolina 96, Virginia 77
Duke 85, Georgetown 66
N.C. State 76, Georgia Tech 72
Maryland 65, Clemson 52
Florida State 75, Wake Forest 70

LEADERS

Points	
Rashad McCants, UNC	18.5
Julius Hodge, NCSU	17.7
Sean May, UNC	16.1
J.J. Redick, Duke	16.1

Rebounds

Jamar Smith, UMD	10.4
Sean May, UNC	9.9
Jamaal Levy, WPU	8.1

Assists

Raymond Felton, UNC	8.1
Chris Duhon, Duke	7.1
Jarrett Jack, GT	6.4

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Clemson at Georgia Tech, 7
Wednesday	N.C. State at North Carolina, 7
Thursday	Maryland at Wake Forest, 7 Florida State at Duke, 9

SWISHES

Florida State — After losing at Virginia last weekend, the Seminoles completed a remarkable two-game stretch with their second upset of a top-15 team. This time, FSU beat Wake Forest in a close game that went down to the buzzer before the Demon Deacons missed a last-second 3-point attempt. Earlier in the week, the Noles came from 24 down to shock North Carolina.

N.C. State — Another dismal road performance left Wolfpack fans rabid again at coach Herb Sendek and his team after the Pack fell at

Boston College. State responded with one of its best performances of the year in beating No. 11 Georgia Tech Saturday, giving State sole possession of second place in the ACC.

AIR BALLS

Wake Forest — Once one of a handful of unbeaten teams in the country, the Deacs have dropped three straight and have fallen significantly in the national polls.

Julius Hodge — The Wolfpack's junior star, one of the best players in the conference, had a week to forget. First, Hodge forced shots and admitted selfish play after his team lost at Boston College, and then he fouled out with two points in the Pack's narrow victory over the Yellow Jackets. Hodge will have to be at his best in Chapel Hill Wednesday when his team faces North Carolina in a key ACC game.

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