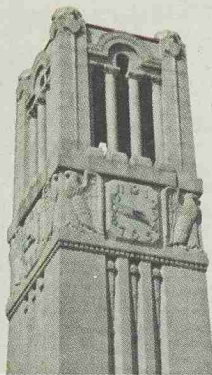


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Line item to offset tuition

Request from President Broad may benefit all 16 UNC campuses.

Tyler Duker
Staff Reporter

The Financial Aid office may have another option to offset the cost of a possible campus-initiated tuition increase to needy students.

At present, financial aid will receive a tentative 46 percent of revenue generated by the tuition increase. This amount will serve

to offset the cost of the increase to undergraduate, graduate and Veterinarian School students who qualify for financial need.

This percentage however, may change with the advent of funding from other sources, including the state legislature. According to Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, the recent budget request sent to the North Carolina General Assembly

by UNC System President Molly Broad included an appropriation request, or line item, that addressed financial need.

If approved by the General Assembly, a state grant program would distribute this increased funding for financial aid to needy students throughout the 16 campuses of the UNC system.

According to Provost James Oblinger, utilizing state funding in this way would make it largely unnecessary for the individual universities to divvy up their respective tuition increase revenues

for financial aid.

"This is a positive attempt on the part of the system to try and have money available to the whole system for financial aid purposes," Oblinger said. "I think she [President Broad] would rather do this on behalf of the system instead of each component institution having to decide how much is going to financial aid."

As Financial Aid Director Julie Rice Mallette points out however, receiving funding from the state

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EDWARDS WINS SOUTH CAROLINA

ON "SUPER TUESDAY," JOHN KERRY TAKES FIVE STATES, LEAVING SOUTH CAROLINA TO JOHN EDWARDS AND OKLAHOMA TO WESLEY CLARK.

Charles Duncan
Senior Staff Writer

Vigorous campaigning and volunteer activity came to a head yesterday in the seven states that held primaries or caucuses, earning it the name Super Tuesday.

The seven states have been bustling with volunteers, campaign workers and potential democratic nominees in anticipation of Tuesday's primary.

John Kerry became the big winner of the night, getting five of the seven states up for grabs. Sen. John Edwards and Gen. Wesley Clark won one state a piece.

Edwards said before the primary that South Carolina was the one state he had to win, and he did, taking the lead by more than 15 percent.

Natalie Duggins, a senior in political science who spent the weekend with three other N.C. State students campaigning in South Carolina for Edwards said that the night's results, "made it all worthwhile."

Beth Whittington, a graduate student in the English department who went to South Carolina with Duggins, said after the results came in last night, "Every time you start to get tired of volunteering, something like this happens."

After winning in both New Hampshire and Iowa in January, Kerry took another five states last night. Only South Carolina and Oklahoma chose other candidates.

In Oklahoma, there was very close race between Clark and Edwards, but Clark came out on top with a slim lead of only 0.7 percent.

Missouri, which had the most delegates up for grabs yesterday, has voted for the nomination winner every year since 1956; this year that was Kerry. He held an almost 23 percent lead over Edwards in second place.

Analysts warned before the first vote was cast that the "Super Tues-



Presidential hopeful Sen. John Edwards celebrates his victory in the South Carolina primary in Columbia, S.C., after a record turnout in the first southern state primary.

day" primaries had much at stake, with the ability to make or break campaigns.

Speaking on CNN's "American Morning" on Tuesday, Lieberman said, "Today's the voter's day and I put my trust in them as I always have, and I'm ready to be respectful of their decision."

Lieberman dropped out of the race at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, after getting only 11 percent in Delaware.

In his Tuesday night speech to supporters gathered in a northern Virginia hotel, Lieberman said, "The judgment of the voters is now clear."

SOUTH CAROLINA - 94% REPORTING
Edwards 45.1%
Kerry 30.2%
Sharpton 9.6%

DELAWARE - FINAL
Kerry 50.5%
Lieberman 11.1%
Edwards 11.0%

MISSOURI - 95% REPORTING
Kerry 50.5%
Edwards 25.2%
Dean 8.5%

OKLAHOMA - FINAL
Clark 29.9%
Edwards 29.5%
Kerry 26.8%

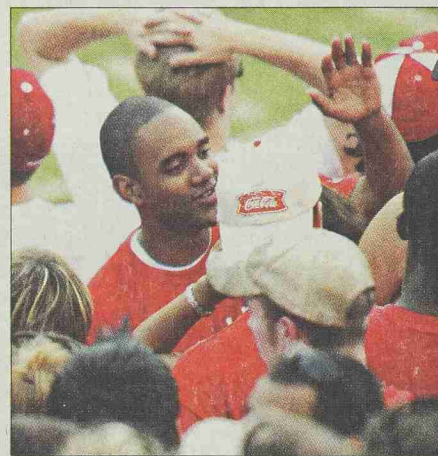
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Kerry 42.7%
Clark 26.8%
Dean 13.9%

NORTH DAKOTA* - FINAL
Kerry 51%
Clark 24%
Dean 12%

Lieberman congratulated Kerry and Edwards and thanked the rest of the candidates before he said, "I have decided tonight to end my quest for the presidency of the

United States of America. Am I disappointed? Naturally. But am I proud of what we stood for in this

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Student Body President Tony Caravano, seen here at a football game last year, has decided to run again for the presidency.

SBP Caravano will run again

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

Student Body President Tony Caravano announced on Tuesday that he will run for re-election this March during the student government elections. Caravano won the presidency last April after a run-off election.

Caravano will be graduating this May with a degree in criminology, but he plans on enrolling in the international studies master's program next fall.

Every single time I considered going somewhere else I couldn't see leaving N.C. State right now," Caravano said. While Caravano will make the transition from undergraduate to graduate

student, he believes that he will still be able to represent the entire student body.

"I think going to [graduate] school will add to my experience," Caravano said. "My undergrad experience is less than a few months out, and doing this job, I'll remain tied to the undergraduate population."

His presidency has mostly focused on potential tuition increases both through a campus initiated tuition increase and potential across the board increases at all 16 UNC campuses.

"Our administration has just been downtrodden by tuition issues," Caravano said. "We really haven't had

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Nuclear reactor helps many



Burlington Laboratory houses the university's nuclear reactor.

Shannon Holder
Assistant News Editor

Students not involved in the nuclear engineering program may not be aware that within the Burlington Laboratory building is a functioning nuclear reactor.

"I had heard rumors, but I didn't think there was one so close to campus that was operating," Ben Stepp, a junior in zoology, said.

According to the book *First Temple of the Atom: North Carolina, the nuclear reactor was the first to operate on any college campus in 1953.*

It was the also the first reactor to be used entirely for peacetime training and research. Up to that point, the military only used nuclear energy for research.

The introduction of the nuclear reactor in the 1950s also gave N.C. State the ability to offer the first doctorate in nuclear engineering.

The current reactor has been in place for over 30 years and no accidents have occurred in that time.

"I feel safe having a nuclear reactor around," Julie Cloninger, a senior in zoology, said. She knew of the nuclear reactor's existence and has never feared its possible effects.

"Even in an accident scenario, the reactor shuts itself down and cools off," Ayman Hawari, the director of the nuclear reactor program, said. "It's very safe."

The program has undergone some changes through the years, and has recently won an award from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The reactor is now the lead reactor in the Multi-University Southeast Innovations and Education Consortium, which includes other universities such as Georgia Tech

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Dance Marathon helps hospital

Rachael Rogers
Senior Staff Reporter

For 24 hours this weekend, students, faculty, staff and families will dance, eat and play games for one cause: the North Carolina Children's Hospital.

The second N.C. State Dance Marathon will take place this weekend from 7 p.m. Friday until 7 p.m. Saturday.

"Dance Marathon is a unique organization that offers students to really unite under a common cause and form a true community," Katie Barton, a junior in microbiol-

ogy and a member of the planning committee, said.

Students have been planning the marathon for nearly a year.

The initial idea for hosting a Dance Marathon at N.C. State came after coordinator Lee Dingle, a senior in civil engineering, attended UNC-Chapel Hill's Dance Marathon in 2001.

"By participating in the marathon at Chapel Hill, I fell in love with the children and the hospital," Dingle said.

The Dance Marathon at UNC is the biggest student-run fundraiser. Bringing the Dance Mara-

thon to NCSU became a priority for Dingle.

"I wanted to bring it to State because I saw how successful it was in Chapel Hill and how it brought the campus and community together and rallied people around the cause of the hospital," Dingle said.

Last year's marathon raised \$8,000 for the Dollars for a Difference Children's Fund for the NC Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill.

This year the goal is to raise more than \$10,000. The NC Children's Hospital is a non-profit hospital

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WORLD

Death toll in Iraq bombings climbs to 101

A video camera captured images of a man shaking hands with a Kurdish official seconds before blowing himself up in one of the two suicide bombings during holiday celebrations. The death toll soared to 101, the U.S.-led coalition said Tuesday.

Meanwhile Tuesday, an American soldier was killed and a second was wounded when a roadside bomb exploded during an operation to clear such weapons, the U.S. military said. The explosion occurred near Iskandariyah, 35 miles south Baghdad, the statement said.

-Wire Reports

Pakistani leader knew of nuclear transfer, source says

The father of Pakistan's nuclear program told investigators he gave nuclear weapons technology to other nations with the full knowledge of top army officials, including President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a friend of the scientist said Tuesday. But a leading Islamic party, Jamaat-e-Islami, said Abdul Qadeer Khan.

Pakistan's leading nuclear scientist, denied confessing to investigators as government officials have alleged.

Authorities are focusing on seven suspects - three scientists including

-Wire Reports

NATION

Statue of Liberty needs \$5 million security upgrades to reopen

The Statue of Liberty, the ultimate emblem of this country's freedom, is going begging. More than two years after terrorists attacked the United States, destroying the World Trade Center, the statue is the only national monument still closed to visitors, and government officials say they don't know when it will reopen.

The complexity of designing new entrances and exits to the statue and the need to raise \$5 million to pay for the changes have held up the reopening.

-KRT Campus

Florida girl's abduction caught on tape

The FBI joined the search Tuesday for an 11-year-old girl whose apparent abduction was videotaped by a car wash surveillance camera, and the youngster's parents pleaded for her safe return.

"Please release Carlie. Please give me my baby," begged Carlie Brucia's mother, Susan Schorpen.

The sixth-grader was seen on videotape being led away by a man as she took a shortcut behind a closed car wash on her way home from a friend's house Sunday night.

-Wire Reports

Sept. 11, 2001 volunteer gets lenient sentence

A judge sentenced a bank robber known as "The Blond Bandit" to a lenient four-year prison term, saying she suffered a mental condition worsened by volunteer work at Ground Zero after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Prosecutors said Pamela Kaichen, 44, went on a two-day spree across New York and Connecticut last May, robbing six banks. She told investigators that the more than \$42,000 she stole was for the benefit of the Sept. 11 victims, but authorities found all the money in her apartment and rental car.

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STATE

Salad bar appears to be source of UNC-Chapel Hill student illness

An on-campus salad bar appears to have been the source for a family of viruses that sent about 300 UNC-Chapel Hill students to the doctor last month, Orange County health officials say.

Officials last week said lab specimens tested positive for norovirus, a number of highly contagious viruses that cause nausea and vomiting.

The Orange County Health Department said Monday it managed to narrow the norovirus source to the salad bar at Lenoir Hall, the main cafeteria at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

-Wire Reports

Court officials cover up Ten Commandments as trial begins

Attorneys in a capital murder trial are squabbling over a cover-up of the Ten Commandments displayed on a wall at the Nash County Courthouse.

After a request from the defense team, Superior Court Judge Quentin Summer ruled on Monday the two panels that show the Ten Commandments will be covered for the duration of Andre Edwards' trial. The order upset prosecutors.

"We understand the constitutional separation of church and state," said Assistant District Attorney Keith Werner.

-Wire Reports

CLAYTON POLICE SHOOT MAN DURING ESCAPE SEARCH

Clayton police shot a 60-year-old man they said pointed a rifle at them during a search for an escaped prisoner.

Manuel Pena, 59, on Monday night ignored repeated orders from police to put the rifle down, said Clayton Police Lt. Bill Newsome.

More than one officer shot Pena, Newsome said.

Pena was transported to Wake Medical Center in Raleigh where he was listed in critical condition Tuesday night, a hospital spokeswoman said.

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legislature alone may not insure that the increased costs of all needy students are offset.

"The state grant program is done from a central point," Mallette said. "It's a portable grant and they don't even know at the time they award it in many cases if the student will actually enroll."

According to Mallette, if a student applies for and receives

a grant from the state program, that student has the ability to carry the grant to any school in the UNC System. Every institution that has accepted the student's application receives notification of the grant, regardless of the student's current enrollment status. This sometimes can skew the statistics regarding current levels of student need.

"They couldn't do it on a prorated basis for N.C. State because they don't actually know where the student will end up," Mallette said.

Although the state grant

program only applies to in-state students, Chancellor Fox explains that revenue to cover the increased costs of needy out-of-state students can come from other means.

"If we receive enough money to cover our in-state students then we might have enough from private sources to cover our out-of-state students," Fox said.

The General Assembly ultimately decides success or failure of the line item budget request for financial aid, a decision, which according to Provost Oblinger, hinges largely on the

state of the North Carolina economy.

With tax revenues on the rise for November and December, the possibility of a recent economic upswing may give the North Carolina legislature a green light on the issue of increased funding for the UNC System's financial need.

"If that trend continues that means there may be some money in the state coffers to go to worthwhile investments," Oblinger said. "If they [the General Assembly] have the opportunity to look at more

money to spend, I think K-16 will be treated fairly and squarely and well."

Regardless of the decision for or against the line item, the provost recognizes that this issue will be a well-debated one.

"I think they [the General Assembly] recognize what's going on with tuition," Oblinger said. "They have seen it going up and I think they want to see proportional increases in aid for obvious reasons, but I don't think their crystal ball is any clearer than ours."

WAITING GAME



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Andy Sellar, a senior in graphic design, silhouetted by the sun waits for a bus across from the Student Health Center.

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that treats over 40,000 children annually.

"The philosophy behind the hospital is to treat now, pay later," said Dingle.

The money raised by N.C. State's Dance Marathon goes to fund recreational therapy. Last year the funds went towards buying the children a large projection screen and Disney movies.

"The hope is that while the children are in the hospital they can lead as normal of a childhood as possible, much like the childhoods many of us remember," Dingle said.

Students participating in the marathon can register as dancers, moral boosters or volunteers. Dancers pledge to stand on their feet 24 hours.

"The metaphor is that the kids deal with their illness 24/7 and can't take a break, so we won't take a break either," Dingle said.

Moral boosters sign up in four hour time blocks to keep the mood upbeat and excited,

while volunteers help make sure the marathon runs smoothly.

The goals for this year's marathon are many. The marathon has switched venues from the Talley Student Center Ballroom to Carmichael Gymnasium in the hopes to increase and encourage more participation.

"We want the marathon to grow and get more people involved," Dingle said.

Last year the Dance Marathon registered 50 dancers and saw nearly 200 people in the ballroom at one time. This year the Dance Marathon has already registered 75 dancers. "And that number keeps growing," Dingle said. "We also want to raise more money and let the surrounding community, not just the campus, know about the marathon."

The goals of the Dance Marathon stretch beyond this weekend's marathon. Though Dingle looks to graduate this May, he hopes the tradition of the Dance Marathon continues at N.C. State.

"Dance Marathon has the potential to grow into one of the biggest events on this campus," Walt Sharpston, a sophomore in business management and

co-chair of Greek Involvement, said.

Students who participate in the Dance Marathon can choose to dance throughout the whole 24 hours but are not required to. There are many activities planned to keep students on their feet and busy throughout the 24-hour period.

Those who participated last year knew it was all worth it.

"The best part was the feeling you have at the end. You realize what you have just done for the past 24 hours and even though you are incredibly worn out, it's all worth it," Staci Thornton, a junior in psychology and campus outreach chair, who participated as a dancer last year, said.

The schedule is broken into half-hour timeslots and students can look for food ranging from Krispy Kreme donuts, submarine sandwiches and pizza to Panera products. Participants will also get to see many different campus groups and organizations.

"We have four great bands playing, and campus organization involvement has gone through the roof," Brice Nielson, a sophomore in biological

sciences and chair of operations for Dance Marathon, said. Examples of performers include Grains of Time, Packabelles, Dances with Wolves and the NCSU Clogging team.

Along with these activities, participants will learn a line dance that is to be performed every hour. This dance will go along with the tradition of the Dance Marathon from the times of its very beginnings nearly 30 years ago.

Students who hope to participate should also plan to ask for pledges, but the minimum is to raise \$1.

"They are, of course, encouraged to raise more and should ask friends, family and professors for pledges," Dingle said.

Anyone interested in continuing the Dance Marathon tradition at N.C. State can register to participate online or at any of the tables set up around campus.

"Dance Marathon is a service event that anyone would enjoy being a part of. Whether you love dancing or not, you are guaranteed to have 24 hours of fun," Holly Moyer, a sophomore in zoology and co-chair of Greek involvement, said.

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the opportunity to bring our other ideas into fruition."

Those other ideas include Hillsborough St. revitalization plans and efforts to resurrect traditions that have died out on campus. These two projects are currently undergoing research. When Caravano campaigned last year, he did not realize the time that such ideas would require.

"I remember giving my platform to Mike Anthony and Dr. Stafford, no one ever said that a lot of this stuff takes a long time," Caravano said. "We put a lot of work into it, we just don't want to stop now."

At the end of February, they will be having a meeting with merchants on Hillsborough Street to discuss why students do not regularly shop at many of the restaurants and stores along the strip. They also have recruited students from the College of Management and College of Design to help design a possible alumni-funded student center on Hillsborough Street.

Regardless of whether

Caravano will win this year, he currently does not know if he will be running against anyone, he hopes that whoever takes the job for next year will continue on with these plans.

"These ideas came from the students on campus, this is what they wanted," Caravano said.

Beyond wanting to continue with his plans, Caravano feels he has something to add to another year as student body president.

"I really feel like-ultimately, one of the most important things is that we won't have to go through a major transition next year. I know who we need to go to get certain results," Caravano said.

He also hopes that he has lived up to his campaign promises from last March.

"We definitely lived up to that pledge to students to fight tuition increases," Caravano said. He also believes that not having to deal with possible tuition increases next year will give his administration time to focus on other issues.

He currently does not know what the focus of his campaign will be, mainly because he will still be acting as president during the elections.

"My main focus has to be the job I'm still doing," Caravano said. "I won't be able to put as much time as I put into last year's campaign, but there are other people who seem pretty committed that it doesn't drop if I can't do that."

Caravano will be one of a handful of student body presidents that have run for re-election. Many graduate, but he also believes there are other reasons that students don't do it twice.

"The job is really draining, so a lot of people don't run again. I thought I was tired for a while," Caravano said. "But I understood again why I went into it in the first place when I was able to start working on other parts of our campaign."

The job requires around 30 hours of work during a "light week" as Caravano described it, but he has a certain notoriety on campus that he enjoys.

"I was the random kid who talked to everyone for my first three years here," Caravano said. "Now you can walk around and people say your name back, that gives me energy every day."

Shortly after Caravano e-mailed several friends about his decision, the news had reached a large part of campus as he

fielded comments and phone calls from students wanting to give their support. "Most of the people I've talked to have said it's a really good idea," Caravano said.

As to whether his experience will deter other students from running against him, Caravano welcomes competition.

"I would hope that the only reason that students would be intimidated is that they think I've done a good job."

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and the University of Maryland.

The reactor's purpose goes farther than just education. According to Hawari, research from the reactor can aid forensic investigations.

"It is used by police to investigate murders," he said. "Most recently for a case where a guy had been poisoning his wife and the police wanted to see if she had arsenic in her system."

The reactor has also researched some high profile cases.

"We were sent samples of the World Trade Center dust to help analyze it, and also sent samples of the space shuttle after it crashed last year," Hawari said.

The director also notes that nanotechnology stands to benefit from the nuclear reactor.

"We are planning on creating an anti-matter beam that could help us improve nanotechnology," he said. This part of the program has garnered the interest of companies like IBM and Intel.

The small reactor does not conduct enough energy to power the school during a power outage.

"The small reactor produces about one megawatt of thermal energy," Hawari said. "If you compare that to the Harris power plant, that produces 3,000 megawatts to supply the area."

Hawari, who has been at NCSU for two years, anticipates great things for the reactor. Currently, a program linking the reactor to other schools through Web casting is in the works, to allow other schools an opportunity to research.

"Nuclear engineering was cutting edge in the 1950s, and the reactor was revolutionary," Hawari said. "Even after 50 years, it remains a unique and cutting edge facility."

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campaign? You bet I am." Howard Dean, the early front-runner, did not take a single state yesterday.

Dean campaigned in Washington Tuesday and told CNN, "We can fight all the way through Super Tuesday and we have a financial plan to do that."

An exit poll done Tuesday by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International said that in the seven states that went to the polls yesterday three-quarters of the voters said that they did not think the economy was in good condition.

The same exit poll in South Carolina found that 45 percent of voters said the top issue for them was the economy for this primary.

The North Carolina primary will be on May 4.

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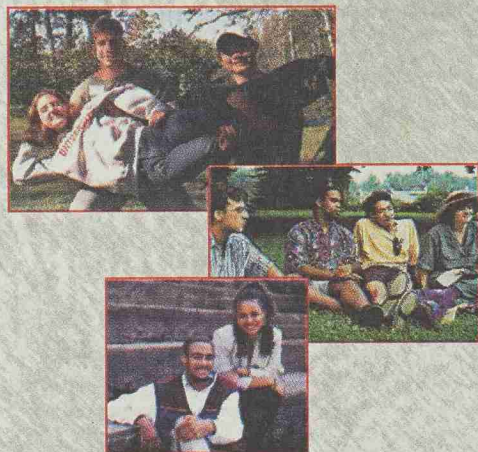
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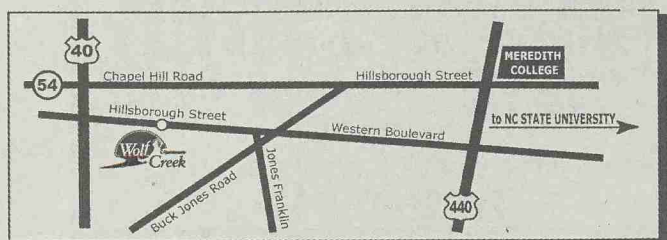


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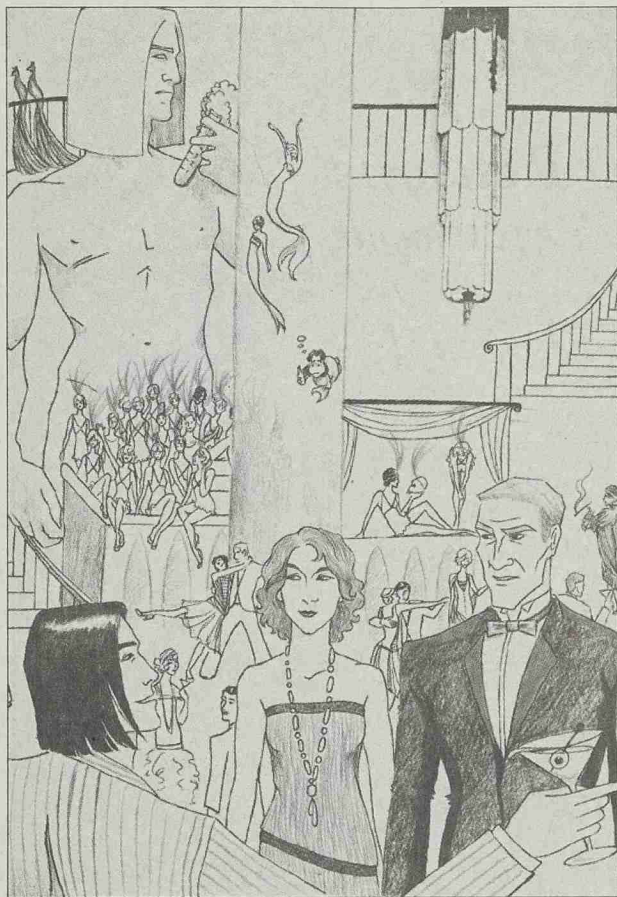


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As the sheet fell, every eye went from recognizing the face of Kenneth Irons on the body of Michelangelo's "David" down to the anonymous Frenchman's prodigious use of artistic license.

Annie and Stone stood before the great oak door of the extravagant home of Dr. Kenneth Irons, a gaudy white stucco and brick mansion with Spanish tile roofs looming large and out of place in the quiet pines of upstate New York. The two had come to recruit Irons on their mission to put a stop to the mysterious Cossack's plan to launch some kind of missile attack on the United States. Tonight Irons was throwing a lavish party for the *nouveau-riche* community he had become a part of in the past few years, and Annie and Stone intended to crash it. Stone, in a severe tuxedo, rapped the heavy, ornate knocker against the door. Annie fussed with her dress while they waited. "I don't see why we couldn't have just telephoned him," she said. "Showing up uninvited isn't going to make him agreeable to tagging along on this secret mission of yours."

"We don't have time to follow protocol. The Bureau expects an attack by July, which gives us barely three months to get to the bottom of this." Stone straightened his tie and smoothed his jacket with military fastidiousness. "Besides, kid, it's doing you a world of good to get out of that dusty field wear."

Before Annie could respond to the half compliment, Irons's butler, a squat Englishman reminiscent of a mole, opened the door just enough to peer at them from behind his thick glasses. "Good evening, sir and madam. Your invitations?"

Stone produced his temporary-duty FBI badge from his jacket. "I'm Agent Jake Stone, and this is Agent Anne Blackwood. We'd like to speak to the host for a few moments, and we'll be on our way without any trouble."

The moleman, with genteel decorum, ushered them quietly inside. "Dr. Irons will be unveiling the party's centerpiece presently. After his appearance, you may go about your business." He disappeared into the

crowd as Annie and Stone took in the sights and sounds of the party already well under way. Dozens of high-profile men and women, the recent recipients of Industrial Age wealth, floated through the foyer, drawing rooms and studies of the mansion's lower floors, all clad in sumptuous evening attire usually seen only briefly in the upscale society magazines, some enjoying a smoke as they lounged on divans, others carrying drinks despite the best efforts of Prohibition. The syncopated rhythms of a jazz symphonette jived from the ballroom, where all the popular dances were represented. A provocatively clad burlesque troupe acted out an all-girl treatment of "Hamlet" on a dais at the base of the great twin staircases in the foyer, and behind them stood the centerpiece of the gala, at least 10 feet tall and hidden beneath a large sheet. A pair of free-range peacocks walking around upstairs distracted Stone, and Annie caught his attention with a short jab of her elbow in his side. "Look," she said as she pointed at a staircase winding down to the foyer, "isn't that Irons?"

A tall, thin young man of Asiatic descent in pinstripes and tails staggered on liquid legs down the steps, his martini sloshing out of its glass and splashing near his spats. He called for his guests' attention and tittered drunkenly. "Ladies and gentlemen, eyes to the front! It is my distinct..." He sipped what was left of the martini and pushed his long black hair out of his eyes as he searched for the *mot juste*. "It is my distinct pleasure to present to you a stag...a staggeringly beautiful work of sculpture which I commissioned from...a Frenchman, I think." He grinned along with the crowd's polite laughter and tugged powerfully at the sheet draped over the centerpiece. As the sheet fell, every eye went from recognizing the face of Kenneth Irons on the body of Michelangelo's "David" down to the anonymous Frenchman's prodigious use of

artistic license. Annie blushed, Stone cleared his throat, gasps and appreciative murmurs rose all around.

As Irons chattered idly with Hamlet and Horatio about the statue's dimensions, Annie and Stone approached him. Annie displayed the badge Stone had given her, which she suspected was a makeshift forgery. "Dr. Kenneth Irons, the Bureau of Investigation would like to speak to you about your voluntary service in a special assignment we're working on."

Irons eyed the badge dubiously and casually tossed the martini glass over his shoulder. "All right, honey, let's talk it out upstairs." He reached for Annie's shoulder as he leered at her.

Stone grabbed Irons' wrist. "You're coming outside with us, Dr. Irons," he said with a hint of steel. "This may directly concern your involvement in the project code-named Plague Dog."

Irons protested, whining faintly. "Oh, that was years ago! That project was scrapped, and besides, I'm trying to host a party!"

"But your research wasn't, and now lives are at stake. Do you remember the last time your work was used in combat, Doctor?" Irons seemed to instantly sober up. Stone released his wrist. "Pack only what you'll need for a week. We'll brief you on the way."

Irons nodded dumbly and staggered back upstairs, leaning against the banister as he went. "What was that all about?" Annie asked.

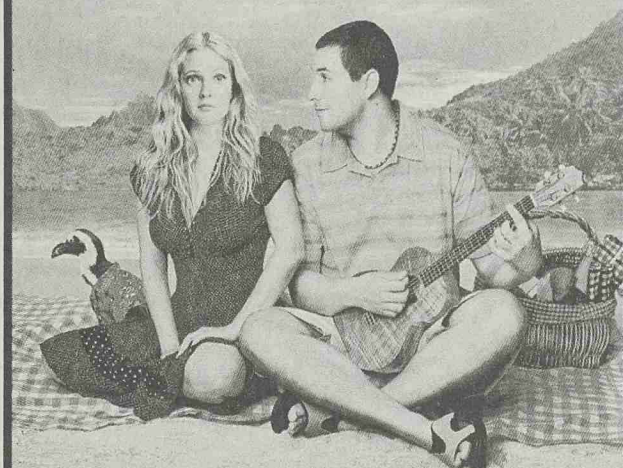
"Justice has a way of bringing out a sense of duty in anyone, Annie," Stone answered. He stopped a passing server and took a drink from the tray, which he downed in a single gulp. "And duty has a way of putting you in danger. We'll probably all learn those lessons firsthand by the time this thing is over. Now come on," he said, offering her his arm, "show me how everyone's dancing these days. I have a feeling I'll need to know in Paris."

To be continued in Chapter 5: And then there were three!

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LINE ITEM REQUEST NECESSARY

OUR OPINION: THE UNC SYSTEMS MUST PUT IN A LINE ITEM REQUEST FROM MORE MONEY TO FUND IN-STATE STUDENT GRANTS. TUITION MONEY NEEDS TO GO TO FACULTY RAISES.

After much contentious debate over campus-based tuition increases, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox recommended a \$300 tuition increase for the next three years to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees passed the measure, but left it open for the chancellor and the provost to determine how to spend money collected from the tuition increase.

The Tuition Task Force, co-chaired by Provost James Oblinger and student body President Tony Caravano, projected that 46 percent of monies from the increase will go directly back into student financial aid.

But there may be another option in how financial aid will be funded.

UNC System president, Molly Broad,

submitted a budget to the General Assembly. In it is an appropriation, or line item, request for state funds to go to financial aid.

This request is a step in the right direction to keep college affordable for in-state students in a time of rising tuition costs.

The plan, if passed, would divert state monies into the UNC Need-based Tuition Grant fund. This fund distributes grants to students attending one of the 16 campuses of the UNC System.

If this passes, more of the revenue brought in by the tuition increase could go to faculty salaries and other academic excellence issues.

The problem with the grant is it is not campus-specific. A student recipient can take the money and attend any of the UNC System schools.

Therefore, a university cannot count that money as part of its financial aid.

Before the grant goes through, a student must commit to a university in

the UNC System and a university. That way, the university can count that money as part of their financial aid receipts from the state instead of having to use the majority of its tuition funds to give back directly to the students.

The downside is out-of-state students are not eligible for this grant, yet they need financial aid the most because out-of-state tuitions are rising exponentially.

State universities have an obligation to educate state citizens first, but out-of-state students bring in higher SAT scores and enhance the prestige of a university.

If state funds help in-state students, private funds should be used for out-of-state tuition grants.

Instead of 46 percent of the tuition increase going to financial aid, 25-30 percent should be used and the rest should go towards faculty salary increase.

The state legislature needs to carefully consider this line item request and pass it with the best interests of the students in mind.

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Dear Mr. Provost, Andrew calling...

Andrew Payne takes the issue of textbook prices straight to the top: to the desks of the Provost, James Oblinger.

I often use my column to propose policy changes at the university. A recent trend by faculty members to require students to purchase books authored by themselves and the rising costs of textbooks incited me to pin the following memo to Provost James Oblinger, the university's chief academic officer. Feel free to e-mail this column to Provost Oblinger to show your support for my creative ideas.



Andrew Payne
 Senior Staff Columnist

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. James Oblinger, provost and executive vice chancellor
FROM: Andrew Payne, award-winning Technician columnist
RE: Greedy faculty and the textbooks they require
CC: The student body

Hope you are "fighting fit" and enjoying your new position. (*Side note: it is important to begin a memo in a cordial tone. I won't include that last sentence or this one in the "real" memo I send to the provost.*)

Every year students shell out hundreds of dollars (in some cases thousands) on textbooks, lab manuals and course packets. However, I have observed a growing trend: many N.C. State professors are requiring students to purchase textbooks they have authored. This is a troublesome trend in higher education around the country. I know that there may be legitimate scholarly reasons for assigning that textbook. If I had a professor who won the Nobel Prize for Literature, I would hope that the book would be on the syllabus. But not the accounting professor who made his students purchase his \$112 textbook for BUS 422. This seems to be a bad in the College of Management because it also occurred in ACC 210, ACC 220

and ACC 450.

I hope you see the problems with this practice. Through book royalties faculty members, whose average salary is over \$100,000, are leeching money from students and putting it directly in their pockets. And you want us to pay more in tuition to increase faculty salaries.

I would like to propose a new university policy. When a faculty member requires their students to purchase their authored book, the professor will be required to refund the royalties back to the students. Some professors like Dr. Dennis Daley in the Public Administration Department already do it. If the Chair of the Faculty refunds royalties, that's enough proof that the rank and file faculty should as well.

Speaking of the price of textbooks, I have another policy proposal, which of course I pilfered from another university. Appalachian State University, a sister institution in the University of North Carolina system, students enjoy a book rental program.

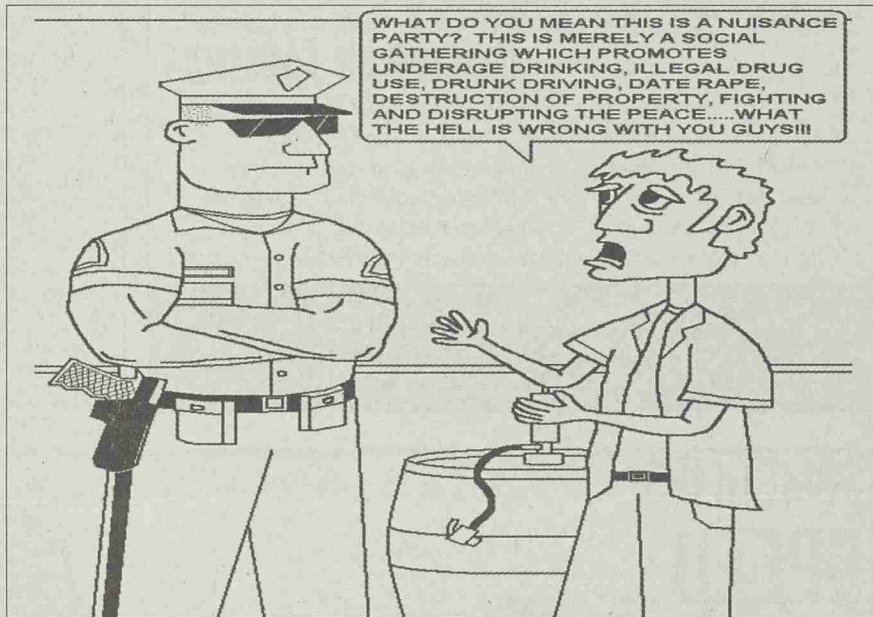
At the beginning of each semester ASU students pay a small rental fee for the use of their textbooks. At the end of the academic semester, they return

these books, which then become available for the next round of students to rent. If the books go unreturned, the university places a hold on your records, as N.C. State does with parking and library fines.

A book rental would essentially be a scholarship to every student. Instead of shelling out hundreds of dollars each semester, students would pay a small fee of less than \$50.

With a book rental program the university bookstore could purchase all titles authored by N.C. State faculty members. A win-win situation for all parties involved. Students pay less in textbook prices and the faculty earns huge royalty checks.

What do think about Andrew's plan? E-mail him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



Our kids are sex-crazed maniacs, I tell you!

The Wake County School Board is debating on what is the best kind of sexual education. Zack Medford is worried schoolchildren aren't learning everything there is to know about sex.

Back in middle school, I was one of the few people in America who received a full explanation of sex during school. It was actually pretty fun. Our teacher set aside 30 minutes a day for several weeks to discuss that un-touchable subject. She started by showing us diagrams of the male and female thing-y-ma-jigs, and asked us



Zack Medford
 Senior Staff Columnist

to memorize the scientific names of each part. The only one I remembered was urethra, but at the time, I could definitely tell you exactly how a male thing-y-ma-jig worked at the drop of a hat. At the end of the 30 minutes our teacher would reach into the anonymous question box and try to answer a question that one of us had written earlier in the week. Oh, we lived for the question box. It was definitely the high point of the day. Imagine listening to someone's grandmother try to explain exactly why your sheets were sticky this morning and you'll understand.

Once we traveled to the Poe health center, where we got to have a grand old time learning about what a penis looks like when you chop it into pieces. We also got to watch lots of funny movies. One in particular that I remember fondly was about a girl who everyone called 'Beampole.' Well, old Beampole often lamented that she was 'all pole and no beans.' I guess she meant she didn't have boobs yet, but since she was only 12 at the time

I don't think she had much to worry about. Later on, she thought she might have cut herself, and came to find out that the puberty fairy granted her with a special new gift. As she was walking to class one day, Bobby the quarterback (who also happened to be her crush) accidentally bumped in to Beampole, spilling her feminine products on the ground! Beampole was so embarrassed, and imagined everyone was laughing at her. But being the classy guy that Bobby was, he simply handed her the box of tampons and gave her that trademark smile. See? Puberty isn't that bad after all!

Two-thirds of American high school seniors have had sex. That is an incredible number. It makes me wonder how on earth that many people were having sex while I was watching Simpsons reruns and playing video games? Actually, what confuses me the most is how these kids knew to have sex. After my brief introduction to sex-ed in middle school, sex became taboo in Wake County. Throughout my high school career I never once heard a teacher discuss the subject of sex in depth (except, of course, old Mr. McHandington, but he was promptly fired).

On Jan. 6, the Wake County School Board voted of 5-3 to use the antiquated abstinence-only education system. Abstinence-only means that teachers must never talk about the act of having sex out of wedlock. They can mention condoms and what not, but never teach how to use them, or where to get them.

Well geez! I can see why, I mean if 100 percent of high school students go to high school, and 66 percent of them are having sex, that means absti-

nence-only is working on at least 33 percent of students! That's phenomenal. I think it's genius.

Why should we teach kids about how to have safe sex? If we even mention the word sex to any young adult they'll simply become lustful sex fiends. The idea of teaching "abstinence plus" is obviously absurd.

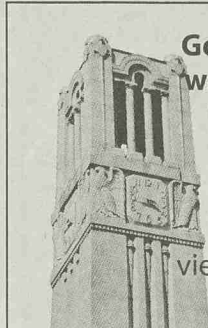
Abstinence plus emphasizes the clear message that abstinence is the absolute safest choice. However, the program also explains the use of contraceptives, where to get birth control and how to engage in safe sex. Eighty-nine percent of teachers believe that sex-ed courses should teach students where to go for birth control, 82 percent felt that sex-ed should teach students how to use condoms. But what do teachers know anyway?

No, the decision to continue teaching abstinence-only is made by politicians who would rather keep their jobs than do what is right for our kids. Good for you, school board.

Hey! Wait a second. What if by emphasizing the need for safe sex (and there is no safer sex than abstinence) and educating our students by actually giving them the information required to make sound decisions about sex? Hey, that sounds pretty good.

Look. 66 percent! SIXTY-SIX percent of students are having sex! It is WRONG not to teach safe sex if 66 percent of kids are going to have sex anyway. Stop being dumb. Teach kids abstinence first, but also about how to use a condom. Do it for the sake of our kids.

Someone help Zack learn about the birds and the bees. E-mail him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



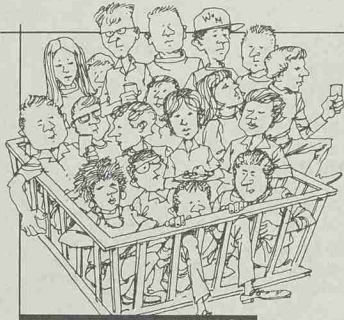
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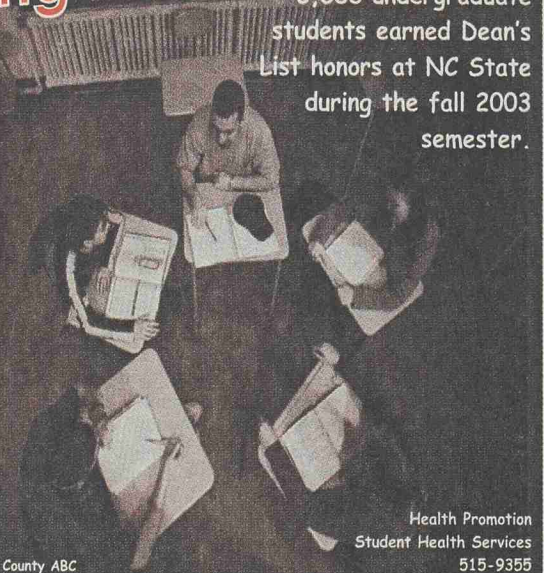
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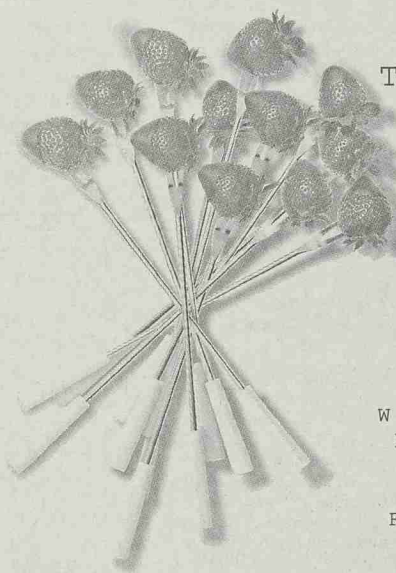
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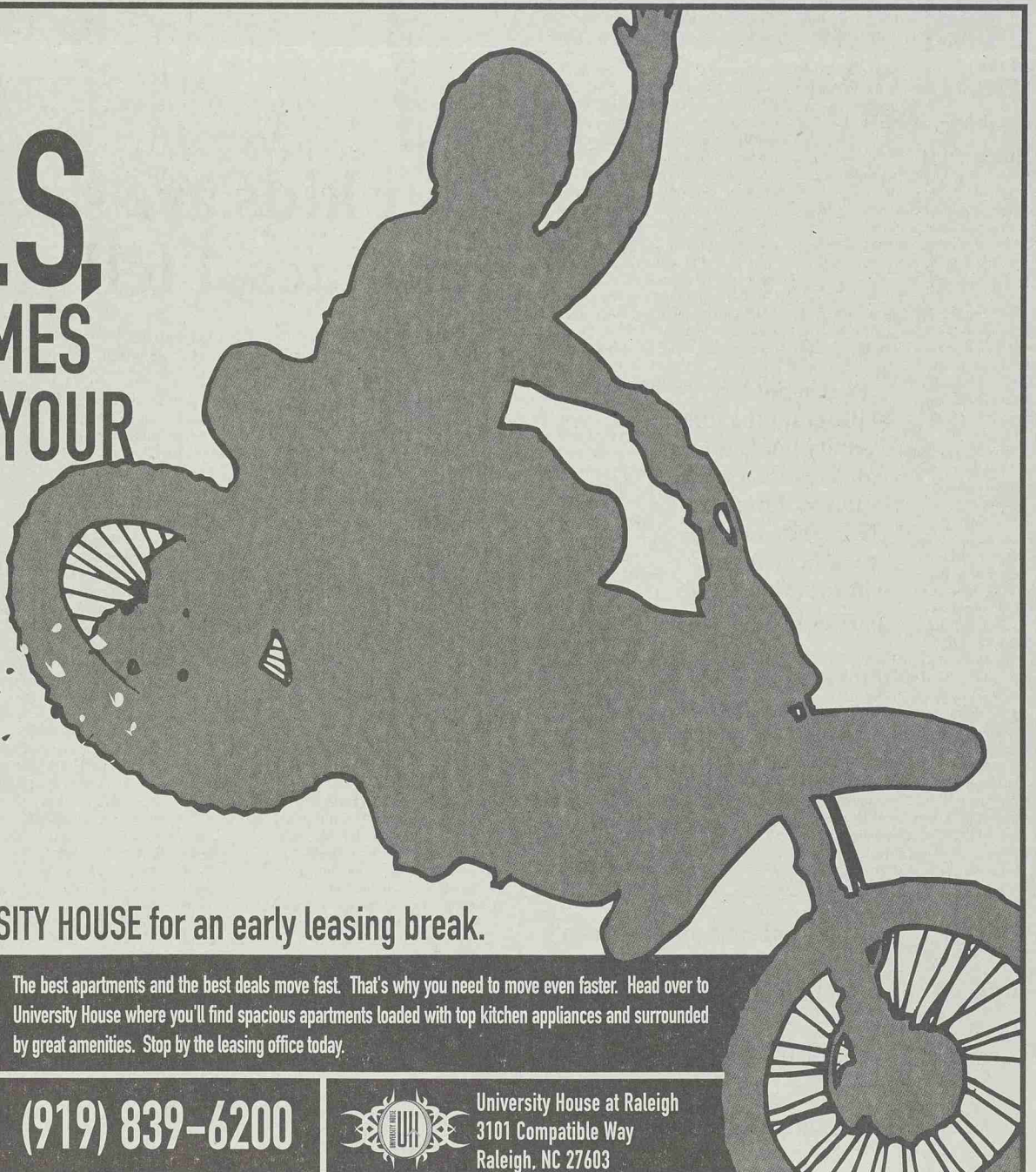
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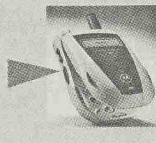
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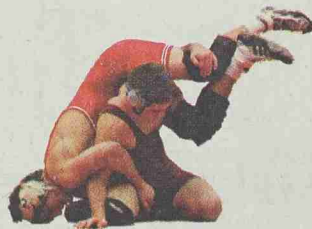
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 W. basketball at Wake Forest, 2/5
 Wrestling vs. Old Dominion, 2/4, 7:30
 Gymnastics at Governor's Cup, 2/7
 Men's tennis vs. Yale, 2/6, 1
 Women's tennis vs. App. State, 2/7, 1
 M. swimming & diving at UNC, 2/6

Scores

No games scheduled

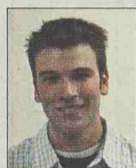


TECHNICIAN

Super Bowl uncensored

I'm a self-proclaimed genius. I am to the NFL what Albert Einstein is to physics. My predictions of season outcomes put Sir Isaac Newton and his theories of apples and gravity to shame.

In early October, I wrote a column predicting the Panthers would win the Super Bowl, and I was wrong, but barely.



Ryan Renyolds
Staff Writer

The Panthers were destined to win. They were going to hoist the Vince Lombardi trophy in sheer triumph. Instead, I sat silent on my couch as Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri ended my dream of being president, marrying Hilary Duff (when she's legal) and most importantly, a Super Bowl victory for the Carolina Panthers.

Despite being in seclusion for the past three days because of the devastating loss, I have decided to share my thoughts on the biggest game in Panthers history.

Jake Delhomme vs. Tom Brady

At the beginning of the season, Delhomme's composure was as unstable as Finch in the back seat of a car with Stiffler's mom. But in just a couple of months, he transformed into one of the most clutch quarterbacks in the league. Even though he led the Panthers to their first Super Bowl in franchise history, some skeptics still feel he might not be the franchise quarterback the organization needs.

What does he have to do to prove all the doubters wrong—throw for more than 300 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions in the Super Bowl? Wait, he did that. For the two ridiculously long weeks building up to the big game, the media repeatedly labeled Patriots quarterback Tom Brady as the next Joe Montana.

Are these people serious?

Joe Montana didn't become a legendary NFL quarterback by throwing 20 5-yard passes each game. Delhomme was the one in rare Montana form Sunday. In the fourth quarter, he threw a perfect 85-yard bomb to Muhsin Muhammad for the longest touchdown in Super Bowl history.

Both quarterbacks were equally as impressive, but Delhomme proved he could handle being the focal point of the national media.

Second-half blunders

The Panthers would have won in overtime. Every Panthers fan glued to the television knew it. The Patriots fans watching the game in Foxboro, Mass. were scared of it. But some questionable coaching decisions and a fatal special-teams error gave the Patriots an opportunity.

Carolina coach Jon Fox decided to attempt a 2-point conversion early in the fourth quarter after the Panthers scored to cut it to five. A successful conversion would have cut the lead to three, but the Panthers offense was clearly starting to move the ball. The decision would have made Fox look brilliant. Instead, it failed and now he'll be scrutinized for the rest of his coaching life.

Janet's bearings

It was a good thing I taped the game. I needed further proof that Janet Jackson's bosoms were unleashed to everyone in America, so I rewound the tape...several times. After confirming what my innocent eyes thought they saw, I have this question for CBS:

Why not play the Lingerie Bowl at Reliant Stadium during halftime of the Super Bowl? The halftime ratings would have been the highest in Super Bowl history.

Future Predictions

As the Panthers crept back into the locker room defeated, I had another brilliant thought: the Panthers will play in the Super Bowl next year.

In fact, they will play the New England Patriots in a rematch of Super Bowl XXXVIII.

But until then, I'll reminisce on the prediction that almost made me an instant celebrity. Almost.

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Second-place showdown...again

State can get off to its best ACC start ever under coach Herb Sendek with a win tonight.

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

Just hours before the Wolfpack's Super Bowl Sunday showdown with Maryland, Scooter Sherrill spoke. And as he did, gold teeth no doubt gleaming, N.C. State listened.

"We called a meeting, I didn't say much, but Scooter did most of the talking, Julius [Hodge] too... [they were] saying 'We haven't won here since 1989. That's a long time,' and Scooter got us focused three or four hours before the game," fellow senior Marcus Melvin explained. "It was time for a change."

Indeed, State went out and put together maybe its best game of the season in an 81-69 defeat of the Terrapins.

"A good road win over a great team — it might have been our most complete game," Melvin said. "I'm proud of the whole team."

The Wolfpack picked a good time to do so in becoming the first ACC team other than Duke to win more than one conference road game. Now, with second place on the line, State (12-5, 5-2 ACC) hosts Wake Forest (13-4, 4-3) tonight at 9 p.m. in the RBC Center, a place where the Pack hasn't lost all year.

State could get off to its best ACC start since the conference expanded to nine teams in the 1991-92 season with a victory over the No. 16 Demon Deacons.

"We still have over half the conference in front of us so we have to stay true and keep focused," said coach Herb Sendek, keeping things in perspective.

That's exactly what his team successfully did before the big road win Sunday.

"This game was important, I needed to make sure [everyone] knew that," Sherrill explained after the win.

Sendek noted the significance of the players-only gathering.

"In their minds it was very important because they obviously spoke about that after the game," Sendek said.

Equally important for the team will be de-

Tales of a first half

N.C. State can end the first half of the ACC season at 6-2 with a victory over Wake Forest tonight, which would be the best ACC start ever under current coach Herb Sendek.

1996-97	0-8
1997-98	2-6
1998-99	3-5
1999-2000	5-3
2000-2001	2-6
2001-2002	5-3
2002-2003	5-3

SOURCE: NCSU Media Relations



fending its homecourt. State already owns a home win over a top-15 club, having downed Georgia Tech 76-72 on Jan. 24.

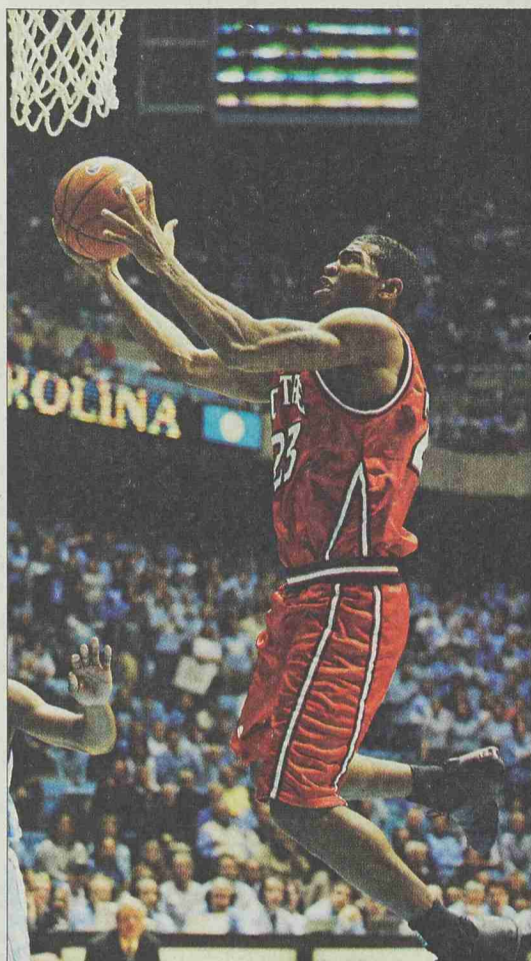
Riding an 11-0 start, the Deacs climbed as high as No. 4 in the nation before falling at Texas, which kick-started a four-game losing streak that culminated with a five-point loss at Florida State. That setback left the Deacs 2-3 in the ACC, but the streak didn't necessarily mean WFU was playing poorly, according to Sendek.

"If your only barometer is wins and losses, I guess you could paint it that simplistically...they had a challenging stretch of their schedule," Sendek said. "We know they're one of the best teams in the country, and we're going to have to be on our very, very best Wednesday night."

The Deacs, whose top three scorers are sophomores or freshman, downed UNC in a triple-overtime classic earlier in the year, a win that coach Skip Prosser might have thought gotten into their heads and contributed to the losing streak.

"It's not like we have a team with a bunch of veteran guys that know how to handle everyone telling them they're the greatest thing since Cherrios," he said.

Senior staff writer Jon Page contributed to this story



SCOOTER SHERRILL/TECHNICIAN
 Scooter Sherrill lays in two of his six points in a two-point loss to UNC. State can garner a two-game stranglehold on second place with a win tonight.

The ball is in our court Prediction: N.C. State 79, Wake Forest 74

OFFENSIVELY:

Wake Forest, ranked 15 in the latest AP poll, is led by a trio of jovial scorers - Justin Gray, Eric Williams and Chris Paul - who are all underclassmen. The young, up-tempo Deacs have eclipsed the 90-point mark six times this year, but N.C. State is coming off one of its better-executed offense games in quite sometime.

Slight edge: Wake Forest.



COACHING:

Skip Prosser led Wake to the ACC regular-season title last season in just his second year on the job and has the Deacs back on track after they lost four in a row in mid-January. The commendable job Sendek has done with his team this year has gone largely unnoticed, even by a majority of his own fans.

Edge: Even



DEFENSIVELY:

"Over time, man-to-man [defense] has kind of been our thing," State coach Herb Sendek said Monday. "If we have to play some 2-3 zone, we do." Such has been the Wolfpack's defensive strategy lately, including a large dose of zone Sunday against Maryland. State held the Terrapins to under 70 points and has allowed just one opponent (Duke) to score over 75 points all year.

Edge: N.C. State



INTANGIBLES:

State is back in the friendly confines of the RBC Center, where it hasn't lost all year, but the last team to beat the Pack in its own building was Wake. With a road win at Maryland 50-4375 inunday, State seems poised to take the next step into the upper-echelon of the league for the remainder of the year and can do just that with a home win tonight.

Edge: N.C. State

Wrestling features a double-dose of Garrens

Jay Kohler
Senior Staff Writer

Two wrestlers.

In their freshman year, they both had the only wins against a strong Oklahoma team. In their first collegiate matches, they pinned their opponents.

Looking at the start of their careers at N.C. State, the pair might as well be twins. In fact, they're brothers — not twins — and the two are quite different, except for the will and the drive that they possess to win.

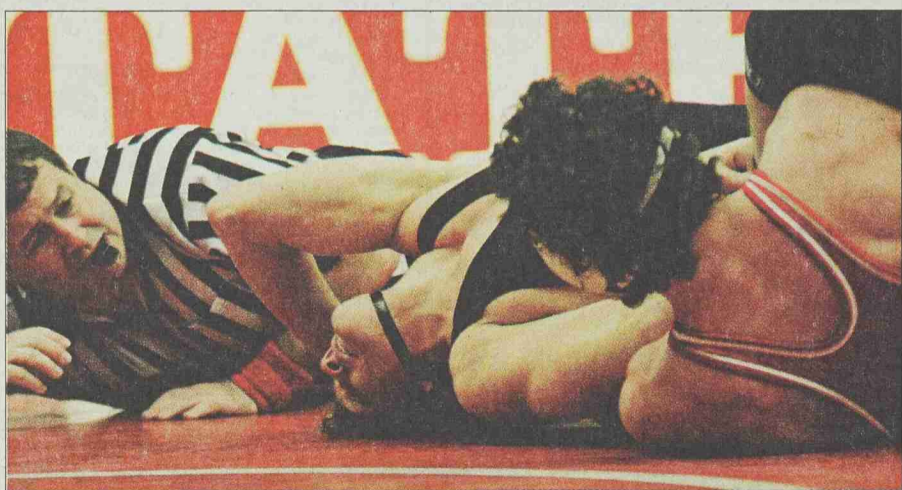
Scott Garren, a red-shirt senior, and Zach Garren, a true freshman, are finally together on the same wrestling team, and they're ready to start making waves not only in the ACC but at a national level. Scott currently has a record of 12-2 this season, while his younger brother is sitting at 10-9.

But Zach has been winning big matches as of late, downing Austin David of national power Oklahoma and Daren Burns of UNC-Greensboro.

"You come to college and you don't think about wrestling a team as good as Oklahoma," Zach said. "Then, it actually happens and to get a win out of it, it's a very good win."

Growing up, the pair never really wrestled each other. Scott is roughly four years older than Zach, and he was usually too big and too old to make it a fair match. Now, the height and the weight advantage goes to Zach, who sprouted his sophomore year of high school. Zach currently wrestles in the 197-pound weight class and has nearly four inches on his brother, who has wrestled in the 157-pound class while at NCSU.

"I've been wrestling well," Scott said. "I had a good performance in Las Vegas



SCOTT GARREN/TECHNICIAN
 Scott Garren, whose brother is also on the team, works to pin his Maryland foe.

[in December]. If only I could get healthy and stay healthy, I don't think there is anyone out there better than me. At the end of the season, I want to be standing on that All-American podium."

Zach does hope that the injury bug, which has chased his brother throughout his college career doesn't end up biting him as well. Scott was unable to wrestle in the Oklahoma match due to continued problems with his knee. During his sophomore season, Scott had wrenched his knee during a match hard enough to tear his ACL and PCL.

"I'm getting older and I'm about as fragile as a Faberge egg, but that's the nature of the beast," Scott said. "You just

hope things are going to go your way in the long run."

It has been a slow start for Zach so far in college, but now, halfway through this season, things are really starting to heat up for him. At one point, after a tough overtime loss against Vinroy July of Carolina, Zach was 5-9. He has rebounded to win five straight and as he has adjusted to the collegiate level of competition. Zach's brother has helped speed his adjustments to the college arena.

"It really helps having someone you know," Zach said. "You know how it is going away from home for the first time, and [Scott] has definitely helped me with [this level of] wrestling."

As far as what the future holds, the Garren brothers are dead-set on competing and winning at the highest level. Scott may want to be an All-American in this, his final season, but Zach also hopes to be there.

"I want to make it to be able to see him on the All-American platform," Zach said. "I want to be able to go to nationals at the end of this year."

Although this is the first time the two brothers have been on the same team, it will also be the last. Next year, Zach will be on his own, making his own name for himself in N.C. State wrestling history. Scott graduates in May and is thinking about entering the Air Force.