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Faculty Senate focuses on nighttime safety

ID cards and night classes the focus of Tuesday's meeting.

Charles Duncan
Senior Staff Reporter

Debate and discussion lasted over an hour Tuesday after the Campus Security Task Force presented its report to the Faculty Senate.

Campus safety dominated the session, but the senate also passed a resolution to create a permanent budget advisory committee to the chancellor.

The Campus Security Task Force submitted their report to the chan-

cellor in early January and the chancellor then asked that they present their findings to the Faculty Senate for input.

Co-chaired by David Rainer, associate vice chancellor of environmental health and public safety, and Thomas Younce, campus police chief, the task force also included faculty, students and administration.

The first recommendation by the task force was to require all N.C. State faculty, staff and students to carry their campus ID card whenever on campus. Rainer said this would "enhance institutional security."

Rainer continued, "If there is someone in your building you don't

know, ask 'can I help you?' Or ask for their ID."

Rainer added that the task force had concerns over profiling or insulting someone accidentally.

"There is a right way to ask for a badge and there's a wrong way to ask for a badge," Rainer said.

One senator asked what would happen if a person didn't have an ID card on them.

Rainer replied, "[The task force] hasn't reconciled that yet."

When the topic arose of requiring people to wear or visibly display their campus ID card at all times, one senator replied, "This conjures up images of 'show me your papers'."

Rainer said that at that time, they were not considering requiring people to wear their ID cards.

ID cards weren't the only issue to come out of the safety task force report, the other major issue centered on night classes.

Sen. Robert Bruck, who teaches three night classes a week said, "We have an unwritten law that no one has questioned that women do not return to their cars alone" after a night class.

After the meeting, Cat Warren, a faculty senator and English professor, said, "It bothers me to hear

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David Rainer, associate vice chancellor of environmental health & public safety, discusses the Safety Task Force report at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

FLYING DISC



TAYLOR TEMPELTON/TECHNICIAN

Master's degree student Nate Powell and senior Susan McIntyre throw a frisbee outside D.H. Hill Library. Said Powell, "Yeah, it's just kind of random."

Webmail clogs with spam

University postmasters work to decrease the amounts of spam that is leaking into e-mail accounts.

Diane Cordova
Assistant News Editor

When students open their Webmail accounts, sometimes spam, or unsolicited e-mail sent to a large number of addresses, greets them, ranging from enhancing your sex life

to prescription drugs.

"Spam is the devil," Carol Nee, a senior in communications, jokingly said.

Nee said she receives spam every day.

Recently, more spam is leaking through the university's filter software because spammers - people who get paid for quickly sending as much spam as possible - have become smarter, Tim Lowman, a systems programmer III in the university's Information Technology Division (ITD)

department, said.

"Spammers are becoming more technically savvy. You can build a better mouse trap, but there's always a smarter mouse," Lowman said.

Lowman also serves as one of five postmasters for the campus, who are responsible for keeping the university's e-mail system in operation.

Lowman described the past struggle between postmasters and spammers. He said postmasters use block list technology to block IP addresses

and domain names, but the spammers became smarter so the postmasters countered with "Spam Assassin," a spam tagging software.

The spammers, however, countered with bogus domain names, which postmasters countered with a newer batch of filter software and spam tagging software, which they are working on now.

"Spammers want to send out as much spam as possible and

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Scientists add new elements to table

Professors and students discuss discovery of the two newest elements added to the periodic table

Shannon Holder
Assistant News Editor

A new periodic table may be on the shopping lists of scientists worldwide in the years to come. A group of American and Russian scientists recently discovered element 113, Ununpentium and element 115, Ununtrium, in a particle accelerator.

Each element's number refers to the number of protons in the nucleus of the atom.

"There has been a long-term search for these. The scientists are trying to make heavier nuclei by colliding small nuclei at very high speeds," David Haase, physics professor, said. "This is like colliding two Volkswagens and hoping they morph into a brand new Ford Super Duty truck."

Haase, also the director of N.C. State's Science House, noted that in studies, the elements lasted only a small fraction of a second before breaking into smaller pieces.

"It is thought that if the new element is made heavy enough it will be stable, like iron or aluminum. This stability has not been found yet," he said.

The discovery of the elements will not have much of an impact on research at NCSU anytime soon, according to Haase.

"The nuclear physics research group at N.C. State has concentrated on experiments with smaller nuclei, where we can sort out interactions among the protons and neutrons in a more specific way than you can with super-heavy nuclei," he said. "Each approach

has its place in learning about the elements."

Evan Graham, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, was interested in the discovery, but doubted the elements' impact on science.

"My life won't be affected unless these elements are used in everyday life," Graham said. "More than likely, it won't concern me."

Chemistry professor, George H. Wahl, was not surprised to hear of the elements' discovery.

"I know that this is a preliminary result. I hope it will be confirmed soon by others," he said.

Wahl notes that the discovery is a curiosity for many chemists, because the elements are radioactive and rapidly decay.

"I believe the authors also claimed that only a very few atoms of each were created. That is to be contrasted with the major elements, where we usually deal with multiples of Avogadro's number of atoms at a time," Wahl said. "Remember, 6.02 x 10 to the 23rd power is Avogadro's number. Don't you wish you had Avogadro's number of pennies?"

Inorganic chemistry professor, James D. Martin, notes the time in recent years spent on the discovery of new elements.

"While new discoveries are always exciting, I do not anticipate this discovery to have a profound impact on science, even when their discovery is confirmed," Martin said. "As a chemist, you recognize that it is impossible to do any significant chemistry on elements that you can make only one at a time, and that last for less than one second."

Regardless of how long the elements

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Kerry wins again

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NASHVILLE, TENN. - John Kerry continued his roll toward the Democratic nomination Tuesday, easily winning primaries in Tennessee and Virginia despite opposition from two southern rivals.

"What we showed today is the mainstream values that I've been talking about, fairness and hope and hard work and love of country, are more important than boundaries and birthplace," the Massachusetts senator told The Associated Press.

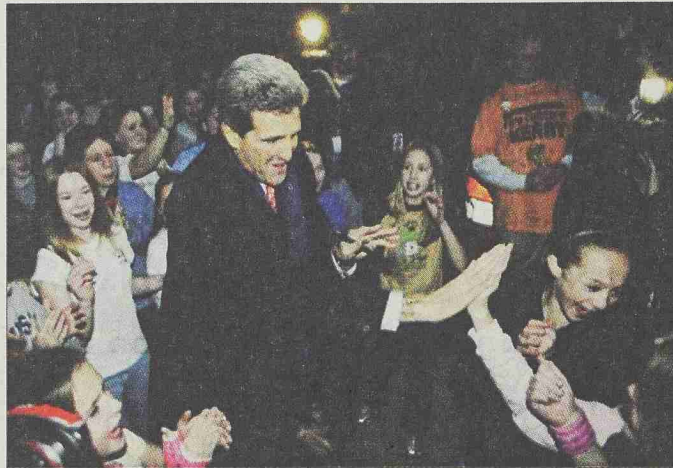
The easy victories gave Kerry a stunning 12 out of 14 victories in the primaries and caucuses, and a vice grip on the party's nomination heading into what could be a decisive Wisconsin primary next week.

"These wins sling shot Kerry way ahead of the pack," said Stuart Rothenberg, editor of a Washington-based political newsletter. "Clearly, John Edwards and Wesley Clark barely have a pulse."

Clark, who hails from Arkansas, was huddled with his campaign advisers most of the night, trying to determine his future after finishing a distant third in both states. He canceled a fund-raising event in Houston, despite continuing financial problems for his campaign. About 250 of his campaign workers passed up paychecks to fund his ad campaign in Tennessee.

Edwards, a North Carolina senator, had hoped to run strong in Virginia and Tennessee after his victory last

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CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT CAMPUS

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., high-fives students outside of the Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax Station, Va., Tuesday evening.

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WORLD

CARBOMBING IN IRAQ KILLS DOZENS; CROWD BLAMES AMERICANS

ISKANDARIYAH, Iraq - A suicide bomber blew up a truckload of explosives Tuesday outside a police station south of Baghdad, killing up to 53 people and wounding scores - including would-be Iraqi recruits lined up to apply for jobs.

No U.S. or other coalition forces were hurt, said Lt. Col. Dan Williams, a military spokesman in Baghdad.

Casualty figures varied.

The U.S. military command reported 35 dead and 75 wounded but said those figures could be low since Iraqi authorities were handling the investigation. The Iraqi Interior Ministry said 40 to 50 people died and up to 100 wounded, including four policemen.

However, a local hospital director, Razaq Jabbar, put the number at 53 dead and 60 wounded - all believed to be Iraqis.

-Associated Press

FRENCH LAWMAKERS APPROVE BAN ON RELIGIOUS APPAREL

PARIS - France took a decisive step Tuesday toward banning Islamic head scarves in public schools, with lawmakers overwhelmingly backing the government's drive to preserve French secular traditions from Muslim fundamentalism.

The ban on religious attire in classrooms, which also includes Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses, was approved 494-36 despite protests and criticism from around the world. The measure goes into effect next month to the Senate, where there is little opposition.

The bill stipulates that "in schools, junior high schools and high schools, signs and dress that conspicuously show the religious affiliation of students are forbidden." It would not apply to students in private schools or to French schools in other countries.

The government argues that a law is needed to protect France's secular traditions and to ward off rising Islamic fundamentalism.

-Associated Press

NATION

AMBER ALERT ISSUED FOR 15-YEAR-OLD FLORIDA GIRL

LABELLE, Fla. - An Amber Alert was issued Monday for a 15-year-old girl missing from her southwestern Florida home. Hendry County sheriff's officials said the girl has called home several times, once crying, but the line went dead each time.

Rosa Elena Quiroz, who is about 4-foot-8 and 98 pounds with waist-length reddish brown hair, was last seen by her family on Saturday morning, said sheriff's spokeswoman Sgt. Susan Harrelle.

Quiroz's family said she has called them several times to say she is in the Ocala area, but each time the line went dead for unknown reasons, Harrelle said. During one of those calls, Quiroz was crying, her family said.

Quiroz may be with Jose Guadalupe Espita Rodriguez and Jaime Espita Rodriguez, and may be in danger, police said in an Amber Alert. Both men are in their mid-20s, about 5-foot-3 and about 125 pounds.

They may be traveling in a 1996 Ford Thunderbird, possibly with a sunroof and a rear spoiler, with the North Carolina plate RZN858.

-Associated Press

EXPERTS FEAR OHIO SNIPER HAS WIDENED ZONE

COLUMBUS, Ohio - A recent burst of sniper shootings along an Ohio highway has been linked to earlier shootings 25 miles to the north, leaving experts fearful that the gunman has widened his comfort zone and is looking for more prey.

The growing target area could be part of a strategy to throw off the police and "break out an additional portion of the population," N.G. Berrill, a forensic psychologist associated with the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said Monday.

The serial shootings, 23 in all, began in May, though most have occurred since mid-October. The shootings have happened at various times of the day and night.

-Associated Press

STATE

MAN CHARGED WITH IMPERSONATION PROBED IN OTHER TOWNS

A man charged with impersonating a police officer is being investigated in five other towns in eastern North Carolina, Wilson police said.

Charles Henry Arms, 63, of Charlotte, faces five counts of impersonating a police officer, two counts of felony breaking and entering and larceny and three counts of attempting to obtain property by false pretenses.

His charges relate to five of the 10 police impersonation cases in Wilson dating to April 2002. Arms was arrested Friday by Charlotte police after a joint investigation.

Investigations are pending in Rocky Mount, Kingston, Goldsboro and Warsaw, said Sgt. D.B. Garris of the Wilson Police Department.

-Associated Press

\$30 MILLION IN COCAINE FOUND

Police found an estimated \$30 million worth of cocaine hidden among a tractor-trailer full of toys headed for Wal-Mart stores in North Carolina.

State pulled over a tractor-trailer Sunday on Interstate 40 near Forrest City, saying it was speeding.

According to police, officers found cocaine inside 12 boxes, each containing about 25 kilograms. The total weight of the drugs is estimated at 300 kilograms, or 660 pounds.

-Associated Press

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people say we've created a system where people have to walk women to their cars."

Warren continued, "I would like to feel reasonably safe in terms of lighting and safe buildings. I think that's reasonable."

Warren went on to say that she personally knows two faculty members who have been assaulted on campus.

"I just don't like the odds," she said.

Younce and Rainer said the most important thing to do is to educate students about safety and the potential risks on campus.

"Students feel invincible," Younce said.

Claire Pierce, a senior in zoology, said she felt safe on campus at night.

"I've never had a problem," Pierce said.

Liz Miller, a freshman in multi-disciplinary studies, also said she felt safe on campus after dark.

"I've just never known anyone who had a problem," she said.

Lydia Barovero, a Spanish professor, held a different view.

"I just don't come to campus at night," Barovero added, "It's very easy to run into trouble."

Following the discussion over campus safety, the senate unanimously passed a resolution to set up a faculty budget advisory committee to the chancellor.

This committee will include faculty and some administration and will report directly to

Action items recommended:

1. Require ID card on campus
2. Restrict after-hours access to buildings
3. Schedule night classes with security in mind
4. Identify, equip and patrol main walking paths
5. Check all IDs at D.H. Hill
6. Begin a crime education and awareness program
7. Provide a single point of contact for rape/sexual assault victims
8. Conduct a biannual campus-wide security survey
9. Maintain the Campus Security Task Force
10. Establish "campus security" fund

the chancellor on budget cuts.

Warren, who sat on the committee that brought this resolution to the floor, said, "I'm really excited about the possibilities. The faculty have never really had this kind of direct, sustained input on the budget."

Warren continued, "The administration, no matter how well meaning, can't know what's going on in the lower levels."

"I think this will democratize the process," Warren said.

The committee will be in charge of singling out areas where budget cuts can be made.

"I think that strategic cuts are the only way to maintain quality in a time of recession," Warren said.

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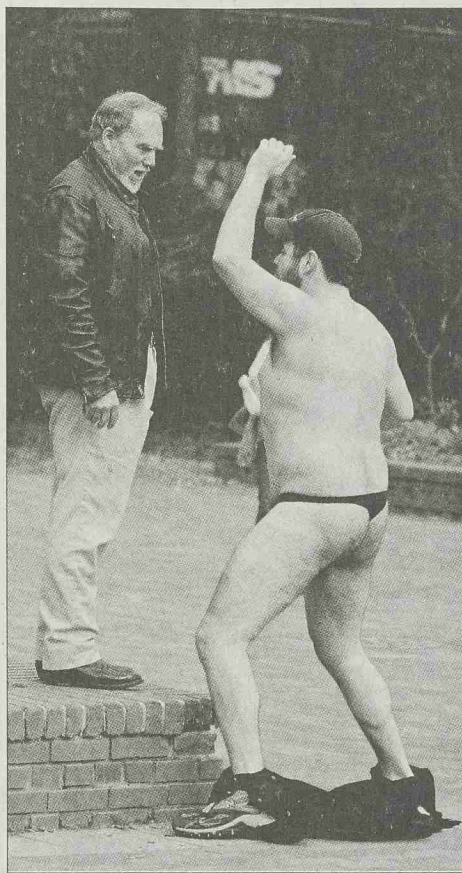
as fast as possible but they don't want to endanger their own network, so they take advantage of compromised machines on and off campus," Lowman said.

According to Lowman, ITD was able to defeat the spammers

before, but "how [spammers] are using so many different bogus domain names and IP addresses to get around filtering technology, which makes it difficult because it's hard to find a pattern."

Some students are taking precautions to stop spam from entering their e-mail inbox. Stephanie Eason, a junior in

WANT TO DANCE?



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Thomas Crowshaw strips in front of Gary the preacher as an antic on Tuesday afternoon. This happened between classes so there would be a large crowd. One of Crowshaw's friends said he would have to buy him a beer for this stunt.

art and design, said, "I don't get that much spam...my dad gave me two CDs - one for the DOOM virus and the other is to eliminate cookies."

Programs can be bought which prevent spam, but N.C. State's ITD department tries hard to stop spam from entering students' e-mails.

Lowman described the efforts

of the postmaster group.

"We have five people in the postmaster group. We work really hard to try to keep all the spam off campus," he said.

For more information on "SpamAssassin," a spam tagging software, visit <http://sysnews.ncsu.edu/docs/spamassassin/>.

POLICE BLOTTER

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1:37 a.m. | Welfare check

A non-student called stating that a staff member had not returned home and she was concerned. Officers checked for the subject's vehicle around Case Athletic Center where she worked, but were unable to locate. The non-student caller was contacted and advised.

4:06 a.m. | Check person

A non-student was found at a construction site sleeping in his vehicle. He was a contractor from Virginia who arrived early and fell asleep. Everything was OK.

7:23 a.m. | Burglary

A staff member reported that someone had broken into three rooms in the College of Textiles and had stolen a couple of laptop computers.

7:42 a.m. | Burglary

A staff member reported that a suite in Partners II had been broken into, and numerous computers had been taken.

8:24 a.m. | Larceny

A staff member reported that someone entered into room 220 Dabney Hall and took the LCD projector from the ceiling.

11:38 a.m. | Traffic accident

A student was pulling into the Dan Allen Deck when the bike on his roof pulled down some conduit and damaged another vehicle.

11:35 p.m. | Traffic stop

A non-student was issued a citation for speeding 55 in a 45 MPH zone on Method Road at Ligon Street. He was charged with no insurance on the vehicle.

12:02 p.m. | Medical assist

A student was suffering from seizures in a room in Harrelson Hall. Police and Fire responded. He was transported to Student Health.

1:30 p.m. | Larceny

A staff member reported that someone took an envelope from a room in Carmichael Gym that contained \$812.

1:38 p.m. | Information police

A non-student called into the police stating she was driving a school bus that was involved in an accident. Some kids were hurt. Police and Fire responded to the area, but the bus had left. Contact was made with the driver, and she stated that there was no damage and that only one kid had bumped his head. They were returning to their school.

2:06 p.m. | Medical assist

A student in Harrelson Hall was vomiting severely and had possible food poisoning. RFD and EMS arrived, but the subject refused transport to the hospital.

2:12 p.m. | Larceny

A student reported that someone had stolen his book bag from outside the Reynolds Coliseum training room.

2:31 p.m. | Damage to property

A student parked her vehicle in the Vet School main lot. When she returned, someone had scratched the trunk of her car.

4:12 p.m. | Traffic accident

A student was driving a Wolfline bus and tried to pass a parked vehicle at the Vet School and while turning, he struck the vehicle.

6:10 p.m. | Traffic accident

A student was driving the Student Patrol van and struck a parked vehicle north of the Bookstore. No affiliation was found on the owner of the vehicle. A card was left on the vehicle to contact the Campus Police. Damage was minimal. An accident report was filed.

6:29 p.m. | Medical assist

A student injured his ankle playing basketball on the indoor court at Carmichael Gym. He was transported by his friend to the hospital for treatment. EMS responded.

7:31 p.m. | Suspicious vehicle

An officer observed a suspicious vehicle at the loading dock of the ABB Building. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle belonged to housekeeping persons working in the building. No problems noted.

7:58 p.m. | Suspicious persons

A caller advised that he saw a subject riding a bike, who dropped the bike near Baver Drive. He said the subject appeared intoxicated. He was described as unknown race, wearing camouflage, and possibly having a beard. An officer checked the area and did not locate the subject. Everything in the area appeared to be all right. No bike was found in the area.

2:52 a.m. | Traffic stop/arrest DWI

A student was stopped on Dan Allen Drive for a vehicle equipment violation. He was then arrested for driving while impaired, and transported to Wake County Jail. He was also referred to the university.

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week in South Carolina. But after watching Kerry notch key Democratic endorsements in both Tennessee and Virginia, he said that two second-place finishes would leave him isolated against Kerry in a one-on-one race.

"I'm going to be the nominee," he said. "All I have to do is be competitive here. We're quickly approaching the place where it will be a two-person race. Once that happens and voters are able to focus on two candidates and see the clear differences between us, I believe I will be the nominee."

Edwards, who previously won in his native South Carolina, said he was equipped to take on the front-runner. "We have the money and we have the resources," he said this week while campaigning in Nashville. "Everything looks good for a long-term battle."

He and Kerry will also have to deal with Howard Dean; the former Vermont governor has been focusing his attention on Wisconsin. Both Edwards and Dean spent most of Tuesday already campaigning in the Badger State. For Kerry, Tuesday's results continued a pattern that began when he surged from the back of the pack in Iowa last month.

Democrats flocked to him because they considered him the best bet to beat President Bush, according to exit polls. But the Virginia and Tennessee victories were a different type of breakthrough for Kerry, helping him demonstrate nationwide appeal after questioning whether Democrats needed to compete in the South.

He pulled off the feat with a slew of endorsements from top Democrats, such as Virginia Gov. Mark Warner and former Tennessee Gov. Ned McWherter, and a last-minute media campaign. His rivals, by contrast, spent days in the state hoping to take advantage of their southern credentials.

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last in a controlled environment, Jennifer Sugar, a junior in biochemistry, is excited about the two elements.

"I think it's neat to hear of these discoveries," she said. "It may not seem important now, but years down the road, these discoveries may lead to great things."

Martin appreciates the discovery, but questions the money spent to research the elements.

"I am a very strong advocate of fundamental science, both for its own sake and for the benefit of application to future technologies," he said. "However, I prefer to have my tax dollars invested in the discovery and characterization of new materials, very active areas of research at NCSU, rather than on the esoteric search for super-heavy elements which have sub-second lifetimes."

None of the professors plan to buy new periodic tables, due to budget problems.

"No, this would be a very low budget priority," Martin said. "In fact, the periodic table in the main lecture hall, Dabney 222, has not been updated since Dabney Hall was built."

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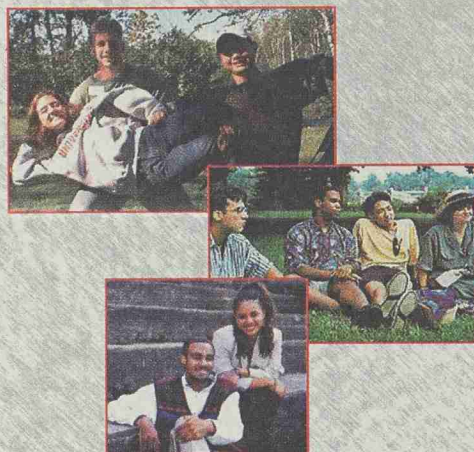
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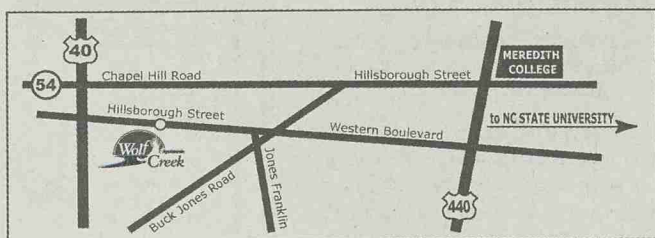


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Please forgive me

Hey, you, I know we've really drifted apart this past year, much like Styx did back in 1984, except with less hair, and more heartache. But what a ball we had when we were together!



Tim Coffield

Senior Staff Writer

bowls, tilting my head to the side, peering at you. Talking in cutesy little gibberish language that only we could understand.

Just the thought of taking those tender touches to the next step made my spit glands bulge! Ah, but just like those Hanson boys and Al Sharpton's presidential bid, it was all fated to disappear. I'll admit, I never saw it coming. In fact, I was sure we'd be together forever.

That said, lately I've been doing some thinking. I've also been doing some needlework, but that is less relevant (unless you need a new sweater). Anyway, I confess; what I did was wrong, giving you up like that. I was scared and confused, much like Laura Flynn Boyle was when Eckerd stopped carrying her favorite laxative product. I didn't know what I was doing! What I've been thinking about is this: I think we should get back together, just like Styx did in 1997. Yeah, I'm ready to have you back, if you'll have me. I miss you. I need you. Believe me when I say - you always were, and always will be, my favorite macronutrient. You, my sweet carbohydrates!

Looking back, I think we can blame our separation on this recent smear-campaign against you, which I think was started by one of those "fitness" magazines and made its way into the mainstream. My carbohydrates - my breakfast cereals and white breads and pastas! My staples! - you became evil, it seems, overnight.

You were to be avoided at all costs, said the diet books and the television and, of course, the magazines. Don't eat these, they said. Eat this other stuff, like this slab of beef, this cheese-ball or this \$3.99 "protein bar." But for Chris' sake, stay away from that bread.

The proof was in the pictures, those bodybuilder pictures in the muscle mags and the diet books. If a giant man with an oiled-up torso and legs the size of children told you that the key to his extraterrestrial muscle

tone was his avoidance of bread, would you have the guts to disagree with him? I didn't. I stopped eating bread.

And so has just about everyone else. It's become a national hysteria. In this case, the amounts of carbohydrate grams in a food are like the color codes. Of course, carbohydrates are less likely to blow things up, but they CAN do something far worse - they can make you fat.

It didn't bother people that humanity in general, which has roamed around this earth since before our parents were even born, has eaten bread every day. Lots of it. No, we decided, we people have gotten smarter through the years. Our ideas keep improving. The automobile. The computer. DDT. Letting John Stamos do commercials. The NFL. So, we figured, if we think carbs are evil, they really must be.

I'll admit, I bought in. I scoured the grocery isles for "no carb" products. I started drinking diet soda. I told people I was "on the Atkins diet." They were impressed. They nodded their heads. This guy is smart, they said to themselves. This guy is with it. It all made me feel pretty good about myself.

But then it hit me last week at Hardee's. I was eating one of their new Atkins diet Thick-burgers, which is a sausage patty wrapped in hamburger meat and cheese, but without the bun. I got the value meal with the large fries and a diet coke. Good stuff. Practically carb-free. Dr. Atkins would approve, if he wasn't so dead these days.

What hit me was this - my new diet might be real super healthy, but it just didn't feel right. I realized I'd gone off and left something special behind. I was a traitor. I hadn't been a good partner.

In the past, whenever I lost a job, failed a test, got caught peaking through the window into my neighbor's room at night, etc., carbs were always there for me. Lucky Charms cereal. White bread and jelly. Grasshoppers cookies. The list goes on. I shouldn't have just run off and treated such a dear friend the way I did.

So, my sweet carbohydrates, it's almost Valentine's Day, and I'm here to grovel before you, I'm sorry. I was wrong. Will you find it in you to have me back?

Until you decide, I'll be sitting here, eating these cheese-drizzled meat patties, wishing like hell I'd never let you go.

Love,
Tim

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As their ship cut across the Atlantic on its way to France, Irons sat watching Annie clean her rifle in the common area, and Stone stood braced against the wall, groaning quietly from seasickness.

"You surprise me, Mr. Stone," Annie said. Her rifle's components lay scattered across the table, and she was servicing them with an oilcloth she found in the engine room. "Never thought I'd see you queasy. Aren't men like you supposed to be all grit and snake spit?"

Irons picked up part of the firing mechanism and eyed it with professional interest. "Piss and vinegar, Miss Blackwood - the eventual fates of wine. I could use a drink myself." He set the piece down again and added, "Of wine, I mean."

Stone grunted. "I'm fine. I'll be better when we disembark."

"It's only for another week, Mr. Stone. That's remarkable speed for a ship like this," Irons beamed. "My design, of course." "Your design?" Annie asked as she started putting the rifle back together.

"Mr. Irons - Doctor Irons," said Stone, catching himself, "is probably the country's finest scientific mind. He received his first doctorate by the time he was 18, and since then he's earned degrees in physics, mathematics, mechanical engineering..."

Irons cut him off with a wave of his hand. "Please, you're boring her. You're boring me, anyway. I'm more interested in whether Miss Blackwood can shoot this thing as well as she broke it down."

Annie snapped the barrel in place with a quiet click, which brought it discreetly in line with Irons' head. "You'll have to take me at my word, Doctor." She smirked as she lowered the rifle to check the sights. "I'm a fair shot."

Stone sat down across the table from Irons. "She learned how to ride and shoot from her father. They had an act. Used to travel with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show."

Annie smiled. "Colonel Jim and Half-Pint Annie."

"I suppose you know each other," Irons said.

Stone pulled a folder from the valise by his chair and tossed it onto the table, spilling documents and photographs. "I know something about both of you, but yes, I served with Annie's father when I was younger. It was back in the Spanish-American War. First Volunteer Cavalry under

Roosevelt."

Irons whistled, impressed. "The Rough Riders. But what do you know about me Mr. Stone? Besides my academic pedigree, of course."

"I know you're working for the military under duress," he replied. "I know you're being extorted by parties unknown to me to make weapons I don't have the clearance to find out about."

An uneasy silence fell on the group. Annie looked from Stone to Irons incredulously. Irons cleared his throat. "How...how did you know that?"

"I didn't," Stone replied. "Given your history with Plague Dog and your erratic behavior since the night of your party, it adds up. What else would drive a brilliant young man made rich by military contracts to such depths? From a modest genius to an obnoxious, drunken ass?"

Irons looked hurt. "Spot-on, Mr. Stone...but how did you get the sanction to recruit me for a field mission if I'm in such a delicate predicament?"

Stone shook his head. "I didn't. I kidnapped you." He glanced at Annie, expecting an outburst, but she only stared at him confusedly. Irons filled in the pause.

"You're crazy! I should escape and report you right now, you madman!"

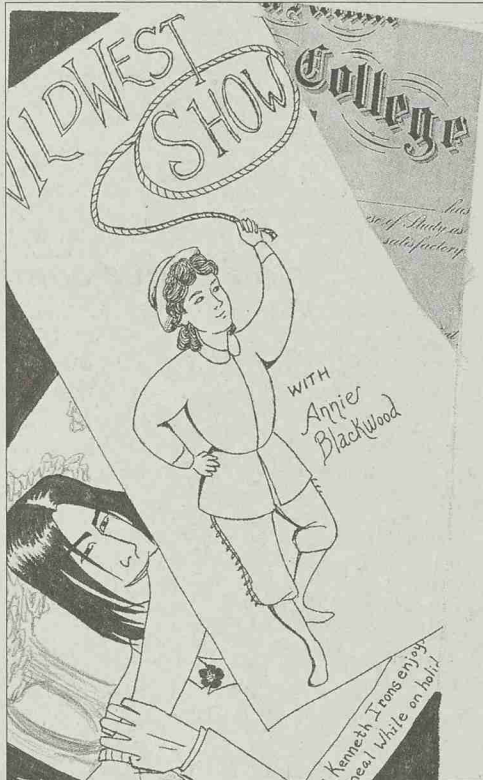
"But you won't, Dr. Irons," Stone said coolly. "Remember Project Plague Dog? You devised an ingenious method of vaccine delivery."

Irons nodded. "Which the Army used to poison enemy troops in Guadalcanal," he added grimly. "I never imagined it'd be used to kill. There is no drink strong enough to wash that from my mind."

"Maybe not, but I have one that might at least wash your hands," Stone pushed a report in front of Irons. "I don't believe you're responsible for how your research was used, but for what it's worth, this is a report from the Bureau regarding a research theft they believe is connected to the Cossack. They think he may be planning to use a rocket propulsion system of your design in his threatened missile attack against the United States."

Irons shoved the report away. "Taking advantage of my guilt? That's extortion, too, you bastard."

"In return for your voluntary service, Dr. Irons, I offer you a full Presidential pardon...which could come in handy should you find an opportunity for



"No one from the Covert Services Agency stays disconnected for long," Stone answered mysteriously. "Not even in the Vault."

revenge."

"Jesus Christ, Jake," Annie blurted out, "A pardon? And all this information? How? Dad said you were in the Vault!"

"The federal prison? I helped design the cells," Irons interjected.

"No one from the Covert Services Agency stays disconnected for long," Stone answered mysteriously. "Not even in the Vault."

"So have you 'kidnapped' me, too?" Annie demanded. "You got some skinny on me to coerce me into service? I knew this 'secret mission' stuff was nonsense - I just don't know your angle."

Stone sighed. "Actually, Annie, you're under arrest for felonious smuggling across the Mexican border."

"What?!" She stood quickly, knocking her chair over and drawing Stone's attention to the rifle still in her hands. "They were people! Political prisoners!"

"That's my angle, Annie - the love of freedom. There's more to this Cossack thing than meets the eye, and if I'm going to get to the bottom of it, I'm going to need you two." He gathered the docu-

ments and returned the folder to his valise. "And yes, you will be getting a pardon. You're better off working for me in my custody than you would be out there with the border patrol on your tail."

Annie grumbled. "You're going to owe me a huge favor, Stone."

"Wrong, kiddo. Your dad owes me a favor, and you're working that debt off for him. Sins of the father. Take it up with him. Ask him about San Juan Hill." He withdrew from the table groaning. "I'm going to check with the captain and see how much longer we'll be on this nausea machine." After he left the room Annie turned to Irons.

"Who the hell does he think he is?"

Irons shrugged. "An opportunist in the land of opportunity, Miss Blackwood - may I call you Anne?" He rocked back in his chair with his hands behind his head and looked up at the ceiling, smiling ironically. "Let freedom ring."

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OUR OPINION: STUDENTS NEED TO GO TO THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON FRIDAY TO PROTEST THE IMPENDING TUITION INCREASE.

Civil disobedience works. Just ask Henry David Thoreau, Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

But at N.C. State, it seems no one is getting riled up about an issue that will impact everyone on campus: tuition increases.

Student Government and both N.C. State and UNC Association of Student Governments, have been tireless in their effort to keep college affordable for all students, both in and out of state.

But the response from the student body has been lackluster at best.

Last year, the sit-in at the library to protest shorter operating hours drew a respectable crowd. They got Chancellor Marye Anne Fox out of bed and, in the end, accomplished their goal: to keep the library open 24 hours.

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But other events haven't been so successful.

Last year's march on the legislature drew dismal turnouts and made the negative impression on lawmakers that students don't care about tuition rates.

Even with the release of The Personal Stories Project book this week, only a core group of students took notice. Most of them are a part of the effort to stop the tuition increase anyway.

It is baffling as to the cause of this apathy. It will only be after the tuition bill comes in the mail and indifference starts hitting students in their pocket-books that they will raise up and cry foul.

By then it will be too late.

It is imperative that students from N.C. State attend the Board of Governors meeting on Friday in support of Student Government's efforts to keep college affordable.

We are the largest university in the state, and NCSU has been leading this

fight for three years now.

The president of UNC ASG, Jonathan Ducote, is student at NCSU and has worked closely with administrators on this contentious issue.

It should only be fitting that one of the flagship universities of the UNC system lead the tuition debate, especially since NCSU has one of the highest tuition rates in the entire system.

But an issue is only as good as its supporters.

Many don't care about the tuition increase, saying that their parents pay their tuition or the administrators do not listen and take into account student opinions.

It is exactly that kind of attitude that gives the people in charge the power to do whatever they want.

Support Student Government in the fight against tuition hikes. It may be the last chance you have before the bill arrives in July.

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Athletic graduation reform needed

Andrew Payne discusses his agreement with the Knight Commission in allowing student-athletes to major in what they do well: sports.

"The problems of big time college sports have grown rather than diminished. The most glaring elements of the problems outlined in this most recent

Knight [Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics] report, academic transgressions, a financial arms race and commercialization, are all evidence of the widening chasm between higher education's ideals and the reality of college football and basketball."

I doubt many students know the work of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, but its recommendations could change the face of major college athletics across the country and here at N.C. State.

The Knight Commission submitted its first report in 1991 then reconvened in 2001. Rightly so, a major focus of the commission is graduation rates of student athletes. The commission recommended that "Continuing eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics will be based on students being able to demonstrate each academic term that they will graduate within five years of their enrolling. Students who do not pass this test will not play," and "Student-athletes, in each sport, will be graduated in at least the same proportion as non-athletes who have spent comparable time as full-time students."

The Knight Commission's work flared back into the news this week with a panel discussion where former UNC-Chapel Hill men's basketball coach Dean Smith recommended that freshmen be ineligible to play varsity sports. Until 1972, freshmen sat out of varsity games.

Smith and other proponents feel this would greatly increase the graduation rates of student-athletes and help them adjust to the college environment. Sounds like the athletic department's equivalent to the First Year College program or policies that other universities enforce that prohibit freshmen from joining fraternities and sororities. A quick side note - I wonder why the double standard? I guess if "brothers" and "sisters" generated millions of dollars in revenues for an institution then freshmen pledging would be "all the craze."

Back to athletic graduation rates. Before such an action is taken, I believe I have a possible solution to the problem facing all universities across the country.

I often wonder why we do not let student-athletes major in their respective sport. For example, instead of majoring in parks, recreation and tourism, NCSU football quarterback Philip Rivers could have majored in football.

At UNC-CH if you write for their school newspaper you can also major

in journalism as a part of their School of Journalism and Mass Communications, and receive credit for your newspaper work. What about Appalachian State University, where if you play in the marching band you can major in music as a part of their Hayes School of Music. And if you are talented in the areas of filmmaking, dance and drama you can major in those disciplines at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Even at NCSU if you are involved in theater, you can earn a bachelor of arts in communications (theater) in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

So a student can receive a degree in ballet but not football nor basketball, nor any other sport. It cannot possibly be the time commitment. I doubt that ballet students, though very eager and determined spend as much time practicing their discipline as many student-athletes do. Then what has prevented institutions of higher education from developing such programs?

One cannot argue and say that being a professional football, basketball or soccer player is not a viable career. There are many examples and success stories of individuals at NCSU who now are career professionals in a sport, most notably St. Louis Rams wide receiver Torrey Holt.

Perhaps the reason for not creating such programs is the likelihood of someone actually making it to the big leagues is so small that we must prepare students for a life after sports. However, consider this, how many ballet performers make it to the "big leagues" or how many film majors land that role of a lifetime? In addition, what did the university do to ensure that those students were prepared for a life after Broadway?

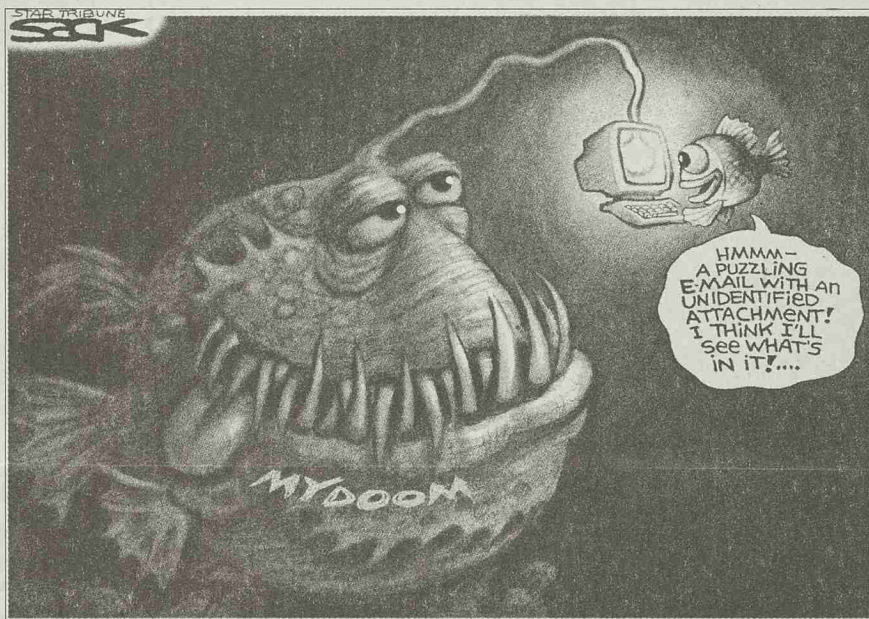
Couldn't a curriculum in football include classes in sports management, health and nutrition and media relations? Students enrolled in a B.A. in football science would also get credit for their time practicing and game play. And like every student, they would be required to take a broad range of electives and general education requirements.

Like the Knight Commission, I too want major reform in college athletics, starting with more control of athletics by the chancellor and the faculty.

If we want to improve the graduation rates of student-athletes, especially the rates for football and basketball, we should allow these students to major in where their interests are and what they are obviously doing well. If not we should start forcing piano players to major in astrophysics and start to monitor their graduation performances.

More eye opening information about athletic reform in higher education can be found at <http://www.knightfdn.org>.

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18 to vote, 18 to run

Zack Medford pushes for the legal running age for political office to be drop from 21 to 18.

[Editor's note: Zack Medford sued the state over age requirements to run for election to the Raleigh City Council.]



Zack Medford
 Senior Staff Columnist

thousands of students from across the state will convene at the Board of Governors to protest the proposed tuition increases. We are finally making sure the voice of Youth is once again heard by our government.

In 1971, the 26th amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified as congress and the American people gave a strong show of support for our nation's youth. Suddenly, millions of young people were given the power to make decisions about their government. North Carolina was the last state to pass the amendment before it was ratified. This year, North Carolina has a chance to lead the nation in the cause of Youth Rights.

Currently, the North Carolina constitution requires that office holders be at least 21 years of age or older. Actually, the constitution is incredibly vague in that sense. To think that North Carolina's constitution gives 18 year olds the responsibility to elect leaders, but not the responsibility to BE a leader is mind boggling.

David Broder, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who writes a bi-weekly column for the Washington Post Writer's Group, once said in an interview:

"It seems to me that people who are old enough to vote ought to be considered old enough to run for office. I would not think that the voters need guidance about who has enough experience, judgment and maturity to be elected and I think there's an advantage in letting people of all ages compete."

In 1806, Henry Clay was elected to the senate at the age of 29. Neither President Thomas Jefferson or Secretary of State James Madison said a word. By 1818, the US Senate had accepted 3 members who were under the required age of 30. If our founding fathers saw no need for rigidity in age requirements, than why should we? The American people should decide who is 'mature' enough for office.

It has been proven that across the country, when 18 year olds are allowed to run for office, they win! At the age of 19, Jesse Laslovich was elected to the legislature in Montana. In 2001 he managed to win a 3-way primary with 65% of the vote! His constituents were so happy with his performance they reelected him to a second term! Derrick Seaver became the youngest legislator in the country after being elected at the age of 18. What's more, he was only 17 for much of his campaign! Derrick's term was so successful that in 2002 the Ohio State Democratic party asked him to run for State Auditor. Derrick declined and was promptly reelected by the people.

At the age of 18, most young adults are beginning to consider their future. By allowing them a shot at running for office, we are ensuring that thousands of Americans will take an active role in their government. They say 18 year olds lack the 'experience' necessary to run for office. Well, plenty of 21 year olds, 30 year olds and 60 year olds lack the 'experience' of politics. On the other hand, many politically

active 18 year olds have plenty of experience with the issues. Getting these bright minds into office would be a great accomplishment for both themselves, and their states. Tommy Thompson, the current Secretary of Health and Human Services, was elected to Wisconsin's state legislature at 24 while he was still in law school. He eventually became Wisconsin's longest serving governor and now serves in President Bush's cabinet. What better way is there to build experience than by actually serving your country?

To say that '18 year olds do not have enough experience to run for office' is to say that you have no faith in the electorate system. America is a country led BY the people FOR the people. If the people wanted young adults like Jessie and Derrick in office, why should they not be allowed to serve? When 18 year olds are given the chance to be elected into office, we will gain so much. New ideas will be forged, and great things will happen.

The majority of students at NC State aren't old enough to run for office. Our opinions are constantly ignored by the city we live in. We will never be able to have our demographic represented until we can elect a representative from our own ranks. As adults, students and activists, I believe that each and everyone one of us needs to stand up and demand from our legislators the right to run for office. This May, the North Carolina general assembly will begin considering a constitutional amendment that will reduce the age to hold office in North Carolina from 21 to 18. If people our age ever want to have our views represented, it is absolutely imperative we give our selves the chance!

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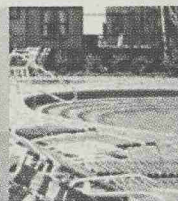
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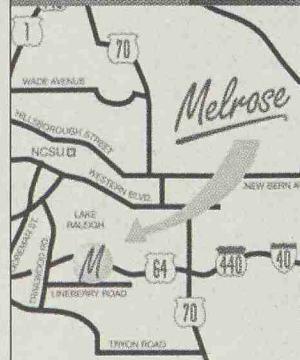


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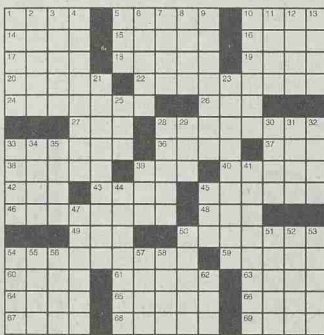
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that, you feel good about your rhythm and flow and those are the kinds of shots you take."

In the first half, freshman Engin Atsur was 3-of-4 from long range to lead the team in scoring with nine points at the break. Atsur began the streak for State on its first possession, and his baskets gave State a 15-5 lead. By the end of the game, Atsur may have cooled off from long range -- he ended up 4-of-7 on 3-balls -- but his 20

points still led all scorers.

"We ran in transition and we found open 3s," Atsur said. "We have great shooters. We just had to find our teammates and make each other better."

While State was nailing 3-pointers with laser precision, the Seminoles struggled to find their rhythm, going 6-of-15 from long range in the first half and only 11-of-32 from the floor.

Tim Pickett, the leading scorer for the Seminoles, had only five points in the contest.

By the end of the game, State had hit 14 3-pointers, the second-

most shots from the bonus sphere State has hit in a game this season. Florida State holds the top spot in the league with 17 3s made Dec. 30 against Stetson.

"I was kind of surprised they weren't guarding the 3-pointer," Melvin said. "I think they should have pressured us more, but we decided to play like that. We were in awe because all of the shots were 3-point field goals. We wanted to use it as much as possible. When they ended up pressuring us, we just waited to get to the offensive glass."

141-pound wrestler in the nation at Reynolds Coliseum.

That match will be this Saturday at 2 p.m., also at Reynolds.

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Feb. 7-8 - Charlotte Tournament
Record 7-1; defeated Richmond 13-0, UNCW 13-4, Florida 11-5, Penn St. 12-7, Michigan St. 13-6, Tennessee 13-9, UNC 13-7 in the quarterfinals, lost to William & Mary 13-10 in the semifinals

Field Hockey
Feb. 8 - NCSU lost to UNC 4-0

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N.C. State fifth-place finish

Home events

Ice Hockey - B
N.C. State vs. Mary Washington
Friday at 10 p.m. at the Rec Zone
Saturday at 10 p.m. at the Rec Zone

Baseball
N.C. State vs. Penn St.
Friday at 1 p.m. at Optimist Park

Away events

Friday
Men's Ice Hockey - A at Duke
Roller Hockey at UNC-Charlotte

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"I think he's one of the most improved defensive players I've ever coached," he said. "He has really worked to get into the position he is in. He's one of our seniors and he's really stepped up this season. He's been playing with more confidence."

Confidence was the name of the game for the Pack, especially for freshman Atsur.

"Engin just knows the offense a lot better," Sherrill said. "He's more used to the guys now, joking around. He's starting to fit in and he's got a lot of confidence right now. He's knocking down a lot of tough shots for us."

The tough shots were flying in from all over the court for the Pack. State scored half its point total via the 3-point shot.

"We don't come into the game saying we're going to shoot 50 3s," Hodge said. "We take what the defense gives us, and early in the game they were giving us the 3-point shot so we knocked it down every time. With Engin knocking it down from 3-point range all night long, you're going to be confident."

Ironically, the scoring droughts that normally plague the Wolf-pack on the road struck at home tonight.

"At one point we got it down to 11 [points], we felt like we could keep stopping them, but they turned it up again and we didn't defend like we normally do," FSU junior Anthony Richardson said.

In the end, the 3-point shot won the game for the Pack and lost it for Florida State.

"They are an excellent shooting team," FSU coach Leonard Hamilton said. "They were hot tonight. Some of those 3s didn't even make the net move. If you have the eye of the tiger, you can make those shots."

"I think N.C. State is playing like a team on a mission. The best thing that has happened to them up until this point was that they haven't been ranked."

Hamilton added that State is strong both offensively and defensively, and that played a part in the Seminoles' difficulty in getting the ball into the paint.

Coach Sendek said the team played a complete game tonight, and played exceptionally well on offense.

"I thought a major key tonight was how we were shooting the basketball. Julius Hodge did a great job tonight of leading our offense," he said. "Another big thing was Scooter Sherrill and the job he did defensively on Tim Pickett. He's been doing a great job defensively the last few games."

Schedule

M. basketball vs. Duke, 2/15, 6:30
Baseball at Campbell, 2/13
W. basketball vs. Clemson, 2/12, 7
Wrestling vs. UNC, 2/11, 7:30
Softball in Triangle Classic, 2/13-15
Gymnastics hosts Hearts Invite, 2/13, 7
M. tennis at Maryland, 2/13
W. tennis at Coastal Carolina, 2/15

Scores

M. basketball 75, FSU 59



TECHNICIAN

Decision overhyped

We all know that a federal judge ruled former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett eligible for the NFL draft in April. I've read on message boards and sports news sites that this is horrible because the ruling will dilute both the NFL, arguably the most popular pro sport, and college football, arguably the most popular college sport.



Brian Grossman
Staff Writer

Apparently, all the best talent will now skip college or only stay for a year or so and head straight to the NFL. And this may all start with Clarett.

This ruling does not mean any of that. First of all, the NFL will appeal it, so it might not even stand. For the sake of argument, let's assume that it does.

Football is entirely different from basketball and baseball. In the latter two, 18-year-old kids can play and sometimes excel. See LeBron James, 19, of the Cleveland Cavaliers, and Miguel Cabrera, 20, of the World Series champion Florida Marlins. That's just not the case in football.

Freshmen are mostly either red-shirted or do not play in college football. Players like Chris Leak at Florida this past season, Philip Rivers four years ago and the 2002 version of Clarett, all of whom started significantly as true freshmen, are extremely rare. Even then, none of these guys were ready for the NFL in their freshmen years.

NFL scouts are not stupid. They're not going to waste a draft pick on freshmen or younger guys who just aren't ready when there are guys like Ben Roethlisberger and Kellen Winslow available.

Younger players won't skip college to go to the NFL. A lot of physical growth happens during the college years. Any additional size is a huge advantage for a football player hoping to reach the NFL. Then of course the maturity and experience gained in college is invaluable. Look no further than Philip Rivers to see this.

Imagine if Rivers had left early. After his sophomore year here he was a slightly above-average quarterback at best. In the following two years, Rivers developed into perhaps the best player in the history of the ACC and one of the most prolific passers in NCAA history. He has a great chance at being a first-round draft pick in the upcoming NFL draft.

Would this development ever have happened if he had been a fourth- or fifth-round draft pick and been the starting quarterback for the Lions' scout team?

Probably not. A lot of players coming out of high school are undersized and not ready for big-time NCAA football. How are they going to go to the NFL and do anything? Even if they do declare for the draft, what are the chances that they'll get drafted at all? I'm going to guess not so good.

The players need to realize that their best chance for success in the NFL is to go to school to learn and finish developing physically. It's the only way for it to work.

If the ruling is going to stand, and we start to see all these kids try to go for the draft and not get drafted, maybe the NFL should have a policy that says the players who aren't drafted could go to a prep school or junior college and then be eligible for Division I-A football the following season.

Sure, someday we'll see that one special 18-year-old kid who is ready for the NFL right out of high school, but this will be an extremely rare occurrence, not the norm. So who cares if Maurice Clarett is eligible for the NFL draft?

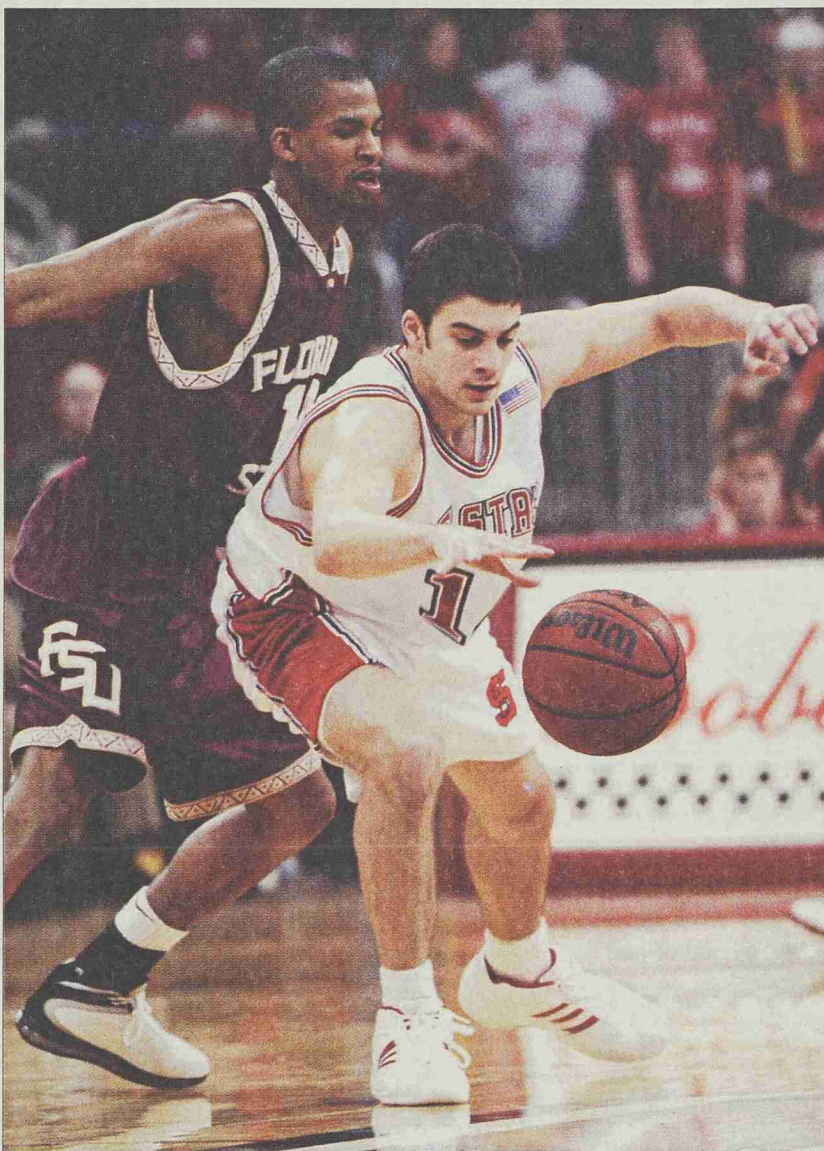
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Three-point punchout

WOLFPACK PUSHES HOME RECORD TO 12-0 WITH WIN.



State's Engin Atsur alludes FSU's Nate Johnson in Tuesday night's game at the RBC Center. Atsur scored 20 points.

Long-range bombs the key

Led by Engin Atsur, State took little time in bombing Florida State from long range.

Jay Kohler

Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State is well known in the ACC for using the 3-point shot as a potent weapon in its offense. Still, the Pack was well behind Tuesday night's opponent, Florida State, in ACC statistics as far as 3-pointers go. In fact, the Seminoles had sunk 201

3-pointers prior to Tuesday's game. Instead of FSU controlling the game from the 3-point arc, however, it was the Wolfpack that came out of the gate shooting the lights out.

It took over 14 minutes into the first half before State even scored a two-point field goal. Before Marcus Melvin made that shot, the Pack had connected on nine 3-point attempts. Of course, the argument could be made that Melvin's two-point field goal was still in fact part of the streak, since he was fouled on the shot and made the subsequent free throw.

By the end of the first half, State was 10-of-19 from behind the 3-point arc and 12-of-25 overall from the floor. That translated into a 41-28 lead at the half that State would not relinquish for the remainder of the game.

"We haven't always had [the good shooting]," State coach Herb Sendek said. "We've had nights we had to find other ways to win. Tonight our saving grace was shooting. Guys took good open shots. It was a reflection of the things we practice. If you do

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Brian Grossman
Staff Writer

N.C. State used deadly 3-point shooting throughout the game to down Florida State 75-59 at the RBC Center Tuesday night to win its 11th straight against the Seminoles.

State (15-5, 8-2 ACC) scored its first 18 points of the game on 3-point shots to build an 18-8 lead over Florida State (16-8, 4-6 ACC) that it would never lose. It did not score a two-point field goal until the 5:46 mark in the first half when Marcus Melvin hit a lay-up in the process of being fouled.

The Wolfpack went 10-for-19 from long range in the first half and 14-for-30 for the game. The Seminoles only managed to go 6-for-15 from 3-point land in the first half to fall behind 41-28 at the break.

State came out strong in the second half stretching its lead to 23 points behind a 12-2 run. The Pack held onto its lead despite a long scoring drought in the middle of the half and a 13-2 FSU run that saw the lead dwindle to 11 points.

Engin Atsur led the way for the Pack with 20 points, going 4-for-7 from 3-point land, while Julius Hodge and Scooter Sherrill added 16 points and 10 points, respectively.

"We played really well," Atsur said. "The team played consistently through the whole game and we had a good start. That was it. We weren't really worried about losing tonight."

Atsur's first three scores were all treys.

While knocking down 3s of its own, the Pack managed to corral the No. 1 3-point shooting team in the ACC, holding the Seminoles to an 8-for-20 effort from long distance.

Sherrill played a big part in that number, holding FSU's Tim Pickett to just five points on the night.

"He's a great player," Sherrill said. "I've seen what he can do. He's been on a tear recently. I just really tried to press him. Every shot he took, I tried to be there."

"When he hit that first one, I thought he was going to go for 30, but I was there. I had a hand in his face, and he just made a tough shot."

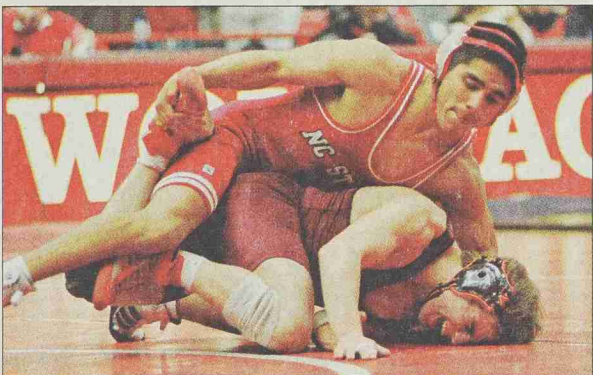
State coach Herb Sendek appreciated the defense from Sherrill.

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Marcus Melvin (left) celebrates State's imminent victory with teammate Engin Atsur.

Transfer enjoying immediate success



State's Alex Hernandez slaps a hold on Virginia Tech's Aaron Brown during the Wolfpack Invitational. Hernandez later pinned Brown, one of his five pin falls of the year.

Wolfpack wrestler Alex Hernandez is already making an impact on the team in his first year with the Pack.

Michael Fox

Staff Writer

Last year Wolfpack junior wrestler Alex Hernandez was dominating the mat at William Raney Harper Community College on the outskirts of Chicago.

Nowadays, he's busy going about his business with the Pack in the 141-pound class with almost equal success.

Hernandez has had little trouble making the adjustment to the major-college level. This season, Hernandez has gone 14-8 as the top 141-pound wrestler for the Pack, and five of his wins were by falls,

the second-most by any wrestler on the team. Hernandez will look for his sixth pin of the year tonight when the Pack hosts North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

"I work with my feelings," Hernandez said. "When I get to the back that's when I try to hit them. I don't try to take them down, if I get a pin I get a pin."

"In the community college they have good competitors but they are all trying to make it to Division I."

State associate head coach Carter Jordan has observed Hernandez throughout the season, and he has found that he has shown a great amount of improvement over the year.

"His intensity is greater, especially in matches on a physical level," Jordan said.

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